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To Die For

Travis Devine #3

David Baldacci

Narrator to be Announced

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2025

The electrifying third Travis Devine thriller from international #1 bestselling author David Baldacci, following *The Edge* and the runaway #1 bestseller *The 6:20 Man*.

Two suspicious deaths.

When Dwayne and Alice Odom are killed, the police report states clearly that it was a drug overdose. So why is their daughter, who was there when they died, claiming that's not the truth?

One young survivor.

Betsy Odom doesn't trust the police but when she finds herself in the FBI's custody after her parents' deaths, she knows she has to be careful. Her uncle wants to adopt her and as he is a very rich and powerful man, she wants to let him. His criminal connections, however, mean the authorities aren't so sure.

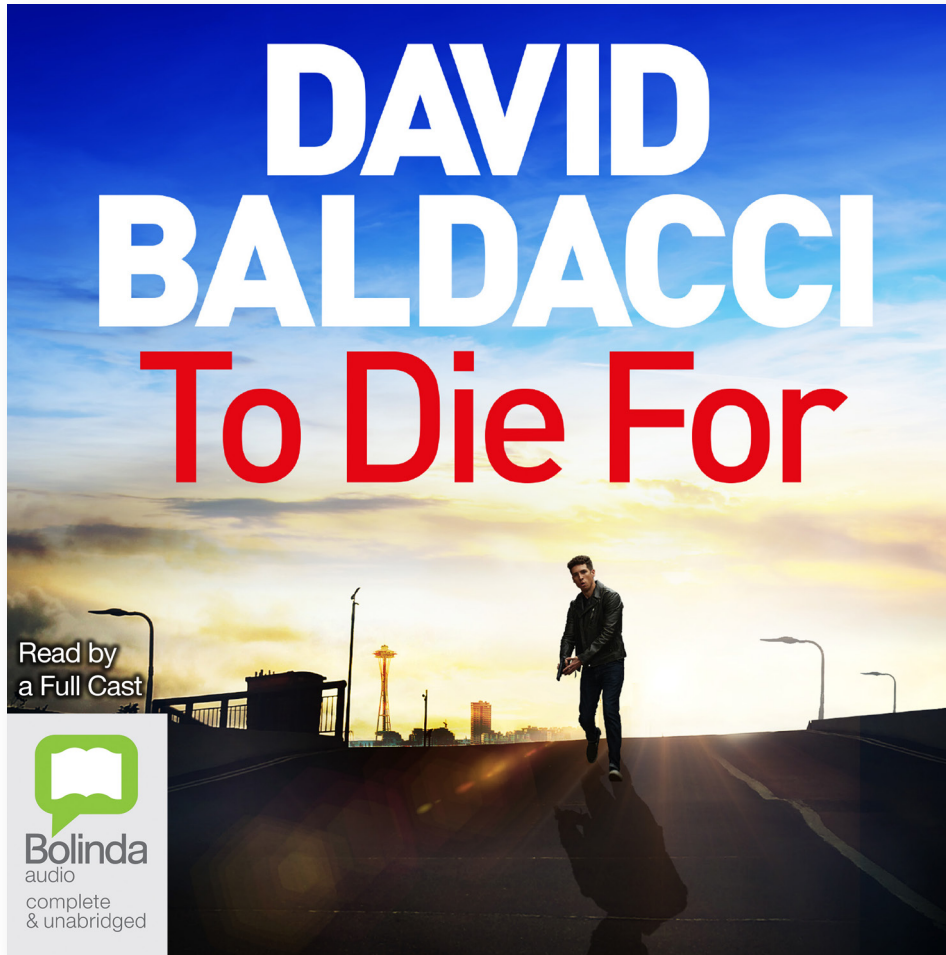
One man on the run.

Enter Travis Devine. Trying to escape a skilled predator who wants him dead, Devine finds himself as Betsy's bodyguard. But when an informant is found murdered, Devine knows this job is perhaps even more dangerous than the one he's running from ... and the true enemy may be on his side.

David Baldacci is one of the world's bestselling and favourite 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's titles 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



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By Any Other Name

Jodi Picoult

Read by a Full Cast



A captivating story about two women, centuries apart – one of whom is the real author of Shakespeare’s plays – are forced to hide behind another name to make their voice heard, from *New York Times* bestselling author Jodi Picoult.

In Elizabethan London, young Emilia Bassano is a ward of English aristocrats. Her education has endowed her with a sharp wit and a gift for storytelling, but still she is allowed no voice of her own.

Forced to become a mistress to the Lord Chamberlain, who oversees the theatre, Emilia discovers the power of stories to beguile audiences. Secretly, she forms a plan to bring a play of her own to the stage – by paying an actor named William Shakespeare to front her work.

In modern-day Manhattan, playwright Melina Green finds a woman’s voice is still worth less than a man’s. But, inspired by the life of her ancestor Emilia Bassano, Melina takes a lesson from history and submits a play under a male pseudonym ...

Jodi Picoult is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of 30 novels, including *Mad Honey*, *Wish You Were Here*, *The Book of Two Ways*, *A Spark of Light*, *Small Great Things*, *Leaving Time* and *My Sister’s Keeper*

‘Her best one yet. Jodi Picoult has combined her trademark research with an astonishing and heart-rending story, embedded in truth, and turned it into a gripping novel.’ – JoJo Moyes, author of *Me Before You*

‘You’ll fall in love with Emilia Bassano, the unforgettable heroine based on a real woman that Picoult brings vividly to life. Book clubs will embrace this rich, inspiring story’ – Kristin Hannah, bestselling author of *The Nightingale*

‘Had me absolutely captivated ... I loved all the questions this novel raised about who gets to tell which stories and how complex that can become. Jodi Picoult is a genius’ – Jennifer Saint, bestselling author of *Ariadne*

Death at the Sign of the Rook

Jackson Brodie #6

Kate Atkinson

Read by Jason Isaacs

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2025

The highly anticipated return of irresistible private eye Jackson Brodie in the newest instalment of this bestselling series.

Welcome to Rook Hall. The stage is set. The players are ready. By night's end, a murderer will be revealed.

Ex-detective Jackson Brodie is staving off a bad case of midlife malaise when he is called to a sleepy Yorkshire town, and the seemingly tedious matter of a stolen painting. But one theft leads to another, including the disappearance of a valuable Turner from Burton Makepeace, home to Lady Milton and her family.

Once a magnificent country house, Burton Makepeace has now partially been converted into a hotel, hosting Murder Mystery weekends. As paying guests, a vicar, an ex-army officer, impecunious aristocrats and old friends converge, we are treated a fiendishly clever mystery – one that pays homage to the masters of the genre, from Agatha Christie to Dorothy Sayers.

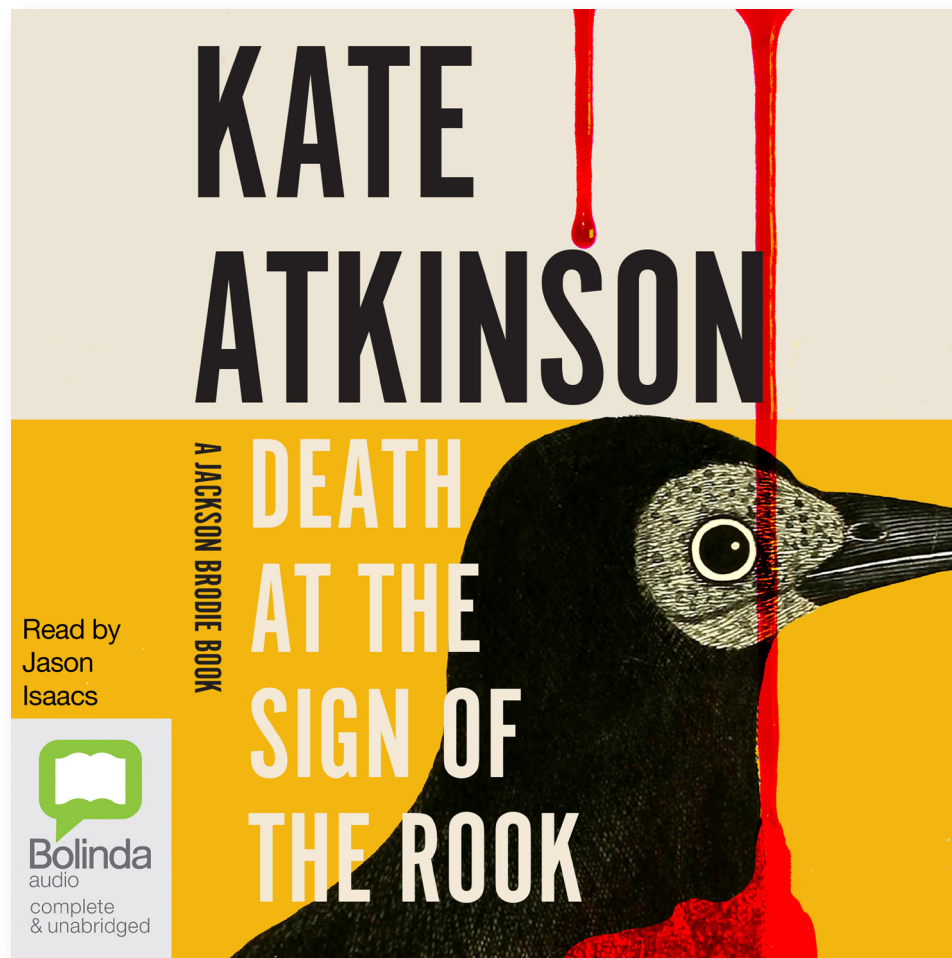
Kate Atkinson won the Whitbread Book of the Year prize with her first novel, *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*

Atkinson's three critically lauded and prize-winning titles set around World War II are *Life After Life*, *A God in Ruins* and *Transcription*

Atkinson was awarded an MBE in 2011 and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature

'How delicious to have Jackson Brodie back, this time in a story that starts off in Agatha Christie's world but soon becomes a landscape that could only have been crafted from the pen of the incomparable Kate Atkinson.' – Ian Rankin, bestselling author of *Knots and Crosses*

'Sharp, droll and knowing as ever, Atkinson has huge fun with the set-up; the supporting cast is terrific, and the rueful Brodie, ever more mindful of the passing years, feels like an old friend.' – Guardian



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Oh Miriam!

Stories from an Extraordinary Life

Miriam Margolyes

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | January 2025

Award-winning actress, bestselling author of *This Much is True* and Britain's naughtiest national treasure is back, and she's as outrageous as ever.

From declaring my love to Vanessa Redgrave to being fed cockroaches by Steve Buscemi, from turnip-based comedy with *Blackadder* to being farted on by Arnold Schwarzenegger, from Graham Norton's sofa to Alan Cumming's camper van, my life has been (and continues to be) an uproarious adventure.

Oh Miriam! has been such a constant refrain in my life, said in all kinds of tones – laughs, surprised gasps and orgasmic sighs – that it had to be the title of this audiobook. And with a cast list that stretches from Churchill to DiCaprio, Dahl to Dietrich, Princess Margaret to Maggie Smith, I've so much more to tell you and so much more to say.

My chapters range from 'How to Stay Married' to 'Don't Let the Bastards Get You Down'. Discover how to break the thickest conversational ice; why swearing is actually good for you (though not on the *Today* programme); the unexpected things I learned at school and what my Spice Girl name would be. Not to mention my Tale of the Unexpected and my very own Vagina Monologue.

Buckle up and join me on another unforgettable adventure, but this time through my heart and head ...

Miriam Margolyes is an award-winning veteran of the stage and screen, and an internationally acclaimed voice-artist and documentarian

Margolyes's long-awaited award-winning autobiography *This Much is True* was in the top ten for over a year

'Our naughtiest national treasure ... famously filthy, funny and phlegmatic ... Oh Miriam! is Margolyes's manifesto for a fulfilled life ... She loves to tell it straight. And the older she gets, the straighter she tells it.' – The Guardian

STORIES FROM AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE

Oh Miriam!

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'There is no one on earth quite
so wonderful' **STEPHEN FRY**

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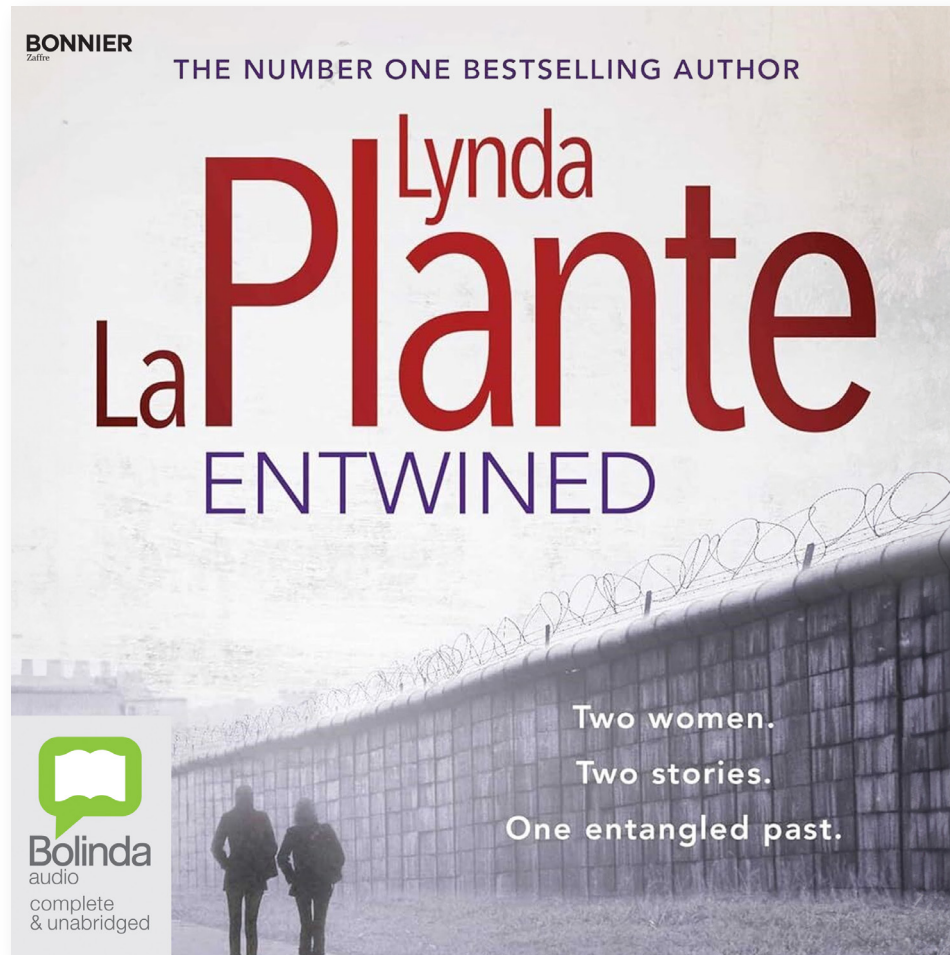
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Entwined

Lynda La Plante

Narrator to be Announced



A thrilling story of the impossibilities of escaping our past, from *Sunday Times* bestseller Lynda La Plante.

No matter how cruelly twins are separated, their lives will always be entwined ...

In the newly liberated streets of modern Berlin two women, a pampered, beautiful Baroness, losing control of her mind, and a fearless wild animal trainer, facing the greatest challenge of her career, are drawn together by a series of tragic and extraordinary coincidences.

When a man is found brutally murdered, their lives become entangled in an investigation that uncovers a web of darkness and opens up secrets that have long been condemned to silence ...

Who were they, all those years ago? What nightmares did they share? And what is the truth about the undying nature of their love?

Lynda La Plante is the author of numerous bestselling titles, including *The Legacy*, *Cold Shoulder* and *Sleeping Cruelty*

As a screenwriter, La Plante has won BAFTA, Emmy, British Broadcasting and Royal Television Society awards, as well as the 1993 Edgar Allan Poe Writer's Award

In 2008, La Plante was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to Literature, Drama and Charity

'Lynda La Plante is a mastermind.' – Better Reading (on *Taste of Blood*)

'As always, La Plante's stunning police procedural, complex, multi-layered plotting and richly detailed character portrayals, are the best in the business, and her fine line in sardonic humour and no-nonsense Eighties-style policing are the icing on another delicious slice of top-notch crime writing.' – Lancashire Post (on *Taste of Blood*)

Cher

Part One

Cher

Narrator to be Announced

Adult New Release

Autobiography | January 2025

The extraordinary life of Cher can be told by
only one person ... Cher herself.

THERE IS ONLY ONE CHER ...

... and for seven decades she has been showing us why. Cher holds the attention of the world with her voice, her acting, her style, her wit and her unstoppable spirit. Now, for the first time, she tells her story in her own voice – as honest as it is hilarious, as powerful as it is perceptive.

Cher's childhood was anything but normal. As her mother Georgia – blessed with movie-star looks and a knockout voice – moved them around the country over and over again in the hope of finding fame, her school life wasn't straightforward. But she always knew she was going to be somebody when she grew up.

Cher's powerful instinct to keep moving eventually landed her in the arms of Sonny Bono. The duo became famous beyond their wildest dreams, from humble beginnings singing backup in Phil Spector's studio through to pop stardom as Sonny and Cher, and then on to the television show that made them household names. But as time passed, fame changed the dynamic of their relationship and Cher evolved from a wide-eyed teenager into a woman. She started fighting for herself, breaking away from Sonny's control – and realising that things were not as they seemed.

Taking risks, making headlines, falling in love, Cher struggled and stumbled while trying to become her own woman. *Cher: The Memoir, Part One* brings us to the brink of her next chapter, as she begins to chart her own path, finally claiming her rightful place in the world and becoming CHER.

Cher is an American singer and actress. She rose to fame in 1965 alongside then-husband Sonny Bono with the duet 'I Got You Babe'

As a solo artist, Cher's hit songs include 'Gypsies, Tramps & Thieves', 'Half-Breed', 'Dark Lady' and 'If I Could Turn Back Time'

'Tracing the life and career of the iconic singer and actor from childhood to the break-up of her marriage to Sonny Bono, the first instalment of Cher's memoirs abounds in unforgettable memories and matchless insights into the music and entertainment industries.' – Waterstones



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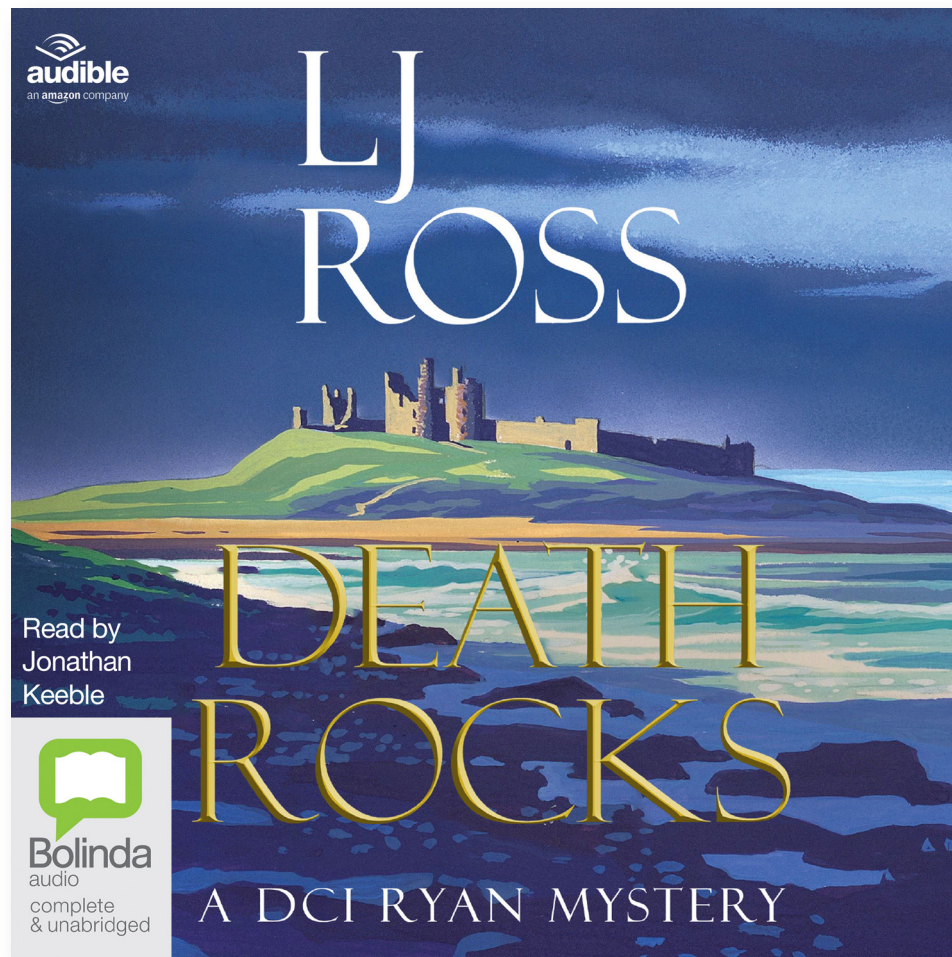

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Death Rocks

The DCI Ryan Mysteries #21

L.J. Ross

Read by Jonathan Keeble



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2025

From the #1 international bestselling author of *Holy Island* comes a tale of murder and mystery, peppered with romance and humour in this fast-paced crime whodunnit, set amidst the spectacular Northumbrian landscape.

There's no such thing as a coincidence ...

When the body of a talented photographer is found on the rocks beneath the ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle, DCI Ryan and his team of detectives immediately suspect the worst. But, since none of their potential suspects seems to have a motive, the case runs cold.

Then, when another body is found dead on a lonely stretch of road near Hadrian's Wall and their only suspect has an airtight alibi, the team are faced with another crime without a perpetrator.

With the number of unexplained deaths in the area increasing rapidly and only a series of coincidences to work from, Ryan and his team must find the invisible link between them to crack the case – before it's too late.

Can Ryan solve his most dangerous case yet?

