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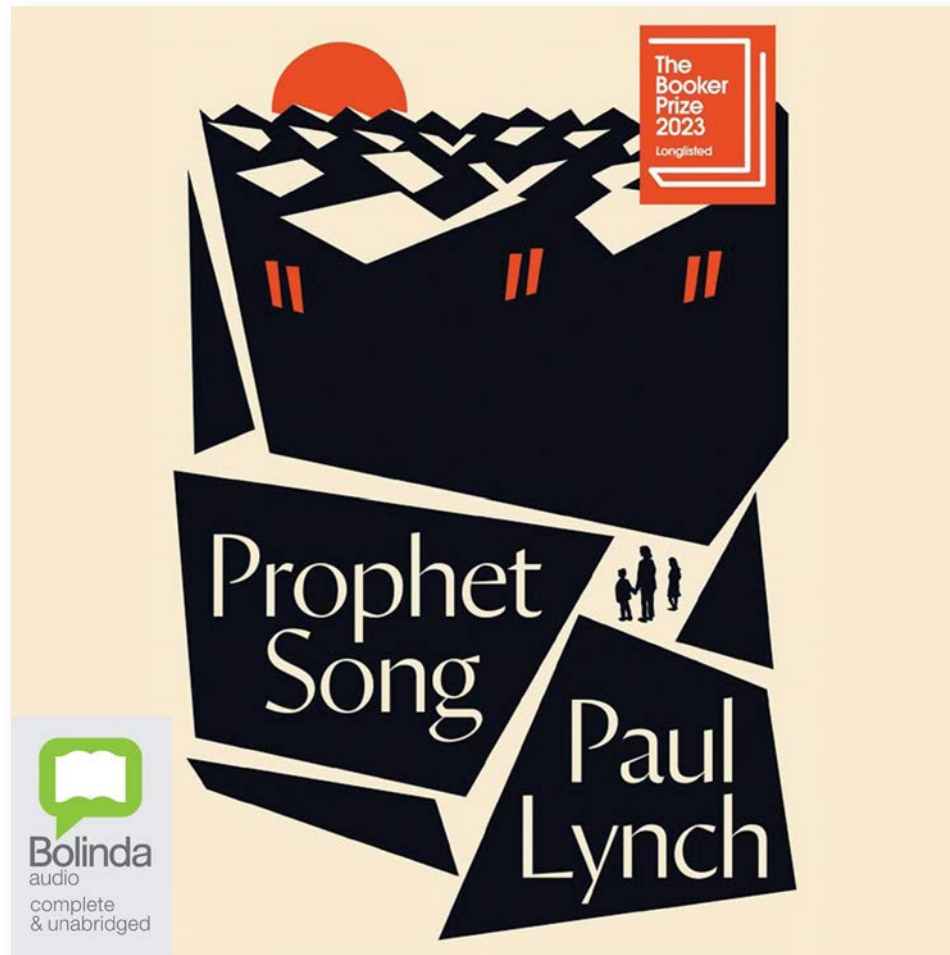
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January new releases 2024

Prophet Song

Paul Lynch

Read by Gerry O'Brien



A fearless portrait of a society on the brink as a mother faces a terrible choice, from internationally award-winning author Paul Lynch.

Shortlisted for the Booker Prize 2023

On a dark, wet evening in Dublin, scientist and mother of four Eilish Stack answers her front door to find the GNSB on her step. Two officers from Ireland's newly formed secret police are here to interrogate her husband, a trade unionist.

Ireland is falling apart. The country is in the grip of a government turning towards tyranny and when her husband disappears, Eilish finds herself caught within the nightmare logic of a society that is quickly unravelling.

How far will she go to save her family? And what – or who – is she willing to leave behind?

Exhilarating, terrifying and propulsive, *Prophet Song* is a work of breathtaking originality, offering a devastating vision of a country at war and a deeply human portrait of a mother's fight to hold her family together.

Prophet Song was an *Irish Times* 'Book to Look Forward to in 2023' and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize

Paul Lynch is the internationally-acclaimed, prize-winning author of *Red Sky in Morning*, *The Black Snow*, *Grace* and *Beyond the Sea*

Lynch was previously the chief film critic of Ireland's *Sunday Tribune* newspaper from 2007 to 2011, and wrote regularly for *The Sunday Times* on cinema

'I haven't read a book that has shaken me so intensely in many years ... The comparisons are inevitable – Saramago, Orwell, McCarthy – but this novel will stand entirely on its own.'
– Colum McCann, author of *Apeirogon*

'Monumental ... You remember why fiction matters. It's hard to recall a more powerful novel in recent years.' – Samantha Harvey, author of *The Western Wind*

Tithe

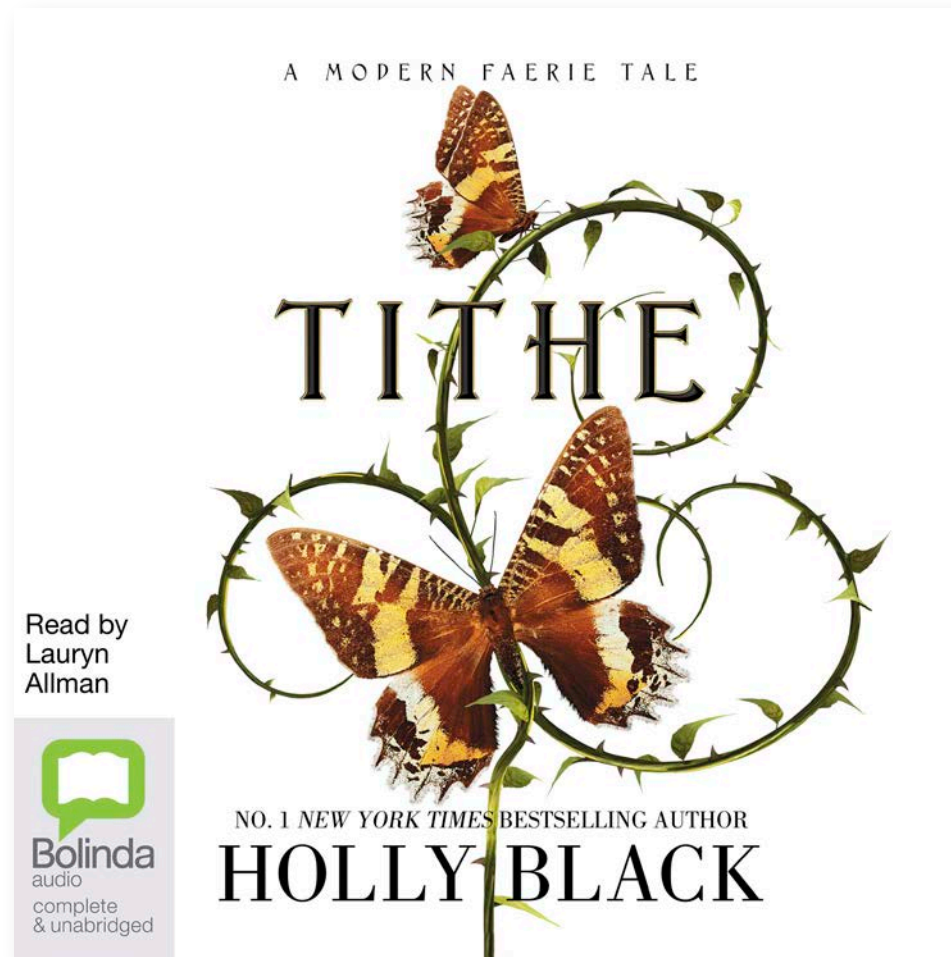
A Modern Faerie Tale #1

Holly Black

Read by Lauryn Allman

Young Adult New Release

Fables & Fairytales | January 2024



Discover the dark and seductive realm of faerie in the first instalment of the critically acclaimed Modern Faerie Tales series from the bestselling author of *The Cruel Prince*, *Holly Black*.

Kaye is used to drifting from place to place with her mother's rock band, until an ominous attack forces them back to her childhood home. Kaye's always had the unique ability to see faeries, so when she stumbles upon an injured faerie knight in the woods, she decides to save him.

But this fateful choice has dire consequences, as she soon finds herself the unwilling pawn in an ancient and violent power struggle between two rival faerie kingdoms. Will Kaye escape with her life?

Tithe was nominated for a Mytheopeic Award in 2013 and was one of the American Library Association's Best Books for Young Adults

Holly Black is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of fantasy novels, including the *Elfhome* series, *The Coldest Girl in Coldtown*, the *Spiderwick Chronicles* and her adult debut, *Book of Night*

Black has been a finalist for an Eisner Award and the recipient of the Andre Norton Award, the Mythopoeic Award and a Newbery Honor

'Debauchery, despair, deceit, and grisly death – what more could you ask for from a fairy tale? A luscious treat for fans of urban fantasy and romantic horror.' – Kirkus Reviews, Starred Review

'Dark, edgy, beautifully written ...' – Booklist

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The Missus

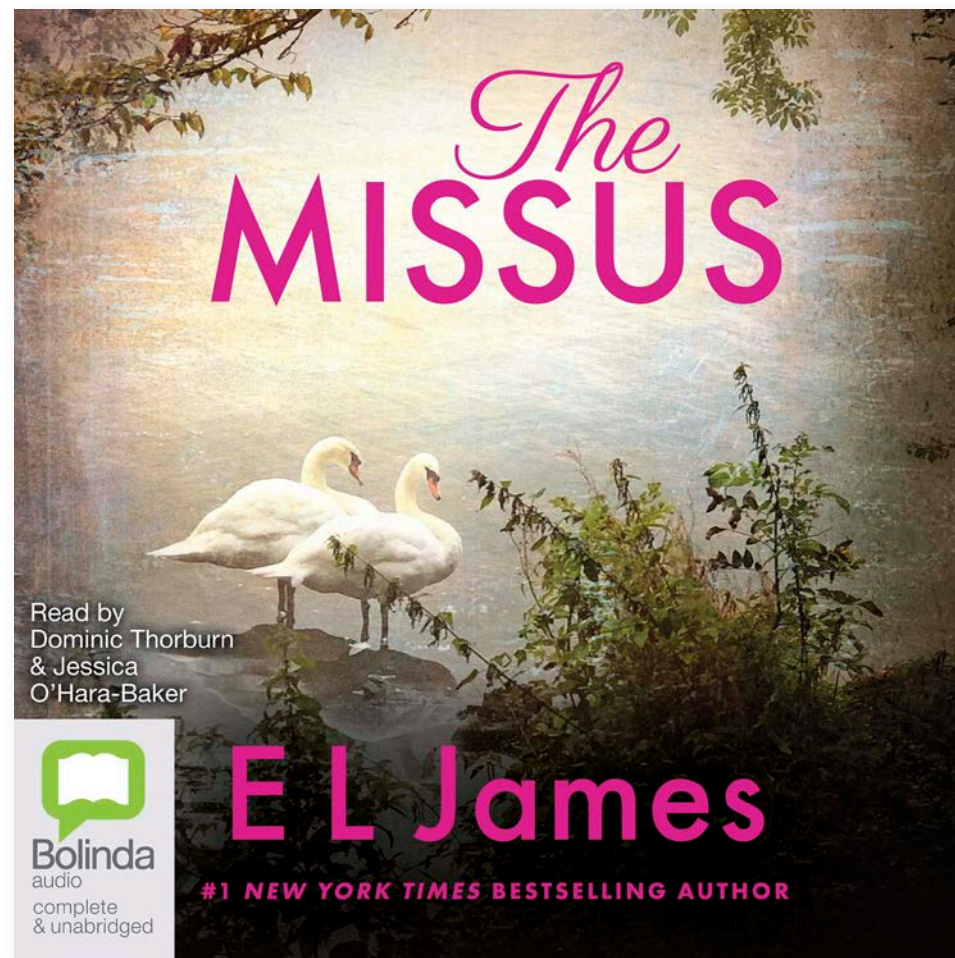
Mister & Missus #2

E.L. James

Read by Jessica O'Hara-Baker & Dominic Thorburn

Adult New Release

Romance | January 2024



The follow-up to the #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Mister*, a passionate and thrilling love story from E.L. James, author of the phenomenal bestselling *Fifty Shades* trilogy.

Maxim Trevelyan, reluctant Earl of Trevethick, has pursued the woman he loves to the wilds of Albania. Having fought for and won her, he now has to wed her, at the sharp end of a shotgun.

But can a reformed rake like Maxim ever make a good husband – or will his own notorious reputation and the scandalous secrets of his aristocratic family destroy his new-found happiness?

Alessia Demachi has defied and outwitted kidnappers and traffickers, and won the heart of the man she loves, but can she make this marriage work? Confronted by Maxim's lurid past, his forbidding family and the looks and whispers of London's elite, will she ever be seen as Maxim's countess – or will she always be his former cleaner?

James is the author of the *Fifty Shades* series. *Fifty Shades of Grey* stayed on the *New York Times* bestseller list for 133 consecutive weeks

James's titles have been published in 50 languages and have sold more than 165 million copies worldwide

James has been recognised as one of *Time* magazine's 'Most Influential People in the World' and *Publishers Weekly's* 'Person of the Year'

'Packed with passion ... a love story full of charm, music and soul-mates.' – *The Sun* (on *The Mister*)

'Like Dame Agatha Christie, E.L. James is smart enough to give her readers what they want.' – *Daily Mail* (on *The Mister*)

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The Stone Circle

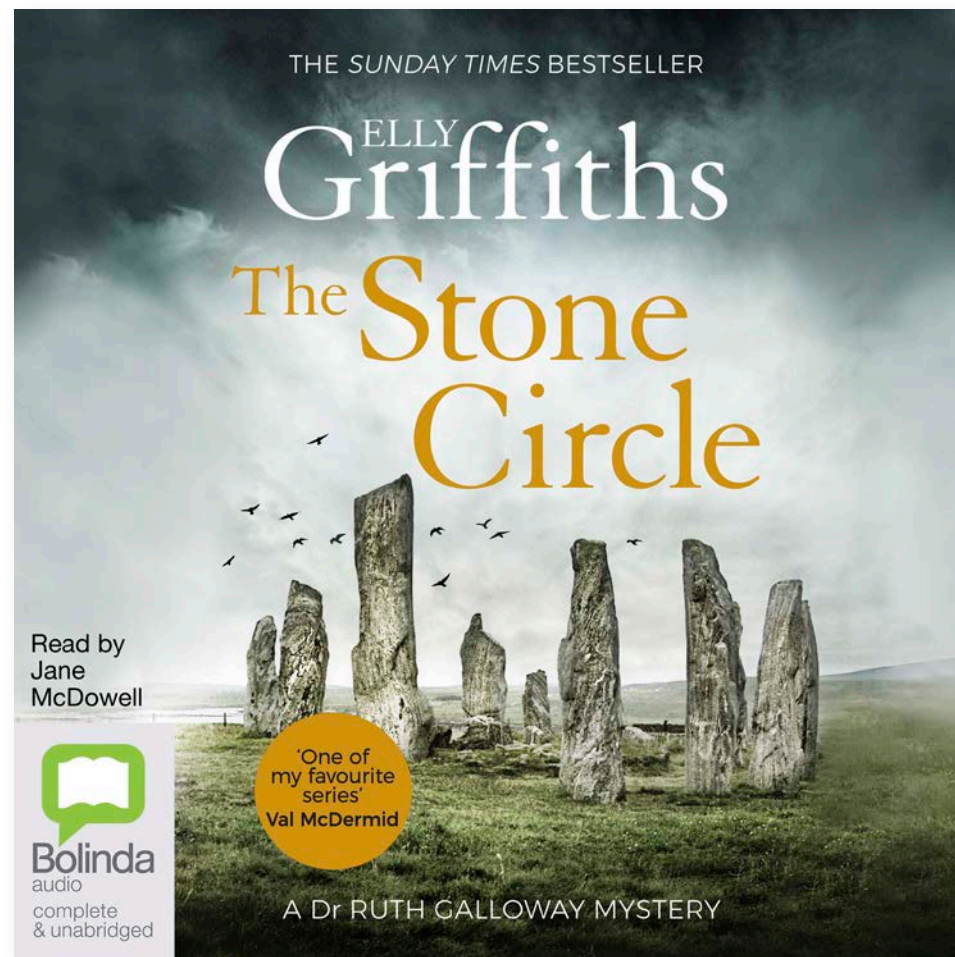
The Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries #11

Elly Griffiths

Read by Jane McDowell

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024



In this delightfully creepy mystery, Ruth Galloway is haunted by a ghost from her past, just as her future lands on shaky ground.

The past is reaching out for Dr Ruth Galloway and DCI Harry Nelson and its grip is deadly.

Nelson has been receiving anonymous letters and their resemblance to those that marked his first case with forensic archaeologist Ruth Galloway has left him uneasy. After all, the author of those letters is dead. Or are they?

Then he gets a call from Ruth. She is digging on the Norfolk Saltmarsh, on the site of a henge – a stone circle. And she has found the bones of a young girl. When the body is identified as that of Margaret Lacey, a 12-year-old who went missing 30 years ago, the police reopen the cold case.

Are the letters a coincidence, or did someone really know all along where Margaret could be found? What else might they know, if only Ruth and Nelson can find them?

Elly Griffiths is the author of the Brighton Mystery series, as well as the standalone novel *The Stranger Diaries*, which won the Edgar Award for Best Novel

Griffiths is the recipient of the CWA Dagger in the Library Award and the Mary Higgins Clark Award

'This superb series never disappoints... will keep you reading, and feeling, all night.' – Kirkus Reviews

'A well-turned-out, exciting, and at times downright nail-biting traditional mystery, with satisfying emotional resonance.' – New York Journal of Books

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The Edge

Travis Devine #2

David Baldacci

Narrator to come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024

The hotly anticipated follow-up to David Baldacci's runaway #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling thriller, *The 6:20 Man*, featuring Travis Devine.

A brutal murder

Retired from the Army's most prestigious special ops force, Travis Devine is now part of an elite undercover team in Homeland Security. But when he's brought in by DC Emerson Campbell to investigate the murder of a young woman, he quickly learns that this case is more personal than most.

A small town

Four days earlier, Jennifer Silkwell was found dead on the rocks of the Maine coastline. A high-ranking analyst for the CIA, she had knowledge of national security secrets that would be valuable to a number of enemies. And her Senator father once saved DC Emerson Campbell's life.

A big secret

Knowing how much is riding on the case, Devine packs his bags and heads for the small town of Potter in Maine. But small towns can harbour big secrets, and not everyone wants to share them with outsiders. Not when there's a killer on the loose ...

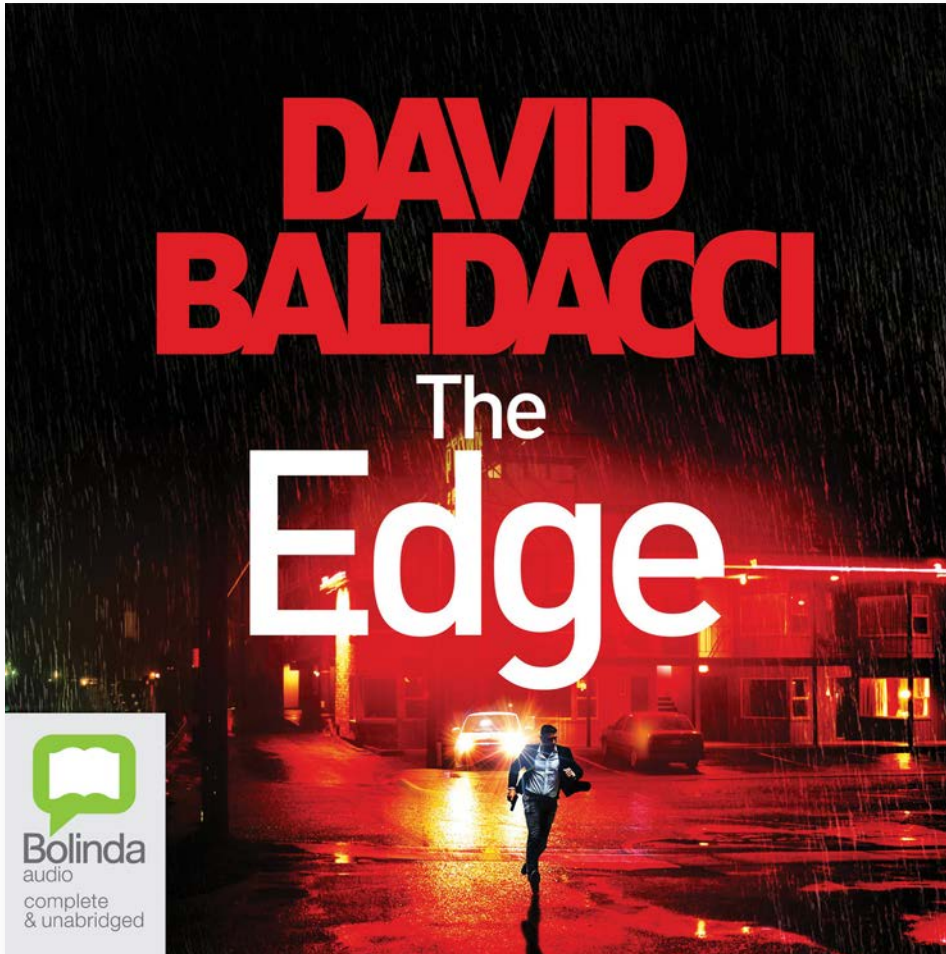
David Baldacci is one of the world's favourite bestselling thriller authors. A former trial lawyer with a keen interest in world politics, he has specialist knowledge in the US political system and intelligence services

Baldacci has published 44 titles for adults. All have been national and international bestsellers, and several have been adapted for film and television

Baldacci's titles are published in over 45 languages and in more than 80 countries, with 150 million copies sold worldwide

'One of the all-time best thriller authors.' – Lisa Gardner, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

'Baldacci is still peerless.' – *Sunday Times*



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Big Panda and Tiny Dragon

James Norbury

Read by Jason Isaacs

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James Norbury

A guiding light in the darker months, *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* is the mindful journey of two friends through the seasons, inspired by Buddhist philosophy.

'Which is more important,' asked Big Panda, 'the journey or the destination?'
'The company,' said Tiny Dragon.

Friends Big Panda and Tiny Dragon journey through the seasons of the year together, day and night, in rain and in sun. Travelling through nature, they find hope and inspiration in the world around them, realising that even in the darkest of days, spring will always return.

Feel the calming influence of Big Panda, who reminds us of the bigger picture while appreciating the simplicity of small moments. Explore your surroundings with the inquisitive eye of Tiny Dragon, our friend who is big in heart if not in stature. And on their journey through the ever-changing seasons, join these two friends as they learn how to live in the moment, be at peace with uncertainty and find the strength to overcome life's obstacles, together.

Inspired by Buddhist philosophy and spirituality, the story of these whimsical characters makes the perfect gift for anyone looking for a little hope and comfort.

Big Panda and Tiny Dragon has sold over 300k copies internationally and hit bestseller charts across the globe. James has over 200k followers on his Instagram

A beautifully sound designed audio version, with an exclusive audio cover and leading narrator Perfectly taps in to trends of mindfulness and meditation in an accessible and friendly way

'The captions have the depth of ancient proverbs.' – The Guardian

'James has a way to speak to your soul. This book is nothing short of comforting and heartwarming.' – Vex King, author of *Good Vibes, Good Life*

The Stellar Debut of Galactica MacFee

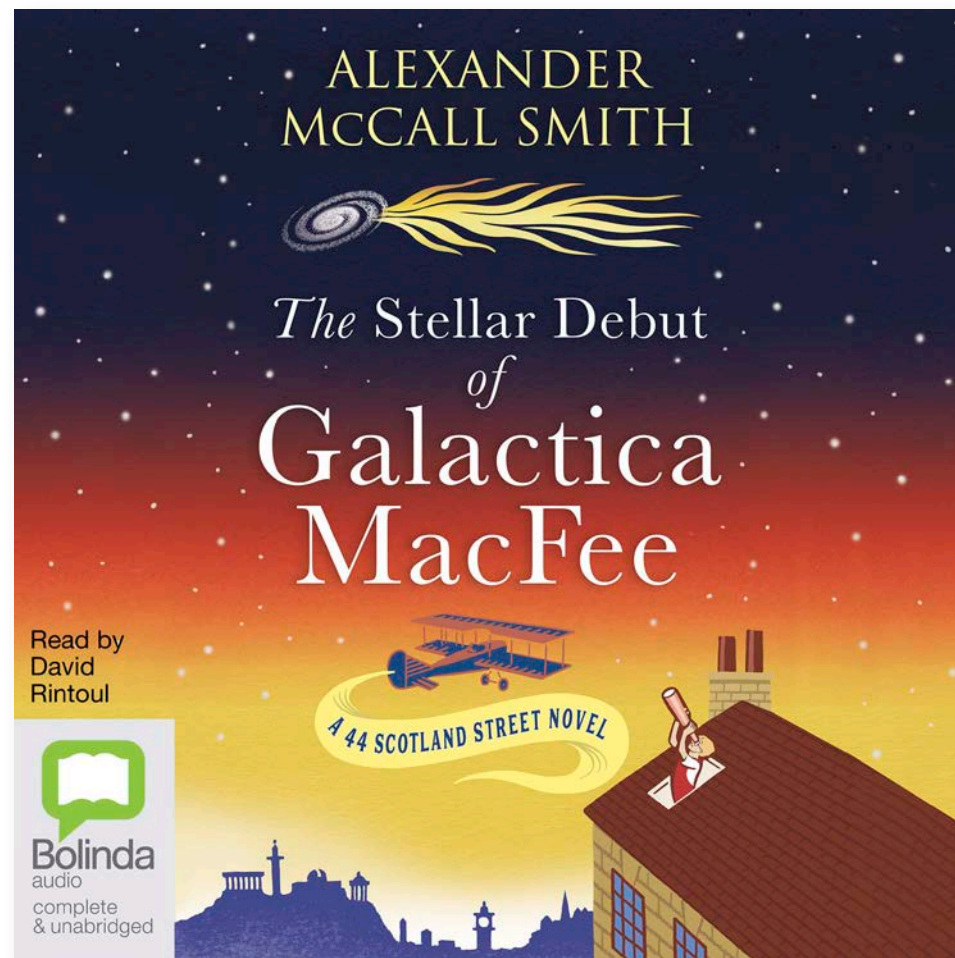
44 Scotland Street #17

Alexander McCall Smith

Read by David Rintoul

Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | January 2024



In this new instalment in the perennially popular 44 Scotland series, we are back in the world of Angus, Domenico, Bruce, Matthew, Elspeth, and, of course, Bertie and his friend Ranald Braveheart Macpherson.

Glasgow for Bertie is the promised land. The city of pies and Irn Bru, far from his controlling mother, Irene – his place of escape. But how will he respond to the news of the proposed merging of Edinburgh and Glasgow? A new member of Bertie's class at school is causing ripples in his social circle. She is called Galactica MacFee and is going to be a match for Olive and her lieutenant, Pansy.

And an incredible new discovery: a Pictish stone that is said to have the first-known written poem carved into it is the talk of the town. But when the poem is eventually translated, it is thought it is best to keep it under wraps.

Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's most prolific and best loved authors, whose titles have been translated into 46 languages and become bestsellers throughout the world

In 2015, Smith received the Bollinger Everyman Wodehouse Prize for Comic Fiction and in 2017, The National Arts Club of America Medal of Honor for Achievement in Literature

'McCall Smith's capacity to deliver quality new instalments is unrivalled by any other modern writer.' – The Independent (on *Sunshine on Scotland Street*)

'Hugely entertaining in a wonderfully witty and gentle way.' – LoveReading (on *A Promise of Ankles*)

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Birnam Wood

Eleanor Catton

Read by Saskia Maarleveld



A gripping psychological thriller from the Booker Prize-winning and bestselling author of *The Luminaries*.

Birnam Wood is on the move ...

Five years ago, Mira Bunting founded a guerrilla gardening group – Birnam Wood. An undeclared, unregulated, sometimes-criminal, sometimes-philanthropic gathering of friends, this activist collective plants crops wherever no one will notice, on the sides of roads, in forgotten parks and neglected backyards. For years, the group has struggled to break even. Then Mira stumbles on an answer, a way to finally set the group up for the long term – a landslide has closed the Korowai Pass, cutting off the town of Thorndike. Natural disaster has created an opportunity, a sizable farm seemingly abandoned.

But Mira is not the only one interested in Thorndike. Robert Lemoine, the enigmatic American billionaire, has snatched it up to build his end-times bunker – or so he tells Mira when he catches her on the property. Intrigued by Mira, Birnam Wood and their entrepreneurial spirit, he suggests they work this land. But can they trust him? And, as their ideals and ideologies are tested, can they trust each other?

Eleanor Catton won the Man Booker Prize in 2013 and was named one of *Granta's* Best of Young British Novelists in 2023

Catton is the author of the international bestseller *The Luminaries*, winner of the Man Booker Prize and a Governor General's Literary Award. *Birnam Wood* was a finalist for The Orwell Prize for Political Fiction 2023

'Phenomenal and utterly gripping, Birnam Wood has the sense of a literary writer setting herself free and having a bit of fun. It's fantastic. I loved it.' – Jessie Burton

'Birnam Wood is terrific. As a multilayered, character-driven thriller, it's as good as it gets. Ruth Rendell would have loved it. A beautifully textured work-- what a treat.' – Stephen King

The Year of the Locust

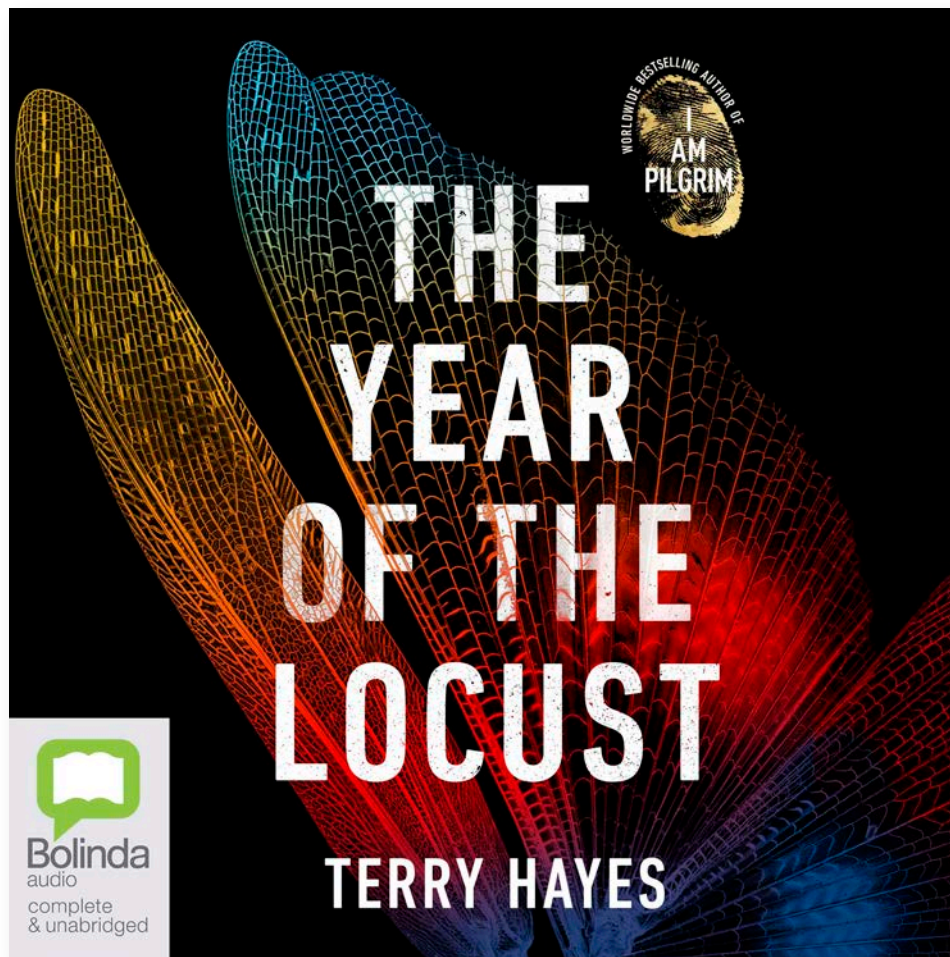
Pilgrim #2

Terry Hayes

Narrator to come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024



Terry Hayes, author of the #1 global bestseller / *Am Pilgrim*, returns with a terrifying and eagerly awaited new thriller.

If, like Kane, you're a Denied Access Area spy for the CIA, then boundaries have no meaning. Your function is to go in, do whatever is required, and get out again – by whatever means necessary. You know when to run, when to hide – and when to shoot.

But some places don't play by the rules. Some places are too dangerous, even for a man of Kane's experience. The badlands where the borders of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan meet are such a place – a place where violence is the only way to survive.

