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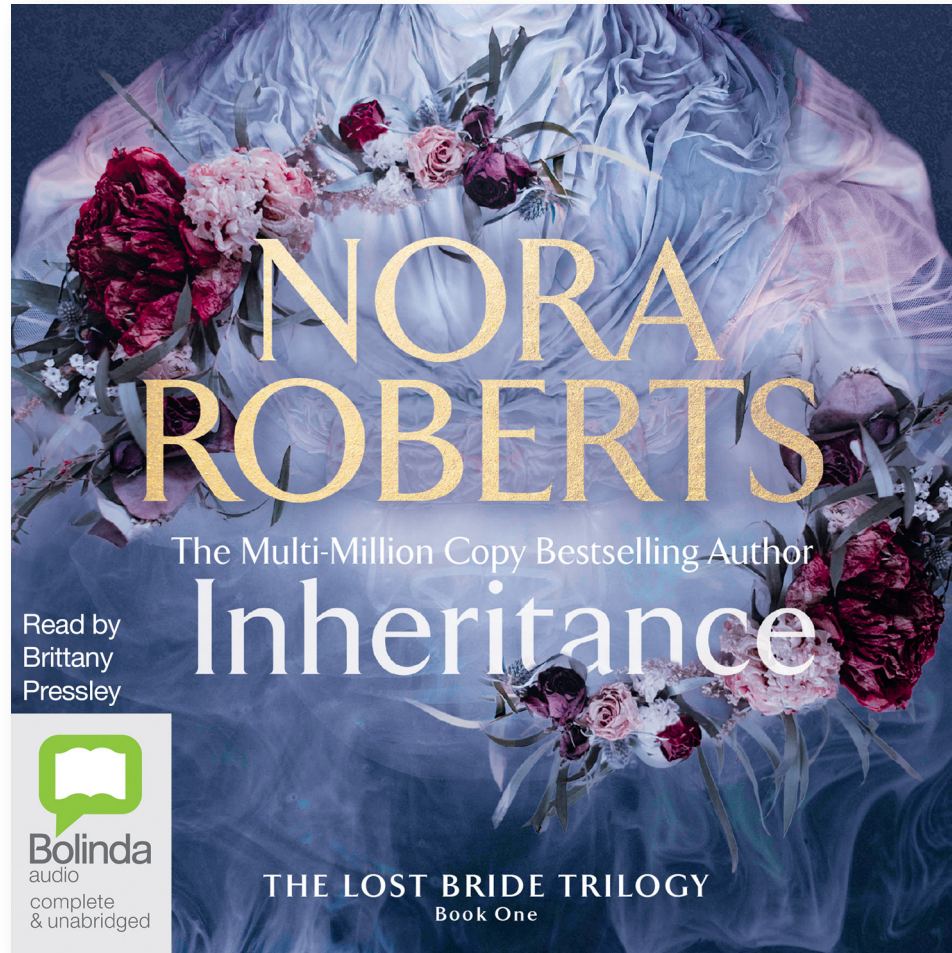
April new releases 2024

Inheritance

The Lost Bride Trilogy #1

Nora Roberts

Read by Brittany Pressley



Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | April 2024

Inheritance is the first in a brand-new gothic trilogy from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Nora Roberts, about a tale of tragedies, loves found and lost, and a family haunted for generations.

1806. Astrid Poole is murdered on her wedding day. Her last words – a promise to her husband never to leave him ...

After finding her fiancé in a compromising position with her cousin, Sonya MacTavish needs an escape. When a lawyer turns up on her doorstep out of the blue with news that she has inherited a beautiful Victorian house, Sonya thinks maybe this is just the change of scene she needs.

The house – nicknamed Lost Bride manor – is beautiful, the setting idyllic and the local town offers Sonya the smalltown comforts she craves after life in a big city. So what if there are sometimes shadows in the windows, objects move of their own accord and music starts playing out of nowhere. Sonya can live with the house being a little haunted.

But things soon start to take a darker turn and it becomes clear that Sonya has inherited far more than a house. She has inherited a centuries-old curse, and a puzzle she must solve if there is any hope of breaking it ...

Nora Roberts is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 230 novels, including *Legacy*, *The Awakening*, *Hideaway*, *Under Currents* and *The Chronicles of The One* trilogy

Roberts is also the author of the bestselling *In Death* series written under the pen name J.D. Robb

'Roberts is in fine form here. Her lush, ethereal world of ghosts and spirits is the perfect foil for Sonya's down-to-earth, almost spartan manner ... Exciting launch for Roberts' new trilogy.' – Kirkus Reviews

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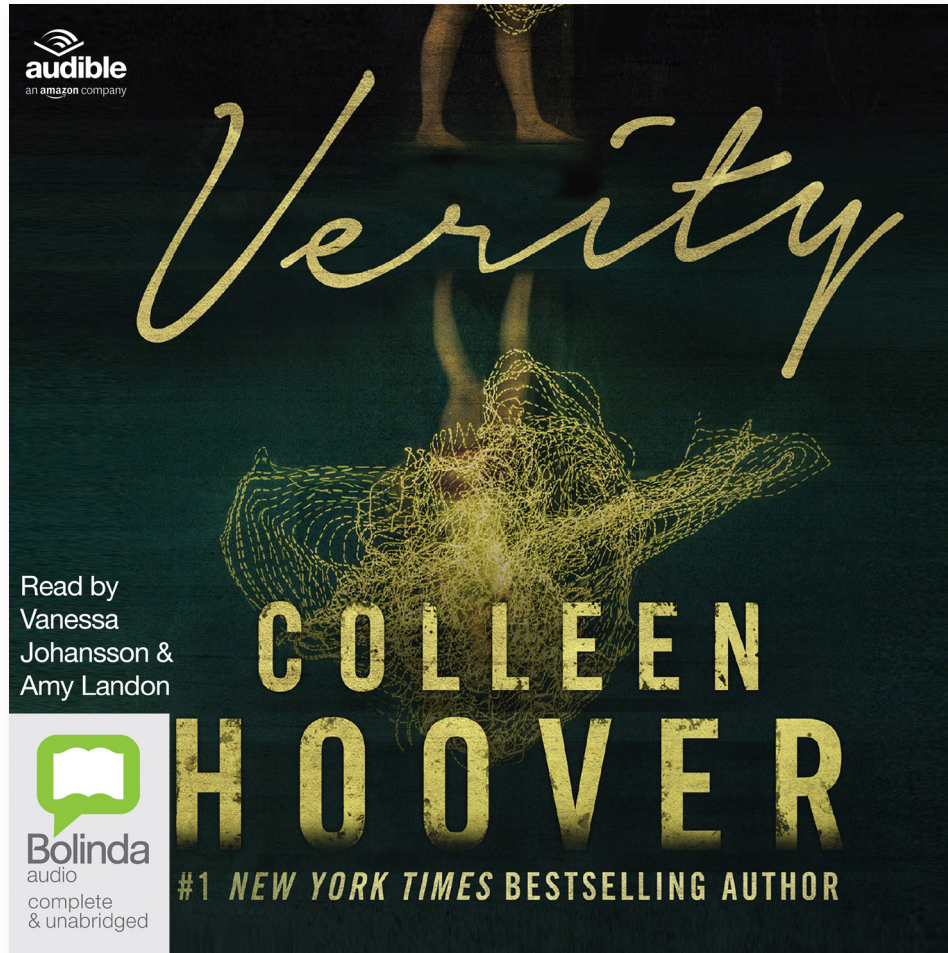
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Verity

Colleen Hoover

Read by Vanessa Johansson & Amy Landon



Rebecca meets Gone Girl in this shocking, unpredictable thriller with a twist that will leave you reeling, from *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author Colleen Hoover.

Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish.

Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read.

Lowen decides to keep the manuscript hidden from Jeremy, knowing its contents would devastate the already grieving father. But as Lowen's feelings for Jeremy begin to intensify, she recognises all the ways she could benefit if he were to read his wife's words. After all, no matter how devoted Jeremy is to his injured wife, a truth this horrifying would make it impossible for him to continue to love her.

Hoover is the #1 *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of 23 novels and novellas, including global bestseller *It Ends with Us*

Verity is Colleen Hoover's first psychological thriller and has sold over three million copies worldwide

Hoover won the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Romance three years in a row – for *Confess* (2015), *It Ends with Us* (2016) and *Without Merit* (2017)

The Kellerby Code

Jonny Sweet

Read by Jack Davenport



Deliciously dark and compulsive, *The Kellerby Code* is the most hotly anticipated debut of the year, from actor and comedian Jonny Sweet, read by celebrity voice, Jack Davenport.