L.J. Ross is an international bestselling author, best known for creating atmospheric mystery and thriller titles that have sold over 10 million copies worldwide

In May 2021, Ross was shortlisted for the prestigious Crime Writers' Association Dagger in the Library award

The Bookseller magazine has reported on Ross having topped the 'Most Read' and 'Most Sold' fiction charts, and she has garnered an army of loyal fans who love her atmospheric and addictive storytelling

'LJ Ross keeps company with the best mystery writers.' – The Times

'A literary phenomenon.' – Evening Chronicle

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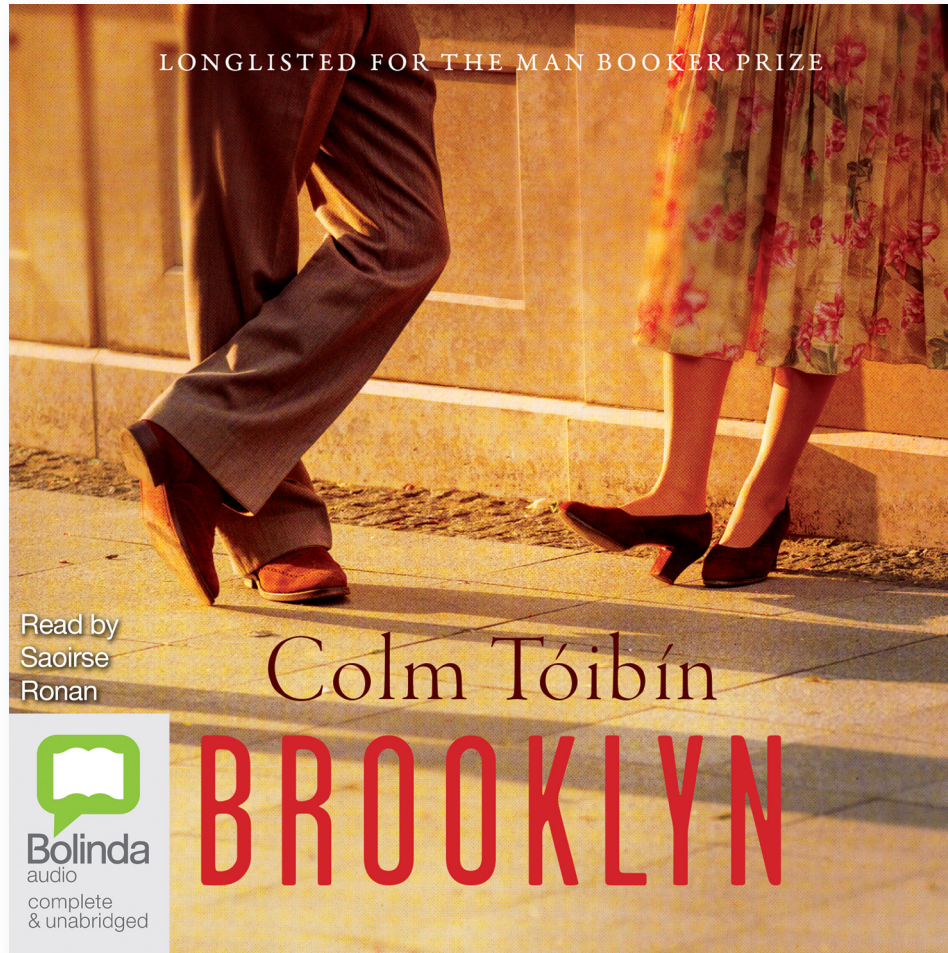
Adult New Release

Literary Fiction | January 2025

Brooklyn

Colm Tóibín

Read by Saoirse Ronan



Told with a masterful and elegant simplicity, *Brooklyn* is a sublime Trans-Atlantic coming-of-age story by one of the UK's greatest living writers.

Young Ellis Lacey dreams of life beyond the confines of her tiny Irish village, but unlike her beautiful sister, Rose, Ellis's gifts are of a more practical nature – she has a head for numbers, and is a loving and dutiful daughter. Yet her ambition cannot be hidden and soon is noted by the Parish Priest, Father Flood. Via a church contact, he arranges for Ellis to travel to America where a job opportunity has arisen in New York with a reputable 'merchant of Italian origin'.

Ellis finds lodgings in an eccentric boarding house and ekes out an existence in the cosmopolitan melting pot that is 1950s Brooklyn, impressing her employer, outwitting her landlady and even falling in love. It seems her dream is truly becoming a reality. But then fate intervenes – a family crisis back home forces Ellis to make a choice between the past and the future, the old world and the new.

Now a major motion picture, winner of the BAFTA for Best British Film

Colm Tóibín has won a number of awards: *The Magician* won the Rathbones Folio Prize, *The Master* won the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize and *Brooklyn* won of the Costa Book Award

Tóibín is the Irene and Sidney B. Silverman Professor of the Humanities at Columbia University and has been named as the Laureate for Irish Fiction for 2022–2024 by the Arts Council of Ireland

Tóibín has also been shortlisted three times for the Booker Prize

'A work of such skill, understatement and sly jewelled merriment, it could haunt your life.'
– The Times Literary Supplement

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The Templar Secret

Ben Hope #30

Scott Mariani

Read by Colin Mace

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2025



Join Ben Hope on his new thrilling adventure – a mission that promises to be his most dramatic yet – from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Scott Mariani.

To his many thousands of fans, ex-SAS officer Ben Hope stands tall as a warrior, a protector of the innocent, a defender of those in need, relentless in his pursuit of those who exploit others or prey on the weak.

But Ben is also a man all too aware of his own flaws and weaknesses – a man who knows to become unstoppable, he needs the right team to put together in a crisis. With his network of mavericks, experts and daredevils, he's always ready to risk life and liberty for the right cause, wherever in the world that call might take him.

Scott Mariani is the #1 bestselling author of the internationally acclaimed action adventure series featuring maverick ex-SAS hero Ben Hope

Mariani's pulse-pounding thrillers mix action, adventure, conspiracy and ancient secrets with modern mysteries and cutting edge tech – and at the heart of it all: a hero you'll never forget

The Ben Hope series is perfect for fans of Dan Brown, Lee Child and Mark Dawson

'Thrilling. Scott Mariani is at the top of his game.' – Andy McDermott, bestselling author of the Nina Wilde and Eddie Chase series

'History, action, devious scheming and eye-opening detail. Mariani delivers a twisting storyline.' – David Leadbeater, award-winning author of The Matt Drake series

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An Aura of Mystery

Ellie McEwan Mysteries #1

Joy Ellis

Read by Sophie Rundle

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2025

Discover a gripping crime thriller from bestselling author, Joy Ellis.

Flower shop owner Ellie McEwan is driving home late one frosty November night when a shadowy figure leaps into the road out of nowhere. Ellie swerves to avoid him – and slams head-on into the crash barrier.

Days later, Ellie wakes up in hospital and notices there's something different. Everyone she looks at – the doctor, the nurse, her friend Carole – is surrounded by a coloured aura. Her near-death experience seems to have given her a new ability.

And now Ellie must use her new-found gift to catch a killer.

The battered body of a young woman is found in the grounds of a local hotel. She's the third woman to be murdered in this sleepy Surrey village, her hands crushed and mutilated. Just like the other two.

Each of the women was a skilled professional – a musician, a doctor and an artist. Apart from that, they appear to have nothing in common.

And now the police's one lead – a key witness – is missing.

Although sceptical, a desperate DCI Bob Foreman calls on Ellie for help. But Ellie's involvement in the investigation will throw her into the path of a brutal killer ...

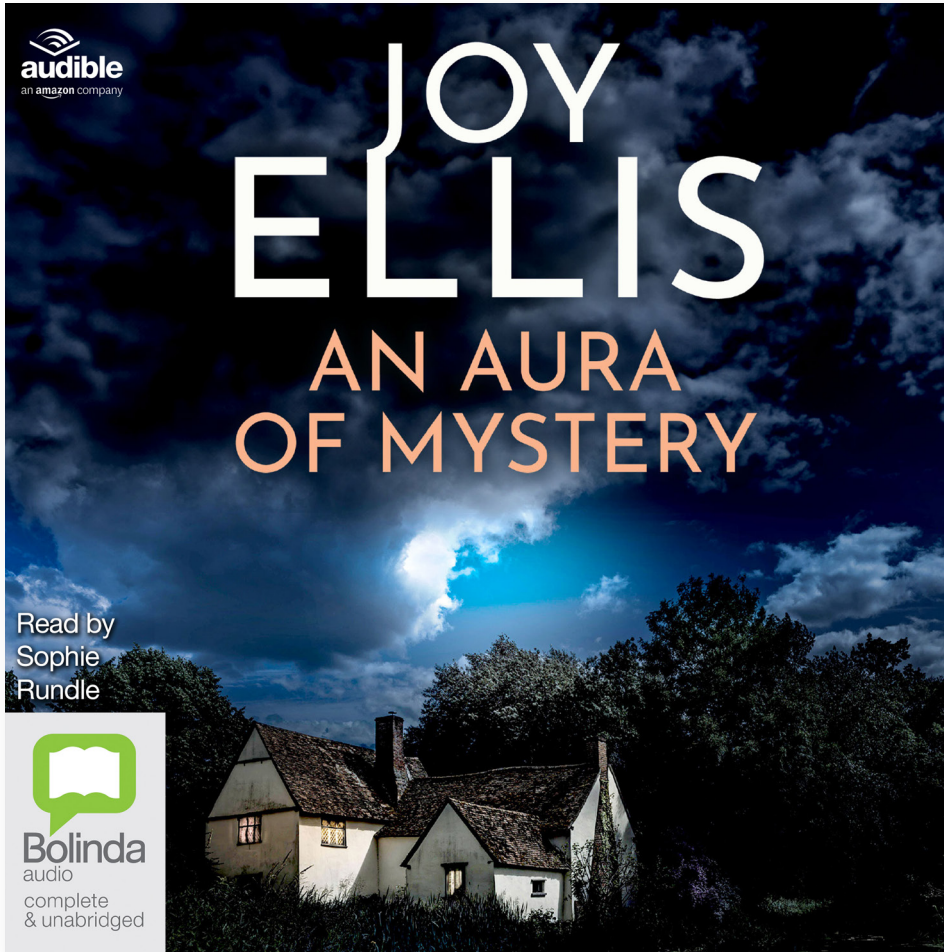
Perfect for fans of L.J. Ross, J.D. Kirk, Elly Griffiths, Susan Hill, Kate Ellis and Ann Cleeves

Joy Ellis is the author of the series Jackman & Evans, DI Nikki Galena and the Detective Matt Ballard Mysteries

Ellis was shortlisted for British Book Awards Crime & Thriller Of The Year in 2021 alongside Richard Osman, Lee Child and Ian Rankin

Ellis has achieved the incredible milestone of three million copies sold

'The plot is tricky, but ultimately the audiobook is extremely satisfying, tying local legends into the reality of modern crime.' – AudioFile (on *Their Lost Daughters*)



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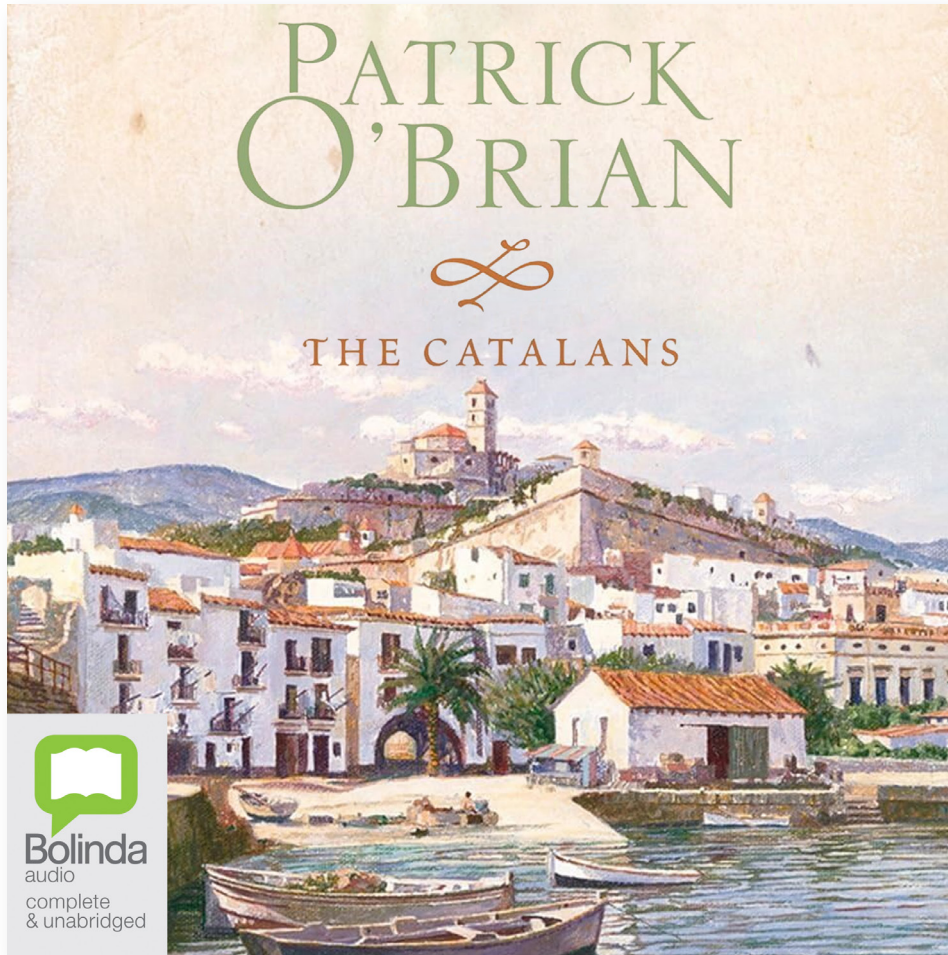
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The Catalans

Patrick O'Brian

Read by John Hopkins



A story of tumultuous love, complex faith and one man's desperate bid to reclaim his humanity.

Summoned from his medical practice in China by a bevy of anxious aunts, Alain Roig returns to his Catalan hometown to discover he has been nominated by family members with vested interests in the ancestral property to prevent an impending marriage between his cold, ascetic cousin Xavier and Madeleine, a quiet, introspective village girl of unusual beauty. As Alain seeks to understand his cousin's complex motivations for wooing the unhappy girl, he is slowly drawn into Xavier's dark crisis of faith, the well-worn pattern of the sleepy Catalan days and the tight circle of village gossip that surrounds Madeleine.

Throughout, Patrick O'Brian's slow, seductive narrative lures the reader into the landscapes, rhythms and passions of Catalonia, while his subtle, insightful characterisation paints a psychological portrait of a unique way of life and two very different men – one generous and impulsive, the other desperate to revive in his soul the dying flames of affection which he senses could be his salvation.

Patrick O'Brian is internationally recognised as one of the best novelists of his era

He published his first novel, *Caesar*, at the age of 15, and went on to write over 30 more novels, including his highly prized Aubrey-Maturin series

He died in January 2000 at the age of 85

'You are in for the treat of your lives. Thank God for Patrick O'Brian: his genius illuminates the literature of the English language, and lightens the lives of those who read him.'

– Irish Times

'The best historical novels ever written.' – New York Times

Following the Moon

James Norbury

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James Norbury

From the international bestselling author of *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* comes a heartfelt tale of a wise and aged wolf who takes a young, lost pup on an unforgettable journey ... Read for you by celebrity voice Christian Coulson.

There are times when we have done everything we can do. Then we must learn to step back and allow the universe to play out in all its unfathomable wonder ...

Deep in the silent mountains wanders Amaya, a lost pup searching for her parents after a terrible snowstorm which, for the first time in her life, leaves her alone.

Until she meets a wise and aged wolf who, having saved her life, becomes her guide on an unforgettable adventure to follow the moon.

As they make their way through day and night across a wintery landscape, together they both learn profound lessons about love, sacrifice, life, loss and ultimately change.

Norbury's audiobooks have inspired millions around the world, touching deep spiritual chords with readers. In this, his fourth audiobook, he takes listeners, old and new, on a quest that will stay with them forever.

Scored with full sound design for an immersive listening experience

James Norbury is the author of *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*, *The Journey* and *The Cat Who Taught Zen*

Norbury's title *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* has sold over 300k copies internationally and hit bestseller charts across the globe

Brought to life for you by celebrity actor Christian Coulson, best known for playing young Tom Marvolo Riddle in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

'James has a way of speaking to your soul ... nothing short of comforting and heartwarming.' – Vex King, author of *Good Vibes, Good Life* (on *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*)

Different for Boys (plus This Whole Demoning Thing)

Patrick Ness

Read by Norma Butikofer & Alex Wingfield

From bestselling author Patrick Ness comes a poignant and moving LGBTQ+ story that explores sexuality and masculinity with a touch of humour and a story of straight-laced Angela, a flameproof fire-breathing demon who prefers her plain old human form.

Different for Boys

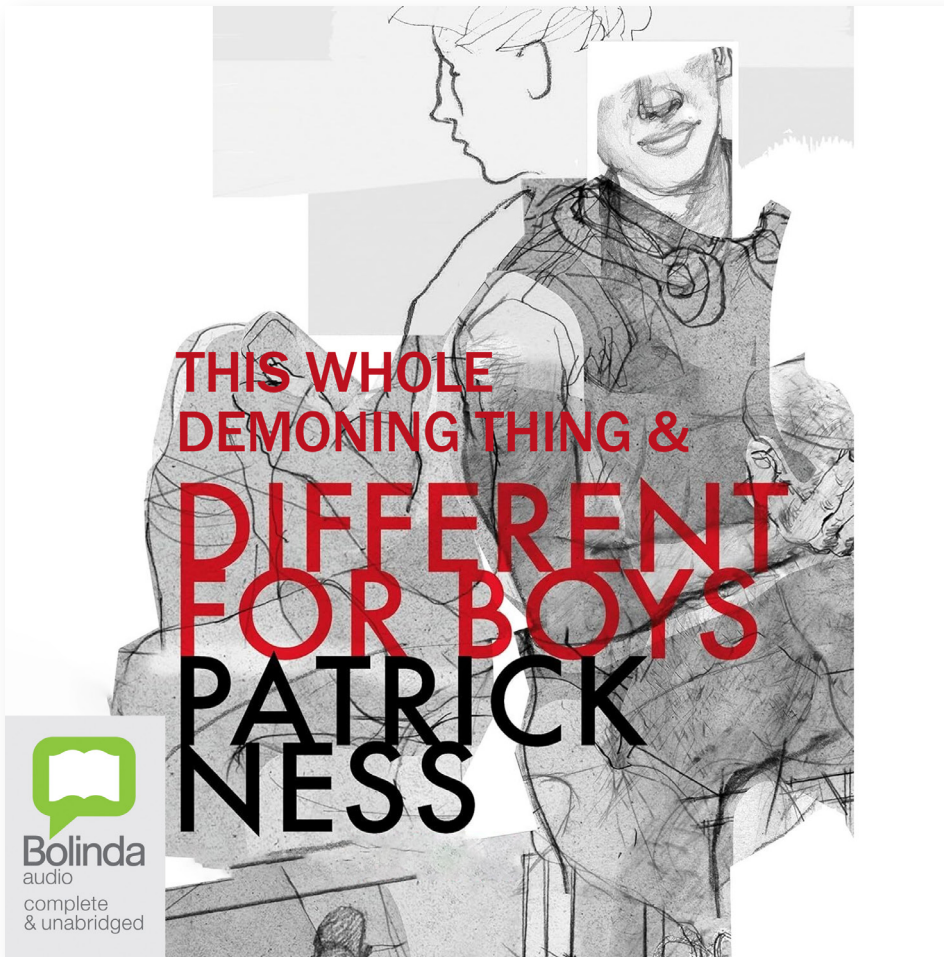
Ant Stevenson has many questions, like when did he stop being a virgin? Are there degrees of virginity? And is it different for boys? Especially for boys who like boys? Ant tries to figure out the answers to his questions as he balances his relationships with three very different boys: Charlie, who is both virulently homophobic and yet close friends with Ant; Jack, whose camp behaviour makes him the target of Charlie's rage; and finally Freddie, who just wants Ant to try out for the rugby team.

This Whole Demoning Thing

In her monstrous Aspect, straight-laced Angela is a flameproof fire-breathing demon. At her school that's perfectly normal – what isn't is that most of the time she prefers her plain old human form, content to be in the background. But now Angela's piano skills have somehow earned her a spot in the school's coolest band, and as the end of year dance approaches it looks like she's going to have to figure out who she really is in front of everyone.

Patrick Ness is the award-winning and bestselling author of the Chaos Walking trilogy, *A Monster Calls*, *More Than This* and *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*

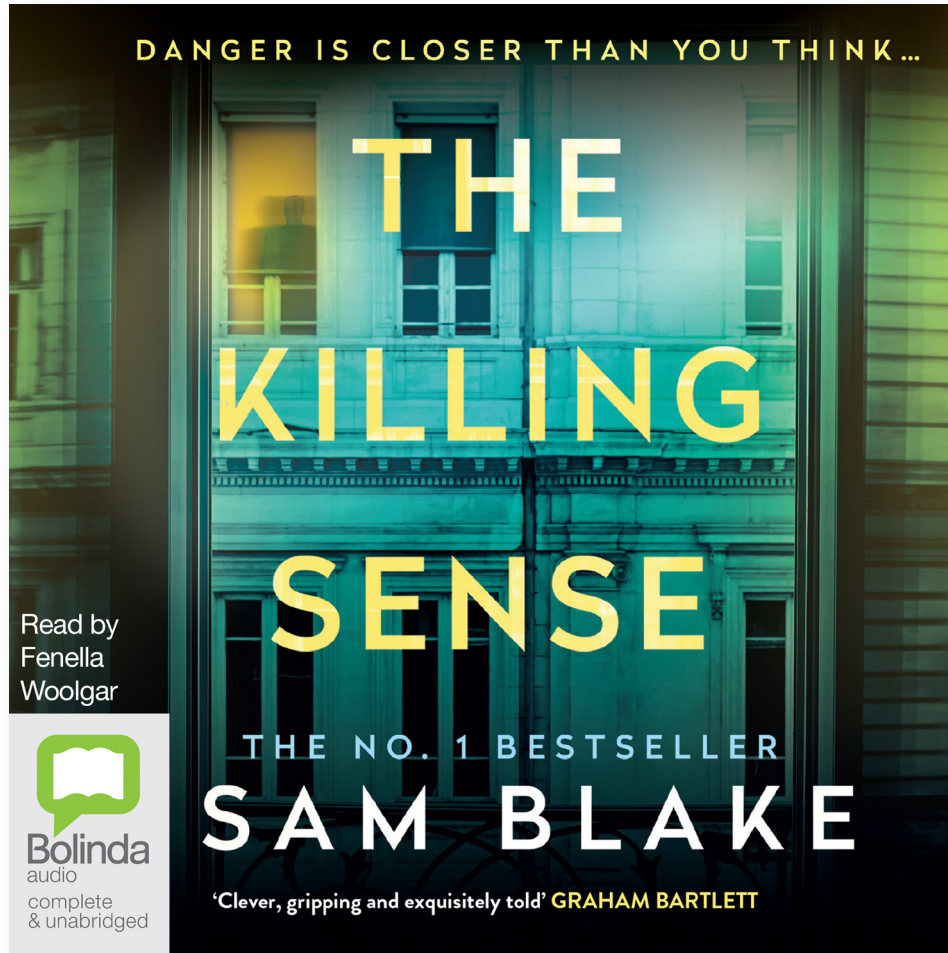
Ness has won the Carnegie Medal twice, the Costa Children's Book Award, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Red House Book Award, the Jugendliteratur Preis, the UKLA Award and the Booktrust Teenage Prize



The Killing Sense

Sam Blake

Read by Fenella Woolgar



Brilliantly unputdownable twisty thriller set in Paris from bestselling author Sam Blake. When instinct tells you no one can be trusted, who should you fear the most?

