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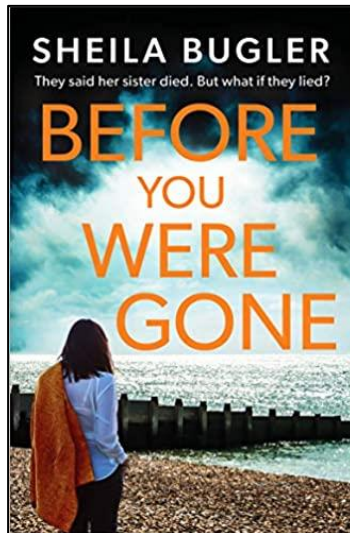
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BEFORE YOU WERE GONE

Sheila Bugler

Praise for *I Could Be You*:

'Propulsive action and stirring plot twists abound in this compelling thriller... one of those books you'll read in one sitting. Thoroughly entertaining!'

Wendy Walker, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Night Before*

'A beautifully written and atmospheric page-turner that is also a totally absorbing read... I loved it.' Abbie Frost, author of *The Guesthouse*

'A brilliant read - twisted, cleverly plotted and one hell of a page-turner.' M J Lee, author of *Where the Truth Lies*

The truth can't stay buried forever...

Emer Doran's life was torn apart when her sister, **Kitty**, drowned. Her body was never recovered. Twenty years later, Emer sees a woman who is the image of Kitty. In that brief moment, Emer is convinced - her sister is alive.

Dee Doran jumps at the chance to get to know her long-lost cousin when Emer calls asking to meet. But it is not the happy family reunion Dee had expected. Emer is desperate for Dee's help to find out what really happened to Kitty.

As Dee works to uncover the truth, one thing becomes clear: there is a tangled web of lies that date back many years. And those with the answers are determined to keep their secrets at any cost.

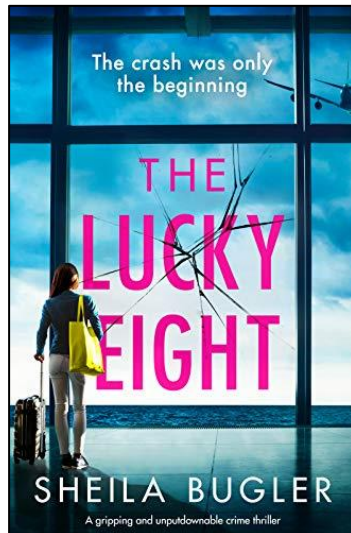
A tense and gripping crime thriller perfect for fans of Alex Marwood and Fiona Barton.

About the author.

Sheila grew up in a small town in the west of Ireland. After studying Psychology at University College Galway (now called NUI Galway) she left Ireland and worked as an EFL teacher, travelling to Italy, Spain, Germany, Holland and Argentina. She is the author of a series of crime novels featuring DI Ellen Kelly. The novels are set in South East London, an area she knows and loves. She now lives in Eastbourne, on the beautiful East Sussex coast. Eastbourne is the location for her series of crime novels featuring investigative journalist Dee Doran. When she's not writing, Sheila does corporate writing and storytelling, she runs creative writing courses, is a tutor for the Writers Bureau and is a mentor on the WoMentoring programme. She reviews crime fiction for crimesquad.com and she is a regular guest on BBC Radio Sussex. She is married with two children.

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THE LUCKY EIGHT

Sheila Bugler

Praise for Sheila Bugler:
'A totally absorbing read.'
Abbie Frost

'One hell of a page-turner.'
M J Lee

'A rollicking good read.' Arlene Hunt

When the plane crashed, 160 people perished. Now someone is killing off the survivors.

Five years ago, a horrific airline disaster made headlines around the world. On the anniversary of the fatal crash, a number of those who were spared gather to mark the occasion. By morning, **Nick Gilbert**, a celebrity chef and one of the party, lies dead. Detective **Rachel Lewis** leads the investigation and within days another survivor is stabbed to death. It seems certain that a killer is targeting the lucky eight.

Clodagh Kinsella recovered from the injuries she sustained in the crash, but lost her sister that day. The bereavement shared by Clodagh and her sister's husband led them to a romance of their own. Yet lately, Clodagh knows something isn't right. As the noose tightens on the group and Rachel comes across more questions than answers, it's only a matter of time before Clodagh will have to face the consequences of a mistake she made before the plane went down...

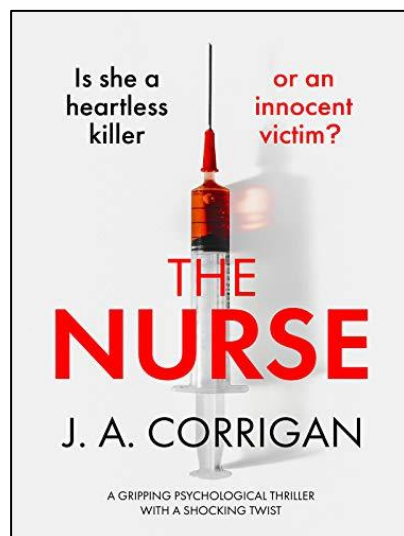
A tense and gripping crime thriller, perfect for fans of Lesley Kara and Mari Hannah.

About the author

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THE NURSE

J A Corrigan

'A visceral and intelligent psychological suspense, which will stay with you long after the final page.' S.E. Lynes

'The Nurse is haunting, spine-tingling, edge-of-your-seat reading! A must-read for fans of dark and twisty psychological thrillers!'
Noelle Holten

'I was captivated by Rose's story. The escalating unease kept me on the edge of my seat, and the twist at the end took my breath away!'
Jane Isaac

When you hear her story, will you believe her?

Rose Marlowe is a hard-working nurse, a loving wife, and a merciless killer. Or so she says. Despite her confession, it is hard to believe that this beautiful, kind woman could have killed her vulnerable patient in cold blood.

Down-on-his luck author and ex-journalist, Theo Hazel, is convinced that there's more to what happened than Rose is telling, and so decides to visit her behind bars to write her story. His first surprise comes when Rose reveals that the victim was not a stranger to her.

As time goes on, it seems that Rose is letting Theo see behind her perfect mask. With each new visit, he learns terrible new things about her heart-breaking past. With each new visit, he becomes more and more convinced that she can't be a killer. But is he trying to free an innocent victim, or falling prey to a calculating murderer?

A gripping and unputdownable thriller that will keep you guessing into the early hours of the morning. Perfect for fans of *The Silent Patient*, Shari Lapena and JP Delaney.

About the author

Julie-Ann Corrigan lives in Berkshire with her partner, daughter and dog. She is a Faber Academy graduate and her work has been longlisted in the Mslexia Novel Competition, and shortlisted in the Bridport Short Story Competition. She also writes historical fiction under the name Jules Hayes.

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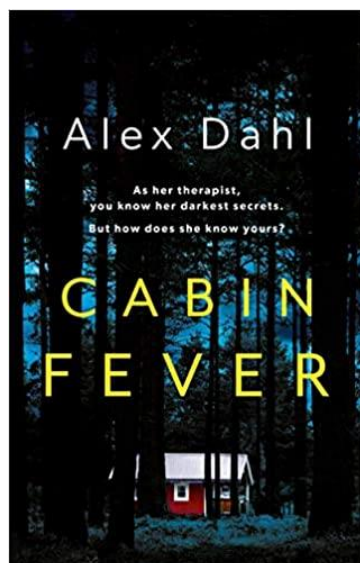
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CABIN FEVER

Alex Dahl

'The descriptions of the forest are particularly powerful and the story spins off successfully in a variety of different directions, coming to a chilling and convincing conclusion.' Daily Mail

'Dark, intelligent books set in bleak landscapes – who doesn't love a Scandi thriller? Especially when it's from the critically acclaimed author of The Boy Next Door ... Tense and twisty, this tale explores obsession and mental health' Woman's Own

'An utterly compelling psychological thriller – terrifying and well-crafted, with a super-tense finale up there with Stephen King's Misery. Enjoyed the meta touches too. Dahl is undoubtedly one of Nordic noir's brightest/darkest stars. Loved it' J S Monroe

A dark, twisty Scandinavian thriller from CWA-shortlisted author, Alex Dahl.

You are her therapist.

Kristina is a successful therapist in central Oslo. She spends her days helping clients navigate their lives with a cool professionalism that has got her to the top.

She is your client.

But when her client Leah, a successful novelist, arrives at her office clearly distressed, begging Kristina to come to her remote cabin in the woods, she feels the balance begin to slip.

But out here in the woods.

When Leah fails to turn up to her next two sessions, Kristina reluctantly heads out into the wilderness to find her.

Nothing is as it seems.

Alone and isolated, Kristina finds Leah's unfinished manuscript, and as she reads she realises the main character is terrifyingly familiar...

About the author

Alex Dahl was born in Oslo, Norway, and is half American, half Norwegian, and fully Francophile. Alex is the author of *The Boy at the Door*, published world-wide in 2018. She holds an MA in Creative Writing from Bath Spa University, as well as an MSc in Business Management. Alex loves to travel and has previously lived in Moscow, Paris, Stuttgart, Sandefjord, Switzerland and Bath.

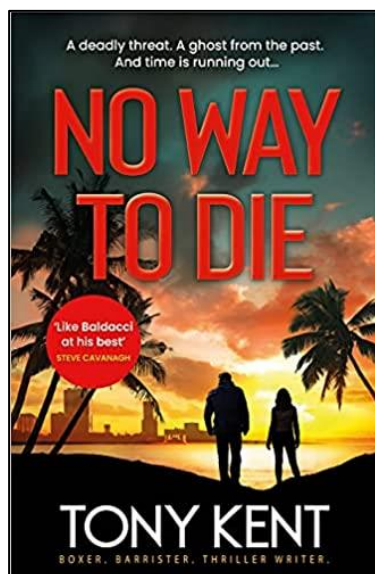
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The Heart Keeper: German (Goldmann), Norwegian (Goliat), Polish (Filia), Slovak (Slovensky), Swedish (Norstedts)

The Boy at the Door: Czech (Albatros), French (City Editions), German (Goldmann), Hungarian (Gabo Kiado), Italian (Newton Compton), Portuguese (Planeta), Slovak (Slovensky), Swedish (Norstedts)



NO WAY TO DIE

Tony Kent

Praise for *Power Play*:

'Twist after twist . . . It builds to a brilliant finale.' *Daily Mirror*

'A high-octane conspiracy yarn.' *The Times*

'Kent has outdone himself with this one.' David Baldacci

'A gripping conspiracy thriller.' Ian Rankin

'Reads like Baldacci at his best.' Steve Cavanagh, author of *Thirteen*

'Scarily credible, and so pacy and well-written that I forgot where I was, who I was, and indeed that I was reading a book at all.' Judith O'Reilly, author of *Killing State*

A deadly threat. A ghost from the past. And time is running out...

When traces of a radioactive material are found alongside a body in Key West, multiple federal agencies suddenly descend on the crime scene. This is not just an isolated murder: a domestic terrorist group is ready to bring the US government to its knees.

The threat hits close to home for Agent Joe Dempsey when he discovers a personal connection to the group. With his new team member, former Secret Service agent Eden Grace, Dempsey joins the race to track down the terrorists' bomb before it's too late. But when their mission falls apart, he is forced to turn to the most unlikely of allies: an old enemy he thought he had buried in his past.

Now, with time running out, they must find a way to work together to stop a madman from unleashing horrifying destruction across the country.

About the author

Tony Kent is a 41-year-old criminal barrister who draws on his legal experience to bring a striking authenticity and accuracy to his thrillers. For twenty years Tony has prosecuted and defended the most serious criminal allegations, specialising in terrorism, corruption, murder, kidnap, extortion and fraud. His case history is littered with nationally reported trials and has included close contact with GCHQ, the Security Service and the Ministry of Defence. He has also defended in matters with an international element, involving agencies such as the FBI. Out of court, Tony has lectured on international criminal law, bribery and corruption, and has been engaged to teach trial advocacy to Public Defenders and State Prosecutors in the United States. Prior to the start of his legal career Tony represented England as a heavyweight boxer and won a host of national amateur titles. He lives just outside of London with his wife, young son and dog.

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Killer Intent, *Marked for Death*, *Power Play*: German (Heyne), Italian (Solerino), Polish (Albatros), Russian (Eksmo)



THE WEDDING GUEST

Sarah Linley

It's the stuff of fairytales. A celebrity wedding in a grand manor house in the beautiful English countryside. But then one guest goes missing. And another almost dies.

Libby is the plus-one of Matthew, a former member of a 90s Britpop band. This is the first time the group have got together since they split up in 1998, and Libby soon realises they have secrets to hide.

Someone at this wedding will do anything to stop their dark secrets from being exposed.

About the author

Sarah Linley lives in Yorkshire and works as a Communications Manager for a housing charity. She spent two years backpacking around South-East Asia with her husband. Their travels inspired her debut novel, *The Trip* (formerly *The Beach*). *The Wedding Guest* will be her follow up psychological thriller. When she is not writing, she enjoys walking in the Dales with her dad and his dog.

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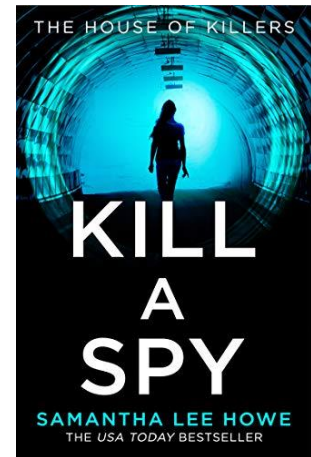
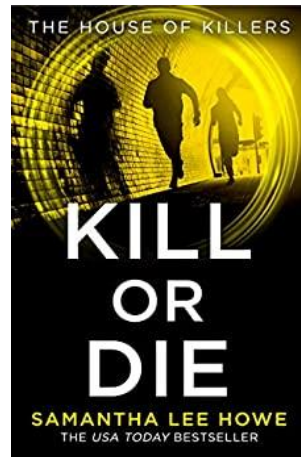
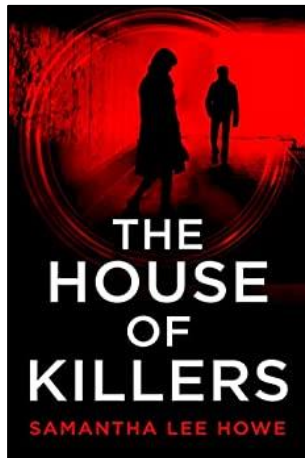
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THE HOUSE OF KILLERS

Samantha Lee Howe

'One of the deadliest female assassins I've ever encountered in fiction' Brendan DuBois, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The End* with James Patterson

'Fast-paced and impeccable, this is writing at its very best ... It was almost dawn by the time I finished ... It demands to be read in a single sitting. An absolute triumph!' Awais Khan, author of *In the Company of Strangers*

'Wow, what a read! Buckle up for a thrilling ride through a labyrinth of secrets, lies and betrayals, in a shadowy world where no one and nothing can be trusted. And where death is just the slash of a knife away' Abbie Frost, author of *The Guesthouse*

***Killing Eve* meets *The Bourne Identity* in this first explosive book for a fresh new espionage series.**

Psychological Profiler Michael Kensington joins The Archive: an MI5 taskforce who solve cold cases. Five years on, Michael's investigations lead him to the hunt of a female assassin whose codename is Neva. But as he learns more about Neva, he finds himself drawn into her world and closer to the mysterious and deadly conglomerate called The Network: a group that may be linked to the disappearance of many children.

When Neva defects and contacts him, Michael agrees to help her, in return for information on the Network. As Michael learns more about Neva's past, they start a perilous affair. Meanwhile, after a series of odd occurrences at The Archive, it becomes apparent that someone he works with is playing a double game.

Can Michael find out who is behind the Network before they discover his connection to Neva? And before he learns the hideous truth about his own origins.

KILL OR DIE

An agent with an agenda. A killer with a conscience. A showdown that brought a global network to its knees... For disgraced MI5 agent Michael Kensington, the events of the past year have exploded his life like a fist closing around a grenade. For serial killer and career assassin Neva, they brutally exposed how hers had so irrevocably imploded.

She ran. He didn't. But he refuses to give up on her.

With a power vacuum gaping at the heart of the conglomerate that almost silenced them and a deadly web of rogue operatives spinning out of control, they soon realise the fight for freedom has only just begun.

***Kill or Die* is the second gripping instalment in The House of Killers trilogy, an unmissable spy thriller perfect for fans of Mick Herron and David Baldacci.**

KILL A SPY

The House of Killers always had one objective: to train a class of warriors that would elevate the Network from the national to the international – the amateur to the *elite*. It was the perfect poison... Radicalisation by virtue of not knowing any different.

They never expected their most notorious child to claw his way back to the beating heart of MI5. Consumed by hurt and rage, Michael Kensington has his own objective: Neva.

But as the body count rises like a tide that will sweep them all into oblivion, Neva will stop at nothing to make him understand that *everything* is at stake.

Because there's only one way to push back against the tide... Together.

***Kill a Spy* is the third jaw-dropping instalment in The House of Killers series, a captivating spy thriller perfect for fans of Caroline Kepnes and Alex Gerlis.**

About the author

Samantha Lee Howe is a USA TODAY bestselling author, and screenwriter. She began her professional writing career in 2007 and has been working as a freelance writer for small, medium and large publishers, predominately writing horror and fantasy. To date, Samantha has written 20 novels, 3 novellas, 3 collections, over 40 short stories, an audio drama and a Doctor Who spin-off drama. Samantha's breakaway debut psychological thriller, *The Stranger in Our Bed*, was published in 2020 by Harper Collins imprint, One More Chapter and rapidly became a USA TODAY bestseller. A film of *The Stranger in Our Bed* (Buffalo Dragon Productions) is currently in post-production.

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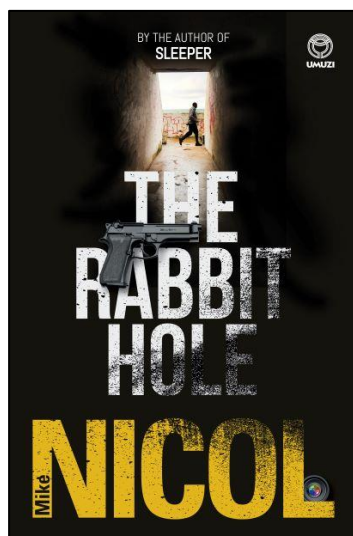
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The Stranger in Our Bed: Film (Buffalo Dragon), Czech (*Euromedia*), Korean (Millie), Slovak (Ikar)



THE RABBIT HOLE

Mike Nicol

'Nicol is a superb storyteller, with vibrant characters and stunningly vivid dialogue. A gripping thriller, which is also an insight into a fascinatingly flawed society.' Marcel Berlins, *The Times*

'Shady characters, twists, turns, murder, mayhem, humour, wonderful dialogue, white-knuckle pace and lots of authentic Cape Town colour.' Deon Meyer

The latest crime thriller from an internationally best-selling author. Mike's novels are *Spiegel* bestsellers in Germany, and *Payback* was shortlisted for the Thriller of the Year in the Netherlands.

The fourth novel featuring private investigator Fish Pescado, and lawyer and sometime spy, Vicki Kahn.

Money. Money. Money. Tons of it. In US dollars. And it's all being funnelled into a government tender snagged by family-owned Amalfi Civils. Which would be great for business if CEO Angela wasn't fighting with her CFO brother, Rej. Where Angela sees corruption; Rej sees cabinet ministers, politicians, officials eager to lend a hand. For a fee. It's a big pot so he's happy to oblige. And if needs be he'll take out his sister to keep the lucre.

There are other players in this game. The CIA for one. The State Security Agency for another. And a black op using lawyer and spy Vicki Kahn as a honeytrap to ensnare Rej's middleman. The very same middleman that her lover, PI Fish Pescado, is investigating. With these stakes, it's only time before the killing starts.

Modelled on John Webster's revenge tragedy, *The Duchess of Malfi*, this is a gripping read, packed with corruption at all levels, intrigue, violence and a lot of bodies.

About the author

The Rabbit Hole is Mike Nicol's twenty-second book. He has written novels, works of non-fiction, and poetry. His thrillers are published in the UK and the USA, and have been translated into Afrikaans, Dutch, French, and German. His Revenge Trilogy featured in the KrimiZeit top 10 list in Germany, as did *Of Cops & Robbers* and *Power Play*, while *Payback* was shortlisted for the VN Thriller of the Year award in Holland and the Prix SCNF Du Polar 2016 in France. He lives in Cape Town.

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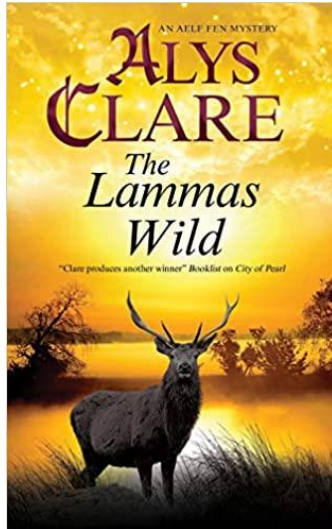
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Previous titles include:

Agents of the State: French (Gallimard), German (btb)

Power Play: Dutch (De Geus), French (Editions du Seuil), German (btb)



THE LAMMAS WILD

Alys Clare

Praise for *The Woman Who Spoke to Spirits*:

'Engaging, dark, atmospheric, and, at times, quite charming and humorous... A fine choice for all mystery collections.' Booklist

'Impressive . . . the solid plotting, colorful Victorian settings, and fun detective duo bode well for future instalments.' Publishers Weekly

'Marvelous.' Kirkus Reviews

'The author's writing style, likable characters, and intriguing plot will draw in readers . . . Recommended for historical and traditional mystery lovers.' Library Journal

Healer Lassair returns to England and uncovers a secret that puts the lives of everyone she knows in grave danger, in the final Aelf Fen medieval mystery.

It is the summer of 1100, and after seven long years away in Spain, Lassair is finally going home. Back to her beloved mentor Gurdyman. Back to her family. And back to young lawman Jack Chevestrier, who Lassair hopes still carries the same deep feelings for her as she does for him.

Before she can reunite with her loved ones, however, Lassair has a long-overdue task to perform. Old flame - and king's spy - Rollo Guiscard left her a chest before he died, and it is finally time for her to collect it. But the chest contains more than gold, and soon Lassair is caught up in a web of danger and deception that threatens not just her own life, but the lives of everyone she holds dear.

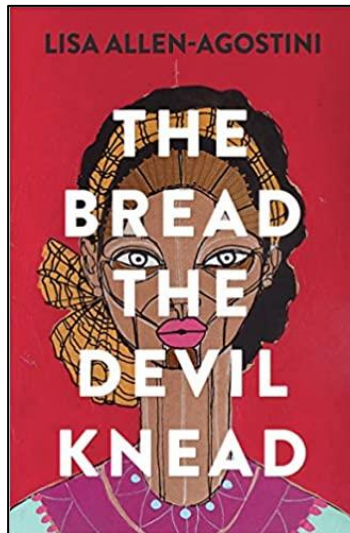
And this is not the only peril Lassair must face. For although she's left the south behind her forever, the south is not done with her yet . . .

About the author

Alys Clare lives in the English countryside, where her novels are set. She went to school in Tonbridge and later studied archaeology at the University of Kent. She is the author of the Gabriel Taverner, Aelf Fen, World's End Bureau and Hawkenlye historical mystery series.

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THE BREAD THE DEVIL KNEAD

Lisa Allen-Agostini

'Extraordinary and immersive... her voice is gloriously specific yet this story of a woman both liberated and in need of liberation has universal resonance... its powerful themes are unpredictable and unforgettable.'

Margaret Busby

'Strips you down to raw nerve to build you back up again. Allen-Agostini has an unswerving eye.' Nalo Hopkinson

'You dip into the first page and don't come up for breath until the last... thoroughly enjoyable.' Kei Miller

Alethea Lopez is about to turn 40. A fashionable, mixed-race boutique manager who lives and works in Trinidad's capital city, Port of Spain, she is feisty, fiercely independent and morally ambiguous. Her secrets show only in her bruised skin and the occasional glimpse into her shattered sense of self.

When Alethea witnesses a woman murdered by her jealous lover, her eyes are opened to the lives of the women all around her: from her colleague Tamika, who is engaged to marry an unfaithful man, and her childhood best friend Jankie, the teenage bride of their PE teacher, to her own mother, Marcia, who allowed her daughter to be sexually abused in exchange for the family's financial and emotional stability.

As Alethea's story unfolds, we see her navigate a dangerous path between her abusive partner Leo, a failed musician who wants to own her body and soul, and the spineless boss she sleeps with only to preserve her personal power. But when she is reunited with her adopted brother, decades after they parted, memories and family secrets begin to unlock and she starts to understand the person she has become.

Alethea's next step is to decide on the woman she wants to be.

About the author

Lisa Allen-Agostini is a writer, editor and stand-up comedian from Trinidad and Tobago. *The Bread the Devil Knead* is her first adult novel. She has written four Young Adult novels, including *Home Home*, winner of a CODE Burt Award for Caribbean Young Adult Literature. She writes and performs stand-up comedy as 'Just Lisa' with her company FemCom TT.

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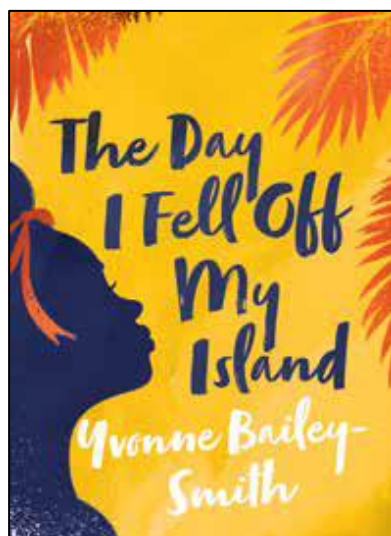
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THE DAY I FELL OFF MY ISLAND

Yvonne Bailey-Smith

'A striking story with unforgettable characters you'd expect to find in the grandest work of fiction'

Candice Carty-Williams

'Juggles laughter and tears with every page.'

Margaret Busby

'Brims with the pleasure of a story well-told.'

Kwame Dawes

'Candice Carty Williams loves it and you will too'

The Sunday Times

Coming-of-age debut novel, by the mother of Zadie Smith, about a young Jamaican girl faced with the trauma of immigration, estrangement from her family, and the emotional upheaval of moving to London in the 1960s.

The Day I Fell Off My Island tells the story of Erna Mullings, a teenage Jamaican girl uprooted from her island following the sudden death of her beloved grandmother.

When Erna is sent to England to be reunited with her siblings, she dreads leaving behind her elderly grandfather, and the only life she has ever known. A new future unfolds, in a strange country and with a mother she barely knows. The next decade will be a complex journey of estrangement and arrival, new beginnings and the uncovering of long-buried secrets.

A psychologist and former social worker, Yvonne Bailey-Smith, explains: *'As an immigrant child, I often wished that someone had been able to take me aside and explain to me that leaving everything I knew to go on a so-called adventure to somewhere way beyond my imagination was going to cause me an unimaginable sense of loss and sadness.'*

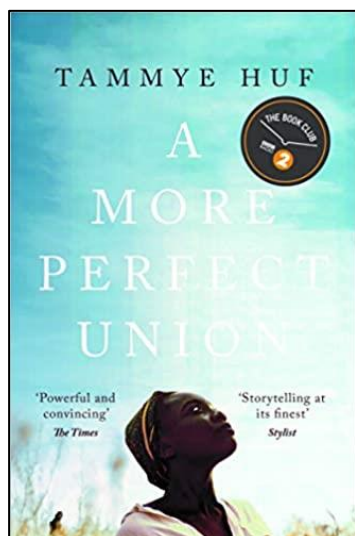
'I also wish that the same person had been there to reassure me that I would survive and even flourish, given half a chance. My work and conversations with children, young people and adults, as well as with many friends, have given me a unique insight into the travails of people who have experienced things for which they felt utterly unprepared at the time.'

About the author

Yvonne Bailey-Smith was born in Jamaica in 1954 and immigrated to the UK in 1969. She trained and worked first as a social worker before becoming a psychotherapist. She is also a Water Aid Supporter and passionate about providing clean water and sanitation in developing countries. She is the mother of three children: novelist Zadie Smith; actor, musician and children's book author Ben Bailey Smith; and lyricist and writer LucSkyz. She lives in Willsden in London NW2.

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A MORE PERFECT UNION

Tammye Huf



'Powerful and convincing.'