Edward is living in a world he can't afford and to which he doesn't belong. To camouflage himself, he has catered to his friends' needs – fetching drycleaning, sorting flowers for premieres. It's a noble effort, really – anything to keep his best pals Robert and Stanza happy. In return, his proximity to them might sponge the shame of his birth and violent past cleanly away.

But the chink in his armour is his painfully unrequited love for Stanza. When he realises Stanza and Robert are an item, Edward is pushed too far. His little acts of kindness take a sinister turn, giving way to the unspeakable brutality Edward fears is at his core.

Are there limits to what he will do for his friends? Are there limits to what he will do to them?

Jonny Sweet is a talented actor, writer, performer and producer, whose original comedy narrative series *Together* aired on BBC Three to critical acclaim

Sweet co-wrote comedy series *Chickens* for Sky, produced by Big Talk Productions and starred in the series as co-lead with fellow writers Joe Thomas and Simon Bird

'Magnificent. A major new talent.' – Richard Osman

'A deft, razor-sharp debut that effortlessly bestrides crime and comedy. Jonny Sweet is annoyingly talented.' – Erin Kelly, bestselling author of *He Said/She Said*

'Fresh, frightening, bittersweet and brutal. The Kellerby Code is wonderfully witty and delightfully dark.' – Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End*

The Night Hawks

The Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries #13

Elly Griffiths

Read by Jane McDowell

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2024

Dr Ruth Galloway returns to the moody and beautiful landscape of North Norfolk to confront another killer. A devastating new case for our favourite forensic archaeologist in this acclaimed and bestselling crime series.



The Night Hawks, a group of metal detectorists, are searching for buried treasure when they find a body on the beach in North Norfolk. At first, Nelson thinks that the dead man might be an asylum seeker, but he turns out to be a local boy, Jem Taylor, recently released from prison. Ruth is more interested in the treasure, a hoard of Bronze Age weapons. Nelson at first thinks that Taylor's death is accidental drowning, but a second death suggests murder.

Nelson is called to an apparent murder-suicide of a couple at the isolated Black Dog Farm. Local legend talks of the Black Shuck, a spectral hound that appears to people before they die. Nelson ignores this, even when the owner's suicide note includes the line, 'He's buried in the garden.' Ruth excavates and finds the body of a giant dog.

All roads lead back to this farm in the middle of nowhere, but the place spells serious danger for anyone who goes near. Ruth doesn't scare easily. Not until she finds herself at Black Dog Farm ...

Elly Griffiths is the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries and the Brighton Mysteries

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

'Griffiths's great achievement ... has been to create an atmosphere as comforting as that of any traditional detective story and yet introduce to it credible crimes and lifelike characters with convincing preoccupations.' – Literary Review

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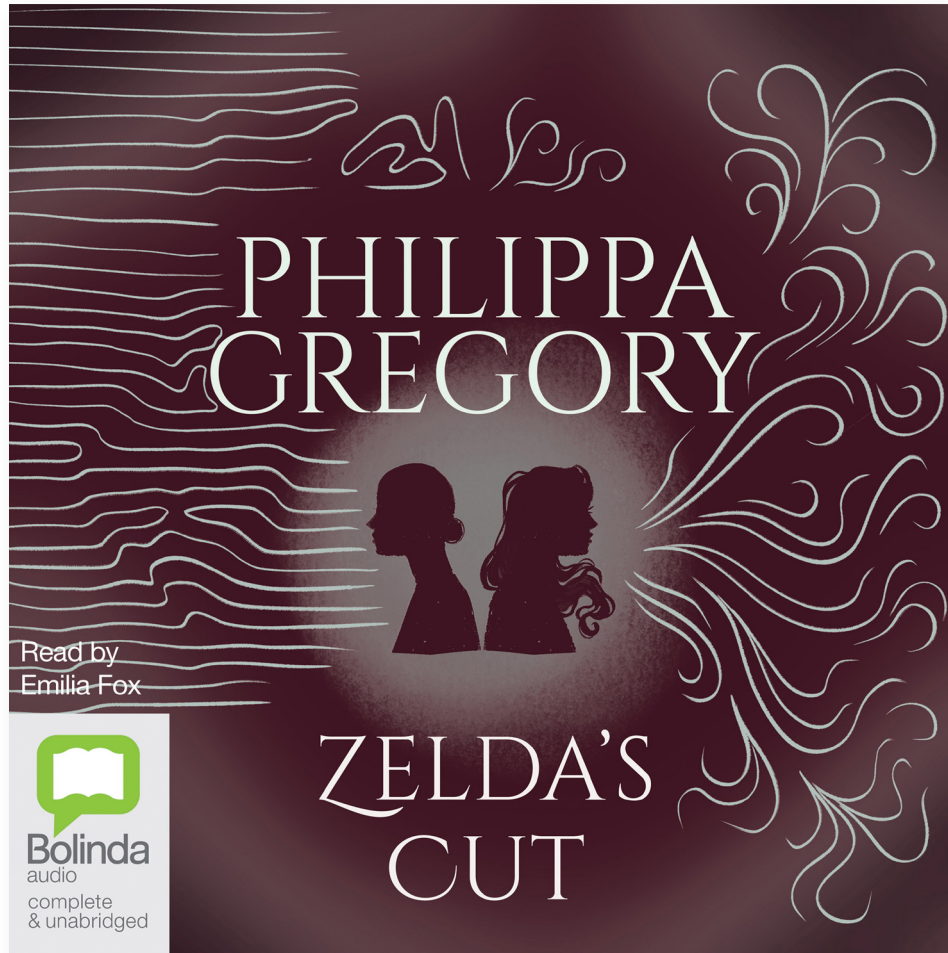
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Zelda's Cut

Philippa Gregory

Read by Emilia Fox



A delicious combination of confused identities, personal dramas and moral dilemmas in a contemporary chiller from one of our most outstanding novelists.

For years, Isobel Latimer has composed serious novels for serious people, but to dwindling acclaim and ever-more dwindling gain. Now her husband is ill and she must carry their financial burden alone, and in secret.

But if the public don't want careful moral fables any longer, why not provide an outrageous tale of sex and satanism, and an author to match? The incomparable, uncontrollable Zelda de Vere is born.

What began with the best of intentions snowballs into a disorienting blur of passion, gender-bending, loss of innocence, to betrayal and beyond. Isobel Latimer might feel she's on the brink of losing everything, but what would Zelda do?

Philippa Gregory is an internationally renowned author of historical novels. She holds a PhD in 18th-century literature from the University of Edinburgh

Philippa's works that have been adapted for television include *A Respectable Trade*, *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Queen's Fool*

The Other Boleyn Girl became a major film, starring Scarlett Johansson, Natalie Portman and Eric Bana

'Insidiously gripping.' – The Independent (on *The Little House*)

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

Still See You Everywhere

A Frankie Elkin Novel #3

Lisa Gardner

Read by Hillary Huber

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2024

From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Gardner comes a harrowing new thriller.



Missing persons specialist Frankie Elkin is on an isolated island off the coast of Hawaii to find the long-lost sister of a Death Row serial killer. Could this be her most dangerous case yet?

The case was sensational. Kaylee Pierson had confessed from the very beginning, waived all appeals. She had called herself 'death', but people called her the devil. Despite the media's chronicling of her tragic circumstances – the childhood spent with a violent father – no one could find sympathy for 'the Beautiful Butcher' who had led 18 men home from bars before viciously slitting their throats.

Now, with only 21 days left to live, Pierson has finally received a lead on the whereabouts of the sister who was kidnapped over a decade ago, and she needs Frankie's help to find her.

Twelve years ago, five-year old Leilani went missing in Hawaii. The main suspect? Pierson's tech mogul ex-boyfriend, Sanders MacManus. Now, on a remote island in the middle of the Pacific – the site of MacManus's latest vanity project – fresh evidence has appeared. In order to learn the truth and possibly save a young woman's life, Frankie must go undercover at the isolated base camp. Her challenge: a dozen strangers. Countless dangerous secrets. Zero means of calling for help. And then the storm rolls in ...