Danger is closer than you think ...

Single mum Kate Wilde has escaped an abusive marriage and hasn't had a holiday in years, so when she wins a five-day trip to Paris to learn about perfume – in a competition she can't remember entering – it's a dream come true. Or is it?

Almost as soon as she arrives, Kate's ex texts with evidence that he's in Paris too. Kate can feel she's being watched, and she's sure someone has been in her apartment. Then she discovers that there's a killer in the city focusing on red headed women like her. And his kill count is rising.

Who should she fear the most?

All Kate's senses are on alert. But can her instincts keep her safe?

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*

Blake is the Chair of the Society of Authors and has served on the board of the Crime Writer's Association, as well as being the founder of Europe's biggest online writer's magazine, Writing.ie

Blake's other title *Little Bones* was #1 in Ireland for four weeks and was nominated for Irish Crime Novel of the Year

'Vivid characterisation and intriguing plotting. Griptastic!' – Liz Nugent, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *Three Little Birds*)

'Pacy, immersive and wholly absorbing.' – Andrea Mara, *Irish Times* Top Ten bestselling author of *All Her Fault* (on *Three Little Birds*)

Januaries

Stories of Love, Magic & Betrayal

Olivie Blake

Read by a Full Cast



Adult New Release
Short Stories & Anthologies | January 2025

A collection of new and iconic short stories and novellas from *New York Times* bestselling author Olivie Blake.

Once upon a time, in a land far, far away, the spirit tethered to a magical bridge rapidly approaches burnout – and craves her freedom. Elsewhere, Congress enacts a complex auditing system designed to un-waste your youth. We also follow a banished fairy, as she answers a Craigslist ad. And we meet a Victorian orphan, who gains literacy for her occult situationship. In another time and place, a multiverse assassin contemplates the one who got away.

Escape the slow trudge of mortality with these magical ruminations on life, death and the love (or revenge) that outlasts both. This collection also features modified fairy tales, contemporary heists, absurdist poetry and at least one set of actual wedding vows.

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

'As much a delicious contest of wit, will, and passion as it is of magic ... half mystery, half puzzle, and wholly a delight.' – Holly Black, bestselling author of *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (on *The Atlas Six*)

'Olivie Blake is a mind-blowing talent.' – Chloe Gong, *New York Times* bestselling author of *These Violent Delights* (on *The Atlas Six*)

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The Laughing Corpse

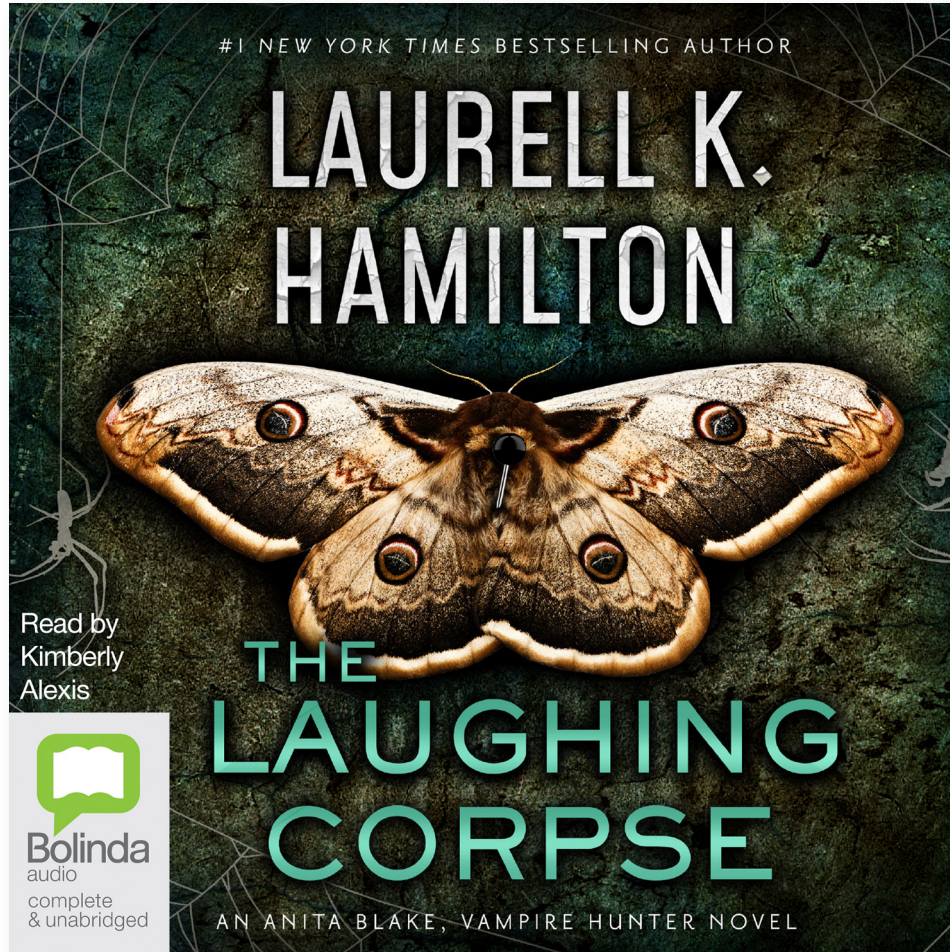
Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter #2

Laurell K. Hamilton

Read by Kimberly Alexis

Adult New Release

Romance | January 2025



Raising the dead is an ordinary part of Anita's job, but all the money in the world isn't enough for her to take on one that requires murder. Somebody else did, though, and it's up to her to stop it ...

Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter for Animators, Inc., is offered a cool mil to raise a 283-year-old corpse. But she knows that the older the zombie, the bigger the death needed to raise it. Only a human sacrifice is 'big' enough to raise this old soul – and Anita's no murderer.

Now, a creature from beyond the grave is tearing a swath of murder through St. Louis. And Anita will learn that there are some secrets better left buried – and some people better off dead ...

Laurell K. Hamilton is the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling Merry Gentry, Fey Detective series

With more than 40 novels published, Hamilton continues to create groundbreaking fiction inspired by her lifelong love of monster movies, ghost stories, mythology, folklore and things that go bump in the night

'Narrator Kimberly Alexis injects the right amount of sarcasm into Hamilton's Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter series. Blake is tough but not without phobias, traits that Alexis conveys skillfully.' – AudioFile (on *Serpentine*)

'Typical recent Anita Blake fare – exciting ... paranormal romantic adventure – that gets the job done for its intended audience.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *Kiss the Dead*)

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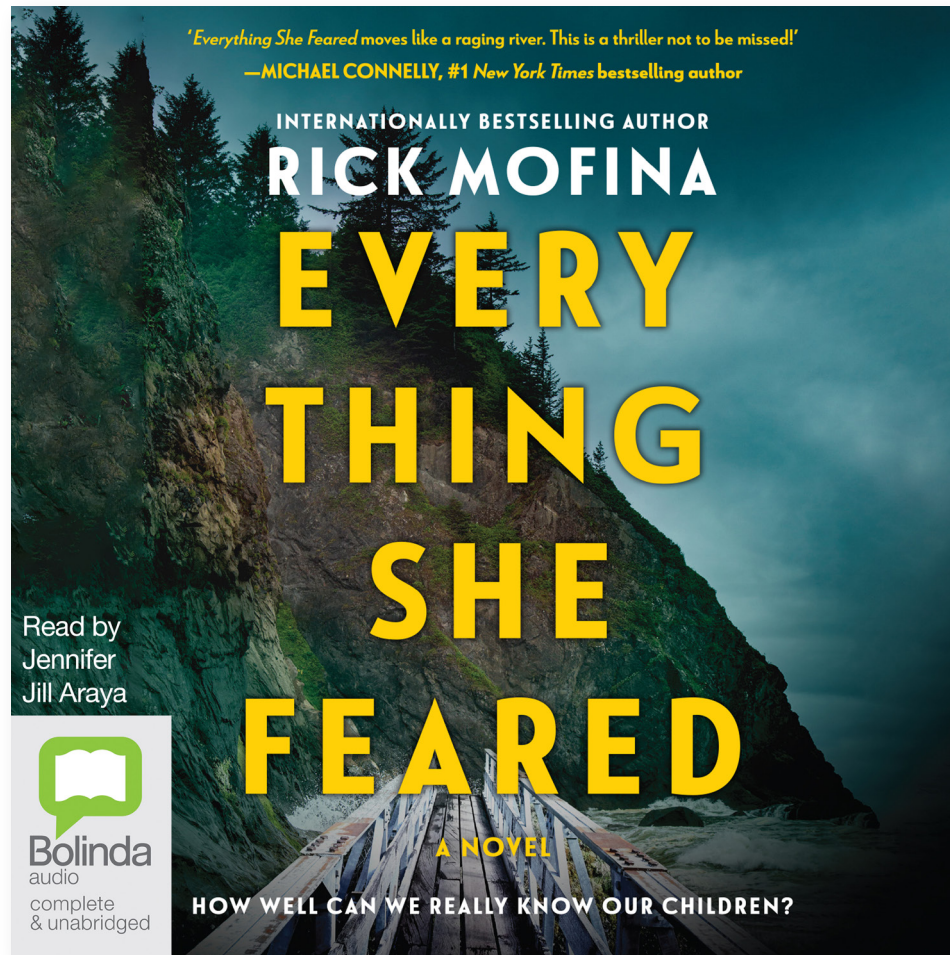
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Everything She Feared

Rick Mofina

Read by Jennifer Jill Araya



Every mother worries about their child. But Sara Harmon fears hers ... Don't miss the gripping thriller from award-winning author Rick Mofina.

When a teen falls while taking a selfie at the edge of a cliff, the last thing she sees before plummeting to her death is Katie Harmon, the nine-year-old girl she was babysitting, looking down at her.

Investigators gather at the scene, and Katie's mother, Sara, rushes to comfort her daughter. Yet there's a small, secret ping of alarm in Sara's heart that she cannot share – though rookie Detective Kim Pierce senses it.

For years, others have tried to unravel this secret. From true-crime podcasters to a haunted journalist searching for a killer who vanished after being released from prison several years ago. And now, with detectives tightening the focus of their investigation, Sara is consumed by her darkest fear – that the babysitter's death was not an accident.

Rick Mofina is a *USA Today* bestselling author of more than 30 crime fiction thrillers that have been published in nearly 30 countries

Mofina is a two-time winner of Canada's Arthur Ellis Award, and the Barry Award; a four-time Thriller Award finalist and a two-time Shamus Award finalist

The Library Journal calls Mofina, 'one of the best thriller writers in the business'

'Everything She Feared moves like a raging river. This is a thriller not to be missed!' – Michael Connelly, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

'Simmering with unrelenting tension and family secrets, Mofina mines the darkest corners of the human heart and explores the age-old question – is evil born or made? A gripping, chilling thriller from beginning to end.' – Heather Gudenkauf, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Overnight Guest*

A Hollow in the Hills

Dubh Linn

Ruth Frances Long

Read by Heather O'Sullivan

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | January 2025

The sequel to *A Crack in Everything* from award-winning Irish author Ruth Frances Long.

Something is stirring beneath Dubh Linn.

When an ancient and forbidden power is unleashed, Izzy, who is still coming to terms with her newfound powers, must prevent a war from engulfing Dublin and the fae realm of Dubh Linn. But by refusing to sacrifice Jinx – fae warrior and her 'not-really-ex' – Izzy sets in motion a chain of events which will see them hunted across the city and into the hills where she'll face the greatest challenge of all.

In the deepest and darkest Hollow, an angel of death is waiting ... and the price he asks for his help might be too high ...

In 2015 Ruth Frances Long was the winner of The European Science Fiction Society Spirit of Dedication Award For Best Author of Children's Science Fiction and Fantasy for *A Crack in Everything*

As Jessica Thorne she writes fantasy romance – *The Queen's Wing* and *The Stone's Heart*, which was shortlisted for the RNA Fantasy Romantic Novel of the Year Award in 2020, and the Hollow King Duology

Recently, Long has been working alongside the music festival Tomorrowland, and her first book with them – *The Rise of Adscendo* – features the origin story of its 2023 festival theme

'The pace is unremitting in this well-researched amalgam of the modern and the mythical. The ending paves the way for a much anticipated third part of the trilogy.' – Irish Examiner

'An exciting cocktail of the magical and the mundane in modern Dublin ... the way she [Long] distils Irish mythology through a contemporary lens is particularly impressive.'
– Books Ireland



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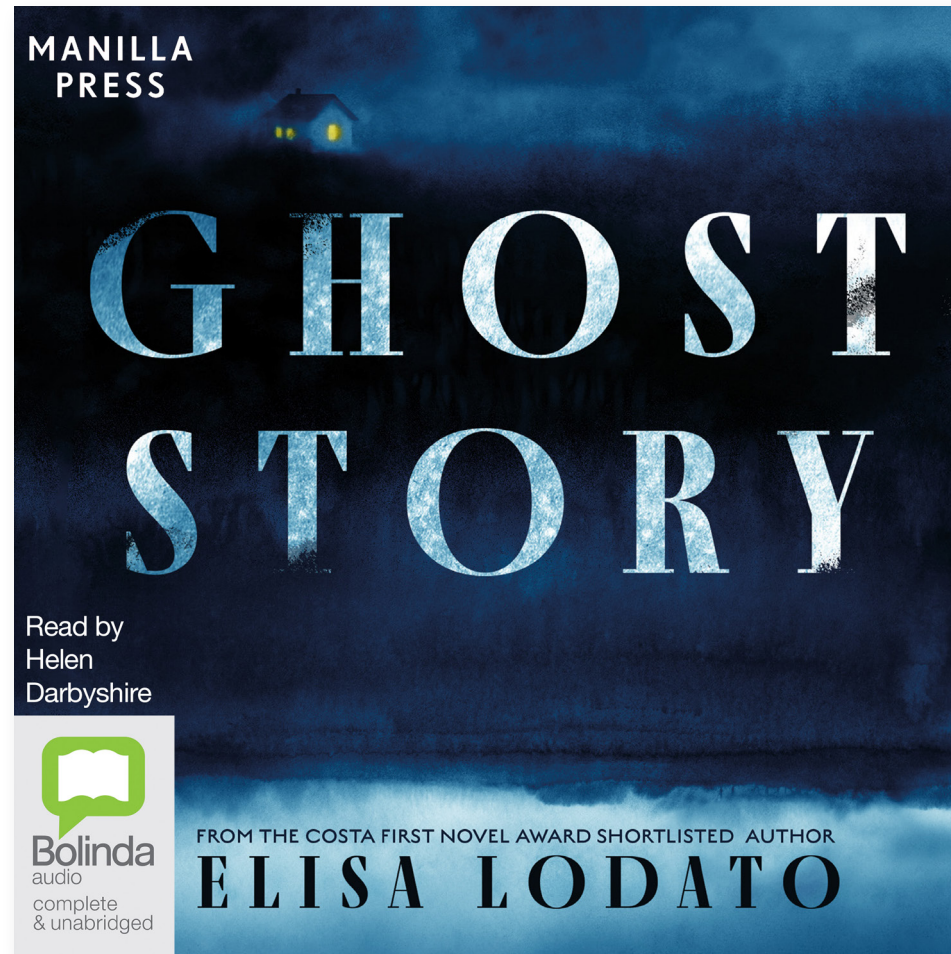
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Ghost Story

Elisa Lodato

Read by Helen Darbyshire



From the Costa First Novel Award shortlisted author of *An Unremarkable Body* comes a chilling new ghost story.

She came to write, but the island has its own story ...

Off the windswept coast of Scotland lies Finish Island, rugged and remote. Once a home, it now stands abandoned, a place of dark history and deep memory, a place that holds its stories close. Unable to write since her daughter's death, it's here that Seren comes to work, hoping that the solitude and silence will inspire her next novel.

But the island holds memories of its own, restless and unwilling to stay buried. As unsettling occurrences become even more bizarre and frightening, Seren starts seeing uncanny resonances between her past and the island's history. There is something on this island, something ancient and unforgiving. Will Seren discover its secrets, before it's too late?

Elisa Lodato is the author of *An Unremarkable Body* and *The Necessary Marriage*

Lodato's debut novel *An Unremarkable Body* was longlisted for the 2016 Bath Novel Award and shortlisted for the 2018 Costa First Novel Award

'Ghost Story will toy with your pulse and send chills down your spine. In an equal measure of grief and terror, this novel is an unmissable modern Gothic that lingers long after closing the covers.' – Lucy Rose, author of *The Lamb*

'Lodato masterfully blends suspense and the supernatural, making this novel a must-read for those dark, gloomy nights as winter draws in.' – Northern Life

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | January 2025

The Ice Retreat

Ruth Kelly

Read by a Full Cast



From bestselling author Ruth Kelly, *The Ice Retreat* is a spine-tingling thriller set in the world of controversial wellness treatments.

Meet Hollie Jenson, presenter of the smash-hit docu-series *Bad Medicine*, which exposes the perils of extreme therapies. Her next target – a new retreat run by wellness guru Ariel Rose, who claims to have discovered the secret to healing pain through her three-day ice rebirth treatment.

Acting on a mother's plea to find her son, who vanished soon after his stay, Hollie ventures into the Swiss mountains where the retreat occupies a former observatory. There she will search for the boy, and hopes to expose Ariel as the charlatan she believes her to be.

As the isolation of the valley sets in, Hollie finds herself in an increasingly dangerous situation. There is much more to the retreat than meets the eye, and she must confront explosive secrets from her own past if she is to ever make it out alive ...

Perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell and Sarah Pearse

Ruth Kelly is an award-winning journalist who has ghosted a string of *Sunday Times* top ten bestsellers – most recently *The Prison Doctor*, which sold over 250,000 copies, and *The Governor*

'A breathtaking thriller with an evocative setting and some excellent twists – Ruth Kelly at her best.' – Catherine Cooper, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Chateau*

'A heart pounding, chilling thriller with spine tingling twists. Hits the ground running and doesn't stop until the final chapter.' – John Marrs, bestselling author of *The Good Samaritan*

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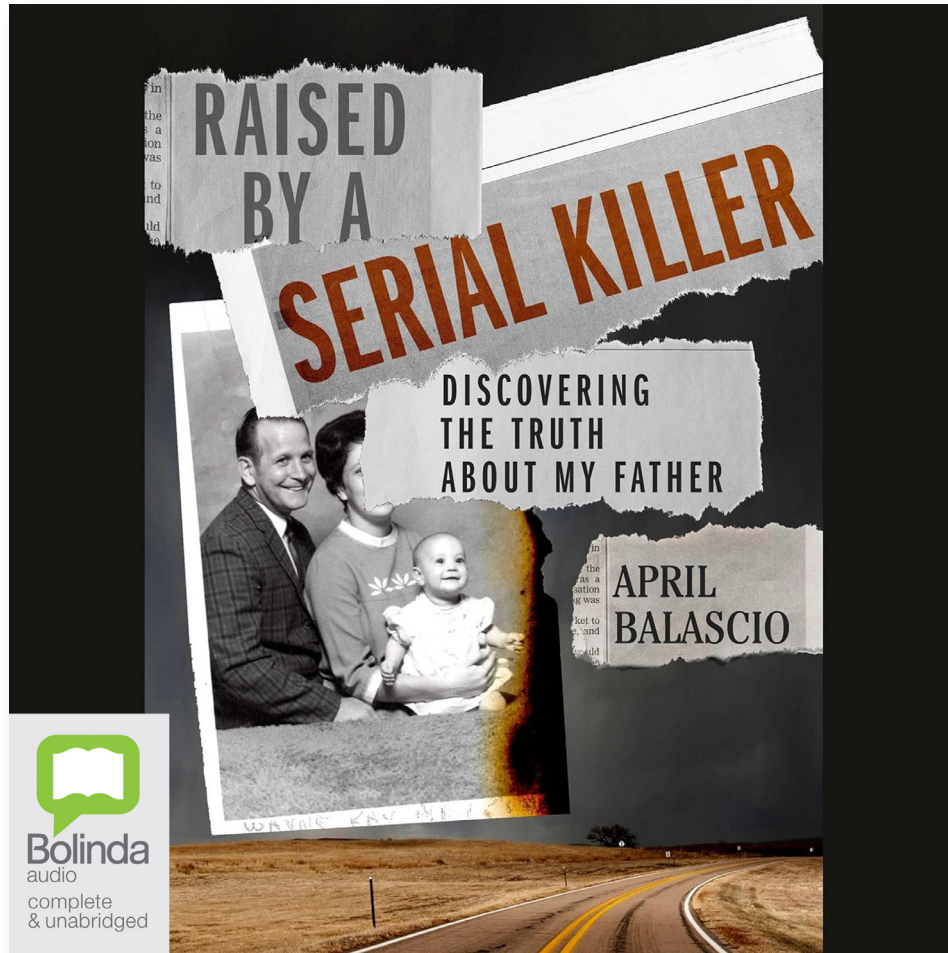
True Crime | January 2025

Raised by a Serial Killer

Discovering the Truth about My Father

April Balascio

Read by the Author



The untold story behind the hit true crime podcast *The Clearing*, this unforgettable memoir traces one daughter's moving quest to understand her larger-than-life childhood as she searches for the truth about her father, the serial killer Edward Wayne Edwards.

One evening in 2009, April Balascio was searching online, as she had been every night, for unsolved murders in the towns her family had lived growing up, when she stumbled across the latest investigations into the "Sweetheart Murders" cold case. All at once, the buried memories of her father's dark history were awakened, and she knew she had to take action. She picked up the phone to call a detective and the rest is infamous true crime history.

In her unflinching memoir, Balascio bravely reveals an astonishing tale of a lifetime of manipulation, unexplained upheavals, and silent fear. Some part of her had always known what her father was capable of, but the full truth of how she came to these revelations is as riveting as it is quietly terrifying. Through searing storytelling, dedicated research, and intimate insight, *Raised by a Serial Killer* is a gripping, courageous memoir unlike any other.