Antonia Senior, *The Times* Best Historical Fiction

'Huf never glosses over the cruelties of plantation life but her story offers a glimpse of the redemptive power of love amid the inhumanity.'

The Sunday Times

'This is a love story of epic proportions – a forbidden relationship that has been forged in secrecy, and faces betrayal and jeopardy at every turn.'

Jo Wiley, *BBC Radio 2 Book Club*

***The Times* Best Historical Fiction**

***Stylist* Best New Books**

***Sunday Times* Best Debut Novels**

BBC Radio 2 Book Club Choice

Henry O'Toole sails to America in 1848 to escape poverty and famine in Ireland, only to find anti-Irish prejudice awaiting him. Determined never to starve again, he changes his surname to Taylor and heads south to Virginia, seeking work as a travelling blacksmith on the prosperous plantations.

Sarah is a slave. Torn from her family and sold to Jubilee Plantation, she must navigate the hierarchy of her fellow slaves, the whims of her white masters, and now the attentions of the mysterious blacksmith.

Fellow slave Maple oversees the big house with bitterness and bile, and knows that a white man's attention spells trouble. Given to her half-sister as a wedding present by their white father, she is set on being reunited with her husband and daughter, at any cost.

Based on the true story of the author's great-great-grandparents, and brilliantly reimagined, this is an epic tale of love and courage, desperation and determination.

About the author

Tammye Huf has published stories in *Diverse Voices Quarterly*, *The Forge*, *Ginosko Literary Journal*, *The Storyteller*, *Necessary Fiction*, *New Plains Review*, and *The Penmen Review*. She was runner-up in the 2018 *London Magazine* Short Story Prize. She has worked as a teacher, and is also a translator and copywriter. Originally from the USA, she moved first to Germany and then to the UK with her husband and three children.

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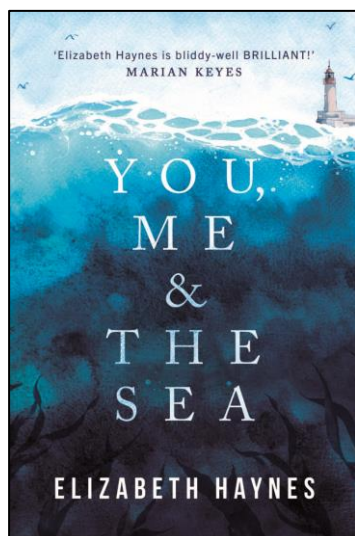
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Length: 352 pages



YOU, ME AND THE SEA

Elizabeth Haynes

'Immersive and affecting – I absolutely loved it! Escaping to the island setting was utter bliss. The love story is beautiful... It is escapism in the best possible way.' Marian Keyes

'An absolute gem. It's up there with David Nicholls' One Day as an all-time favourite love story now. I can't recommend this wonderful book highly enough.' Cass Green

Compelling, moving and teeming with desire: Elizabeth Haynes's new novel is an intoxicating story of love and redemption, set on a remote and windswept Scottish island.

Rachel is at crisis point. A series of disastrous decisions has left her with no job, no home, and no faith in herself. But an unexpected job offer takes her to a remote Scottish island, and it feels like a chance to recover and mend her battered self-esteem.

The island's other inhabitants are less than welcoming. Fraser Sutherland is a brooding loner who is not happy about sharing his lighthouse – or his precious coffee beans – and Lefty, his unofficial assistant, is a scrawny, scared lad who isn't supposed to be there at all.

Homesick and out of her depth, Rachel wonders whether she's made another huge mistake. But, as spring turns to summer, the wild beauty of the island captivates her soul. For the first time in years she sees the hope of a better life – if only she can break the deadlock between two men who are at war with one another, and with themselves.

About the author

Elizabeth Haynes was an intelligence analyst working for Kent Police when Myriad published her debut novel, *Into the Darkest Corner*, which won Amazon's Rising Stars promotion and was Amazon's Best Book of the Year. Rights have been sold in 37 territories and the film rights are under option. The US edition (HarperCollins) was a *New York Times* bestseller. Myriad published two further novels by Haynes (*Revenge of the Tide* and *Human Remains*) before Sphere published her Detective Inspector Louisa Smith series (*Under a Silent Moon* and *Behind Closed Doors*). Haynes returned to Myriad in 2016 to publish *Never Alone*. Her most recent novel, a historical thriller, *The Murder of Harriet Monckton*, was a 2019 *Sunday Times* Summer Read.

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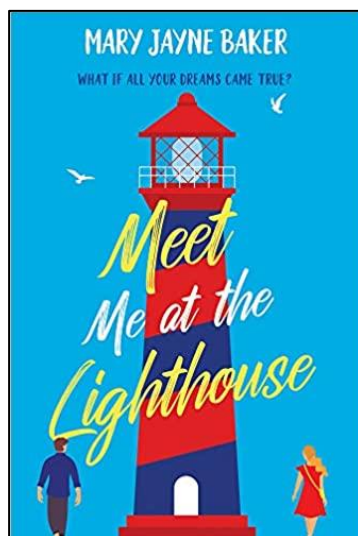
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MEET ME AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

Mary Jayne Baker

Praise for *A Bicycle Made for Two*:

'A wonderful book with a great story and a sparky, unusual voice. I loved it!'
Katie Fforde

'A rollicking romantic read!'
Phillipa Ashley

Winner of the RNA Romantic Comedy Novel of the Year Award 2020.

A birthday. A lighthouse. And the love of her life...

Bobbie Hannigan's life is perfectly fine, but that doesn't stop her from wanting a bit of adventure. To throw caution to the wind and buy a lighthouse. Armed with her new purchase, she decides to turn it into a music venue with the help of local musician, Ross Mason, the first boy she ever kissed.

Determined to keep things professional, Bobbie tried to forget the past, but the happily-ever-after they're working towards is too good to resist. That is, until someone from the past crawls back to cause trouble. Can Bobbie look past the secrets Ross has been keeping from her? Or will the boy, the lighthouse, and the dream all slip away?

About the author

Mary Jayne Baker grew up in rural West Yorkshire, right in the heart of Brontë country... and she's still there. After graduating from Durham University with a degree in English Literature, she dallied with living in cities including London, Nottingham and Cambridge, but eventually came back with her own romantic hero in tow to her beloved Dales. Mary Jayne's novel *A Question of Us* was the winner of the Romantic Novelists' Association's Romantic Comedy Novel of the Year Award 2020. She also writes uplifting women's fiction as Lisa Swift. www.maryjaynebaker.co.uk

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THE ITALIAN GIRL'S SECRET

Natalie Meg Evans

Praise for *The Secret Vow*:

'Suspenseful storytelling, a vivid setting, characters that blaze off the page, The Secret Vow has everything wonderful you look for in a novel.'

Rachel Hore

Italy, 1943. On her nonna's tomato farm in the hills outside Naples, sheltering a soldier with an English accent is the most dangerous thing Carmela del Bosco could do. But with one look at his wounds, Carmela is filled with hatred for those who would tear apart her beautiful home and decides to risk everything, hiding the stranger in an abandoned watchtower outside the village.

In his pain and fever, he murmurs in English, but insists his name is Sebastiano and that he has a message to send that will end the war. Carmela tends to his injuries and smuggles fresh pasta from her grandmother to the watchtower whenever she can. But just as his strength returns – and passion grows between them – they are seen and betrayed by a member of Carmela's own family.

With their lives on the line, the pair flee down the mountains into the city of Naples, where German soldiers patrol every street. Desperate, Sebastiano begs Carmela to send the message for him. But as soon as she hears it, her blood runs cold... Can she find the courage to do what's right for her country, if it threatens the lives of everyone she loves? Will she ever see her beloved nonna again? And can she trust Sebastiano with her heart – or will he lead her into terrible danger?

About the author

Natalie Meg Evans is a USA Today bestseller and Romance Writers of America RITA nominee. She has won the Festival of Romance's Historical Novel Award, the Harry Bowling Prize, placed third for the RWA's Golden Pen award, and has been nominated for the coveted Daphne du Maurier award. *The Dress Thief* won the LoveStories Readers' award for the best historical, and the Greek Public Book award for the best foreign novel. She was also a finalist for a Romance Writers of America Golden Heart.

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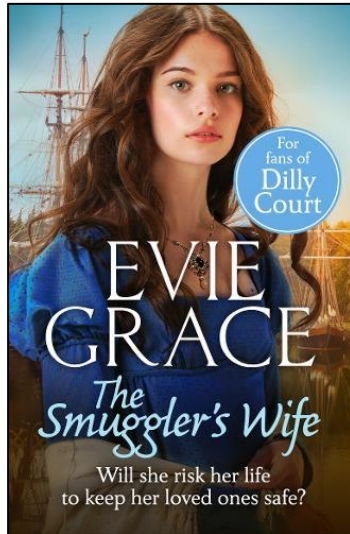
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THE SMUGGLER'S WIFE

Evie Grace

Praise for Evie Grace:

'Intriguing.'

Val Wood

'A charming historical read that hits all the right notes.'

Woman's Weekly

'Heart-tugging saga of which Catherine Cookson would have approved.'

Peterborough Evening Telegraph

The brand new novel from bestselling author Evie Grace, set amongst the Napoleonic Wars in the 1800s. Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and *Poldark*.

Kent, 1815. When the beautiful but naïve Grace Lennicker falls for Isaiah Feasey, son of a rival smuggling family and owner of a local tavern, her sisters try to intervene. But as tensions grow, there is another suitor also hoping to win her hand in marriage, the dashing and more favourable Albert Enderby, a young lieutenant in the Revenue.

Grace is unwittingly drawn back into the world of smuggling that her sisters fought hard to leave behind, and as violence erupts, she finds herself unable to stand by, knowing the rival gangs will kill anyone who stands in their way.

When her husband becomes involved, Grace is forced to make a difficult decision - turn him in and risk her life, or stay loyal and risk the lives of those she loves . . .

About the author

Evie Grace was born in Kent, and one of her earliest memories is of picking cherries with her grandfather who managed a fruit farm near Selling. Holidays spent in the Kent countryside and the stories passed down through her family inspired her to write her Maids of Kent trilogy. Evie now lives in Devon with her partner and dog. She has a grown-up daughter and son.

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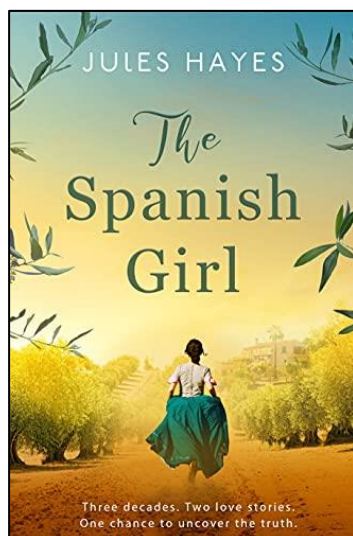
Publisher: Arrow, Random House (editor: Selina Walker)

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THE SPANISH GIRL

Jules Hayes

'An outstanding read... Epic, personal, intimate and beautifully written' Lizzie Page, author of *The Forgotten Girls*

'A compelling tale of friendship, love and loss. Impeccably researched, the story is full of surprises' Rhiannon Ward, author of *The Quickening*

'A fabulous read of love, loss, loyalty and bravery set against the fascinating backdrop of the Spanish War. I was engrossed from the start and a must read for fans of dual timeline women's fiction' Suzanne Fortin, author of *The Forgotten Life of Arthur Pettinger*

Three decades. Two love stories. One chance to uncover the truth.

Feisty journalist **Isabella** has never known the truth about her family. Escaping from a dangerous assignment in the turbulent Basque country, she finds her world turned upside down, firstly by her irresistible attraction to the mysterious **Rafael**, and then by a new clue to her own past.

As she begins to unravel the tangled story of her identity, Isabella uncovers a story of passion, betrayal and loss that reaches back to the dark days of Spain's civil war - when a passionate Spanish girl risked everything for her country, and for the young British rebel who captured her heart.

But can Isabella trust the man she's fallen in love with? Or are some wartime secrets better left undisturbed...?

Heartbreaking, gripping historical fiction about the tragedy of war, and the redemption of love. Perfect for fans of Angela Petch's *The Tuscan Secret* and Kathryn Hughes' *The Letter*.

About the author

Jules Hayes was born in Nottinghamshire. She studied modern history and English literature in London. Travelling in Europe for several years, she taught in both Greece and Spain. On return to the UK she became a Chartered Physiotherapist. Jules began writing in 2012 and her short stories have been shortlisted in the Fish Short Story Competition and the prestigious Bridport Prize. She was also longlisted in the Mslexia Novel competition. Her psychological thriller, *Falling Suns* (written as JA Corrigan), was published in 2016 by Headline Accent. She lives in Berkshire with her family.

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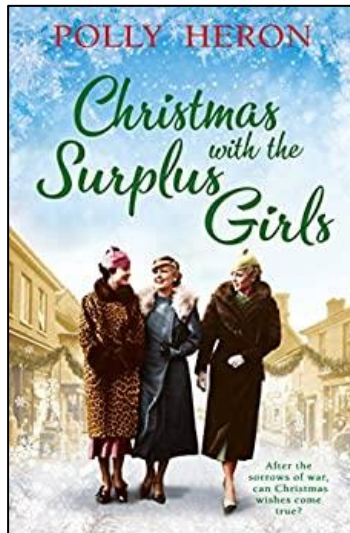
Publisher: Orion

Material: Finished copies

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Publication: March 2021

Length: 277 pages



CHRISTMAS WITH THE SURPLUS GIRLS

Polly Heron

'A promising start to a new saga set in the years between the wars... An enjoyable read full of good friends and bad characters.'
People's Friend

'A real page-turner that will tug on your heart strings.'
Anna Jacobs

After the sorrows of war, can Christmas wishes come true?

Manchester, 1922: Nancy Pike is out of her depth at Miss Hesketh's school for surplus girls, blundering through her lessons and her job placements. Her only joy is getting to know the children at St Anthony's orphanage. And working for Mr Zachary Milner twice a week.

Alone in the world since the death of his brother, Nancy's presence has brought a little sunshine back into Zachary's life. But when she makes a terrible mistake that puts his livelihood in jeopardy, he has no choice but to let her go.

As she battles the prejudices around her, and her own fear, Nancy is determined to bring some Christmas cheer to the orphanage - and maybe even to Zachary Milner...

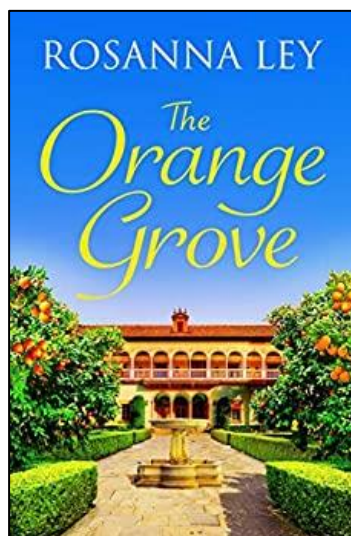
The third in a quartet of sagas set during the early 1920s, following three Surplus Girls - those women whose dreams of marriage perished in the Great War, after the deaths of millions of young men - and the new lives they forged for themselves.

About the author

Polly Heron lives on the beautiful North Wales coast with her husband and their two rescue cats. She is originally from Chorlton-cum-Hardy in Manchester, where her family has lived for several generations and which provides the setting for her family sagas. Polly Heron also writes as Susanna Bavin.

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Publisher: Corvus
Material: Finished copies

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THE ORANGE GROVE

Rosanna Ley

Praise for Rosanna Ley:

'A wonderfully descriptive and beautifully crafted tale about love, life and second chances, all with a gorgeous escapist setting.' Heat

'A great page-turner.' Lucinda Riley

'The perfect holiday read.' Rachel Hore

'Impeccably researched and deftly written.' Kathryn Hughes

'Holiday romance at its most evocative and escapist.' The Lady

'A fascinating story with engaging themes.' Dinah Jefferies

The bestselling author of *From Venice with Love* returns with an unforgettable story of past love and family secrets, set in sunny Seville.

Holly loves making marmalade. Now she has a chance to leave her stressful city job and pursue her dream - of returning to the Dorset landscape of her childhood to open Bitter Orange, a shop celebrating the fruit that first inspired her.

Holly's mother Ella has always loved Seville. So why is she reluctant to go back there with Holly to source products for the shop? What is she frightened of - and does it have anything to do with the old Spanish recipe for Seville orange and almond cake that Ella keeps hidden from her family?

In Seville, where she was once forced to make the hardest decision of her life, Ella must finally face up to the past, while Holly meets someone who poses a threat to all her plans. Seville is a city full of sunshine and oranges. But it can also be bittersweet.

Will love survive the secrets of the orange grove?

About the author

Rosanna Ley has had six novels published by Quercus Books. She has worked as a creative writing tutor for many years and has written articles and stories for a number of national magazines. Her writing holidays and retreats take place in stunning locations in Spain and Italy. When she is not travelling, Rosanna lives in West Dorset by the sea. Visit Rosanna: @RosannaLey / <http://www.rosannaley.com>

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Previous titles include:

The Lemon Tree Hotel: Hungarian (IPC Könyvek), Norwegian (Cappelen Damm), Slovenian (Kiroja)



THE BEASTS OF PARIS

Stef Penney

Praise for *Under A Pole Star*:

'A terrific and beautifully written yarn that will make readers yearn to travel and fall in love in a cold climate.' *The Times*

'It is a tribute to Penney's superlative descriptive skills that the book's erotic charge is so startlingly effective, and that her icy landscapes cast such a lasting, almost hallucinatory spell. This combination is the true rocket fuel of Under a Pole Star, and what makes it resonate long after the Snow Queen has divulged her long-held secret.' *Guardian*

An epic historical novel from the author of the Costa-winning international bestseller *The Tenderness of Wolves*.

Set in Paris from 1870 to 1871, *The Beasts of Paris* follows a diverse group of characters living through – and buffeted by – momentous historical events. The Franco-Prussian War of 1870 ended in a devastating defeat for the French after the Siege of Paris in which countless Parisians died of starvation and cold during a bitter winter. The war was quickly followed by the socialist revolution of the Paris Commune that seized government for two brief months until it was brutally crushed by the French Army.

Against this backdrop the characters meet, struggle, grow, fight their demons, find love or lose it. *The Beasts of Paris* is set in the past, but the novel is driven and informed by Stef's particular sensibility and political passions. In many ways it's very modern, exploring issues that are urgent to her: issues of gender, sexuality, inequality and race.

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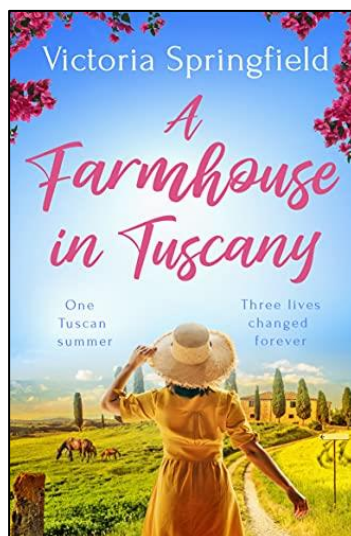
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Material: Manuscript due spring 2022

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Length: 448 pages



A FARMHOUSE IN TUSCANY

Victoria Springfield

From the author of the RNA Joan Hessayon Award shortlisted *The Italian Holiday*.

Under the Tuscan sun, the lives of three women are about to change forever...

Donna has been running the Bella Vista riding centre from her rambling farmhouse in Tuscany, taking in guests who enjoy the rolling Tuscan hills, home-grown vegetables and delicious pasta. It's been a decade since her husband Giovanni walked out, convinced she was having an affair. When the truth finally comes to light, can everything return to the way it was ten years ago? Or is it too late to start over?

When self-confessed workaholic **Harriet** takes an impromptu holiday to Tuscany, she quickly discovers that the relaxing yoga holiday she had been anticipating will be anything but. She's shocked when she's asked to swap her yoga mat and leggings for riding jodhpurs and a helmet! But the longer she stays at serene Bella Vista, the more she begins to rethink the way she's been living for so long...

Shy artist **Jess** has had a crush on Donna's son Marco from the first moment she saw him. This is her second summer at Bella Vista, and while it is a riding holiday, Jess was secretly hoping to pick up where they left off last summer with an almost-kiss. But is Marco still interested or will this be a summer of sadness?

Perfect for fans of Nicky Pellegrino and Angela Petch, let Victoria Springfield whisk you away to the sun-soaked hills of Tuscany.

About the author

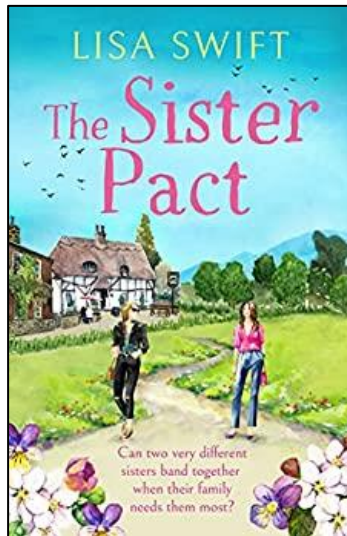
Victoria Springfield is the pen name of Victoria Wasey. After attending university in Liverpool, she spent many years living in London working in the insurance industry whilst writing freelance magazine articles for publications as diverse as *Italy* magazine, *Horse & Countryside* and *CHAT It's Fate*. *A Farmhouse in Tuscany* is her follow up novel to *The Italian Holiday*, which was shortlisted for the RNA Joan Hessayon Award for New Writers.

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Material: Finished copies

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Length: 288 pages



THE SISTER PACT

Lisa Swift

Can two very different sisters band together when their family needs them most?

Thirty-year-old Brooke Padgett is the landlady of The Highwayman's Drop in the beautiful Yorkshire village of Leyholme. Commitment-averse and obsessed with work, she isn't looking for anything serious – and she certainly isn't interested in the pub's new barman, gorgeous single dad Hayden. Or is she?

Older sister Rhianna Garrett has fled wealthy husband James after discovering his infidelity. As she moves back to the pub with her children in tow, it's clear that living together will be tricky for these two very different sisters...

Meanwhile, their widowed mum Janey is keen to rejoin the dating scene. But a lot has changed since her youth in the seventies – and she'll need the help of her girls.

As the sisters join forces to help Janey, as well as fight off the chain circling the pub, their relationship becomes close once again. Until Brooke discovers Rhianna is hiding a secret that could drive a wedge between them all...

Can the two sisters come together to save The Highwayman's Drop, their mum's love life – and their relationship?

A funny, uplifting and romantic read that will warm your heart; fans of Jenny Colgan, Milly Johnson and Carole Matthews will be captivated!

About the author

Lisa Swift grew up in rural West Yorkshire, right in the heart of Brontë country... and she's still there. After graduating from Durham University with a degree in English Literature, she dallied with living in cities including London, Nottingham and Cambridge, but eventually came back with her own romantic hero in tow to her beloved Dales, where she first started telling stories about heroines with flaws and the men who love them. Lisa also writes romantic comedies under the pen name Mary Jayne Baker.

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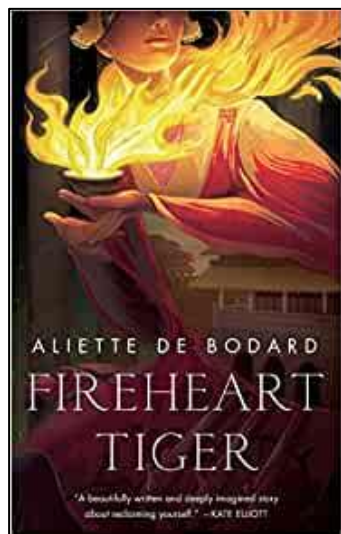
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Material: Finished copies

On behalf of: MBA Literary Agents

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Length: 360 pages



FIREHEART TIGER

Aliette de Bodard

'A delicate novella with threads of imperial politics, magical beings, queer romance and the psychology of trauma. It's a bit of a miracle to feel as if you've read a six-book fantasy series in so few pages. This book is elegant and hypnotic as the flame of a candle, and I'll be thinking for some time about the shadows it throws into relief.' Olivia Waite, *New York Times*

'A beautifully written and deeply imagined story about reclaiming yourself. Highly recommended.' Kate Elliott, *New York Times* bestselling author

'A high-stakes lesbian love triangle in [a] tightly plotted fantasy novella... an ideal pick for fantasy fans longing for non-European settings.' *Publishers Weekly*

Award-winning author Aliette de Bodard returns with *Fireheart Tiger*, a powerful romantic fantasy that reads like *The Goblin Emperor* meets *Howl's Moving Castle* in a pre-colonial Vietnamese-esque world.

Fire burns bright and has a long memory....

Quiet, thoughtful princess Thanh was sent away as a hostage to the powerful faraway country of Ephteria as a child. Now she's returned to her mother's imperial court, haunted not only by memories of her first romance, but by worrying magical echoes of a fire that devastated Ephteria's royal palace.

Thanh's new role as a diplomat places her once again in the path of her first love, the powerful and magnetic Eldris of Ephteria, who knows exactly what she wants: romance from Thanh and much more from Thanh's home. Eldris won't take no for an answer, on either front. But the fire that burned down one palace is tempting Thanh with the possibility of making her own dangerous decisions.

Can Thanh find the freedom to shape her country's fate--and her own?

About the author

Aliette de Bodard lives and works in Paris. She has won three Nebula Awards, a Locus Award, a British Fantasy Award, four British Science Fiction Association Awards, and was a double Hugo finalist for 2019 (Best Series and Best Novella).

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Nordic countries, Portugal, Spain

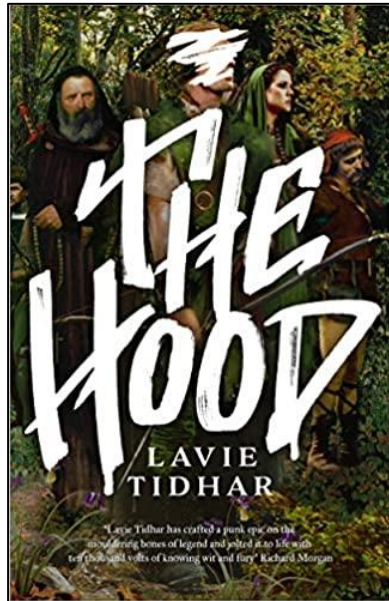
Publisher: Tor

Material: Finished copies

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Publication: February 2021

Length: 104 pages



THE HOOD

Lavie Tidhar

Praise for *By Force Alone*:

'A twisted Arthur retelling mixing the historical and the magical with a very modern eye. Brutal and vicious, funny, Peaky Blinders of the Round Table'
Adrian Tchaikovsky

'As eclectic as the Sword in the Stone and as ruthless as A Game of Thrones, this retelling of the whole Arthurian legend stands alongside the very best.' Daily Mail.

'Lavie Tidhar has crafted a punk epic on the mouldering bones of legend and jolted it to life with ten thousand volts of knowing wit and fury. [He] eviscerates the complacent posturing of the Arthurian myth, explodes the well-worn conventions of the tale and from the shiny jagged pieces assembles a wholly fresh rollercoaster ride of cheap violence, vicious magic and messy human truth.' Richard Morgan.

***The Hood* is the second book in Lavie Tidhar's ambitious Anti-Matter of Britain Quartet – a viscerally entertaining, ominously subversive and poetically profane remixing of the myths and legends that shaped the nation.**

God bless you, England, on this glorious Year of Our Lord, 1145.

Don't cross the Templars. Everybody knows that. But Will Scarlet, back from the crusades, hopped up on khat and cider, did. Stabbed thrice in the belly but somehow still alive, he's heading home to Nottingham.

And things are not right in Nottingham.

It's the wood, you see. Sherwood. Ice-age ancient, impenetrable, hiding a dark and secret heart. As the ancient sages say, if you go into the woods today, you may not come out tomorrow, and the person who comes out may not be you...

The Hood is Lavie Tidhar's narcotic remix of an ancient English myth, a tale knotted from legends lost to time, shredded and restitched for each passing century. A tale for today.

About the author

British Science Fiction and World Fantasy Award-winning author Lavie Tidhar was born in Israel. He has lived all over the world, including in Vanuatu, Laos, and South Africa, and is currently making his home in London. Tidhar has been compared to Philip K. Dick by the *Guardian* and to Kurt Vonnegut by *Locus*.

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Material: Finished copies

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Previous titles include:

Unholy Land: French (Mnémos). *Central Station*: US (Tachyon), Bulgarian (Bard) Czech (Argo), German (Heyne), Hebrew (Keter), Spanish (La Esfera de los Libros)



NEOM
Lavie Tidhar

Return to the world of *Central Station*.