Lisa Gardner is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of several suspense novels, including *The Neighbor*, which won Thriller of the Year from the International Thriller Writers society

A self-described research junkie, Gardner has transformed her interest in police procedure and criminal minds into a streak of internationally acclaimed novels. Gardner also had four titles made into movies and has made personal appearances on TruTV and CNN

'Masterful. Not to be missed.' – Karin Slaughter, *New York Times* and international bestselling author

'This thriller has enough twists and turns to make you dizzy.' – Lisa Scottoline, *New York Times* bestselling author

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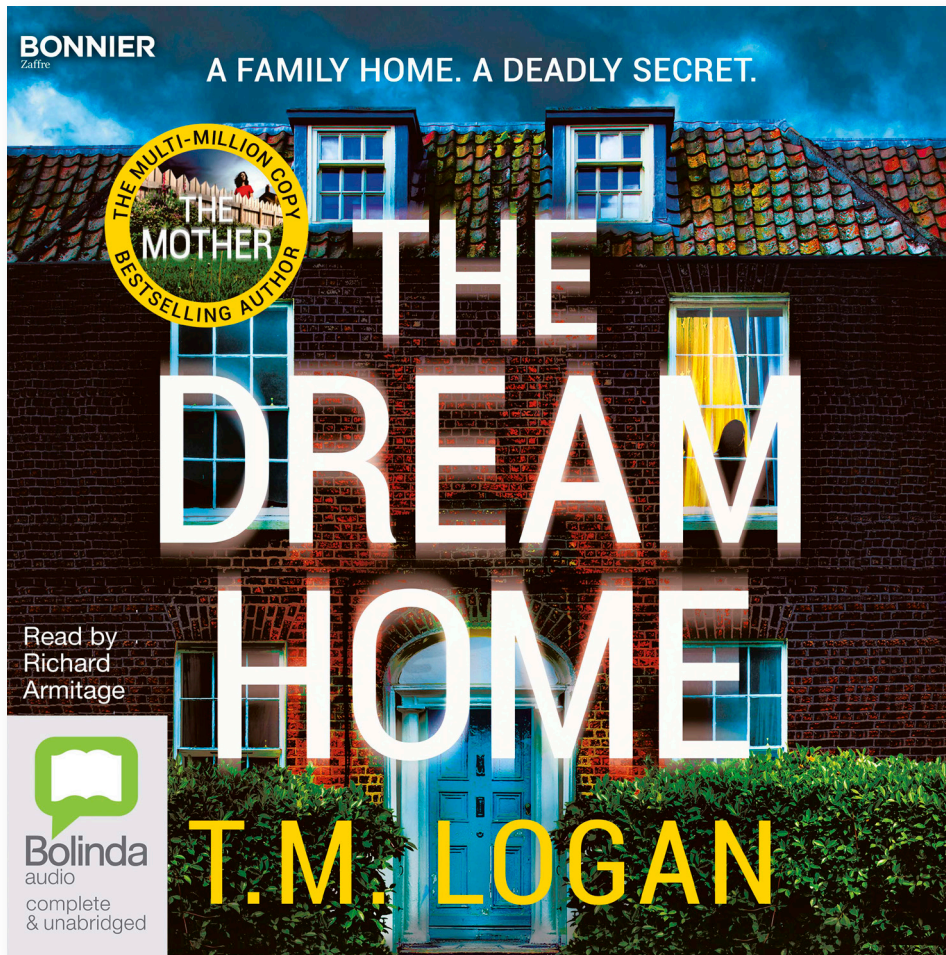
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The Dream Home

T.M. Logan

Read by Richard Armitage



The unmissable new thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Mother*, *The Catch* and *The Holiday*.

Adam and Jess move into a new house with their three young children – a rambling Victorian villa right at the very top of their price range. Before long Adam discovers a door hidden behind a fitted wardrobe, concealing a secret room ...

Inside Adam discovers an array of forgotten items, among them a wallet, an antique watch and an old mobile phone. Jess thinks they should simply throw them away. But Adam resists. He is fascinated by these items and how they came to be inside the hidden room.

But like the house, Adam has his secrets too. And soon he will find himself setting in motion a series of events that will place his family in terrible danger ...

T.M. Logan is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author whose thrillers have sold more than two million copies in the UK and are published in 22 countries around the world

Logan's *The Holiday* was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick and was adapted into a four-part TV drama, as was *The Catch*

Formerly a national newspaper journalist, Logan now writes full time and lives in Nottinghamshire with his wife and two children

'Taut and tension-packed.' – B.A. Paris, author of *Behind Closed Doors*, *The Therapist* and *The Prisoner* (on *The Curfew*)

'Logan is the master of the everyman thriller – real but nightmarish situations that could happen to you.' – Gillian McCallister, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *How to Disappear* (on *Trust Me*)

The Women

Kristin Hannah

Read by Julia Whelan

From the bestselling author of *The Four Winds*, *The Nightingale* and *Firefly Lane*, now a #1 Netflix series, comes *The Women*, a story of devastating loss and epic love.

It would be the journey of a lifetime ...

'Women can be heroes, too'. When 20-year-old nursing student, Frances 'Frankie' McGrath, hears these unexpected words, it is a revelation. Raised on California's idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing, being a good girl. But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different path for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurses Corps and follows his path.

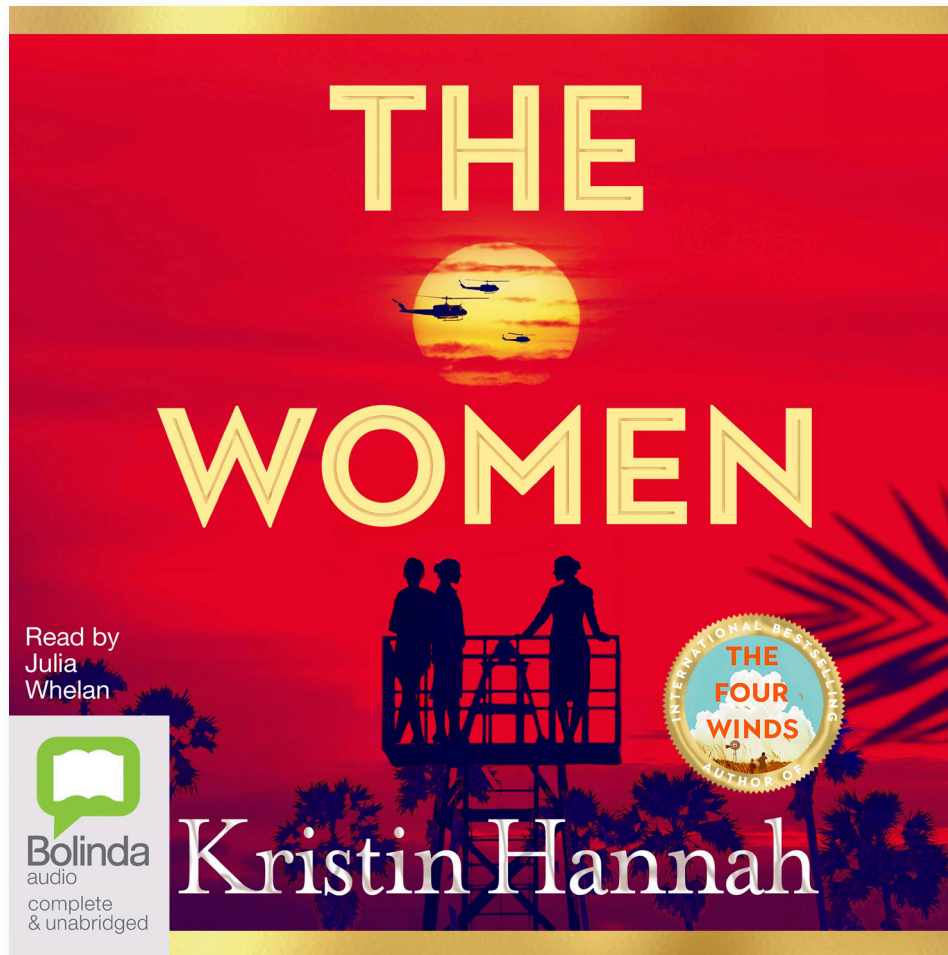
As green and inexperienced as the young men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed America. Frankie will also discover the true value of female friendship and the heartbreak that love can cause.