April Balascio is an author and daughter of American serial killer Edward Wayne Edwards

She featured in hit 2019 podcast *The Clearing*, where she recalled growing up with her father and how she turned him in when she suspected him of multiple murders

Raised By a Serial Killer is her first book



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Crime & Thriller | January 2025

The Woman in the Cabin

Becca Day

Read by a Full Cast

An absolutely addictive and unputdownable psychological thriller, from the author of *The Girl Beyond the Gate*.

Every day, in a remote cabin hidden deep in the woods in the Scottish Highlands, Mary wakes up before dawn to make breakfast from scratch. She tends the garden and feeds the animals. Every night, Mary makes sure she has dinner on the table for when her husband Cal gets home from work.

Mary is the perfect wife, and like any good wife she knows her job is to keep her husband happy.

But lately, as she notices her first wrinkles appear, she can sense Cal change. A scowl at dinner not being ready on time, a too tight grip as he leads her to the bedroom tells her he's noticed too. And old memories are coming back too, of her life before the cabin ...

Then she finds a stack of letters hidden under the floorboards detailing a life eerily similar to her own. They're addressed to her: 'To the next woman.'

If she's not the first to play the role of Cal's perfect wife, what happened to the woman in the cabin before her? And how long does she have until she is next?

Becca Day is the author of *All Her Little Lies*, *The Girl Beyond the Gate* and *The Secrets We Buried*

Day studied acting at Guildford College and went on to start her own Murder Mystery theatre troupe. It was this move that inspired her love of crime fiction, and when she sold the company, she threw herself head first into crime writing

Aside from writing, Day is also an avid reader and runs Reading Parties with fellow author William Shaw

'Taut and compelling.' – William Shaw, author of *The Trawlerman* (On *The Girl Beyond the Gate*)

'Becca Day is definitely an author to watch!' – Lesley Kara, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Rumour* (On *The Girl Beyond the Gate*)



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Bury Your Secrets

DI Fraser Brodie

Kerry Watts

Read by Andrew McIntosh

Adult New Release

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The first in a new gripping and unputdownable Scottish crime thriller series following DI Fraser Brodie and his team around the Scottish Isles.

After his twin brother's imprisonment for murder, DI Fraser Brodie has devoted his life to catching the very worst criminals of the Hebrides.

When a local mechanic is found dead and mutilated, Brodie is on the search for a murderer. But then more bodies start turning up, and it doesn't take long for Brodie to conclude he has a serial killer on his hands.

The investigation isn't proving so easy to crack, and when he discovers the missing link between the victims has connections to his own past, the race is on to find the culprit before more damage is done ...

Kerry Watts is the author of the gripping Detective Hazel Todd and the heart-stopping Detective Jessie Blake series

'A fiendish central mystery told at a breathless pace and a brilliant final twist. Classic tartan noir – a treat for fans of Val McDermid and LJ Ross.' – P.R. Black, author of *The Winter House* (on *Death Sentence*)

'A finely honed police procedural with sharply judged characters carrying an intriguing plotline to a satisfying conclusion.' – Douglas Skelton, author of *Where Demons Hide* (on *Death Sentence*)

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The Specimens

Mairi Kidd

Read by Gerda Stevenson

In her historical fiction debut, *The Specimens*, Mairi Kidd empowers two women of the horrific Burke and Hare tale.

Inside the grand walls of Edinburgh's 19th-century scientific institutions, anatomists began to map the secrets of the human body in order to discover new medical innovations.

But to the horror of the local population, a shortage of bodies soon led to the gruesome act of graveyard bodysnatching, a heartless crime that would soon spread like a disease throughout the city. And when stealing cadavers turns to murder, Burke and Hare became two of the most notorious serial killers of their time.

This is the story of those grim events, told for the first time through the eyes of Susan and Helen (Nelly), two women caught up in those horrific matters.

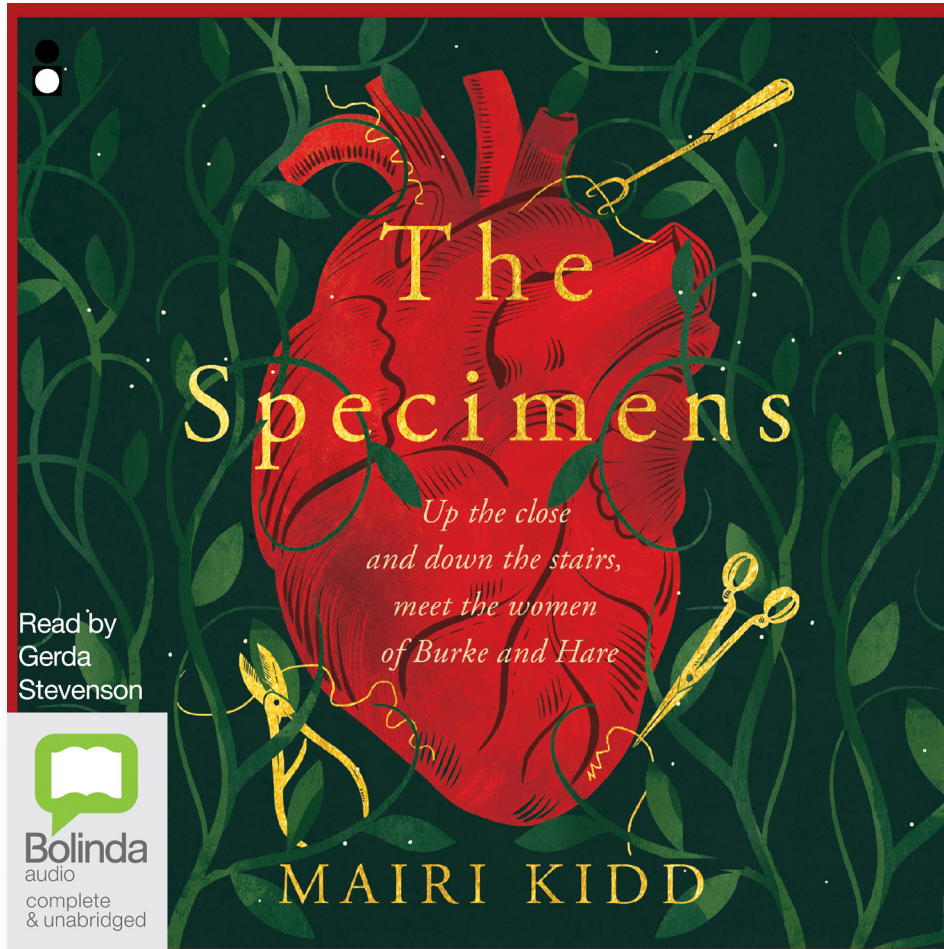
Mairi Kidd is a former Head of Literature, Languages and Publishing at Creative Scotland and was formerly Managing Director of Barrington Stoke, a prize-winning publisher

Kidd is a contributor to BBC Radio nan Gaidheal's books coverage and writes for broadcast, including Gaelic comedy series *FUNC*

Kidd's non-fiction books include *Warriors and Witches* and *Damn Rebel Bitches*, *Feisty and Fiery* and *Fierce* and *We Are All Witches*

'Mairi has a talent for bringing a feminist narrative to historical events and The Specimens is her greatest yet. This gripping, historical tale will stay with you long after reading and make you want to know every harrowing fact of the time. It's equal parts dark, depraved and fascinating; this is one you won't want to miss.' – Ali McBride, publishing director at Black & White Publishing

'This book is a true gem.' – Heal & Harrow (on *We Are All Witches*)



We Who Hunt the Hollow

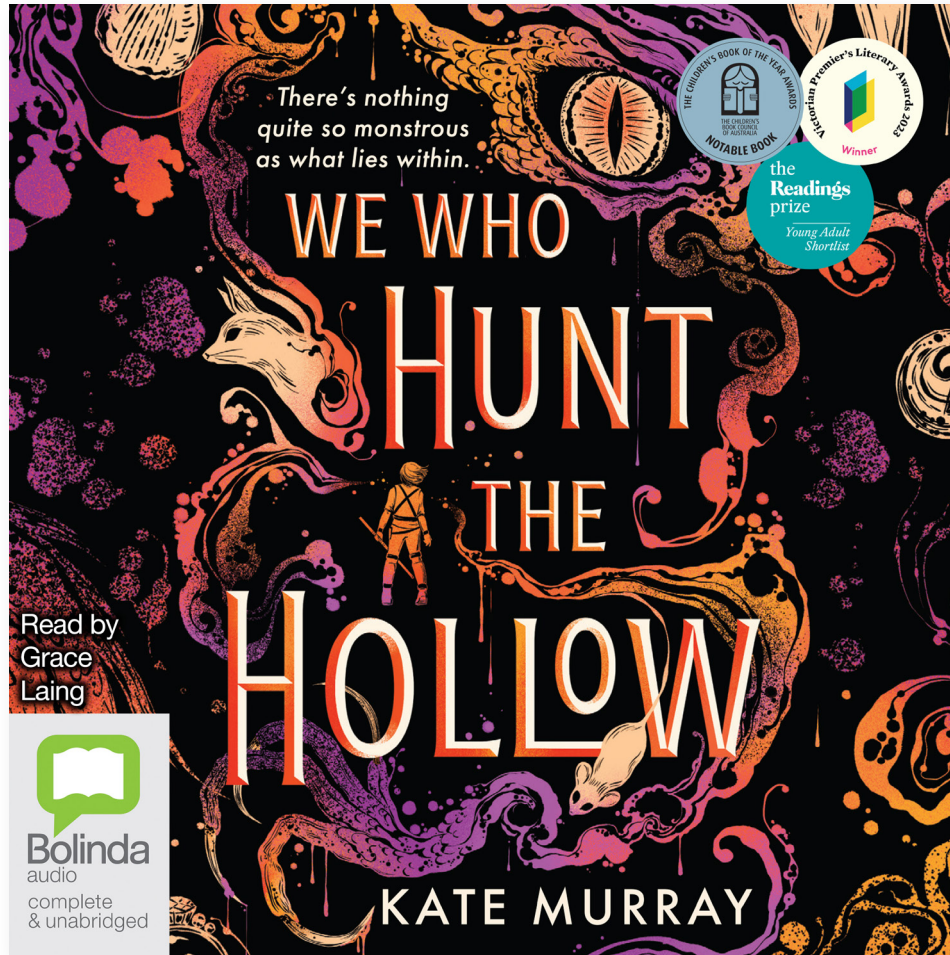
Hollow #1

Kate Murray

Read by Grace Laing

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | January 2025



Winner of the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Young Adults, this dynamic urban fantasy is about the youngest daughter of a family of women warriors, and the power she wishes she had.

Seventeen-year-old Priscilla Daalman's entire family are Hollow Warriors – legendary monster hunters charged with killing evil beasts from beyond our universe. She's desperate to live up to that legacy, but she's convinced neither she, nor her superpower – the ability to sense Hollow energy – is up to the task.

But when Priscilla attempts a desperate ritual to enhance her abilities, she accidentally triggers a frightening new power – the power to summon monsters from the Hollow itself. Now, Priscilla must protect her loved ones – her heartbroken ex-girlfriend, her mysterious new boyfriend, even her fierce warrior family – from supernatural monsters, and also from herself. Because if her power gets out, all hell will break loose ... and Priscilla will risk losing everything.

We Who Hunt the Hollow is Kate Murray's debut, which won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Young Adults in 2023

We Who Hunt the Hollow has been shortlisted for the Ampersand Prize, the Readings Young Adult Prize and the Aurealis Award for Best Young Adult Novel

Perfect for fans of Cassandra Clare and Lynette Noni

'*We Who Hunt the Hollow* is a standard fantasy novel with a likable and relatable protagonist and wholesome messages ... this novel introduces a unique fantasy world with superheroes and evil creatures that is fun to explore.' – Reading Time

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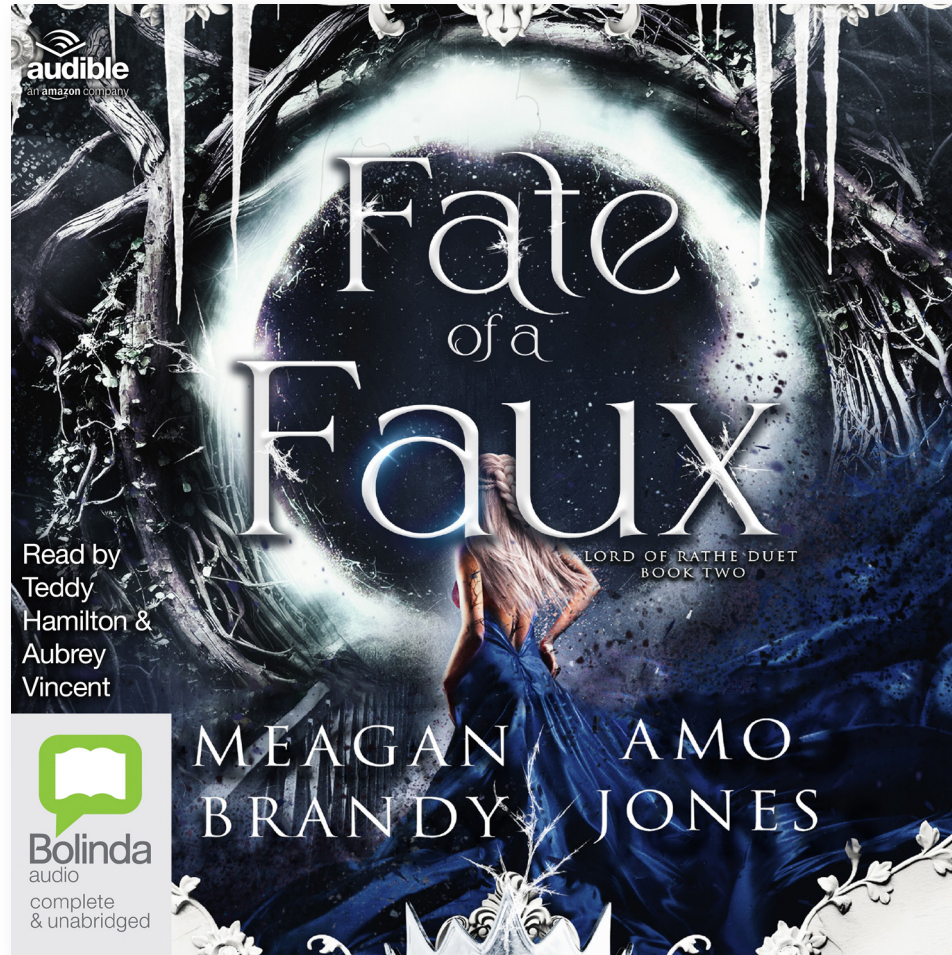
Lord of Rathe Duet #2

Meagan Brandy & Amo Jones

Read by Teddy Hamilton & Aubrey Vincent

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | January 2025



Don't miss the second instalment in the Lord of Rathe Duet and the conclusion to Knight and London's story, from bestselling authors Meagan Brandy and Amo Jones.

The King of Darkness is dead. It's time for a new one to rise ...

London Crow isn't who I thought she was. She's worse. My hate for her knows no bounds. My need for her has no end. But it's my inability to have her that might just end us all, as the fates refuse to be ignored.

Now, there's a darkness sweeping the streets of Rathe, threatening to destroy the Kingdom we know and love, and it's all because of her. The mate I can't have. The bond I can't let go. There is only one way to restore balance, and it begins and ends with her. The problem? I broke the girl into a thousand tiny pieces without a second thought. Earning her forgiveness won't be easy, but that's fine. If she won't give it freely, I will take it. One mistake at a time.

Meagan Brandy is a *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author of New Adult and Sports Romance books

Amo Jones is a *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling author from Aotearoa, New Zealand, who currently lives in a small coastal town on the Great Barrier Reef of Australia

Brandy is the author of the Brayshaw series and the Boys of Avix series

'100% worth the hype that surrounds it.' – The Stroud Courier (on *Say You Swear*)

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You Are More Than What You Eat

Science, Nutrition, and a Perfectly Imperfect Approach to Eating

Dr Emma Beckett

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | January 2025



You Are More Than What You Eat is a fun and informative manual and manifesto designed to put people back at the heart of nutrition advice.

Our relationship with food is broken, but Dr Emma Beckett is here to help us repair it. This is not a diet audiobook, but it is an audiobook about your diet, your life and how food fits into it all.

Dr Emma Beckett has spent more than 15 years studying food and how it interacts with our bodies. In this fun, informative audiobook, she takes her extensive research qualifications and experience and applies them to our everyday lives in her sassy and straightforward style. She shows us how and why food choices, eating and biology are not as simple as diet culture suggests.

Part manual, part memoir, part manifesto, *You Are More Than What You Eat* puts people back at the heart of nutrition. Informed by a scientific evidence base, this is the perfect antidote to the misinformation surrounding the weight loss and diet industry. This audiobook will teach you to embrace the complexity of your body and your life, reject the lure of simple slogans and heal your relationship with food.

Dr Emma Beckett regularly appears in print, online, on radio, television and social media. Her aim is to empower people to interpret food and nutrition information so that they can make informed choices about food without fear or judgment

Beckett combines her deep and diverse education, with degrees (including a PhD) in biomedical science, food science, nutrition science, science management and epidemiology

Beckett has won several research and communications awards, including being named as a NSW Young Tall Poppy in 2017

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The Cure for Burnout

Build Better Habits, Find Balance and Reclaim Your Life

Emily Ballesteros

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | January 2025

A comprehensive, practical guide to managing burnout by coach and social media star Emily Ballesteros.

Is dread the first thing you feel when you wake up in the morning? Are you working in the evenings and on weekends to catch up? Have you already beat burnout once, only to find it creeping back? If you answered yes to any of these, you're in need of a cure for burnout.

Burnout management coach Emily Ballesteros combines scientific and cultural research and the tried-and-true strategies she's successfully implemented with clients around the globe to demystify burnout – and set you on a path towards a life of personal and professional balance.

Ballesteros offers clear and simple tools to help you find greater balance, energy and fulfilment, showing you how to:

- break burnout habits that keep you in a pattern of chronic overwhelm
- create sustainable work/life balance through predictable personal care
- get more done in less time while creating forward momentum towards a meaningful life
- identify and set your personal and professional limits, guilt-free
- master your stress and detach from your stressors

Emily Ballesteros holds a master's degree in industrial-organisational psychology and worked in corporate training and development before launching her burnout management coaching business

In addition to being featured in media such as *The Wall Street Journal* and CNBC, she regularly provides burnout trainings for corporations like PepsiCo, Salesforce and Thermo Fisher, among others

'Emily Ballesteros's advice is useful and practical, especially for young workers eager to reclaim their time and energy. This is an empowering guidebook to combatting burnout.'

– Charles Duhigg, bestselling author of *The Power of Habit* and *Smarter Faster Better*



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January new releases 2025

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Fearne Cotton

Read by Erin Doherty

A hilariously relatable debut about finding your voice, from beloved *Sunday Times* bestselling author Fearne Cotton.



Jade Shaw has lost control.

Stuck in the middle of her chaotic family and taken for granted by her self-obsessed boyfriend, Adam, she's forgotten how to speak for herself.

The last place she expects to find answers is on the floor outside her flat. But there it is – a mysterious, untitled script, predicting an infuriating row with Adam.

Later, as if by magic, the scene becomes reality – word for word, line for line, with Adam getting his own way. Then, more scripts appear – scraps of paper predicting scenarios in which Jade's boss, mum and bridezilla sister call all the shots.

Having been given a sneak peek at her future, Jade knows she needs to rewrite her destiny.

Can she create her own happy ever after?

Fearne Cotton is a mental health advocate, bestselling author of *Happy*, long-standing broadcaster and creator of Happy Place

Cotton was a BBC Radio Show host for many years. In 2007 she became the first regular female presenter of the Radio 1 Chart Show

Cotton's book *Little Things* was another *Sunday Times* bestseller and further cemented her position as a celebrated author with all titles available in 12 different languages around the world

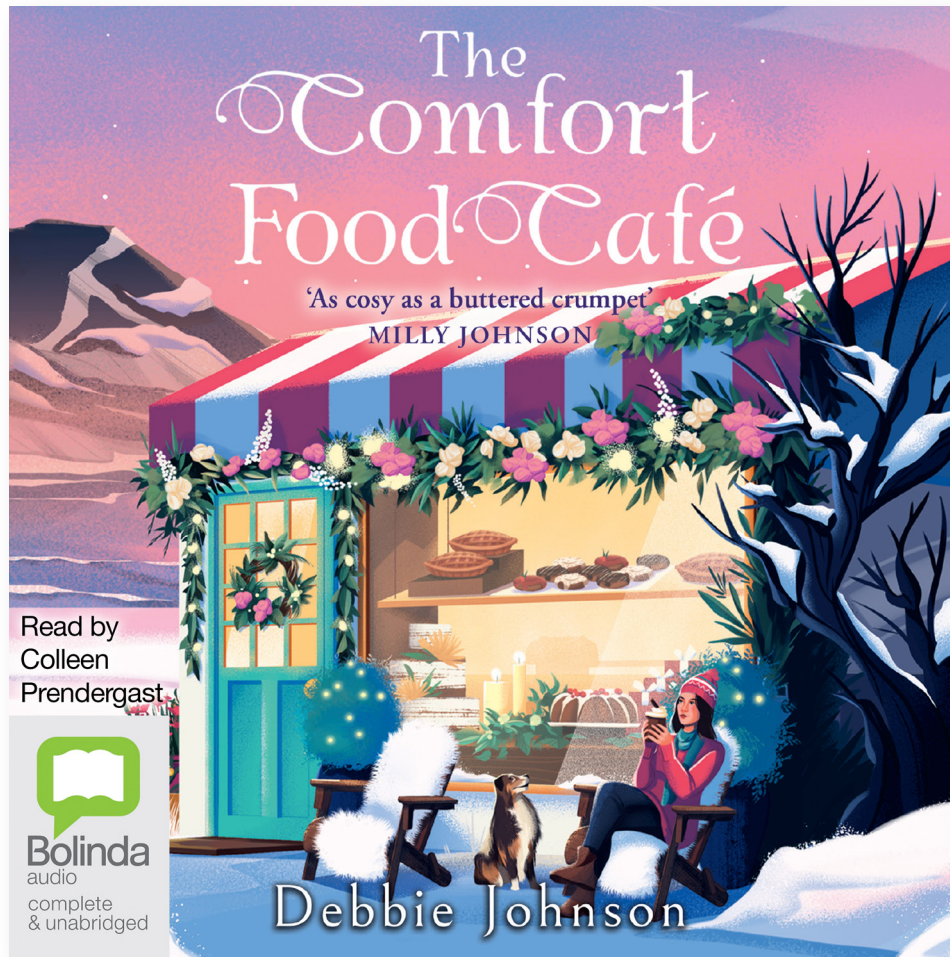
'An impressive and entertaining debut ... fast paced and original, populated by a colourful cast yet delivering a thoughtful theme of finding one's feet and one's voice.' – Freya North, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

'So smart, thoughtful and hope-filled. I loved it!' – Daisy Buchanan, author of *Insatiable* and *Careering*

The Comfort Food Café

Debbie Johnson

Read by Colleen Prendergast



Escape to the Comfort Food Café this year for a romance guaranteed to make you smile.