Kane travels there to exfiltrate a man with vital information for the safety of the West – but instead he meets an adversary who will take the world to the brink of extinction. A frightening, clever, vicious man with blood on his hands and vengeance in his heart ...

Terry Hayes is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Am Pilgrim*, which was published in many languages

Hayes is the award-winning writer and producer of numerous movies, whose credits include *Payback*, *Road Warrior* and *Dead Calm*, featuring Nicole Kidman

Hayes has also done uncredited writing on a host of other movies including *Reign of Fire*, *Cliffhanger* and *Flightplan*, starring Jodie Foster

'Delivers thrills and spills ... A full tilt mix of *Homeland*, *The Wire* and *The Bourne Ultimatum*.' – Mail on Sunday (on *I Am Pilgrim*)

'A 21st century thriller: a high concept plot, but with finely drawn protagonists. The plot twists and turns like a python in a sack. The style is visceral, gritty and cinematic ...' – The Times (on *I Am Pilgrim*)

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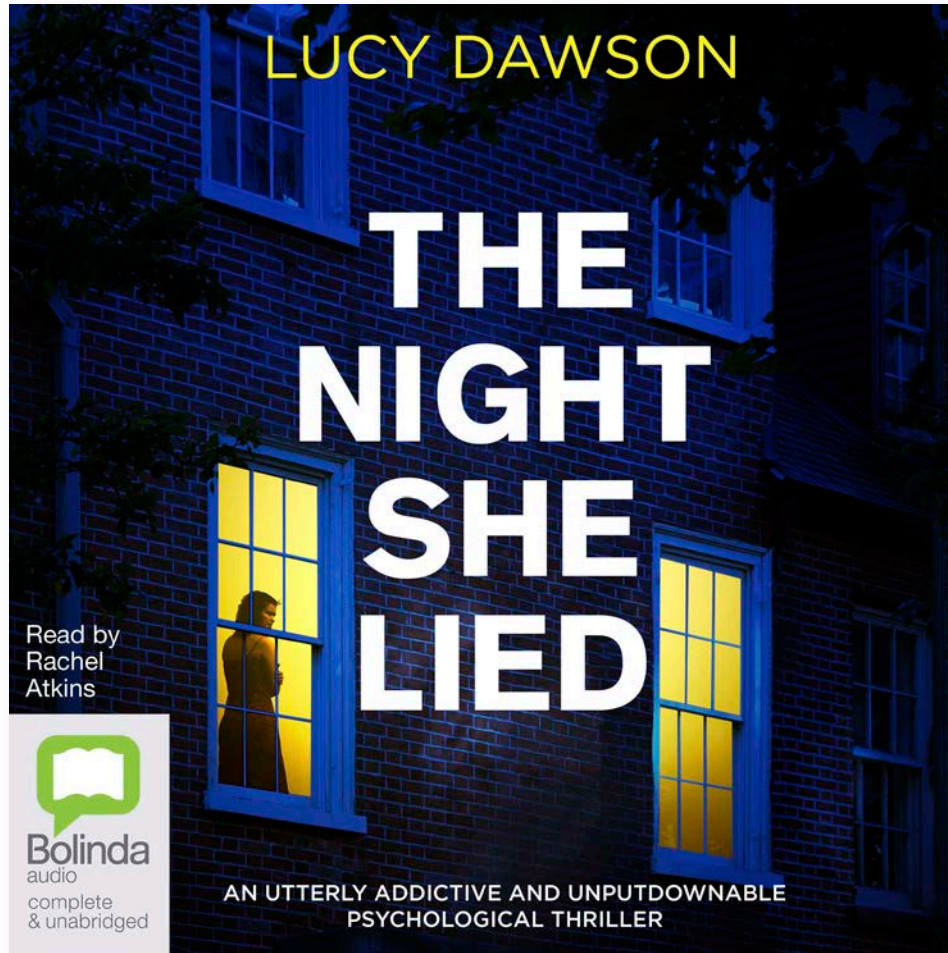
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The Night She Lied

Lucy Dawson

Read by Rachel Atkins



From bestselling author Lucy Dawson comes an insanely compelling page-turner, perfect for anyone who tore through *The Family Upstairs* and *Gone Girl*.

Every family has secrets. Would you kill to keep yours?

It's midnight in the hospital when Jude's phone rings, interrupting her precious 15-minute break. When she sees it's her 70-year-old mother, Margaret, she braces herself for the usual complaints. But her blood runs cold at four words that will change everything ... 'something terrible has happened.'

Margaret has been accused of an unspeakable crime committed 20 years ago. She insists she's not guilty, and begs Jude to help her prove it. But as Jude is drawn into the dark secrets of her family's past, she starts to question whether her mother is really as innocent as she claims to be.

Soon, Jude realises what happened 20 years ago is more entangled with her own life than she could ever have imagined. And as she stands face-to-face with her mother's accuser, she knows the cost of protecting her family will be someone else's life ...

Warning: Contains violence and graphic content

Lucy Dawson is the author of *Everything You Told Me*, *The Secret Within*, *His Other Lover*, *White Lies*, *Don't Ever Tell*, *The Memory*, *The One That Got Away*, *What My Best Friend Did* and *The Daughter*

Dawson has been writing psychological suspense novels since 2008 and her works have been translated into numerous languages

'Gripped me and didn't let go until the wickedly twisted ending.' – Jenny Blackhurst, author of *How I Lost You* (on *The Daughter*)

'Totally addictive, twisty and unputdownable.' – Erin Kelly, bestselling author of *He Said/She Said* (on *The Secret Within*)

The Watchmaker's Hand

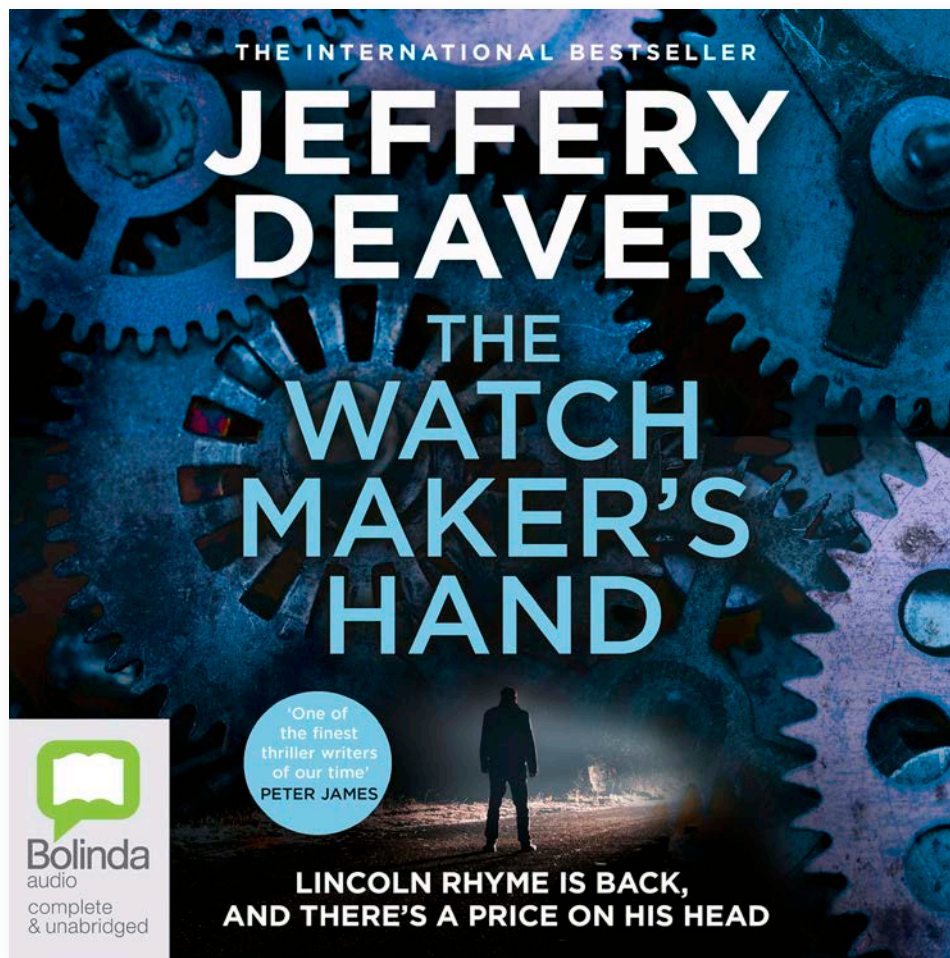
Lincoln Rhyme #16

Jeffery Deaver

Read by Edoardo Ballerini

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024



Lincoln Rhyme is back, and this time he's in danger, in the brand new crime thriller from Jeffery Deaver, bestselling author of *The Final Twist*.

A city in turmoil.

Looming over the Manhattan skyline, a lone crane comes crashing down into the city, sending panic radiating across New York City.

A deadly conspiracy.

The NYPD believes a political group is behind the sabotage and turns to Lincoln Rhyme for help. He knows this is just the beginning.

A race against time.

Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs must race to stop further attacks before more chaos is unleashed upon the city. Watching Rhyme from the shadows is the elusive assassin The Watchmaker, and he's preparing to strike ...

Jeffery Deaver is an international number one bestselling author, whose titles have appeared on bestseller lists around the world

Deaver has served two terms as president of Mystery Writers of America, and was named a Grand Master of MWA, whose ranks include Agatha Christie, Ellery Queen, Mary Higgins Clark and Walter Mosely

'Deaver keeps the twists and surprises coming in this roller-coaster ride of a thriller.'
– Publishers Weekly, Starred Review (on *The Cutting Edge*)

'Deaver is a master of plot twists ...' – Associated Press (on *The Burial Hour*)

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Nemesis

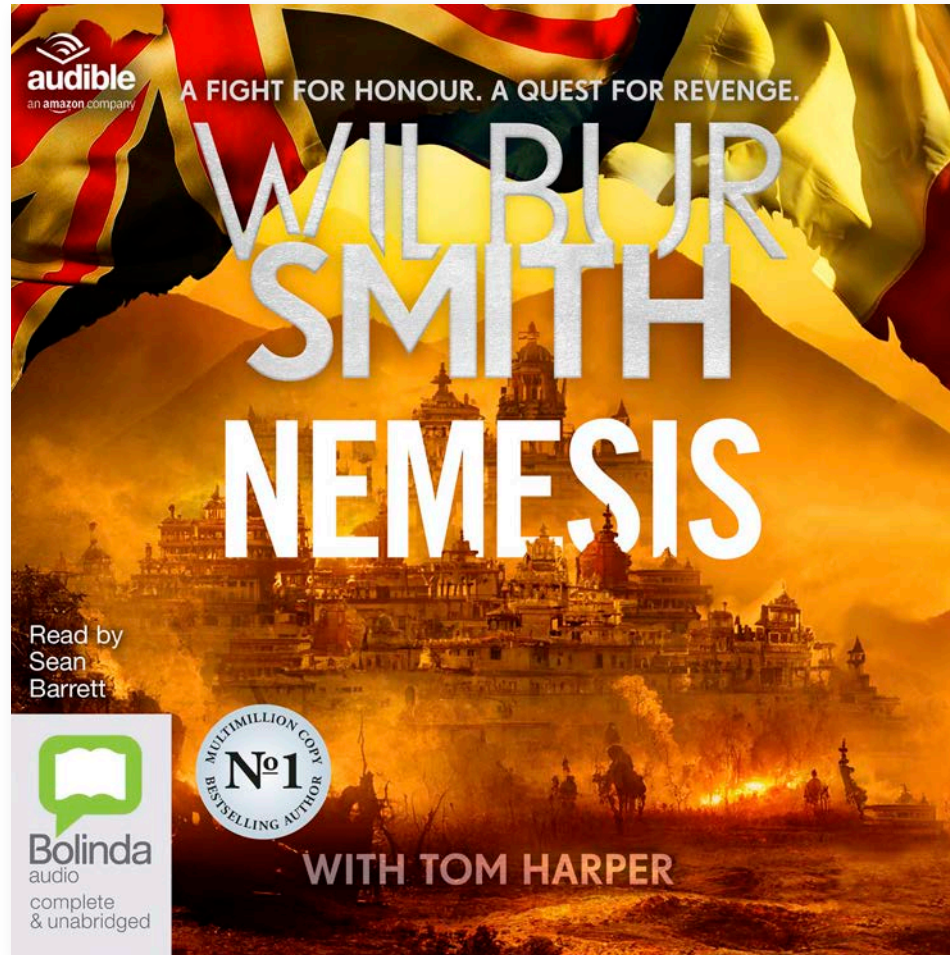
Courtney #21

Wilbur Smith & Tom Harper

Read by Sean Barrett

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | January 2024



Multimillion copy bestselling author Wilbur Smith returns with a brand-new historical epic, in which three strands of the Courtney family converge in a bloodthirsty bid for revenge.

Paris, 1794. Revolutionary fervour has erupted into the Reign of Terror. A young man, Paul Courtney, hides in a crowd watching as the condemned are brought to the guillotine. Among them is Constance Courtney, Paul's mother. As he watches her brutal execution, he knows he must avoid the same fate and fulfil his promise to her – to survive, no matter what. He joins Napoleon's army and is taken to Egypt, but with the world at war and traitors in every corner, just how far will Paul go to ensure his own survival?

Cape Town, 1806. Adam Courtney has spent his life in service to the navy and in the shadow of his father, the illustrious Admiral Robert Courtney. But when he returns home to Nativity Bay to find the homestead destroyed and the Courtney family murdered, Adam must accept his destiny and seek vengeance. Robert gives Adam the prized family heirloom, the Neptune sword, and makes his son swear on its blade that he will not rest until he has delivered justice. From Cape Town to Calcutta, on a quest for his family's honour, Adam discovers that the enemy he seeks may be closer to him than he realises ...

Wilbur Smith has published over 50 global bestsellers, including the Courtney Series, the Ballantyne Series, the Egyptian Series, the Hector Cross Series and many successful standalone novels

Tom Harper is the author of 13 thrillers and historical adventures including *The Orpheus Descent*, *Black River* and *Lost Temple*

'No one does adventure quite like Smith.' – Daily Mirror

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Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024

The Stranger in Our House

Sarah A. Denzil

Read by Shane Zaza

A gripping thriller from million-copy bestselling author of psychological suspense Sarah A. Denzil.

Tired of their cramped London apartment, Aaron and Meera relocate to the idyllic village of Little Crake along with their two children, Noah and Uma. The new cottage looks out over the many miles of woodland beyond. It's a far cry from their tiny flat and the perfect fresh start.

Until 15-year-old Noah wanders alone into the forest. For three days, a search party combs the woods. Aaron braces himself for the worst, convinced his son is lost forever. Until he finds Noah alive, hiding in the hollow of a tree. It feels like a second chance.

But why doesn't Noah remember those three days in the woods? And why are there strange cuts slashed across his torso? Why did he cover himself in mud and hide away in an old oak tree?

Once a studious and gentle boy, Noah becomes a troublemaker at school. He withdraws from his family, sleepwalks at night and creates eerie sketches of Dark Valley Forest. Aaron tells himself that Noah just needs time to readjust. He'll soon be himself again. But Meera believes otherwise. This new version of Noah is harsh and cruel – a complete stranger.

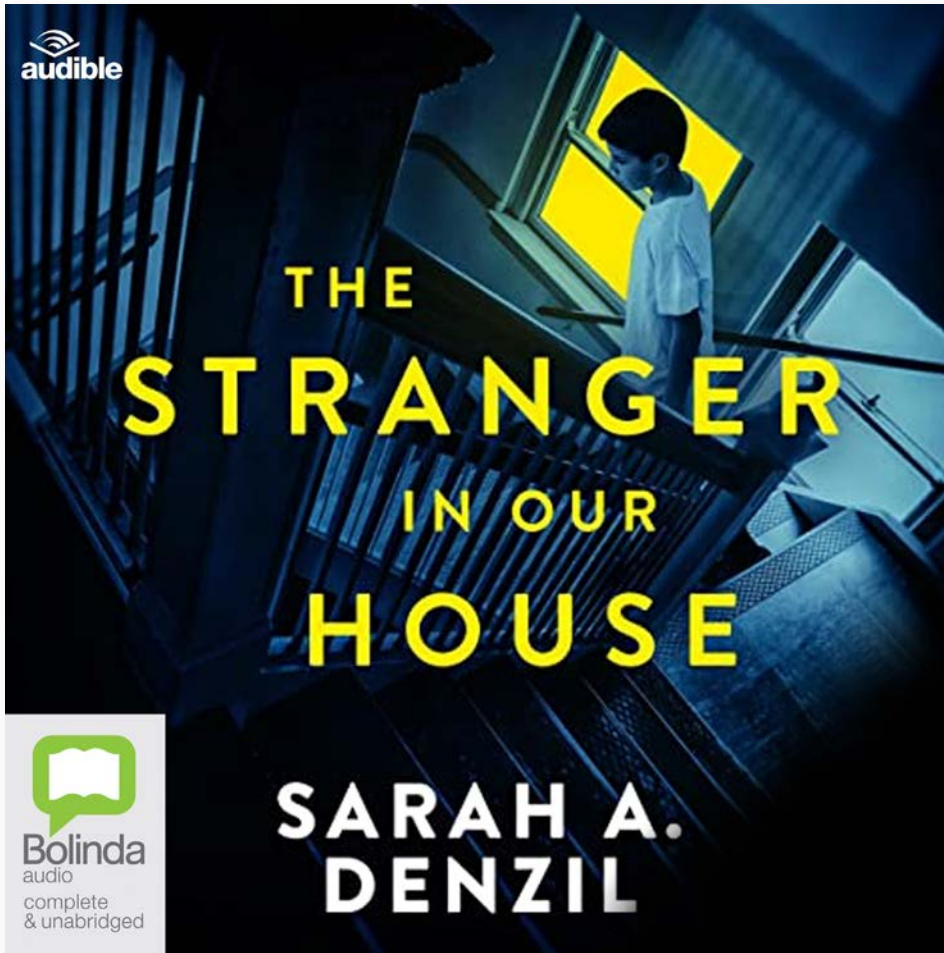
A mother knows when something is wrong with her child. Aaron may be deluded, but she knows the boy who came back from the woods is not their son.

Sarah A. Denzil is the author of *Silent Child*, which has topped the Kindle charts in the UK and Australia, as well as being a top ten Amazon bestseller in the US

Denzil's titles have been published in multiple languages and have appeared on the *Wall Street Journal* bestseller list

'Denzil is the queen of domestic suspense and one of my favourite authors.' – Melissa Storm, *USA Today* bestselling author (on *Little One*)

'Chilling, fast-paced, and addictive, with characters you'll both love and grow to fear.' – Darcy Coates, author of *The Haunting of Ashburn House* (on *You Are Invited*)



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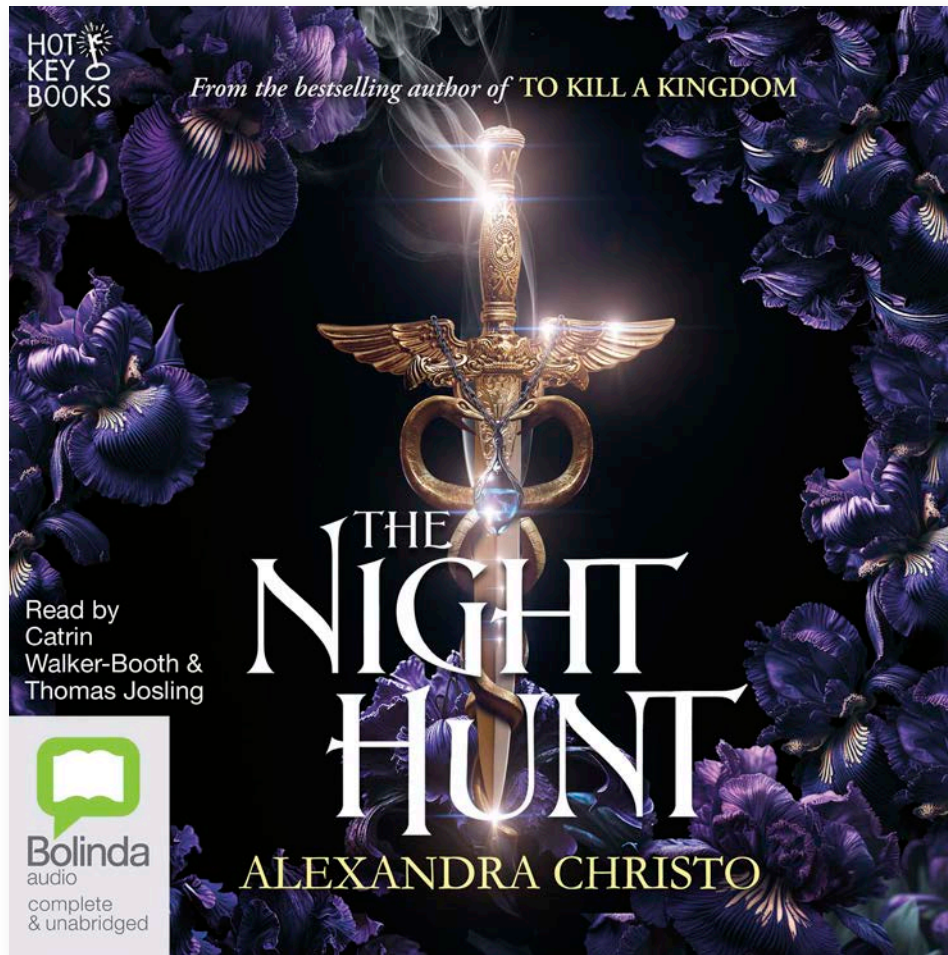
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The Night Hunt

Alexandra Christo

Read by Catrin Walker-Booth & Thomas Josling



From the internationally best-selling author of *To Kill a Kingdom* comes *The Night Hunt*, a dark fantasy romance about a monstrous girl who feeds on fear and the cursed boy who falls in love with her.

Atia is an immortal who feeds on fear and nightmare. As the last of her kind, she hides in the shadows of the world to escape the wrath of the vengeful Gods.

Silas is a Herald, carrying messages and ferrying the dead, as punishment for a past he can't remember.

Atia would never dream of allying with someone like him, but when she breaks a sacred law and the Gods send monsters to hunt her, Silas offers an irresistible deal – he'll help her take on the Gods and get vengeance for her family. But in return, she must help him break the curse that binds him and restore his humanity. All they need to do is kill three powerful creatures – a vampire, a banshee and one of the very Gods who has destroyed both their lives. Only together can they finally rewrite their destinies.

Perfect for fans of Sarah J Maas, Tricia Levenseller and Alexandra Bracken

Alexandra Christo is the author of *Into the Crooked Place*, *City of Spells*, *Princess of Souls* and the international bestseller *To Kill a Kingdom*

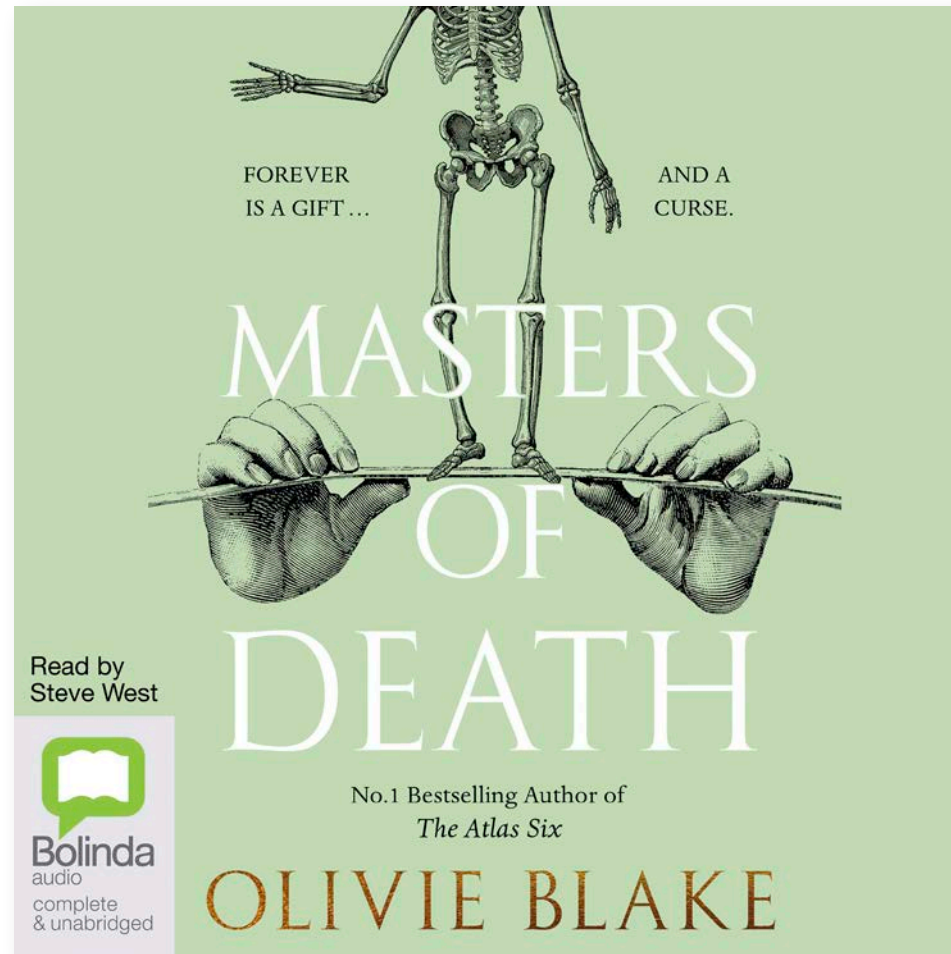
'A delightfully heartfelt tale filled with romance and adventure, The Night Hunt is a love letter to messy, monstrous girls.' – Lyndall Clipstone, author of *The World at the Lake's* Edge duology and *Unholy Terrors*

'I love stories about things that go bump in the night and The Night Hunt delivers!'
– Rachel Gillig, author of *One Dark Window*

Masters of Death

Olivie Blake

Read by Steve West



From the internationally bestselling author of *The Atlas Six*, *Masters of Death* by Olivie Blake is a gripping fantasy with vampires, ghosts and death itself.

This audiobook is about an estate agent. Only she's a vampire, the house on sale is haunted, and its ghost was murdered.

When Viola Marek hires Fox D'Mora to deal with her ghost-infested mansion, she expects a competent medium. But unbeknownst to Viola, Fox is a fraud – despite being the godson of Death.

As the mystery unfolds, Viola and Fox are drawn into a quest that neither wants nor expects. And they'll need the help of a demonic personal trainer, a sharp-voiced angel and a love-stricken reaper. And it transpires that the difference between a mysterious lost love and a dead body isn't nearly as distinct as you'd hope.

Olivie Blake is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Atlas Six*, *Alone with You in the Ether* and *One for My Enemy*

Blake has been published as the featured fiction contributor for *Witch Way Magazine*, as well as the writer for the self-published graphic series *Alpha* and a variety of other titles

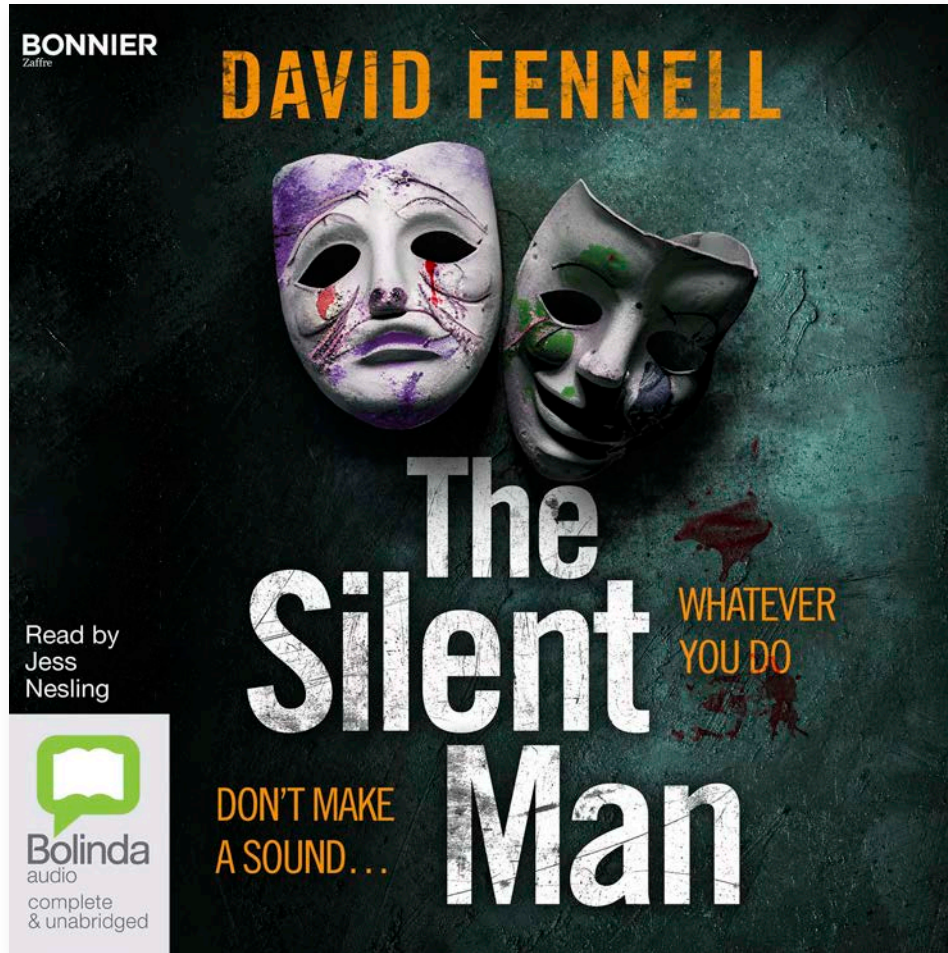
'A reasonably charming urban fantasy ...' – Kirkus Reviews

'Blake's fans ... looking for a sassy paranormal mystery will find plenty to enjoy.'
– Publishers Weekly

The Silent Man

David Fennell

Read by Jess Nesling



The gripping new dark serial killer thriller from one of the most exciting new voices in British crime fiction.

A father is murdered in the dead of night in his London home, his head wrapped tightly in tape, a crude sad face penned over his facial features. But the victim's only child is left alive and unharmed at the scene.

Met Police detectives Grace Archer and Harry Quinn have more immediate concerns. Notorious gangster Frankie White has placed a target on Archer's back, and there's no one he won't harm to get to her.

Then a second family is murdered, leaving young Uma Whitmore as the only survivor. Once again the victim's face is found wrapped and inked.

With a serial killer at large, DI Archer and DS Quinn must stay alive long enough to find the connection between these seemingly random victims. Can they do it before another child is made an orphan?

David Fennell was shortlisted for the Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize and is the author of *Sleeper*, a speculative fiction YA thriller, under the pseudonym J.D. Fennell

Fennell's other titles include *The Red Storm*, which was shortlisted for the Wilbur Smith Adventure Writing Prize, the bestselling *The Art of Death* and *See No Evil*

'David Fennell is a master of the macabre.' – Adam Hamdy, author of *Pendulum* and *Black 13* (on *See No Evil*)

'Fennell has created one of the most compelling characters in UK crime fiction.' – M.W. Craven, multi-award winning author (on *See No Evil*)

The Little House

Philippa Gregory

Read by Alix Dunmore



A contemporary psychological thriller in the style of Ruth Rendell, from one of today's most versatile and compelling storytellers.

It was easy for Elizabeth. She married the man she loved, bore him two children and made a home for him which was the envy of their friends.

It was harder for Ruth. She married Elizabeth's son and then found that, somehow, she could never quite measure up ...

Isolation, deceit and betrayal fill the gaps between the two individual women and between their different worlds.

In this complex thriller, Philippa Gregory deploys all her insight into what women want and what women fear, as Ruth confronts the shifting borders of her own sanity.

Laying bare the comfortable conventions of rural England, this spine-tingling story pulses with suspense until the whiplash double-twist of the denouement.