Kristin Hannah is an award-winning international #1 bestselling author with over 25 million copies sold worldwide

Hannah's international blockbuster *The Nightingale* was named Goodreads Best Historical fiction novel for 2015 and won the coveted People's Choice award for best fiction in the same year

Hannah is also the author of *The Four Winds*, which was selected as a book club pick by the both *Today Show* and The Book Of the Month club, which named it the best book of 2021

'Wow. I have been left with a bursting heart ... a story of love, family, unbreakable bonds, bravery and hope. I will never forget the characters, what they endured and how they hoped and loved. I feel that I will be forever touched by them.' – Christy Lefteri, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* (on *The Four Winds*)



The Dalai Lama's Cat and the Claw of Attraction

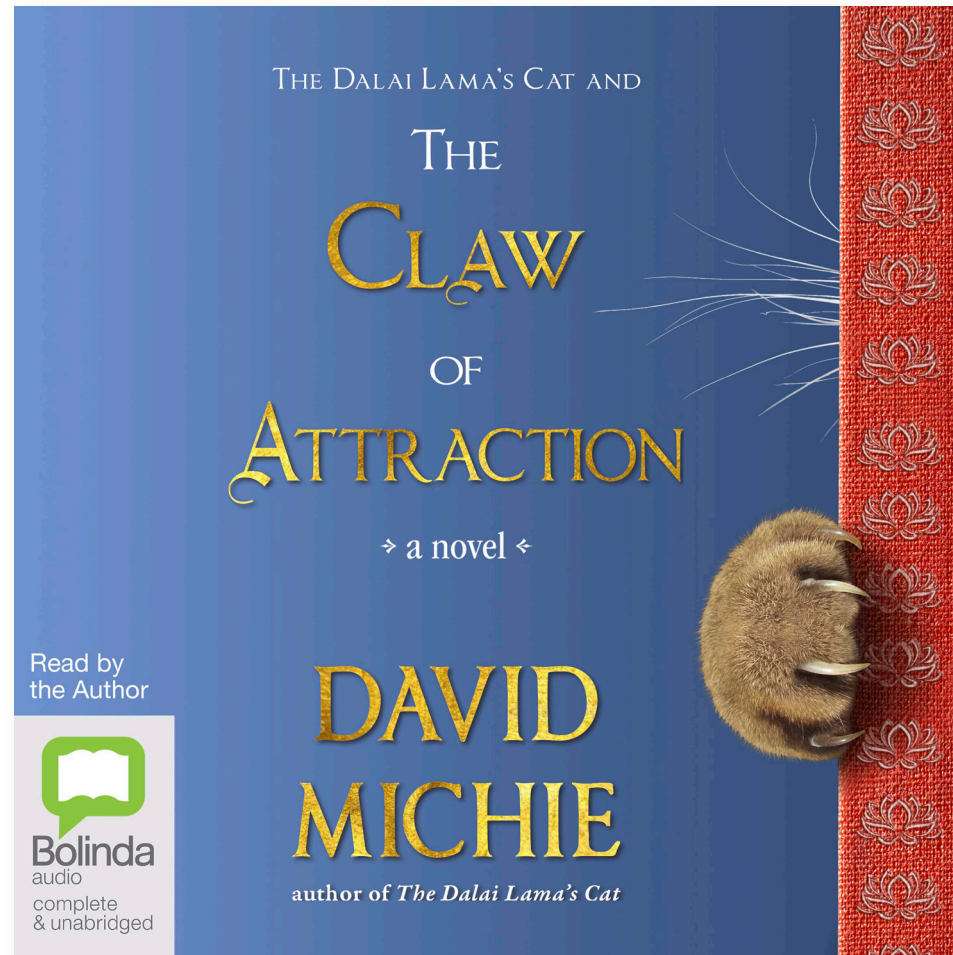
Dalai Lama's Cat #6

David Michie

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Mind, Body & Spirit | April 2024



The sixth in the global bestselling series, *The Dalai Lama's Cat*, from mindfulness coach and author, David Michie.

The Dalai Lama regarded their flushed, animated faces, his forehead wrinkling. *'The materialist approach'*, he nodded. *'Seeking to change what you believe to be entirely outside you. It has many problems. For example, why must you constantly postpone your happiness?'* India's Top Ten Social Influencers Under 30 were taken aback by this question. Staring at him, their eyes filled with consternation. Postponing happiness was something they most definitely wanted no part of.

In a chance encounter with India's Top Ten Social Influencers, the Dalai Lama is asked to how to use the 'law of attraction' to manifest abundance. He points out that material wellbeing was never the goal of such practices as he begins to explain their true purpose.

It is a purpose that His Holiness's Cat goes on to explore with her usual warm-hearted and wonky-legged aplomb. Is the world much more a projection of our mind than we suspect? Can a few, precious insights transform our reality?

David Michie is the internationally bestselling author of *The Dalai Lama's Cat* series of novels, the spiritual thrillers *The Magician of Lhasa* and *The Secret Mantra*, as well as other fiction and non-fiction titles

In 2015 David established Mindful Safaris, leading groups to Zimbabwe, Africa – where he was born and brought up – encouraging people to visit extraordinary places, outer and inner, through a combination of daily game viewing trips and meditation sessions

'Whether you are a cat lover or not, this story holds many insights and delightful moments and it is certainly a book I shall read again and again.' – Paradigm Shift Magazine

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Upstairs at the Beresford

Beresford #2

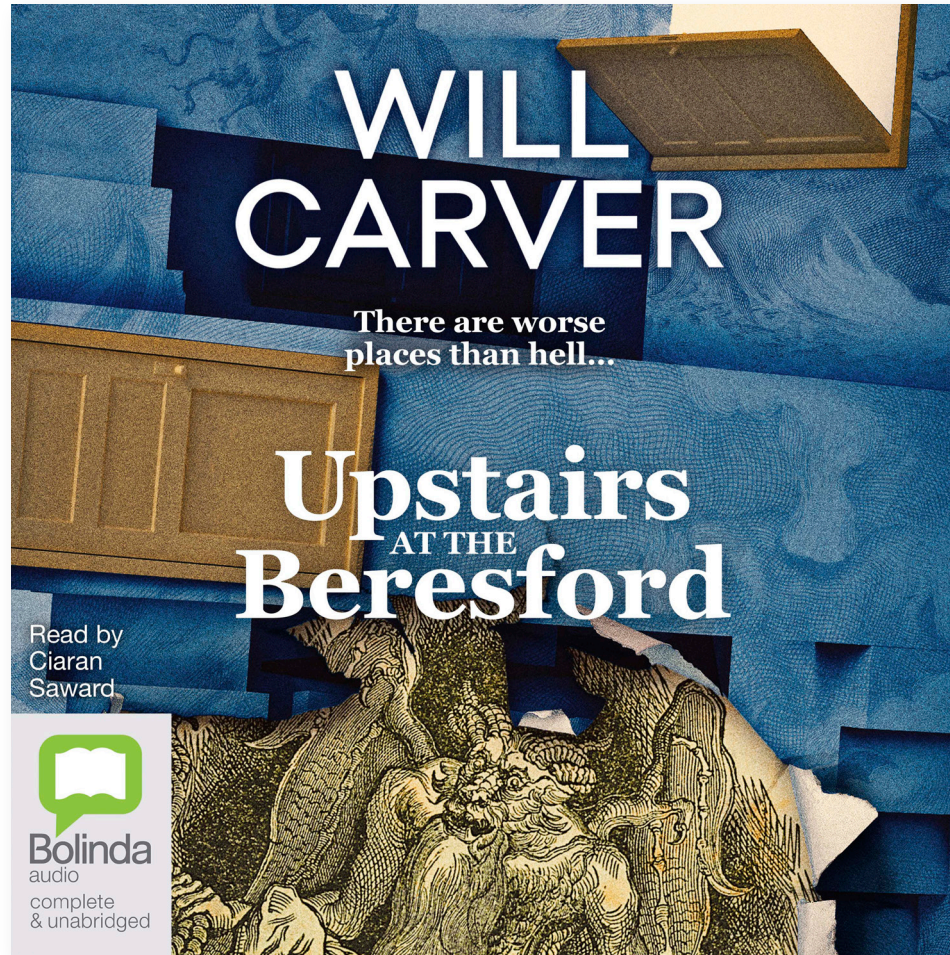
Will Carver

Read by Ciaran Saward

Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | April 2024

Hotel Beresford: a grand old building, just outside the city, where any soul is welcome, and strange goings-on mask explosive, deadly secrets.