Welcome to The Comfort Food Café!

It's been a tough year for Maxine Connolly – so tough she's almost given up on finding her happy ending. But then she discovers The Comfort Food Café, shining like the star on top of the Christmas tree and welcoming her in to its cosy, cake-filled embrace for hot chocolates dripping with whipped cream, melty grilled cheese toasties and the funniest bunch of regulars she soon calls friends.

Then there's gorgeous local Gabriel Moran, who looks at Max like she's a present he can't wait to unwrap – and she can't help but think that, maybe, he's just what she wants for Christmas too ...

Debbie Johnson has sold more than one-million copies of her books worldwide and won the Romantic Novelists' Association Award for Contemporary Romantic Novel of the Year

Johnson is published globally in many different languages, and her books include the bestselling Comfort Food Cafe series: *Maybe One Day*, *The Moment I Met You* and *Forever Yours*

Johnson is also the author of the popular Starshine Cove series: *Escape to Starshine Cove*, *Secrets of Starshine Cove* and *Finding Hope in Starshine Cove*

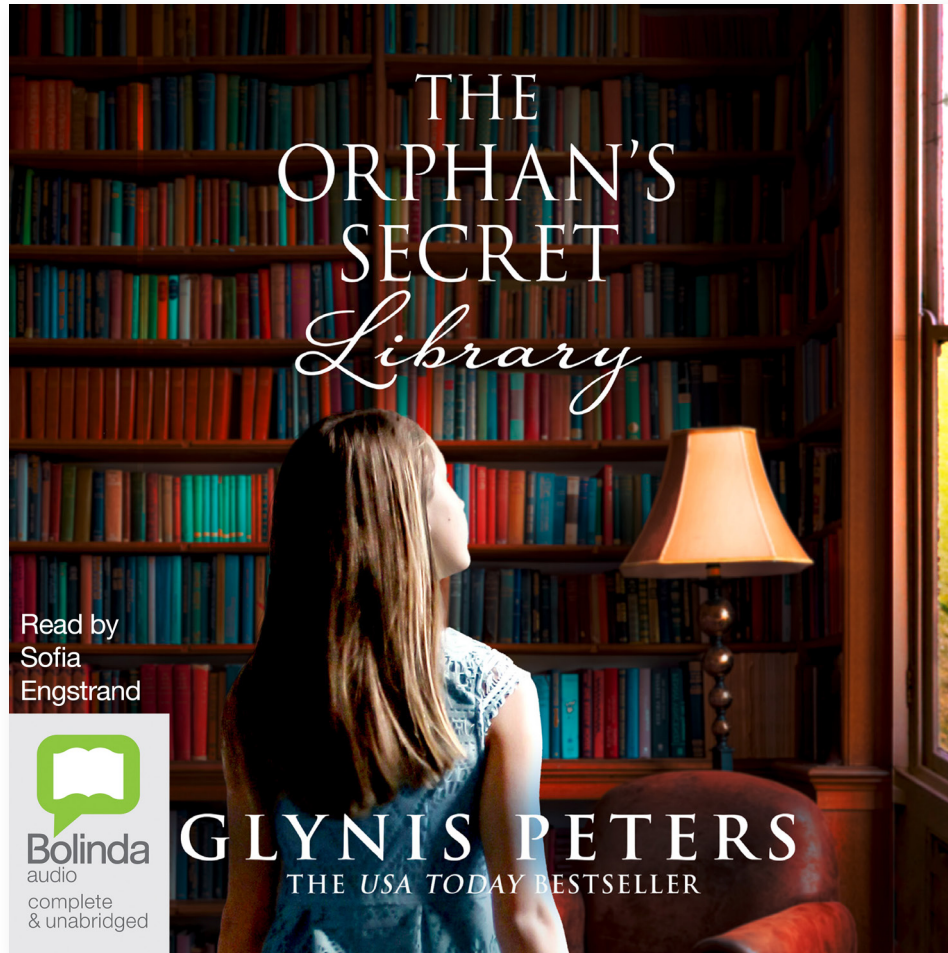
'Full of quirky characters, friendship and humour, you will devour this engaging and heartwarming novel in one sitting.' – Sunday Express (on *Summer at the Comfort Food Café*)

'A lovely, emotion-filled, giggle-inducing story.' – Milly Johnson, bestselling author of *The Teashop on the Corner* (on *Summer at the Comfort Food Café*)

The Orphan's Secret Library

Glynis Peters

Read by Sofia Engstrand



In the darkness of war, light shines from the pages of a book. Don't miss a compelling story from *USA Today* bestselling author Glynis Peters.

For as long as Alice Carmichael can remember, the only thing she's been able to count on is the written word. The war may have taken everything from her, but the stories she cherishes provide solace and escape into a world that is more hopeful than 1942 England.

So when Alice finds herself at the mercy and kindness of strangers, miles from everything she's ever known, it's little surprise that books become her purpose.

Now, Alice must channel the courage of her favourite heroines to risk everything for her country. Because it's only in writing her own story that Alice can seize the destiny her beloved books have taught her she deserves ...

Glynis Peters is a British author and writes WWII historical romance novels

Peters's titles include *The Secret Orphan*, *The Orphan's Homecoming*, *The Orphan's Letters*, *The Forgotten Orphan* and *The Orphan Thief*

As Amber Raven, Peters writes witchlit fiction with romantic twist

'This is an engaging story ... The characters are genuine and their actions are driven by realistic motivations.' – *The Gloss* (on *The Orphan Thief*)

'This is a pleasant novel of good people helping each other through the difficulties of life in wartime.' – *Historical Novel Society* (on *The Secret Orphan*)

The Guernsey Girls Find Peace

The Guernsey Girls #3

Mary Wood

Read by Emma Vane

Adult New Release

Sagas | January 2025



The final heartbreaking instalment of The Guernsey Girls wartime trilogy by Mary Wood, bestselling author of The Orphanage Girls series.

Their dreams are worth fighting for ...

Winter, 1941. Olivia's life in Guernsey is uprooted by the Nazi occupation. Forced to flee in the dead of night, she escapes to London's East End. As she steps foot in Bethnal Green, Olivia's former life is there to greet her, and she's ordered to spy for the British. To find her son's father, she agrees to undertake this dangerous mission. Will she make it home to hold her little boy again?

Meanwhile, Annie's husband is missing in action, and with each passing day, hope of him returning fades. It's left for Annie to carry on – there are mouths to feed, and more with each nightly bombing campaign. Will she have to give up on true love?

The Guernsey Girls may be separated, but their friendship remains strong. Through tragedy and strife, can they hold on to dreams of peace?

Mary Wood is the author of *The Jam Factory Girls Fight Back*, *Secrets of the Jam Factory Girls*, *The Street Orphans*, *Brighter Days Ahead*, *Proud of You* and *In Their Mother's Footsteps*

Wood is the author of multiple series including The Breckton trilogy and The Girls Who Went to War

Wood also writes sagas as Maggie Mason and crime thrillers under her second pseudonym, Molly Kent

'Wood is a born storyteller.' – Lancashire Evening Post

'These heartbreaking but also inspirational tales are full of the grit and hardship that have become hallmarks of a storyteller who writes straight from the heart.' – Lancashire Evening Post (on *The Orphanage Girls Come Home*)

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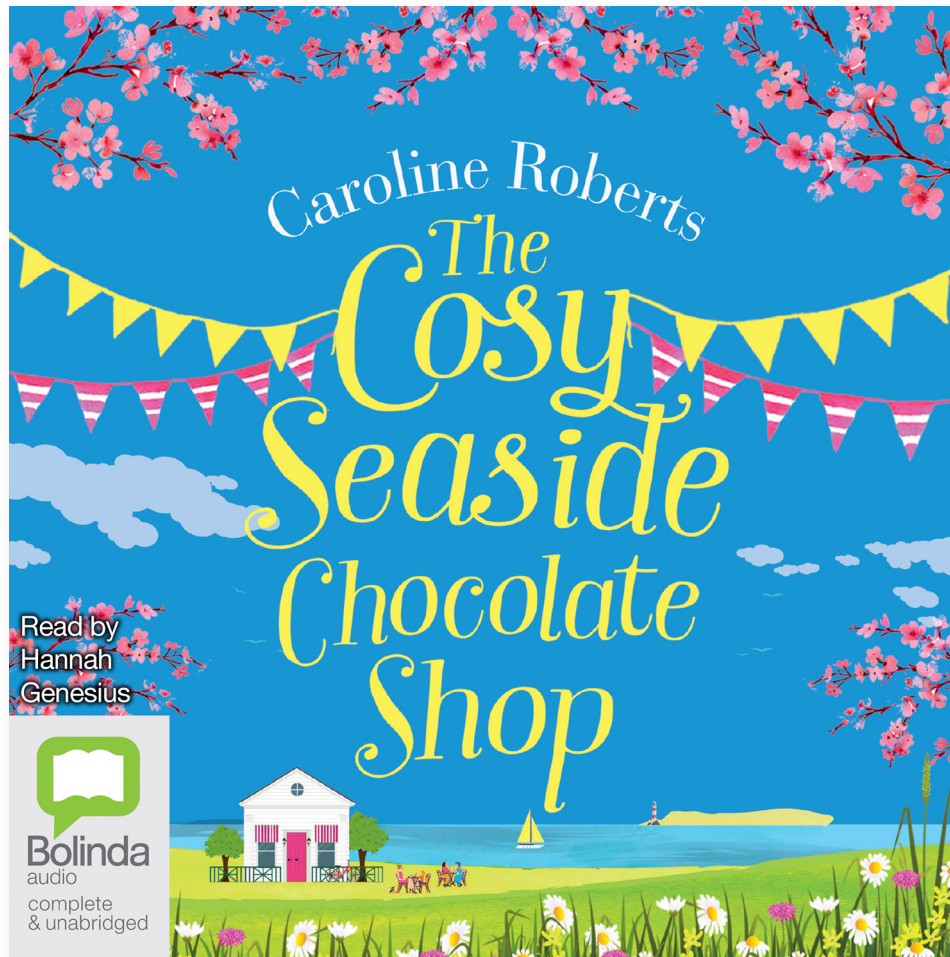
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The Cosy Seaside Chocolate Shop

Caroline Roberts

Read by Hannah Genesisius



The perfect heartwarming summer escape from the bestselling author of *The Cosy Teashop* series.

When Emma opened her gorgeous little chocolate shop in the harbour village of Warkton-by-the-Sea, she realised a lifelong dream. Love is also blossoming with her hunky beau, Max, who's slowly healing her fragile heart.

Summer is here and life has never felt so sweet. Until the rainclouds start to gather ...

A rival sweet shop and killjoy landlord give Emma a headache, and when a face from the past turns up unannounced, Emma finds herself spiralling down memory lane. With Max's crazy work schedule driving him to distraction, Emma's in danger of making some choices she might regret ...

With close friends, spaniel Alfie and the whole village behind her, can Emma get the chocolate shop and her love life back on track?

Caroline Roberts is the bestselling author of *The Seaside Cocktail Campervan*, *The Torn Up Marriage*, *Summer at Rachel's Pudding Pantry* and *My Summer of Magic Moments*

Roberts enjoys writing about relationships; stories of love, loss and family, that explore how beautiful and sometimes complex love can be

'A deliciously summery story about second chances, following your heart and never giving up, and it's brimming with romance.' – Cressida McLaughlin, author of *The Staycation*

'With this story about love, friendship, family, and, above all, chocolate, once again Caroline Roberts has written a heart-warming and entertaining novel.' – Chicklit Club

At the Mile End Gate

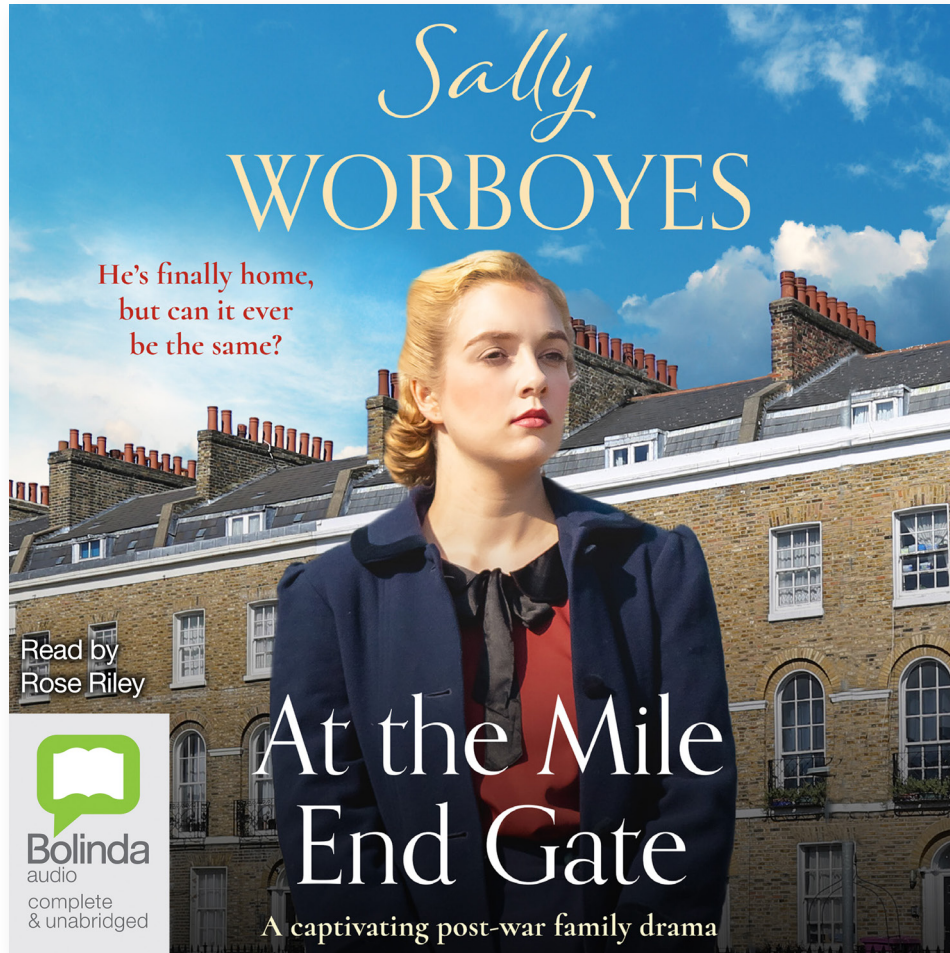
East End Sagas #3

Sally Worboyes

Read by Rose Riley

Adult New Release

Sagas | January 2025



A gripping saga set in the East End of London, from Sally Worboyes, author of *Down Stepney Way* and *Over Bethnal Green*.

Is their love strong enough to weather the storm?

It's 1945, the war is over and the soldiers are coming back to the bomb-ravaged East End. Tom Smith is one of the thousands who are returning home. He can't wait to see his wife, Jessie, their son, Billy, and the new baby daughter he hasn't even laid eyes on.

But life back home wasn't easy, especially once Jessie's army pension was stopped after Tom deserted. So when she was told to put her infant daughter Emma-Rose into a home for her own good, she thought it was for the best. But how will Tom take the news? And how will he react when he learns that Jessie's old boyfriend has been helping her during the war?

A compelling family drama set in London, perfect for fans of Katie Flynn and Mary Collins

Sally Worboyes has written several plays which have been broadcast on Anglia Television and Radio Four. She also adapted her own play and novel, *Wild Hops*, as a musical, *The Hop Pickers*

'Sizzles with passion.' – Guardian (on *Wild Hops*)

'She brings the East End to Life.' – Barbara Windsor

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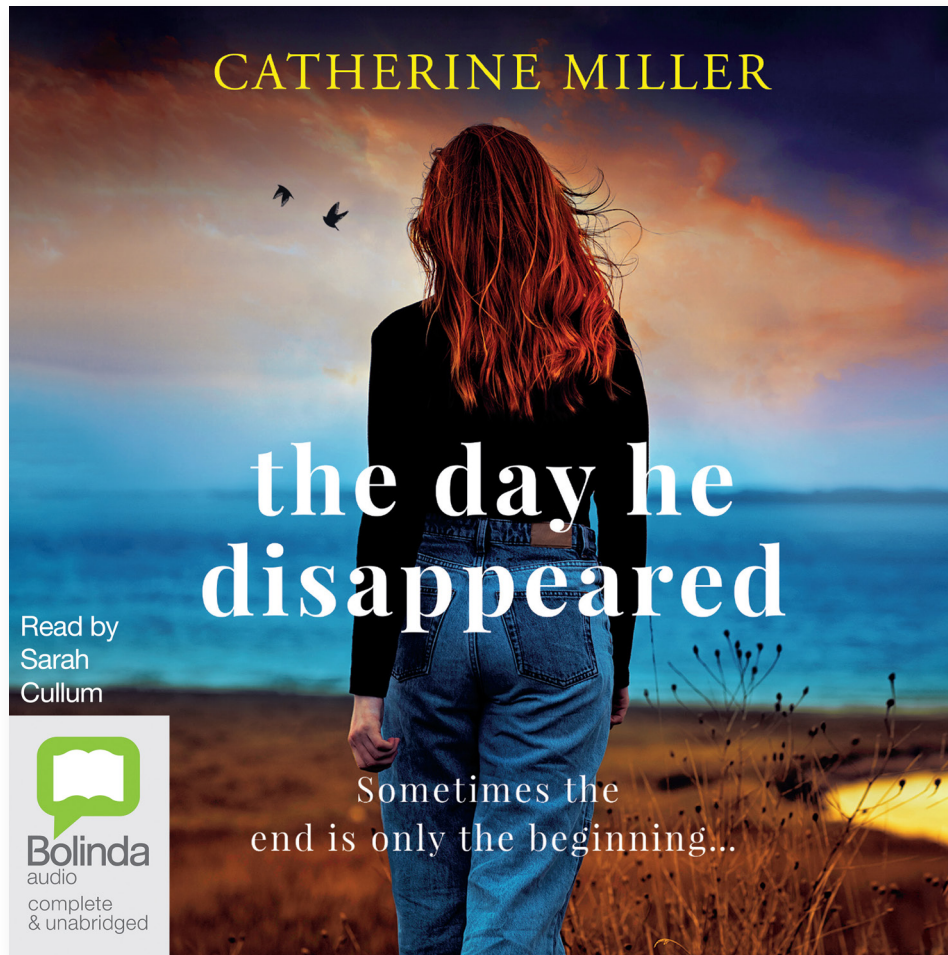
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The Day He Disappeared

Catherine Miller

Read by Sarah Cullum



An absolutely heartbreaking, emotional story from international bestselling author Catherine Miller, perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult.

When Kate meets Theo on the worst day of her life, the last thing she expects is to fall in love.

Sitting on a broken-down train, desperate to reach her brother before his last breath, Kate can barely hold it together as the minutes tick by. But then Theo, a man with a kind smile, offers to help. And as he gets Kate to the hospital on the darkest day of her life, she feels something brighten in her chest.

As Kate mends her broken heart, Theo doesn't leave her side. Each day, he brings small joys to her life. And as she looks into his warm brown eyes, feeling more at peace than she has for years, she knows she has found happiness at last ...

But then Theo vanishes. Kate's calls go unanswered, and his house stays dark and empty. No matter what her friends say, she knows something isn't right. Theo wouldn't leave without saying goodbye.

Determined to find him, Kate begins to search for the man she loves. But when she finds out the truth behind why he disappeared, her heart breaks once more. Because Theo made a promise to protect Kate, which is why he had to leave her ... But can Kate face the truth and find Theo before it's too late?

Catherine Miller is the author of *The Day That Changed Everything*, *Waiting for You*, *The Day I Lost Her* and *All That is Left of Us*

'An endearing and emotive story ...' – Chicklit Club (on *The Day That Changed Everything*)

'Had me hooked from the start ... An inspiring must-read.' – By The Letter (on *The Day That Changed Everything*)

Santa and the Saddler

A Levenham Love Story #3

Cathryn Hein

Read by Sophie Loughran

Adult New Release

Romance | January 2025

He's found the girl of his dreams – can he turn fleeting magic into forever, or will their smouldering attraction be just a sweet memory?

Windmill fabricator Danny Burroughs doesn't have time to wait in line at the local saddler. But his little sister has her heart set on a unique piece of saddlery for Christmas and he can't let her down.

Expert saddler Beth Wells has no idea that when she comes to small town Levenham to look after her grandfather's shop she'll be swamped with customers. Overrun by day, Beth is forced to work late into the night on Christmas orders.

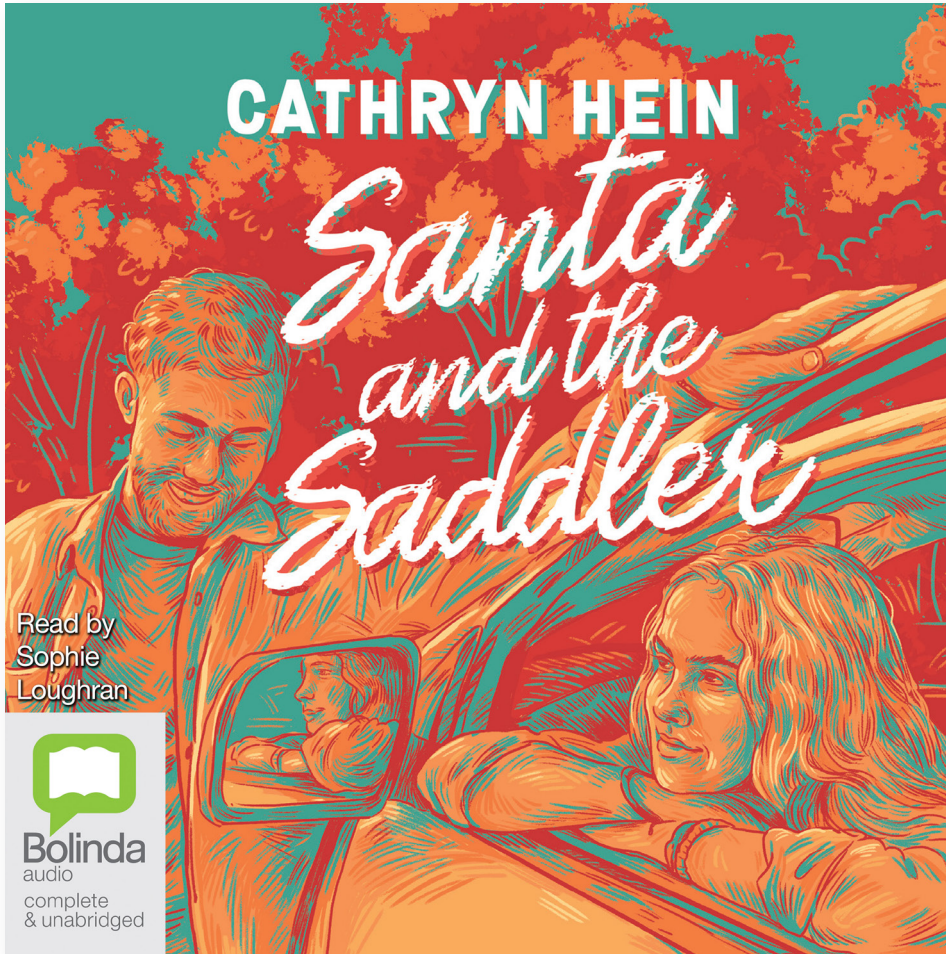
When super-cute Danny arrives at the saddlery after midnight wearing a Santa suit, a broad grin and pleading she make his sister's present, Beth makes a deal – she will take the order in exchange for Danny's help. Except this flirty Santa's idea of helping involves more than stacking shelves, and in the confines of the saddlery their smouldering attraction soon becomes a blaze. But no matter how hopelessly drawn she is, Beth has a job interstate and a mum who needs her. Anything more than friendship is pointless.