Philippa Gregory is one of the world's foremost historical novelists, her works that have been adapted for television include *A Respectable Trade*, *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Queen's Fool*

The Little House was adapted for television by ITV in 2010 starring Francesca Annis, Lucy Griffiths, Tim Pigott-Smith and Rupert Evans

In 2018, Gregory was awarded an Honorary Platinum Award by Nielsen for achieving significant lifetime sales across her entire book output

'Fiendishly plotted ... this is Gregory at her most chillingly convincing.' – Cosmopolitan

'This brilliant psychological chiller ... is utterly, nail-nibblingly plausible. You will relish its explosive climax and be gripped through to its final, superb, double-twist finish.' – Daily Mail

Murder Most Antique

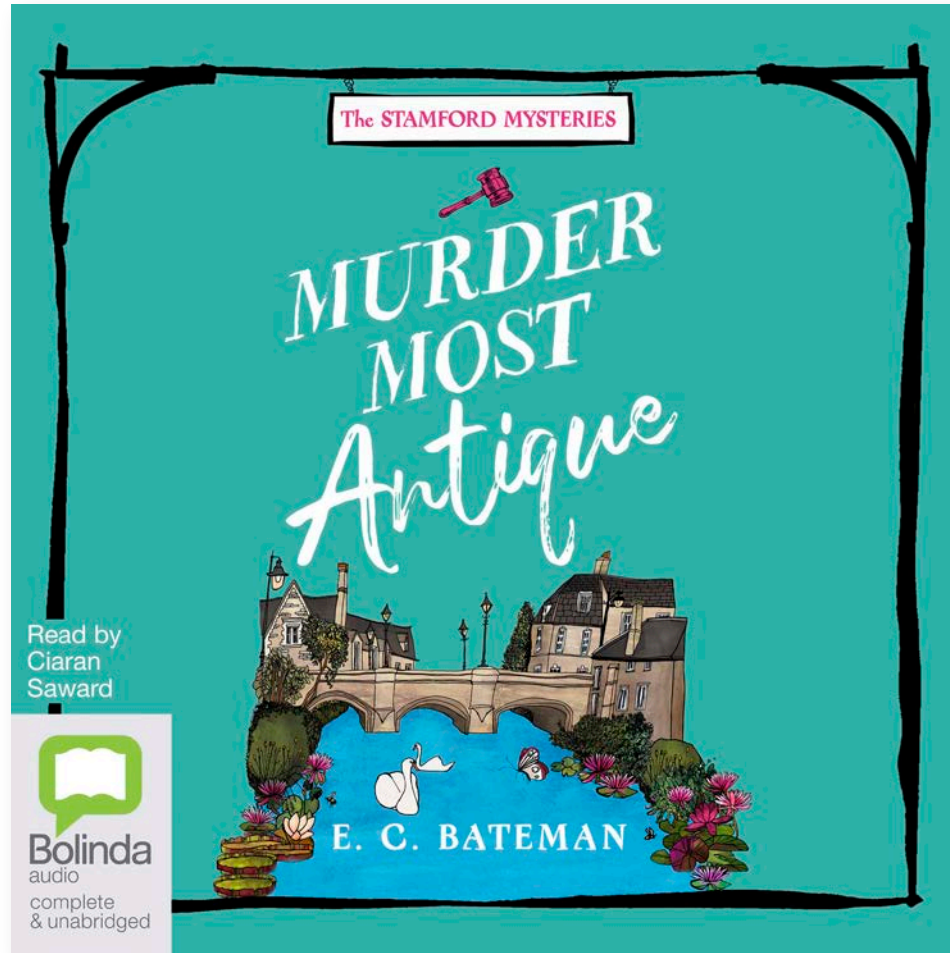
The Stamford Mysteries #2

E.C. Bateman

Read by Ciaran Saward

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024



The second instalment of E.C. Bateman's fantastic The Stamford Mysteries, perfect for fans of M.C. Beaton and Richard Osman.

Who knew a harmless town fair could be so polarising – or so deadly?

When auctioneer Felicia Grant's best friend, Stamford Mayor Cassandra Lane, talked her into helping with the town's annual Georgian Fair, she expected the worst she'd have to endure was the corset.

But when the fair's headline speaker turns up dead in the hook-a-duck pool, and more murders follow in quick succession, she finds herself investigating a serial killer for the second time in less than a year – and this time the stakes are even higher ...

E.C. Bateman is a novelist and antique jewellery specialist

Bateman moved to Stamford and dreamt up the idea for Stamford series whilst living in a converted Georgian flat overlooking St Mary's Church in the heart of town

'The mystery behind the murder(s) kept me guessing till the end ... Highly recommended!'
– The Book Decoder (on *Death at the Auction*)

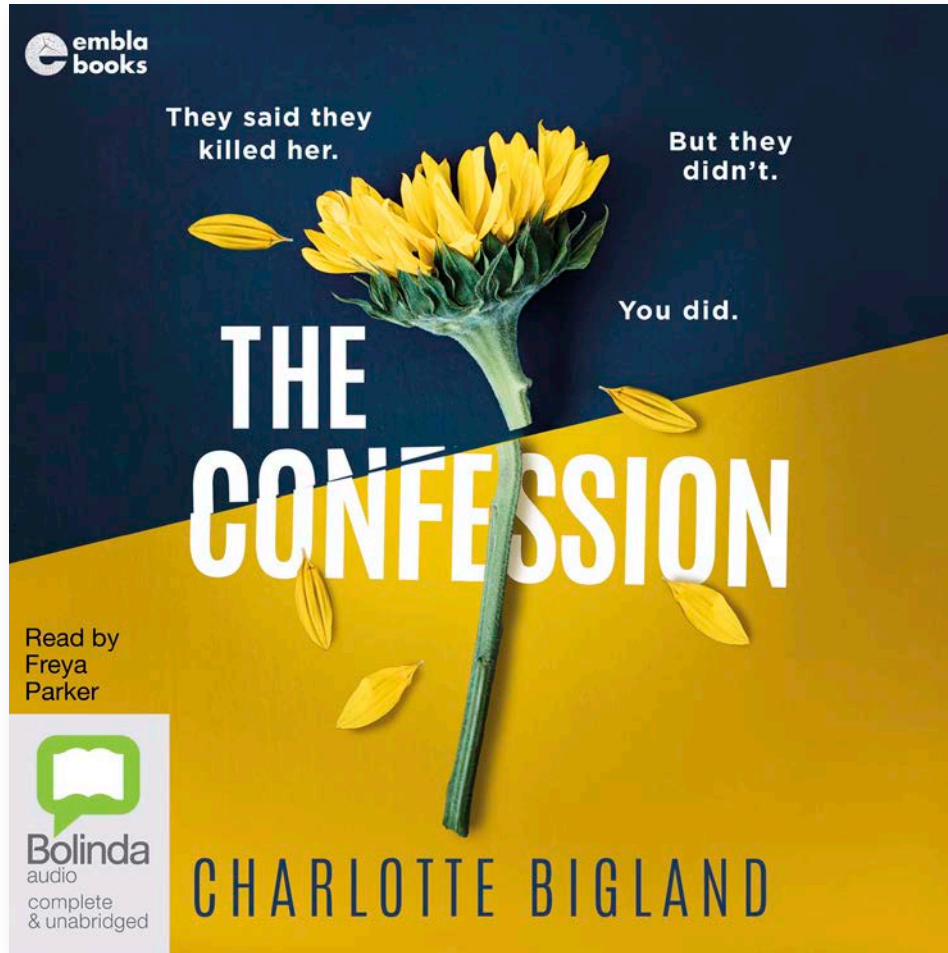
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The Confession

Charlotte Bigland
Read by Freya Parker



A totally addictive psychological thriller with a killer twist you just won't see coming, from the author of *It's Not Me It's You*.

They said they killed her. But they didn't—you did.

I should never have gone to her house. But I was desperate to ask her some questions about that night. About what she saw when Joe fell from the bridge. All I wanted was some honesty, for someone else to have seen what I saw. I never meant to hurt her. To push her.

As she lay at the bottom of the stairs, blood pooling around her head, I knew it was the end for me too. I kept expecting the knock on the door, the police, the handcuffs. But it never came.

On the news, they are reporting someone has come forward and confessed to her murder. But that can't be true. Because her killer is me ...

Perfect for fans of Alice Feeney, B.A. Paris and Netflix's *You*

Charlotte Bigland is the author of the gripping psychological thriller, *It's Not Me It's You*

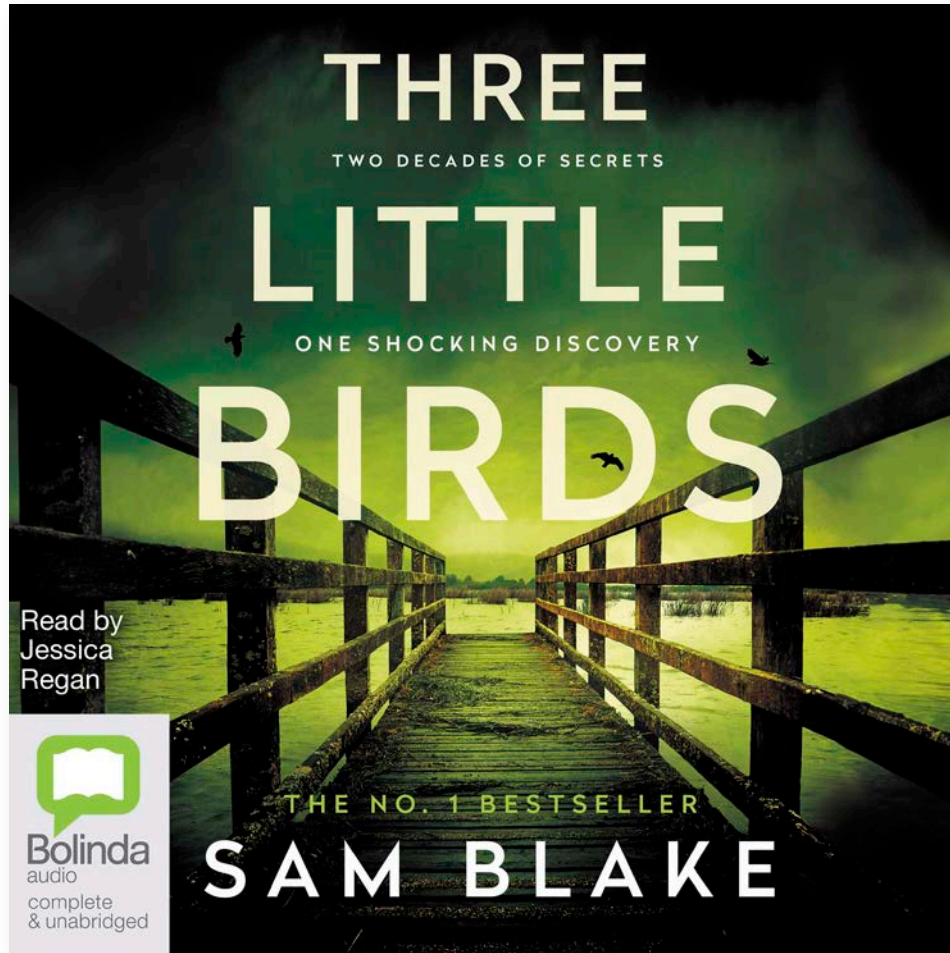
Bigland is an insurance broker specialising in cyber and terrorism risks. She's from Middlesbrough and lives in London

'Sinister and perplexing, creepy and daring, drawing you in early and not letting go of you until the bitter end!' – LoveReading (on *It's Not Me It's You*)

Three Little Birds

Sam Blake

Read by Jessica Regan



A dark and twisting mystery featuring strong female leads from *Irish Times* #1 bestselling author Sam Blake.

Two decades of secrets. One shocking discovery ...

When a skull is found in Lough Coyne, facial reconstruction expert Dr Carla Steele is drawn into a 14-year-old case – but not all cases are cold, as Carla discovers when she and local Garda DS Jack Maguire find the brutally murdered body of a local woman close to the water's edge.

Together with Carla's partner, criminal psychologist Grace Franciosi, Carla and Jack uncover a tragic story with very dangerous and current implications.

Since the disappearance of her best friend, Carla has dedicated her career to bringing the dead home, but this time it's the living who are counting on her. In a race to save another woman, will they be able to stop the killer in time?

Perfect for fans of Elly Griffiths and Ann Cleeves

Sam Blake is the #1 bestselling author of the Cat Connolly Garda police trilogy, and standalone thrillers *Keep Your Eyes on Me*, *The Dark Room* and *Remember My Name*

Across Blake's books, she has been an *Irish Times* #1 for 7 weeks, an Eason #1 bestseller for 10 weeks, in the Irish top ten for 28 weeks and has outsold Graham Norton

Both Blake's titles, *Little Bones* and *The Dark Room*, have been shortlisted for Irish Crime Novel of the Year

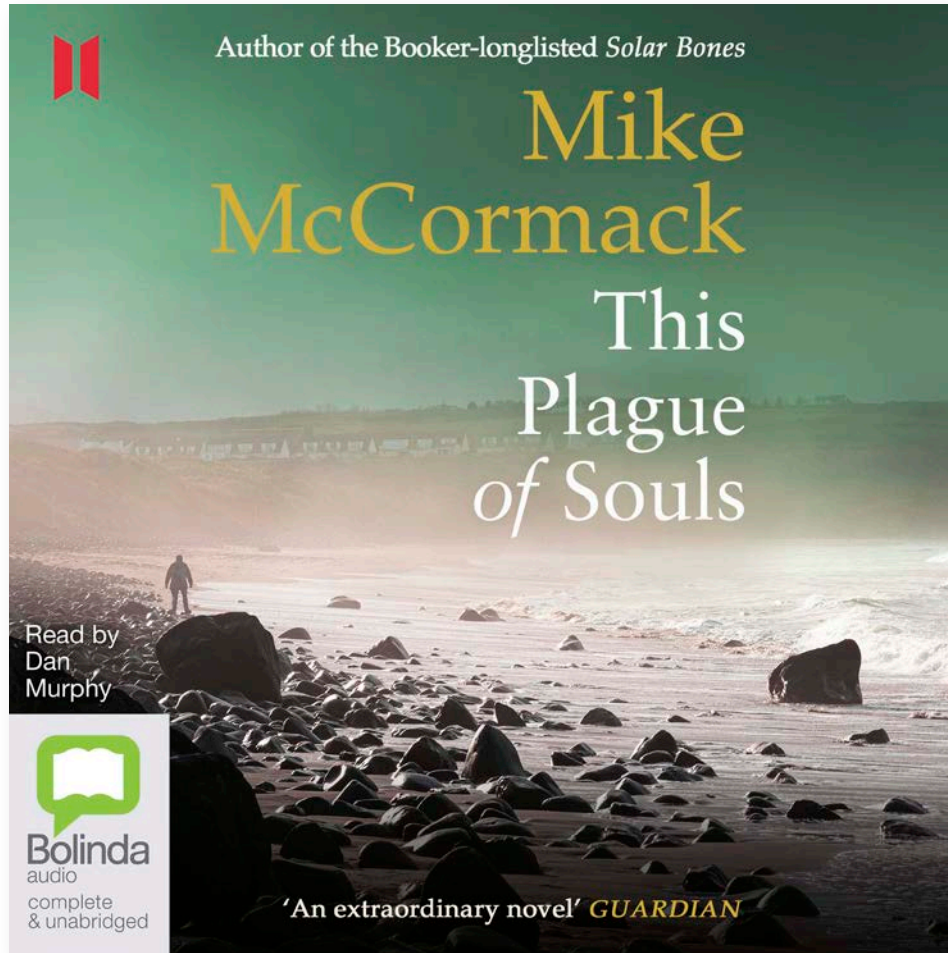
'Three Little Birds is as immersive and chilling as lake water itself. I had to know how it was going to end!' – Jane Casey, author of the Maeve Kerrigan series

'This story is told so authentically that it feels like a real life investigation told in real time. Griptastic!' – Liz Nugent, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

This Plague of Souls

Mike McCormack

Read by Dan Murphy



From the prize-winning author of *Solar Bones* comes a story that explores judgement, penance, loss and recovery, set in contemporary Ireland.

How do you rebuild the world? How do you put it back together?

Nealon returns to his family home in Ireland for the first time in years, only to be greeted by a completely empty house. No heat or light, no furniture, no sign of his wife or child anywhere. It seems the world has forgotten that he even existed.

The one exception is a persistent caller on the telephone, someone who seems to know everything about Nealon's life, his recent bother with the law and, more importantly, what has happened to his family. All Nealon needs to do is talk with him. But the more he talks the closer Nealon gets to the same trouble he was in years ago, tangled in the very crimes of which he claims to be innocent.

Part roman noir, part metaphysical thriller, *This Plague of Souls* is a story for these fractured times, dealing with how we might mend the world and the story of a man who would let the world go to hell if he could keep his family together.

Mike McCormack is the author of *Solar Bones*, which won the Goldsmiths Prize, the BGE Irish Book of the Year Award, the International Dublin Literary Award and was longlisted for the Booker Prize

McCormack's other works are *Notes from a Coma*, *Crowe's Requiem*, *Forensic Songs* and *Getting It in the Head*, which was awarded the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature

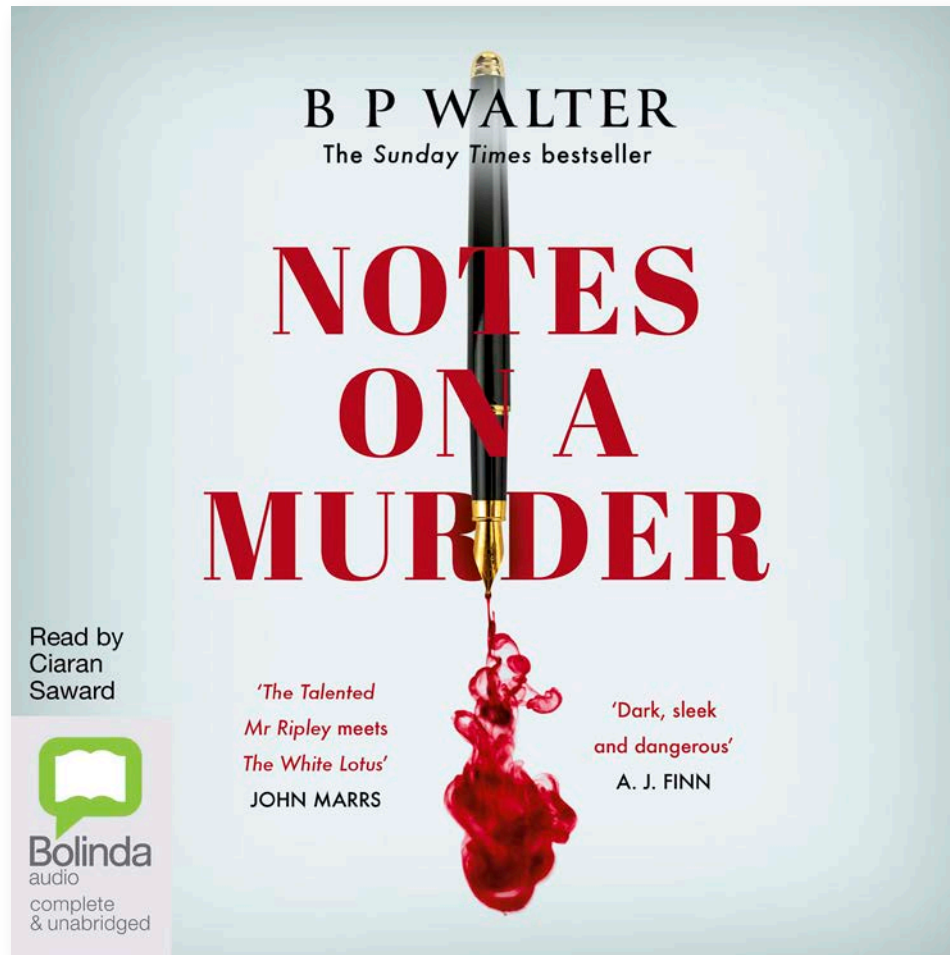
'This is the reason Mike McCormack is one of Ireland's best-loved novelists; he is the most modestly brilliant writer we have.' – Anne Enright, Booker-winning author of *The Gathering*

'This Plague of Souls is written in perfectly-pitched cadences. It captures with exquisite care of a man ambushed by loss and fear, by hovering forces that are mysterious and otherworldly and beyond his control.' – Colm Tóibín, award-winning author of *The Magician*

Notes on a Murder

B.P. Walter

Read by Ciaran Saward



The brand new edge-of-your seat thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Dinner Guest*.

Everyone is capable of murder. Are you?

It started with an invitation to dinner. An evening of good food and good company at a luxury villa. But as the night progresses, the party takes a dark turn.

The host makes you an offer, a party favour he calls it. Another guest has committed a heinous crime, you can end their life, stop their terror. He tells you there will be no consequences – do you believe him?

Your decision will change your life. Choose carefully.

B.P. Walter is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of psychological thrillers. His novels include *A Version of the Truth*, *Hold Your Breath*, *The Dinner Guest*, *The Woman on the Pier* and *The Locked Attic*

Walter worked in bookshops then went to the University of Southampton to study Film and English followed by an MA in Film and Cultural Management

Walter's gripping thriller *The Dinner Guest* was shortlisted for the Polari Prize

'Dark, twisted and totally captivating.' – Louise Hare, author of *This Lovely City*

'The Talented Mr Ripley meets *The White Lotus*. Unpredictable, whip smart, utterly absorbing. I ADORED that ending!' – John Marrs, bestselling author of *The Good Samaritan*

Living the Beatles Legend

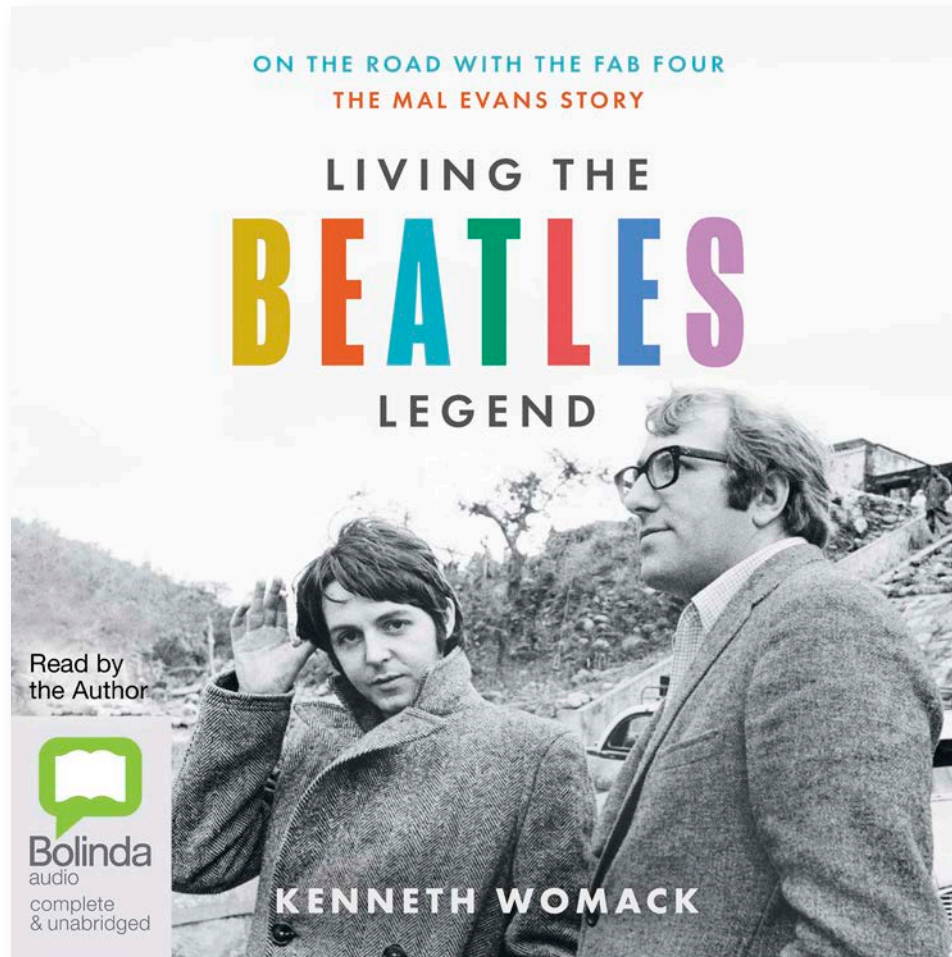
On the Road with the Fab Four – The Mal Evans Story

Kenneth Womack

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Biography | January 2024



The first full-length biography of Mal Evans, the Beatles's beloved friend, confidant and roadie.

A towering figure in horn-rimmed glasses, Malcolm 'Mal' Evans was an invaluable member of the Beatles' inner circle. Serving as their long-time roadie, personal assistant and protector, he was a sometime lyricist, occasional performer and regular fixer at the height of the group's fame and beyond.

But Mal's dedication to his beloved 'boys' and his own desire for stardom took its toll, leading to the dissolution of his marriage and his untimely death in January 1976.

Until now, Mal's extraordinary life has remained shrouded in mystery. Drawing on hundreds of exclusive interviews and with full access to Mal's unpublished archives – including his personal diaries, manuscripts and memorabilia – renowned Beatles scholar Kenneth Womack paints the first complete portrait of this complicated figure at the heart of the Beatles' story.

Kenneth Womack is one of the world's foremost writers and thinkers about the Beatles

Womack is the author of a two-volume biography devoted to the life and work of Beatles producer George Martin, including *Maximum Volume* and *Sound Pictures*

'... for musicians, producers, Beatles fans, and music lovers.' – Scott Freiman, filmmaker of *Deconstructing the Beatles* (on *Sound Pictures*)

'Well written, meticulously researched, and full of cross-references ...' – Library Journal (on *The Beatles Encyclopedia*)

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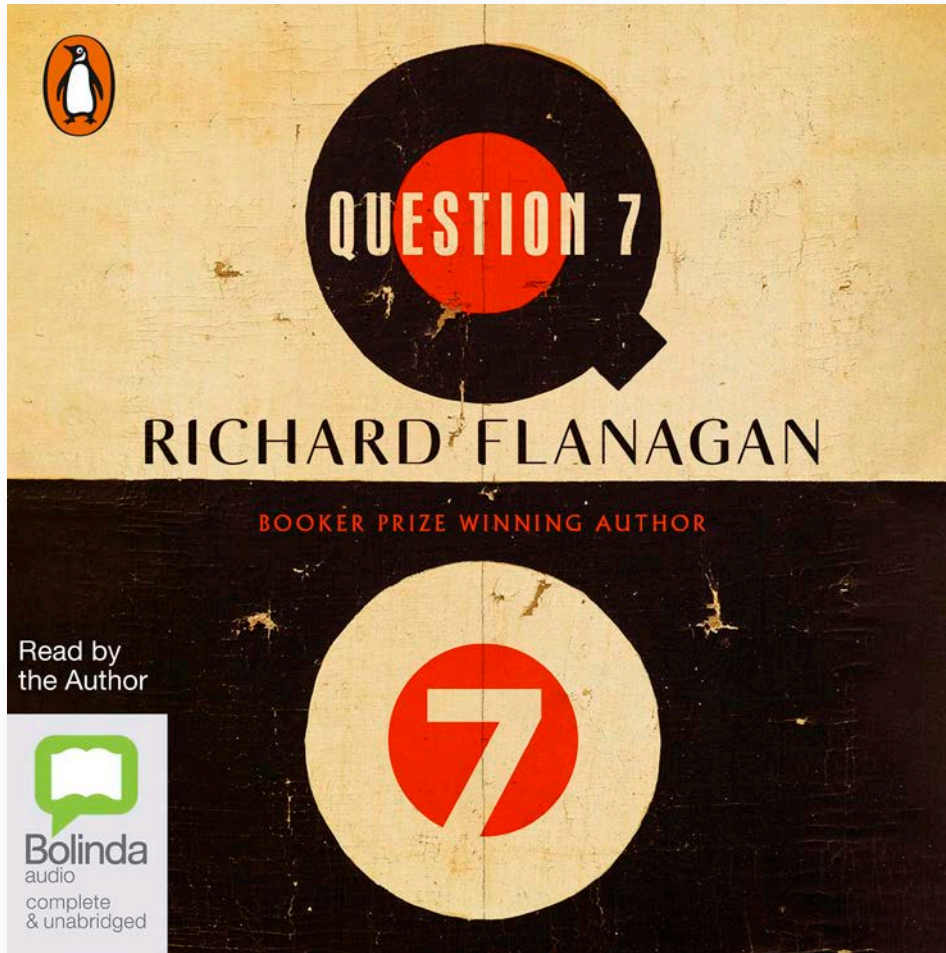
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January new releases 2024

Question 7

Richard Flanagan

Read by the Author



Beginning at a love hotel by Japan's Inland Sea and ending by a river in Tasmania, *Question 7* is about the choices we make about love and the chain reaction that follows.

By way of H.G. Wells and Rebecca West's affair through 1930s nuclear physics to Flanagan's father working as a slave labourer near Hiroshima when the atom bomb is dropped, this daisy chain of events reaches fission when Flanagan as a young man finds himself trapped in a rapid on a wild river not knowing if he is to live or to die.

At once a love song to his island home and to his parents, this hypnotic melding of dream, history, place and memory is about how our lives so often arise out of the stories of others and the stories we invent about ourselves.

Richard Flanagan's titles have received numerous honours and are published in 42 countries

Flanagan won the Booker Prize for *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* and the Commonwealth Prize for *Gould's Book of Fish*

In addition to his novels, Flanagan published essays and historical nonfiction, notably *Parish-Fed Bastards: A History of the Politics of the Unemployed in Britain, 1884–1939* and *Codename Iago: The Story of John Friedrich*

'Richard Flanagan is one of the most exciting novelists working anywhere, full stop.' – The Age (on *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*)

'Mr Flanagan is a master of sleight of hand, adept at using words to conjure worlds, an indefatigable artist.' – The New York Times (on *The Narrow Road to the Deep North*)

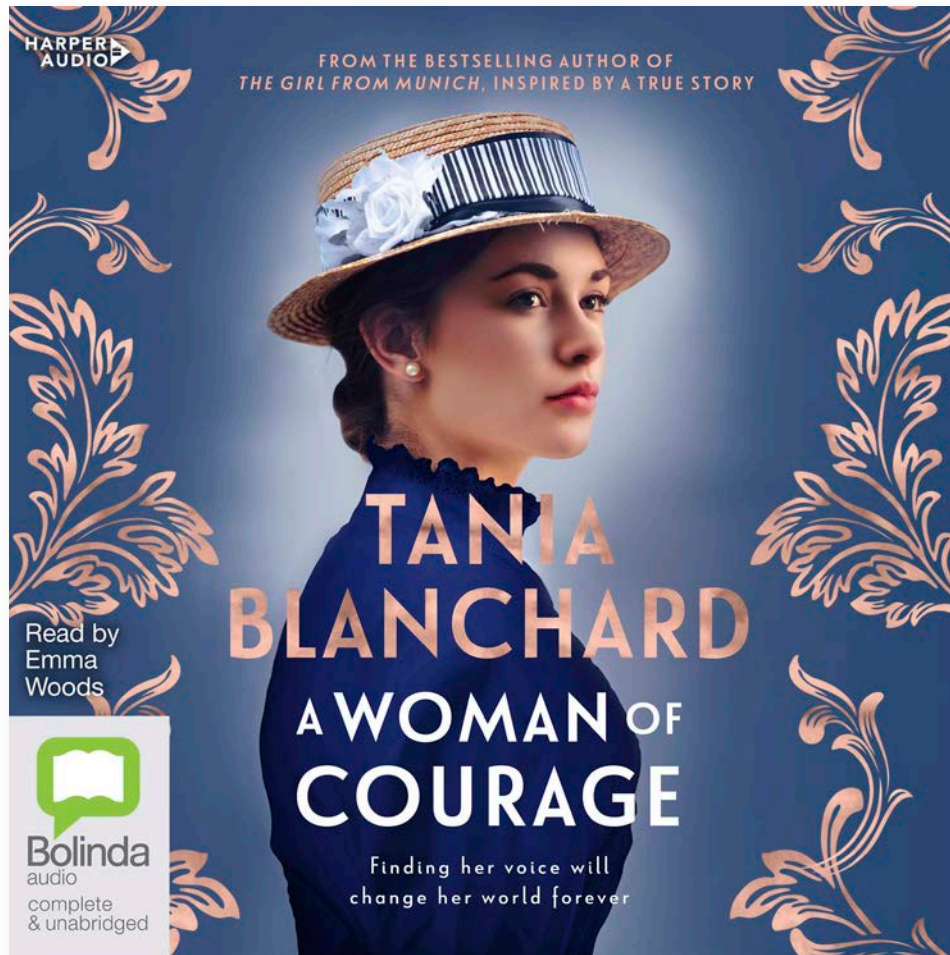
Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | January 2024

A Woman of Courage

Tania Blanchard

Read by Emma Woods



A gripping, uplifting new Victorian era story about passion, love, loss and self-discovery from the bestselling author of *The Girl from Munich* and *Suitcase of Dreams*.

1890, Northern England. Hannah Todd dreams of a future where women have the right to vote.

Fresh from her teaching studies in Durham, the university city, she joins her parents in a rural village, brimming with newly found passion and the groundswell towards women's suffrage unfolding in London. Working tirelessly to help women and children in the county, Hannah is determined to make the fight for the vote her life's work, adding her voice to the rising chorus across the nation and hopes of a new world and a new way of thinking.