On the edge of the Arabian Peninsula sprawls Neo Mostaqbal, city of the future. Neom. Beyond it lies the ancient desert where endless wars have raged, where deadly old machines still hide in waiting.

Sahar works odd jobs around the city of her birth. She has no time for dreams. Yet when an old and enigmatic robot appears one day in the flower souq, Sahar, out of kindness, gives it a rose. The robot goes into the desert, and when it comes back everything changes, for out in the sands the robot had dug something impossible, something it wishes to bring back to life: a golden man of legend, a weapon to some and a promise to others.

While out in the Sinai a young boy finds tragedy and sets out on a quest to reach Neom on his way to the stars. His steps are dogged by the speaking jackal, Anubis, and the mysterious terrorartist who once called herself Nasu. And when they converge on the city, the ancient fighters of a bygone age awaken as past and future collide.

About the author

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Publication: To be confirmed

Length: 43,000 words



THE SHADOW GLASS

Josh Winning

***Dark Crystal* meets *About a Boy* in a thrilling race against the clock to save the world in this nostalgia-infused adventure!**

Jack Corman is failing at life. Jobless, jaded and on the ‘wrong’ side of thirty, he’s facing the threat of eviction from his London flat while reeling from the sudden death of his father, one-time film director Bob Corman. Back in the eighties, Bob poured his heart and soul into the creation of his 1986 puppet fantasy *The Shadow Glass*, a film Jack loved as a child, idolising its fox-like hero Dune.

But *The Shadow Glass* flopped on release, deemed too scary for kids and too weird for adults, and Bob became a laughing stock, losing himself to booze and self-pity. Now, the film represents everything Jack hated about his father, and he lives with the fear that he’ll end up a failure just like him.

In the wake of Bob’s death, Jack returns to his decaying home, a place creaking with movie memorabilia and painful memories. Then, during a freak thunderstorm, the puppets in the attic start talking. Tipped into a desperate real-world quest alongside his father’s creations, Jack teams up with excitable fanboy Toby and spiky studio executive Amelia to navigate the labyrinth of his father’s legacy while conjuring the hero within – and igniting a *Shadow Glass* resurgence that could, finally, do his father proud.

About the author

Josh Winning is a senior film writer at *Radio Times*. He is contributing editor at *Total Film* magazine, writer at *SFX* and *Den of Geek*, and the co-host of movie podcast *Torn Stubs*. He has been on set with Kermit the Frog (and Miss Piggy), devoured breakfast with zombies on *The Walking Dead*, and sat on the Iron Throne on the Dublin set of *Game of Thrones*. He dreams of one day convincing Sigourney Weaver to yell “Goddammit!” at him.

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THE ECHO GAME

Vincent Tirado

Mysterious disappearances. An urban legend rumored to be responsible. And one group of friends determined to save their city at any cost. *Stranger Things* meets Jordan Peele in this utterly original debut from an incredible new voice.

For over a year, the Bronx has been plagued by sudden disappearances that no one can explain. Sixteen-year-old Raquel does her best to ignore it. After all, the police only look for the white kids. But when her crush Charlize's cousin goes missing, Raquel starts to pay attention—especially when her own mom comes down with a mysterious illness that seems linked to the disappearances.

Raquel and Charlize team up to investigate, but they soon discover that everything is tied to a terrifying urban legend called the Echo Game. The game is rumored to trap people in a sinister world underneath the city, and the rules are based on a particularly dark chapter in New York's past. And if the friends want to save their home and everyone they love, they will have to play the game and destroy the evil at its heart—or die trying.

About the author

Vincent Tirado is a non-binary Afro-Latinx Bronx native. They ventured out to Pennsylvania and Ohio to get their Bachelor's degree in Biology and Master's degree in Bioethics. They have had short stories published in *Desert Rose Lit Mag* and *InQluded*. *The Echo Game* is their debut novel.

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Nordic countries, Portugal, Spain

Publisher: Sourcebooks (editor: Eliza Swift)

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Length: 352 pages



WHY WE WENT EXTINCT

An Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Species that Just Didn't Make It

Takashi Maruyama and Tadaaki Imaizumi

The Japanese bestselling phenomenon, with 680,000 copies of the two volumes sold.

Since life first arose on Earth, 99.9% of all species that have ever lived have gone extinct. If your species happens to be alive *right now* – never mind just you specifically! – you are already among the *very* lucky. *Why We Went Extinct* is an illustrated encyclopedia of the animals that weren't as lucky, that wound up on Darwin's bad side through poor physical traits or unfortunate timing, or simply had the massive misfortune to run up against the rise of human civilization.

Every spread in the book consists of an illustration of the departed animal in question, various scientific facts about it (era, size, habitat, diet, etc.) and a monologue from the animal itself about why it went extinct. Readers learn about *Platybelodon*, an elephant ancestor whose jaw was too heavy to survive; *Cameroceras*, a cephalopod whose body was too straight to survive; the Laughing Owl, who went extinct because it laughed too loud; and a whole host of other mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians, and fish that just didn't make it.

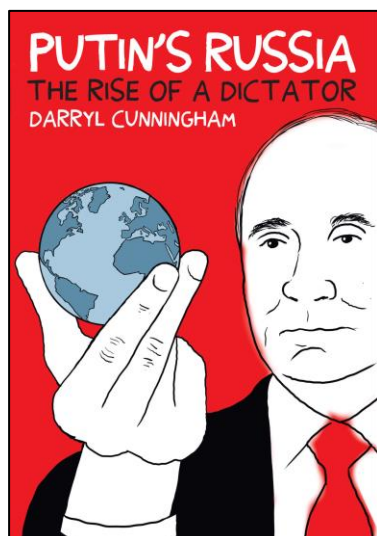
These are sad stories, of course, but the endearing illustrations and charming voices of the animals bring them back to life, if only briefly, to teach readers about their lives and times, and to give us all a deeper appreciation for life on Earth. Plus, to prevent the book from being an endless parade of doom and gloom, the final chapter – *You Would Think We're Extinct, But We're Not!* – highlights some of the unexpected survival stories, such as the pygmy hippopotamus, which by all accounts doesn't seem well-equipped by Darwinian standards, but has basically survived by hiding in the forest.

About the author

Tadaaki Imaizumi graduated from Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology, and studied mammal taxonomy and ecology at the National Museum of Science. He participated in the International Biological Project (IBP) survey by the Ministry of Education and the Ecological Survey of the Iriomote Wildcat by the Ministry of the Environment. After working as an animal-science educator at Ueno Zoo, he is now councillor at the Tokyo Zoo Association. He likes cheetahs and leopards because they are independent, quiet, and are strict parents. **Takashi Maruyama** is a zoology writer and creator of illustrated encyclopedias. After working for Nature Pro Editorial Office, he engaged in the research of hyraxes in the Negev Desert. His favourite animal is the armadillo because it is the only remaining living species of the order Tubulidentata.

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 Material: Japanese copies, sample English translation

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 Publication: Spring 2022
 Length: 104 pages



PUTIN AND RUSSIA

Darryl Cunningham

'It can take other authors whole books to say what Darryl can say in a single illustration.' Jon Ronson

'Darryl Cunningham's non-fiction work is undoubtedly some of the most crucially important practice to have emerged in UK comics in the last decade.' Andy Oliver, Broken Frontier

'Like Darryl Cunningham's previous graphic novels, Billionaires displays his brilliant faculty for communicating serious and complex information in an accessible and entertaining way—something that the comic media can excel at. Immaculately researched and clearly told, this book should be required reading—by everyone!' Bryan Talbot

Master manipulator or gangster? The malign thrust of Putin's domestic and foreign policy is exposed in Darryl Cunningham's latest page-turning biography.

Well-known for his economical drawing and clear, explanatory narrative, Darryl Cunningham shows how the West and its leaders have been culpable in aiding Putin's rise – Obama being a particular example. Areas covered include Brexit and Trump; the crackdown on human rights, especially on homosexuality in Russia; and the poisonings – among them, journalist Anna Politkovskaya in Russia, Alexander Litvinenko in London, Sergei Skripal in Salisbury.

By putting all these events into a timeline, Cunningham aims to show that Putin is opportunistic rather than the master manipulator people make him out to be: *'He's essentially a gangster and not a particularly smart one. We need to demythologise Putin if we are to beat him.'*

About the author

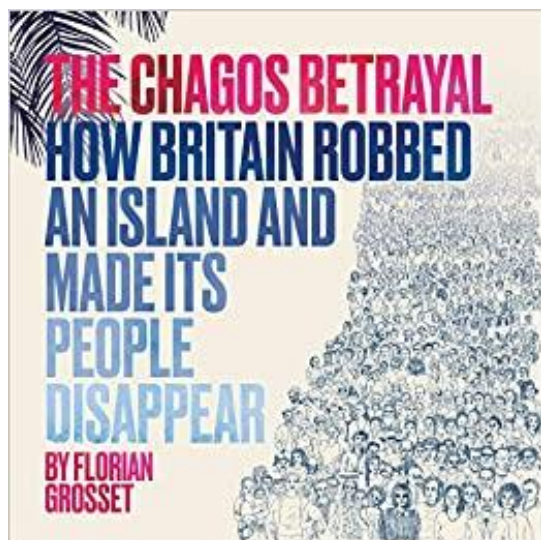
Darryl Cunningham is the award-winning author of *Psychiatric Tales*, *Science Tales*, *Supercrash* (a *New York Times* bestseller) *Graphic Science* and *Billionaires*.

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Rights sold: North American (Drawn & Quarterly)

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Length: 144 pages

Previous titles include:

Billionaires: North American (Drawn & Quarterly), Spanish (Panini)
Graphic Science, *Supercrash*, *Science Tales*, *Psychiatric Tales*



THE CHAGOS BETRAYAL

How Britain Robbed an Island and Made its People Disappear

Florian Grosset

'An extraordinarily moving, almost haunting and powerfully factual depiction of the atrocity committed against the people of the Chagos Islands by the British Government. Every school, every library should have this book. Please read what was done in your name.' John Pilger

'Very powerful. It's time for the UK government to return our islands.'

Sabrina Jean, Chairperson, Chagos Refugees Group UK

A shocking graphic novel account of British complicity in the forced exodus of the Chagos Islanders from their homeland to make way for the largest US military air base outside the US mainland.

During the cold war, the US government sought to establish an overseas military presence in the Indian Ocean. Between 1965 and 1973 the inhabitants of the Chagos archipelago were forcibly removed from their homeland and dumped in Mauritius and Seychelles. Diego Garcia, the largest island, was leased to the USA by the UK to accommodate the largest US military air base outside the US mainland. The agreement continues until 2036.

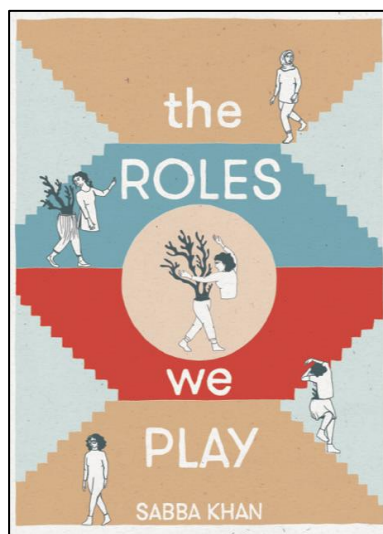
Grosset's account of the eviction, and the harsh life faced by the Chagossians after their displacement, looks back to the first generation of slaves who arrived on the archipelago and the lives of their descendants. It charts the present-day diaspora of Chagossians, their fight for the right to return through protests and court cases, and the different strategies still being used to keep them away from their land. A recent ruling by the maritime court of the International Court of Justice upheld an ICJ ruling in February 2019 that the UK should end its control of the Chagos and hand the islands back to Mauritius.

About the author

Florian Grosset is a graphic designer and illustrator living in Kent. She was born and grew up in Mauritius.

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THE ROLES WE PLAY

Sabba Khan

'One of the true rising stars of UK indie comics...combining moments of quieter symbolism with compelling visual metaphor.' Andy Oliver

'[A] razor-sharp, resilient and generous view of what it means to believe, belong and breathe within spaces that are designed to keep you out.'
Zeba Talkhani, author of *My Past is a Foreign Country*

'Where is home, Mum?' From the foothills of the Himalayas in the Kashmiri valleys to bustling Green Street in East London, Sabba Khan researches her identity from the global to the local, covering partition, displacement, and assimilation with humour and courage.

Khan's eloquent minimal style and architectural page design illuminates her experiences of growing up as a second generation Azad Kashmiri migrant in East London.

The Roles We Play is Sabba Khan's debut graphic novel collecting a series of short essays that explore themes of identity, belonging and memory within the East London Pakistani Muslim diaspora. Together the stories paint a vivid snapshot of contemporary British Asian life and the complex generational shifts experienced within migrant communities today.

Issues of race, gender and class are brought to the fore in a simple and personal narrative. The title of the book nods to the questions Khan explores: can religion and secularism, tradition and trend, heritage and progression move beyond a limited binary framework and towards a pluralistic common space of love and understanding?

The Roles We Play was shortlisted for the Myriad First Graphic Novel Competition 2018.

About the author

Sabba Khan is an architectural designer, artist and maker. She is an advocate of increasing working class Black and Brown representation in the arts and publishing, as well as in architecture and construction. She is one half of architectural practice Khan Bonshek.

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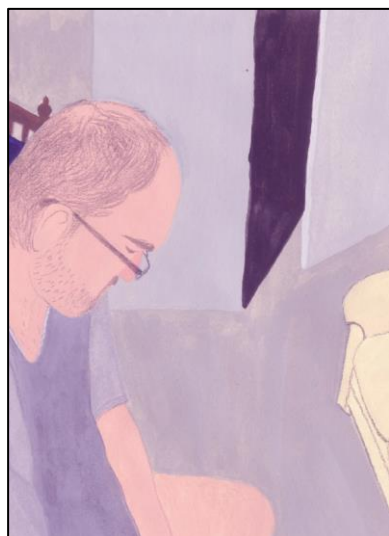
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Rights sold: North America (Street Noise Books)

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CYBERMAN

Veronika Muchitsch

A documentary about voyeurism in graphic novel form, *Cyberman* chronicles the life of 50-year-old Ari, who streams himself online twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Ari lives in a small town in Finland. He rarely leaves his apartment or has any visitors. He spends his days sleeping or sitting in front of the computer, chatting to his viewers and playing music on YouTube. His stream is continuous and compelling: there is something uniquely intimate about this unadulterated presentation of his self.

For over a year Muchitsch watched Ari's live stream on Cyberman.tv. He was unaware of her project, but she interacted with him through anonymous online conversations using the pseudonym L.B. _Jefferies – a reference to the protagonist of Alfred Hitchcock's 'Rear Window', who watches his neighbours across the courtyard – and embracing the analogy of Muchitsch's own voyeurism.

Cyberman is isolated in a frame on his stream as well as in Muchitsch's beautifully painted panels on the page. The author also sits alone, in front of her computer screen, as she watches Ari through a frame and documents his life.

About the author

Veronika Muchitsch was born in Graz, Austria, and now lives in Falmouth, Cornwall. She received an MA in Authorial Illustration with distinction at Falmouth University in 2017, and graduated from Plymouth University with a BA in illustration. Her stories have been published by Fantagraphics in the anthology *NOW* and she was winner of the 2017 Atlantic Press Graphic Literature Prize. In 2020 she won the Myriad First Graphic Novel Competition with an extract from *Cyberman*.

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COMA

Zara Slattery

'A wonderful book. The illustrations grab you by the insides and pull you into the author's world. Sadness, hope and honesty are your guides.'

Dr Matt Morgan, author of Critical

By the time necrotising fasciitis was diagnosed, it was almost too late to save artist Zara Slattery. Her husband and three children prepared for the worst. This astonishing graphic memoir shows how she lived to tell the tale of life inside and outside her coma.

In May 2013 Zara Slattery's persistent sore throat turned into a deadly bacterial infection, after the paracetamol and ice pack prescribed by her GP failed to work.

The world of Zara's 15-day drug-induced coma, which she describes as 'being trapped in a nightmare state that you can't wake up from' is rendered as a full-colour fantasy, with mythological creatures appearing out of nowhere as she battles to protect her three children against the forces of evil that threaten to engulf her. Meanwhile, her husband Dan tries to keep family life going as he faces the most difficult task of all: preparing the children for the likely loss of their mother. His diary, and that of the nurses in the Intensive Care Unit, who kept of record of Zara's illness, interweave to make a heartbreaking graphic memoir.

About the author

Zara Slattery is a graphic novelist, illustrator and tutor, having studied an MA in Design Communication at Manchester Metropolitan University. Her self-published comics include *Two Birds* and *Don't Call Me A Tomboy*. Zara has run comic workshops in the UK and abroad for the British Council, for the Friends Centre and other communities in Brighton, and around Sussex and the UK. She lives in Brighton.

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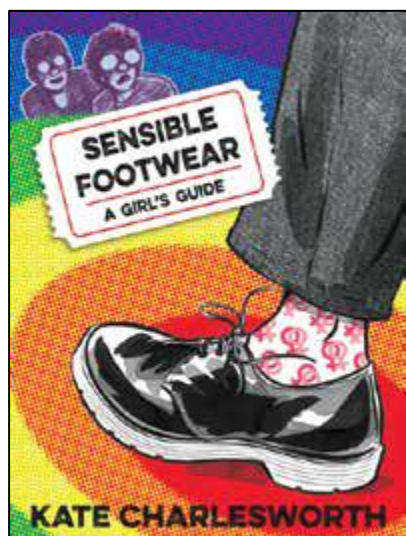
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SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR: A GIRL'S GUIDE

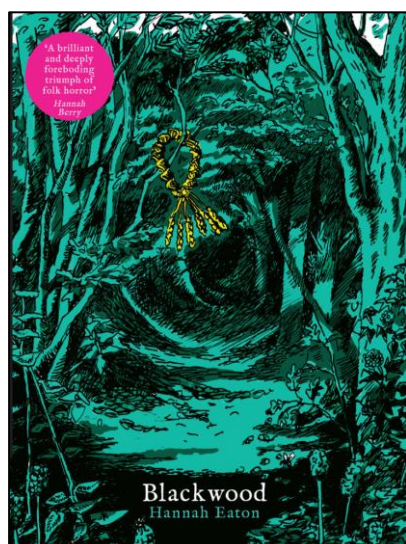
Kate Charlesworth

'If you're looking for something lively, entertaining, informative and completely different, this graphic memoir about the author's life amid a timeline of UK queer history is a real treat.' Bernardine Evaristo

A political and personal history of true heart, making the invisible visible, and celebrating lesbian lives from the domestic to the diva. *Sensible Footwear* is a fascinating history of how post-war Britain transformed from a country hostile towards and virtually in denial about 'queer' lives to the LGBTQI universe of today.

ANZ, US, translation on behalf of Myriad Editions

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BLACKWOOD

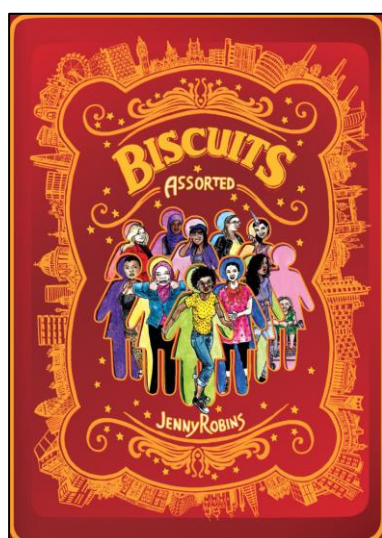
Hannah Eaton

'Crosses generations and decades with a frighteningly relevant mix of folklore and social commentary. A quietly brooding indictment of British insularity that is all the more sinister for its unsettling familiarity.'

Andy Oliver, *Broken Frontier*

A unique graphic novel of a small town community creates a mini-Middlemarch with a Wicker Man twist in a beautifully drawn murder mystery. *Blackwood* is set in a rural town in middle England where the residents are determined to preserve the status quo – at any cost.

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BISCUITS (ASSORTED)

Jenny Robins

'Biscuits is intricate and engaging, a London story of women going about their complicated lives, getting sweetly entangled with each other, listening, loving, and weathering the ups and downs of London life. This is a very auspicious debut.' Audrey Niffenegger

Every day we pass a thousand people in the street. Like every city, London is teeming with life: diverse, beautiful, messy, incongruous life, and every face seen fleetingly in the crowd carries a story or two. Jenny Robins takes a look at a handful of women's stories in the city as they defy and comply with our expectations, and as they step out of the cookie cutter mould of what it means to be a woman today.

ANZ, US, translation on behalf of Myriad Editions



THE WORST GIRL GANG EVER **A Survival Guide to Miscarriage and** **Pregnancy Loss**

Laura Buckingham and Bex Gunn

A practical and emotional self-help guide for those affected by miscarriage and baby loss.

Laura Buckingham and Bex Gunn are on a mission to dismantle the shame, judgement and isolation that surround miscarriage. With warmth, humour and honesty, *The Worst Girl Gang Ever* will offer an emotional toolbox and practical survival guide for the widespread experience of pregnancy loss.

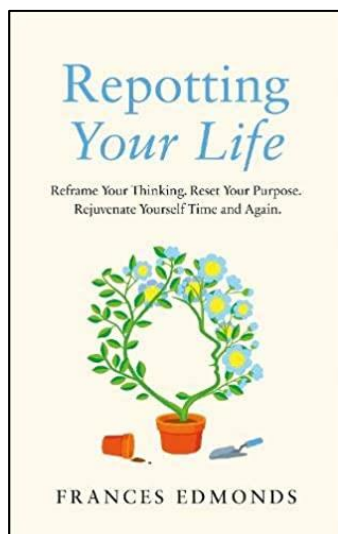
Welcoming readers into their community of warrior women, Laura and Bex explore topics such as dealing with grief, marking your loss, processing ugly emotions and opening up a dialogue with others. Educational and empowering, *The Worst Girl Gang Ever* is a book for anyone who has been affected by pregnancy loss and will be vital in eradicating the shame and silence that surround the subject of miscarriage.

About the author

Bex Gunn and nurse, Laura Buckingham are two women sharing their experiences of baby loss with the aim of bringing about wider recognition of the subject and change. They started The Worst Girl Gang Ever podcast in 2020, knowing how little support there was out there for others who find themselves in this heart-breaking situation. Laura and Bex also run 'Pathway to Recovery' courses along with six experts in their fields, aiming to support, nurture and empower women after baby loss.

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REPOTTING YOUR LIFE

Reframe Your Thinking, Reset Your Purpose, Rejuvenate Yourself Time and Again

Frances Edmonds

Do you feel stuck or stifled, but struggle to know what to do next? It's time to repot your life.

In a world in which we're living longer and change is a necessary yet often uncomfortable process *Repotting Your Life* is your simple three-step companion to revitalizing your relationships, your priorities or your career, whatever your age:

Step 1, Potbound: How to identify that you're stuck and need to make a change.

Step 2, Repotting: Offers you the key stages to making a smooth transition

Step 3, New Bloom: The process of putting down roots, re-energizing you for your next adventure

With verve, wit and wisdom, *Repotting Your Life* offers the insights and motivation needed to set aside what is no longer working and gives you the tools you need to design a life full of possibility and new bloom.

About the author

Frances Edmonds has had an extraordinary professional career full of transformation, becoming a longevity and well-being fellow at Stanford University's Distinguished Careers Institute in 2018, where the concept of 'repotting' was born. She is also an inspirational keynote speaker, a cross-generational mentor and helped create the UK's most prestigious business development network. Previously an international conference interpreter (she speaks fluent French, Italian and Spanish) at the European Union, United Nations and World Economic Summits, she is also a bestselling author and broadcaster.

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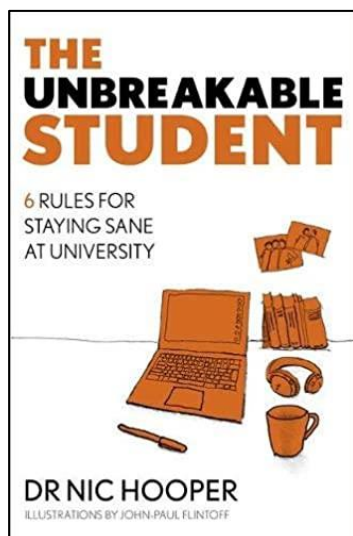
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THE UNBREAKABLE STUDENT

6 Rules for Staying Sane at University

Dr Nic Hooper

'Equal parts practical, funny and illuminating - belongs on the required reading list for life.'

Sarah Knight, internationally bestselling author of *Get Your Sh!t Together*

'Going to university is a tumultuous time in any case, but this is doubly true when there's a pandemic happening. Hooper's new guide couldn't be timelier. Drawing on many years of relevant experience and training, it's a must for any student beginning this next stage of their life.'

Dean Burnett, neuroscientist and author of *The Idiot Brain*

University is a whirlwind of exciting, new experiences. But it can also be overwhelming. You're in an unusual environment and faced with the pressure to make friends, complete difficult assignments, stay healthy, manage your finances and so much more, all while being away from your loved ones. In this time of monumental change, looking after your mental wellbeing is more important than ever.

Nic Hooper witnesses the student mental health crisis every day in the lecture halls of his university and is determined to help. A psychologist with fifteen years' experience teaching and mentoring young adults, *The Unbreakable Student* is his guide to navigating your university years and staying sane using six simple rules:

- Using exercise to stay healthy in body and mind
- Learning to positively challenge yourself
- Connecting with your peers
- Mindfully embracing the moment
- Managing self-critical thoughts and vulnerability
- Giving to others and taking positive action

Accessible and inspirational, *The Unbreakable Student* is the self-care guide that every university student needs.

About the author

Dr Nic Hooper is an expert in clinical psychology and a senior lecturer at the University of the West of England in Bristol. He has authored many scientific articles, book chapters and books including *The Acceptance and Commitment Diary* (published annually) and *The Research Journey of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy*. Nic is also a co-director of Connect, which is an organization that offers a psychological wellbeing curriculum for primary school children. In 2017, inspired by his students, Nic began to write a book of life advice to his son, Max, which was to be given to him on his 18th birthday. Over time, that book slowly transformed into *The Unbreakable Student*.

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LIST YOURSELF HAPPY

Jess Indeedy

Unlock your joy through the power of list-making.

List Yourself Happy is a motivating and original approach to self-care that helps readers to define what makes them truly happy and inspires them to take action through small, sustainable changes. From getting out in nature to dancing yourself happy, complimenting others to asking for help, this book will help you to create positivity for both yourself and others. Happiness and positivity expert Jess Indeedy provides 100 list prompts to choose from, ranging from the simple (*Top 10 Foods That Bring You Joy*) to those which require more self-reflection (*How would you like to be described?*). After completing 10 lists, readers then handpick one entry from each to add to their action plan for the coming month.

Most of the list topics have been influenced by psychological and scientific research on happiness and life satisfaction. Jess's superpower is in organizing these findings in a fun, inspiring way to help the reader to make incremental improvements and enjoy the process.

Readers will benefit from prompts and action steps such as:

- Spending more time in nature to awaken the senses and improve health
- How to cultivate new ways to enjoy life and explore creativity through art, dance, and music
- Find a deeper understanding of themselves through personal stock-takes and assessing their strengths
- Inspiration to help others, give back and take care of their local neighbourhood
- Appreciating the smaller joys in life, from savouring their favourite foods to playing games and throwing parties

Simply grab a pen and paper to get started. Happiness is just a few lists away!

About the author

Jess Indeedy has spent years honing her concept of list-making for happiness and self-development as the creator of 'I Love Lists', the world's first list-making night. Having harnessed the power of list-making since she was a teenager, Jess has always found peace, fulfilment, and success by organising her thoughts into lists, whether it be goal-setting, taking stock, or keeping track of ideas from her imagination. After sharing her method through events, radio, and being featured in numerous publications, including *Stylist* and *Vogue*, Jess now brings her unique concept of list-making to the world in book form, to spread more positivity and happiness to as many people as possible.

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THE SPARKS

The Six Things that Matter Most for Leading a Good Life

Stephen Joseph

Life throws a lot of unexpected and unpleasant things at us. Many people just struggle on, but others find someone to talk to, someone like Stephen Joseph, who, as a therapist, is trained to listen to their concerns. They turn up with problems – failing relationships, stalled careers, conflicts, feelings of upset – that all seem very real to them in the moment. They may say they just want to ‘get back to normal’ or ‘get back on track’. But sometimes the truth is that things have changed too much to go back. More than that, they come to realize that their life wasn’t really on track in the first place. Getting on track now means something much bigger.