Will these two chance-met strangers find the courage to gamble on their love? Or will the girl Danny's been looking for all his life leave nothing behind but a sweet Christmas memory?

Cathryn Hein is a bestselling author of rural romance and romantic adventure novels and a Romance Writers of Australia Romantic Book of the Year finalist with *Santa and the Saddler*

Hein is a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist

'A fantastic, feel-good story. It's got Cathryn Hein's hallmark warmth and charm, with an Aussie country town/bush setting and an adorable hero.' – Annie West, bestselling author (on *Scarlett and the Model Man*)



Read by
Sophie
Loughran



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The Last Song of Winter

Lulu Taylor

Read by The Author & Ceri Gifford



The Last Song of Winter is an evocative and romantic tale set on a beautiful, windswept island, from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Lulu Taylor.

1940s, Pembrokeshire. Young and romantic, Veronica cannot help falling in love, even with unattainable men like handsome film star Jack Bannock. Her other passion is St Elfwy, the windswept jewel of an island off the coast of Pembrokeshire. It becomes her retreat, a refuge from war and a place to recover from lost love. But even peaceful St Elfwy cannot prevent tragedy and heartbreak ...

Present Day. When Romy arrives on St Elfwy, now a bird sanctuary and retreat, she only has the enigmatic warden for company. As she devotes herself to understanding the lure of this beautiful, haunting place, she is drawn into the past and the tale of Veronica Mindenhall. The island hides stories of betrayal and loss, as well as redemption – but it is a perilous path to discover its secrets ...

Lulu Taylor is the author of *Heiresses*, *The Forgotten Tower*, *The Snow Angel*, *Her Frozen Heart*, *The Snow Rose* and *A Midwinter Promise*

Taylor is also the author of *A Winter Memory*, *The Winter Secret*, *The Winter Folly* and *The Winter Children*

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

'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*)

'Fantastic, all-consuming.' – Heat (on *A Midwinter Promise*)

The Longest Winter

Mary Jane Staples

Read by Jasmine Blackborow



An enthralling and heartbreaking romantic saga set in WWI that will keep you gripped, from multi-million copy bestselling author Mary Jane Staples.

When Baroness Sophie von Korvacs meets British painter James Fraser one hot summer's day in Vienna, the attraction is instant. A whirlwind romance follows, with Vienna bathed in the brilliance of the last days of the emperor. And when James proposes to Sophie it seems a fitting end to that wonderful, enchanting summer.

But darker days are on the horizon as Europe teeters on the brink of war. James must make the ultimate choice – love for King and Country or love for Sophie. Before he knows it, his difficult decision is made for him, and he and Sophie are on opposite sides of a bloody and devastating conflict.

Four bleak years of fighting and death roll by. Will Sophie's long winter ever end and can their love conquer all?

Perfect for fans of Katie Flynn, Kristin Hannah and Fiona Valpy

Mary Jane Staples is a pseudonym used by British author Reginald Thomas Staples who also published under the name Robert Tyler Stevens, R.T. Stevens and James Sinclair

Staples is the author of over 30 bestselling titles including the ever-popular cockney sagas featuring the Adams family

'From the author of the Adams Family sagas this is another entertaining read.' – Historical Novel Society (on *A Wartime Marriage*)

'Mary Jane Staples makes you care about her characters, which explains why her books have enjoyed so much popularity.' – Take a Break (on the Adams Family series)

Has Anyone Seen My Husband?

Kathleen Whyman

Read by Louise Williams

With warmth, wit and humour, *Has Anyone Seen My Husband?* is a hilariously relatable story that will have you feeling every kind of emotion from start to finish.

When saying 'I do' to the love of her life, it didn't matter to Marie that Scott had been married before. But four years later, it's a different story.

These days, Marie feels as though Scott sees more of his first wife and their children than he does of her and their energetic toddler. All she wants is for them to be a happy, blended family, but it's not so easy when his ex-wife refuses to let the two families meet.

Well, Marie's had enough – there's only so much a woman can take! Now she's setting out to find his ex and prove that she's a decent person who can be trusted with the children.

But there's a slight catch: Scott's asked her to let him handle it, so she'll need to be discreet. Which is difficult when her mum, cousin and aunt decide to get involved and don't know the meaning of the word.

Marie's determined to make it work and pull off the impossible, preferably without getting publicly humiliated, arrested or even divorced ...

Perfect for fans of *Why Mummy Drinks*, Fiona Gibson and *Confessions of a Forty Something*

Kathleen Whyman is a bestselling women's fiction author, freelance journalist and columnist for *Writer's Forum* magazine

Whyman's debut novel, *Wife Support System*, was shortlisted for the Romantic Novelists' Association's Joan Hessayon Award 2020 and the Romance Comedy Novel of the Year 2021

Whyman's novel *Second Wife Syndrome* was shortlisted for the Comedy Women in Print prize 2020 in the unpublished comic novel category



Kathleen Whyman

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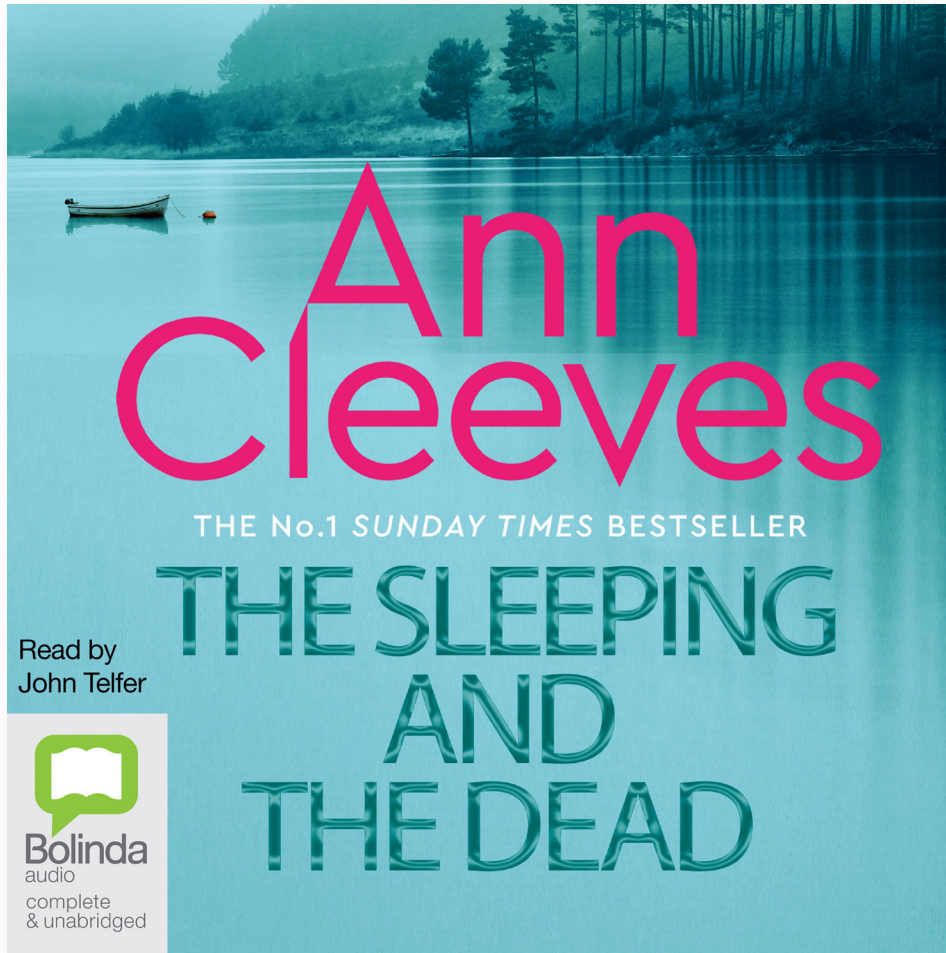
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January new releases 2025

The Sleeping and the Dead

Ann Cleeves

Read by John Telfer



A tense psychological thriller from Ann Cleeves, bestselling author and creator of three astounding TV series: *Shetland*, *Vera* and *The Long Call*.

Northumberland detective Peter Porteous is called to Cranwell Lake, where a diving instructor has made a gruesome discovery. In the water lies a corpse – the body of a teenager who has clearly been dead for many years.

After trawling through the missing persons files, Porteous comes to the conclusion that the corpse is Michael Grey, an enigmatic and secretive young man who was reported missing by his foster parents in 1972.

The news report leaves prison officer Hannah Morton in shock. Michael had been her boyfriend, and she had been with him the night he disappeared. And now the discovery is bringing back dreaded, long-buried memories from her past ...

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

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*

In July 2023, during the opening ceremony for the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Writing Festival in Harrogate, Cleeves was presented with the Theakston Old Peculier Outstanding Contribution Award, in recognition of her impressive writing career

'Cleeves again excels in her sense of place in this cleverly plotted psychological thriller.'
– The Times

'Nobody does unsettling undercurrents better than Ann Cleeves.' – Val McDermid, bestselling author of the Lindsay Gordon series

Priestess of the White

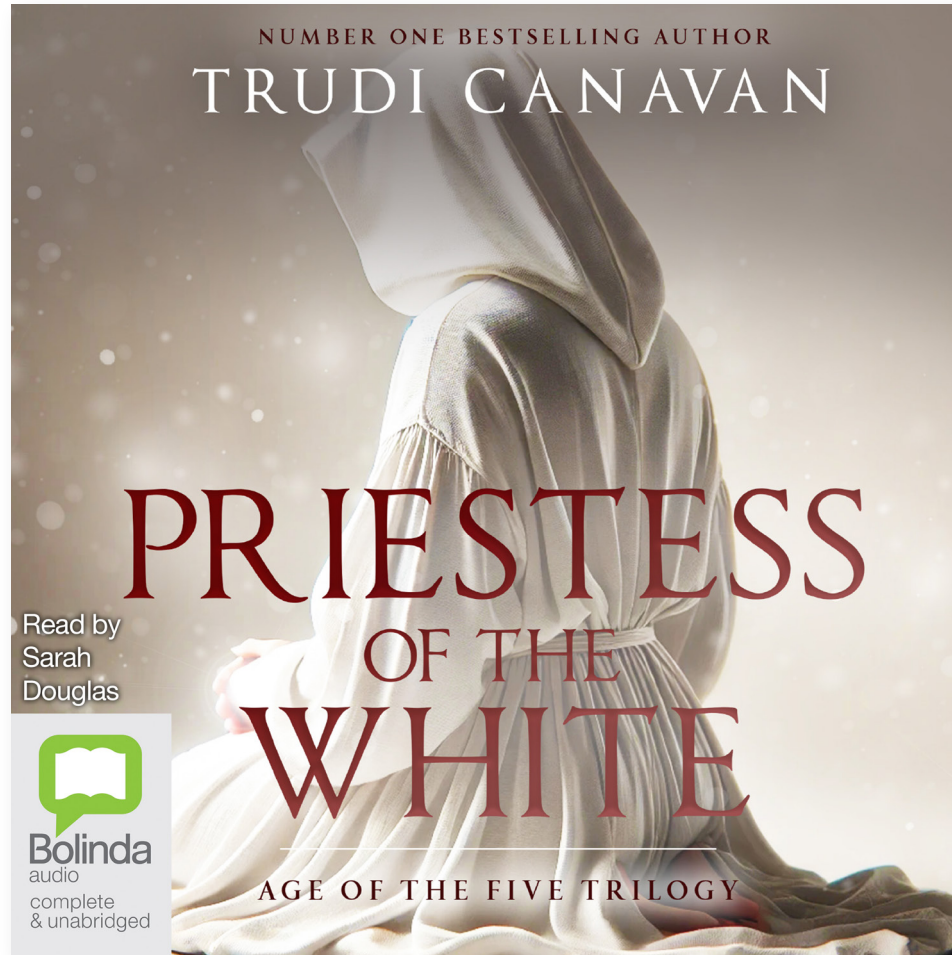
Age of the Five Gods #1

Trudi Canavan

Narrator to be Announced

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | January 2025



Trudi Canavan, author of the bestselling Black Magician Trilogy, embarks upon a wonderful fantasy series set in a classical world of magic, heroes, gods and forbidden love.

When Auraya was chosen to become a priestess, she could never have believed that a mere ten years later she would be one of the White, the gods' most powerful servants.

Sadly, Auraya has little time to adapt to the exceptional powers gifted her by the gods. Mysterious black-clad sorcerers from the south plague the land, and rumours reach the White of an army being raised. Auraya and her new colleagues work tirelessly to seal alliances and unite the northern continent under their banner, but time is running out.

War comes to the lands of the White, and unless Auraya can master her new abilities, even the favour of the gods may not be enough to save them ...

Priestess of the White reached number three in the *Sunday Times* hardback fiction bestseller list, staying in the top ten for six weeks

In 1999 Trudi Canavan won the Aurealis Award for Best Fantasy Short Story with *Whispers of the Mist Children*, and in the same year she was granted a writer's residency at Varuna Writers' Centre in Katoomba, New South Wales

Canavan's title *The Magician's Apprentice* won the Best Fantasy Novel category of the Aurealis Awards

'A wonderfully and meticulously detailed world, and an edge-of-the-seat plot, this book is a must for lovers of good fantasy.' – Jennifer Fallon, author of *The Demon Child Trilogy*

'Canavan is a natural storyteller.' – Emerald City

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Susie

Edwardian Candlelight #5

M.C. Beaton

Read by Emma Powell

Adult New Release

Romance | January 2025

Widowed on her wedding night, an ordinary woman is plunged into a world of scheming and misadventure, in this romantic comedy set in Edwardian England.

Poor little Susie. A beautiful dreamer, she imagined herself happy in a rose-covered cottage, only to find herself mistress of a great damp castle and wife to the elderly Earl of Blackhall. Luck, not the lecherous earl, contrived to spare her, and by her wedding night, she was transformed to a wealthy young widow. But her trials had just begun.

The old countess was determined to turn the simple country miss into a sophisticated lady. Meanwhile, handsome Sir Giles was determined to unmask her as a dangerously cunning young minx. Sweet, naive Susie. Luck had brought her a fortune she'd never wished for, but what stroke of fortune could make her dreams of real and innocent love come true?

M.C. Beaton is the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Agatha Raisin series – the basis for the hit show on Acorn TV and public television

Known as the 'Queen of Crime', Beaton was born in Scotland and started her career writing historical romances under several pseudonyms as well as her maiden name, Marion Chesney

Beaton's titles have been translated into 17 languages and have sold more than 22 million copies worldwide

'Chesney once again adroitly manipulates the floating upstairs population that keeps the downstairs on its toes.' – Publishers Weekly (on *Rake's Progress*)

'A witty, charming, touching bit of Regency froth. Highly recommended.' – Library Journal (on *Rake's Progress*)



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Powell



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Finding Alfie

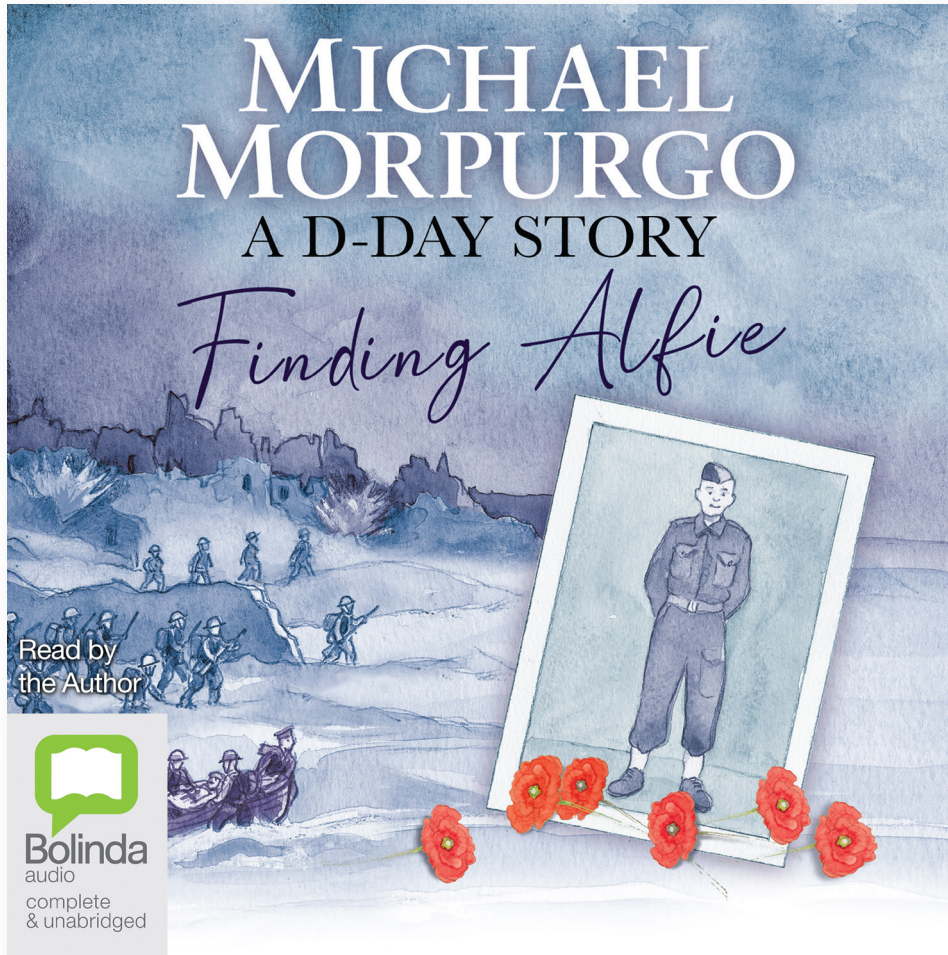
A D-Day Story

Michael Morpurgo

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2025



On the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, award-winning author Michael Morpurgo tells a new story about this milestone moment in British history.

Young Michael Morpurgo always loved the small painting of a boat hanging on Aunty Iris's wall. But all she would ever say about it was that her beloved Alfie had painted it and given it to her years ago – before he'd left for France during World War II and had never come back.

Michael decides to try and find out what happened to Alfie himself. He embarks on a journey that takes him to the marshes of an English coastal village and across the Channel into France, learning a profound lesson along the way about service and the surprising endurance of memory.

Michael Morpurgo OBE is one of Britain's best loved authors for children, with sales of over 35 million copies

Morpurgo has written over 150 titles and has served as Children's Laureate

Morpurgo has won many prizes, including the Smarties Prize, the Writers Guild Award, the Whitbread Award, the Blue Peter Book Award and the Eleanor Farjeon Lifetime Achievement Award

'A beautiful reminder of how thankful we should be for the bravery and sacrifice of previous generations.' – Tes magazine (on *Poppy Field*)

'This poignant story is ideal to share with young children to promote discussion about the impact of war and the nature of remembrance.' – BookTrust (on *Poppy Field*)

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Winnie the Pooh: Once There Was a Bear

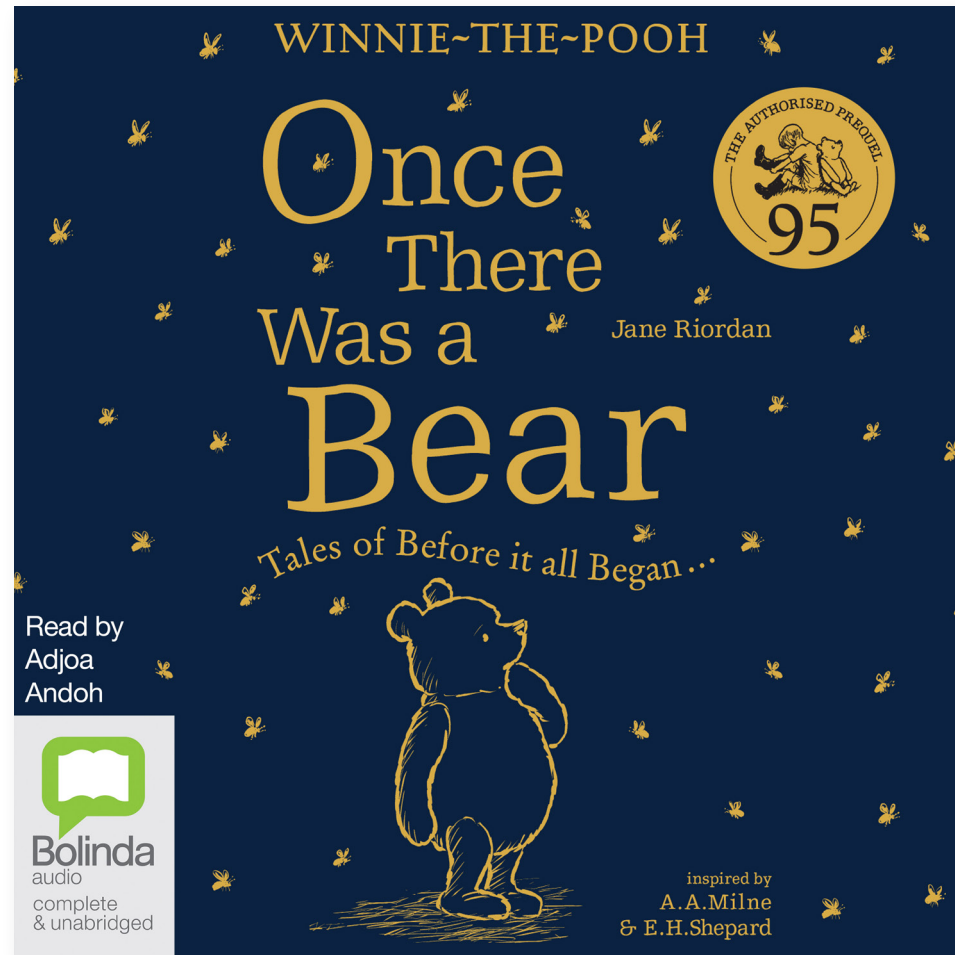
Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2025

Tales of Before It All Began

Jane Riordan

Read by Adjoa Andoh



Enjoy the early adventures of Winnie-the-Pooh and friends in *Winnie-the-Pooh Once There Was a Bear*.