But soon she must fight a new, unexpected battle – that of the yearning of her own heart – and discovers that when power is threatened, darkness, brutality and dangerous, closely guarded secrets are never too far from the surface. How far can she go to fight for what's right?

Tania Blanchard writes historical fiction inspired by the true stories and the rich cultural heritage of her family's history

Blanchard is the bestselling author of *The Girl from Munich*, *Suitcase of Dreams*, *Letters from Berlin* and *Daughter of Calabria*

'A fresh, exciting and inspiring tale of the women who fought for their right to vote – women who quite literally changed the world.' – Natasha Lester, *New York Times* bestselling author

'A timely reminder of how small acts of courage can change the world ... A beautiful tale of courage and resilience from a born storyteller.' – Lauren Chater, bestselling author of *The Winter Dress*

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Muster Dogs From Pups to Pros

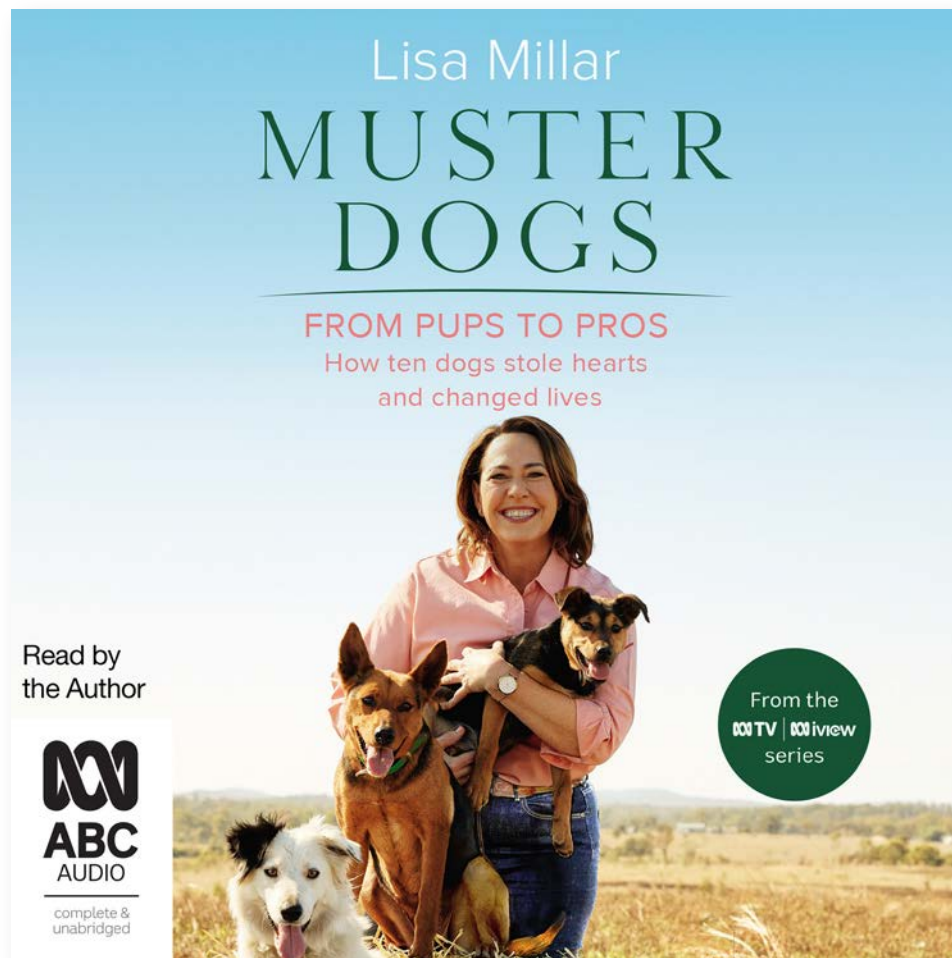
Muster Dogs #2

Lisa Millar

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Nature | January 2024



A new companion audiobook to the heartwarming show, for fans of *Back Roads* and *The Flying Vet*, from bestselling author Lisa Millar.

When *Muster Dogs* first hit screens in 2022, viewers were enchanted. Five lively kelpie pups adopted into farming homes across Australia and put on an intensive training program and became instant stars. Could they learn to herd and muster within a year? Could they prove that working with natural ability was an optimum way to farm?

With the help of expert breeders and trainers, these dogs and their new trainers showcased not only what the puppies were capable of but how using dogs contributed to better stock, farm management and environment.

Among those who lost their hearts to these amazing puppies was narrator Lisa Millar. *Muster Dogs* quite literally changed her life. In this audiobook, Lisa tells us about her journey over two seasons, bringing us up to date with the characters of series 1 – human and canine – and introducing us to five new collie pups, trainers and the hurdles of season 2.

With tips from trainers and experts, this is an audiobook that will immerse you in affection, resilience and loyalty, all set against the wide brown (and green) land that is our productive heartland.

Lisa Millar is the author of a bestselling memoir, *Daring to Fly*, and the co-host of ABC TV's *News Breakfast*

Millar won a Walkley Award in 2005 for investigative reporting, and in 2020 she narrated the hugely popular ABC series *Muster Dogs*

'Through Millar's eyes, I saw the world anew... with adventure and promise and friendship and joy.' – The Weekend Australian (on *Daring to Fly*)

'One of our country's most superb journalists.' – Lisa Wilkinson, author of *It Wasn't Meant to Be Like* (on *Daring to Fly*)

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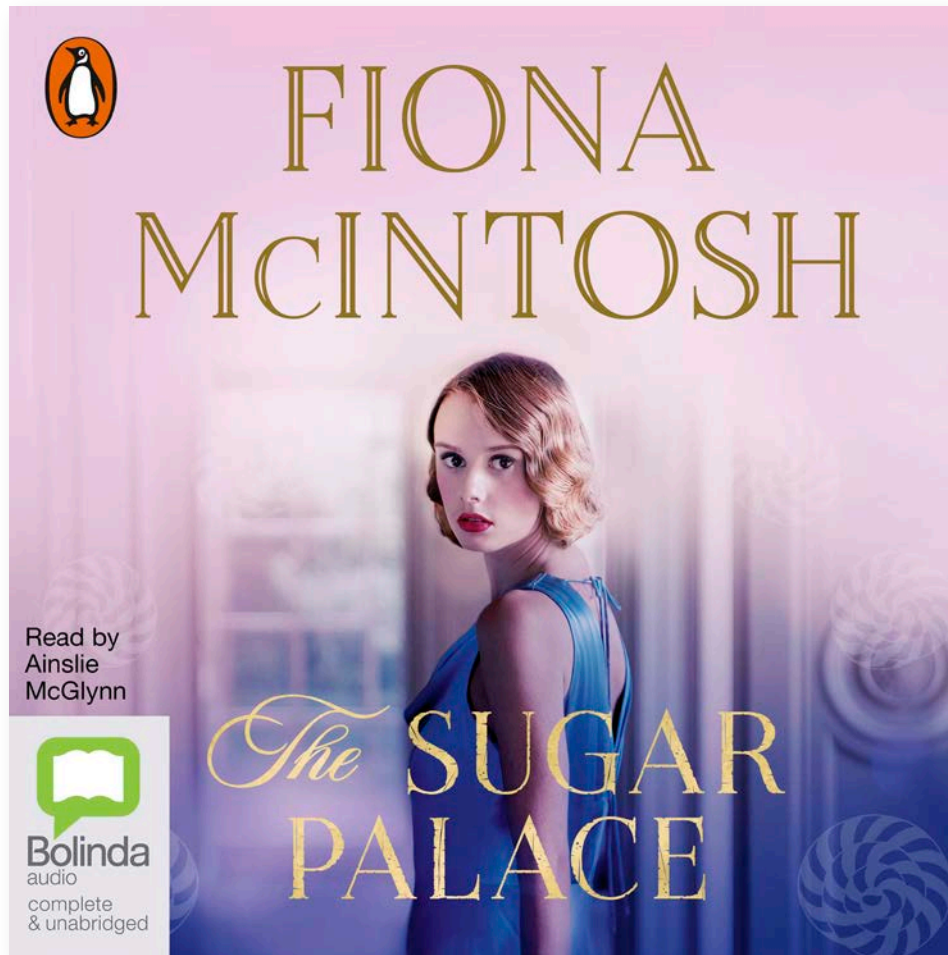
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The Sugar Palace

Fiona McIntosh

Read by Ainslie McGlynn



The heart-stopping new historical romantic adventure from the bestselling author of *The Orphans*.

Under the clamour of the Sydney Harbour Bridge being built nearby, Grace Fairweather is working in her father's grocery shop in The Rocks when she begins making her own confectionery. Her colourful creations of toffees, lollies and chocolates soon become crowd favourites, and Grace begins to dream of one day opening her own sweetshop.

When the roguish but irresistible Londoner Alfie Sweeting comes to work for the Fairweathers, his ambition for her success thrills her – so much so that she begins to question her engagement to Norman. Perhaps the 'safe' option in life isn't the right thing for her after all. Alfie encourages her to open not just a sweetshop, but a delightful destination for young and old – a sugar palace!

With Grace's natural business acumen and Alfie's creative sales skills, it seems like they could be the perfect pairing – in work and in love – but when Alfie's criminal past catches up with him, both their lives come under threat, and Grace is forced to make the most difficult decision of all.

Fiona McIntosh is one of Australia's most prolific and favourite storytellers, publishing stories worldwide across many languages and genres

McIntosh's historical romantic adventures have captured the imagination of the huge general fiction audience

Many of McIntosh's titles have been shortlisted for the Best General Fiction category in the Australian Book Industry Awards

'The Sugar Palace is a gripping read for fans of Kate Furnivall and Natasha Lester, with skilful storytelling and compelling characters that leap from the page.' – Books+Publishing

'You may not have guessed, but I've become a Fiona McIntosh fan (yes, really!) and can't wait to see what she brings to us next.' – The Bookbag (on *The French Promise*)

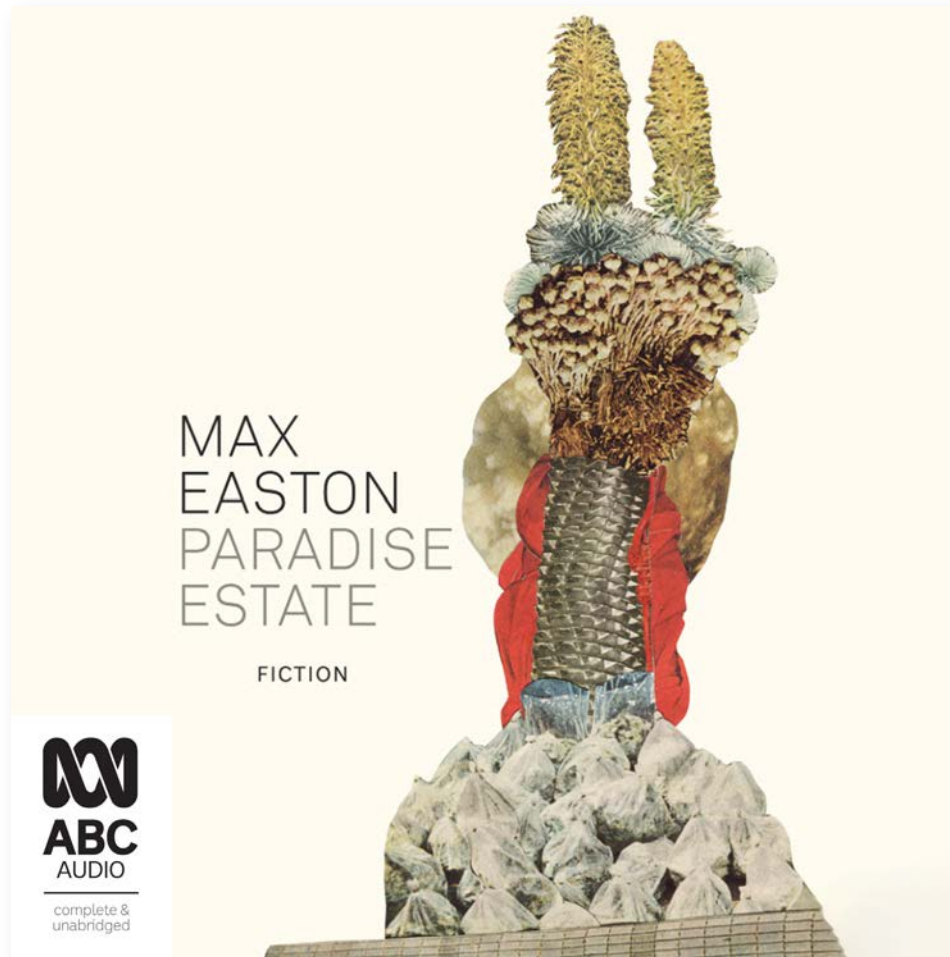
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Literary Fiction | January 2024

Paradise Estate

Max Easton

Read by Gemma Carfi



Written with ironic wit and an eye for contemporary events, the follow-up to Max Easton's acclaimed debut *The Magpie Wing*, sets the pessimism of its times against the optimism of the will.

It's 2022 and Helen is starting again. Newly single, dogged by grief, adrift in a hostile rental market, she finds a four-bedroom house flanked by apartment blocks that stare into the yard. Despite the lack of privacy, she fills its rooms with an unlikely group of residents looking for communal belonging: zine maker, activist, disaffected artist, part-time rugby league player – each looking to build a future, each haunted by their recent past. But if a rented house in Sydney could ever promise salvation, it would come with a coating of black mould.

Set across the course of a year, against the backdrop of pandemic and war, of climate and housing crises, *Paradise Estate* documents the struggle against generational confusion and social malaise. When isolation and atomisation are all we've been given, what can be built from common ground?

Max Easton is a writer from Sydney, whose work has appeared in *Mess+Noise*, *The Lifted Brow*, *Meanjin* and *Sydney Review of Books*

Easton's debut *The Magpie Wing* was longlisted for the 2022 Miles Franklin Literary Award

Easton is the creator of *Barely Human*, a zine and podcast series exploring underground music's ties to counterculture and subculture

'A moving portrait of a city and region undergoing enormous change, told through the perspectives of three unique, sympathetic and vulnerable characters.' – Books+Publishing (on *The Magpie Wing*)

'Max Easton is once again uncomfortably perceptive. *Paradise Estate* acerbically captures the frustrated idealism of leftist sharehouse living, questioning the efficacy of radical politics and art even as it stokes the fires of rebellion. It's Monkey Grip for the Mark Fisher generation.' – Madeleine Gray, author of *Green Dot*

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Lacey

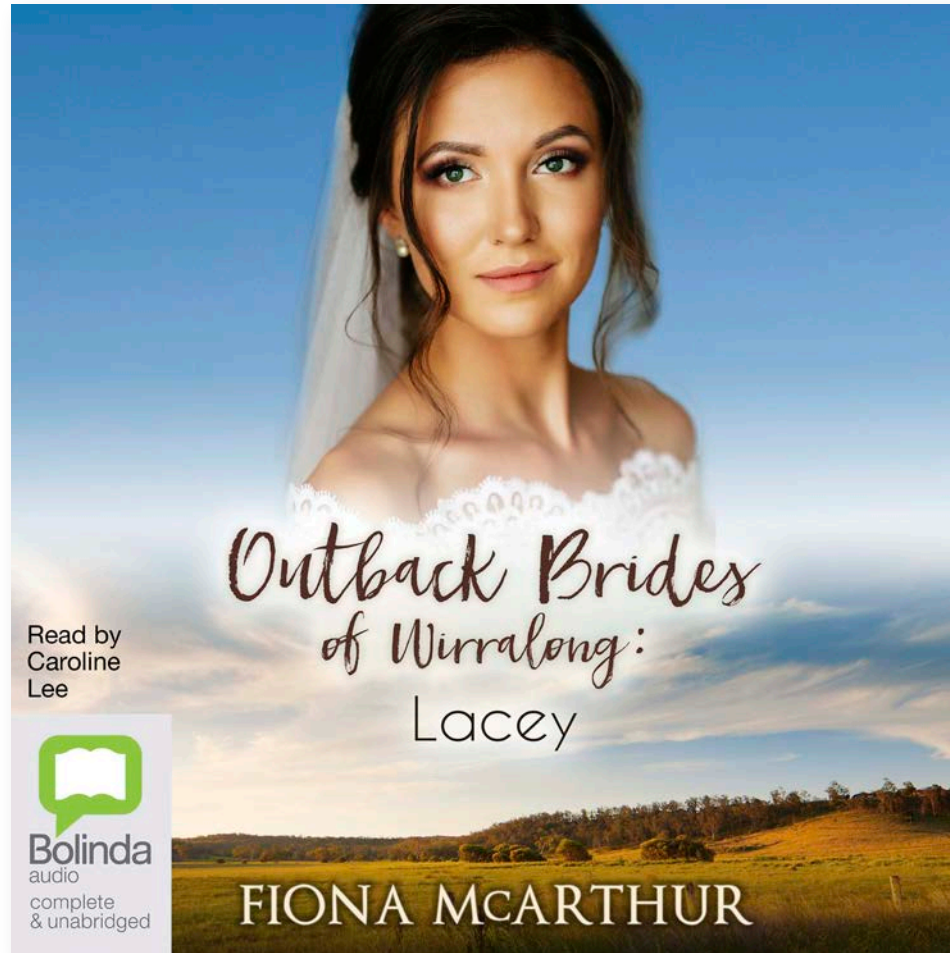
Outback Brides of Wirralong #1

Fiona McArthur

Read by Caroline Lee

Adult New Release

Romance | January 2024



The first instalment in the Outback Brides of Wirralong series from bestselling author Fiona McArthur.

Nine months later ...

Lacey Jerome had always fought her attraction to sexy police officer Cameron James, but one crazy night, she let her hair down and fell into bed with him. Their night together turned more passionate, more soul-scorching than she'd imagined it could be, but mixed messages from Cameron had her fleeing the scene.

Now, she's back in Wirralong with the memories of their one-night stand etched into her mind and a mission to reconnect with the man who made her lose her head in the most delicious manner.

Cameron never forgot Lacey – and not for lack of trying. He has his own restrictive code, but somehow his thoughts always manage to wander to the newly returned beauty. He has questions and Lacey knows all the answers.

Lacey was a 2020 Romance Writers of New Zealand Koru Award finalist

Fiona McArthur won the Australian Ruby Award for Contemporary Romantic Fiction in 2020 for her novel *The Desert Midwife*

McArthur has written more than 50 titles and shares her medical knowledge and her love of working with women, families and emergency services in her stories

McArthur was awarded the NSW Excellence in Midwifery Award in 2015

'McArthur ... has great skill in storytelling.' – The Sydney Morning Herald (on *Montana*)

'An uplifting story of friendship and romance.' – Book'd Out (on *The Baby Doctor*)

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Girls Don't Play Sport

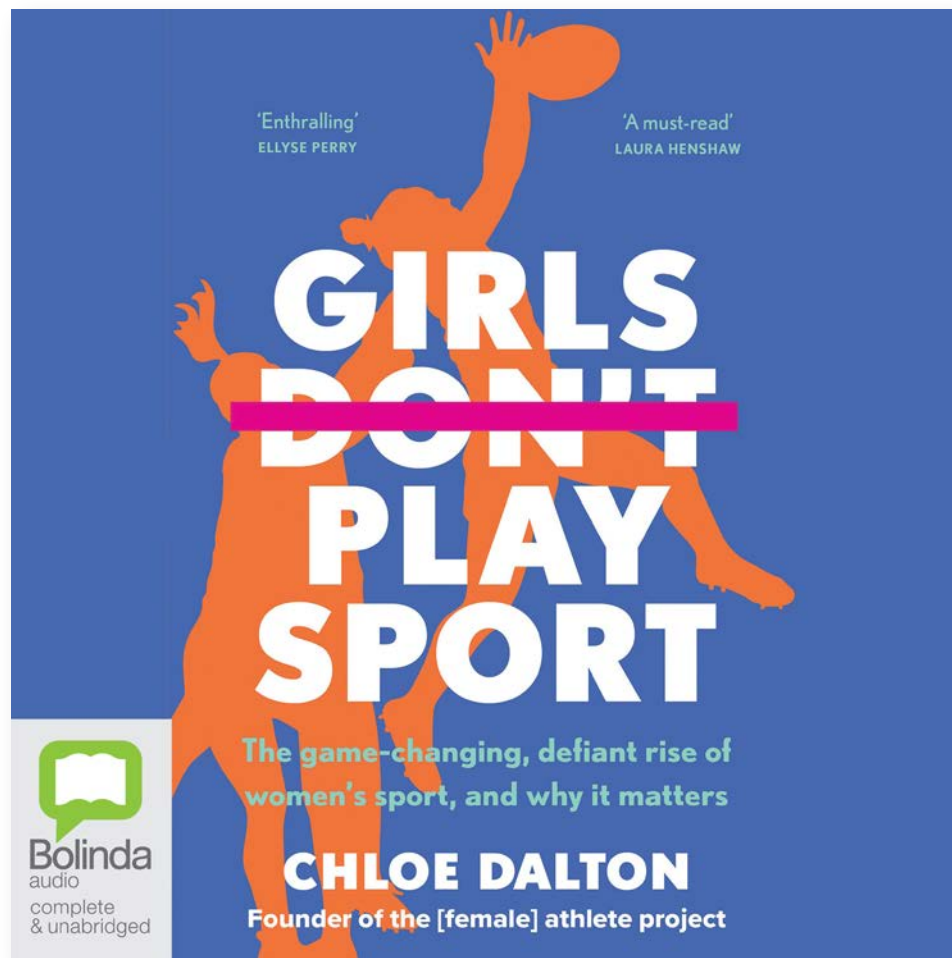
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Sport | January 2024

The game-changing, defiant rise of women's sport and why it matters

Chloe Dalton

Read by Jessica Stanley



A timely manifesto unpacking the past, present and future of women's sport, from the Olympic gold medal-winning founder of The [Female] Athlete Project.

When Chloe Dalton was eight years old, she would practise her goal kicks in the half-time break of her brothers' rugby matches, all the while telling impressed onlookers: 'Girls don't play rugby.'

Sixteen years later, Chloe Dalton won Olympic gold playing rugby sevens for Australia and is now a fixture in the AFLW. In 2020, she started her own news platform, The [Female] Athlete Project, because while she was surrounded by women achieving incredible things in sport, nobody was hearing about them.

This audiobook shines a light on the interlinked quagmires of respect, opportunity, representation and pay that continue to stall the progress of women's teams around the world.

Girls Don't Play Sport is a fierce manifesto advocating for female athletes at all levels. It explores how we got to this point and asks where we need to go next to embrace the untapped potential of women's sport.

At the Rio 2016 Olympics, Chloe won Gold with the Australian sevens team, was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for Service to Sport and was also recognised as Australia's top Ruddy sevens player in 2017, winning the Shawn Mackay Medal

Dalton currently plays AFLW with the GWS Giants in her hometown of Sydney and works part-time with the Giants media team

'Captivating, empowering and relatable ... a must-read.' – Ellie Cole OAM, Australian retired Paralympic swimmer and wheelchair basketball player

'A brilliant argument in favour of the case for women's sport.' – Liz Ellis AO, Australian Netball champion

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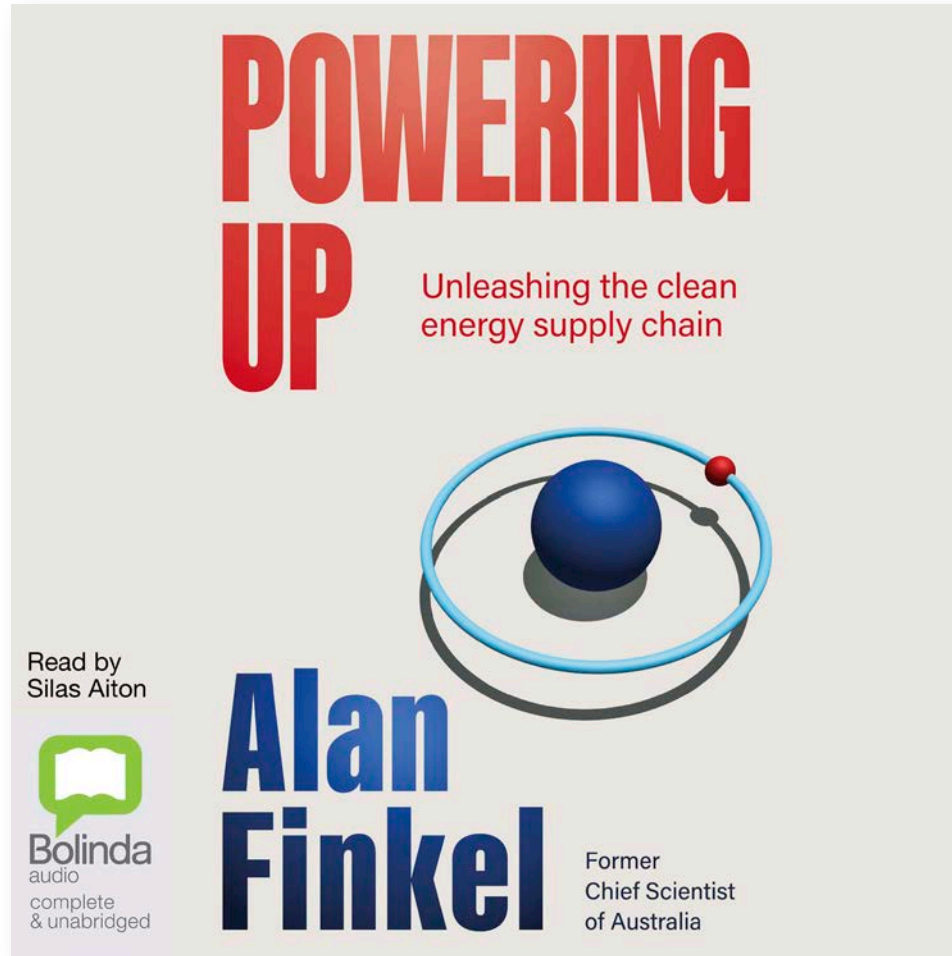
Powering Up

Unleashing the Clean Energy Supply Chain

Alan Finkel

Read by Silas Aiton

Adult New Release
Science & Technology | January 2024



Former Australian chief scientist Alan Finkel shares his compelling insights and expertise and makes the case for Australia leading the way in the global transition to clean energy.

The clean energy transition is humanity's biggest ever economic challenge. In *Powering Up*, former Australian chief scientist Alan Finkel shows how to remove the barriers that prevent nations transforming from petrostate to electrostate.

Finkel considers the entire supply chain, from raw materials through power infrastructure, the workforce, transportation and household customers. He reveals the outlines of a new geo-economic order and explains in persuasive, practical terms how we can get there.

If governments, investors, industry and consumers get this right over the next three decades, history will judge us as the generation who ushered in the Electric Age and helped to save the planet. The world will be transformed – with Australia, if we seize the opportunity, as a global leader.

Alan Finkel was Australia's chief scientist from 2016 to 2020 and special adviser to the Australian government on low-emissions technologies in 2021 and 2022

Finkel led the 2017 National Electricity Market Review and the 2019 development of the National Hydrogen Strategy and chaired the 2020 panel developing the Low Emissions Technology Roadmap

Finkel is the author of the *Quarterly Essay 81: Getting to Zero: Australia's Energy Transition*

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The Ulysses Contract

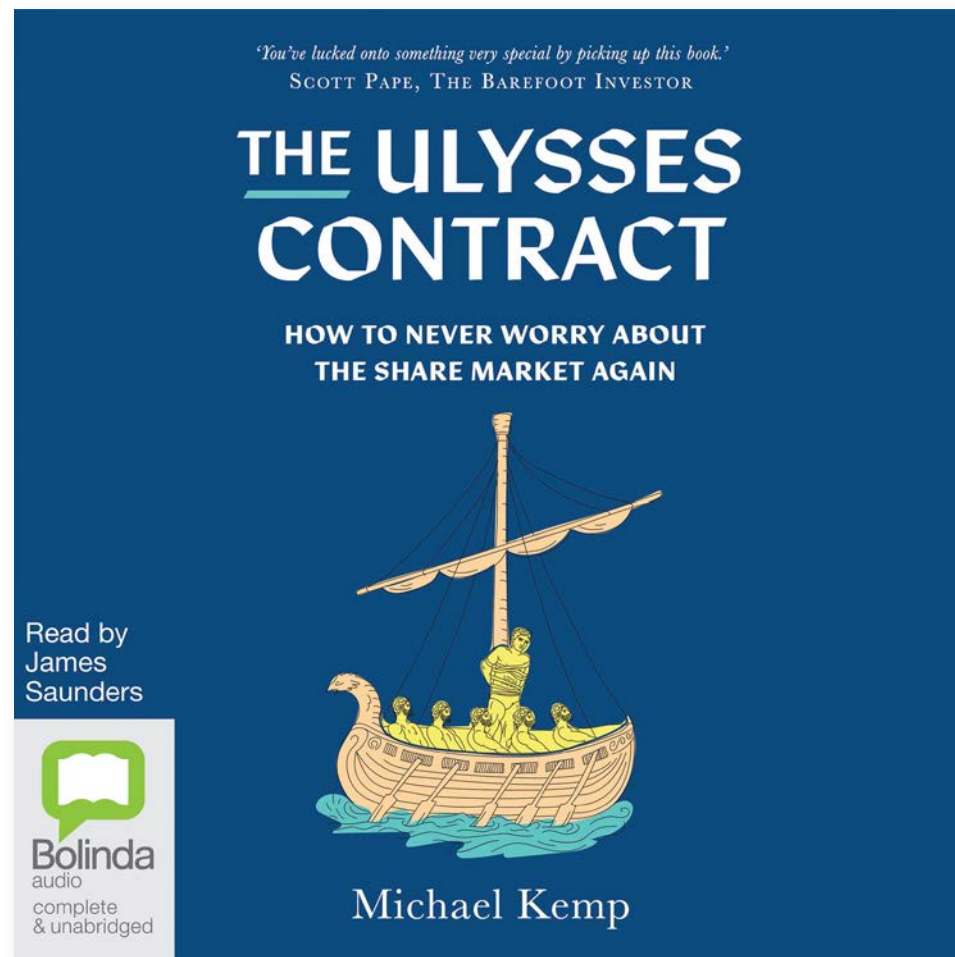
How to Never Worry About the Share Market Again

Michael Kemp

Read by James Saunders

Adult New Release

Business & Finance | January 2024



A guide to financial freedom that will teach you how to avoid common share market traps and create a watertight plan for long-term investment success.

Most of us know the Greek myth of Ulysses, who made a pact with his ship's crew ordering them to block their ears with wax and tie him to the mast of the ship while they steered past an island inhabited by mythological creatures called Sirens.

This story inspired the term Ulysses Contract, which is a commitment device that helps us to build and maintain good habits and decisions despite future temptations.

In *The Ulysses Contract*, Michael Kemp uses the Ulysses analogy to warn of the 'sirens' that tempt investors to part with their money and demonstrates how to put in place a successful investment plan that embodies discipline, consistency and patience.

Armed with this knowledge you will become empowered to make sound investment decisions and obtain your own slice of financial freedom.