Over months, or years, Joseph works with his clients to peel away the layers and find something deeper behind their discontents and identify new understandings of what really matters. These revelations often seem to come out of the blue – lightbulb moments in which people suddenly gain a new perspective on how to lead their lives. In *The Sparks*, Joseph now shares the most important of these realisations: the six ways in which we can begin to see ourselves and the world anew, without distortion, and embark on a road to personal growth and a more emotionally mature life.

These are often hard-earned lessons that come at great cost, such as illness or bereavement. But, Joseph says, with an open mind, at the right time, such lessons can be learned by anyone. Drawing on his work over three decades as a psychologist, psychotherapist, university professor and researcher, he distils this vital knowledge for general readers and reveals how the secrets of enduring change are available to us all.

About the author

Stephen Joseph is a professor at the University of Nottingham, UK, and the convenor of the Centre for Research in Human Flourishing in the School of Education. Previously he was co-director of the university’s Centre for Trauma, Resilience and Growth and an honorary consultant psychologist in psychotherapy. His expertise is in client-centred therapy and positive psychology. He is the author of *What Doesn’t Kill Us* (Basic Books/Little, Brown) and *Authentic* (Little, Brown). He has been quoted in many publications, including *The Times*, *Guardian*, *Independent*, *Daily Mail* and *Psychologies* magazine. He blogs for *Psychology Today* and previously for the *Huffington Post*.

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HOW TO INTERVIEW YOUR FAMILY

Elizabeth Keating

We're often told to talk to our relatives and learn from them, but how do you sidestep the clichés and get beyond the familiar anecdotes? There's a whole story of your family to learn, but how do you get at it?

In *How To Interview Your Family*, anthropologist Elizabeth Keating draws on her decades in the field to offer a set of 13 questions--about space, interactions, identity, kinship--that push beyond what we already know about our relatives and draw out what it feels like to inhabit a particular life. We might know that Grandma put Mum to sleep in the top drawer of a cupboard as a baby, and that our uncle Leroy slept in an iron lung during the polio years, but what was it like for Grandad to be a nurse when men didn't usually take that role? Keating reveals that asking questions like an anthropologist, and adopting that openness necessary to learning about a culture outside of our own, can help us learn more about our own parents, grandparents, and the events and experiences that shaped them--and in turn, shaped us.

The pandemic has made us more aware than ever of how precious our family is, and how limited a time we have to spend with one another, especially our elders. *How To Interview Your Family* offers a way to listen with new ears to those who we most take for granted.

About the author

Elizabeth Keating is a professor of anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, where she has taught for over 20 years. A linguistic anthropologist who studies culture and communication, Keating brings an understanding of culture as well as an understanding of the importance of narrative in shaping human experience to her work. She has published over 50 journal articles based on her research and has given talks at Google and other major companies. She has been a visiting scholar at the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies in Germany and at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in the Netherlands, and has given over 75 talks at national and international venues.

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Length: 50,000 words



WHAT EVERY WOMAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT HER GUT

Understand Your Digestion and Feel Better Than Ever

Introducing the FLAT Gut Diet

Barbara Ryan & Elaine McGowan

The first book to deal solely with women's gut issues, challenging the wealth of misinformation on the internet and elsewhere, and instead drawing on the latest and most robust scientific research and the decades of experience of the authors — a consultant gastroenterologist and a clinical nutritionist, both leaders in their fields.

Worldwide more than 500 million people suffer from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) – that's almost 11 per cent of the world's adult population. Even more people suffer from a little-known related digestive condition called functional dyspepsia (FD). Both are usually lifelong problems: there's no cure and the exact causes are unknown. What's more, 70% of sufferers are women.

This is the first book aimed specifically at women that aims to educate them about their digestive health and a range of gut conditions including IBS and FD. As well as explaining how the digestive system works, the authors look in detail at all-too-common problems such as stomach cramps, bloating, diarrhoea and constipation and show how women can ensure their symptoms are appropriately investigated and treated. They also describe their new FLAT Gut Diet, a major improvement on the popular low-FODMAP diet which, they find, leads to women eliminating foods in an unbalanced way or finding the dietary regime too restrictive and giving up on it.

Having between them treated over 60,000 patients, the authors intend this to be the go-to book for women of all ages dealing with a troublesome gut, providing readers with the confidence to take control of their gut health and empowering them to enjoy life to the fullest.

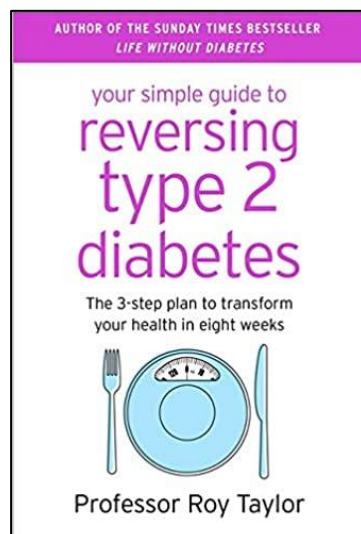
About the author

Barbara Ryan is a consultant gastroenterologist at Tallaght University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland, and a professor of gastroenterology at Trinity College, Dublin. She has been on many Irish advisory boards and was for several years National Specialty Director for training in gastroenterology. She has published over 100 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and presented more than 250 abstracts at scientific meetings. She has also written articles for *Image* women's magazine, for health supplements in Irish newspapers, and for publications aimed at specific patient groups.

Elaine McGowan is one of Ireland's leading healthcare dieticians and clinical nutritionists and is at the forefront of researching dietary solutions for IBS. She established her first private-practice clinic in 1992, and since then has successfully used dietary strategies to help patients in her clinics. She has a wealth of experience working in the sports industry, including with the Irish sailing and rowing Olympic squads and the national rugby team. She has also consulted for businesses and set up workplace well-being programmes. She has written articles for the Irish *Independent* and appeared on Irish television.

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YOUR SIMPLE GUIDE TO REVERSING TYPE 2 DIABETES

The 3-Step Plan to Transform Your Health in Eight Weeks

Professor Roy Taylor

Praise for *Life Without Diabetes*:

'Roy Taylor and his team at Newcastle University have not only cracked the mystery of what causes type 2 diabetes, the greatest health problem of our time, but shown the world how to get rid of it. This is a terrific book, which will help a huge number of people.' Dr Michael Mosley

From the author *Sunday Times* bestseller *Life Without Diabetes*.

A super-simple guide for anyone wanting to reverse their type 2 diabetes.

In this pocket version of his bestselling *Life Without Diabetes*, Professor Roy Taylor offers a brilliantly concise explanation of what happens to us when we get type 2 and how we can reverse it permanently.

Taylor's research has demonstrated that type 2 is caused by just one factor - too much internal fat in the liver and pancreas - and that to reverse it you need to strip this harmful internal fat out with rapid weight loss.

In simple, accessible language, Taylor takes you through the three steps of his clinically proven Newcastle weight loss programme and shows how to incorporate the programme into your life.

Complete with FAQs and inspirational tips from his trial participants, this is an essential read for anyone who has been given a diagnosis of type 2 diabetes and wants to understand their condition and transform their outcomes.

About the author

Roy Taylor is a physician and a Professor at the Newcastle Magnetic Resonance Centre at Newcastle University, which he founded in 2006. The findings of Professor Taylor's research into the causes of type 2 diabetes, and his diet-based treatment recommendations, are causing a revolution in the treatment of the condition and transforming lives all around the world.

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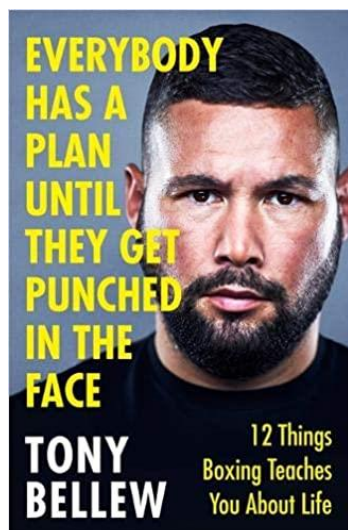
On behalf of: J.P. Marshall Agency

Publication: May 2021

Length: 192 pages

Previous title:

Life Without Diabetes: UK (Short Books), US (HarperOne), Dutch (Nieuwezijds), German (VAK), Italian (Vallardi), Russian (Eksmo)



EVERYBODY HAS A PLAN UNTIL THEY GET PUNCHED IN THE FACE

12 Things Boxing Teaches You About Life

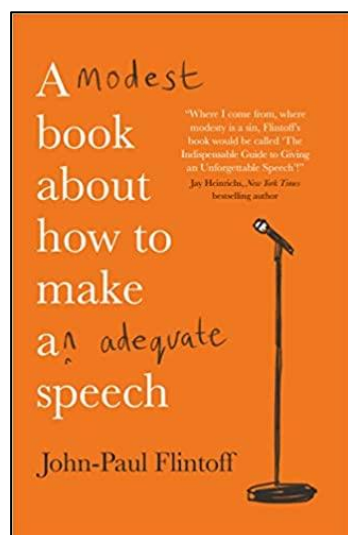
Tony Bellew

A brilliant, pull-no-punches account of what life as a boxer can teach all of us about bravery, resilience and facing your fears.

Over 12 rounds (chapters), former world champion boxer Tony Bellew will take the reader inside the world of elite boxing to reveal what we can all learn about performance. From what the boxing gym can teach us all about being honest about our strengths and weaknesses to how to hit the canvas and get back up again, this is the closest thing to having a world champion boxer in your corner.

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A MODEST BOOK ABOUT HOW TO MAKE AN ADEQUATE SPEECH

John-Paul Flintoff

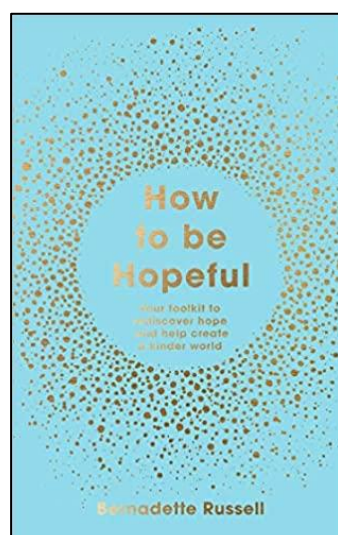
Most of us dread public speaking. But at some point we find ourselves forced to make a speech. And we worry: Will my jokes fall flat? What if I freeze? Is it okay to read notes? What if people walk out?

This book won't magically transform you into a fast-talking corporate hotshot. But it will show you how to think about public speaking in a new way, and with a spot of luck, you will achieve adequacy. Or better!

Humble but motivating, this is a guide to finding your voice, even if it's a bit croaky at first, and a reassuring affirmation that we all have something to say.

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Rights sold: UK (Short Books)



HOW TO BE HOPEFUL

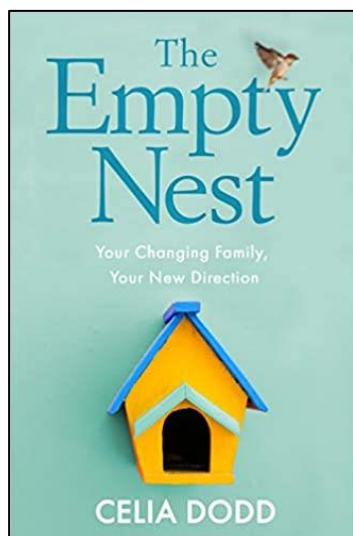
Your Toolkit to Rediscover Hope and Help Create a Kinder World

Bernadette Russell

Whether we're grieving or afraid, worn down by everyday troubles or relentless bad news, there is always hope. As an expert on the multiple benefits of hope and kindness, Bernadette Russell reveals how hope can be nurtured by all of us, even in uncertain times. Filled with cutting-edge research, timeless philosophy and tales of triumph over adversity, this uplifting book will give you all you need to cultivate hope in yourself, your community and in our future. With plenty of 'try this' tips and case studies of everyday 'hope heroes', *How to Be Hopeful* will inspire you to live and to act with renewed hope for a more compassionate world.

Translation on behalf of Elliott & Thompson

Rights sold: Audio (Bolinda), North American (Sourcebooks)



THE EMPTY NEST

Your Changing Family, Your New Direction

Celia Dodd

A practical and inspiring guide to adjusting to life after your children leave home. *The Empty Nest* includes case studies documenting a wide range of experiences of parents living through an empty nest; expert comment and advice; plenty of practical ideas, inspiration and tips. This encouraging, empowering book helps you to focus on the positive as well as how to handle the changing relationship with your children to ensure a fulfilling and good relationship going forward, an area of parenting often ignored.

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SPLITTING: The Inside Story on Headaches

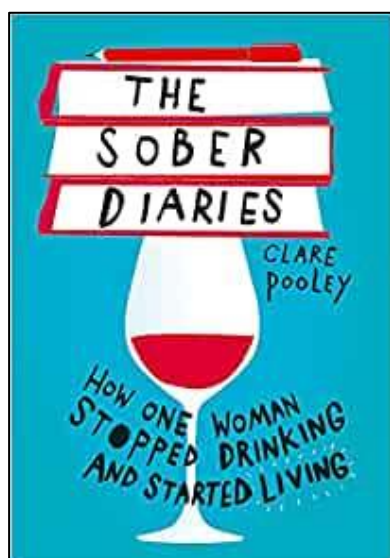
Amanda Ellison

Written by a leading neuroscientist, *Splitting* tells the fascinating true story about headaches, and the secrets they reveal about your brain and overall health. Did you know that chocolate doesn't give you a headache - and may in fact prevent one happening? Or that 30% of us sneeze at sunlight? Or that you can see off a headache with an orgasm?

From migraines to sinus pain to tension headaches - and everything in between - *Splitting* separates fact from fiction, putting you in control and helping you practise habits that will protect you from headache.

Translation on behalf of J.P. Marshall Agency

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THE SOBER DIARIES

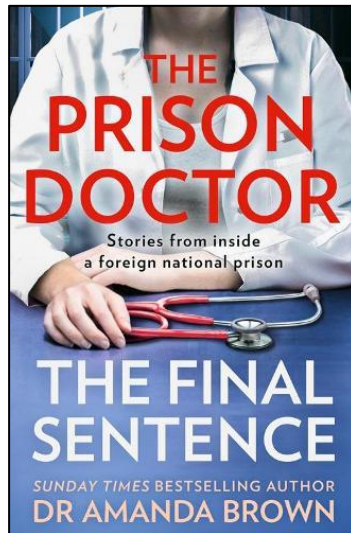
How One Mum Stopped Drinking and Started Living

Clare Pooley

A bravely honest and brilliantly comic account of how one mother gave up drinking and started living. This is Bridget Jones Dries Out. This is the story of a year in Clare's life. A year that started with her quitting booze and then being given the devastating diagnosis of breast cancer. By the end of the year she is booze-free and cancer-free, she no longer has a wine belly, is two stone lighter and with a life that is so much richer, healthier and more rewarding than ever before.

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THE PRISON DOCTOR: THE FINAL SENTENCE

Dr Amanda Brown

Praise for *The Prison Doctor*:

'Written with both humour and deep concern for the lives of her incarcerated patients. It's a poignant, compassionate read, giving an insight into the complicated and damaged lives of some of the offenders ... a thoroughly enlightening and engaging book.' Mail on Sunday

'A fascinating, sometimes funny, often gruelling account of working behind bars.' Observer

'All of the highs and lows of prison life, with heart-warming honesty and anecdotes to make your sides split and your jaw drop in equal measure ...' Sunday Express S Magazine

From the Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Prison Doctor* and *The Prison Doctor: Women Inside*.

Revisit the world of *The Prison Doctor*, as she describes stories of her time spent with foreign national prisoners.

In true *Prison Doctor* style Dr Amanda Brown tells heartbreaking stories with warmth and compassion of her time spent working with prisoners whose fate of deportation hangs in the balance.

Including moving and memorable stories, such as a Nigerian man who's dying of cancer and wants to do so with his family around him rather than be deported back to his country where he will die alone, and a Ghanaian who is terrified to return home as he knows certain death awaits him there because he's gay, Dr Amanda describes how in the end she can only do what she does best. And that's take care of her patients while they're in prison.

About the author

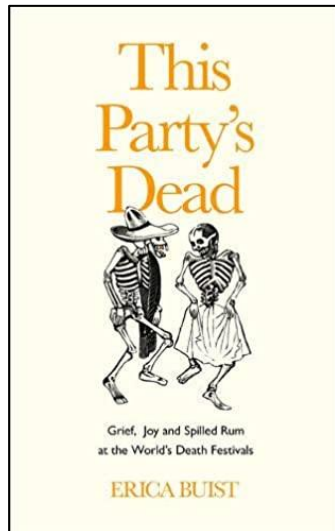
Dr Amanda Brown is a GP at the largest women-only prison in Europe, Bronzefield. Before transferring to work in prisons, Amanda was a regular NHS GP but gave up her practice because she disliked the way the job's focus has shifted. She went on to work at a teenage detention centre, before moving on to Wormwood Scrubs and then finally to Bronzefield where she continues to work.

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Previous title:

The Prison Doctor: Czech (Albatros), Japanese (Soshisha), Lithuanian (Jotema), Polish (JK), Russian (AST)



THIS PARTY'S DEAD

Grief, Joy and Spilled Rum at the World's Death Festivals

Erica Buist

'Poignant and often hilarious.'
Publishers Weekly

What if we responded to death... by throwing a party?

By the time Erica Buist's father-in-law Chris was discovered, upstairs in his bed, his book resting on his chest, he had been dead for over a week. She searched for answers (the artery-clogging cheeses in his fridge?) and tried to reason with herself (does daughter-in-law even feature in the grief hierarchy?) and eventually landed on an inevitable, uncomfortable truth: everybody dies.

While her husband maintained a semblance of grace and poise, Erica found herself consumed by her grief, descending into a bout of pyjama-clad agoraphobia, stalking friends online to ascertain whether any of them had also dropped dead without warning, unable to extract herself from the spiral of death anxiety... until one day she decided to reclaim control.

With Mexico's Day of the Dead festivities as a starting point, Erica decided to confront death head-on by visiting seven death festivals around the world - one for every day they didn't find Chris. From Mexico to Nepal, Sicily, Thailand, Madagascar, Japan and finally Indonesia - with a stopover in New Orleans, where the dead outnumber the living ten to one - Erica searched for the answers to both fundamental and unexpected questions around death anxiety.

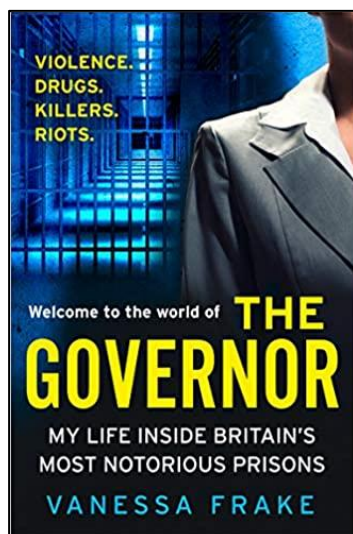
This Party's Dead is the account of her journey to understand how other cultures deal with mortal terror, how they move past the knowledge that they're going to die in order to live happily day-to-day, how they celebrate rather than shy away from the topic of death - and how when this openness and acceptance are passed down through the generations, death suddenly doesn't seem so scary after all.

About the author

Erica is a writer, journalist and author living in London. She writes mostly for the *Guardian* but can also be found on the BBC, *Medium*, *Newsweek* and in various literary magazines and anthologies. She has been awarded writing residencies at The Wellstone Center in the Redwoods, Vermont Studio Center, Faber, Arte Studio Ginestrelle and VCCA. Erica is currently working on a collection of short stories based in London. @ericabuist

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Material: Finished copies

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Length: 320 pages



THE GOVERNOR

Vanessa Frake

***Sunday Times* Top 5 Bestseller**

Violence. Drugs. Suicide. Riots. Terrorism. Prisoner escapes. Infamous serial killers. Dirty protests. Arrogant celebrities and escape artists. Welcome to the world of *The Governor*.

Having worked for 16 years in a high security women's prison, Vanessa Frake thought she'd seen just about everything. That was until she was transferred to the notorious Wormwood Scrubs as head of security and operations.

Thrust into a 'man's world', her no-nonsense approach and fearless attitude saw her swiftly rise through the ranks. From dealing with celebrity criminals and busting drug rings, to recruiting informers and being subject to violent attacks, this hard-hitting but often humorous memoir reveals all about life behind bars in unflinching detail.

Are you ready to experience life behind bars? Well, step on in. The Gov reveals all...

About the author

Vanessa Frake's work as The Governor made such an impact that she was awarded an MBE by the Queen for her service to the country. After decades of stress, she retired early from the prison service and now lives outside London with her partner and daughter. In a complete career change, she bakes cakes at a cafe and volunteers at an animal sanctuary. None of the café's customers have any idea about her previous life.

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Material: Finished copies
Rights sold: Polish (Znak)

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Publication: April 2021
Length: 352 pages



THE PANTS OF PERSPECTIVE FIFTY SHADES OF THE USA LLAMA DRAMA

Anna McNuff

'Llama Drama is simply hilarious. I literally inhaled it.' Claudia Winkleman, TV presenter and author

'A thrilling coming of age journey that'll make you yearn for adventure.' Runner's World

'A story that inspires others to blaze a trail.' Guardian

Winner of the 2020 Amazon Kindle Storyteller Literary Award. More than 1,000 5* Amazon reviews

THE PANTS OF PERSPECTIVE

Anna was never anything like those 'real' runners on telly – all spindly limbs, tiny shorts and split times – but when she read about New Zealand's 3,000-kilometre-long Te Araroa Trail, she began to wonder... perhaps being a 'real' runner was overrated. Maybe she could just run it anyway?

Travelling alone through New Zealand's backcountry for 148 days, she scrambled through forests, along ridge-lines, over mountain passes, along beaches and across swollen rivers. Running up to 52 kilometres in a day, she slept wild most nights, and was taken into the homes and hearts of the kiwi people in between. *The Pants of Perspective* is a witty, colourful and at times painfully raw account of a journey to the edge of what a woman believes herself to be capable of.

FIFTY SHADES OF THE USA

Disillusioned with corporate London life and with no previous experience as a long-distance cyclist, Anna decides to clamber atop a beautiful pink bicycle (named Boudica) and set out on an 11,000-mile journey on her own, through each and every state of the USA. Dodging floods, blizzards and electrical storms, she pedals side by side with mustangs of the Wild West, through towering redwood forests, past the snow-capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains and on to the volcanos of Hawaii.

Along the way, she meets record-breaking grandmas, sings with Al Green at a gospel service and does her best to avoid becoming a grizzly bear's dinner. *50 Shades of the USA* is a down-to-earth, heartfelt and hilarious account of an adventure through a country well-known, but far less well-understood. It is a stunning tale of self-discovery told through the eyes of a woman who couldn't help but wonder if there was more to life, and more to America too.

About the author

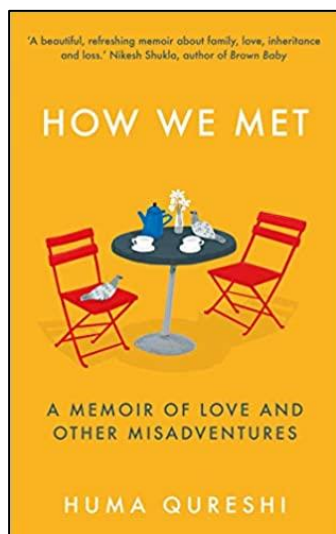
Anna McNuff is an adventurer, speaker, author and self-confessed mischief maker. Named by *The Guardian* as one of the top female adventurers of our time, Condé Nast Traveller included her in a list of the 50 most influential travellers in the world. She is also the UK ambassador for Girl Guiding.

LPA controls: Brazil, France, Greece, Netherlands,
Nordic countries, Portugal, Spain

Publisher: Anna McNuff
Material: Finished copies

On behalf of: Zeno Agency

Publication: October 2021
Length: 368 pages



HOW WE MET

A Memoir of Love and Other Misadventures

Huma Qureshi

'A sweet, touching memoir about family, faith and love. There's a purity and simplicity to Huma's writing, as she attempts to reconcile the sprawling weight of expectation with her own desire for a contained but free life. But what does a life on her own terms look like? What even are her own terms? A consolation to others who have trod this very path, enlightening for those of us who haven't, you'll be rooting for not just Huma, but for everyone she loves too.' Pandora Sykes

'A beautiful, refreshing and honest memoir about family, love, inheritance and loss.' Nikesh Shukla, author of *Brown Baby*

A Stylist pick for best new non-fiction for 2021.

Growing up in Walsall in the 1990s, Huma straddled two worlds - school and teenage crushes in one, and the expectations and unwritten rules of her family's south Asian social circle in the other. Reconciling the two was sometimes a tightrope act, but she managed it. Until it came to marriage.

Caught between her family's concern to see her safely settled down with someone suitable, her own appetite for adventure and a hopeless devotion to romance honed from Georgette Heyer, she seeks temporary refuge in Paris and imagines a future full of possibility. And then her father has a stroke and everything changes.

As Huma learns to focus on herself she begins to realise that searching for a suitor has been masking everything that was wrong in her life: grief for her father, the weight of expectation, and her uncertainty about who she really is. Marriage - arranged or otherwise - can't be the all-consuming purpose of her life. And then she meets someone. Neither Pakistani nor Muslim nor brown, and therefore technically not suitable at all. When your worlds collide, how do you measure one love against another?

As much as it is about love, *How We Met* is also about falling out with and misunderstanding each other, and how sometimes even our closest relationships can feel so far away. Warm, wise and ultimately uplifting, this is a coming-of-age story about what it really means to find 'happy ever after'.

About the author

Huma Qureshi is an author and journalist, living in north London. Her journalism has appeared in the *Guardian*, *The Observer*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Times* and the *Independent*. She is the author of *In Spite of Oceans*, a collection of creative non-fiction accounts of south Asian family life, which received The John C Laurence Award in 2014 from The Authors' Foundation for helping to improve understanding between cultures. Her short stories have appeared in a number of anthologies. She was an essayist for the anthology *The Best, Most Awful Job: Twenty Writers Talk Honestly About Motherhood*.

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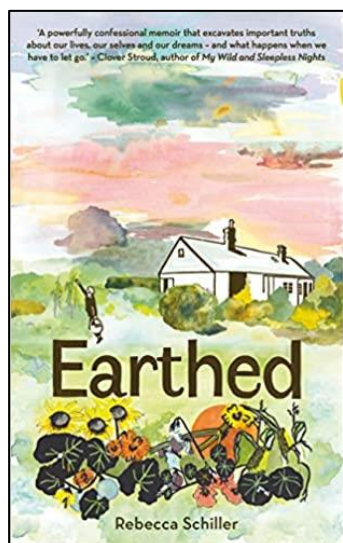
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On behalf of: Elliott & Thompson

Publication: February 2021

Length: 240 pages



EARTHED

Rebecca Schiller

'A powerfully confessional memoir that excavates important truths about our lives, our selves and our dreams and what happens when we have to let go.' Clover Stroud, author of *My Wild and Sleepless Nights*

'The "how I moved to a field and had a breakdown book" that desperately needed to be written. Incredibly bold, brave, poetic and absolutely beautiful: a fascinating insight into the mind.'
Sophie Heawood, author of *The Hungover Games*

'So honest, so raw and so vulnerable. This much-needed story of resilience integrates history, myth and folklore, drawing on the histories of the people who have gone before and to whom this land once belonged.'
Dr Pragya Agarwal, author of *Sway: Unravelling Unconscious Bias*

In 2017, Rebecca Schiller turned fantasy to reality and moved her family to a countryside smallholding for a life of sowing and growing.

But as the first few years go by, and the ever-expanding list of tasks builds to a cacophony, it becomes clear that this is not going to be simple.

Another January comes in, and with it the threat of a mental health crisis, and so Rebecca turns to the garden where she has made her home, and to the women of this place's past. Here, she stumbles on a wild space of imaginative leaps, where she begins to uncover the hidden layers of her plot's history - and of herself. The ground under Rebecca's boots offers hard lessons as the seasons shift, delivering unflinching glimpses of damage done to peoples and the planet and regular defeats in her battle with the slugs.