'There must be a Before,' said Rabbit, when Christopher Robin was asked about Before he came to the Forest. And so begins the first of ten tales that take readers back to the time when Pooh Bear sat in Harrods, waiting to be bought for Christopher Robin.

Including a furry tale in London Zoo, a tall tale at The Natural History Museum and a tiny tale of a nursery mouse, this authorised prequel steps into the younger Christopher Robin's world; one of den-building, treasure seeking, funny hums and honey!

Jane Riordan originally trained to be a primary school teacher, but her love of children's books led to a career in publishing

Riordan is the author of many books for children, including *Winnie-the-Pooh Goes to London* and *A Pudding for Christmas*

'*Winnie-the-Pooh* has always been a very special (albeit funny old) bear, not least of all because his books are filled with wonderful words of wisdom.' – Stylist magazine

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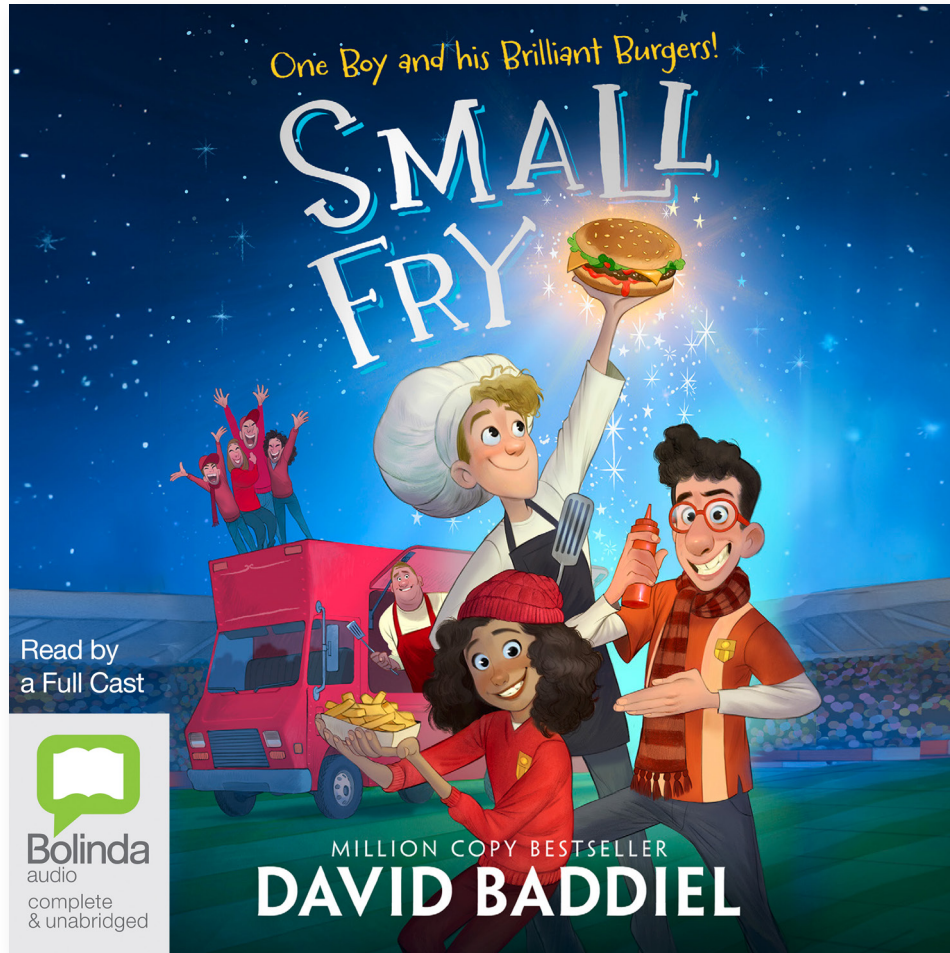
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Small Fry

David Baddiel

Read by a Full Cast



A funny, exciting, David vs Goliath adventure with a heartwarming father-son relationship from million-copy bestselling author David Baddiel.

The story of one boy and his brilliant burgers!

Benny Burns spends every weekend helping his dad by working at their burger van, parked outside the local football ground. And when Benny finds his grandfather's old recipe book and begins following its instructions, he starts cooking INCREDIBLE food – so good, in fact, that he attracts the unwanted attention of fast-food giant Bonkers Burgers! and its CEO, Bodley Bonkers.

To Bodley, Benny and his burgers are a threat that must be eliminated ... by any means necessary.

And so, along with his dad and his two best friends, Jasper and Mina, Benny must find a way to defeat Bonkers Burgers, help rescue his dad's business, and share his passion for cooking with the world – a mission that leads to him competing with the world's greatest chef to cook the best burger.

Perfect for fans of *Danny the Champion of the World*, *Millions* and *Ratatouille*

David Baddiel has published several hugely successful children's books, which have sold over one million copies in print

Baddiel has also written and presented a documentary for Channel 4, four critically acclaimed adult novels as well as writing the hit comedy film *The Infield*

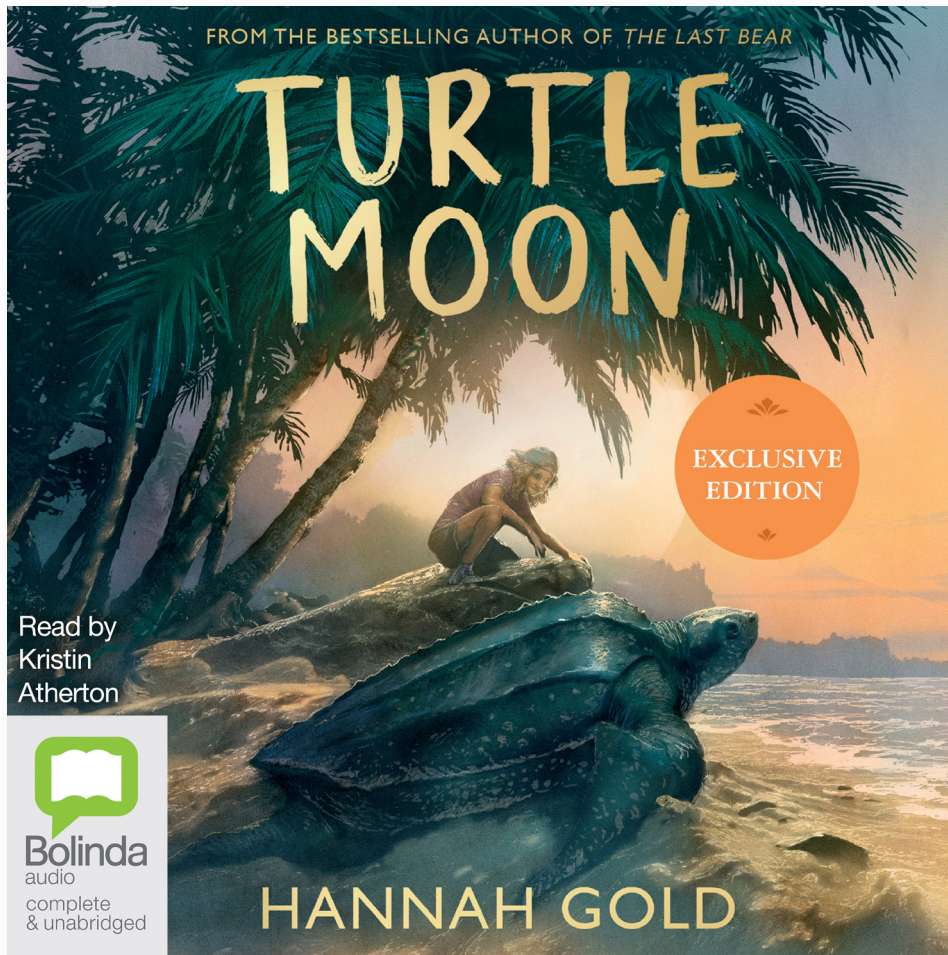
'Funny, sometimes moving, always engaging.' – The Guardian (on *The Parent Agency*)

'Exciting and funny – I didn't want to put it down!' – LoveReading4Kids (on *The Parent Agency*)

Turtle Moon

Hannah Gold

Read by Kristin Atherton



Journey to the heart of the jungle in this unforgettable adventure from the author of bestselling and prize-winning *The Last Bear*.

Silver Trelvon's parents aren't happy. They haven't been happy since the nursery they decorated started gathering cobwebs, waiting for the baby brother or sister that never came. So when Silver's dad is invited to paint at a turtle rescue centre in Costa Rica, she hopes it'll be just the adventure the family needs.

Under the hot tropical sun, Silver settles into life at the animal centre. She even witnesses a rare sighting of a leatherback turtle nesting on the beach. But when the turtle's eggs are stolen, events take a dark and dangerous turn. Can Silver and her new friends track them down before it's too late? It'll mean journeying into the heart of the jungle and uncovering long-buried secrets ...

Hannah Gold is the author of *The Last Bear*, which won The Blue Peter Book Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2022 and is translated into over 24 languages around the world

Gold is also the author of *The Lost Whale*, which was the winner of the Edward Stanford Children's Travel Book of the Year; and the bestseller *Finding Bear*

Gold's books have sold over 280,000 copies worldwide and have been translated into 25 languages. She is also an ambassador for Whale and Dolphin Conservation

'[A] beautifully told, heartfelt story ... so hopeful and heartwarming and left me wanting more!' – A.M. Dassu, internationally acclaimed author of *Boy, Everywhere* (on *Finding Bear*)

'It's impossible not to get profoundly invested in the lives of Hannah Gold's brilliant characters. An unstoppable, heartwarming sequel of extreme importance.' – Carlie Sorosiak, author of *I, Cosmo* (on *Finding Bear*)

Mission Manta Ray

Mission Microraptor #2

Philip Kavvadias

Read by Nic Davey-Greene

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2025

The second hilarious action-packed adventure in the Mission Microraptor series. Finn, Milo and new girl, Tasi – together with Arty, the microraptor – are sent to investigate deep-sea disturbances.

Finn, Milo, and new girl, Tasi – together with Arty, the microraptor – are sent to investigate deep-sea disturbances.

Soon they are plunged into danger when their research ship is torpedoed by a vast submersible shaped like a manta ray.

Once again, the junior agents are face to face with an enemy that has bottomless ambition ...

Jurassic Park meets *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by way of Alex Rider in this joyous, riotous, all-action series for children aged eight and above

Philip Kavvadias writes constantly – stories, screenplays, poems ... he also sketches, and as an engineer, he works in sustainability for one of the biggest brands in the world

'Funny and fast paced with more twists and turns than a microraptor in flight. It's a great set up for lots more adventures to come. I really enjoyed it.' – Mo O'Hara, author of *New York Times* bestselling series *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish* (on *Mission Microraptor*)

'Brilliant! Finn and Milo are going to be such hits. And the kids are going to fall in love with Arty. KEAR!' – David Barker, author of *The London Falling Trilogy* (on *Mission Microraptor*)



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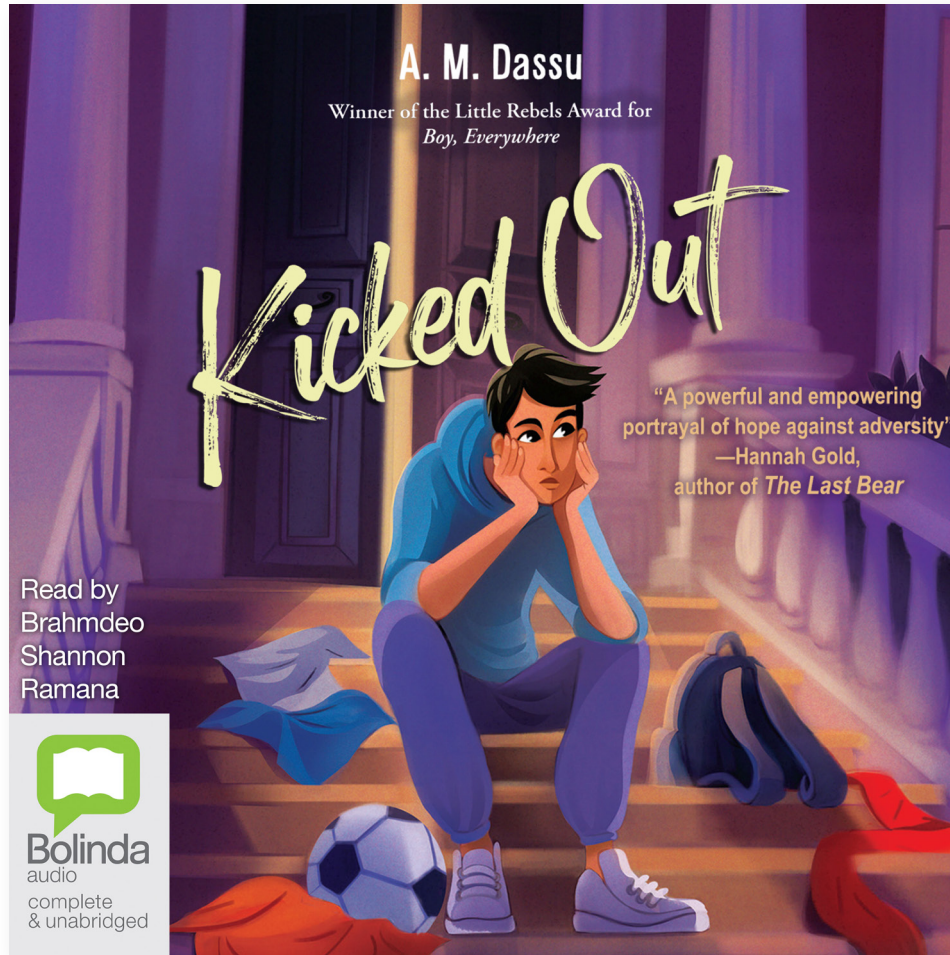
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Kicked Out

A.M. Dassu

Read by Brahmdeo Shannon Ramama



The much-anticipated sequel to *Boy, Everywhere* and follows on from my World Book Day title *Boot It!*, *Kicked Out* is a story about rejection, finding your self-worth, friendship, family, loyalty and belonging.

Kicked Out finds Ali and Sami living their dream, playing football for the school team and hanging out in their friend Mark's new luxury pool. But money goes missing and racism rears its ugly head when their friend Aadam is accused of the theft. Can the boys prove Aadam's innocence, keep their friendship – and help fight Aadam's threatened deportation? Can Ali navigate his emotions and stay focused now his dad is back on the scene and his half-brother has joined his school?

A powerful story about friendship, being an ally and finding your place in the world.

Kicked Out, was a featured Editor's Choice in The Bookseller and in the Bookseller Buyer's Guide: Ten [Books] Not to Miss

A.M. Dassu is the internationally acclaimed and award-winning author of *Boy, Everywhere*, and is a Director of Inclusive Minds – an organisation for people who are passionate about inclusion, diversity, equality and accessibility in children's literature

Dassu is one of the National Literacy Trust's Connecting Stories campaign authors, aiming to help inspire a love of reading and writing in children and young people

'Warm and perfectly observed. Dassu writes the best child characters out there – flawed, messy, cheeky and utterly believable.' – Louie Stowell, bestselling author of *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*

'A powerful and empowering portrayal of hope against adversity. A.M. Dassu is one of our most authentic voices in children's literature.' – Hannah Gold, author of *The Last Bear*

Headless Ghost

The Breakfast Club Adventures

Marcus Rashford & Isaac Hamilton-McKenzie

Read by Kenton Thomas

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2025



The fifth instalment in an exciting mystery series by England International footballer, child food-poverty campaigner and bestselling author Marcus Rashford.

There's only a week to go before the school play when things start going wrong in rehearsals. Sets crash over, lights go on and off and the fog machine has a mind of its own. There are rumours that a headless ghost has been haunting the dressing rooms and ruining rehearsals with its ear splitting screech.

Marcus and his friends must work together to solve the mystery before opening night. The show must go on, so it's a good thing the Breakfast Club Investigators never give up!

Marcus Rashford MBE is Manchester United's iconic number 10 and an England International footballer

Rashford has committed himself to combating child poverty in the UK, and his title *You Are a Champion* is an inspiring guide for children about reaching their full potential

In October 2020, Rashford was appointed MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours

'A super-fun story about friendship, community and having exciting adventures.'
– The Week Junior (on *The Beast Beyond the Fence*)

'A great story of developing young friendships, delving into some of the issues children of this age group may be facing, and helping them find the tools they need to grow with confidence.' – The Liverpool Echo (on *The Beast Beyond the Fence*)

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Pony Camp Chaos

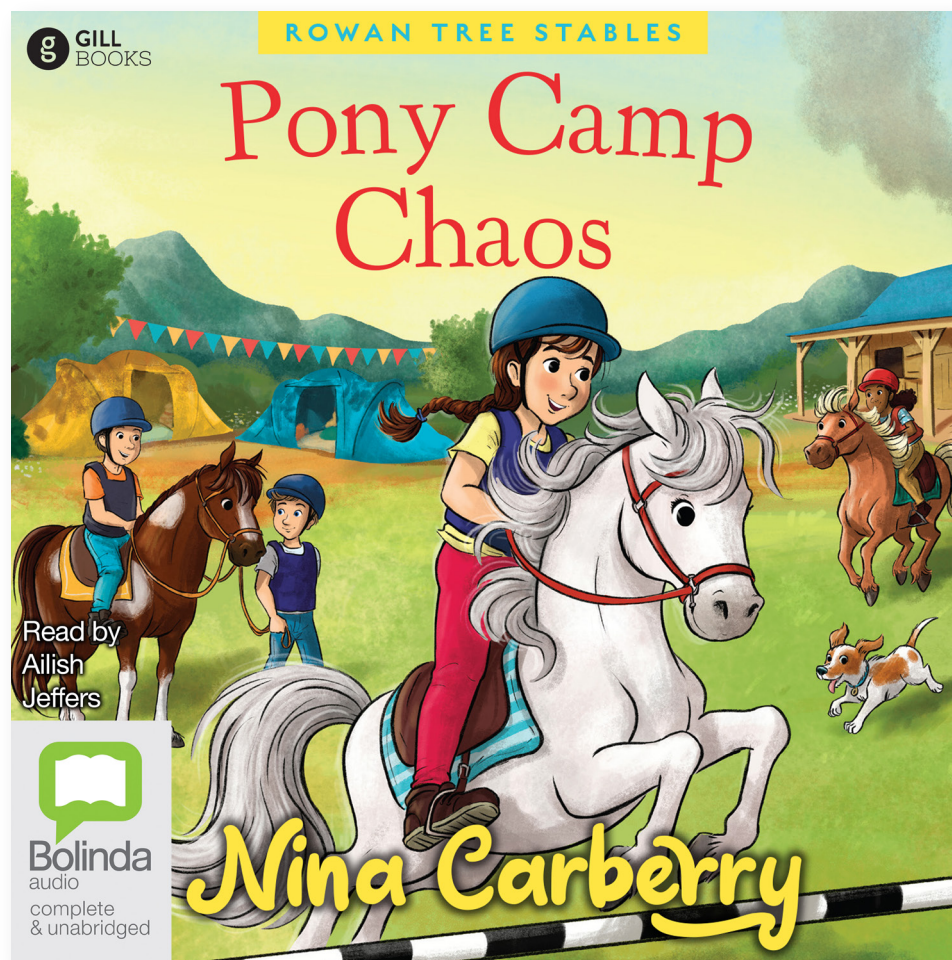
Rowan Tree Stables #2

Nina Carberry

Read by Ailish Jeffers

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2025



Saddle up for adventure with the exciting new instalment in the Rowan Tree Stables pony series, from champion Irish jockey Nina Carberry.

Grace and Aaron are back, along with their ponies Daisy and Nipper, in this exciting second book from champion jockey Nina Carberry, inspired by her own childhood adventures.

In *Pony Camp Chaos*, Grace and Aaron help Grandad run his first-ever pony camp. But a couple of the campers, Leah and Ryan, can't stop causing trouble. Can they put their issues aside and help Grace and Aaron save a pregnant mare in difficulty?