The Ulysses Contract is a #1 Amazon and Booktopia bestseller

Kemp's financial career has included working in the treasury department of the Australian Wheat Board, as a trader for Bankers Trust and in the corporate finance department of stockbroking firm Potter Warburg

'You've lucked onto something very special by picking up this book.' – Scott Pape, author of *The Barefoot Investor*

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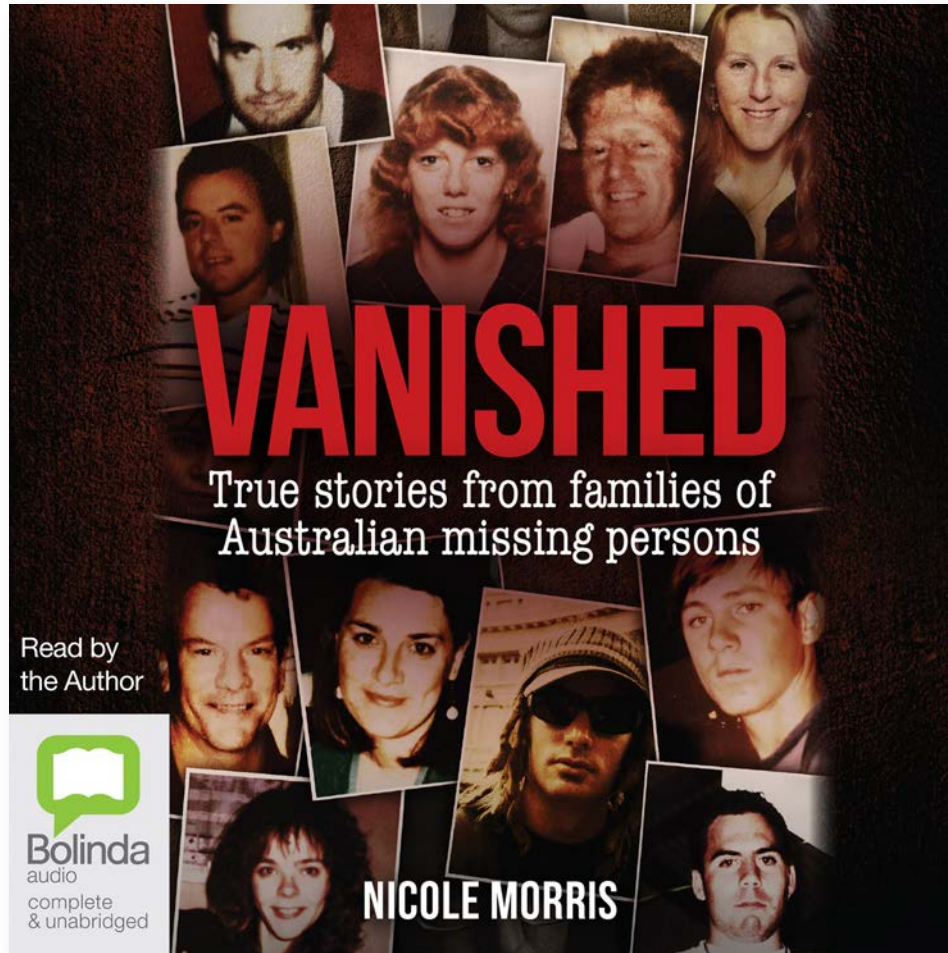
True Stories from Families of Australian Missing Persons

Nicole Morris

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

True Crime | January 2024



Nicole Morris shares these stories to develop awareness of the plight of the courageous families of missing persons and raise public awareness to help find those people who seem to have vanished into thin air.

Imagine the pain, confusion and emotional rollercoaster that families experience when a loved one goes missing. What would you do? How would your family cope?

This is a heart-wrenching collection of true stories told through the eyes of family members who have experienced the trauma of a missing loved one. It follows their journeys from the desperate searches in the first days, through the Police investigations and, in many cases, the heartbreak as the years roll by without any news.

These stories are just a glimpse into ten of the thousands of missing persons still out there, waiting to be found. From two young girls who might have been early victims of Ivan Milat and a woman who was last seen walking alongside a Victorian highway to a teenage boy likely murdered and fed to crocodiles in Kakadu and two Tasmanian men who disappeared under strange circumstances ... the cases are all different, but the impact on the families is devastating.

Nicole Morris is the Director of the Australian Missing Persons Register, which she founded in 2005

In 2012 Morris won the Queensland Pride of Australia award for Community Spirit, then in the same year went on to win the National gold medal

'There is surely nobody more qualified to tell the stories of the families of missing people than Nicole Morris, who has dedicated much of her life to the selfless and relentless pursuit of information and answers on their behalf.' – Kate Kyriacou, Crime and Courts editor for *The Courier Mail*.

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Australia's Most Infamous Jail

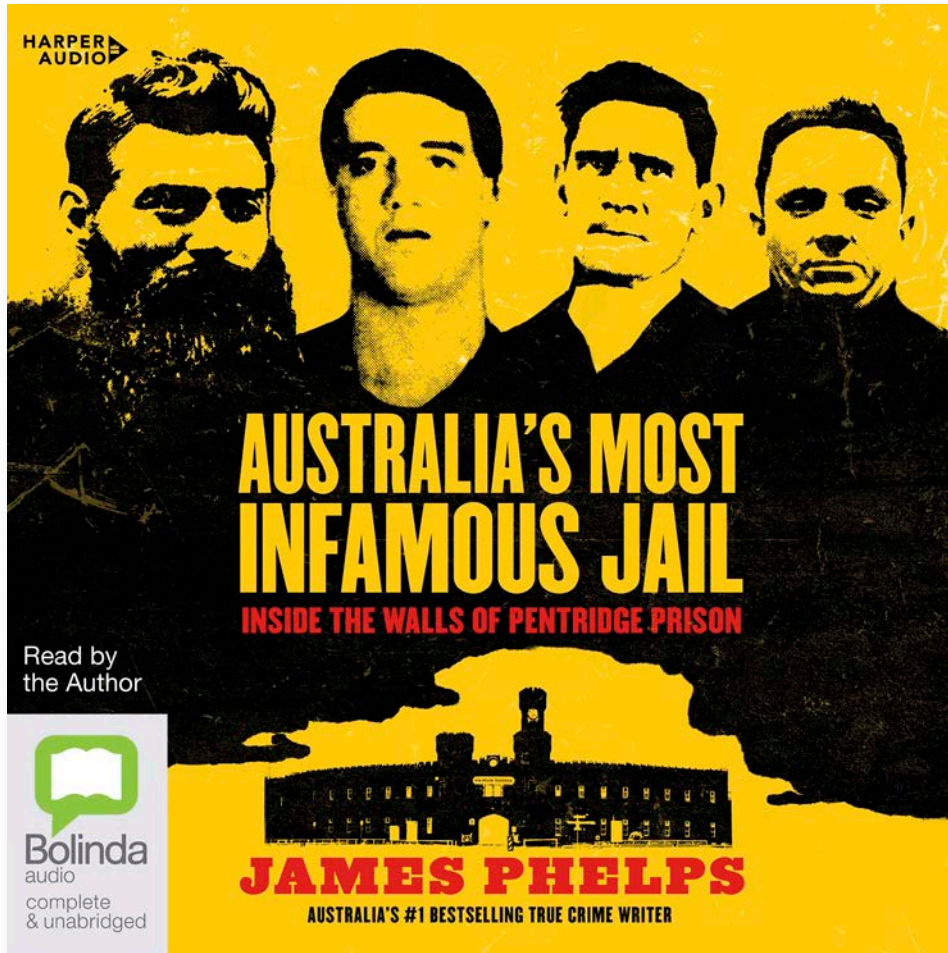
Inside the walls of Pentridge Prison

James Phelps

Read by Silas Aiton

Adult New Release

True Crime | January 2024



Award-winning journalist and bestselling author James Phelps turns his attention to HM Prison Pentridge – the bluestone behemoth that was home to Victoria's worst criminals for more than a century.

Welcome to Pentridge, Australia's most infamous prison.

Beginning with a gang of guards and a handful of convicts, for more than 145 years Pentridge housed a who's who of Australian criminals and Melbourne's underworld including Ned Kelly and Mark 'Chopper' Read.

From solving the mystery of Ned Kelly's missing skull to the shocking truth about who really cut off Chopper's ears – Australia's Most Infamous Jail includes true and uncensored accounts of inmates (including a convicted serial killer, a mass murderer and the real Romper Stomper), guards, archaeologists and even a former governor-general.

This is gritty, true crime storytelling, on steroids — about what life was really like behind the bluestone walls of Pentridge.

James Phelps is the award-winning journalist and author of Australia's bestselling true crime prison series including *Australia's Hardest Prison*, *Australia's Most Murderous Prison* and *Australia's Toughest Prisons*

Phelps is also an award-nominated biographer who co-wrote *Dick Johnson: the Autobiography of a True Blue Aussie Sporting Legend* and *Johnathan Thurston: the Autobiography*

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The Lawson Legacy

Janet Gover

Read by Rebecca Macauley



Beloved key characters from *The Lawson Sisters* return in a standalone rural romance about motherhood, family traditions and having the courage to chart a new future, from award-winning romance author Janet Gover.

Kayla Lawson believes nothing is good unless it's perfect. This search for perfection has made her a successful high-end wedding planner. But all that comes crashing down when Kayla discovers she is pregnant. She retreats to the sanctuary of Willowbrook Stud to consider this imperfect future as a single mother.

Connor Knight has never known perfection. A kid from the wrong side of the tracks and a motorcycle gang member, he's no stranger to trouble with the law. But he's trying to leave that past behind. By giving a run-down pub in Scone a new lease on life, he's hoping to rebuild his own.

At Willowbrook, Kayla is reunited with her childhood best friend. Jen and her two kids have come to stay while her husband is awaiting trial for a crime he didn't commit. While struggling to decide her future, Kayla is suddenly exposed to what motherhood really looks like.

Janet Gover's Coorah Creek Series has won the RoNA Award for an Epic Romantic Novel, two Book Buyers Best Awards and the Aspen Gold Readers' Choice award

Gover's title *Little Girl Lost* won the Epic Romantic Novel of the Year Award presented by the Romantic Novelists' Association in the UK

As Juliet Bell, in collaboration with Alison May, Gover rewrites misunderstood classic fiction, with an emphasis on heroes who are not so heroic

'... has everything you want in an Aussie romance.' – Fiona Lowe, author of *Home Fires* (on *The Lawson Sisters*)

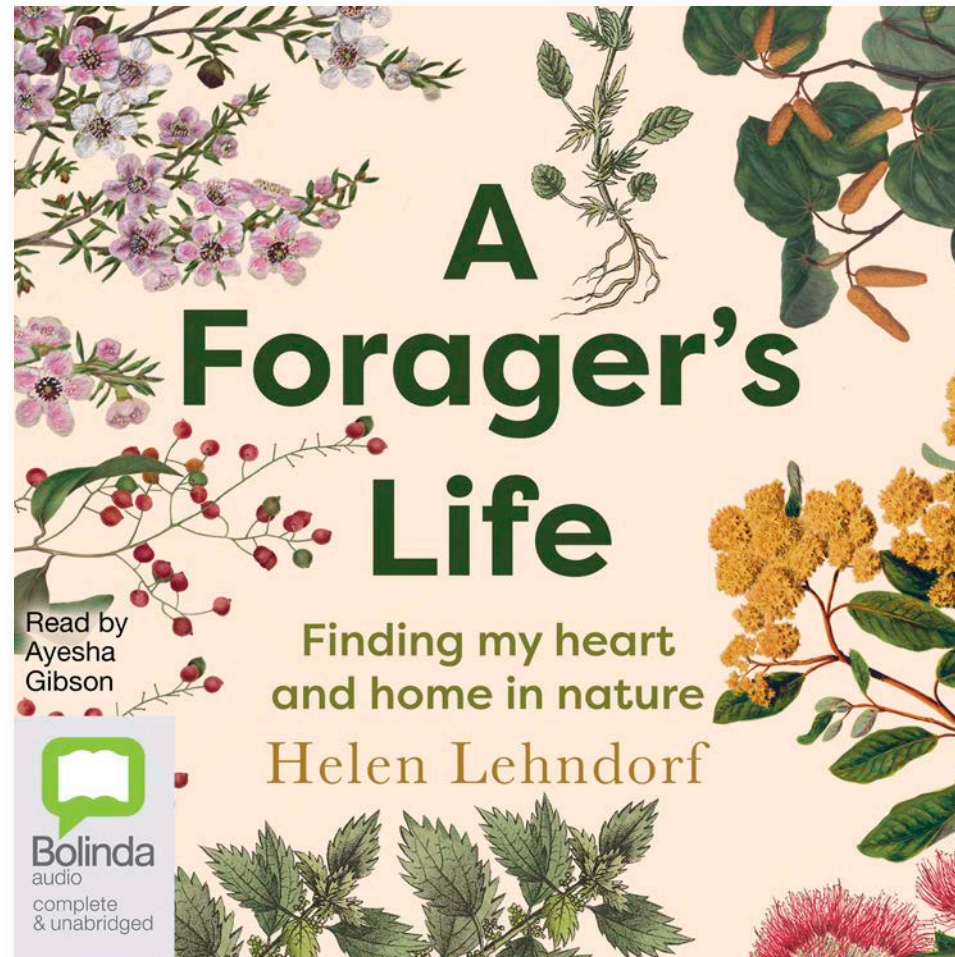
'It hooked me and once it arrived I did not put it down until finished it ... beautifully written – the characters came to life.' – Beauty and Lace (on *The Lawson Sisters*)

A Forager's Life

Finding my heart and home in nature

Helen Lehndorf

Read by Ayesha Gibson



Adult New Release

Autobiography | January 2024

A memoir about belonging and motherhood, told through the author's lifelong passion for wild food.

When Helen Lehndorf moves to the city after a childhood living off the land in rural Taranaki, she can't help but feel different from her peers and professors. She finds solace in long walks foraging weeds and plants along the river, but something inside her still longs for home.

Chasing a feeling of ancestral belonging, she travels to England with her new husband. There they learn about nature as the commons, shared between all who encounter it - a source of delight, food, medicine.

An unexpected pregnancy in Aotearoa changes everything, and motherhood takes over Helen's identity. When her son is diagnosed with autism, foraging becomes a space for selfhood in a chaotic world.

Weaving memoir with foraging recipes, principles and practices, *A Forager's Life* is an intimate story and a promise that, with the right frame of mind, much can be made of the world around us.

Helen Lehndorf is the author of *The Comforter* and *Write to the Centre*, a nonfiction title about the process of keeping a journal

Lehndorf's work has also appeared in anthologies and journals such as *Sport*, *Landfall* and *JAAM*

'Wonderful. A story that will have you looking at your neighbourhood with new intent.' – Wendy Nissen, author of *Natural Care*

'Fascinating and really beautiful ...' – RNZ Afternoons

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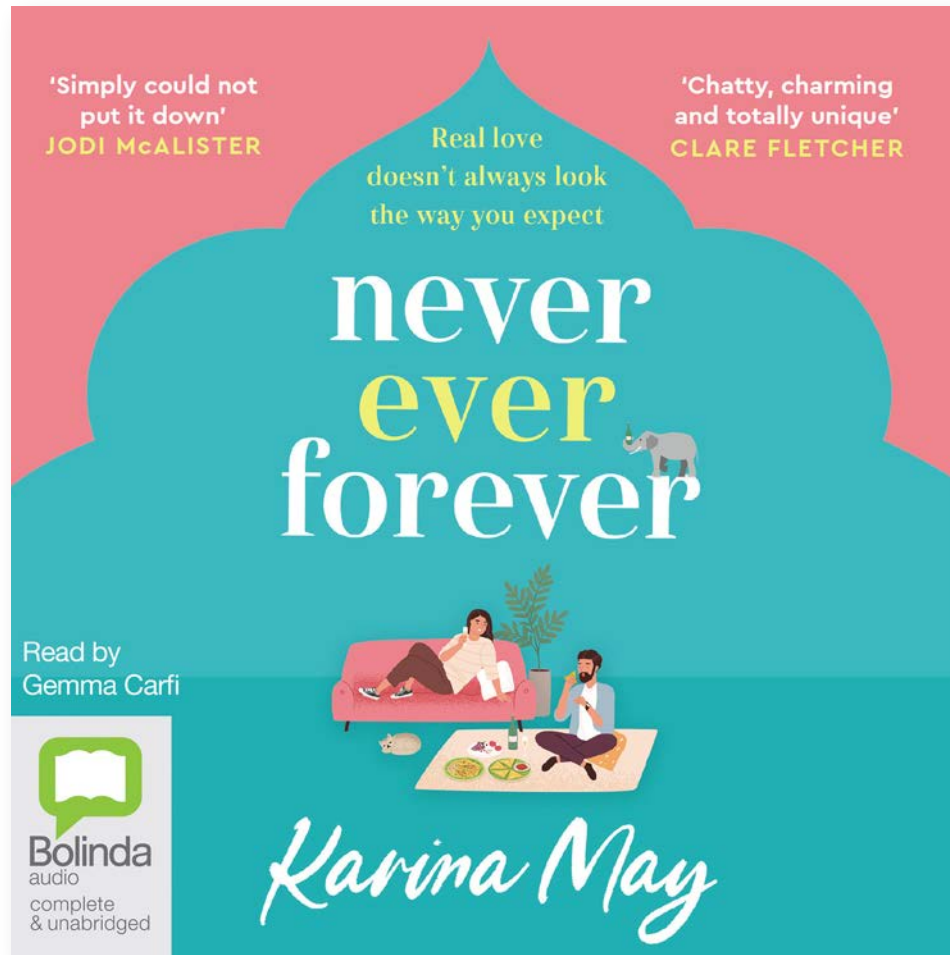
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Never Ever Forever

Karina May

Read by Gemma Carfi



From Mudgee's wine country to beautiful, bustling India, *Never Ever Forever* is a delightfully surprising romantic comedy about taking risks, learning to forgive and embracing love with all its imperfections.

For serial-planner Rosie Royce, an impulse move to the beautiful country town of Mudgee might be the fresh start she needs. It's time to say goodbye to disastrous first dates, switch up her career and finally live the picture-perfect life she's always dreamed of.

But things are rarely that simple. Her exciting new job in local radio comes with a handsome but infuriating co-host, celebrity vet Dr Markus Abrahams. A school reunion brings Rosie's childhood sweetheart, Wes Preston, back into her life, six years after he betrayed her. And when Rosie's work takes her to an elephant sanctuary in India, she starts to learn that real love doesn't always look the way you expect it to.

It will take one big adventure – and multiple heart-shattering surprises – for Rosie to decide if 'never ever' is really forever, or if she's finally ready for that second chance.

For lovers of funny, smart romance, such as Emily Henry, Beth O'Leary, Sandy Barker and Jessica Dettmann

Sydney-based Karina May is a former magazine journalist turned digital marketer, avid reader and writer of lively love stories that span the globe

May's debut novel was *Duck à l'Orange for Breakfast*

'Everything I want in a romance novel.' – Rachael Johns, award-winning author of *Jilted* and *The Patterson Girls* (on *Duck à l'Orange for Breakfast*)

'Sweet, sexy and slyly funny ... Karina May's writing is a delicious escape.' – Clare Fletcher, author of *Five Bush Weddings* (on *Duck à l'Orange for Breakfast*)

The Love Contract

Steph Vizard

Read by Hannah Frederickson



The funny new debut romantic comedy, perfect for fans of bestselling TikTok favourites Sally Thorne, Beth O’Leary and Emily Henry.

Single mum Zoe had the parenting thing all figured out with little Hazel until a childcare drought derailed her plans to return to work. Enter Will, Zoe’s nemesis and frustratingly handsome neighbour. When Will’s boss mistakenly assumes Will is Hazel’s father and insists he take parental leave, it seems like a simple white lie could get Zoe out of a jam and help Will to make partner at his law firm.

But life with an adorable toddler – and a growing attraction between Will and Zoe – is never as tidy as their agreement’s bullet points and dry clauses suggest. As they get deeper into the lie, the lines between truth and fiction blur. But Zoe’s hiding a secret and when it comes out, the consequences for all of them could be devastating.

Steph Vizard is an Australian writer and lawyer who worked in publishing in London after studying literature at Oxford University

Vizard’s debut romantic comedy, *The Love Contract*, won the 2022 HarperCollins Banjo Prize

‘Crisp, sweet and delicate, The Love Contract is pure indulgence. Vizard’s writing sucks you in and wrings you out.’ – Genevieve Novak, author of *No Hard Feelings*

‘Steph Vizard’s engaging writing and endearing characters had me jumping headfirst into the story. Adorable and realistic, this is an absolute gem of a rom-com.’ – Karina May, author of *Duck à l’Orange for Breakfast*

A Hunger of Thorns

A Hunger of Thorns #1

Lili Wilkinson

Read by Katy Sobey

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | January 2024

Be swept up in this brilliant witchy tale about forbidden magic and missing girls who don't need handsome princes to rescue them, perfect for fans of the *Serpent & Dove* series.

Maude is the daughter of witches. She spent her childhood running wild with her best friend, Odette, weaving stories of girls who slayed dragons and saved princes. Then Maude grew up and lost her magic – and her best friend. Storytelling is her only gift that remains.

Odette always hungered for forbidden, dangerous magic, and two weeks ago she went searching for it. Now she's missing, and everyone believes she's dead. Everyone except Maude.

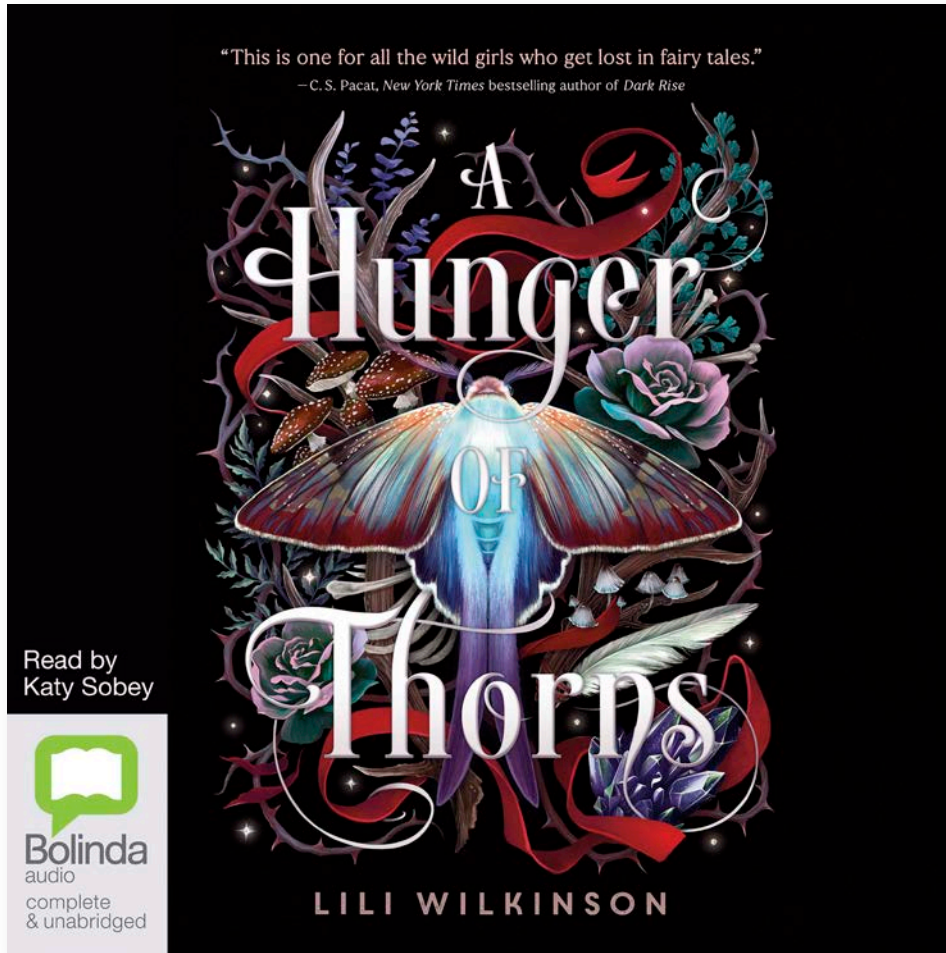
Maude is sure she can find Odette inside the ruins of Sicklehurst, an abandoned power plant built over an ancient magical forest – a place nobody else seems to remember is there. The danger is, nobody knows what remains inside Sicklehurst, either. And every good story is sure to have a monster ...

Lili Wilkinson is the award-winning author of 18 titles for children and teenagers, including *After the Lights Go Out*, *The Erasure Initiative* and *How To Make A Pet Monster*

Wilkinson established the Inky Awards at the Centre for Youth Literature, State Library of Victoria

'Completely entrancing... It's full of magic – the real thing. And it's full of feminine power, dark mysteries and unforgettable characters.' – Amie Kaufman, *New York Times* bestselling co-author of the *Aurora Cycle* series

'A lush, spellbinding tale with dangerously enchanting characters, A Hunger of Thorns is filled with gorgeous emotion and sapphic yearning that will leave you breathless.' – C.S. Pacat, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dark Rise*



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January new releases 2024

Wild Hope

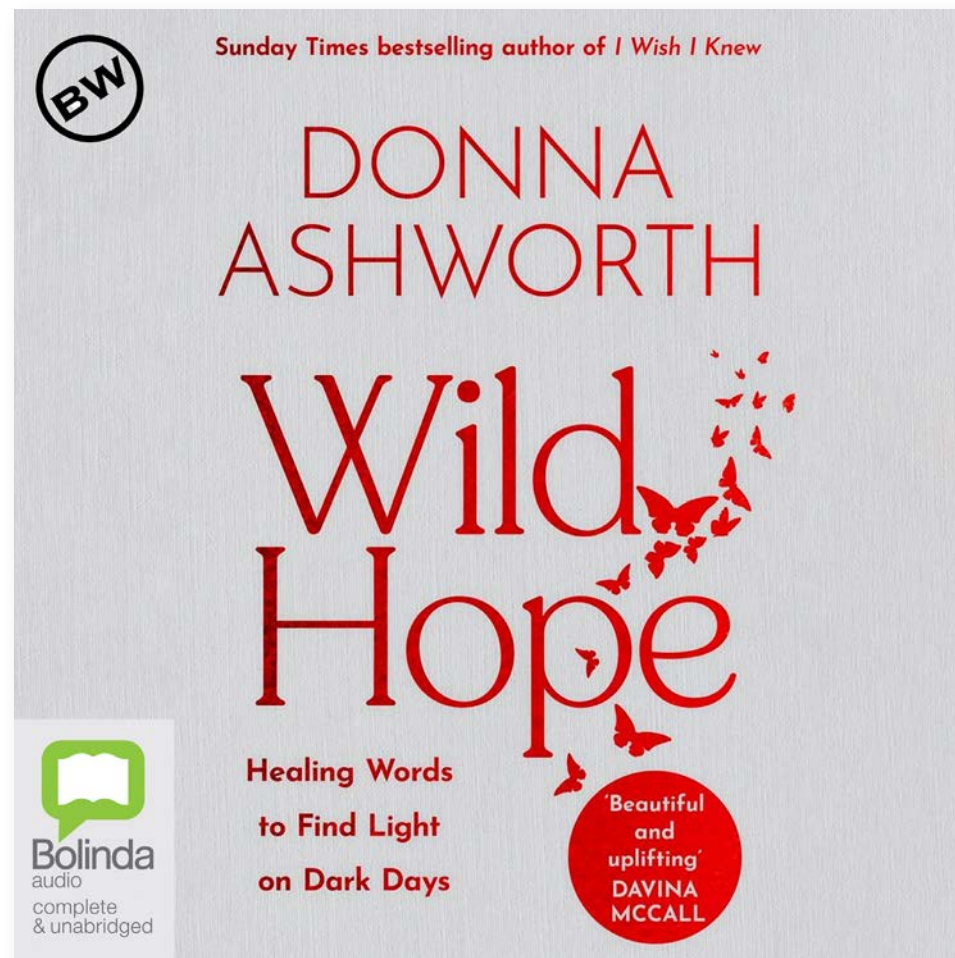
Healing Words to Find Light on Dark Days

Donna Ashworth

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | January 2024



Inspiring words from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *I Wish I Knew* about the power of hope to dispel dark days.

Wild Hope is Donna Ashworth's powerful new collection of wisdom to help us find hope, peace, self-acceptance and inspiration on the days we feel worn down, helpless or sad. Written with love and understanding, Ashworth reminds us that amidst our daily struggles and constant outpourings of bad news we have so much to hope for, and that every one of us can play a part, big or small, in making the world a better place.

With poems such as 'That Thing You Do', 'Through the Wringer' and 'Rope Ladder', Donna helps us to remember that most people in this world are good, and that acts of kindness and love within our individual spheres of influence, however small, all contribute to a better future. She also gently guides us, no matter how busy or overburdened we may be, to practice better self-care and self-acceptance.

Hope exists when nothing else can. On the darkest of days, *Wild Hope* will help you find more light.

Donna Ashworth is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of several poetry titles including *Life, Loss and Love*

Ashworth has almost a million followers across social media, as well as many celebrity readers, and enjoys engaging with them all, reminding each other daily that we are here to thrive

'Beautiful and uplifting.' – Davina McCall, author of *Menopausal*

'So inspiring, so heartfelt ... the way Donna writes is beyond beautiful.' – Lisa Snowdon, supermodel and television personality

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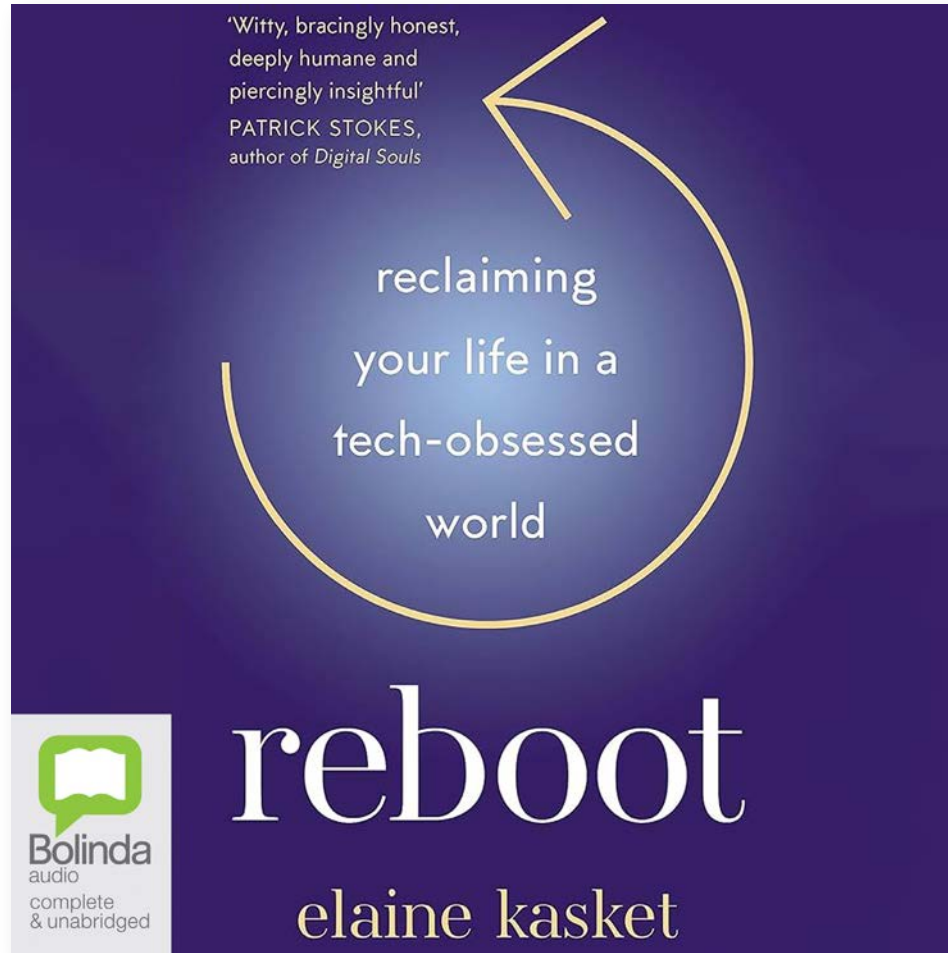

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Reboot

Reclaiming Your Life in a Tech-Obsessed World

Elaine Kasket

Read by the Author



Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | January 2023

A novel approach to understanding technology's role at every stage of our lives, from leading psychotherapist and cyberpsychologist Elaine Kasket.

Technology affects every interaction, shapes our identities and constantly hijacks our attention. So how can we reclaim our power and feel less helpless at every stage of our lives?

In a world full of algorithms, addictive apps and data-driven adverts, it often feels as if the digital environment is determining our behaviour. We trace our steps, track our kids and share our lives online, without really knowing whether this technology is serving our best interests – or those of the people we love.

We speak as though technology is a powerful, unstoppable force and we are the victims. 'What is this technology doing to us?' we ask. But are we as helpless as we assume?

Journeying from digital gestation to the digital afterlife, through infancy, adolescence and adulthood, Elaine Kasket connects the dots between our technology usage and the challenges it poses to our identity and development, and to our relationships and privacy.

Elaine Kasket is a psychologist, speaker and writer, and an expert on the modern challenges and opportunities brought about by technology

Kasket is the author of *All the Ghosts in the Machine: The Digital Afterlife of your Personal Data*, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society

'A critical reminder that, at every stage of life, we get to choose our relationship with technology – and our choices shape our humanity.' – Luke Burgis, author of *Wanting*

'Witty, bracingly honest, deeply humane and piercingly insightful.' – Patrick Stokes, author of *Digital Souls*

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January new releases 2024

Aisling Ever After

Emer McLysaght & Sarah Breen

Read by Amy McAllister



The fifth instalment in the global bestselling Aisling series – *Aisling Ever After* will have you laughing out loud one moment and reaching for tissues the next!

Living in the Big Apple feels like a movie, especially when Aisling finds her ex-boyfriend John on her doorstep. Can his new-found devotion (and his new six-pack!) lure her back home, or should she continue to chase the American dream with the Irish Mafia and Jeff the ridey fireman?