Yet as the New Year returns, carrying a life-changing diagnosis and then a global pandemic, Rebecca begins to move forwards with hope: the smallholding has become her anchor, her teacher and her family's shelter. Because when we find ourselves in an unknown land, we all need something small to hold on to and a way to keep ourselves earthed.

About the author

Rebecca Schiller is an author and journalist. She is co-founder and trustee of the human rights charity Birthrights and a regular contributor to the *Guardian*. Rebecca and her family raise a motley crew of goats, geese, ducks and chickens. They work their Kent smallholding to grow vegetables, fruit and flowers and restore wildlife to the land.

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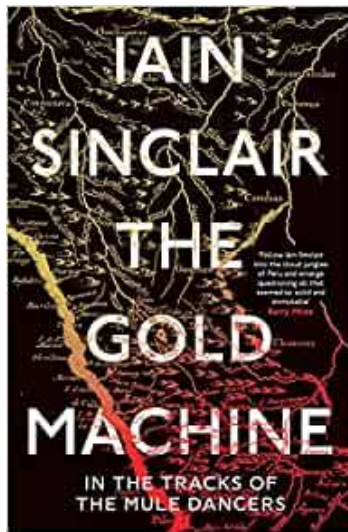
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Rights sold: North America (The Experiment)

On behalf of: Elliott & Thompson

Publication: May 2021

Length: 304 pages



THE GOLD MACHINE

In the Tracks of the Mule Dancers

Iain Sinclair

'The Gold Machine is a trip, a psychoactive expedition in compelling company.' TLS

'In this magnificent book, Iain Sinclair and his daughter follow their culpable, intrepid ancestor into Peru, towards a coffee-black heart of colonial darkness... A sultry masterpiece.' Alan Moore

'Sentence for sentence, there is no more interesting writer at work in English.'

John Lanchester

From the award-winning author of *The Last London* and *Lights Out for the Territory*, a journey in the footsteps of our ancestors.

In *The Gold Machine*, Sinclair and his daughter travel through Peru, guided by the itinerary of an ill-fated colonial expedition led by his great-grandfather, Arthur Sinclair.

Victorian Adventist missionaries are contrasted with today's ecotourists, coffee plantations with cocaine territories and the charms of family history are set against the brutal realities of land grabs and empire run amok.

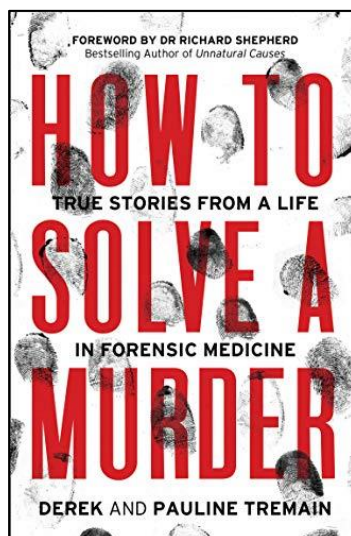
A *Boys' Own Adventure* story in leather-bound book is transformed into a shocking tale of the violated rights of indigenous people, secret dealings between London finance and Peruvian government, and the collusion of the church in colonial expansion. In other words, a beautiful valley is now the property of a British corporation. In Sinclair's haunting prose, no place escapes its past, and nor can we.

About the author

Iain Sinclair is the award-winning writer of numerous critically acclaimed books on London, including *The Last London*, *Lights Out for the Territory*, *London Orbital* and *London Overground*. He won the Encore Award and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize for his novel *Downriver*. He lives in Hackney, East London.

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 Material: Finished copies

On behalf of: MBA Literary Agents
 Publication: September 2021
 Length: 432 pages



HOW TO SOLVE A MURDER

True Stories From a Life in Forensic Medicine

Derek and Pauline Tremain

As gripping as it is gruesome, *How to Solve a Murder* is a fascinating insight into the career of a pathologist told by experts in the field. Includes a foreword from Dr Richard Shepherd, bestselling author of *Unnatural Causes*.

Fractured skulls. Gas masks. Brain buckets.

Not your typical workspace, but for forensic scientist Derek and his secretary Pauline, it was just another day at the office.

The husband and wife duo have been behind some of the world's most pioneering forensic science techniques. Their work has played a pivotal role in extremely high-profile cases across the years, putting murderers behind bars, discovering causes of seemingly inexplicable freak accidents and salvaging victims of tragic disasters.

While the business of unnatural deaths may not be the most romantic of trades, it's also how Derek and Pauline's unusual love story began. After meeting on the job, the inseparable pair became a force to be reckoned with, unfailingly cracking cases one body part at a time.

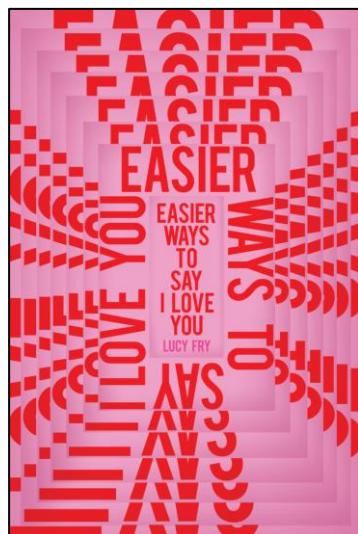
Warmly recalled and brilliantly told, this must-read will teach you everything you've ever wanted to know about death *and* life, and all their brilliant peculiarities. Although, be warned: it's not one for the faint-hearted.

About the author

Derek Tremain was Chief Forensic Scientist at Guy's Hospital. After working there for 35 years, he left to set up an independent forensic science company with his wife, Pauline, whom he met and worked with at Guy's. He is recognised to be the UK's leading expert in weapon and wound overlay matching. He also pioneered the UK's first injury body mapping service for murder trials, now used by police forces across the UK.

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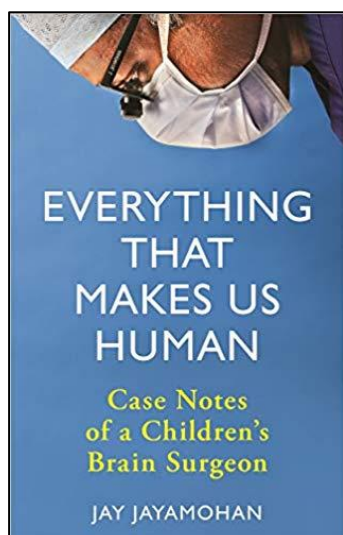
EASIER WAYS TO SAY I LOVE YOU

Lucy Fry

'I absolutely loved this book! An important voice and beautifully written.'
Evie Wyld

One woman's remarkable and candid account of transforming a difficult and uncomfortable love triangle into an honest polyamorous relationship. With intense and unflinching honesty, journalist Lucy Fry takes her readers on a compelling journey from childhood trauma to addiction then sobriety, infidelity to polyamory and, perhaps most intensely of all, from her fear around being a parent to her exquisite joy at having a son.

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EVERYTHING THAT MAKES US HUMAN

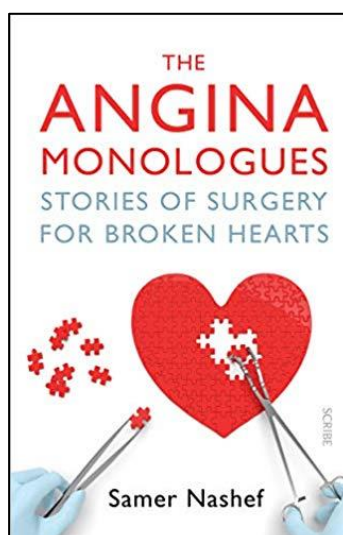
Case Notes of a Children's Brain Surgeon

Jay Jayamohan

Jay Jayamohan makes life and death decisions on a daily basis. That's because he's a Consultant Paediatric Neurosurgeon in a busy Oxford hospital. Every day, parents put all their faith in him to make their sick children well again. Though he is proud of his successes, he is haunted by every failure. Jayamohan is known not only for his skill in surgery but also his human touch: to him, no patient is only a number. *Everything That Makes Us Human* is a pacy, gripping account of Jayamohan's life and work.

Translation on behalf of MBA Literary Agents

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THE ANGINA MONOLOGUES

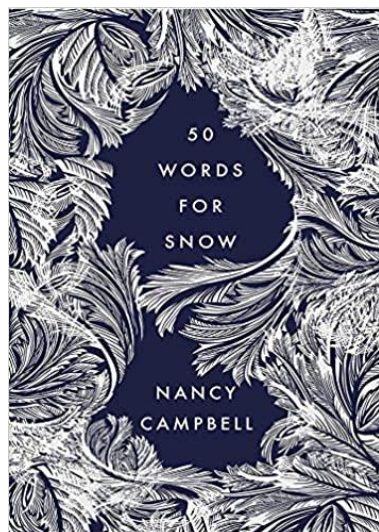
Stories of Surgery for Broken Hearts

Samer Nashef

True stories from the cutting edge of heart surgery. *The Angina Monologues* speeds from the transporting of a donor's heart up the motorway hard shoulder, to cautionary stories of excessive intervention gone awry in US hospitals, to a traumatic trip to bring advanced cardiac surgery to the Palestinian West Bank. Consultant cardiac surgeon Samer Nashef tells heart-stopping stories of transplants, bypasses, coronary artery repair, and cardiac arrest.

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50 WORDS FOR SNOW

Nancy Campbell

'Absolutely exquisite. This little book is a work of art. It is impossible to imagine the reader who will not love it.'

Horatio Clare, author of *The Light in the Dark: A Winter Journal*

'Sparkles and dazzles with new meanings and old magic. Campbell's writing beautifully captures the elemental power of snow and its ability to transform our world. You'll never see snow in the same way again.'

Matt Gaw, author of *Under the Stars: A Journey Into Light*

Snow. In Japan it is *Yuki-onna* – 'a goddess'. In Icelandic, *Hundslappadrífa* – 'flakes as big as a dog's paws'. In Hawai'ian, snow is *hau* – 'mother of pearl', but also 'love'.

Every language and culture has its own word for the feather-like, jewel-like flakes that fall from the sky. From Iceland to Greenland, mountain top to frozen forest, school yard to park, snow is welcomed, feared, played with and prized. In this lyrical, evocative and beautiful book, Arctic traveller and award-winning writer, Nancy Campbell, digs deep into the meanings, etymologies and histories of fifty words for snow from across the globe. Held under her magnifying glass, each of these linguistic snow crystals offers a whole world of myth, culture and story.

About the author

Nancy Campbell is an award-winning writer, described as 'a deft, dangerous and dazzling' by the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. Her travels in the Arctic between 2010 and 2017 have resulted in several projects responding to the environment, most recently *The Library of Ice: Readings in a Cold Climate*, which was longlisted for the Rathbones Folio Prize 2019. Her previous book on the polar environment, *Disko Bay*, was shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best First Collection in 2016. A former magazine editor, she contributes to the Times Literary Supplement, Royal Academy Magazine and other journals. She has been a Marie Claire 'Wonder Woman', a Hawthornden Fellow and Visual and Performing Artist in Residence at Oxford University. She is currently a Literature Fellow at Internationales Künstlerhaus Villa Concordia in Bamberg, Germany.

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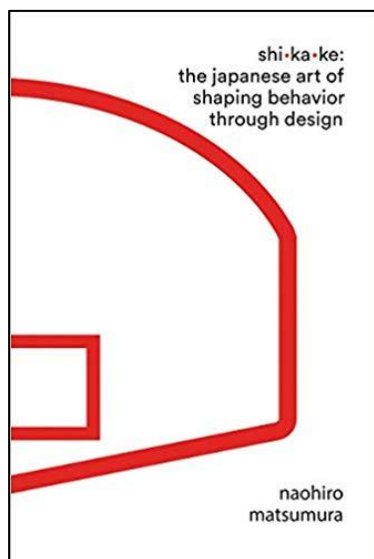
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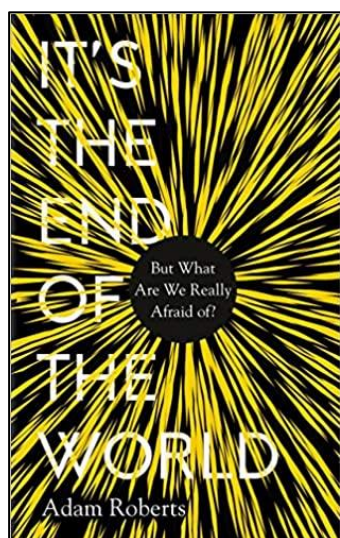
SHIKAKE

The Japanese Art of Shaping Behaviour Through Design

Dr Naohiro Matsumura

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up meets *Nudge* in this irresistible design method from Japan. Naohiro Matsumura has devised a new approach to design as astonishingly simple in its logic as it is sophisticated in its psychology. For example, a staircase painted like piano keys prompts people to exercise, or a symbol of a shrine placed in a public square discourages vandalism. Combining traditional Japanese aesthetics with the lessons of behavioural economics, Matsumura presents a tool kit for literally anyone who wants to create their own mindful designs.

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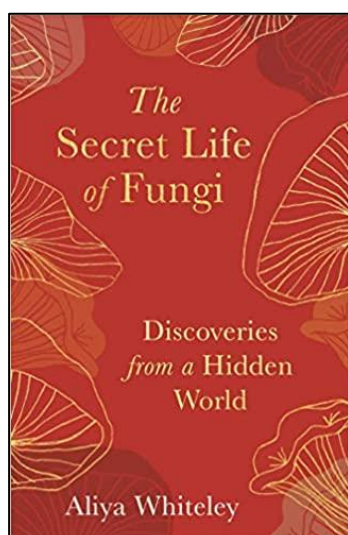
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD

But What Are We Really Afraid Of?

Adam Roberts

Are we doomed? Are flesh eating zombies or an earth shattering meteor waiting for us just around the corner? Probably not. So why are we so obsessed with imagining our own demise? In this entertaining and thought-provoking book, acclaimed science fiction author and critic Adam Roberts explores our many different visions of the apocalypse – both likely and unlikely, mundane and bizarre – and what they say about how we see the world, how we respond to the changes and upheavals in our societies, and what it is we're really afraid of. An Almighty power? An uncaring Universe? The death of culture? Of our environment? Ourselves? Or just our own, very personal, apocalypse: our mortality?

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THE SECRET LIFE OF FUNGI

Discoveries from a Hidden World

Aliya Whiteley

Fungi can appear anywhere, from desert dunes to frozen tundra, and create anew from rotting matter. They can invade bodies and thoughts; they can live between our toes or between our floorboards; they are unwelcome intruders or vastly expensive treats; they are symbols of both death and eternal life. But despite their familiar presence, there's still much to learn about these secretive lifeforms. Aliya Whiteley delves into everything from cellular makeup to the fascinating ways fungi interact with their surroundings and other species, as well as the many roles they've played in our own civilization. The vast potential of these understudied organisms is still untapped; they could also hold the key to a variety of scientific advances, from agriculture to environmental innovations.

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I HEART POLITICS: Why Fandom Explains What's Really Going On

Phoenix CS Andrews

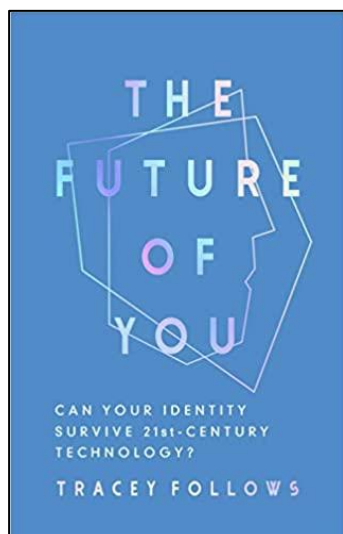
From Brexit rallies to the Capitol Hill Riot and QAnon to Extinction Rebellion, *I Heart Politics* argues that to understand what's really happening behind the headlines we need to think about one overlooked phenomenon: fandom.

Taking readers on an irresistible adventure from the ancient world to the present, and on a global tour that includes Brazil, India, Russia, South Korea, China, Hong Kong, France, Italy, Germany, Israel and Poland, *I Heart Politics* is a surprising response to the zeitgeist and a brilliant illustration of how, when it comes to many of the most important and polarising issues of our time, we're much less rational creatures than we'd like to believe.

About the author

Phoenix CS Andrews is a writer and researcher, specialising in politics, fandom and internet cultures from conspiracy theories and radicalisation to TikTok and data privacy. Phoenix has written for *The Times*, *Independent*, *Slate*, *New Statesman* and *Prospect* and they have appeared on BBC Radio 4, the World Service and Times Radio.

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THE FUTURE OF YOU

Can Your Identity Survive 21st Century Technology?

Tracey Follows

'This fascinating book explores the way that emerging technologies such as AI might affect the nature of personal identity and personhood. It paints an intriguing, thought-provoking, and occasionally disturbing picture.'

Michael Wooldridge, author of *The Road to Conscious*

In the future, how many identities will you have? How many do you want? Digital technology is causing us to think differently about who we are and who we could become, but with the right knowledge we can turn this incredible capacity to our advantage.

'Who am I?' is one of the most fundamental questions of all. But it is becoming increasingly difficult to answer as technology enables us to negotiate and create many different versions of ourselves.

In our digital, data-driven world, Facebook gets a say in verifying who we are, science can alter our biology, and advances in AI are revolutionizing not only how we interact online but with the physical world around us. Understanding and defining ourselves is becoming confusing but, as this fascinating book argues, it is possible to embrace this new era of transformation while preserving our autonomy.

In *The Future of You*, Professional futurist Tracey Follows shows how our personal freedoms and potential will be transformed over the coming decades. From health passports, bio-hacking and relationships with machines to mind clones, digital voting and virtual legacies beyond the grave, we need to understand these vital issues today so that we might design the future of our identity tomorrow.

About the author

Tracey Follows is a professional futurist and works with clients on long-term strategies, including Telefonica, Google, Sky, Farfetch, Conde Nast and Virgin. She writes and speaks on Futures, appearing in a global list of 50 female futurists in Forbes. She has spoken at UN HQ, the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office and at events such as Think With Google. She has appeared on BBC Business Matters, is a go-to futurist for many national press titles and is a contributor columnist in Forbes. She was an Adage 'Woman to Watch' 2017, Women in Marketing Award Winner for Outstanding Contribution to Marketing 2016, and Inaugural Creative Strategy Jury President at Cannes Lions 2019. In 2018, she was listed by Business Cloud as a Trailblazing Woman in Tech. She is a member of the Association of Professional Futurists, World Futures Studies Federation and a Fellow of the RSA.

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TRAFFICKING DATA

How China Won the Battle for Digital Sovereignty

Aynne Kokas

A deep dive into China's accumulation and movement of consumer data and what that means for the future of global digital sovereignty.

We live in an age when, with each tap on our smartphone, companies gather ever-richer profiles of us as customers. They know what we like, who we connect to, where we are, what's on our devices, what our private desires are. Increasingly, they can harvest insights about us that even our most intimate contacts don't know.

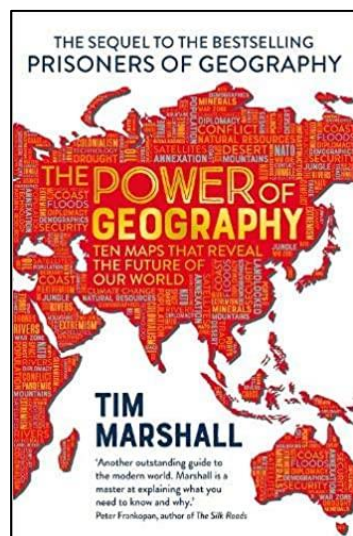
In *TRAFFICKING DATA*, the University of Virginia media studies professor Aynne Kokas reveals the afterlife of this extracted data. Kokas argues that US complacency – government leadership failures, Silicon Valley's disruption fetish, and Wall Street's addiction to growth – has yielded an unprecedented opportunity for Chinese firms to gather citizens' data and traffic it to China, and by extension, to the Chinese government.

Drawing on years of fieldwork in the United States and China and a large trove of corporate and policy documents, *TRAFFICKING DATA* reveals how the minutiae of daily life, whether online dating, playing video games, or mixing brownies in a connected mixer, contribute to China's acquiring unique access to US data – and what that means for the future of global power.

About the author

Aynne Kokas is an associate professor of media studies at the University of Virginia and a senior faculty fellow at the University of Virginia's Miller Center for Public Affairs. For over 20 years she has researched trade between the US and Chinese markets as a management consultant, professor, Fulbright scholar, and employee of Fortune 500 companies. Her research has been featured in the *New York Times*, NPR, BBC World News, the *Financial Times*, Slate and Bloomberg, among other outlets, and she has written opinion pieces for the *Washington Post* and the *Nikkei Asian Review*. She is the author of *HOLLYWOOD MADE IN CHINA* (University of California Press, 2017), which won multiple awards including the Chinese American Librarian Association Best Book Award and the Next Generation Indie Non-Fiction Book Award. She lives in Arlington, Virginia.

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THE POWER OF GEOGRAPHY

Ten Maps that Reveal the Future of Our World

Tim Marshall

'Another outstanding guide to the modern world. Marshall is a master at explaining what you need to know and why.' Peter Frankopan

Praise for *Prisoners of Geography*:

'Quite simply, one of the best books about geopolitics you could imagine: reading it is like having a light shone on your understanding... I can't think of another book that explains the world situation so well.' Nicholas Lezard, Evening Standard

'Sharp insights into the way geography shapes the choices of world leaders.' Gideon Rachman, Financial Times

The must-read new book from the No. 1 *Sunday Times* and internationally bestselling author of *Prisoners of Geography*, which has sold more than 1.5 million copies worldwide and been translated into 30 languages.

Tim Marshall's global bestseller *Prisoners of Geography* showed how every nation's choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas and concrete. Since then, the geography hasn't changed. But the world has.

In this revelatory new book, Marshall explores ten regions that are set to shape global politics in a new age of great-power rivalry: Australia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UK, Greece, Turkey, the Sahel, Ethiopia, Spain and Space. Find out why Europe's next refugee crisis is closer than it thinks as trouble brews in the Sahel; why the Middle East must look beyond oil and sand to secure its future; why the eastern Mediterranean is one of the most volatile flashpoints of the twenty-first century; and why the Earth's atmosphere is set to become the world's next battleground.

Delivered with Marshall's trademark wit and insight, this is a lucid and gripping exploration of the power of geography to shape humanity's past, present – and future.

About the Author

Tim Marshall is a leading authority on foreign affairs with more than 30 years of reporting experience. He was diplomatic editor at Sky News, and previously worked for the BBC and LBC/IRN radio. He has reported from 40 countries and covered conflicts in Croatia, Bosnia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. He is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestsellers *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics* and *Divided: Why We're Living in an Age of Walls*; *Worth Dying For: The Power and Politics of Flags*; and *Shadowplay: Behind the Lines and Under Fire*. He is founder and editor of the current affairs site TheWhatandtheWhy.com.

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CHILDREN OF THE FLOOD

Three Towns, Rising Waters, and the Fate of Black America

Vann R. Newkirk II

An award-winning journalist unearths the roots of African-American dispossession.

In *Children of the Flood*, Vann Newkirk weaves together the incredible stories of three of the earliest free black towns in the United States—Princeville, North Carolina; St. Helena, South Carolina; and Ironton, Louisiana—and their pioneering inhabitants, who, imperiled both by climate change and more than a century of white supremacist policy, face a man-made environmental disaster on the scale of the 1930s Dust Bowl. In so doing, he reveals how black Americans throughout history have been forced to negotiate an impossible choice: self-preservation or the preservation of their ancestral lands and culture.

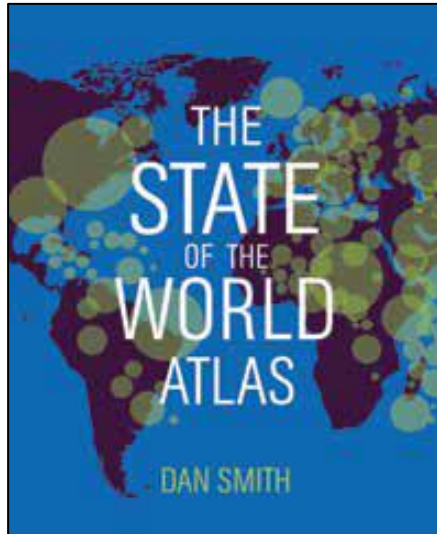
A powerful—and timely—story about survival, resilience, and spiritual longing, *Children of the Flood* offers lessons for us all on how to endure in the face of environmental catastrophe.

About the author

Vann R. Newkirk II is a staff writer for *The Atlantic*, where he covers politics and policy. He is the host and reporter for *The Atlantic's* forthcoming flagship documentary podcast on Hurricane Katrina. In 2017, he was named to The Root 100, and in 2018, he received the ASME Next Award from the American Society of Magazine Editors. In 2019, he was named a 2020 11th Hour Fellow at New America. Newkirk's work has been published in outlets such as the *New York Times Book Review*, the *New York Times*, the *New Yorker*, *GQ*, and *Ebony*. He lives in Hyattsville, Maryland.

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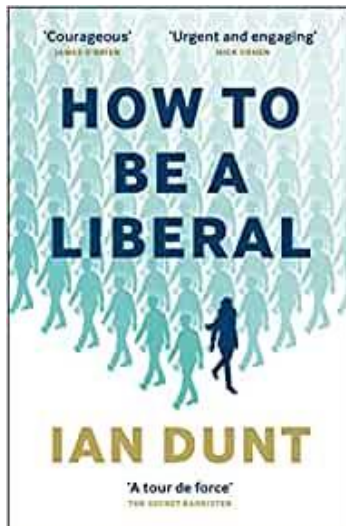
THE STATE OF THE WORLD ATLAS

Dan Smith

In a world governed by 'fake news' and where world leaders are dismissing facts, this statistically meticulous presentation of global trends is vitally important to understand the most challenging issues facing the world today. A ground-breaking atlas and milestone of graphic reporting, this latest edition addresses the economic, global health and geopolitical reverberations of Covid-19 throughout. Other new topics for this new 10th edition include health, education and gender inequalities, human rights abuses, financial corruption, military might, chemical warfare, plastic waste, and climate change.

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HOW TO BE A LIBERAL

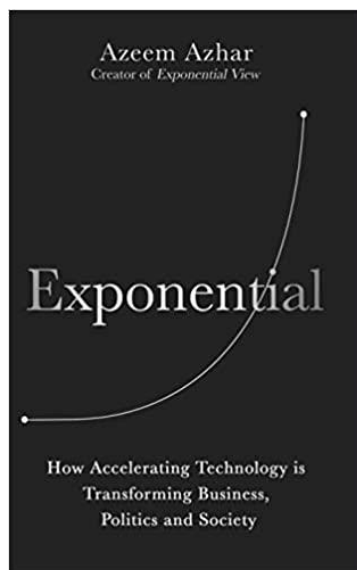
The Story of Freedom and the Fight for its Survival

Ian Dunt

Top 20 Hardback Bestseller.

Nationalists are launching an all-out assault on liberal values. In this ground-breaking book, political journalist Ian Dunt tells the story of liberalism, from its epic struggle against absolute monarchy to its modern-day resistance to the new populism. In a soaring narrative that stretches from the battle fields of the English Civil War to the French Revolution, to the 2008 financial crash, Brexit, Covid--19 and Donald Trump, *How to be a Liberal* sets out the principles and practices of liberalism and shows why it remains our most powerful weapon to shatter the shiny lies of populists.

Translation on behalf of Canbury Press



EXPONENTIAL: How Accelerating Technology is Transforming, Business, Politics and Society

Azeem Azhar

'Comprehensive but lively . . . Highly recommended!' Reid Hoffman, co-founder of LinkedIn and author of *Blitzscaling*

'Read this book if you are interested in how we can design a more inclusive and sustainable system with a re-direction of technological change at its centre.' Mariana Mazzucato, UCL professor and author of *The Value of Everything* and *Mission Economy*

'A powerful argument . . . Azeem Azhar's writing is informative and accessible.' Hannah Fry, BBC Radio 4 presenter and author of *Hello World*

'One of the best-regarded thought leaders in the industry.' Daniel Ek

A refreshing lens on our new future from an influential tech entrepreneur, investor, advisor and communicator.

We are entering the Exponential Age. Between faster computers, better software and bigger data, ours is the first era in human history in which technology is constantly accelerating.