Nina Carberry is a retired champion Irish National Hunt jockey who has won both the Irish Grand National and Cheltenham Festival

Widely regarded as one of the greatest amateur riders of all time, Carberry enjoyed a terrific near 17-year career in the saddle

Carberry rode 398 winners in Ireland (National Hunt and Flat) and along with 23 in Britain and two in Germany

Carberry won *Dancing with the Stars* in 2022 and most recently has been a coach on *Ireland's Fittest Family* on RTÉ

'A lively adventure.' – The Echo (on the Rowan Tree Stables series)

'Will no doubt inspire a new generation.' – RSVP Live (on the Rowan Tree Stables series)

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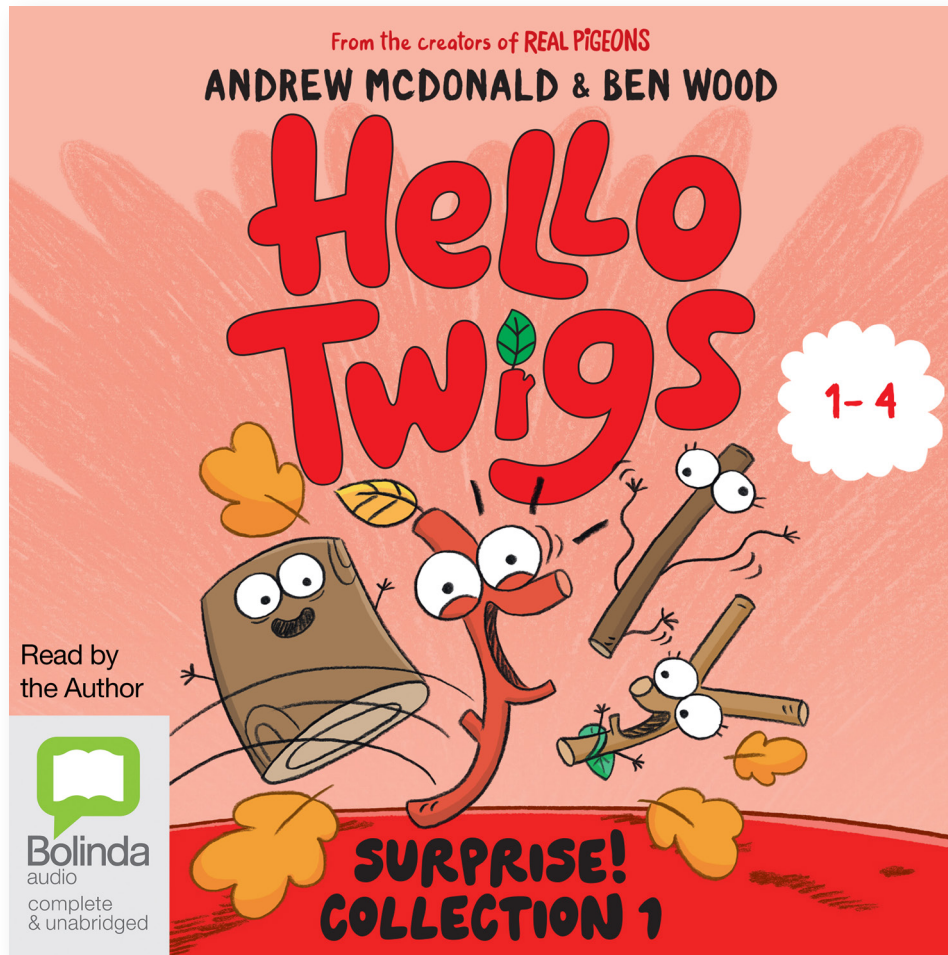
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Hello Twigs Collection 1

Andrew McDonald

Read by the Author



The world is big when you're a twig! A delightful collection from the bestselling creators of the Real Pigeons

Hello Twigs, Surprise!: Red is a WILD TWIG who loves giving surprises. So when he jumps out and yells 'SURPRISE' at his friends, he expects them to laugh – but instead they are shocked and scared.

Hello Twigs, How Are You Feeling?: Stump is having a feeling. A feeling he calls 'GREAT SADNESS', because he used to live in the Big Tree, until a bolt of lightning struck him out. Poor Stump! He bravely tries to stick himself back onto the tree, but his twiggy friends have a different idea.

Hello Twigs, Let's Find Treasure: Ziggy Twig wants to prove she's an awesome explorer, and there's one thing explorers are great at: finding treasure. But what happens when she leads her twiggy best friends on a big treasure hunt ... and they discover they don't actually know what treasure is?

Hello Twigs, Time to Paint: Noodle isn't just a twig – she's an ARTIST too. And she knows exactly what she wants to paint. There's just one problem – they can't find any BLUE. Noodle is dismayed ... until she discovers that true artists can make up their own rules.

Produced with sound design for an immersive listening experience

Andrew McDonald is the author of the bestselling Real Pigeons series

McDonald's books have been shortlisted for prizes such as the Australian Book Industry Awards, the Readings Children's Book Prize and the YABBA, KOALA and KROC children's choice book awards

'The characters are best friends, funny and playful, full of wild ideas, and always looking out for each other.' – Kids' Book Review (on the Hello Twigs series)

Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven

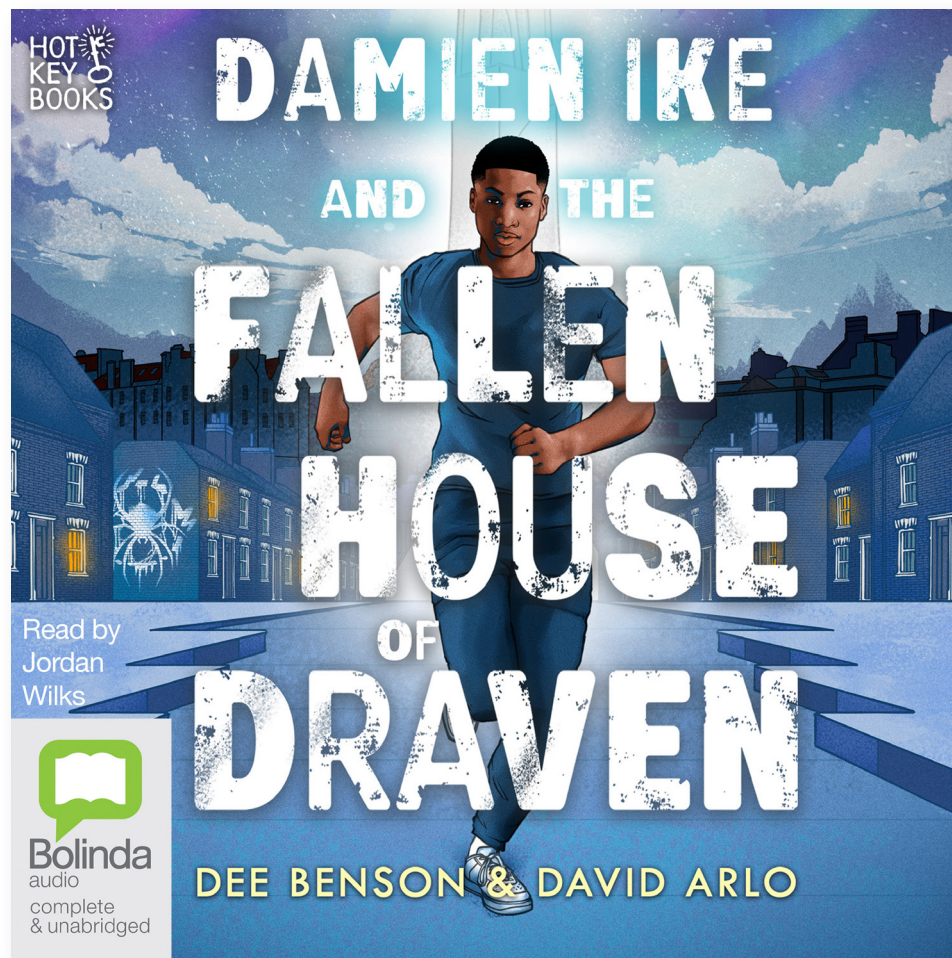
Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | January 2025

Damien Ike

Dee Benson & David Arlo

Read by Jordan Wilks



A thrilling new fantasy exploring fear, prejudice and hope with a bold new hero: Damien Ike

Damien Ike is fortunate. As the son of the most powerful mage in the land, he should have a bright future ahead of him. But as Damien approaches adulthood, he can't help but worry that there is no sign of his magic developing. And yet to survive beyond a few days old with no magic is unthinkable – the High Commission of Mages does not allow it. There's no way his father, their leader, would have a son who is a Nullborn.

Then Damien stumbles upon a secret his mother has kept from everyone – even him – and everything changes. Could it be that the fortune his future promised is not all it's cracked up to be?

As Damien's world is turned upside down, he must discover how to keep their secret safe and get to the heart of the lies on which their world is founded ...

Perfect for fans of *The Witcher* and *An Ember in the Ashes*

Dee Benson is the author of Young Adult titles *Glow Up*, *Lara Bloom* and *Work It, Lara Bloom*

Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven is David Arlo's debut work of fiction

'Joyful highs, bittersweet lows and crazy fun antics ... I loved it!' – J.P. Rose, author of *The Haunting of Tyrese Walker* (on *Work It, Lara Bloom*)

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Naughty Dragons Make Trouble

Naughty Dragons #1

Natalie Jane Prior & Simon Howe

Read by Nic Davey-Greene

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | January 2025

The first instalment in the Naughty Dragons series, packed with rollicking adventure, riotous laughs and oodles of mischief.

In the Laidley Hundreds, dangerous wild dragons roam the Highlands. But dragons aren't born bad – just naughty!

When Ava and Jack's parents agree to foster two young dragons, the siblings can't believe their luck. But teaching a mischievous pair of dragons how to behave isn't easy, and Jack and Ava will have their work cut out for them with Graun and Fafnine. They might look sweet, but don't let that fool you – these dragons can cause trouble like you wouldn't believe.

Perfect for fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and Enid Blyton's classic adventures

Natalie Jane Prior is the author of numerous books for many ages and has been published in more than 20 countries

A former librarian, Prior is best known for her internationally successful Lily Quench series, which has well over half a million copies in print and was featured on BBC Radio

Prior has been the recipient of the Aurealis Award, the Davitt Award, and has been recognised several times by the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards

'The adventures have a lot of humor.' – January Magazine (on *Lily Quench and the Hand of Manuelo*)

'This is a well told, very readable adventure.' – Books for Keeps (on *Lily Quench and the Dragon of Ashby*)



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Additional Releases (Not Included in SOP)

January new releases 2025

Jenna

Outback Brides of Wirralong #3

Barbara Hannay

Read by Agnès Mohan

Adult New Release

Romance | January 2025

The third book in the heartwarming Outback Brides of Wirralong series from award-winning Australian author Barbara Hannay.

Can she keep a safe distance?

Jenna Matthews is a city girl, no question. Despite a childhood spent in the Outback, she's committed to her fast-paced life and the competitive world of corporate law. When her best friend asks her to be a bridesmaid, Jenna finds herself in Wirralong and wildly attracted to the best man. A fling? Why not?

Dangerously sexy Sam Twist runs his vast family sheep property and is as keen as Jenna to keep their relationship at fling status. Then the authorities turn up on his doorstep and Jenna jumps in to help despite Sam's protests.

She soon learns that after years of drought, there are others in the district who need her skills. Her dilemma? Spending too much time around Sam is perilous. He could rob a girl of her heart.

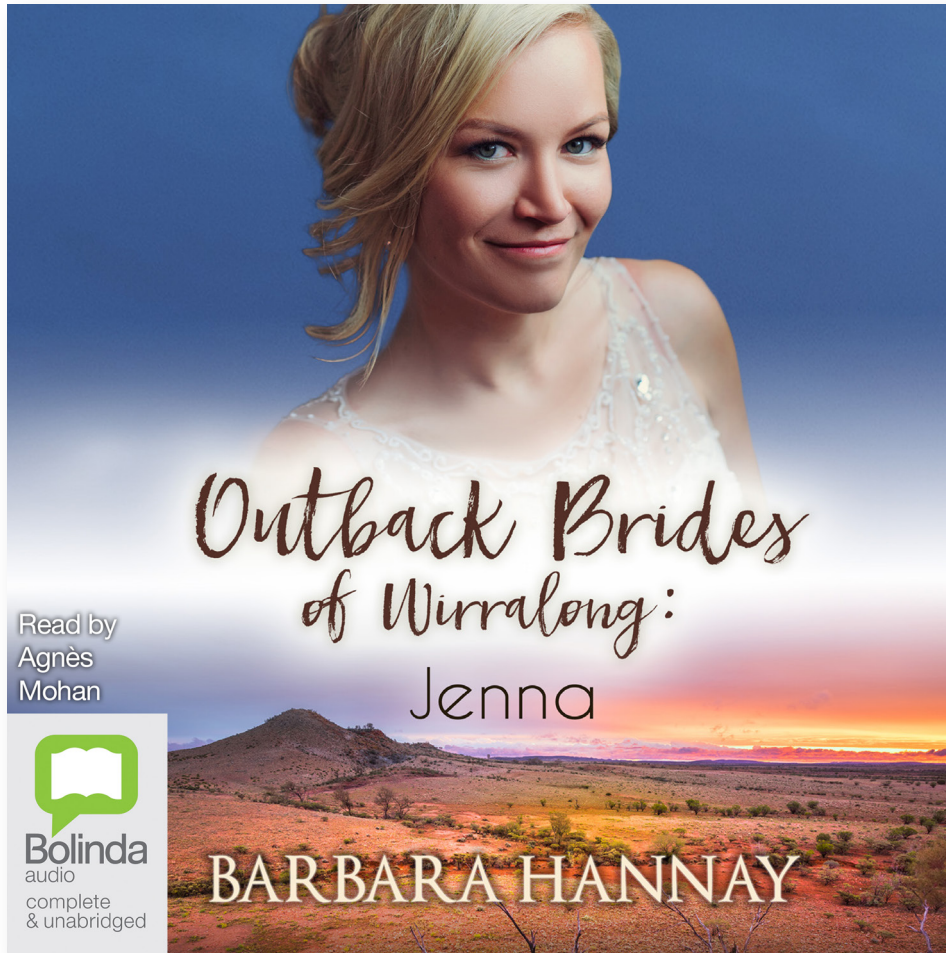
Barbara Hannay is a former high school English teacher who was first published in 1999. Since then she has written over 40 books

With more than 12 million copies sold worldwide, Hannay's novels have earned her five RITA nominations from Romance Writers of America and she won a RITA award in 2007

Hannay is also the recipient of two Romantic Book of the Year awards in Australia and one of her novels is currently being developed as a television movie

'Its characters are endearing and the story realistic.' – Brisbane (on *The Sister's Gift*)

'The universal themes of love, family and relationships run throughout ... making it appealing to a broad audience.' – GLAM Adelaide (on *Meet Me in Venice*)



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The Dictionary of Terrible Ideas

Dominic Knight

Read by the Author

The hilarious new audiobook from author of *The Strayan Dictionary* and *Strayapedia* and co-founder of The Chaser.

A crapulous of crapulous concepts, from absinthe to zorbing.

Thanks to his expert knowledge of the whole alphabet, Dominic Knight is uniquely qualified to write an A to Z of the things that deeply irritate him, and should irritate everybody. Bullfighting, unicorns, homeopathy, fluffy dice, chillout music, vapes and multilevel marketing are among the entries in this delightful and definitive list of atrocities, which proves beyond a doubt that alongside the magnificent march of progress, there has been a much funnier race to the bottom.

The Dictionary of Terrible Ideas reminds us that humans remain as unreliable as a Bluetooth connection, as irritating as a self-service checkout machine, and as prone to making poor decisions as Kanye West – all of which are featured within this turducken of terribleness that is this book.

Dominic Knight is one of the founders of The Chaser and as a writer on most of their projects he was definitely responsible for all of the jokes you liked and none of the bad ones

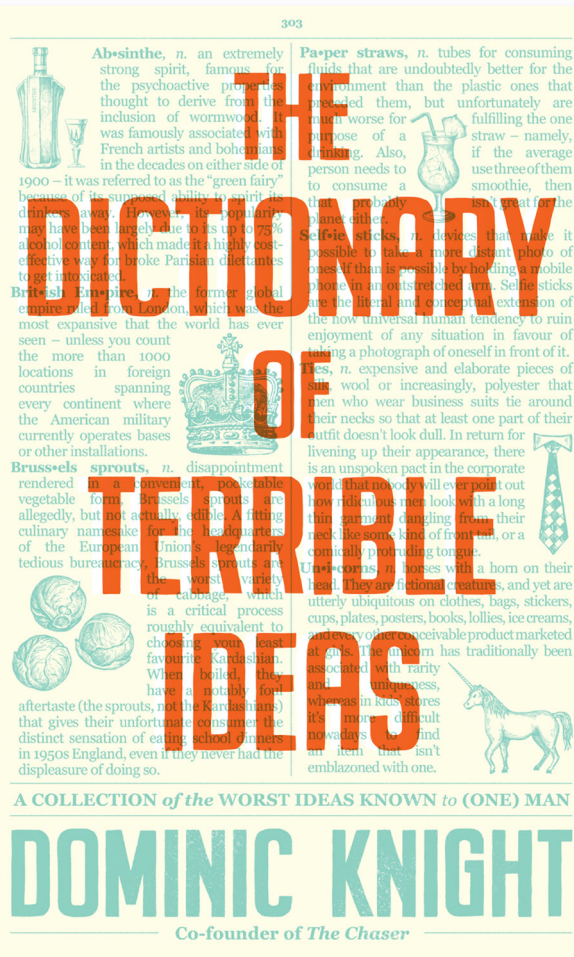
In recent years Knight has also presented serious programs on ABC Radio and a silly one on Triple M

Knight's books include *The Strayan Dictionary*, *Strayapedia*, *Trumpedia* and *The 2020 Dictionary*

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Wed by the Wayside

A True Story of Love, Family and Community

Alana Valentine

Read by Matilda Ridgway

Adult New Release

Autobiography | January 2025

Can marriage be an act of rebellion? This is the story of the Wayside Chapel, a quiet revolution from a side street of Kings Cross, Sydney.

'Compelling ... evocatively captures why the Wayside Chapel is the beating heart of our community.'
Indira Naidoo, Wayside Ambassador and broadcaster

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A True Story of Love,
Family and Community

ALANA VALENTINE

Alana Valentine's mother, Janice, was remarried in 1969 at the Wayside Chapel, run by the charismatic and controversial minister Ted Noffs and his wife Margaret. Many years after her mother died, Alana found the wedding photo, and the longing to speak to her mother about that day drove her to seek out others who had begun new chapters of their lives at Wayside.

What Alana found was a remarkable group of people, whose stories are told here with kaleidoscopic effect. Wayside is a uniquely Australian institution where people have been welcomed for decades in spite of social taboos around race, class, religion and sexuality. Over the years, the likes of Ita Buttrose, Andy Gibb and Jane Powell have been married there, and the Chapel has been supported by famous ambassadors such as David Wenham, Claudia Karvan and Leah Purcell.

Told with grace and insight by one of Australia's most acclaimed playwrights, *Wed by the Wayside* is a deeply personal quest and a vibrant chronicle that reshapes our understanding of this country's social history.

Alana Valentine is one of Australia's most acclaimed playwrights. She is the author of more than 20 published works, including two books of non-fiction

Valentine's plays include *Wayside Bride*, *Watershed: The Death of Dr Duncan*, *Wudjang: Not the Past* and *Barbara and the Camp Dogs*

For *Barbara and the Camp Dogs*, Valentine was awarded both a 2019 Helpmann Award and 2020 Green Room Award for Best Original Score, as well as a Helpmann for Best Musical and Green Room for Best New Australian Work

'This mosaic of memoir, reportage and social history is – like the man and community at its centre – warm, spirited, inclusive and gently but unapologetically radical.' – Emily Maguire, author of *An Isolated Incident*

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Business to Brand

Moving from Transaction to Transformation

Fiona Killackey

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Business & Finance | January 2025

Business to Brand is the definitive guide for all small business owners who want to create a brand – not just a business.

Turning your creative side hustle or small business into a thriving and trusted brand may sound like a huge task, but help is at hand. Written by Fiona Killackey, the bestselling author of *Passion. Purpose. Profit* and owner of My Daily Business, *Business to Brand* is the definitive guide on how to move from a merely transactional business to a brand your audience can truly connect with.

Broken down into steps on product development to positioning, visual identity to values, team building to tone of voice, Fiona sets out the framework you can apply to your own business in a fun, engaging and visual way. Incorporating case studies with globally respected creative brands, as well as practical templates and tactics, this audiobook will help you not only transition from business to brand but also enjoy the journey.

Fiona Killackey is the award-winning author of *Passion Purpose Profit*, a podcaster and the founder of My Daily Business, which offers online education, business coaching, creative ideation and consulting

With more than two decades of experience working with large and small brands alike, Killackey understands what it takes to create a business that is financially secure and emotionally fulfilling

Passion. Purpose. Profit. won the Best General Book at the 2021 Australian Business Book Awards and was a finalist in the 2021 Business Book of the Year

'This book is like a coaching workshop that you run at your own pace, with interviews and anecdotes you won't find in most business books.' – Tess McCabe, founder of Creative Minds (on *Passion. Purpose. Profit.*)

'A captivating and insightful guide that navigates the journey of building a business around your passions and turning it into a profitable venture.' – Afirno (on *Passion. Purpose. Profit.*)

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Girl Friday

An Extraordinarily Ordinary Working Life

Kristine Philipp

Read by the Author

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GIRL FRIDAY



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the Author



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The hilarious and moving memoir about women at work, pay inequality and the alienating nature of the 21st century workforce.

Girl Friday – a job title used in 1970s workplaces for a junior administration assistant or receptionist. Common synonyms include junior office chick, shit-kicker, donkey worker, general dogsbody or gofer (go for this, go for that).

This is a story about resilience and reinvention, and it is also a story about how we are not human resources, we are human beings.

Kristine was 15 when she lied to get a junior office job as a Girl Friday in 1975 – she took the job because she thought she only had to go to work on Fridays. She went on to experience the full gamut of working life, from joblessness, self-employment, mind-numbing office roles, toxic workplaces and out-of-control workloads. Miraculously, Kristine clocked up 40 years of admin work, and then in her 50s she became unemployable and ready to tell all.

In 1984, Kristine Philipp was the subject of a half-hour episode of *Faces of Change*, an ABC TV documentary series (and book) about women in Australia hosted by Anne Deveson

Philipp graduated with BA Hons in cinema-media studies in 2000, has written and performed stand-up comedy shows at Fringe Festivals

Philipp's creative non-fiction short stories are published in a local literary journal, on ABC online and are produced as audio stories

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Not Just the Wife of the General Manager

Sally Warriner

Read by the Author

A rollicking memoir of one woman's life on outback cattle stations, and an homage to the many unsung women like her.

It was the 1980s and Sally was in her mid 20s when she returned from a backpacking sojourn and hitchhiked to Australia's far north. But instead of moving back to Canberra as planned, she stayed. After marrying a cattle station manager, Sally lived and worked with him on various stations until she was 50, ingraining herself into the lives of the characters who inhabited these isolated places.

With wit and sass, Sally tells the story of how she was so much more than just a wife of a station manager (despite what some of the top end blokes thought). Among other things, she was a nurse (dealing with local accidents, assisting the Flying Doctor service and making emergency 400 km round trips through the outback with sick children), a mother (bringing up several children, not all her own), a travel agent, a social secretary, a host and an organiser (including of Kerry Packer's New Year's Eve parties).

This is a story about adventure, resilience, the unexpected journeys we need to go on to find ourselves, and having the courage to do something for yourself.

Sally Warriner gained her nursing degree at Canberra Hospital in 1972 and went on to train in accident and emergency and intensive care departments in London hospitals

Returning to Australia, Warriner took a position as a Registered Nurse at Broome Hospital, focusing on obstetrics and paediatrics

Warriner moved to the Northern Rivers in 2013, where she has become involved in the community through a variety of volunteering roles. She has previously worked at The Sanctuary private treatment facility in Byron Bay

'Shining a light on the unique and often bonkers world of the Australian cattle station, this is an engrossing, funny and poignant memoir about one woman's resilience and positivity. ...'

– Hugh Bonneville, actor and star of *Downton Abbey*

Not Just THE WIFE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

LIFE IN THE OUTBACK AND A WHOLE LOT MORE



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