Danielle Ortega works nights, singing at whatever dive bar will offer her a gig. She gets by, keeping to herself. Sam Walker gambles and drinks and can't keep his hands to himself. Now he's tied up in a shoe closet with a dent in his head that matches Danielle's broken ashtray.

The man in 731 has been dead for two days and his dog has not stopped barking. Two doors down, the couple who always smokes on the window ledge will mysteriously fall.

Upstairs, in the penthouse, Mr Balliol sees it all. He can peer into every crevice of every floor of the hotel from his screen-filled suite. He witnesses humanity and inhumanity in all its forms – loneliness, passion and desperation in equal measure. All the ingredients he needs to make a deal.

When Danielle returns home one night to find Sam gone, a series of sinister events begin to unfold. But strange things often occur at Hotel Beresford, and many are only a distraction to hide something much, much darker ...

Will Carver is the international bestselling author of the January David series

Carver's title, *Hinton Hollow Death Trip*, was longlisted for the Not the Booker Prize, while *Nothing Important Happened Today* was longlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year

The author's title, *Good Samaritans*, was a book of the year in *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph* and *The Daily Express*

'Wackily entertaining, wicked and naughty ...' – NB Magazine (on *The Beresford*)

'... laced with humour and cutting character insight ... a thrill from start to finish. Expect the unexpected!' – Sarah Pinborough, author of *Behind Her Eyes* (on *The Beresford*)

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The Assassin

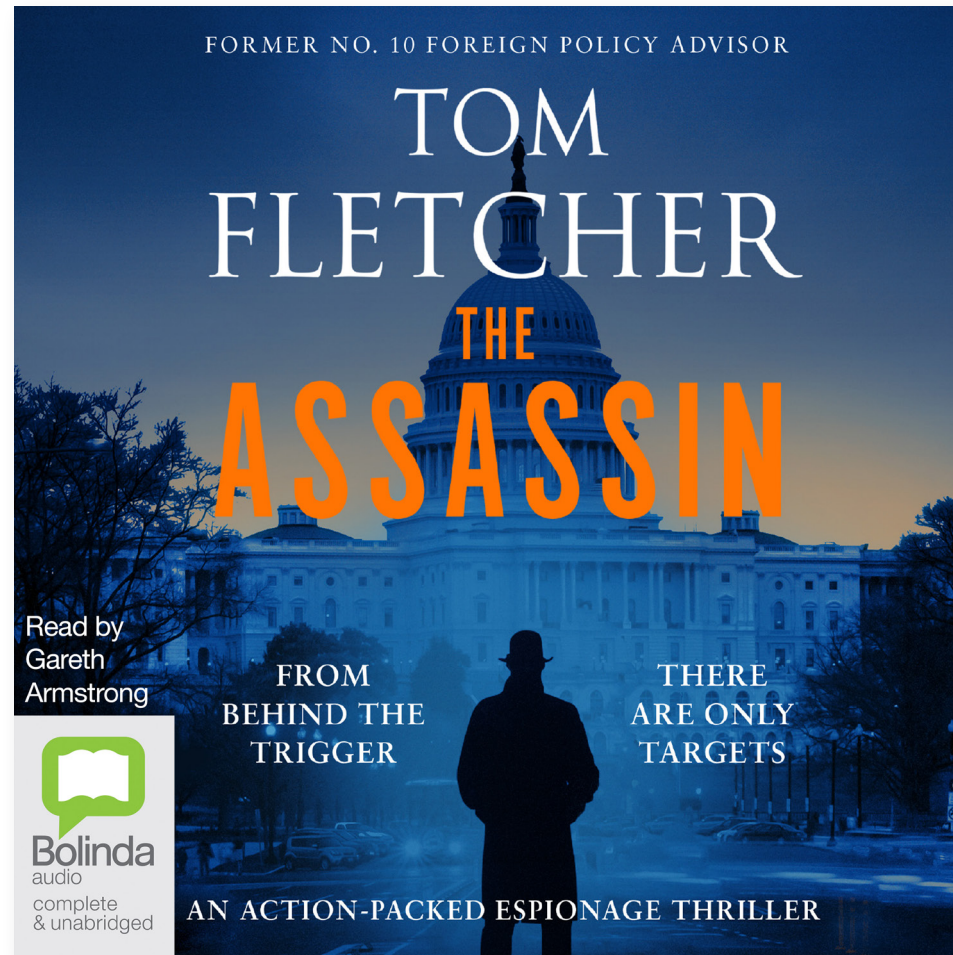
The Diplomat Thrillers #2

Tom Fletcher

Read by Gareth Armstrong

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2024



The explosive sequel to *The Ambassador* from former No.10 advisor Tom Fletcher, *The Assassin* is perfect for fans of Robert Peston, Ken Follett and Tom Bradby.

Having been made High Commissioner in Nairobi, Ed Barnes is keeping his head down and staying out of trouble. But when his daughter, Sophie, is kidnapped following a security crisis for which he is blamed, his attempts at normality fall apart once again. He finds himself at the heart of a complex negotiation with a dangerous Somali terrorist group, in an effort to avert a regional security crisis and free his daughter.

Meanwhile, across the globe a series of political assassinations have been shaking the world of business and government. Tensions boil over when a Chinese envoy is murdered in Jordan, only days before a crucial climate change conference, sparking a diplomatic crisis and the threat of US/China confrontation.

In the search for his daughter, Ed Barnes follows the trail of violence from Kenya, through the highest levels of the UN in Geneva, to the Dead Sea in Jordan. With the world on the cusp of ecological crisis, Barnes must uncover the terrible truth about the assassinations before any irreparable damage is done ...

Tom Fletcher is the Principal of Hertford College, Oxford. He is a British diplomat, writer and campaigner

Fletcher was the foreign policy advisor in No.10 Downing Street to Tony Blair, Gordon Brown and David Cameron

Fletcher was the British Ambassador to Lebanon from 2011 to 2015 and at present, a visiting professor at New York University

'A gripping thriller from the man on the inside.' – Andy McNab (on *The Ambassador*)

'Vivid and atmospheric, [The Ambassador] rockets around the world with intoxicating verve ... Hugely engaging.' – Daily Mail (on *The Ambassador*)

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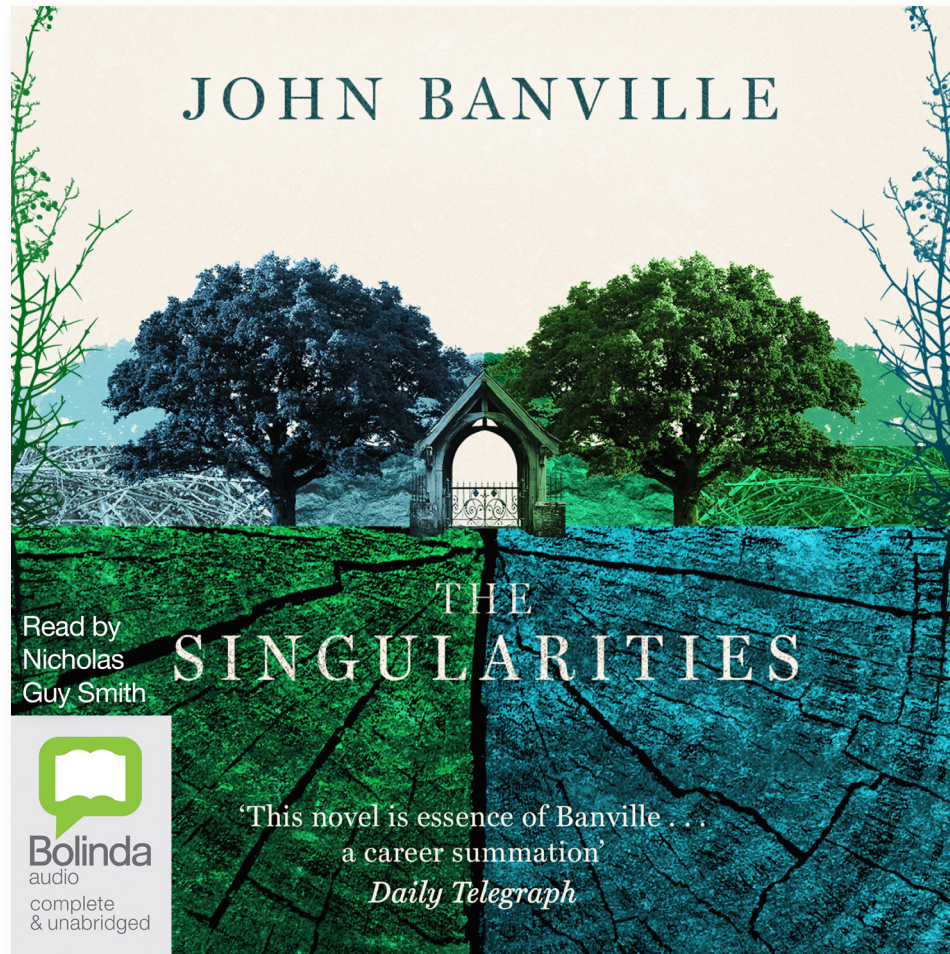
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The Singularities

John Banville

Read by Nicholas Guy Smith



From the revered Booker Prize-winning author comes a playful, multi-layered story of nostalgia, life, death and quantum physics with the return of one of his most celebrated characters as he is released from prison.