Meanwhile, in Ballygobard, it's all go. Baby showers are the new hen parties, Mammy and Dr Trevor are more serious than Aisling thought, and the prospect of two evil stepsisters has her doubting her place in the family. Pulled between head, heart and home, Aisling strives to finally create her own happy ever after.

Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen are co-authors of the bestselling, award-winning Aisling series, together their titles have sold over 400,000 copies

The authors' debut, *Oh My God, What A Complete Aisling*, was an *Irish Times* #1 bestseller and, as of 2020, was the bestselling Irish-published novel of the century in Ireland

Their other titles, *The Importance of Being Aisling*, *Once Twice Three Times an Aisling* and *Aisling and the City* each won the Popular Fiction Book of the Year at the Irish Book Awards in their respective years

'The most charming, funny, truly heart-warming, spirit-lifting novel.' – Marian Keyes, international bestselling author

'Hilarious, clever, and incredibly moving.' – Louise O'Neill, author of *After the Silence*

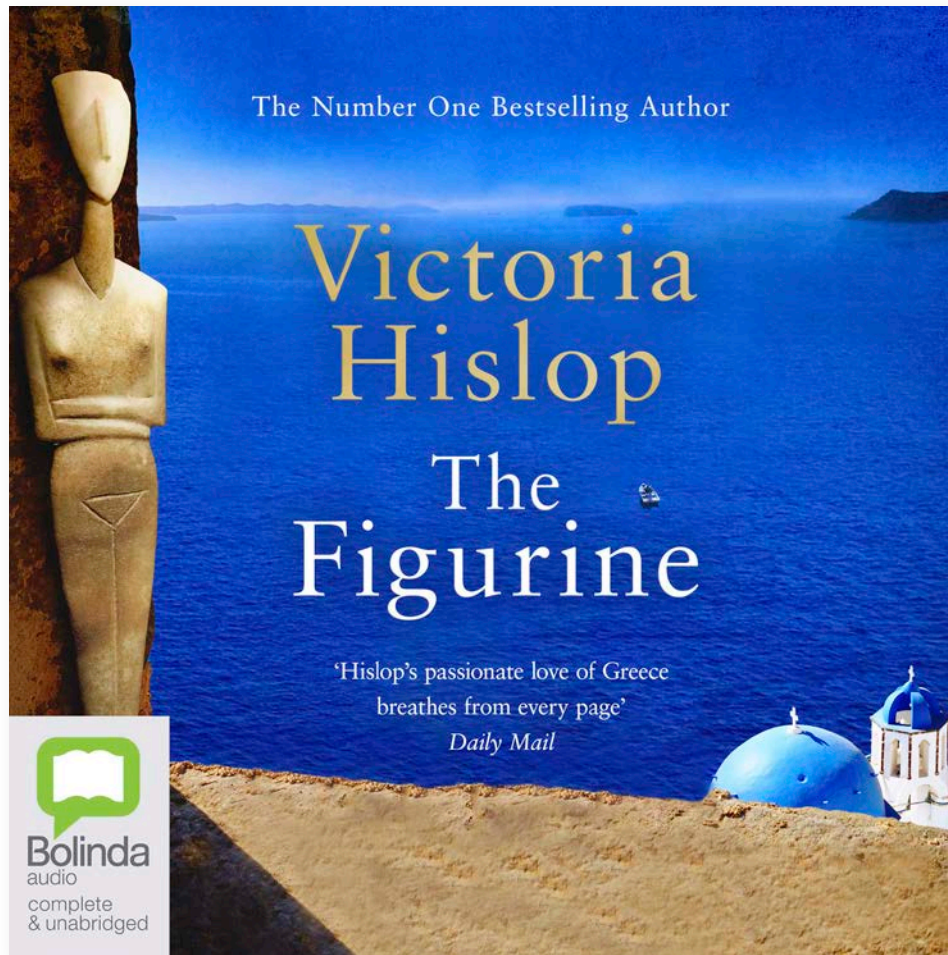
Adult New Release

Romance | January 2024

The Figurine

Victoria Hislop

Read by Rose Akroyd



Multi-million copy bestselling author Victoria Hislop returns with the captivating tale of one woman's quest to come to terms with her family's brutal past.

Helena spends her childhood summers with her grandparents in Athens in the late 1960s, when Greece is ruled by a brutal military dictatorship under which her grandfather, remote and cruel, serves as a general.

As a student, her interest in archaeology is ignited by a Summer spent on a dig on an Aegean island, where love finds her amid the heat and dust. A devastating betrayal – and a desire for revenge – set her on a new path.

Sorting through the abandoned Athens apartment she inherits, Helena discovers a hidden hoard of priceless antiquities. How did her grandfather amass such a collection? And what was the human cost?

Helena's determination to return precious objects to their rightful places sees her journey to a criminal underworld and wrestle with the meaning of home – for the figurine and for herself.

Victoria Hislop is the multi-million copy bestselling author of *The Island*, *The Return*, *The Thread*, *The Sunrise*, *Those Who are Loved*, *The Last Dance and Other Stories* and *Cartes Postales from Greece*

Hislop was named Newcomer of the Year at the British Book Awards and her novel, *The Island*, became an international bestseller, translated into 40 languages, with over six million copies sold worldwide

All of Hislop's novels have hit the number one position in the UK charts, but have also been bestsellers in Greece, China, France, Israel and Norway

'Immersive storytelling sweeps you along.' – Mail on Sunday (on *One August Night*)

'A rich narrative, awash with authentic detail.' – Daily Mail (on *The Island*)

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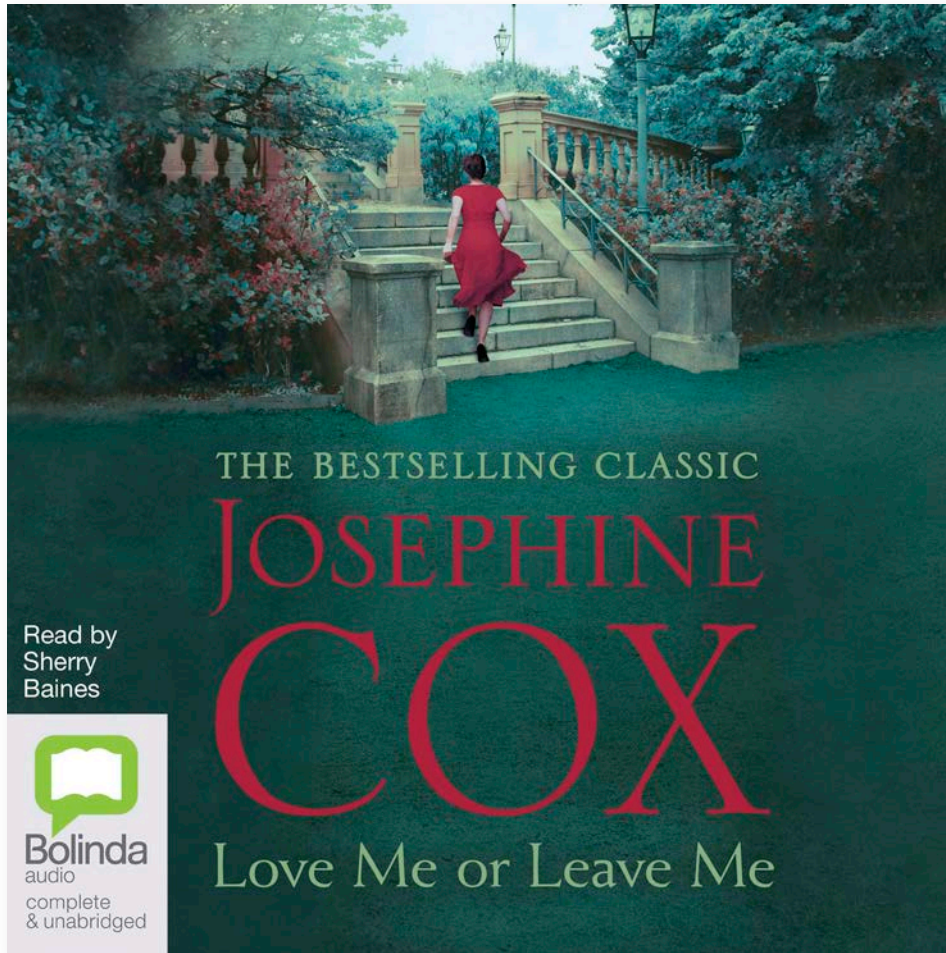
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Love Me or Leave Me

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



A passionate and moving saga about a young woman who is ready to fight for a chance of happiness, from bestselling author Josephine Cox.

Beautiful Eva Bereton has two close friends: Patsy, whom she looks upon as a sister, and Bill, her childhood sweetheart, now married and living far away. So when a tragic accident turns Eva's world upside down, Patsy is the only one she can turn to.

A hated figure from the past comes to reclaim the farm and business that Eva had always believed belonged to her parents. And not even Bill, still in love with Eva, can stop her being thrown out onto the streets. With no choice but to leave, Eva and Patsy decide to build a new life elsewhere.

But when Eva arrives in the town of Blackburn, her past mistakes rise up to haunt her ... Determined and optimistic, she fights on to change her life for the better.

Josephine Cox was an English author. Her books were frequently bestsellers and the UK Public Lending Rights figures often listed her in the top three borrowed authors

The author of more than 60 titles, written over a career which spanned three decades, Cox sold over 20 million copies of her family sagas, which combined romance and tragedy to dramatic, bestselling effect

Perfect for fans of Lyn Andrews and Cathy Sharp

'A lovely romance.' – Mirror

'Hailed quite rightly as a gifted writer in the tradition of Catherine Cookson.' – Manchester Evening News

The Pearl Sister

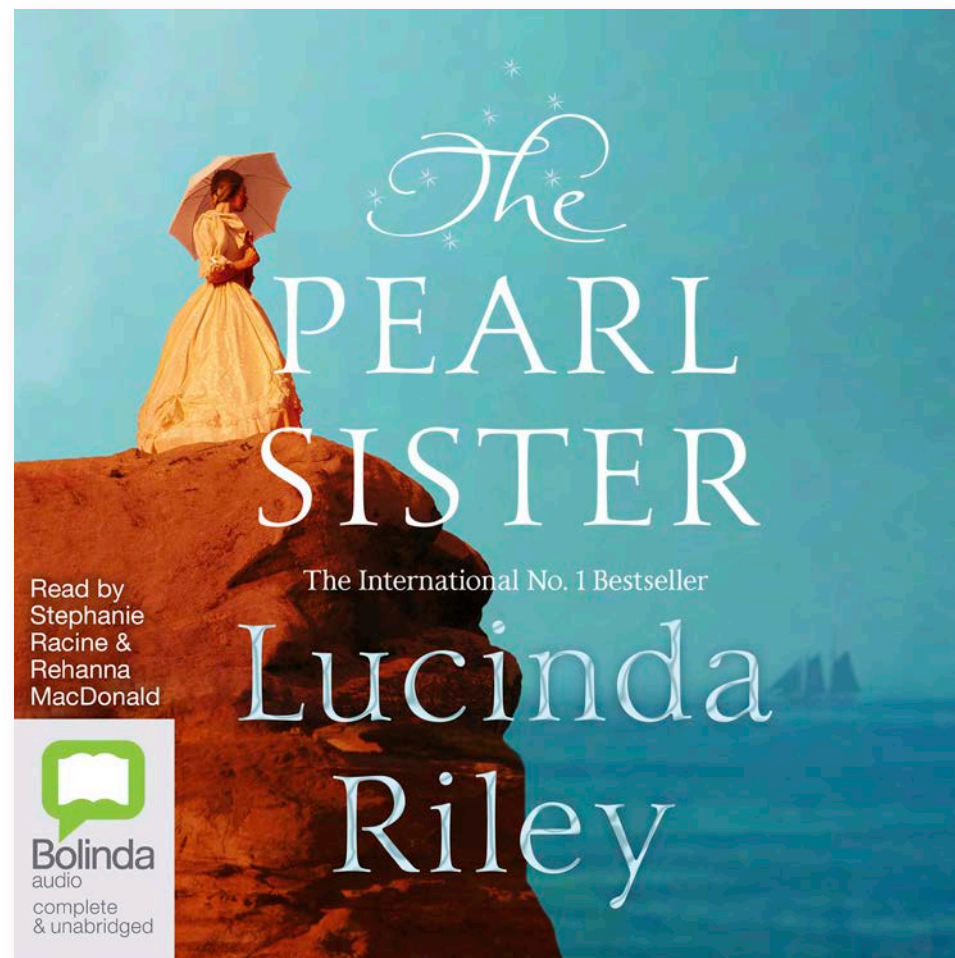
The Seven Sisters #4

Lucinda Riley

Read by Stephanie Racine & Rehanna MacDonald

Adult New Release

Sagas | January 2024



Journey to the dusty plains of Central Australia in *The Pearl Sister*, the fourth instalment in the number one bestselling *The Seven Sisters* series by Lucinda Riley.

CeCe D'Aplière has always felt like an outcast. But following the death of her father – the reclusive billionaire affectionately called Pa Salt by the six daughters he adopted from around the globe – she finds herself more alone than ever. With nothing left to lose, CeCe delves into the mystery of her origins. The only clues she holds are a black and white photograph and the name of a female pioneer who once lived in Australia.

One hundred years earlier, Kitty McBride, a Scottish clergyman's daughter, abandons her conservative upbringing to serve as the companion to a wealthy woman traveling from Edinburgh to Adelaide. Her ticket to a new land brings the adventure she dreamed of and a love that she had never imagined.

When CeCe herself finally reaches the searing heat and dusty plains of the Red Centre of Australia, something deep within her responds to the energy of the area and the ancient culture of the Aboriginal people. As she comes closer to finding the truth of her ancestry, CeCe begins to believe that this untamed, vast continent could offer her what she never thought possible – a sense of belonging, and a home.

Lucinda Riley's titles have been translated into 37 languages and have sold 30 million copies worldwide

In 2020, Riley received the Dutch Platinum award for sales over 300,000 copies for a single title in one year

'Wonderful! Absolutely impossible to put down! *The Seven Sisters* books just keep getting better and better.' – Tracy Rees, author of *Amy Snow*

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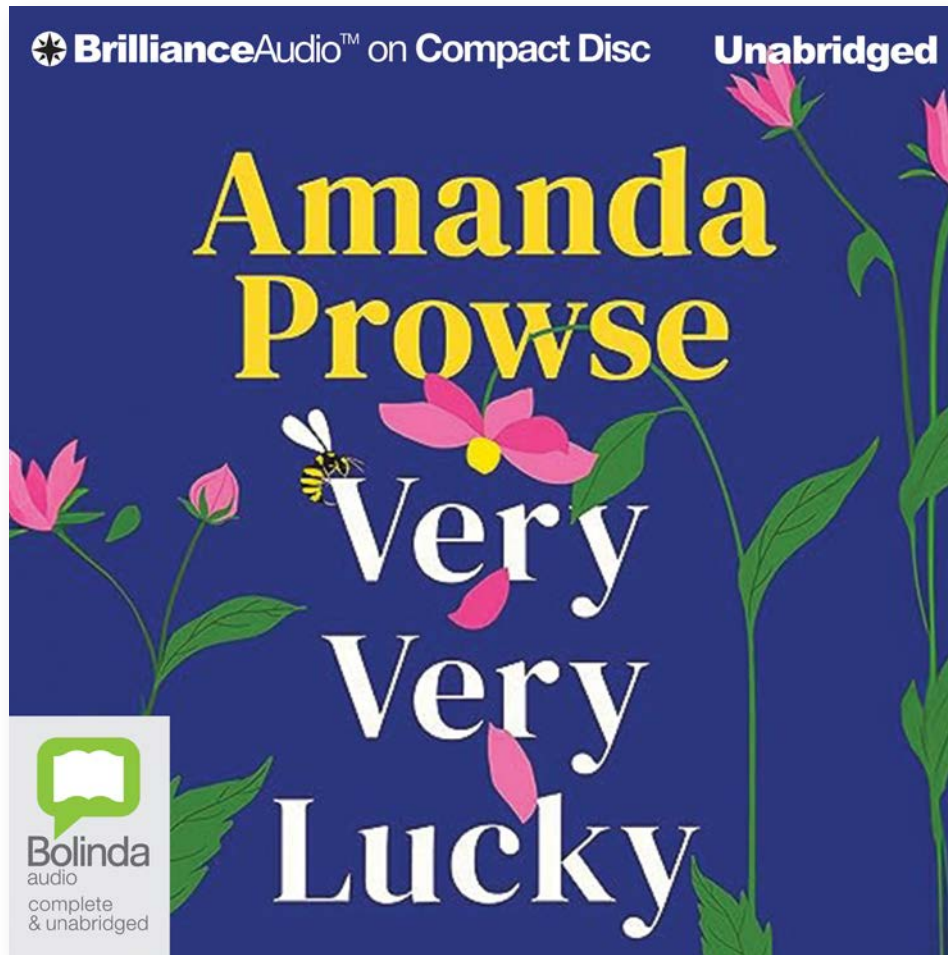
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Very Very Lucky

Amanda Prowse

Narrator to come



A life-affirming story from million-copy bestselling author Amanda Prowse about having it all, losing it all and how new friends can show each other the way back to happiness.

With kids to look after, an ailing mother and a neglected husband, life is full for Emma Fountain – too full, she realises, when she wakes up in IKEA after falling asleep in one of the show beds. Only her crazy, funny best friend Roz keeps her sane. But when Roz climbs in through her bathroom window one day to deliver terrible news, Emma's belief that she can find a way around any obstacle crumbles in the face of a problem she just can't fix.

For recently widowed Thurston, life without his beloved wife of 62 years has lost all its joy and sense of purpose. That is until he finds himself driving his niece to work one day and meets Emma, whose busy days are the opposite of his own. As Thurston is drawn into the whirlwind of Emma's chaotic life, and as his calming influence starts to bring her troubles into perspective, an unlikely friendship grows.

In a world where grief is the price we pay for love, can two very different people realise that the little things in life are precious, that love is all around us, and that, even after all, they might still be very, very lucky?

Amanda Prowse is the international bestselling author of *What Have I Done?*, *Perfect Daughter*, *My Husband's Wife*, *The Girl in the Corner* and *The Things I Know*, which have sold millions of copies across the globe

Prowse is the most prolific author of contemporary fiction in the UK today and her titles also score the highest online review approval ratings across several genres

'Amanda Prowse has been hailed the queen of domestic drama with good reason – she excels at it.' – Closer Magazine (on *The Food of Love*)

'Prowse handles her explosive subject with delicate skill ...' – Daily Mail (on *Perfect Daughter*)

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A Sure Duke

Christi Caldwell

Narrator to come



For a proper lady of the Ton and the improper lord she's mad for, love becomes an adventure in a rapturous and romantic romp by *USA Today* bestselling author Christi Caldwell.

Alexandra Bradbury and Dallin McQuoid are neighbours who couldn't be more different. She's prim, mindful and skittish of social improprieties. Dallin is slightly scandalous, boisterously charming and unbothered by gossip. On an unexpected night of magic forged under the stars, they discover what they do have in common. Could theirs be a rare love match that might last forever?

But everything changes in a heartbeat – a death in the Bradbury family, financial ruin and Alexandra's betrothal to a wickedly wealthy marquess. Alexandra is expected to do what's best for her family, regardless of her heart.

Until another crisis arises, and the dutiful daughter must embark on a journey with the waggish lord across the street to prevent a catastrophe for both of their families.

Along the road, will their stars finally align?

Christi Caldwell is the *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Duke Alone* and *The Heiress at Sea*

Caldwell is also the author of numerous series, including *Wantons of Waverton*, *Lost Lords of London*, *Sinful Brides*, *Wicked Wallflowers* and *Heart of a Duke*

'Caldwell creates a delightful Regency romp filled with crackling dialog and steamy love scenes ...' – Historical Novels Review (on *The Heiress at Sea*)

'This is a winner.' – Publishers Weekly (on *The Heiress at Sea*)

Available in physical only

Daughters of Warsaw

Maria Frances

Read by Eleonor Jackson and Jaimi Barbakof



A sweeping and heartbreaking story of two remarkable women, generations apart, each finding courage when all hope is gone.

1942, Warsaw.

Young Sofia finds herself leading a double life when she is enlisted to help the fearless Irena Sendler save hundreds of Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto.

Every night, Sofia risks her life to shepherd the children to safety. But when the worst happens, she is forced to make her riskiest journey yet to keep Irena's mission alive.

Now, Seattle.

After yet another miscarriage, heartbroken Lizzie returns to the comfort of her childhood home, where she stumbles upon a hidden photograph of her great-grandmother among a mysterious group of people.

On a quest to discover more, Lizzie uncovers a buried past darker and more dangerous than she could ever have imagined ...

Perfect for fans of *The Midwife of Auschwitz*, *The Woman Outside the Walls* and *The Paris Agent*

Maria Frances is the author of five novels which she writes under her real name, Juliet Conlin

As Juliet Conlin, she is the author of *The Fractured Man*, *The Uncommon Life of Alfred Warner in Six Days*, *The Lives Before Us*, *Sisters of Berlin* and *Love, Hope*

'A moving, heartwarming story, written with style and sympathy.' – The Courier (on *The Uncommon Life of Alfred Warner in Six Days*)

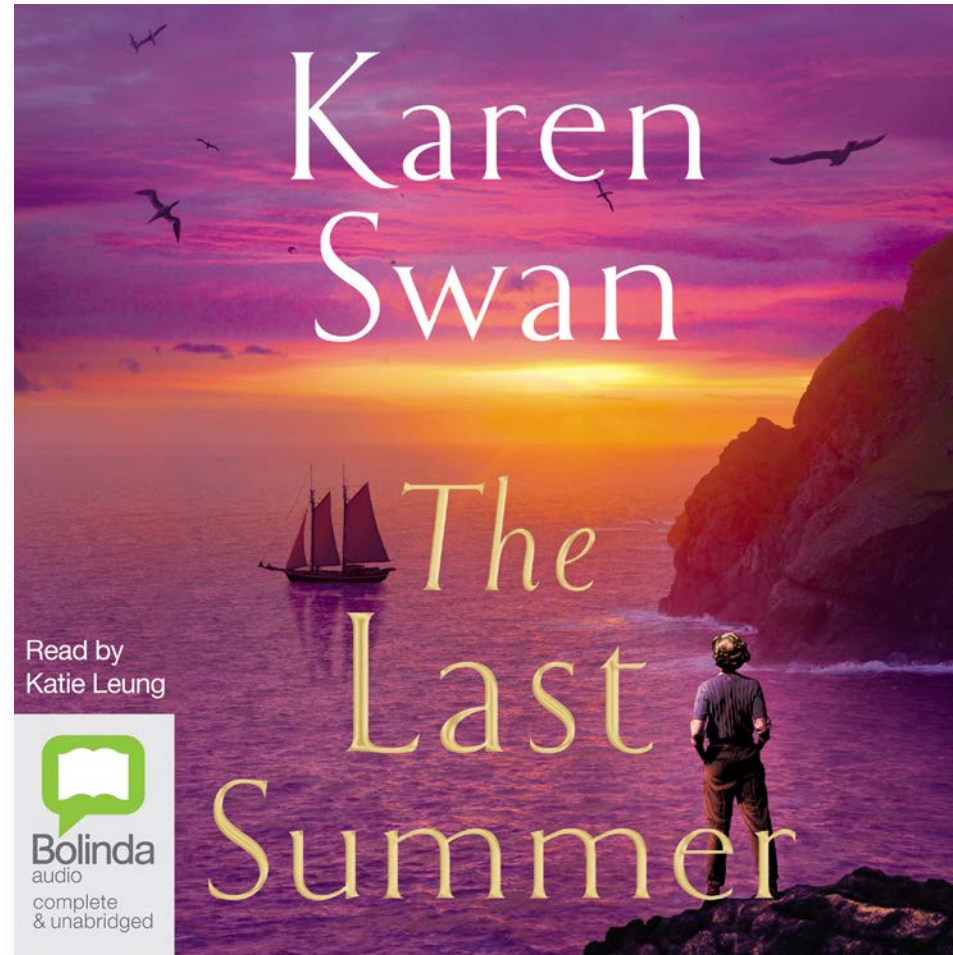
'Superb storytelling!' – Sarah Maine, author of *The House Between Tides* (on *The Lives Before Us*)

The Last Summer

Wild Isle #1

Karen Swan

Read by Katie Leung



Adult New Release

Romance | January 2024

Opposites attract in this epic and spellbinding story, which transports us from the untamed beauty of St Kilda to the glamour and intrigues of high society in the 1930s.

Summer on St Kilda – a wild, remote Scottish island. In the 1930s, two strangers from drastically different worlds meet ...

Wild-spirited Effie Gillies has lived all her life on the small island of St Kilda. But when Lord Sholto, heir to the Earl of Dumfries, visits, the attraction between them is instant. For one glorious week she guides the handsome young visitor around the isle, falling in love for the first time – until a storm hits and her world falls apart.

Three months later, St Kilda lays silent as the islanders are evacuated for a better life on the mainland. With her friends and family scattered, Effie is surprised to be offered a position working on the Earl's estate. Sholto is back in her life but their differences now seem insurmountable, even as the simmering tension between them grows ...

Then, when a shocking discovery is made back on St Kilda, all her dreams for this bright new life are threatened by the dark secrets Effie and her friends thought they had left behind.

The Wild Isle historical series is based upon the dramatic evacuation of the Scottish island St Kilda in the summer of 1930

Swan's titles are known for their evocative locations, and loves to set deep, complicated love stories within twisting plots

'The Last Summer is meticulously researched and beautifully told by one of our most prolific and talented writers. Happily, this is the start of a series so your longing for more will be fulfilled.' – Santa Montefiore, bestselling author of *Here and Now*

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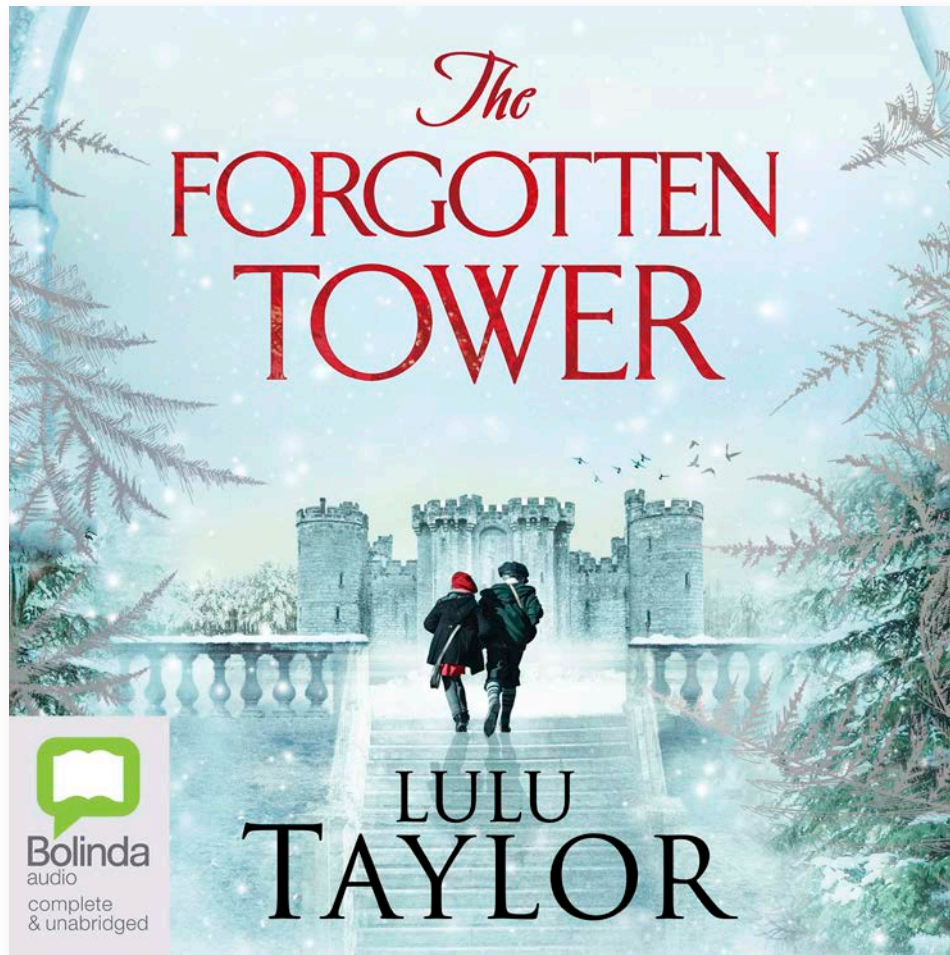
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The Forgotten Tower

Lulu Taylor

Narrator to come



The Forgotten Tower is an absorbing gothic tale about a castle full of dark secrets and buried history, from *Sunday Times* top ten bestselling author Lulu Taylor.

Georgie never wanted to be a chatelaine, but beautiful Wakefield Castle is her husband Casper's legacy and he is determined to restore its fortunes. Until now Georgie has hidden her troubled past, and she fears that their new surroundings will bring her deepest fears to the surface. The discovery of an inherited recipe book with notes in many hands leads her to suspect that the castle hides secrets at least as troubling as her own ...

In 1939, the five Wakefield children are still recovering from their family tragedy – the disappearance of their parents and a new life with their kind but remote elderly relatives. When war is declared, the family prepares to make sacrifices and open the castle doors to newcomers, including cases of fossils from the Natural History Museum and their curator, Arthur Humphries, and the Foster brothers, a pair of evacuees. But while the castle offers a refuge, it is also a place to hide things – sorrow, secrets and even people ...

Lulu Taylor is the author of *Heiresses*, *Her Frozen Heart*, *The Winter Secret* and *A Midwinter Promise*

Taylor's title, *Heiresses*, was nominated for the RNA Readers' Choice Award

'Thrilling, escapist and provocative ...' – Lancashire Post (on *Her Frozen Heart*)

'Lulu Taylor can always be relied on to sweep us away on a tide of adventure, romance and glamour.' – Burnley Express (on *The Snow Angel*)

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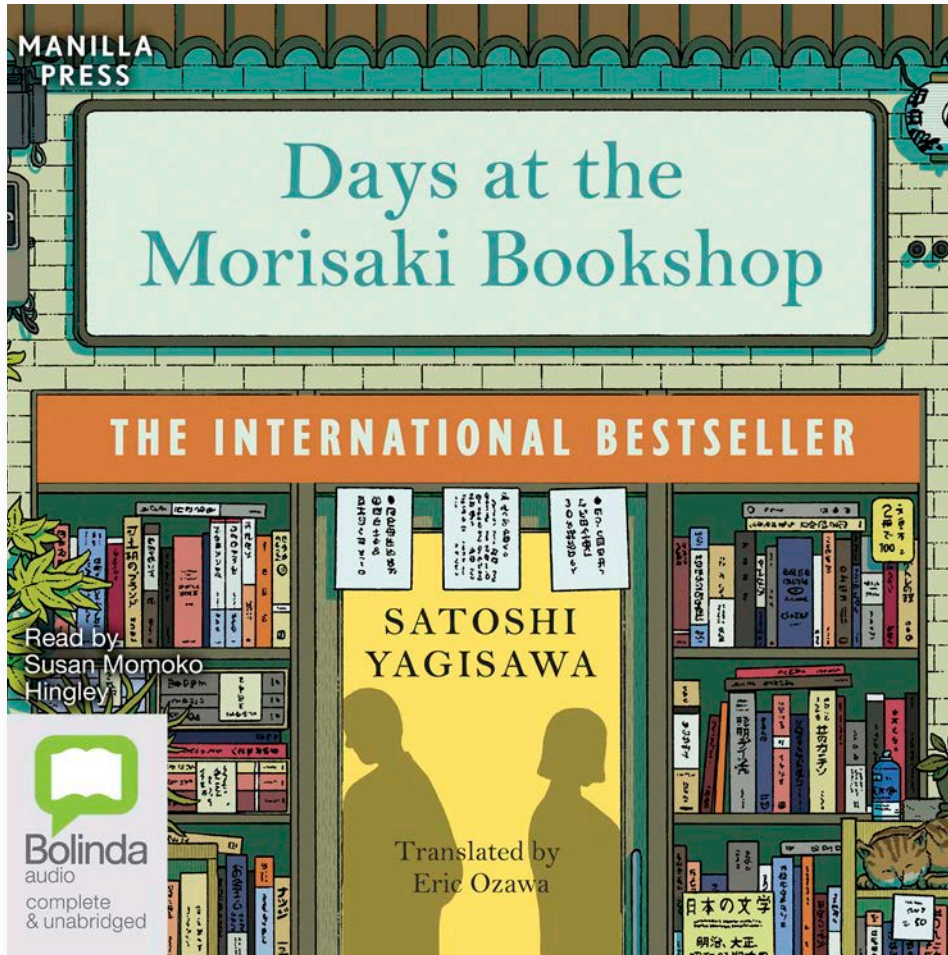
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Days at the Morisaki Bookshop

Satoshi Yagisawa

Read by Susan Momoko Hingley



The wise and charming international bestseller and hit Japanese movie about a young woman who loses everything but finds herself – a tale of new beginnings, romantic and family relationships, and the comfort that can be found in books.