Azeem Azhar - writer, technologist, and creator of the acclaimed *Exponential View* newsletter - understands this shift better than anyone. Technology, he argues, is developing at an increasing, exponential rate. But human society - from our businesses to our political institutions - can only ever adapt at a slower, incremental pace. The result is an 'exponential gap', between the power of new technology and our ability to keep up.

In *Exponential*, Azhar shows how this exponential gap can explain our society's most pressing problems - from established businesses' difficulty keeping up with digital platforms, to the sclerotic response of liberal democracies to fast-moving social problems. And he draws on cutting-edge social science to explain how to stop the exponential gap eroding our economies, our politics and our lives.

Exponential technology is upending our society. This book explains how.

About the author

Azeem Azhar is the creator of Exponential View, Britain's leading platform for in-depth tech analysis. His weekly newsletter is read by 200,000 people from around the world, and his chart-topping podcast has featured guests including Yuval Noah Harari, Reid Hoffman, Mariana Mazzucato and Tony Blair. The founder of a number of successful tech companies, Azhar is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Futures Council, sits on the board of the Ada Lovelace Foundation, and is a contributor to publications including the *Financial Times*, *Prospect* and the *MIT Technology Review*.

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FOR THE CULTURE

How to Catalyze Collective Behaviour and Inspire People to Move

Marcus Collins

An award-winning marketer for the likes of Beyoncé, Budweiser, and the Brooklyn Nets argues that true cultural engagement is the most powerful vehicle for influencing behaviour at scale.

We all try to influence others in our daily lives. We are all marketers, whether you are a manager motivating your team, an employee making a big presentation, an activist staging a protest, a bundle of nerves asking your crush on a date, a coach trying to get the most out of your players, or a teacher trying to encourage your students. In *For the Culture*, Marcus Collins shares cultural insights for everyone, no matter your background – not only to teach you what he’s learned, but also to empower you with the ability to inspire collective behavioural change.

Collins starts with a simple observation: to effectively engage with any community, we first need to think hard about what we will contribute to that community. Cultural influence is impossible without cultural participation. In *For the Culture* he begins by unpacking the origins of culture and its core relationship to identity, before diving into the specifics of how we leverage the power of culture and what happens when cultural connection goes wrong.

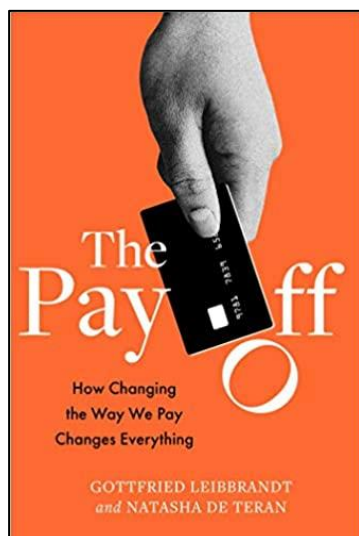
The past year has forced us to completely rethink how we engage with people – in business, in education, in politics, in our societies, and in everyday conversation. Despite our barriers to connection, how can we still convince people to share our vision? With a deep perspective based on a century’s worth of data, and designed for our hyper-connected, light-speed world, *For the Culture* tackles this question head-on. But it does more than that: it reminds readers of the power of cultural community. In the midst of social distancing, videoconferences, stay-at-home orders, and travel restrictions, we desperately need to restore that sense of community in our personal and professional lives, before we lose it altogether.

About the author

Marcus Collins is an award-winning marketer and cultural translator. He is a marketing professor at the Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, recipient of Advertising Age’s 40 Under 40 award and Crain’s Business 40 Under 40 award, and a recent inductee to the American Advertising Federation’s Hall of Achievement. Before serving as Chief Consumer Connections Officer at Doner Advertising, Collins led Social Engagement at Steve Stoute’s New York-based advertising agency, Translation. Prior to his advertising tenure, Collins worked on iTunes + Nike sport music initiatives at Apple and ran digital strategy for Beyoncé.

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THE PAY OFF

How Changing the Way We Pay Changes Everything

Gottfried Leibbrandt and Natasha de Teran

'What happens when we make a payment is literally a multi-billion dollar question. This is a fascinating and entertaining insight into those seconds between clicking a button and money appearing in far-off accounts – and the changing face of those who profit.'

Dharshini David, author of *The Almighty Dollar*

'The Pay Off sounds like a thriller and it reads like one... Accessible and erudite, entertaining and enriching, The Pay Off delivers.'

Tim Frost, former director of the Bank of England and chair of Cairn Capital

'Payments are the most important things most people have probably never even thought about. Banks, tech companies, Central Banks, crypto firms and crooks all know that if you control payments, you may also control critical data and ultimately the world. The Pay Off cleverly dissects the workings and future of this geopolitical and technological war. A must read for anyone in business.'
Bob Wigley, Chair, UK Finance, and author of *Born Digital: The Story of a Distracted Generation*

How we pay is so fundamental that it underpins everything - from trade to taxation, stocks and savings to salaries, pensions and pocket money. Rich or poor, criminal, communist or capitalist, we all rely on the same payments system, day in, day out. It sits between us and not just economic meltdown, but a total breakdown in law and order. Why then do we know so little about how it really works?

As you read this, technology is dismantling payment barriers and governments are erecting them; cash is on the way out, and crypto and BigTech are fighting their way in. The Europeans are heavily regulated, the Americans oddly backward, and the Chinese hoping to lead the way forward. Challenging our understanding about where financial power really lies, *The Pay Off* shows us that the most important thing about money is the way we move it.

Leibbrandt and De Terán shine a light on the hidden workings of the humble payment - and reveal both how our payment habits are determined by history as well as where we go from here. From national customs to warring nation states, geopolitics will shape the future of payments every bit as much as technology.

About the author

A self-confessed payments nerd, **Gottfried Leibbrandt** is the former CEO of SWIFT, the global network for interbank transactions. Prior to joining SWIFT, Leibbrandt worked for McKinsey & Company. He holds degrees from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Maastricht University, and Stanford Business School. **Natasha de Terán** is a former journalist, specialising in financial regulation and market structures. She has written for publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Times*, *Financial Times*, *Risk*, *Week*, and *Money Week*. She was the head of corporate affairs at SWIFT from 2012 to 2019.

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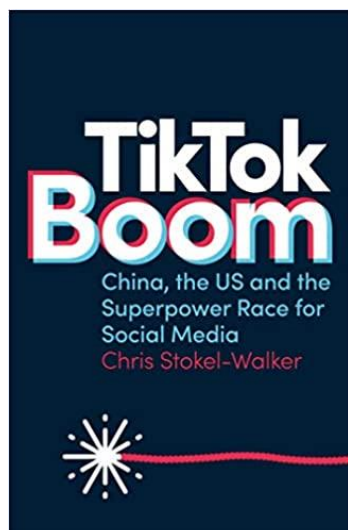
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TIKTOK, BOOM

China, the US and the Superpower Race for Social Media

Chris Stokel-Walker

Praise for *YouTubers*:

'No one understands the intricacies of YouTube like Chris Stokel-Walker. His reporting on the platform and its creators has been ground-breaking and unparalleled.' Taylor Lorenz, *The Atlantic*

'For anyone trying to understand the bonkers world of YouTube, this is essential reading. Full of entertaining dispatches from the front line of streaming, Stokel-Walker has written the preeminent guide to the new celebrity world - and what it means for the rest of us.' Sam Parker, *Esquire*

TikTok is the fastest growing app in the world, and the first to challenge the Silicon Valley hegemony. It's made an enemy in Donald Trump, and is the app a generation chooses to use to express itself.

But how has TikTok taken over the world in just a few short years, and what does its success mean for the future of technology?

Over the course of several years, Chris Stokel-Walker has interviewed scores of people connected to the world's hottest app, including current and former employees, as well as some of TikTok's biggest names in front of and behind the lens, gleaned never-before-seen insights as to how the new influencer ecosystem works. And as talks of a ban become more widespread, Stokel-Walker plots its potential downfall as the weight of geopolitics looms over the platform and its founder, Yiming Zhang.

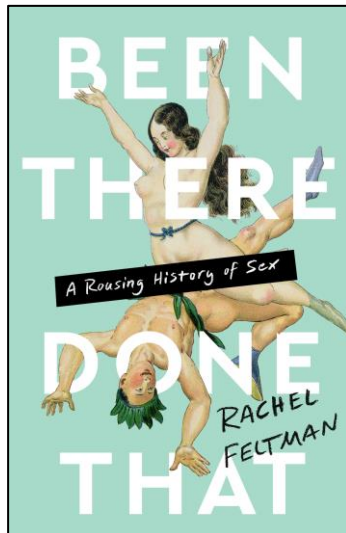
About the author

Chris Stokel-Walker is a British journalist whose work regularly appears in *WIRED*, *The Economist*, *the Guardian* and *Newsweek*.

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Previous title:

YouTubers: How YouTube Shook Up TV and Created a New Generation of Stars: Croatian (Profil), Korean (Miraebook), Turkish (Lykeion)



BEEN THERE, DONE THAT **A Rousing History of Sex** Rachel Feltman

A rollicking, myth-busting history of sex that sets the record straight on subjects ranging from contraception and STIs to courtship and reproduction, pushing back against plenty of present-day taboos and urban legends along the way.

With curiosity and irreverent insight, science writer Rachel Feltman breaks down the long, weird, illustrious history of sex. She guides readers through the kaleidoscopic archives of centuries-old porn and erotica, as well as the bizarre history of treatments for erectile dysfunction, including radium suppositories and goat testicle transplants. Feltman provides the history of huge scientific questions—e.g., How are babies made?—and considers the ancient from a modern perspective: What was it like to have herpes several millennia ago?

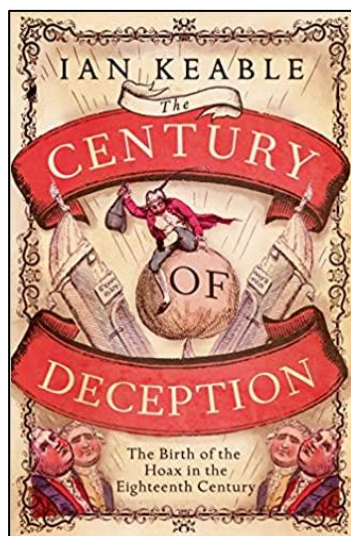
Even from unlikely sources like Hildegard von Bingen's treatise on the female orgasm, there's a lot we can learn about our modern-day sexual proclivities and practices from the historical record. And these figures from the past, from gay cowboys to polyamorous Vikings, prove that when it comes to how we have sex and who we do it with, there's no such thing as normal.

About the author

Rachel Feltman's first paying gig was organizing a bookshelf full of textbooks on vulvar disease at the age of seven, and she never looked back. She's the Executive Editor of *Popular Science* and hosts PopSci's podcast *The Weirdest Thing I Learned This Week*. In 2014, Feltman founded the *Washington Post*'s *Speaking of Science* blog, known for headlines like "You probably have herpes, but that's really okay," and "Uranus might be full of surprises." Feltman studied environmental science at Simon's Rock and has a master's in science reporting from NYU. She's a musician, an actress, and the stepmom of a very sassy 14-year-old cat.

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THE CENTURY OF DECEPTION

The Birth of the Hoax in Eighteenth-Century England

Ian Keable

'A fascinating, witty and beautifully-written book.' Matt Lucas

'Utter joy! A delicious romp through the heyday of balderdash and grand-scale deception, penned by one of the country's finest magical minds.'
Derren Brown

'A masterful and fascinating journey into a hitherto hidden world of history, mystery and hoaxes.' Richard Wiseman, author of *Shoot for the Moon: How the Moon Landings Taught us the 8 Secrets of Success*

'Fake news', 'going viral' and 'social media' may be modern phrases but the concepts have been with us for centuries.

In 1749 a newspaper advertisement appeared stating that a man would climb inside a bottle on the stage of a London theatre. Unfortunately, although the audience turned up, the conjurer didn't. Earlier in the same century a woman said she was giving birth to rabbits; later a new Shakespearian play was supposedly discovered and performed – like the Bottle Conjurer for one night only.

In *The Century Of Deception* the magician and historian of conjuring Ian Keable tells the stories of these and several other eighteenth-century hoaxes including a sociopathic liar, a hilarious astrological prediction, a rapping ghost and a Frenchman attempting to go airborne in a Chinese temple.

Hoaxes, of course, have always been around. But this was the era when they were first extensively reported, vividly depicted and reliably described – as well as forensically investigated. They were also widely influential, drawing in many celebrities of the day such as Samuel Johnson, Benjamin Franklin and Jonathan Swift and inflaming concerns about 'English credulity'.

Embracing history and society, literature and the theatre, medicine and religion, satirical prints and paintings, imprisonment and capital punishment, and questions of 'whodunit' and 'whydunit', this entertaining and eye-popping book reveals how these hoaxes provide the perfect mirror for reflecting universal truths about our susceptibility to being duped.

About the author

Ian Keable obtained a first-class degree from the University of Oxford in philosophy, politics and economics, qualified as a chartered accountant and then became a professional magician. A member of The Magic Circle with gold star, he has won awards for his unique brand of comedy magic and is the author of three books for the general public as well as three for professionals including *Stand-Up: A Professional Guide to Comedy Magic* and *Charles Dickens Magician: Conjuring in Life, Letters and Literature*. He has made numerous appearances on television and has written and presented programmes for BBC Radio. He gives talks on cartoons, satirical prints and 18th-century hoaxes, still performs as a magician, and also does a show about Dickens's interest in conjuring and spiritualism.

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STRIKE PATTERNS

Lives After a Secret War

Leah Zani

In the tradition of Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*, a vividly drawn narrative that asks: how do people create meaningful lives after war?

A strike pattern is a signature of violence carved into the land—bomb craters or fragments of explosives left behind, forgotten. In *Strike Patterns*, poet and anthropologist Leah Zani journeys to a Lao river community where people live alongside such relics of a secret war. As Zani uncovers this hidden legacy, she finds herself immersed in the lives of her hosts: Chantha, a daughter of war refugees who grapples with her place in a future Laos of imagined prosperity; Channarong, a bomb technician whose Thai origins allow him to stand apart from the battlefields he clears; and Bounmi, a young man who has inherited his bomb expertise from his father but now struggles to imagine a similar future for his unborn son. Wandering through their lives are the restless ghosts of kin and strangers.

From 1964 to 1973, the United States carried out a covert air war against Laos. Frequently overshadowed by the war with Vietnam, the Secret War was the longest and most intense air war in history. Today, much of Laos remains contaminated with dangerous left-over explosives. Despite its obscurity, the conflict has become a shadow model for modern counterinsurgency. Investigating these shadows of war, Zani spends time with silk weavers and rice farmers, bomb clearance crews and black market war scrap traders, ritual healers and survivors of explosions. Combining rigorous observation with poetry, fiction, and memoir she reflects on the power of building new lives in the ruins.

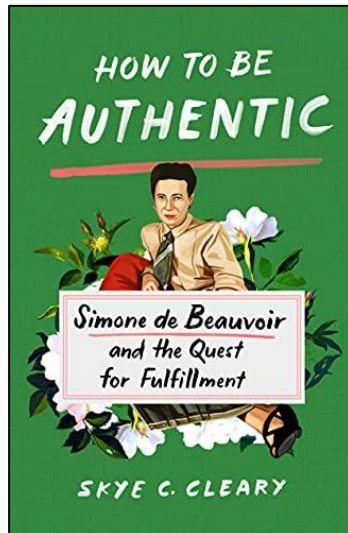
With sensitive and arresting prose, Zani reveals the layered realities that settle atop one another in Laos—from its French colonial history to today's authoritarian state—all blown open by the war. This excavation of postwar life's balance between the mundane, the terrifying, and the extraordinary propels Zani to confront her own explosive past.

About the author

Leah Zani is an anthropologist, author, and poet based in Berkeley, California. She received her PhD and MA in anthropology from the University of California, Irvine, where she currently holds an appointment as a Fellow of the Social Science Research Network. Zani has conducted research with both academic and development organizations internationally, including as a Human Rights Research Fellow with the Nobel prize-winning Mines Advisory Group in Laos. She is the author of *Bomb Children: Life in the Former Battlefields of Laos*.

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HOW TO BE AUTHENTIC A Guide to Rebellious Living

Skye Cleary

What Simone de Beauvoir can teach us about how to live.

The French philosopher Simone de Beauvoir famously wrote that "One is not born, but rather becomes, a woman." *The Second Sex* went on to lay the groundwork for second-wave feminism and inspire thinkers such as Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, and Kate Millett.

Yet it wasn't in a gender studies class, but in a business school lecture that Skye Cleary first encountered Beauvoir. Struggling her way out of a finance job and ambivalently paired with a boyfriend sceptical of her ambition, Cleary found a wake up call in Beauvoir's ideas: about how to live freely in a world full of chains, how to strive for authenticity, and how, for women, to live is to rebel. After a decisive pivot, Cleary decided to devote her career to exploring—and living a life inspired by—Beauvoir.

In *How To Be Authentic*, Cleary reveals how Beauvoir's thought can help us all become more attuned to living purposefully, thoughtfully, and with vitality. Drawing on her own experiences as well as the ideas of other existentially rebellious women thinkers, Cleary explains—in chapters on happiness, friendship, and parenting, among others—why Beauvoir's philosophy remains such a compelling way to think about how to live and love.

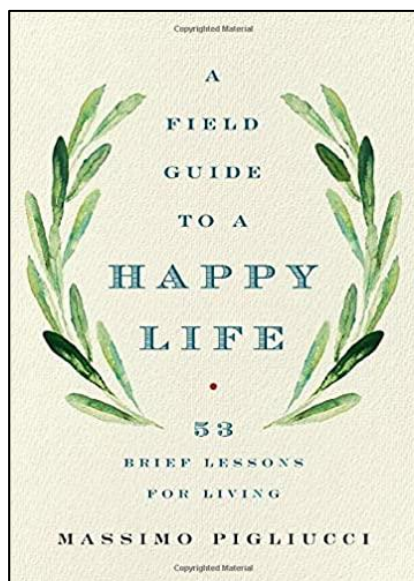
Existential philosophy emerged out of a postwar moment of despair and loss of meaning, and we live in similarly troubled—and seemingly unprecedented—times. *How To Be Authentic* ultimately offers a guide to help us navigate the absurdity of being in the world today.

About the author

Skye C. Cleary is a philosopher, writer and lecturer. She teaches at Barnard College, City College of New York, and Columbia University, and has lectured on love and philosophy at institutions and venues all over the world. Cleary previously served as the Associate Director of the Center for New Narratives in Philosophy at Columbia University, which supports research on women and other marginalized groups in the history of philosophy. She is the author of *Existentialism and Romantic Love* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015) and is co-editor, with Massimo Pigliucci and Daniel Kaufman, of the forthcoming anthology *How to Live a Good Life* (Vintage Books, 2020). Her writing has appeared in [Aeon](#), [The Paris Review](#), *The Independent*, *The Huffington Post*, *Business Insider*, *The New Republic*, and *Quartz*, among others.

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A FIELD GUIDE TO A HAPPY LIFE

53 Brief Lessons for Living

Massimo Pigliucci

'A shrewd take on Stoic philosophy that's one part inspiration and one part manual for cultivating resilience in daily life. Pigliucci's prudent advice will have broad appeal among philosophically inclined readers of self-help.' Publishers Weekly

'A user-friendly manual for applying Stoicism to daily life in the twenty-first century. Stoicism 2.0 tweaks the philosophy in order to adapt it to the moral intuitions shared by most modern readers. It therefore provides a good place to start your journey when exploring Stoic practices.' Donald Robertson, author of *How to Think Like a Roman Emperor*

A brilliant philosopher reimagines Stoicism for our modern age in this thought-provoking guide to a better life.

For more than two thousand years, Stoicism has offered a message of resilience in the face of hardship. Little wonder, then, that it is having such a revival in our own troubled times. But there is no denying how weird it can be: Is it really the case that we shouldn't care about our work, our loved ones, or our own lives? According to the old Stoics, yes.

In *A Field Guide to a Happy Life*, philosopher Massimo Pigliucci offers a renewed Stoicism that reflects modern science and sensibilities. Pigliucci embraces the joyful bonds of affection, the satisfactions of a job well done, and the grief that attends loss. In his hands, Stoicism isn't about feats of indifference, but about enduring pain without being overwhelmed, while enjoying pleasures without losing our heads. In short, he makes Stoicism into a philosophy all of us -- whether committed Stoics or simply seekers -- can use to live better.

About the author

Massimo Pigliucci is the K.D. Irani Professor of Philosophy at the City College of New York. His writing has been published in such outlets as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, among others. He is the author or editor of 12 books, including *How to Be a Stoic: Using Ancient Philosophy to Live a Modern Life* (Basic Books, 2017), and most recently *A Handbook for New Stoics* (The Experiment, 2019). He lives in New York City.

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HOW TO THINK LIKE A WOMAN Four Women Philosophers Who Taught Me How to Live a Life of the Mind

Regan Penaluna

An alternative history of philosophy told through one woman's own search for beauty and truth.

As a young woman growing up in a small, religious town in Iowa, Regan Penaluna daydreamed about the big questions: who are we and what is this strange world we find ourselves in? In college she discovered philosophy and fell in love with its rationality, its abstractions, its beauty. After graduation, it seemed an obvious choice to enter a philosophy PhD programme – the first step, she believed, to becoming a self-determined woman and living a life of the mind.

What Penaluna didn't realize was that philosophy, at least the Western philosophical canon that's taught in American universities, as well as the culture that surrounds it – would slowly grind her down through its misogyny, its sexual harassment, its devaluation of women and their minds. Women were nowhere in her graduate curriculum, and feminist philosophy was dismissed as marginal, unserious. Meanwhile Penaluna realized she had transformed from an energetic, independent seeker of wisdom to a quiet, passive student, complicit in the silencing of her own mind.

Where were the women? One day, while digging through footnotes in an obscure monograph, Penaluna came across the work of a seventeenth-century woman named Damaris Cudworth Masham. On a whim she pulled up Masham's work and it was like reaching through time: writing 300 years ago, Masham was speaking directly to her. Masham wrote about knowledge and God, but also the condition of women. Her work eventually led Penaluna to other remarkable women philosophers of the era: Mary Astell, who moved to London at the age of 21 and made a living writing philosophy; Catharine Cockburn, a philosopher, novelist, and playwright who explored women's humanity; and the better-known Mary Wollstonecraft, who wrote extensively and passionately in defence of women's minds.

Together these women rekindled Penaluna's love of philosophy and taught her how to live a truly philosophical life. In *How to Think Like a Woman*, Penaluna tells the stories of these four women as well as of her own personal and intellectual voyage in a moving, beautiful meditation of what a philosophy by women might look like.

About the author

Regan Penaluna is a senior editor at *Guernica Magazine*, a global magazine of art and politics. Previously she was an editor at *Nautilus* magazine, where she wrote and edited longform stories. She has also written for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Philosophy Now* and the *Philosophers' Magazine*. She has a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University and a PhD in philosophy from Boston University. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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DEAD MINDS

Why Thinking about Immortality Breaks our Brains

Jesse Bering

With concrete proof of the afterlife perennially, some would say revealingly, just out of reach, are stories of near-death experiences, apparitions, and young children's memories of previous lives tantalizing glimmers of actual conscious minds beyond death, or are they reflections of our own living brains giving credence to the patently absurd?

So asks the award-winning writer and psychologist Jesse Bering in *Dead Minds*, his wide-ranging enquiry into the single most elusive, and in many ways the strangest, question that human beings ask: what happens when we die? With expertise, irreverence, and genuine compassion, Bering masterfully disassembles the subtle mental machinery involved in this deepest of existential riddles. Because whether it's all 'in our heads' and a grand illusion, or 'out there in reality' and objectively true, there's no debate that the way that we think about life after death – the way we're able to think about it – is a function of our brains.

Why are at least eight out of ten of us so unbothered by the idea of consciousness surviving death, given that it violates the most basic premise of neuroscience – that a functioning brain is required for every twinge and ripple of subjective experience? Did evolution favour a cognitive system that convinces us that we are psychologically everlasting because such beliefs led to adaptive advantages in this very earthly world of blood, bone, and – most important – genes? And if you pop a breath mint into your mouth right before you die, can you still taste it on the other side?

Like many scientists, Bering has had anomalous experiences that strain logical explanation, and he addresses this ongoing tension head-on rather than ignoring it. *Dead Minds* is a book for the true sceptic: those who are willing to set aside their preconceptions and enter into a new kind of conversation, one that sets out the scientific issues on the table but does not ignore the pieces that do not fit. It is an invitation to us all to interrogate our most cherished beliefs, exploring the curious operations of our own mortal minds as we try to steal a glimpse behind the veil.

About the author

Jesse Bering is a research psychologist and author. His writing has appeared in *Scientific American*, *Slate*, *New York* magazine, *The Guardian*, and *The New York Times*, among others, and his work has been featured on NPR, the BBC, and more. He has appeared on 'Conan', 'Chelsea Lately', and 'Through the Wormhole with Morgan Freeman'. The author of *The Belief Instinct*, *Why Is the Penis Shaped Like That?*, *Perv*, and *Suicidal*, he is the director of the Centre for Science Communication at the University of Otago. He lives in Dunedin, New Zealand.

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SPIN: A New View of What Makes the World Go Round

Roland Ennos

Praise for *The Wood Age*:

'A stunning book on the incalculable debt humanity owes wood...'

John Carey, *The Sunday Times*

'From the forest canopy to skyscrapers, the whole human story can be told from the perspective of wood. The principles of every significant technology, from tree-felling and carpentry to shipbuilding and papermaking, are described with a precise, almost mesmerizing detail.' *New York Times Book Review*

From the time women first used rotating bobbins to twist thread and men whirled slings around their heads to throw stones, people have found spin fascinating and baffling in equal measure. In *Spin*, Roland Ennos shows how rotational motion dominates the workings of the world about us. It shaped the solar system, galaxies and black holes. It controls our climate and weather, from the periodic return of ice ages, and the global pattern of trade winds through to the local formation of hurricanes and tornadoes. Exploiting spin underpinned the progress of civilisation, from the developments of the wheel – gears, pulleys, flywheels and lathes – to the systems that now power the industrial world – propellers, turbines, centrifugal pumps, impellers and electric motors. Even our own bodies are complex systems of rotating joints and levers.

But scientists seem to have an inbuilt propensity to ignore the everyday and prosaic. So 17th century scientists developed the science of mechanics to explain the arcane phenomenon of the orbit of the planets rather than how machines work. And Newton's laws have actually constrained our understanding of spin because they focus on linear motion rather than on giving us an intuitive grasp of rotation. As a result few people realise how spin makes our planet habitable, or how it has been tamed by engineers to make our lives more comfortable. Meanwhile, biomechanics and sports scientists are only beginning to grasp how we balance, walk, run, swing and jump; how we throw projectiles and wield tools and weapons.

Spin presents a new rotational approach to mechanics that not only helps us understand the world about us, but also shows up unlikely links between tightrope walkers and tyrannosaurs, trebuchets and tennis players, stunt cars and long jumpers. He shows how we can all learn to move about more gracefully, play sports more successfully, and build better prosthetics – and ensure that like cats we always land on our feet. For be it natural or engineered, spin is what really makes the world go round.

About the author

Roland Ennos is a visiting professor of biological sciences at the University of Hull. With his broad scientific knowledge and ability to make connections across disciplines, he is devoted to explaining how the world works for a general audience.

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THE BEAUTY OF FALLING

Claudia de Rham

The European Space Agency is currently seeking new astronauts—thousands of candidates are about to be whittled down to just half a dozen or so, over six gruelling stages that together will take about 16 months. Claudia de Rham is intimately familiar with this process: in the last ESA selection, in 2009, she was one of the final 42 candidates, using a homemade preparation program to surpass physical and mental challenges along the way. In one of the final medical screenings, however, she was diagnosed with latent TB—in that moment, her lifelong dream evaporated into thin air.

And yet de Rham's ESA failure is not what makes her life story compelling—it's what happened next. Within hours of her official rejection from the ESA, she received an assistant professorship offer from the University of Geneva. From there to Case Western Reserve and then to Imperial College London, de Rham has built an impressive, laurel-filled career culminating (so far) in a radical new theory of gravity—[dubbed “massive gravity”](#)—that may solve one of the most intractable issues in physics. It's not a stretch to say that de Rham's experience with adversity, through the ESA process but also more generally as a woman in physics, has played a key role in her dogged efforts to confront and surpass the challenges 'massive gravity' has faced to date.