Felix Mordaut, recently released from prison, steps from a flashy red sports car onto the estate of his youth. But there is a new family living in the drafty old house: descendants of the late, world-famous scientist Adam Godley.

Felix must now vie with the idiosyncratic Godley family, with their harried housekeeper who becomes his landlady, with the recently commissioned biographer of Godley Sr, and with a wealthy and beautiful woman from his past who comes bearing an unusual request ...

With sparkling intelligence and rapier wit, John Banville revisits some of his career's most memorable figures, in a novel as mischievous as it is brilliantly conceived. *The Singularities* occupies a singular space and will surely be one of his most admired works.

John Banville is the author of many novels, including *The Book of Evidence*, the 2005 Booker Prize-winning *The Sea* and the bestselling Strafford and Quirke crime series, which has twice been shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger

Banville has been the recipient of the Man Booker Prize, the James Tait Black Memorial Prize, the Guardian Fiction Award, the Franz Kafka Prize, a Lannan Literary Award for Fiction and the Prince of Asturias Award for Literature

'*The Singularities* proves that [Banville] deserves a summons from Stockholm ... Time and again Banville stuns with sentences so dazzling they're like a lightning-quick boxer's jab.'
– The Boston Globe

A Stranger in the Family

Maeve Kerrigan #11

Jane Casey

Read by Caroline Lennon

Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | April 2024

The gripping new thriller featuring DS Maeve Kerrigan and DI Josh Derwent from the top ten *Sunday Times* bestselling author.

Every mother's worst nightmare ...

When nine-year-old Rosalie Marshall vanished from her bed one summer night, her disappearance tore her family apart.

Now, 16 years later, her mother Helena is found dead, her husband by her side. It looks like a straightforward murder-suicide but DS Maeve Kerrigan and DI Josh Derwent soon discover nothing about this case is straightforward.

The Marshalls have been keeping secrets, and they aren't alone. Josh has been holding something back too – something that could change everything for Maeve.

But one person is prepared to kill to hide the truth.

Until Maeve finds out what happened to Rosalie, no one will be safe ...

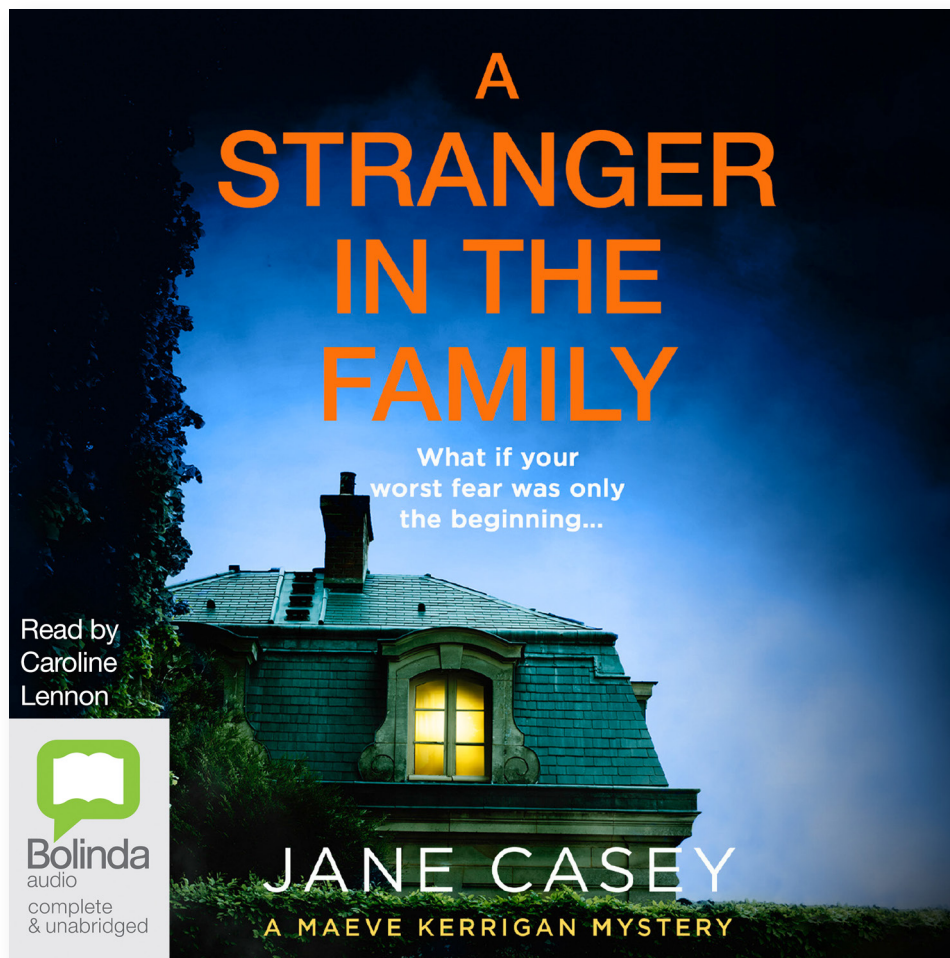
A former editor, Jane Casey has written 12 crime novels for adults and three for teenagers, and her books have been international bestsellers, critically acclaimed for their realism and accuracy

In 2015 Casey won the Mary Higgins Clark Award for *The Stranger You Know* and Irish Crime Novel of the Year for *After the Fire*

Casey's title *Cruel Acts* was chosen as Irish Crime Novel of the Year at the Irish Book Awards in 2019, and was a *Sunday Times* bestseller

'A full-blooded triple-decker mystery that is intriguing and exciting.' – The Times (on *The Close*)

'So good. I love Maeve so much and this is a really gripping, timely plot.' – Elly Griffiths, author of *The Stranger Diaries* (on *The Cutting Place*)



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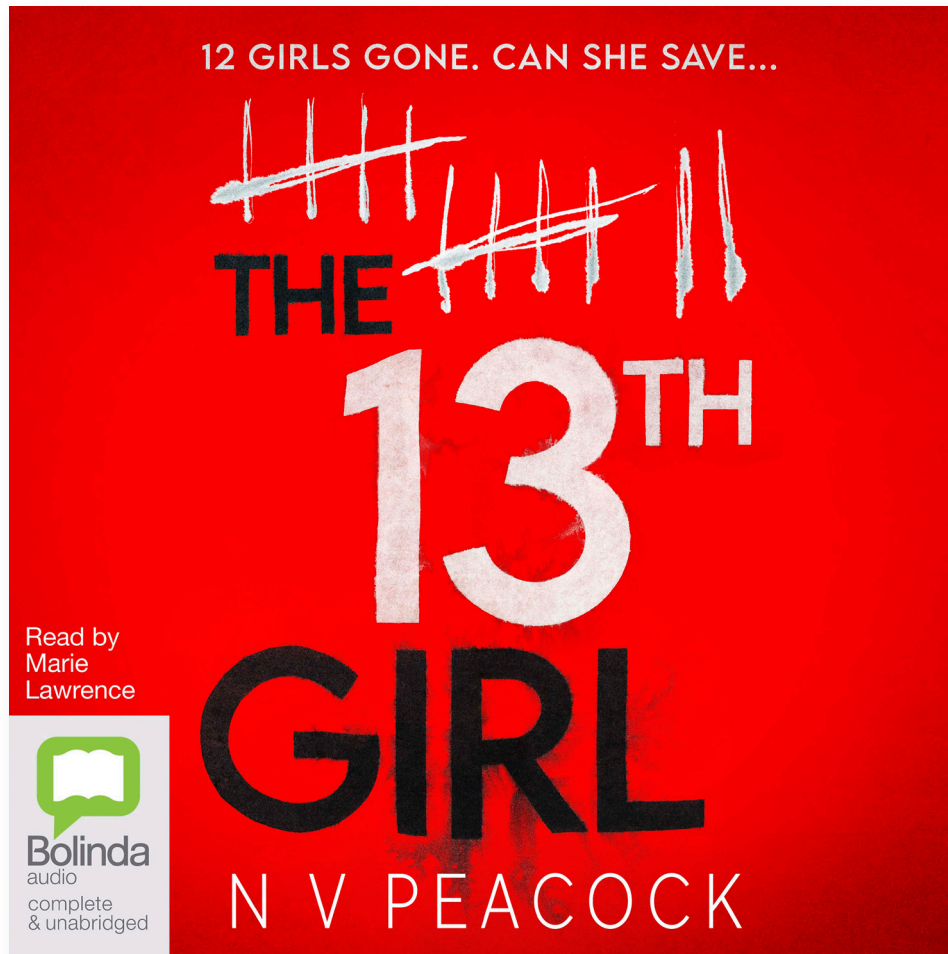
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The 13th Girl