Twenty-five-year-old Takako has never liked reading, although the Morisaki bookshop has been in her family for three generations. It is the pride and joy of her uncle Satoru, who has devoted his life to the bookshop since his wife Momoko left him five years earlier.

When Takako's boyfriend reveals he's marrying someone else, she reluctantly accepts her eccentric uncle's offer to live rent-free in the tiny room above the shop. Hoping to nurse her broken heart in peace, Takako is surprised to encounter new worlds within the stacks of books lining the Morisaki bookshop.

As summer fades to autumn, Satoru and Takako discover they have more in common than they first thought. The Morisaki bookshop has something to teach them both about life, love and the healing power of books.

Days at the Morisaki Bookshop is Satoshi Yagisawa's debut novel, and it won Chiyoda Literature Prize

Perfect for fans of *Before The Coffee Gets Cold* and *The Cat Who Saved Books*

'Days at the Morisaki Bookshop draws a strong connection between the empathy unleashed by great literature and Takako's growing sense of self-confidence and well-being.' – NPR

'Yagisawa's prose is clean and direct even as he describes the Morisaki Bookshop and the city that surrounds it with extraordinary care and detail.' – Booklist

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January new releases 2024

The Crow Trap

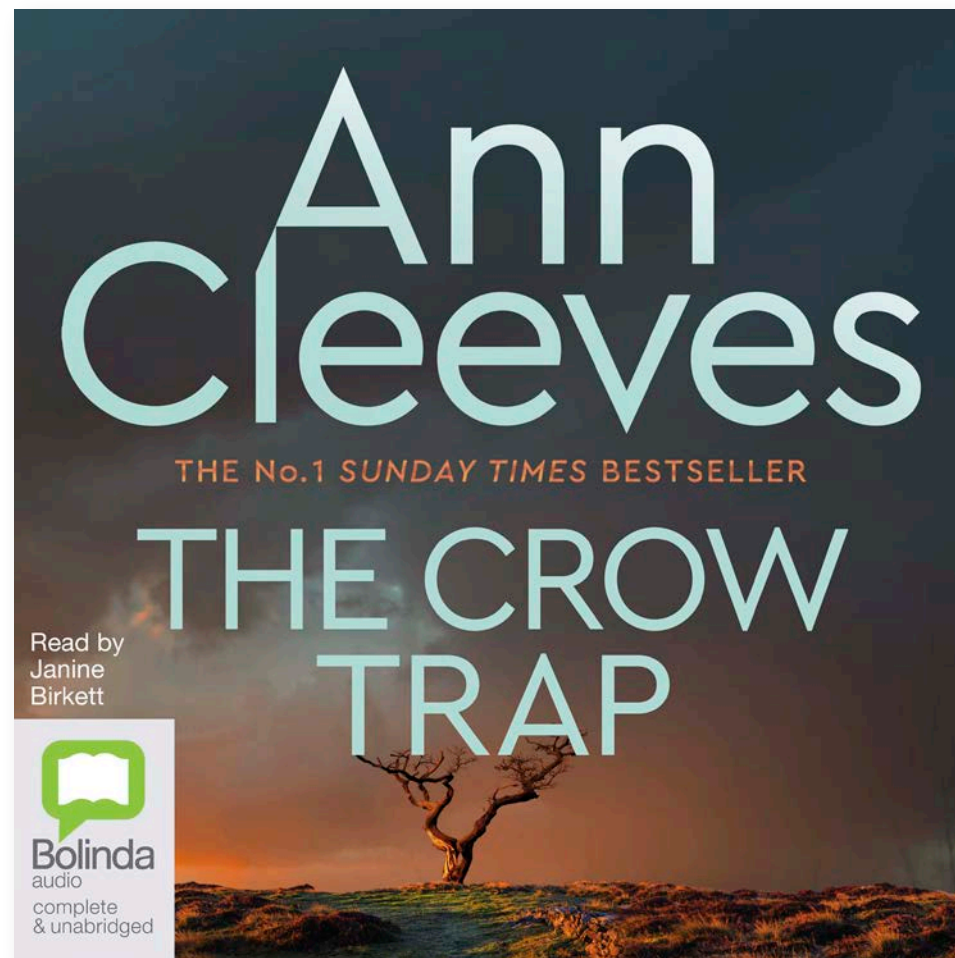
Vera Stanhope #1

Ann Cleeves

Read by Janine Birkett

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024



The Crow Trap is the first instalment in Ann Cleeves' Vera Stanhope series – which is now a major ITV detective drama starring Brenda Blethyn, *Vera*.

Everyone has something to hide ...

Three very different women come together at an isolated cottage on the North Pennines to complete an environmental survey. Three women who each know the meaning of betrayal ...

Rachael, the team leader, is still reeling after a double betrayal by her lover and boss. Anne, a botanist, sees the survey as a chance to indulge in a little deception of her own. And then there is Grace, a strange, uncommunicative young woman, hiding plenty of her own secrets.

Rachael is the first to arrive at the cottage, but when she gets there, she is shocked to discover an apparent suicide. But then another death occurs, and a fourth woman enters the picture – the unconventional Detective Inspector Vera Stanhope, who must piece together the truth from these women's tangled lives ...

Ann Cleeves is the author of over 35 critically acclaimed titles and was awarded the highest accolade in crime writing, the CWA Diamond Dagger, in 2017

Cleeves is the creator of popular detectives Vera Stanhope and Jimmy Perez, who can now be found on television in ITV's *Vera* and BBC One's *Shetland*

Cleeves is a member of Murder Squad, working with other British northern writers to promote crime fiction

'A cleverly plotted psychological thriller.' – The Times

'Fans of the Vera Stanhope novels already available in the U.S., as well as the TV series Vera, will welcome Cleeves's intricate series opener.' – Publishers Weekly

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All the Brave Fellows

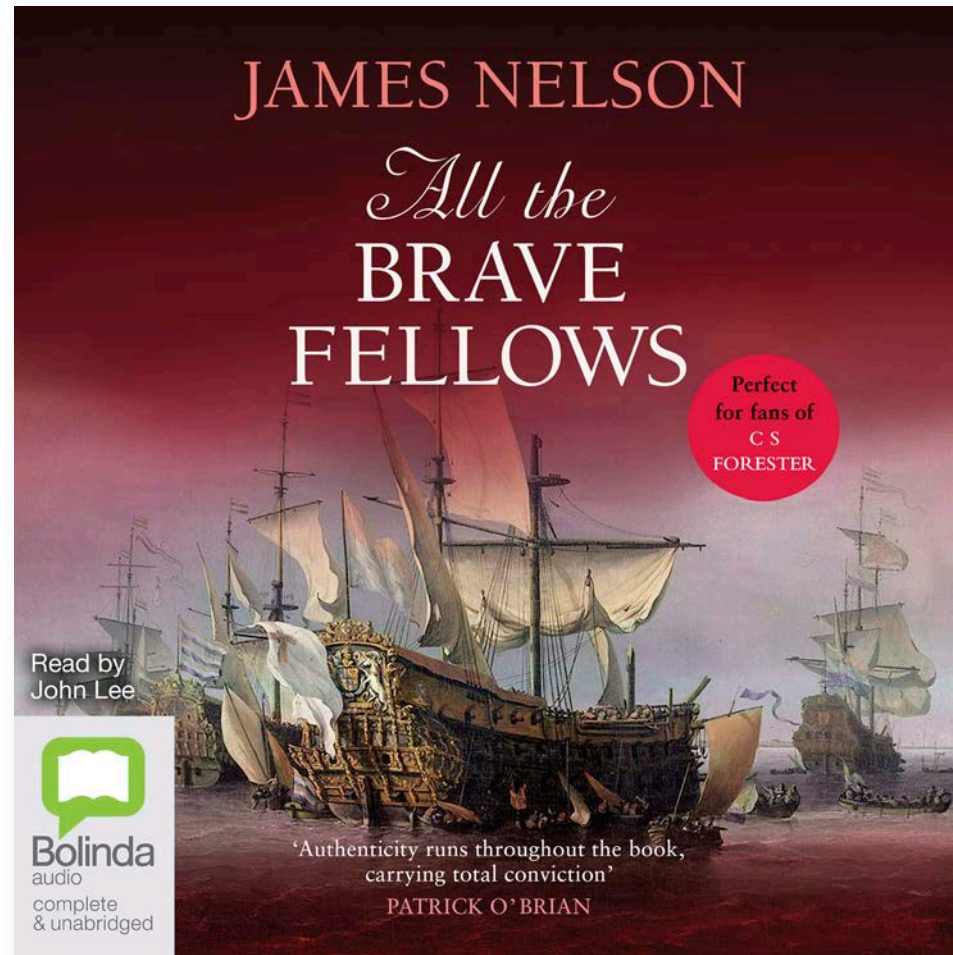
Revolution at Sea #5

James Nelson

Read by John Lee

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | January 2024



The triumphant finale to the Revolution at Sea saga from bestselling author James Nelson.

1777. Captain Isaac Biddlecomb, together with his wife and child, is bound for Philadelphia aboard the brig *Charlemagne*. His orders are to take command of the newly-built frigate *Falmouth* and take her out to sea before she is taken by General Richard Howe's invading army.

Unknown to Biddlecomb, the entire British fleet stands between him and the new nation's capital. Forced to run his beloved brig aground, Biddlecomb comes face to face with his mortal enemy, Lieutenant John Smeaton.

Meanwhile, General Washington has yielded Philadelphia to Britain's might. As Biddlecomb and his crew battle to reach the prized *Falmouth*, only shipwright Malachi Foote and a ragtag band of deserters stand between the vessel and the seemingly unstoppable British army.

Perfect for fans of Patrick O'Brian and C.S.Forester

James Nelson is the author of *By Force of Arms*, *The Maddest Idea*, *The Continental Risque* and *Lords of the Ocean*

Nelson is a native of Maine and a former professional square-rig sailor

'Nelson writes with the eagerness of a young man sailing his first command.' – Patrick O'Brian, author of the Aubrey/Maturin series

'[A] Spirited adventure ...' – The Boston Globe

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Dead Guilty

Calladine and Bayliss #9

Helen H. Durrant

Read by Jonathan Keeble

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2024

Detectives Calladine and Bayliss hunt for a missing child in a mystery with a shocking ending in this gripping detective thriller full of suspense from bestselling author, Helen H. Durrant.

Sophie Alder is the three-year-old daughter of local factory owner, Richard Alder. Richard and his wife Annie are locals from the rough housing estate who've made it big.

Plus, there's a crime wave in Leasworth and the police can't cope. One thief even dares to break into Calladine's house.

A number of local men have formed a vigilante group. On one of their patrols they catch the burglar and he ends up dead. The investigation is complicated and the detectives keep hearing about a shadowy figure called 'Street', the mastermind behind the increase in drugs and theft.

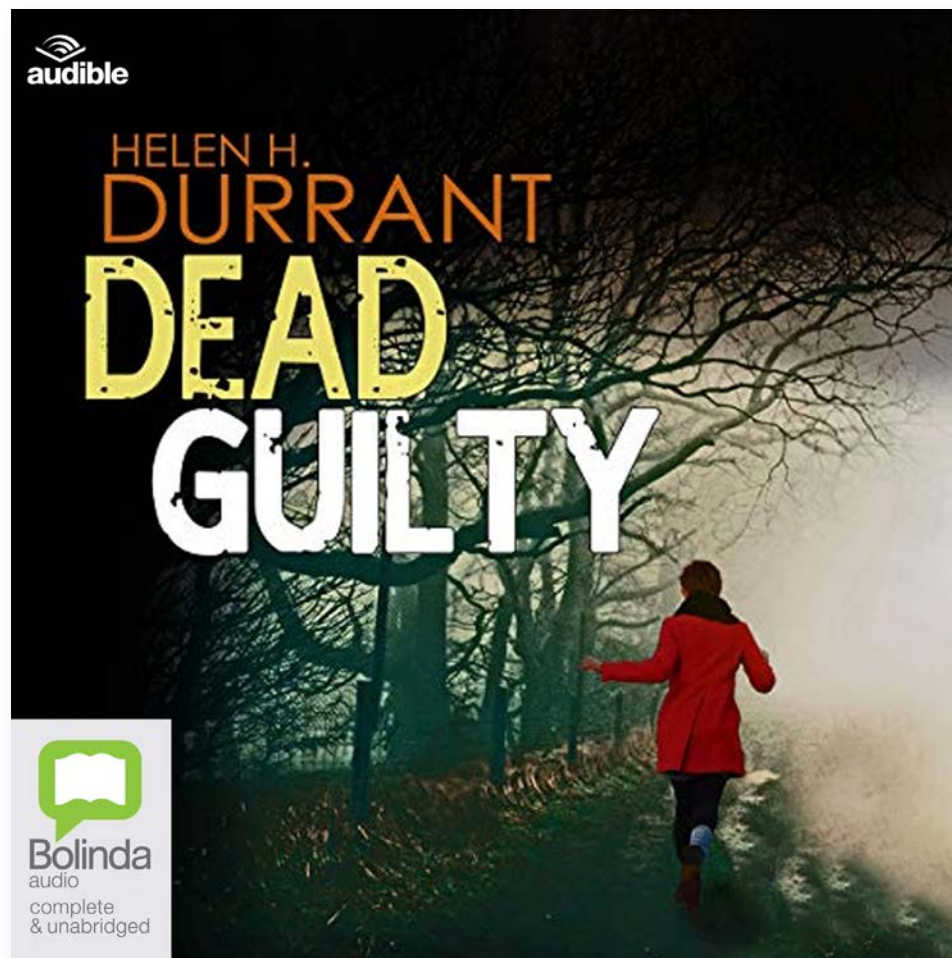
With two more murders and Calladine's personal life in turmoil, the detectives race against time to find 'Street' and the missing child. In an ending with a huge twist, the detectives find everything they believed is turned upside down.

Helen H. Durrant is the bestselling author of *The Guilty Man*, the audiobook of which won the Earphones Award for Suspense and Mystery

Durrant is also the author of the series The DCI Greco and Detective Rachel King thrillers with over 1.5 million copies sold

'This suspenseful listening experience will have listeners hanging on every word.'
– AudioFile Magazine (on *The Faceless Man*)

'Helen Durrant is a master storyteller. Be it the mystery or the character development or keeping the readers hooked on to the story till the end, Helen is the best.' – The Book Decoder



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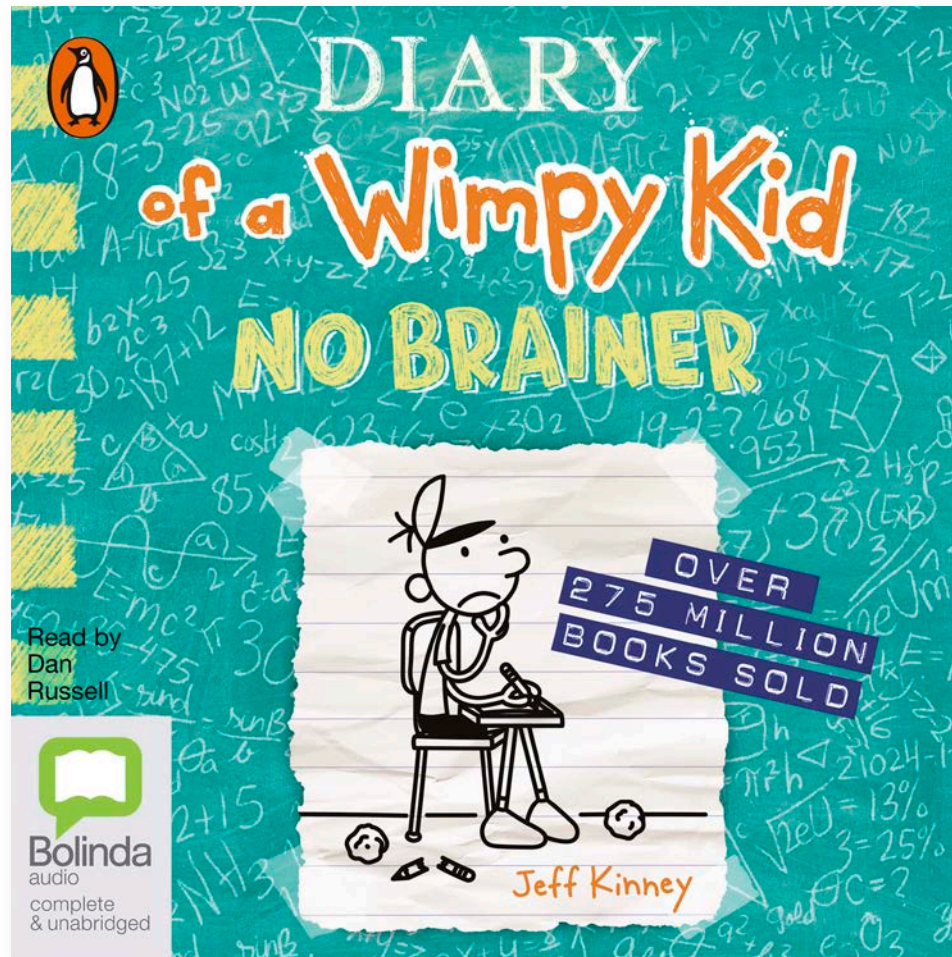
Diary of a Wimpy Kid #18

Jeff Kinney

Read by Dan Russell

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024



In *No Brainer*, the 18th instalment of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney, it's up to Greg to save his crumbling school before it's shuttered for good.

Up until now, middle school hasn't exactly been a joyride for Greg Heffley. So when the town threatens to close the crumbling building, he's not too broken up about it.

But when Greg realizes this means he's going to be sent to a different school than his best friend, Rowley Jefferson, he changes his tune. Can Greg and his classmates save their school before it's shuttered for good? Or is this the start of a whole new chapter for Greg?

Jeff Kinney is the #1 *USA Today*, *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series and a six-time Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winner for Favorite Book

Kinney has been named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World and is one of the Top 10 bestselling authors of all time

Kinney is also the creator of *Poptropica*, which was named one of Time's 50 Best Websites

'The world has gone crazy for Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.' – The Sun (on the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series)

'My favourite character has to be Greg as he can be horrible but the audience always roots for him anyway!' – The Guardian (on the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series)

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My Life and Other Stuff I Made Up

Tom Weekly #1

Tristan Bancks

Read by Stig Wemyss

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024

The first instalment in the Tom Weekly series from the award-winning author Tristan Bancks.

I'm Tom Weekly. This is a nail-biting – make that toe-biting – thrill ride through my life.

This is where I pour out whatever's inside my head. Like the time a bloodthirsty magpie was out to get me, or when I had to eat Vegemite off my sister's big toe. And don't forget the day I ate 67 hot dogs in ten minutes. My life gets a bit weird sometimes but that's how I roll.

Top three reasons to listen to this audiobook:

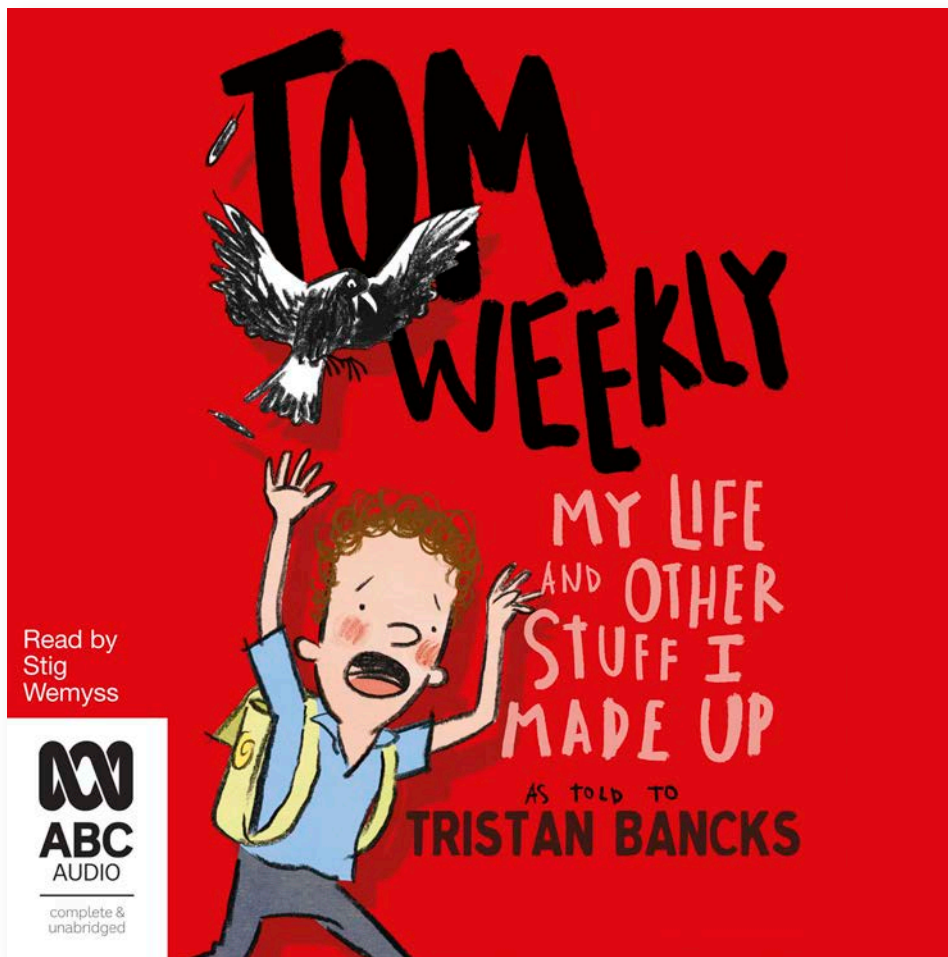
1. Cures for nits
2. Hover underpants
3. Instructions for teleporting

My Life and Other Stuff I Made Up is a #1 bestseller in Dymocks Older Readers Chart and top 10 bestseller in Bookscan Children's Fiction Chart

Bancks's titles have won and been shortlisted for many awards, including a Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Book, the Prime Minister's Literary Awards and the YABBA children's choice book awards

'Fans of Griffiths, Gleitzman and Jennings will be thrilled to have this in their collection.'
– Kids Book Review

'Like Dahl, Bancks is passionate about inspiring a love of reading in the young by placing fun at the centre of his storytelling.' – Andy Griffiths, bestselling author of the Treehouse series



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Rosie Frost and the Falcon Queen

Rosie Frost #1

Geri Halliwell-Horner

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024

A sweeping adventure filled with a hidden island, family secrets, shocking betrayals, amazing music and girl power, by iconic Spice Girl, songwriter and author Geri Halliwell-Horner.

It's time to find your power.

Suddenly orphaned and alone, Rosie Frost is sent to the mysterious Bloodstone Island – home not only to a school for extraordinary teens, but also a sanctuary for endangered species. There, Rosie confronts a menacing deputy headmaster, a group of mean girls bent on destroying her, and shocking family secrets. She also discovers that history can come to life in ways she never could have imagined.

When the island itself comes under threat, Rosie knows she must enter and win the Falcon Queen Games in a desperate bid to save it.

But Rosie can't do it alone. She finds that believing in herself – and her friends – is the first step to finding the power she never knew she had.

Geri Halliwell-Horner is an accomplished singer, writer, producer and actress who is widely recognised for her iconic place in British pop culture as an original member of the record-breaking girl group The Spice Girls

Halliwell-Horner is the successful author of the Ugenia Lavender book series and continues to work with the Royal Commonwealth to promote prospects through literacy to Commonwealth citizens

Halliwell-Horner was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters at Sheffield Hallam University and is an outspoken supporter of animals and an ambassador of the London Zoo

'... so inventive and exciting.' – Jacqueline Wilson, award-winning author of *The Story of Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather*

'Exuberant, action-packed, and warmhearted.' – Kirkus Reviews



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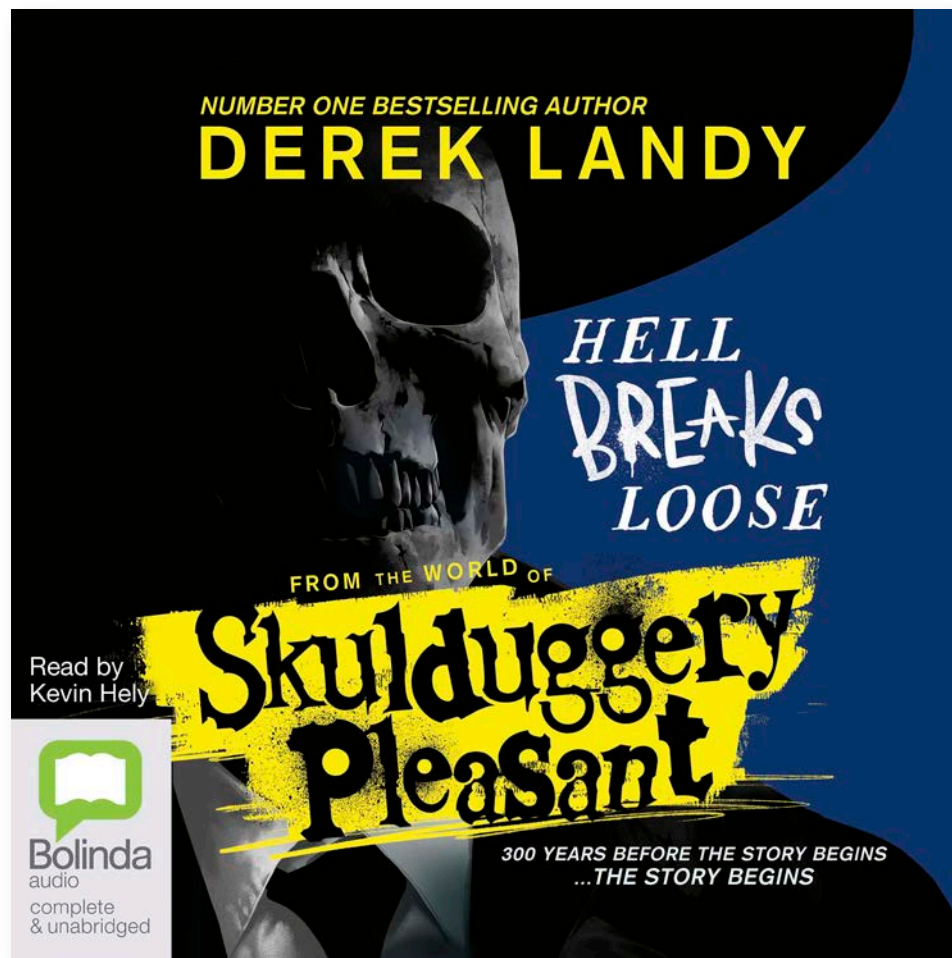
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Hell Breaks Loose

Skulduggery Pleasant #18

Derek Landy

Read by Kevin Hely



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024

Travel back to 1703 with Skulduggery Pleasant in this standalone story featuring all your favourite characters from the internationally bestselling series.

Italy, 1703. As the war with Mevolent rages on, the Dead Men are dispatched to a walled town in the Tuscan hills – not to assassinate the Lord of the Dark Sorcerers, but to save him. A rift has opened to a hellish dimension where a being of devastating power awaits, and only Mevolent is strong enough to seal it and save the world.

A simple mission, then, which turns ever-so-slightly trickier when Skulduggery is presented with the opportunity to finally get revenge on Nefarian Serpine, the man who murdered him and killed his family 13 years earlier.

Return to the world of Skulduggery Pleasant in a short story set hundreds of years before Valkyrie Cain is even born, and follow Skulduggery, Ghastly, Shudder, Ravel, Saracen, Dexter and Hopeless as they argue, bicker and battle their way through an army of their most hated enemies in order to save their oldest enemy so they can stop another, brand new, enemy ...

And that's when things get complicated.

Before writing his children's story about a sharply-dressed skeleton detective, Derek Landy wrote the screenplays for two films, the IFTA award-winning *Dead Bodies* and the IFTA-nominated *Boy Eats Girl* starring Samantha Mumba

Landy's first title, *Skulduggery Pleasant*, won the Red House Children's Book Award, and his second, *Playing With Fire*, won an Irish Book Award for Children's Book of the Year

'*Skulduggery Pleasant serves up a thoroughly satisfying blend of humour, magic and adventure.*' – Rick Riordan, author of the Percy Jackson series (on Skulduggery Pleasant series)

'*A fast evolving plot and a great mix of scariness and humour.*' – Sunday Express (on Skulduggery Pleasant series)

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Magic Animal Friends Treasury Vol 5

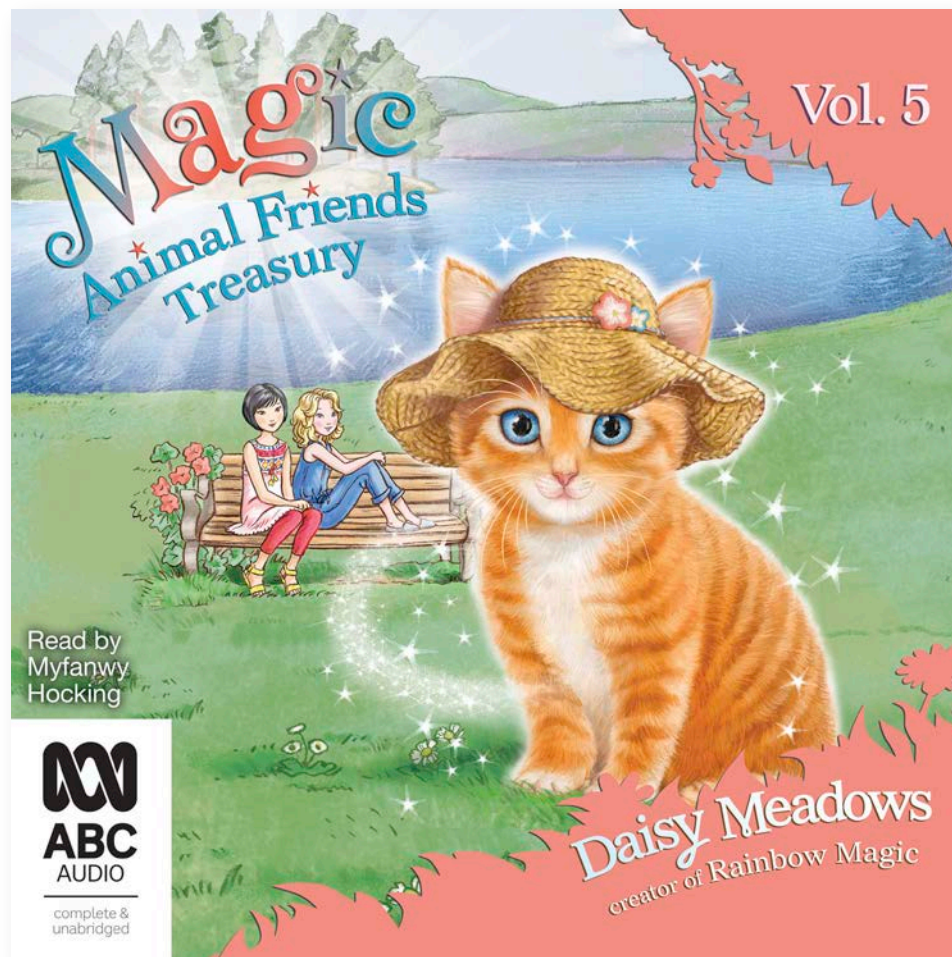
Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024

Magic Animal Friends #5

Daisy Meadows

Read by Myfanwy Hocking



From the bestselling creator of Rainbow Magic comes an enchanting series full of adorable animals, magic and friendship.

Katie Prettywhiskers to the Rescue: Lily and Jess and their animal friends are having lots of summer fun – until wicked witch Grizelda casts an icy spell! Can tabby kitten Katie Prettywhiskers help the girls save the beautiful Shimmer Lake from being frozen over?

Phoebe Paddlefoot Makes a Splash: A special boat race is taking place. But the sparkling Shimmer Lake starts to turn dark and murky. Can little beaver Phoebe Paddlefoot help Lily and Jess get the lake sparkling again?

Millie Picklesnout's Wild Ride: Lily and Jess can't wait for the Friendship Forest Funfair on the magical Sapphire Isle. But the lake around it has turned wild and dangerous. Tiny piglet Millie Picklesnout must help the girls make the waters safe again for everyone!

Amy Snowycoat's Daring Dive: The beautiful Shimmer Lake is slowly rising ... and won't stop! Can the girls and shiny seal pup Amy Snowycoat defeat wicked witch Grizelda before the Sapphire Isle is flooded completely?