In *The Beauty of Falling*, de Rham will trace the trajectory of her tumultuous life in science while revealing to readers a more intimate and playful picture of gravity than we've ever had before. In the tradition of Sara Seager's *The Smallest Lights in the Universe*, Hope Jahren's *Lab Girl*, or Mark Vanhoenacker's *Skyfaring*, *The Beauty of Falling* will shine a light on a brilliant scientist (and pilot, and diver, and mother), along with the cutting-edge research that may yet rejuvenate a field that has been treading water since General Relativity.

About the author

Claudia de Rham is a professor of theoretical physics at Imperial College London, a Simons Emmy Noether Visiting Fellow at the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, and an adjunct professor of physics at Case Western Reserve University. She researches gravity, particle physics, and cosmology, in pursuit of a more fundamental description of the nature of our universe. Dr. de Rham is a 2020 Simons Investigator in Physics, a 2020 Blavatnik Laureate in Physical Sciences and Engineering, and winner of the 2018 Adams Prize for contributions to Mathematics (previous winners include Stephen Hawking and James Clerk Maxwell).

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HOW TO BE AN URBAN NATURALIST And Save the World with Citizen Science Menno Schilthuizen

A post-pandemic manifesto for a new dawn of natural history, practised by community scientists in their own urban jungle.

In the 19th century, scientists were the well-off who did their ground-breaking research at home. The 20th century saw a professionalisation of science where you needed large labs, expensive equipment, and huge libraries and computers.

But in the 21st century, the world's entire scientific literature is available online for everyone. You can build your own lab using video tutorials or buy cheap equipment online. Huge amounts of open-access data can be processed at home on a personal computer with open-source software. And you can learn how to do this on massive open online courses.

Science today has regained access to the garden sheds and living rooms: you can be a Victorian naturalist today. And, as the science writer and evolutionary biologist Menno Schilthuizen explains in this book, where better to be one than in the urban ecosystem? In *How to Be an Urban Naturalist*, he shows not only how real biological discoveries can be made by anybody in the place where they live but also how community science can rekindle the romance that professional science has lost.

Along the way, he introduces readers to the tools of the trade of the urban community scientist, from the tried and tested (the field notebook, the butterfly net, and the hand lens) to the new-fangled (internet resources, low-tech gadgets, and off-the-shelf gizmos); weaves in colourful details from his own personal life story of scientific growth; and reveals the new view of life that emerges once we embark on the path of the urban naturalist.

We live in a time when rapid urbanisation is creating entirely novel ecosystems all over the world and where the only nature most people get to see is urban nature... even without pandemics and lockdowns. *How to Be an Urban Naturalist* shows how we can all cherish, protect and improve the biodiversity on our own doorstep – and, in doing so, help to reinvent natural history.

About the author

Menno Schilthuizen is a Dutch ecologist and evolutionary biologist based at Naturalis Biodiversity Center in Leiden, Netherlands, who also holds a chair in evolution at Leiden University. As well as being the author of several popular books including *Nature's Nether Regions* and *Darwin Comes to Town*, he has written more than 100 scientific publications and 150 popular articles and news reports, given public lectures on evolution and ecology, and made regular appearances on radio and TV.

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HIJACKED: The New Science of Neural Manipulation and What It Means for Our Health, Happiness and Sense of Self

Athena Aktipis

***The Selfish Gene* meets *Parasite Rex* in this tour of the evolutionary biology of neural manipulation and what it means for our physical health, our mental health, and the way we see ourselves.**

Who is really in control of our bodies and minds? *Hijacked* will take the reader on a whirlwind tour through new scientific findings that challenge our long-held assumptions about who we are and why we do what we do. I will take an in-depth look at examples of how things that aren't us can manipulate our brains, take over our behaviour, and affect our physical and mental health. Our vulnerability to having our brains manipulated is as evolutionarily ancient as the first brains: insects, rodents, and chimps are all vulnerable to being manipulated. And emerging research is showing that we as humans are not immune to forces that might hijack us for their own ends. From microbes that shape our food preferences to foetal cells that can take over maternal physiology, our lives are not entirely under our control. Our bodies and minds are a constant battleground of manipulation—not just because of foreign cells inside us, but also because of information coming in from the outside world: from our relationships, our families, and the technology we constantly interact with. Should we be worried about being hijacked by these forces outside us that do not share our interests?

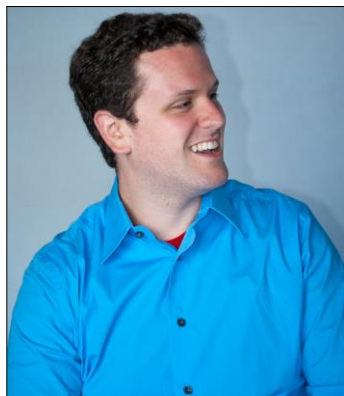
Luckily, we have evolved to decrease our vulnerability to manipulation through sophisticated immune systems, cheater-detection systems, and bullshit detectors. But our world has also changed dramatically in recent decades and our anti-mind-control strategies have not necessarily kept pace. Are we now entering an age where we are particularly vulnerable to being hijacked, enabled by more rapid transmission of agents of manipulation, whether microbes or memes? In *Hijacked*, readers will learn how we evolved to counter mind-control tactics that come from forces both within and outside of us, and how we can use these many strategies at our disposal to keep ourselves from being hijacked. We will also see how manipulation is not always a bad thing, how it enables us to accomplish things we otherwise wouldn't be able to do, and how our ability to share and transmit microbes and information is part of what makes us human.

About the author

Athena Aktipis, PhD., is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology at Arizona State University, Director of the Interdisciplinary Cooperation Initiative, and Co-Director of The Human Generosity Project. Aktipis is also the chair of the Zombie Apocalypse Medicine Meeting, host of the new podcast *Zombified*, producer of Channel Zed, and author of *The Cheating Cell: How Evolution Helps Us Understand and Treat Cancer*.

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UNTITLED ON SCIENCE IN SILICON VALLEY

Adam Becker

Praise for *What is Real?*

'Splendid.... Deeply detailed research, accompanied by charming anecdotes about the scientists.' *Washington Post*

An exploration of how science shapes, and is shaped by, Silicon Valley – from AI to space exploration.

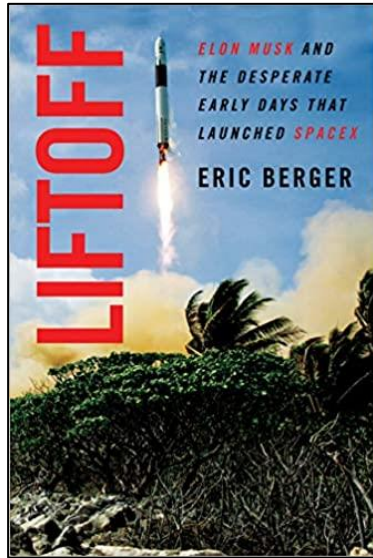
Is humanity's destiny in the stars? Will AI take over the world? Can we live forever? And do we actually live in a simulation? Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and other titans of Silicon Valley talk about these and other dreams and nightmares of our shared technological future. Where did they get these ideas, and will they become a reality? And what would these futures mean for the rest of us outside the tech industry? Follow author and astrophysicist Adam Becker as he digs into the science behind Silicon Valley's visions of tomorrow.

About the author

Adam Becker is an author, journalist astrophysicist, and public speaker. He has contributed to the BBC, NPR, *Scientific American*, *New Scientist*, the *New York Times* and numerous other media outlets including the popular 'Story Collider' podcast. Born in New Jersey in 1984, he studied philosophy and physics at Cornell University and then earned a PhD in astrophysics from the University of Michigan in 2012. His first book, *What Is Real? The Unfinished Quest for the Meaning of Quantum Physics* (Basic Books, 2018), was described by the *New York Times* as 'a thorough, illuminating exploration of the most consequential controversy raging in modern science'. From 2016 to 2019 he was a visiting scholar at the Office for History of Science and Technology at the University of California, Berkeley. He lives in Oakland, California.

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LIFTOFF: Elon Musk and The Desperate Early Days That Launched SpaceX

Eric Berger

'A colorful page-turner.'

Walter Isaacson, *New York Times Book Review*

'This is as important a book on space as has ever been written and it's a riveting page-turner, too.'

Homer Hickam, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Rocket Boys*

'This might be the best space book I've ever read. Liftoff will prove to be a defining story not only for the commercial space industry, but for the Space Age writ large, and there's no one better than Eric Berger to tell it.'

Kellie Gerardi, author of *Not Necessarily Rocket Science*

The dramatic inside story of the historic flights that launched SpaceX—and Elon Musk—from a shaky start-up into the world's leading-edge rocket company.

SpaceX has enjoyed a miraculous decade. Less than 20 years after its founding, it boasts the largest constellation of commercial satellites in orbit, has pioneered reusable rockets, and in 2020 became the first private company to launch human beings into orbit.

But before it became one of the most powerful players in the aerospace industry, SpaceX was a fledgling start-up, scrambling to develop a single workable rocket before the money ran dry. The engineering challenge was immense; numerous other private companies had failed similar attempts. And even if SpaceX succeeded, they would then have to compete for government contracts with titans such as Lockheed Martin and Boeing, who had tens of thousands of employees and tens of billions of dollars in annual revenue. SpaceX had fewer than 200 employees and the relative pittance of \$100 million in the bank.

In *Liftoff*, Eric Berger takes readers inside the wild early days that made SpaceX. Focusing on the company's first four launches of the Falcon 1 rocket, he charts the bumpy journey from scrappy underdog to aerospace pioneer. Berger has reported on SpaceX for more than a decade, enjoying unparalleled journalistic access to the company's inner workings. *Liftoff* is the culmination of these efforts, drawing upon exclusive interviews with dozens of former and current engineers, designers, mechanics, and executives, including Elon Musk.

About the author

Eric Berger is a reporter and editor based in Houston. After a long career in the *Houston Chronicle*, he joined *Ars Technica* in 2015 as the site's senior space editor, covering SpaceX, NASA, and everything beyond. He was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for his coverage of Hurricane Ike in the *Houston Chronicle* in 2008.

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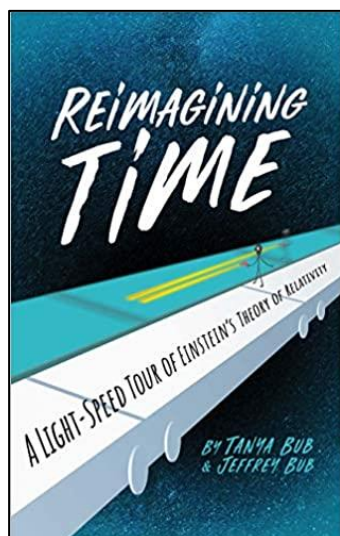
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REIMAGINING TIME

A Light-Speed Trip into Einstein's Mind-Bending, World-Changing Theory of Relativity

Tanya Bub and Jeffrey Bub

Praise for *Totally Random*:

'Accessible, smart, and funny. An entanglement pageturner!' David Kaiser, author of *How The Hippies Saved Physics*

A quirky, funny, and accessible blend of science and art that delves into the heart of Einstein's theory of relativity

It was a link to his 1905 paper—an early attempt at explaining his revolutionary ideas on space, time, and matter—that drew Tanya Bub into Albert Einstein's imaginative vision of the world. What particularly struck her was how Einstein interwove words and maths to create clear visuals illustrating his theories. As an artist, she naturally started doodling as she worked her way through his concepts, creating drawings that intuitively demonstrated Einstein's core principles.

In *Reimagining Time* Tanya Bub teams up with her father, the distinguished physicist Jeffrey Bub, to create a quirky and accessible take on one of science's most revolutionary discoveries. Blending original art and text, they guide readers through Einstein's theory of special relativity to expose truths about our universe: time is relative, lengths get shorter with motion, energy and mass are interchangeable, and the Universe has a speed limit.

About the author

Tanya Bub is the founder of 48th Ave Productions, a web-development company. She has degrees in philosophy of science from McGill University and fine arts from the Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver. **Jeffrey Bub** is a Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland. He studied physics with David Bohm at Birkbeck College and philosophy of science with Karl Popper and Imre Lakatos at the London School of Economics. Tanya and Jeff's first book together, *Totally Random: Why Nobody Understands Quantum Mechanics* (Princeton University Press, 2018), was voted best quantum physics book of 2018 by Ethan Siegel of *Forbes* magazine.

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VIRTUAL YOU: How to Build Your Digital Twin in Six Steps – and Revolutionise Medicine

Peter Coveney and Roger Highfield

A bold manifesto based on new thinking that marks the return of the successful writing partnership that behind the two influential bestsellers *The Arrow of Time: A Voyage to Solve Time's Greatest Mystery* and *Frontiers of Complexity: The Search for Order in a Chaotic World*.

A new kind of human is under development: your digital twin. Although confined to a virtual world, this digital copy of yourself will greatly influence your life in the real world as your personal crash-test dummy, guinea pig and drug-trial volunteer all rolled into one.

Virtual heart cells are already helping to replace animals in testing cardiac medicines. Virtual drug trials using supercomputers are enabling doctors to work out which treatments work best for an individual patient. Digital twins are being used by surgeons in planning operations to treat brain aneurysms, by medical device companies when designing the next generation of implant and by pharmaceutical companies for ensuring particles of an inhaled drug reach their target. And populations of digital twins are being used to understand the social, economic and environmental factors that affect health.

In *Virtual You*, Peter Coveney and Roger Highfield provide the first popular account of revolutionary efforts to build virtual cells, organs, whole bodies and populations. As well as heralding the dawn of truly personalized medicine, predicting, say, what a change in diet and lifestyle could do to an individual's health and lifespan, our digital doppelgängers will raise new ethical and philosophical dilemmas and make us think anew about what it means to be 'healthy' and 'normal' – and in doing so force us to reconsider many aspects of life that we take for granted.

In taking readers on this ultimate voyage of self-discovery, *Virtual You* provides a glimpse of the remarkable power of next-generation medicine while touching on some of the deepest problems in biology, mathematics and computing.

About the author

Peter Coveney holds a chair in physical chemistry, is an honorary professor in computer Science at University College London, a professor in applied high-performance computing at the University of Amsterdam, and professor adjunct at Yale University School of Medicine. **Roger Highfield** is the science director of the Science Museum Group. He is also a member of the Medical Research Council and a visiting professor of public engagement at the Dunn School, University of Oxford, and the Department of Chemistry, University College London.

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SPIKE: The Virus v The People ***The Inside Story***

Jeremy Farrar and Anjana Ahuja

Interviews with Jeremy Farrar in German media:

[Spiegel \(5 January 2021\)](#)

[Spiegel \(7 February 2020\)](#)

[Zeit \(7 December 2020\)](#)

[Zeit \(28 April 2020\)](#)

The covid-19 pandemic will be a source of endless human accounts. But there is an objective scientific narrative to be written about how the early weeks and months of the epidemic unfolded and how the world faced up to the unprecedented threat. *Spike* is that story: the first inside account by one of the world's most trusted, connected and influential pandemic experts.

Jeremy Farrar, an expert in emerging infectious diseases who has seen epidemics all over the globe, including HIV, Ebola, Sars and H5N1 bird flu, was one of the first people to hear about a mysterious new respiratory virus in China – and to learn it is more contagious and spreads more quickly than human influenza. He helped to mobilize the global science community through the World Health Organization and has a major role advising governments around the world (from 2017 until 2019, for instance, he was a member of the German Ministry of Health's International Advisory Board on Global Health).

Spike is a riveting account of what it feels like at the sharp end of such a fast-moving situation, when complex decisions must be made quickly with minimal information and in the face of great uncertainty. With the acclaimed science writer Anjana Ahuja, Farrar weaves a fast-paced narrative that transports readers to pivotal moments in the pandemic. They show the human side of science, introducing researchers studying this unusual virus and predicting its next move. Along the way they demystify what happens when a new disease breaks out, explain the evolving science (including vaccines and treatments) and shed light on the perpetual struggle between people and pathogens.

About the author

Jeremy Farrar is director of the Wellcome Trust, a biomedical research charity and one of the world's wealthiest charitable foundations. Among numerous national and international advisory roles, he is the chair of the Scientific Advisory Group of the WHO R&D Blueprint (a strategy and preparedness plan for activating research in epidemics) and a member of the WHO group setting out principles of equitable access to covid-19 medicines and vaccines. He has made outstanding contributions to the understanding of many diseases including tuberculosis, malaria, typhoid, dengue and influenza, and trained researchers and doctors across southeast Asia. He was knighted for services to global health in 2019. **Anjana Ahuja** is the *Financial Times*'s science columnist and was one of the first UK journalists to interview scientists about the mystery pneumonia from Wuhan. She has since covered almost every aspect of the pandemic for the *FT*. She also contributes to the *New Statesman* and has hosted live webcasts and podcasts on covid-19 for organizations including the Royal Society.

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BETWEEN APE AND HUMAN

On the Trail of Hidden Hominids on Flores Island

Gregory Forth

The only firsthand investigation by a leading anthropologist into the possible survival of a primitive species of human into recent times and its coexistence with modern humans.

In the 1980s, the anthropologist Gregory Forth was doing fieldwork on the remote Indonesian island of Flores when he came across people talking about half-ape-like, half-human-like creatures that once lived in a cave on the slopes of a nearby volcano. Over the years he continued to record what locals had to say about these mystery hominoids while searching for ways to explain them as imaginary symbols of the wild or other cultural representations.

Then along came the ‘Hobbit’. In 2003, archaeologists excavating in a cave in western Flores discovered several skeletons of a small-statured early human species alongside stone tools and animal remains. Named *Homo floresiensis*, this ancient hominin was initially believed to have lived until as recently as 12,000 years ago – so possibly overlapping with the appearance of *Homo sapiens* on Flores. In view of this timing and the striking resemblance of *floresiensis* to the mystery creatures described by the islanders, Forth began to think about the creatures as possibly reflecting a real species, either now extinct but retained in ‘cultural memory’ or even still surviving. And that’s when he started to investigate reports from the Lio region of the island where locals described ‘ape-men’ as still living. What’s more, during several research trips to Flores between 2003 and 2018, he managed to interview more than 30 people who claimed to have seen a specimen.

In *Between Ape and Human*, Forth provides a remarkable account of his long and detailed investigations into this mystery hominoid, exploring islanders’ views of ape-men both as natural creatures and as supernatural beings, their stories of ape-men in myth and legend, and their secondhand and eyewitness reports of encounters with ape-men, either living or dead. Setting his findings in the context of the discovery of *Homo floresiensis* and Lio culture and language, as well as local zoology and natural history, Forth comes to a controversial conclusion: that rather than being some kind of undiscovered ape or unfamiliar human group, ape-men most likely belong to a rare primitive human species, members of which may still survive in small pockets on the island.

About the author

Gregory Forth retired in 2019 as a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alberta, Canada, after serving there for over 33 years. Between 1974 and 2018, he completed 22 field research trips, with much of his time spent in Indonesia, especially on the eastern islands of Flores and Sumba (where he lived continuously for two years). As well as reading Dutch, Indonesian, German and French, he is fluent in the Indonesian national language and several eastern Indonesian local languages. A fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, he has published over 100 academic articles and 11 scholarly books.

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HEADLINE SCIENCE: What the Biggest Science Stories Tell Us About How the World of Science and News Really Works

Fiona Fox

'Depending on whom you ask, Fiona Fox is either saving science journalism or destroying it'.

Thus wrote *Nature* in 2013 about the charismatic and sometimes combative head of Britain's Science Media Centre. Fox was appointed to set up the centre in 2002 after scientists reeling from media frenzies about mad-cow disease, the MMR vaccine and genetically modified crops realized they would have to emerge from their ivory towers and join the fray.

Seventeen years later, she is still there, having enjoyed a ringside seat on some of the biggest, most contentious stories in science – a period during which scientists finally found their voice and press coverage and the public perception of science improved dramatically. Since then her science PR model has spread around the world, with similar centres now established in several other countries including Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Germany and the United States.

In *Headline Science*, Fox recounts her stories, anecdotes, revelations, opinions and perspectives from her unique vantage point at the heart of some of the most fascinating science stories of the past two decades – including, most recently, her central role in the UK's covid-19 news coverage. The book aims to have wide appeal, and not just to those in science. It is a compelling, enjoyable and informative read for anyone interested in how science interacts with the public as well as for those who devour books about news and journalism; the ever-growing global community of science press officers and science communicators; students taking courses in science communication and science journalism; science journalists and science writers; people who love candid political diaries and memoirs; and general readers of popular books that lift the lid on topical scientific issues.

Indeed, at a time when public interest in health matters is at an all-time high, these gripping dispatches from the frontiers of science look set to become essential reading for us all.

About the author

Fiona Fox trained as a journalist before starting a career in media relations and is now director of the trailblazing Science Media Centre in London. She has an OBE for her services to science, was the only representative of science to appear in person at the 2011/12 Leveson Inquiry into the culture, practices and ethics of the British press, and has a string of honorary fellowships from the UK's most eminent scientific societies. She is well known in science and journalism circles and is regularly asked to speak at debates and conferences about science and the news. She has a blog on science in the media at <http://www.sciencemediacentre.org/blog/> and there is a profile of her in *Nature* at <https://www.nature.com/news/science-media-centre-of-attention-1.13362>.

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EXQUISITE MACHINE

The New Science of the Heart

Professor Sian Harding

To the poet, the heart is the seat of the emotions: hearts ache, explode with love, they are tender but can harden with rage, they can entwine with others and break with pain. To the cardiologist, the normal heart is a reassuring fist-sized meaty ball, tough and solid, the red of a steak rather than of a valentine card. To the engineer, it is simply the most perfect machine ever encountered.

Exquisite Machine is an enthralling and magisterial account of the glories of the human heart that will transform our understanding and profoundly deepen our appreciation of the organ that keeps us alive every second of our lives. Penetrating and poetic, it will show how new science has given us insights into the heart beyond our imagination, gleaning information from the world too small even for the reach of light, and from data banks that are so large we need artificial intelligence to interpret them. It will show you how this miraculous organ works, how it fails, and how it does actually *break*.

About the author

Professor Sian Harding of Imperial College London is a world leader in cardiac research who has made seminal contributions to our understanding of heart failure over the past thirty years. She appears frequently on radio and television and was a special advisor to the House of Commons.

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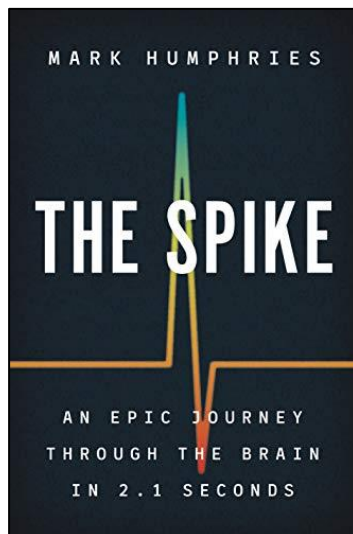
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THE SPIKE: An Epic Journey Through the Brain in 2.8 Seconds

Mark Humphries

'In this fascinating, roller-coaster ride through the most fundamental component of our nervous systems, Mark Humphries takes us to the frontiers of neuroscience. A brilliant achievement.' Matthew Cobb, author of *The Idea of the Brain: The Past and Future of Neuroscience*

'This book is truly wonderful... Rollicking but deftly organized, The Spike is cast in everyday, easygoing language yet backed by tight science and state-of-the-art insights. This book's fresh approach will charm novices as well as old neurobiological hands.' Patricia S. Churchland, author of *Conscience: The Origins of Moral Intuition*

The story of a neural impulse and what it reveals about how our brains work

We see the last cookie in the box and think, can I take that? We reach a hand out. In the 2.1 seconds that this impulse travels through our brain, billions of neurons communicate with one another, sending blips of voltage through our sensory and motor regions. Neuroscientists call these blips “spikes.” Spikes enable us to do everything: talk, eat, run, see, plan, and decide. In *The Spike*, Mark Humphries takes readers on the epic journey of a spike through a single, brief reaction. In vivid language, Humphries tells the story of what happens in our brain, what we know about spikes, and what we still have left to understand about them.

Drawing on decades of research in neuroscience, Humphries explores how spikes are born, how they are transmitted, and how they lead us to action. He dives into previously unanswered mysteries: Why are most neurons silent? What causes neurons to fire spikes spontaneously, without input from other neurons or the outside world? Why do most spikes fail to reach any destination? Humphries presents a new vision of the brain, one where fundamental computations are carried out by spontaneous spikes that predict what will happen in the world, helping us to perceive, decide, and react quickly enough for our survival.

Traversing neuroscience’s expansive terrain, *The Spike* follows a single electrical response to illuminate how our extraordinary brains work.

About the author

Mark Humphries is a chair in computational neuroscience at the University of Nottingham, UK. He previously spent five years as a senior research fellow at the University of Manchester, a three-year fellowship at École Normale Supérieure in Paris and postdoctoral and PhD training at the University of Sheffield. His work has been published in the leading scientific journals, including *Neuron*, *eLife* and *Nature Communications*. He is the founding editor of *The Spike*, a Medium online publication.

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AN EPIDEMIOLOGIST READS THE NEWS

Why Health Reportage May Not Be as Healthy as You Think

Cecile Janssens

Recently, the *New York Times* reported that ‘Sleeping 9 Hours a Night May Raise Stroke Risk’ and then, one week later, ‘Poor Sleep Tied to Heart Disease and Stroke’. How on earth can any of us make sense of this?

As an epidemiologist, Cecile Janssens knows how to decipher the science behind the headlines: she knows what the numbers mean and what the caveats are. In this book she shares her expertise so we too can hack the medical and health news and make better decisions about how to live our lives.

In each chapter, she focuses on a widely publicised study reported in a prestigious peer-reviewed journal and dealing with a common disease. Whether the findings are reliable depends, she shows, on how researchers set up their studies – on the participants invited, questions asked, tests run and so on. Increasingly, the data researchers use aren’t their own, but come from the pooling of many previous studies, a practice fraught with difficulties and often giving rise to meaningless associations, even though the researchers state they are ‘statistically significant’. This is just one of several red-flag phrases to watch out for, she says. If you read that a study is ‘the first to show’, then it is safe to assume that its claims are exaggerated or premature. Similarly, a study that purports to have ‘controlled for all the relevant risk factors’ may have left out the most important one.

Then there are the tricks journalists use to make a study look juicier than it is. Journalists dress up numbers to camouflage small effects – rather than saying there is a 1.05-fold increase in risk, they say the risk is 5 per cent higher. And they succumb to credibility by association: a study from Harvard University, published in the *Lancet* and involving 86 participants just seems more impressive and worthwhile reporting than a study from Oklahoma State University, published in *Scientific Reports* and involving 257 participants. What’s more, they try to appear critical by regurgitating disclaimers from press releases – ‘correlation does not mean causation’, ‘the findings need to be replicated in a larger study’, ‘the results are observational’, ‘the data were self-reported’ or ‘the study duration was short’ – without properly investigating deeper problems that may entirely invalidate the research.

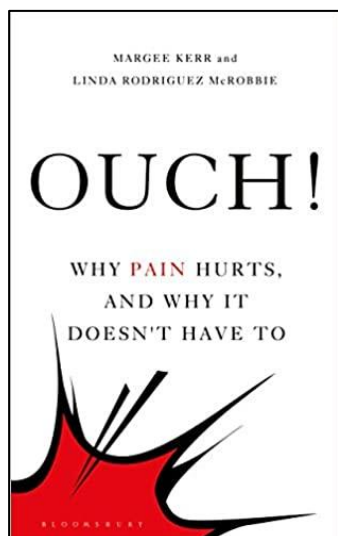
If you are struggling to understand the mixed messages in health reportage, then this smart, witty and revealing book will prove to be your essential guide to navigating this media minefield.

About the author

Cecile Janssens is a professor of epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta and a science columnist with the premier Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*. An expert on the genetic prediction of common diseases, she teaches courses at Emory on ‘Critiquing Health News’ and ‘Critical Reasoning: Exploring the Science Behind the News’. She has written for the *Huffington Post*, *Wired*, the *Conversation*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and the *New York Times* and her opinions are often quoted by journalists.

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OUCH!

Why Pain Hurts, and Why It Doesn't Have To Margee Kerr and Linda Rodriguez McRobbie

'Kerr and McRobbie celebrate our world of pain in all its diverse, agonising glory.' James Kingsland, author of *Siddhartha's Brain* and *Am I Dreaming?*

'Ouch! is a fascinating romp through the science of pain with a few historical gems thrown in for good measure.' Caroline Williams, author of *Move!*

Pain seems like a fairly straightforward experience – you get hurt and it, well, hurts. But how would you describe it? By the number of broken bones or stitches? The cause – the crowning baby, the sharp knife, the straying lover? What does a 7 on a pain scale of 1 to 10 even mean?