N.V. Peacock

Read by Marie Lawrence



A new heart-stopping and twisty thriller from the author of *Little Bones* and *The Brother*.

After spending decades in a mental health hospital, Dee knows that people find her creepy. They tell her so. Once the reluctant star of an infamous documentary, she is trying to blend back into the outside world. But when a string of local girls disappear, only to be found dead days later, she becomes fixated on the case and decides to film her own true crime documentary.

There is a serial killer on the loose – the Righteous Wraith. Girls are being found one by one, their bodies gruesomely staged in innocent public spaces. With the killer taunting the police and the public's fear mounting, the armchair detectives begin pointing fingers at one suspect. But for Dee, something isn't adding up. She knows what it's like to be accused of something that you didn't do. She resolves to prove his innocence, unmask the real killer and save the 13th girl. But who will believe her?

N.V. Peacock has written five young adult supernatural novels

Peacock has a degree in creative writing and runs a local writers' group

'A twisty-turny original take on the serial killer thriller.' – C.J. Skuse, author of *Sweetpea* (on *Little Bones*)

'Wow – this deftly plotted, twisty – and twisted – thriller got under my skin and chilled me to the bone!' – Sam Carrington, author of *The Open House* (on *Little Bones*)

'An exciting new voice in thriller fiction.' – Sarah Pinborough, author of *Behind Her Eyes*

The River's Edge

Jackman & Evans #10

Joy Ellis

Read by Richard Armitage

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2024

From multimillion-selling author Joy Ellis comes a gripping crime thriller full of stunning twists and one of the most highly anticipated mysteries of the year.

A series of gruesome murders on the Lincolnshire fens. An old enemy from the past. A deadly game of cat and mouse.

The peaceful little village of Saltern-le-Fen is buzzing with excitement. A film crew are in town shooting a new TV police drama, Fen Division Five. But Detective Jackman receives a disturbing tip-off that something is wrong.

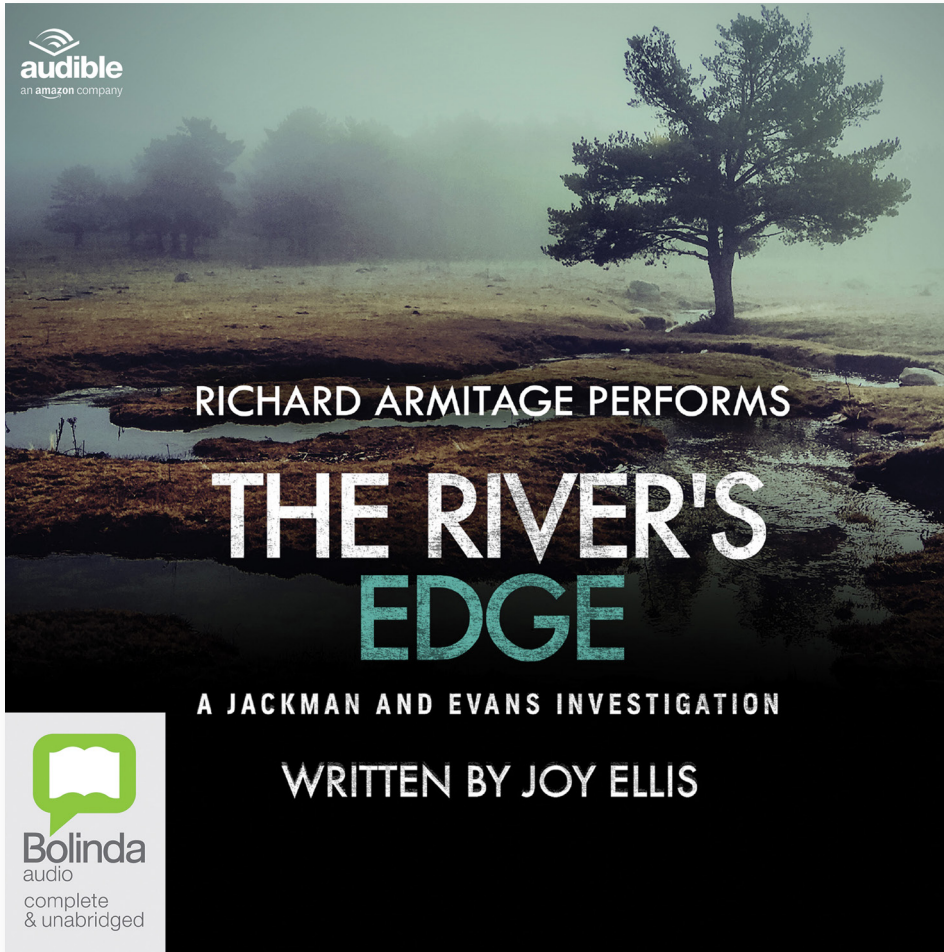
Detective Marie Evans meanwhile is looking forward to moving into her dream home. But there's no time to celebrate. The naked body of a young man is found at the river's edge; he's been strangled, his skin massaged in expensive oil.

Two days later, another handsome young man is discovered in a shallow lake.; his throat cut, and he too is lathered in body oil. As they hunt a brutal killer, Jackman and Evans are themselves hunted in a deadly game of cat and mouse – and the stakes could not be higher.

Joy Ellis is a member of the Crime Writer's Association, and the author of the DI Nikki Galena series and the Detective Matt Ballard Mysteries

Ellis was awarded Audible's Breakthrough Crime Writer of the Year Award in 2018, and shortlisted for Audiobook of the Year at the British Book Awards in 2019 for *The Patient Man*

Perfect for fans of L.J. Ross, Peter May, J.D. Kirk, Angela Marsons, J.M. Dalgliesh, Elly Griffiths and Ann Cleeves



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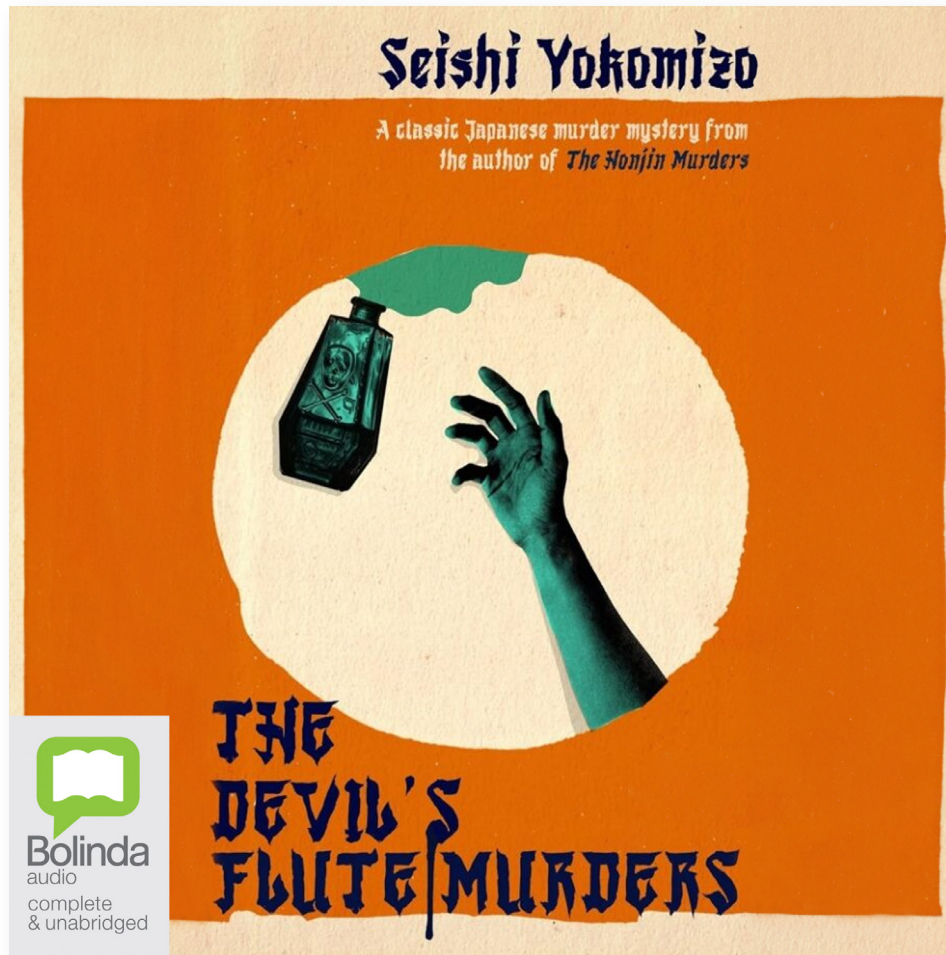
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The Devil's Flute Murders