Holly Santapaws Saves Christmas: It's Christmas in the magical land of Friendship Forest, and Lily and Jess are invited to a wedding! But when wicked witch Grizelda turns up on her sleigh, both Christmas and the wedding are in trouble. Can little puppy Holly Santapaws help the girls save the day?

Daisy Meadows is a pseudonym used by the writers of Rainbow Magic, which is the #1 bestselling series for children aged five and up with over 40 million copies sold worldwide

Meadows has written over 100 titles for children including the *New York Times* bestseller the Rainbow Magic series

'The prolific "Daisy Meadows" strikes again. Be prepared; rabid Meadows fans will undoubtedly drive strong demand for this latest confection.' – School Library Journal (on *Lucy Longwhiskers Gets Lost*)

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Harley Hitch Takes Flight

Harley Hitch #4

Vashti Hardy

Read by Ciaran Saward

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024

Harley Hitch returns for an airborne adventure in this third instalment of the fiction series from the award-winning author, Vashti Hardy.

The Aviation Parade is coming to Forgettown this summer, and Harley has her sights set on creating a flying machine that will really stand out – a flying robot hippogriff! And if the creature impresses Cosmo's mum enough, surely Cosmo will be able to keep it as a pet? But Harley wants the flying machine to be a surprise for everyone. She soon finds that keeping secrets leads to tricky explanations and lots of trouble – especially when real hippogriffs arrive and cause chaos!

Vashti Hardy is the author of *Wildspark*, which won the Blue Peter Book Award's Best Story in 2020 and the FCBG Children's Book Award

Hardy is also the author of *Brightstorm*, which was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Books are My Bag Award

'A joyful mash-up of robots, conservationism and school story.' – The Guardian (on *Harley Hitch and the Iron Forest*)

'Perfect for teaching children about STEM subjects in a fun and vibrant way.'
– Waterstones (on *Harley Hitch and the Missing Moon*)

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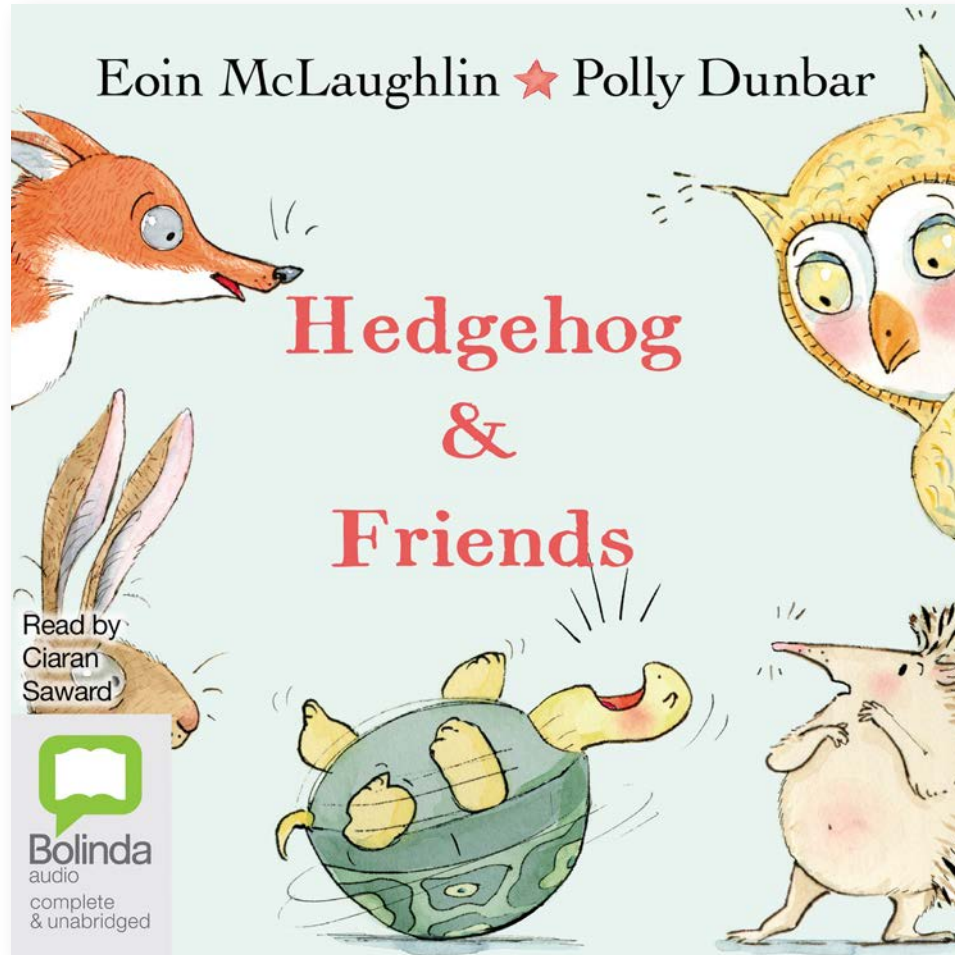
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Hedgehog & Friends

Eoin McLaughlin

Read by Ciaran Saward



A delightful collection of animal stories from bestselling author Eoin McLaughlin.

Join adorable characters like Hedgehog, Tortoise, Tiger, Crocodile, Fox, Badger and Magpie as they embark on heart-warming adventures. From seeking hugs and finding love in unexpected places to cherishing the power of friendship and family bonds, these stories will captivate young listeners and teach valuable lessons along the way. Get ready for a journey filled with joy, laughter and the true spirit of togetherness. Perfect for bedtime stories.

The Hug was named a 'Book of the Year' by *The Guardian* and was awarded a D&AD Pencil for Book Design and adapted for children with communication difficulties

While We Can't Hug was nominated for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal and the An Post Irish Book Awards

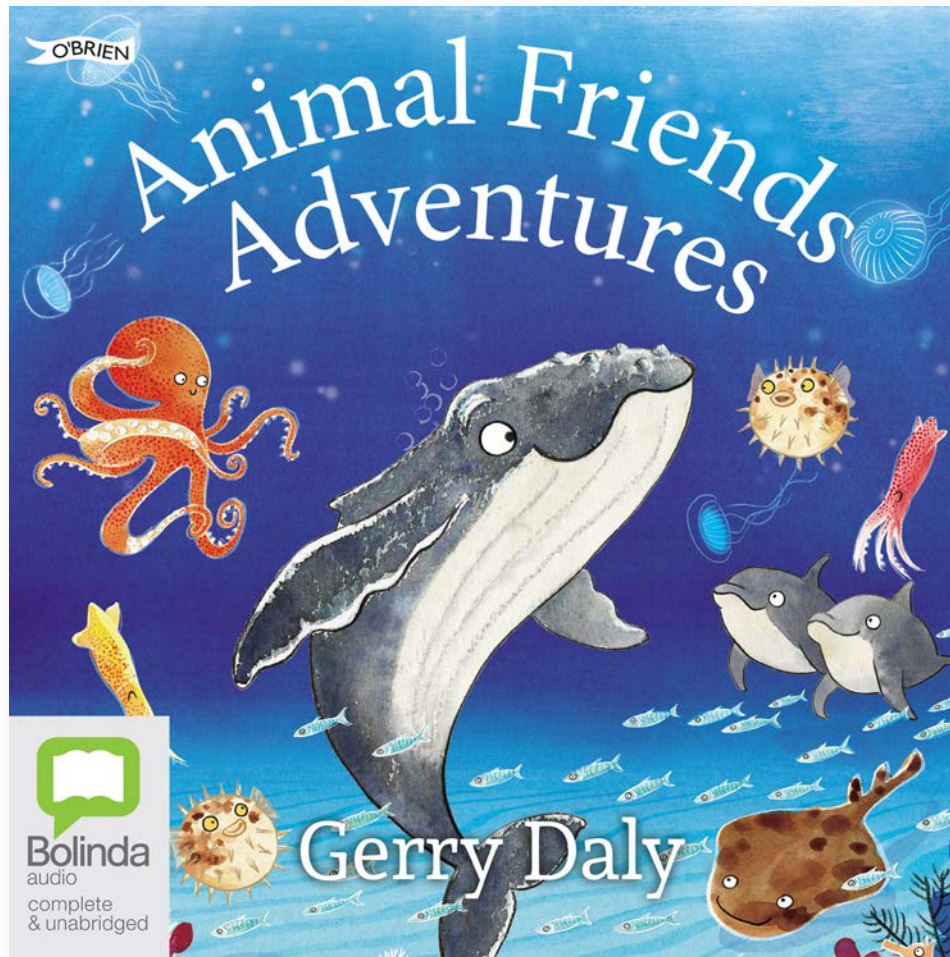
Eoin McLaughlin was a creative director at Channel 4, and his films have been shown at the Cannes Film Festival and are held in the permanent collection at MOMA

'With funny but sweet language ... *The Hug* is the perfect story for bedtime or storytime.' – The Children's Book Review (on *The Hug*)

Animal Friends Adventures

Various Authors

Read by Ciaran Saward



Discover the delightful collection of animal stories, packed full of adventure by beloved children's authors.

Embark on an exciting audio journey with *Animal Friends Adventures*! This delightful audio collection of animal stories by beloved children's authors will have young listeners laughing and cheering along. Join Finn, a brave little whale who gets lost in the ocean and must find his way home. Discover the unbreakable bond between a girl and her cat, meet Murphy, the accident-prone dog whose tail always gets him into trouble. Celebrate love, family, and marriage equality in *Our Big Day*. Explore the world of Fox & Son Tailers, where Rory has his own amazing ideas for tail-making. Follow Mr. Wolf on a woolly adventure to save his socks and prepare for a ball with the help of his friends. Plus, tag along with the sisters as they visit Dublin Zoo in *We're Going to the Zoo*. Get ready for a roaring good time with *Animal Friends Adventures*!

Our Big Day by Bob Johnston won the Children's Book of the Year – Junior in 2022

Fox & Son Tailers by Paddy Donnelly was shortlisted for the Children's Book of the Year – Junior in 2022

Tatyana Feeney's titles have been nominated for several awards including The UKLA Book Award, the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize and the Kate Greenway Medal

'A real treat ...' – Children's Books Ireland (on *Finn's First Song*)

'Funny and heartwarming ...' – Armadillo Magazine (on *Murphy's Law*)

The Story Shop Stories Vol 2

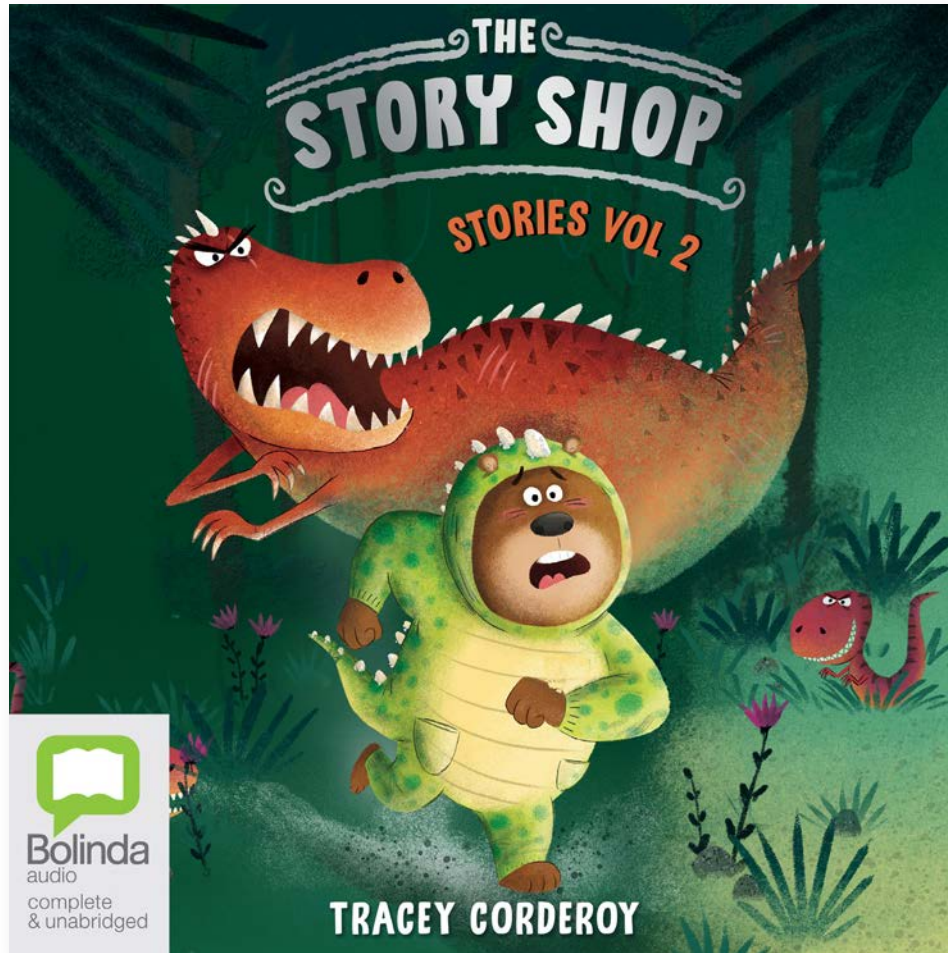
The Story Shop #3 & 4

Tracey Corderoy

Read by Meg Dunn

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024



Looking for adventure? Want to be a hero? Step inside the Story Shop! From the acclaimed author of *Shifty McGifty* comes a fresh and funny new series, celebrating the power of imagination.

The Story Shop is packed full of plots, costumes and characters galore. And shopkeepers Wilbur and Fred are ready and waiting to find every customer their perfect adventure!

Dino Danger!: When scaredy Bear stumbles into the shop, he's NOT ready for anything ... especially when Wilbur and Fred suggest a run-for-your-life dinosaur adventure! Join Bear as he summons his courage to outplay Big T in a game of crazy golf, is given the run around by a trio of Tricera-tots and turns detective to hunt out the veggie thief and restore peas to the dino allotment.

Detective Dash!: When Suzy Sloth is found snoozing in the shop, Wilbur thinks she'll be perfect for a mystery-solving detective adventure ... but can she stay awake long enough to sniff out all the clues?

Tracey Corderoy has published over 45 titles since 2010. Her works include the Shifty McGifty and Hubble Bubble series

orderoy has won the KS1 Teach Primary Book Award 2022 for her delightfully inventive The Story Shop: *Blast Off!*

'I like the thought of a shop that you can go into and then actually be in the story.' (on The Story Shop: *Blast Off!*) – Books Up North

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Utterly Dark and the Tides of Time

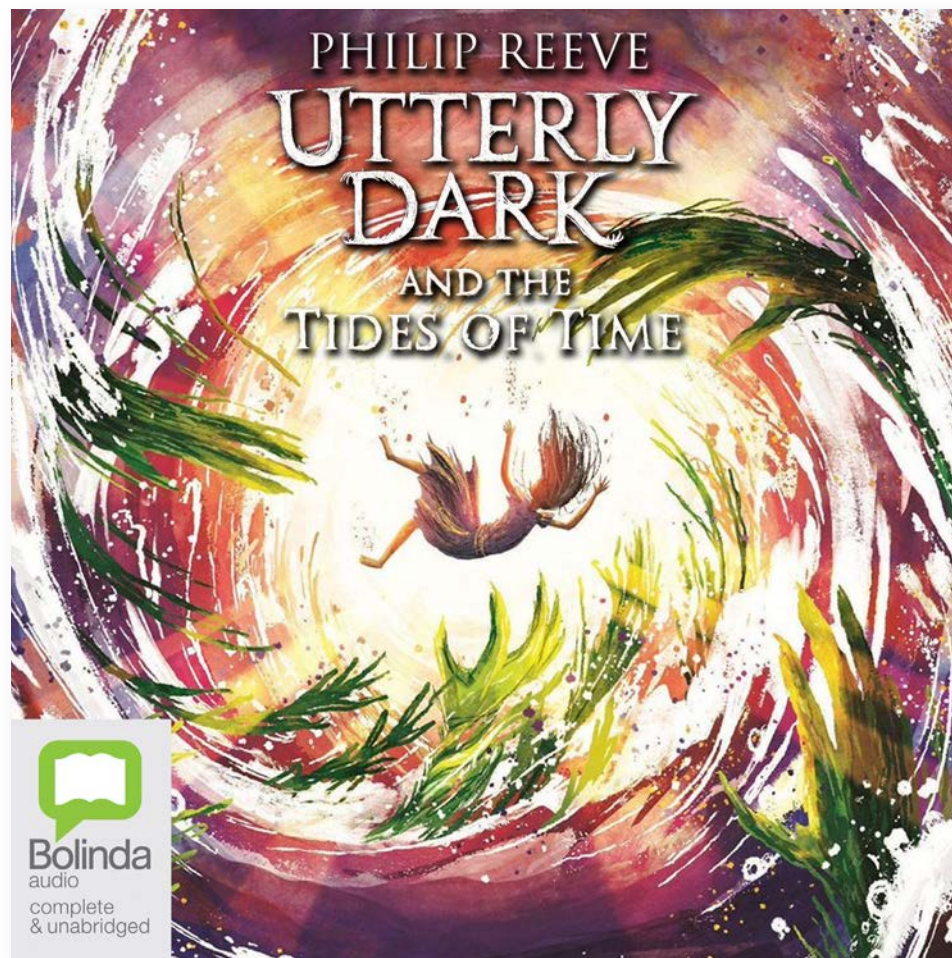
Utterly Dark #3

Philip Reeve

Read by Barnaby Edwards

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024



Another spellbinding tale from bestselling and award-winning master storyteller Philip Reeve about nature, magic, friendship and found family.

Utterly Dark promised the sea she would return. And when she does, she learns the ocean is hiding more secrets than she could have ever imagined. About herself, about her past, about the possibility of travelling through time ...

As our heroine Utterly Dark slips through the magical tides of time, so you will become enchanted as the power of Philip's story flows through you.

Philip Reeve is the author of *Mortal Engines*, *Railhead*, *Here Lies Arthur* and *Goblins*, and also created works with Sarah McIntyre, including *Pugs of the Frozen North*, *Oliver and the Seawigs* and *The Legend of Kevin*

Reeve is also the author of a trilogy of steam-powered Victorian space adventures, *Larklight*, *Starcross* and *Mothstorm*

'Philip Reeve is an exceptional writer ... A dark and deep adventure encompassing peril and self-discovery that will carry you away on its tide.' – The Times (on *Utterly Dark and the Face of the Deep*)

'Absolutely extraordinary writing, like Charles Dickens writing Ursula K. Le Guin ... I can't think of anyone who does worldbuilding the way Philip Reeve does.' – Ross Montgomery, author of *Perijee and Me* (on *Utterly Dark and the Face of the Deep*)

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January new releases 2024

The Shade of Death

Beast Quest #5

Adam Blade

Read by Jason Forbes & Stefan Booth

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024

Battle fearsome beasts and fight evil in the bestselling adventure series from bestselling author collective Adam Blade.

With Taladon restored as Avandia's Master of the Beasts, Tom seeks new challenges across the ocean, in the kingdom of Gwildor – where six Good Beasts need releasing from the evil magic of another Dark Wizard, Velmal. Once there, Tom finds himself battling not only evil magic, but discovering more secrets about his family ...

This audiobook includes *Krabb Master of the Sea*, *Hawkite Arrow of the Air*, *Rokk the Walking Mountain*, *Koldo the Arctic Warrior*, *Trema the Earth Lord* and *Amictus the Bug Queen*.

Beast Quest is a bestselling series of children's fantasy/adventure novels which has now sold over 11 million copies, written by several authors all using the house name Adam Blade

Blade's other series include Team Hero and Sea Quest

Perfect for Beast Quest fans and anyone who loves action-packed stories

'Blade writes with finesse – his stories are carefully plotted and pack plenty of action, without resorting to violence.' – Kids Book Review (on the Beast Quest series)

'Almost certainly a work of publishing (if not quite literary) genius ... Narnia meets Pokémon via Potter.' – The Guardian (on the Beast Quest series)



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Clash of the Super Kids

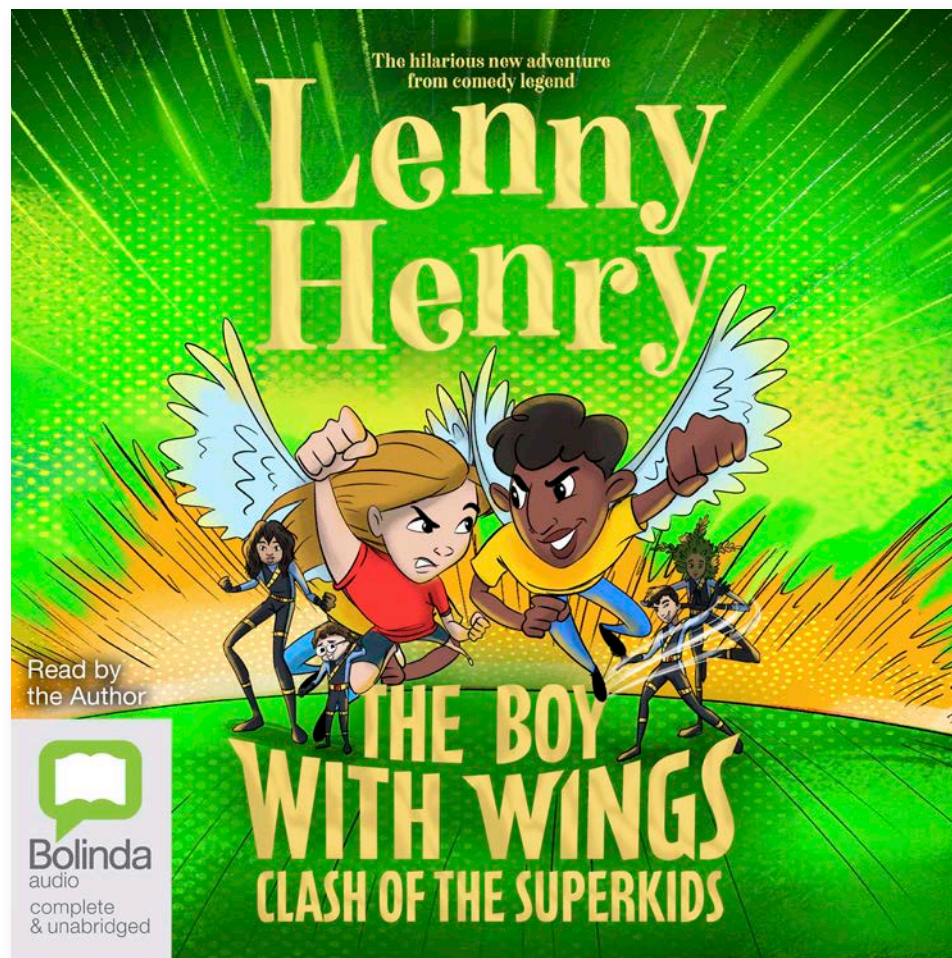
The Boy with Wings #2

Lenny Henry

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2024



Join Tunde on his next superpowered mission in *The Boy with Wings: Clash of the Super Kids*, a hilarious, action-packed story from Lenny Henry.

Wings? Check.

A super-cool, super-secret past? Check.

An impossible mission to save the world from a super evil enemy? Check.

When Tunde's parents take him to a top-secret testing facility called The Complex, he's nervous about meeting others like him who have super powers. But trying to make new friends is the least of his worries. There's something much scarier going on. And it's going to take more than just the boy with wings to stop it ...

Now that flight isn't an option, the only choice is to fight.

Lenny Henry has risen from being a cult star on children's television to one of Britain's best-known and most celebrated comedians, as well as a writer, radio DJ, TV presenter and award-winning actor

'... packed with super-charged thrills, characters you really care about and a whole lot of heart.' (on *The Boy With Wings*) – Nadia Shireen, author of *Grimwood*

'Always looking for genuinely laugh out loud funny books and [The Boy with Wings] 100% delivered' – Louie Stowell, bestselling author of *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*

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Chicken Run Dawn of the Nugget

Amanda Li

Narrator to come



Ginger and the gang are back in *Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget*, the eagerly anticipated sequel to *Chicken Run*, the highest-grossing stop motion movie of all time.

Having pulled off a death-defying escape from Tweedy's farm, Ginger has finally found her dream – a peaceful island sanctuary for the whole flock, far from the dangers of the human world. When she and Rocky hatch a little girl called Molly, Ginger's happy ending seems complete. But back on the mainland the whole of chicken-kind faces a new and terrible threat. For Ginger and her team, even if it means putting their own hard-won freedom at risk – this time, they're breaking in!

This adventurous and hilarious story is based on the film *Chicken Run*, from the creators of *Wallace & Gromit*, *Shaun the Sheep* and *Morph*

Amanda Li is a children's writer and creative consultant who works across all age groups, from pre-school to teenage, and is the author of *Rise Up*, which won the Blue Peter Book Award in 2020

Like a Curse

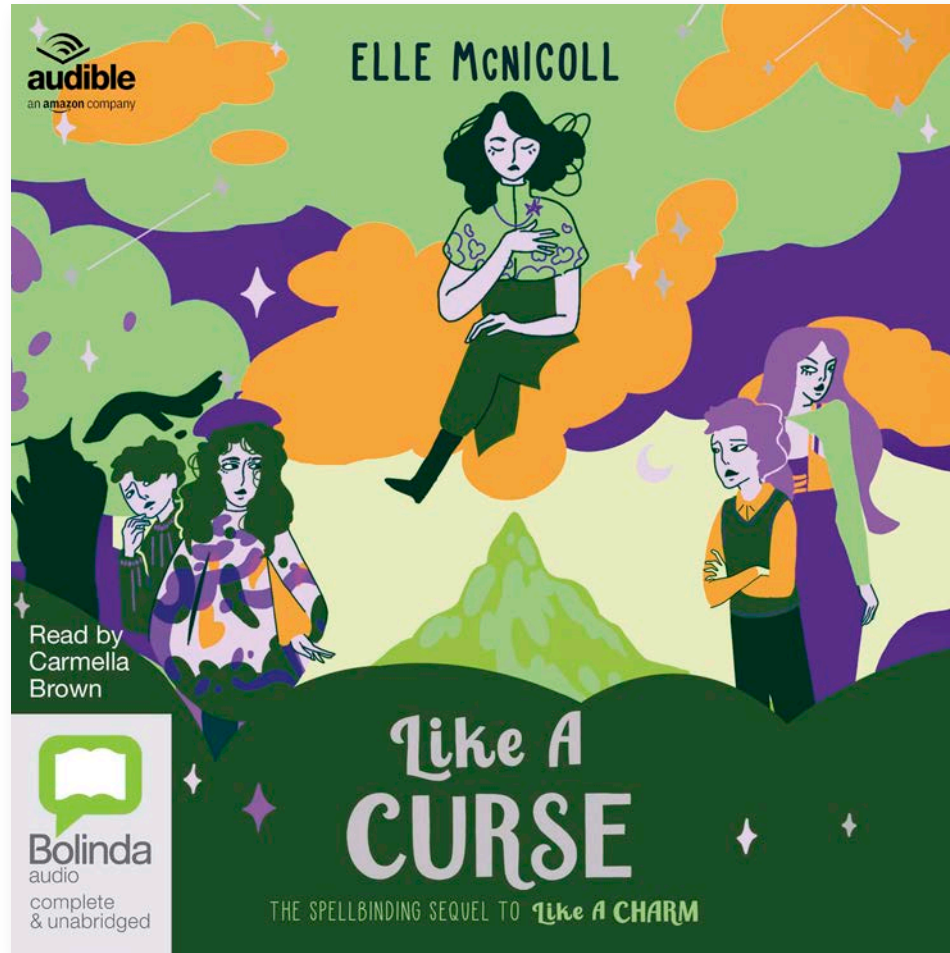
Like a Charm #2

Elle McNicoll

Read by Carmella Brown

Children's New Release

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Equal parts thrilling and heartwarming, this fantastical conclusion to the Like a Charm duology follows Ramya as she seeks to rescue her beloved Edinburgh from the deadly grip of the Sirens.

Stuck in Loch Ness while Edinburgh falls under the control of a terrifyingly powerful Siren, Ramya Knox is frustrated. She's supposed to be learning magic from her Aunt Opal, but that isn't going as smoothly as she'd hoped. As she pushes to rescue her Hidden Folk friends in the city, long-buried secrets come to light and legends come to life.

Ramya knows she's different – she knows she's a witch. But now she must learn the true meaning of her powers ... before all she loves is lost.

Elle McNicoll is the author of *A Kind of Spark*, which won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize, as well as Blackwell's Book of 2020, and has also been adapted for television

McNicoll is a three time Carnegie nominated author, and was shortlisted for the Books Are My Bag Awards, the Branford Boase Award and The Little Rebels Award

'McNicoll's imagination fizzles over and her dyspraxic lead character is groundbreaking in fiction for this age group.' – The Times

'With exquisite fantasy embedded into a convincing modern-day setting, this is a wonderfully compelling adventure.' – Booktrust

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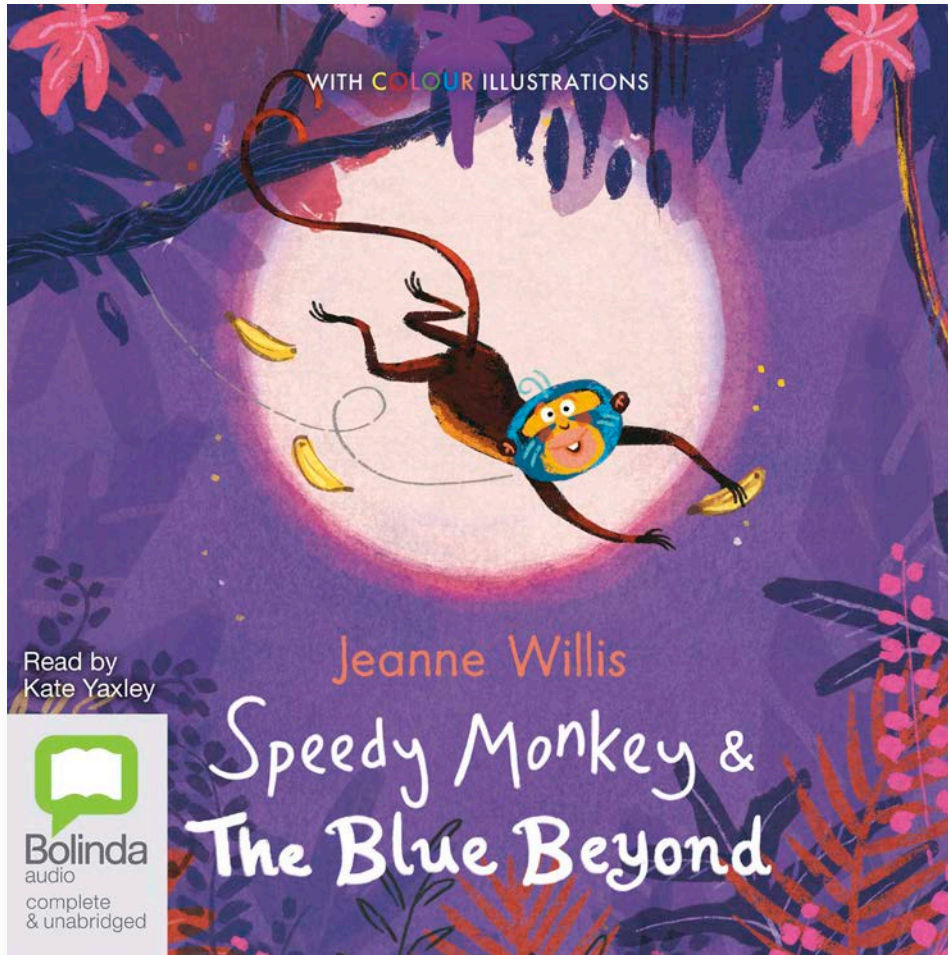
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Speedy Monkey & The Blue Beyond

Jeanne Willis

Read by Kate Yaxley



From award-winning author Jeanne Willis comes two adorable tales about being yourself and a joyful celebration of bravery and adventure.

Speedy Monkey

Deep in the rainforest all is peaceful, all is calm ... until Speedy Monkey comes along! Speedy can't keep still – all day long he whoops and swoops, prances and dances. The other animals are tired of Speedy's crazy capers and long for some peace and quiet. Then danger strikes and the animals have to act fast. But where is Speedy when they need him?

The Blue Beyond

Lana dreams of becoming the greatest explorer in the world. She can't wait to discover what lies beyond the safe haven of her lagoon. But when Lana sets off on her incredible journey, she soon realises that she is one very little fish in the great big ocean ...

Jeanne Willis's work has been awarded numerous prizes, including the Red House Children's Book Award and the Nestlé Children's Book Prize

Willis was also shortlisted for the Whitbread Award in 2004

'This animal story soars.' – LoveReading 4 Kids (on *Jacko*)

'Warm and light.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *Stardust*)