Pain is complicated. But most of the time, the way we treat pain is superficial -- we avoid it at all costs, or suppress it, usually with drugs. That's left us hurting all the more. Through in-depth interviews, investigation into the history of pain and original research, *Ouch!* paints a new picture of pain as a complex and multi-layered phenomenon.

Authors Margee Kerr and Linda McRobbie Rodriguez tell the stories of sufferers and survivors, courageous kids and their equally brave parents, athletes and artists, people who find healing and pleasure in pain, and scientists pushing the boundaries of pain research, challenging the notion that all pain is bad and harmful. They reveal why it matters who defines pain and how history, science, and culture shape how we experience it. In asking 'What is pain?', *Ouch!* dismantles prevailing assumptions about pain and uncovers a truth that we instinctively know but seem to have lost in a misguided quest for a state of perfect painlessness: not all pain is bad, not all pain should be avoided. And in the right context, pain can even feel good.

Understanding how pain works and why we need it, how it is expressed, how we think and talk about it can help us lay the foundation to build a healthier relationship with it. Once we understand how pain is made, we can remake it.

About the author

Margee Kerr is a sociologist who received her PhD from the University of Pittsburgh and has been teaching and conducting research since 2004. Her writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Slate*, *Salon*, and the *New York Post* and her first book, *Scream: Chilling Adventures in the Science of Fear*, was published in 2015. **Linda Rodriguez McRobbie** is a freelance writer and journalist whose career is driven by curiosity, a love of science, and a respect for history; her work has appeared in the *Guardian*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *The Boston Globe*, *Slate*, *Atlas Obscura*, and others. Her first book, *Princesses Behaving Badly*, was published in 2013. She lives in Surrey.

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WONDROUS TRANSFORMATIONS A Maverick Physician, the Age of Hormones and the Transsexual Phenomenon

Alison Li

The story of hormone therapy told through the fascinating life of Dr Harry Benjamin, who pioneered the use of hormones to assist in gender transitions.

Today it's unexceptional to think of ourselves as hormonal beings. We hold hormones responsible for making our bodies morph through our lifetimes and for sparking quixotic changes in temper. We blame 'raging hormones' for the tempests of puberty and midlife and spend our days 'running on adrenalin' in 'testosterone-fuelled' workplaces. Yet this view is relatively recent.

In *Wondrous Transformations*, Alison Li tells the fascinating history of the rise of hormones through the life of one of its foremost pioneers. A daring explorer in the areas of sex and ageing, as well as a celebrity doctor in 1920s' New York, German-born physician Harry Benjamin (1885–1986) first became acquainted with the science of hormones in 1916. He then devoted his life to using this new technology to help people transform themselves – from old to young, in his famed practice on Central Park West, or, decades later, from male to female. Benjamin's sympathetic work with those who wanted to transition from one biological sex to another was groundbreaking in mid-century America, when homosexuality and any behaviour that crossed gender lines was not just pathologized but criminalized, too.

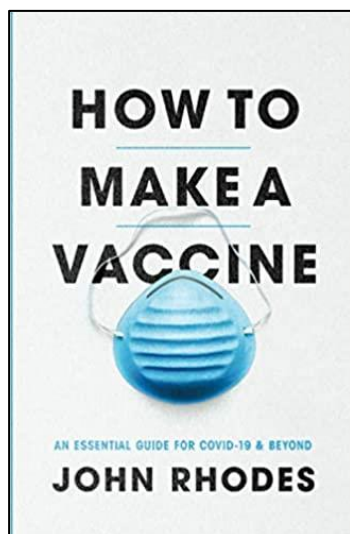
Li shows how, over the course of the twentieth century, Benjamin helped pave the way for our understanding of ourselves as chemically malleable, exquisitely receptive to hormone manipulations as subtle as the tweaks needed to dial down the symptoms of menopause or as radical as the reshapings undertaken by body builders. In doing so, she traces the development of the influential concept of biological control and the then-revolutionary idea that we can transform our bodies to match our minds. It's ultimately a tale not only about the chemical transformation of our bodies but also about the transformation of the very concept of identity and self.

About the author

Alison Li is an historian of science and medicine. The author of the biography *J. B. Collip and the Development of Medical Research in Canada* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013), she has lectured at universities as well as to the public, presented papers at numerous conferences and appeared in a television documentary about the discovery of insulin. She holds an MA and a PhD in the history and philosophy of science and technology from the University of Toronto and completed her postdoctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Previously an assistant professor of science and technology studies at York University in Toronto, she now writes full-time. She lives in Toronto with her husband and two children.

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HOW TO MAKE A VACCINE

An Essential Guide for COVID-19 and Beyond

John Rhodes

'A great book for those wanting to know the background. Rhodes covers many fascinating details in immunology and the history of vaccine discoveries, as well as the basic science behind the development of COVID-19 vaccines, a topic which couldn't be more important.' Daniel M. Davis, author of *The Beautiful Cure*

'Rhodes is undoubtedly the right person to offer this timely and excellent explanation of a very topical story of great public interest. He is not only a well-respected immunologist, but also has personal experience in vaccine development.' Eddy Liew, University of Glasgow

Distinguished expert in vaccine development John Rhodes tells the story of the first approved COVID-19 vaccines and offers an essential, up-to-the-minute primer on how scientists discover, test, and distribute vaccines.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has affected every corner of the world, changing our relationship to our communities, to our jobs, and to each other, the most pressing question has been—when will it end? In *How to Make a Vaccine*, an expert who has firsthand experience developing vaccines tells an optimistic story of how three hundred years of vaccine discovery and a century and a half of immunology research have come together at this powerful moment.

Dr. John Rhodes draws on his experience as an immunologist, including working alongside a young Anthony Fauci, to unravel the mystery of how vaccines are designed, tested, and produced at scale for global deployment. Concise and accessible, this book describes in everyday language how the immune system evolved to combat infection, how viruses responded by evolving ways to evade our defenses, and how vaccines do their work. That history, and the pace of current research developments, make Rhodes hopeful that multiple vaccines will protect us. But defeating COVID-19 won't be the end of the story: Rhodes describes how discoveries today are also empowering scientists to combat future threats to global health, including a recent breakthrough in the development of genetic vaccines, which have never before been used in humans.

About the author

John Rhodes is an international expert in immunology and vaccine discovery. He has held research fellowships at the US National Institutes of Health and the University of Cambridge, and from 2001 to 2007 he was director of strategy in immunology at GlaxoSmithKline. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, has served on UK government international vaccine missions and has published in leading scientific journals such as *Nature*, *Science* and the *Lancet*. His book *The End of Plagues: The Global Battle Against Infectious Disease* was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2013.

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THE PATRIARCHS: How Male Domination Began and How It Might End

Angela Saini

Praise for *Superior*:

'Deeply researched, masterfully written, and sorely needed, *Superior* is an exceptional work by one of the world's best science writers.' Ed Yong

'Angela roundly debunks racism's core lie - that inequality is do with genetics rather than political power.' Reni Eddo-Lodge

'...Brilliant analysis of race science past and present... A thought-provoking combination of science, social history and modern politics.' *Financial Times*

From the author of *Superior: The Return of Race Science* – a book of the year in the *Financial Times*, *Guardian*, *Telegraph*, *New Statesman*, *Sunday Times*, *Nature*, *Smithsonian* and shortlisted for the Foyles book of the year.

Historians and anthropologists agree that the ways in which we live now are not how we have always lived. Monogamous marriage, nuclear families, all our varied social structures and gender norms across the globe are social and cultural constructions, sometimes in part underscored by biology, but certainly not defined by it. When it comes to the oldest and most pervasive hierarchical human system of all – patriarchy – this too, was an invention. It emerged in some place at some time in our past, and spread through the world.

In *The Patriarchs* the acclaimed science writer Angela Saini explores the complex, often mysterious story of how human domination of women by powerful men may have first appeared, what forms it has taken and still takes, and the exceptional societies in which male domination is not the norm. She sets to lay out in one volume the breadth and depth of one of the most barbaric human hierarchies, a brutal way of organizing society that has crushed the lives of billions of people and continues to do so, through institutions such as religion and law, as well as baked-in social values, customs and traditions.

She reflects on the glorious myths that linger in our hinterlands about matriarchal societies that may have existed in the past, and discovers whether there is any truth to them. And she looks at the sheer breadth of human culture today and through time, offering examples of radically different ways of living that transcend common gender models and upend the hierarchies that we have treated for so long as immutable. Drawing on scientific storytelling, historical and social science studies, as well as firsthand reportage around the globe, Saini paints a portrait of how society changed when patriarchy emerged, what this means for how we think about ourselves today, and how a radical new future may look.

About the author

Angela Saini is an award-winning science journalist and broadcaster. She presents documentaries for the BBC and has written features for the *Guardian*, *Sunday Times*, *Science*, *New Scientist*, *Wired*, *National Geographic* and many other publications. She has a Master's degree in Engineering from Oxford University and was a fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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THE ELEPHANT IN THE UNIVERSE

33 Glimpses of Dark Matter and How They Might Unlock the Secrets of the Cosmos

Govert Schilling

Praise for *Ripples in Spacetime*:

'Schilling's deliciously nerdy grand tour takes us through compelling backstory, current research, and future expectations.' Barbara Kiser, *Nature*

Some 80 per cent of all matter in the Universe consists of unknown particles, but despite decades of research by the most brilliant minds on Earth, no one knows what the stuff really is. It's a thought-provoking and humbling conclusion: even the matter we are composed of is little more than the visible tip of a weird, non-luminous iceberg.

Current wisdom has it that dark matter consists of a so far undiscovered type of elementary particle that hardly interacts with normal matter, making it almost impossible to detect. A whole industry of detectors is looking for the enigmatic particle – usually installed in deep underground laboratories to shield the sensitive equipment from spurious cosmic rays. Meanwhile, other physicists are searching for evidence of decaying dark matter in the wider Universe, or trying to create dark-matter particles in collider experiments. But so far none of these approaches has yielded any results.

Little surprise, then, that some scientists have started to doubt that dark-matter particles really exist. Who knows, the mysterious stuff may be a new state of matter, more akin to an all-pervasive field. Dark matter's properties may be somehow connected to the equally puzzling discovery that empty space must also contain loads of mysterious 'dark energy' to account for the accelerating expansion of the Universe. Or our current understanding of gravity may be all wrong, leading us to believe in the existence of huge amounts of dark matter while there may be none at all.

In *The Elephant in the Universe*, Govert Schilling takes readers on a comprehensive tour through space and time and across the globe to explore the story of the dark-matter mystery and the researchers working to crack it. The book takes the form of 33 brief chapters, each giving a separate insight into just what this strange missing stuff might be. Taken together they provide a unique, state-of-the-art overview of the latest ideas and findings.

About the author

Govert Schilling is an acclaimed astronomy writer, based in the Netherlands. His articles appear in Dutch newspapers and magazines and he also has written for *New Scientist*, *Science* and *BBC Sky at Night Magazine*, and he is a contributing editor of *Sky & Telescope*. He regularly lectures for a wide variety of audiences and has written more than 50 books on a wide variety of astronomical topics.

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THE INVENTION OF TOMORROW

How Foresight Conquered the World

Thomas Suddendorf, Jon Redshaw & Adam Bulley

The first trade book dedicated to the emergence of foresight, how this prodigious capacity drove human evolution and how we'll continue to rely and improve on it in the future.

Chimpanzees tend to grunt excitedly to say hello. But, curiously, our closest animal cousins never say goodbye. In fact humans may well be the only animals who bid one another farewell in mutual recognition that we are going our separate ways, and often in the hope our paths may cross again.

Your mind is a virtual time machine. You can relive past events and imagine future possibilities – even ones that you have never experienced or which may never materialize. Because you are a mental time traveller, you can prepare for threats and opportunities well in advance and deliberately shape the future to your own design. Humans run the zoos not because we are stronger than other animals, but because we can foresee what these animals need and what they can do. Foresight is essential to our dominance on the planet.

In *The Invention of Tomorrow*, three pioneering researchers in the field of mental time travel provide a ground-breaking exploration of one of humanity's greatest powers, showing that humans are fundamentally a species of farsighted vision, not one of myopia and impulsivity. Far from being unequipped to deal with the challenges it now faces, our species has evolved to deal with future dangers more than any other creature that has ever existed.

An avalanche of discoveries in the past decade has dramatically transformed our understanding of our mental time machines and how we use them to envisage, predict and control the future. Drawing on cutting-edge research from many disciplines – cognitive neuroscience, archaeology, psychology, economics, evolutionary biology, and more – *The Invention of Tomorrow* tells a revolutionary story of discovery that is providing a new perspective on the story of humanity.

About the author

Thomas Suddendorf is a full professor in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, Australia. His research on how memory and foresight are part of the same mental time machine is some of the most widely cited research in psychology and neuroscience. His first trade book was *The Gap: The Science of What Separates Us from Other Animals* (Basic Books, 2013). Jon Redshaw is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Queensland who has published extensively on the development and evolution of mental time travel. Adam Bulley is a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Psychology at Harvard University, where he researches the cognitive neuroscience of foresight.

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A WORLD WITHOUT STARS

How the Night Sky Made Us Who We Are

Roberto Trotta

An astrophysicist's reappraisal of humanity's history that takes readers on a wonder-filled journey to discover the human connection with our cosmic environment.

Imagine looking up to the sky on a dark night and seeing... nothing. Imagine Earth permanently shrouded in clouds – a thick blanket of dark grey clouds, blotting out even the face of the Sun during the day and that of the full Moon at night. Imagine a star-starved civilization struggling to take hold with our ancestral connection to the sky severed.

The night sky makes us feel small and insignificant, yet proud of our ability to marvel at it and to decrypt its mysteries. Beyond the stars, at the beginning of time, at the origin of the universe, religion and science meet and collide. Amazingly, these indifferent pinpricks of light inspired the highest expressions of human creativity: beauty and meaning, courage and hope, sprung from remote balls of gas burning away in the coldness of space. We are stardust imbued with the longing to understand where we come from and to sing what we cannot comprehend.

In *A World Without Stars*, Roberto Trotta explores the surprisingly deep influence of astronomical phenomena in shaping the trajectory of human history. From mythology, religion, farming and the creative arts, to mathematics, astronomy, technology and pop culture, he reveals how the very fabric of who we are has been shaped by our ability to see the stars. What's more, by daring us to imagine other worlds without stars – from lifeforms beneath the icy crust of distant moons, to the prospect of pure energy beings emerging in a dark, cold, empty universe – he impresses on us just how special and important our own view of the cosmos is.

About the author

Roberto Trotta is a professor of astro-statistics at Imperial College London, where he studies dark matter, dark energy and the early universe, and the director of Imperial's Centre for Languages, Culture and Communication. He is also a visiting professor of cosmology at Gresham College, London. After earning a PhD in theoretical physics at the University of Geneva, he was Lockyer Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society at Oxford University before being appointed to Imperial College in 2008.

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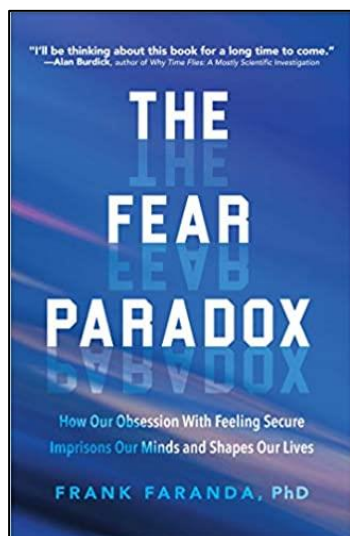
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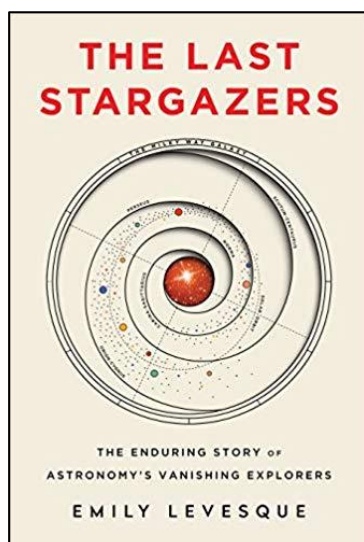
THE FEAR PARADOX: How Our Obsession with Feeling Secure Imprisons Our Minds and Shapes Our Lives

Frank Faranda

Over the last five hundred years, life for the average human being has changed dramatically. But, progress has shown that no matter how many dangers we neutralize, new ones emerge. Why? Because our level of fear remains constant. For years, Dr Frank Faranda studied a state of fearfulness in his patients. He began to wonder what they were afraid of, and how embedded these fears might be in contemporary society. This book aims to break us free from what he found. Faranda's Fear Paradox is simple—even though fear has a prime directive to keep us safe and comfortable, it has grown into the single greatest threat to humanity and collective survival.

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THE LAST STARGAZERS: Surprisingly True Tales from the Colourful, Vanishing World of Observational Astronomy

Emily Levesque

An Amazon Best Book of the Year 2020. Emily Levesque's career as an observational astronomer has been full of surprises, hardships, travel, and awe-inspiring discoveries. She's shared that road with a unique cohort, a group of astronomers braving mountain passes, subzero temperatures, poisonous or otherwise hostile fauna and flora, and the pulse-quickenning technical difficulties of telescopes the size and weight of apartment buildings. She weaves together their incredible experiences to build a narrative history of observational astronomy, offer a tour d'horizon of the research behind our current understanding of the universe, and reveal the transformative developments in the field's immediate future.

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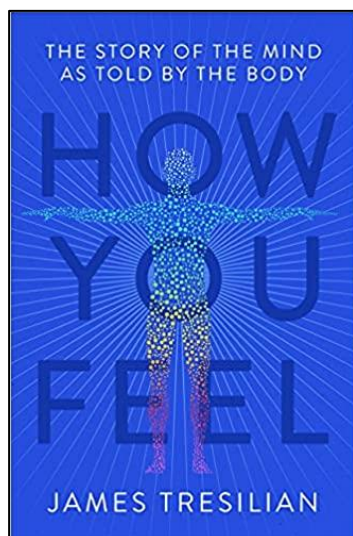


EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE UNIVERSE And Our Place Within It

Professor Andrew Newsam

Will our explorations of our neighbouring planets reveal life or a new place to settle? What happens inside black holes? Is dark matter real? Could a solar flare have a devastating effect on our planet? Could we do anything to prevent being wiped out by an approaching asteroid? What can observations of stars reveal about our origins – and our future? With chapters exploring the history of looking up, the Sun, stars, the solar system, galaxies and the Big Bang, *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the Universe* is a brilliantly vivid and entertaining guide to the incredible phenomena of outer space – and to ourselves.

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HOW YOU FEEL

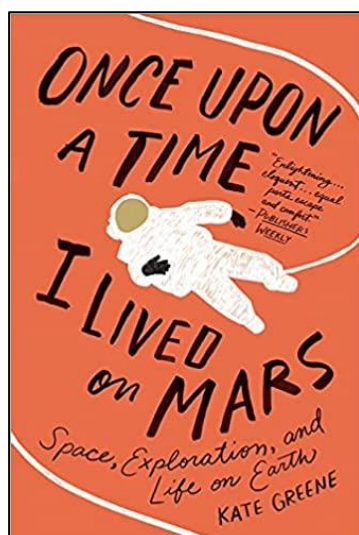
The Story of the Mind as Told by the Body

James Tresilian

What if it's not just the mind, but also the body itself that feels? And not merely physical sensations, but other feelings that seem to have nothing to do with bodies. Things like 'emotions' and 'intuitions' - joy or rage, anxiety or optimism, or the feeling of being hard done by or misunderstood? Drawing on the latest research, *How You Feel* shows you that your brain and your body are two parts of a single system that creates your mind and mental life. You will discover that you don't have feelings, thoughts and emotions *inside* your body, you have them *with* your body.

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ONCE UPON A TIME I LIVED ON MARS

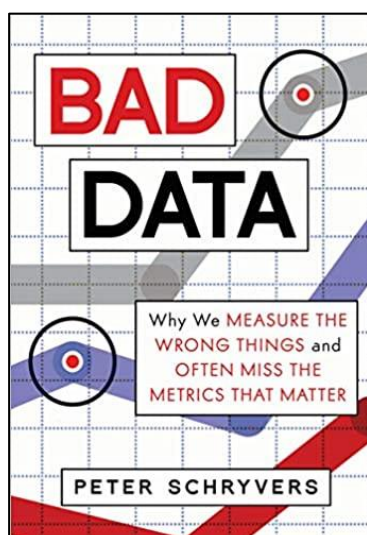
Space, Exploration and Life on Earth

Kate Greene

In 2013, Kate Greene moved to Mars. That is, along with five fellow crew members, she embarked on NASA's first HI-SEAS mission, a simulated Martian environment. For four months she lived, worked, and slept in an isolated geodesic dome, conducting a sleep study on her crew mates and gaining incredible insight into human behavior in tight quarters, as well as the nature of boredom, dreams, and isolation that arise amidst the promise of scientific progress and glory.

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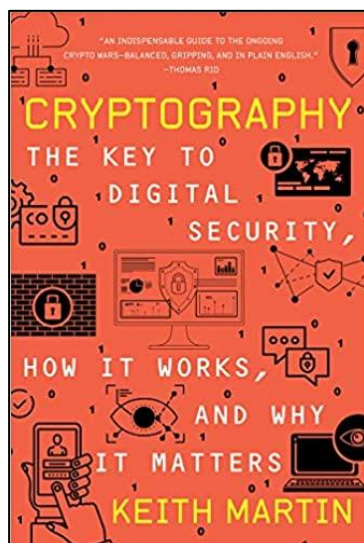
BAD DATA: Why We Measure the Wrong Things and Often Miss the Metrics that Matter

Peter Schryvers

Big data is often touted as the key to understanding almost every aspect of contemporary life. This critique of "information hubris" shows that even more important than data is finding the right metrics to evaluate it. Among the areas where the wrong metrics have led to poor outcomes, Peter Schryvers cites corporate cultures that emphasize time spent on the job while overlooking key productivity measures, and a blinkered focus on carbon emissions, which underestimates the impact of industrial damage to our natural world.

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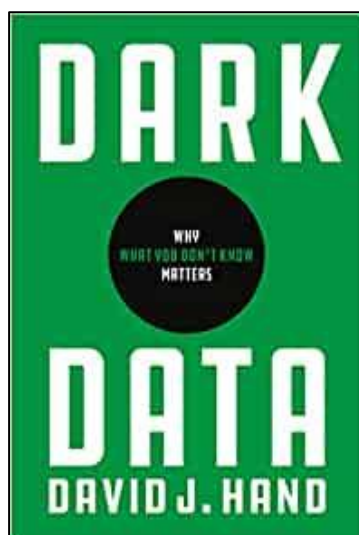
The Key to Digital Security, How It Works, and Why It Matters

Keith Martin

Essential reading for anyone with a password, *Cryptography* offers a profound perspective on personal security, online and off. Broadly defined as a set of tools for establishing security in cyberspace, cryptography enables us to protect our information and share it securely. It underpins the security of mobile phone calls, card payments, web connections, internet messaging — everything we do online. Keith Martin reveals the many ways we rely on cryptographic technology and demystifies its controversial applications and the nuances behind alarming headlines about data breaches.

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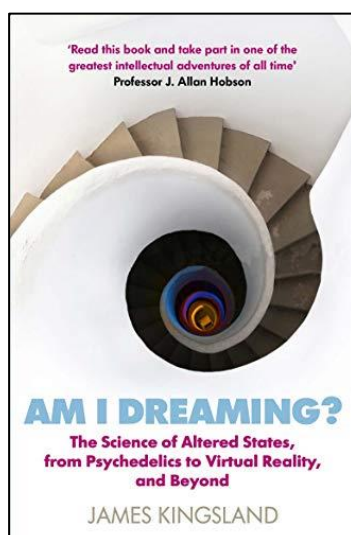
DARK DATA: Why What You Don't Know Matters

David Hand

In the era of big data, it is easy to imagine that we have all the information we need to make good decisions. But, in fact, the data we have are never complete, and may be only the tip of the iceberg. Just as much of the universe is composed of dark matter, invisible to us but nonetheless present, the universe of information is full of dark data that we overlook at our peril. Examining a wealth of real-life examples, from the Challenger shuttle explosion to complex financial frauds, David Hand takes us on a fascinating and enlightening journey into the world of the data we *don't* see.

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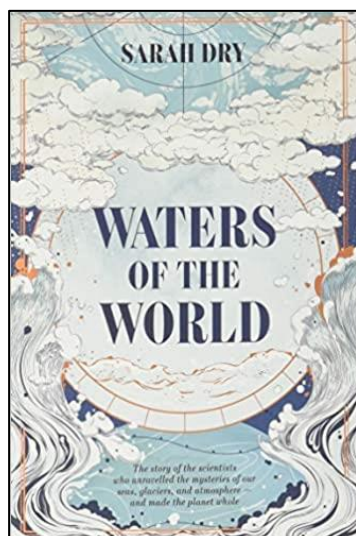
AM I DREAMING? Adventures in Altered States of Consciousness

James Kingsland

A growing body of research, in fields ranging from neuroscience and clinical psychology to molecular biology and statistics, shows that the realms of experience that can be reached through lucid dreaming, virtual reality, hypnotic trance, meditation and even video games can heighten and refine our capacity for clear-sighted awareness. James Kingsland explains how regular journeys into alternative realms of consciousness can bolster our wellbeing – and how research into these adventures of the mind is exposing the unsettling truth about how the brain creates ordinary conscious awareness.

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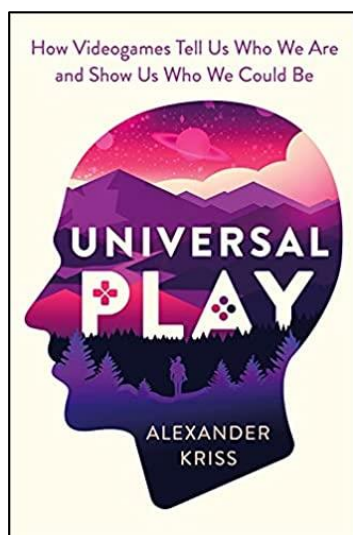
WATERS OF THE WORLD

The Story of the Climate in Six Remarkable Lives

Sarah Dry

How is the weather where you are? And how did it get that way? How does the great complex global interaction of ice, ocean, and atmosphere combine to generate the rain that sustains us? And who figured all its secret processes out? This is the history from the mid-nineteenth century onward of our developing understanding of how the weather grows, lives, and dies. It tells the story of the remarkable individuals who worked on their corner of the weather puzzle and then, together, cumulatively, gave us a joined-up theory of the life-cycle of our climate.

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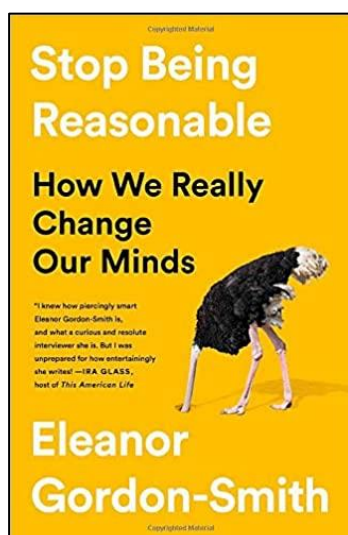


THE GAMING MIND: A New Psychology of Videogames and the Power of Play

Alexander Kriss

Society has come to malign videogames and their players, suggesting that videogames promote violence or indulge antisocial behavior. *The Gaming Mind* is the antidote to this rhetoric. Clinical psychologist Alexander Kriss sees videogames as a window into the mind, and he weaves together case studies, professional insight, and his personal history in a gripping narrative that disrupts our assumptions about gaming and 'gamers'. Sometimes the way we play reveals who we are—and what we want from our lives.

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STOP BEING REASONABLE: Seven Stories of How We Really Change Our Minds

Eleanor Gordon-Smith

A philosopher and journalist tells seven gripping stories that show the limits of human reason. From the woman who realised her husband harboured a terrible secret, to the man who left the cult he had been raised in, all of the people interviewed radically altered their beliefs about the things that matter most. What made them change course? How should this affect how we think about our own beliefs? And in an increasingly divided world, what do they teach us about how we might change the minds of others?

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