Seishi Yokomizo

Read by Akira Matsumoto



An ingenious classic locked-room murder mystery about the feuding family of a composer, from Japan's master of crime, Seishi Yokomizo.

Amid the rubble of post-war Tokyo, inside the grand Tsubaki house, a once-noble family is in mourning.

The old viscount Tsubaki – a brooding, troubled composer – has been found dead.

When the family gather for a divination to conjure the spirit of their departed patriarch, death visits the house once more, and the brilliant Kosuke Kindaichi is called in to investigate.

But before he can get to the truth, Kindaichi must uncover the Tsubakis' most disturbing secrets, while the gruesome murders continue ...

Seishi Yokomizo was one of Japan's most famous and best-loved mystery authors, best known for his Kosuke Kindaichi series

Many of Yokomizo's works have been made into movies. In particular, *The Inugami Clan* received two film adaptations by Kon Ichikawa: *The Inugami Family* in 1976 and his 2006 remake *The Inugamis*

Perfect for fans of Lucy Foley, Ruth Ware and Anthony Horowitz

'Yokomizo at his absolute best ... From the ominous opening through the brilliant final reveal, [he] ably blends suspense and fair-play detection ... A classic of the genre.' – Publishers Weekly

'The diabolically twisted plotting is top-notch.' – The New York Times (on *The Inugami Curse*)

A Death in Diamonds

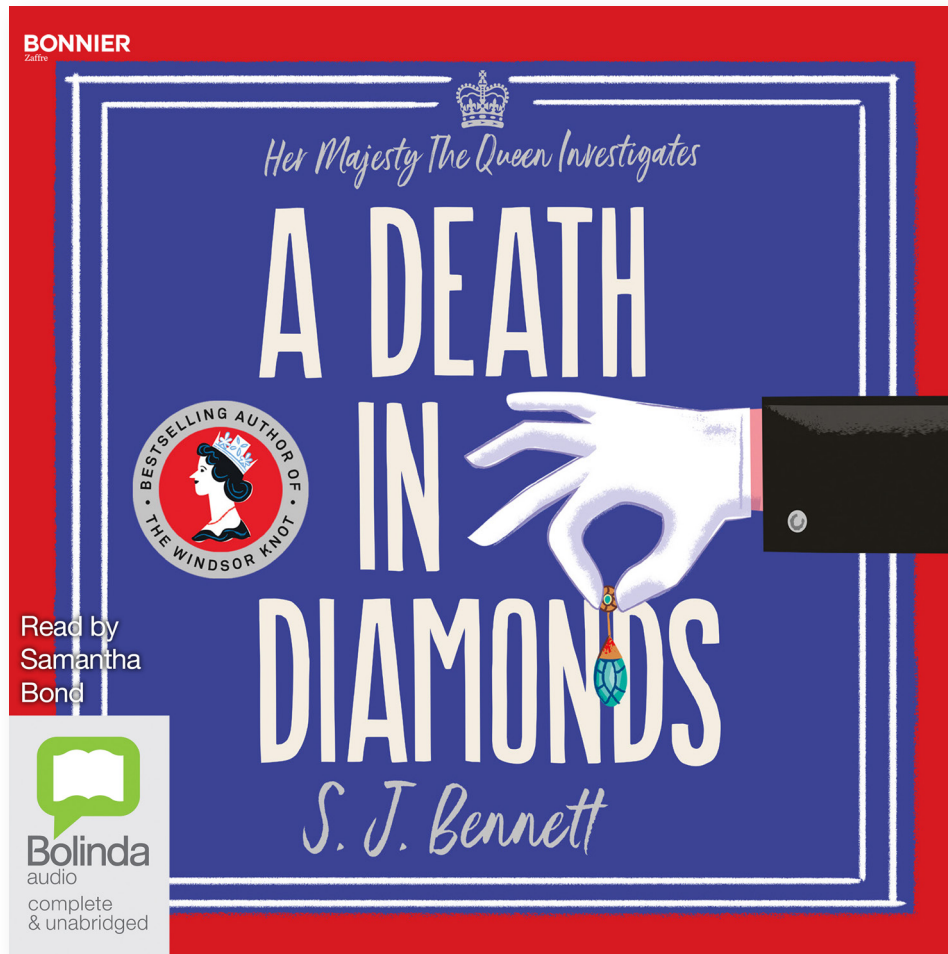
Her Majesty the Queen Investigates #4

S.J. Bennett

Read by Samantha Bond

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The royally brilliant fourth instalment in the Her Majesty the Queen Investigates mystery series.

1957. A young woman is found dead in a mews house a mile from Buckingham Palace, wearing only silk underwear and a diamond tiara. An older man is discovered nearby, garrotted and pierced through the eye with a long, sharp implement.

According to the police, a high society card game was going on downstairs that night. One of the players surely committed the murders, but each of them can give the others an alibi.

When someone very close to her is implicated, the young Queen is drawn into the investigation ...

S.J. Bennett penned several award-winning titles for teenagers before publishing adult mystery novels

Bennett's books have won the Chicken House prize and the RNA Romance Novel of the Year, have been optioned for TV and translated into over 20 languages

'Gently hilarious and utterly charming.' – Amanda Craig, bestselling author of *The Golden Rule* (on the Her Majesty the Queen Investigates series)

'A highly original and delightfully charming crime series.' – Adele Parks, bestselling author of *Just My Luck* (on the Her Majesty the Queen Investigates series)

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Death on the Lusitania

Patrick Gallagher #1

R.L. Graham

Read by Carl Prekopp

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From R.L. Graham, *Death on the Lusitania* is an immersive WWI historical fiction set aboard the ill-fated ocean liner.

New York, 1915. RMS Lusitania, one of the world's most luxurious ocean liners, departs for war-torn Europe. Among those on board is Patrick Gallagher, a civil servant in Her Majesty's government tasked with escorting a British diplomat back to England.

When a fellow passenger is believed to have shot himself in his cabin, Gallagher is asked by the captain to investigate the scene but one crucial detail doesn't fit. The man's body was discovered in a locked cabin with the key inside and no gun to be found. Was it really suicide? Or murder?

Gallagher believes one of the passengers is a deadly killer – one who could strike again at any moment. And all the while, the ship sails on towards Europe, where enemy submarines patrol dark waters ...

R.L. Graham is a husband-and-wife team of historians and writers with a broad range of interests in many periods of history, including the belle époque and the tumultuous years leading up to the World War I and the post-war re-ordering of the world

They are very much drawn to the shadowy world of crime, espionage and political intrigue, and are particularly fascinated by historical mysteries

'Set on a doomed ocean liner, this engaging and well researched mystery is perfect for lovers of Agatha Christie and Dorothy L. Sayers.' – Philip Gray, author of *Two Storm Wood*, the *Times* thriller of the year

'Very much enjoyed this shipboard murder mystery with an appealing sleuth in Patrick Gallagher and a positive cornucopia of suspects. Totally absorbing!' – Leonora Nattrass, author of *Black Drop*



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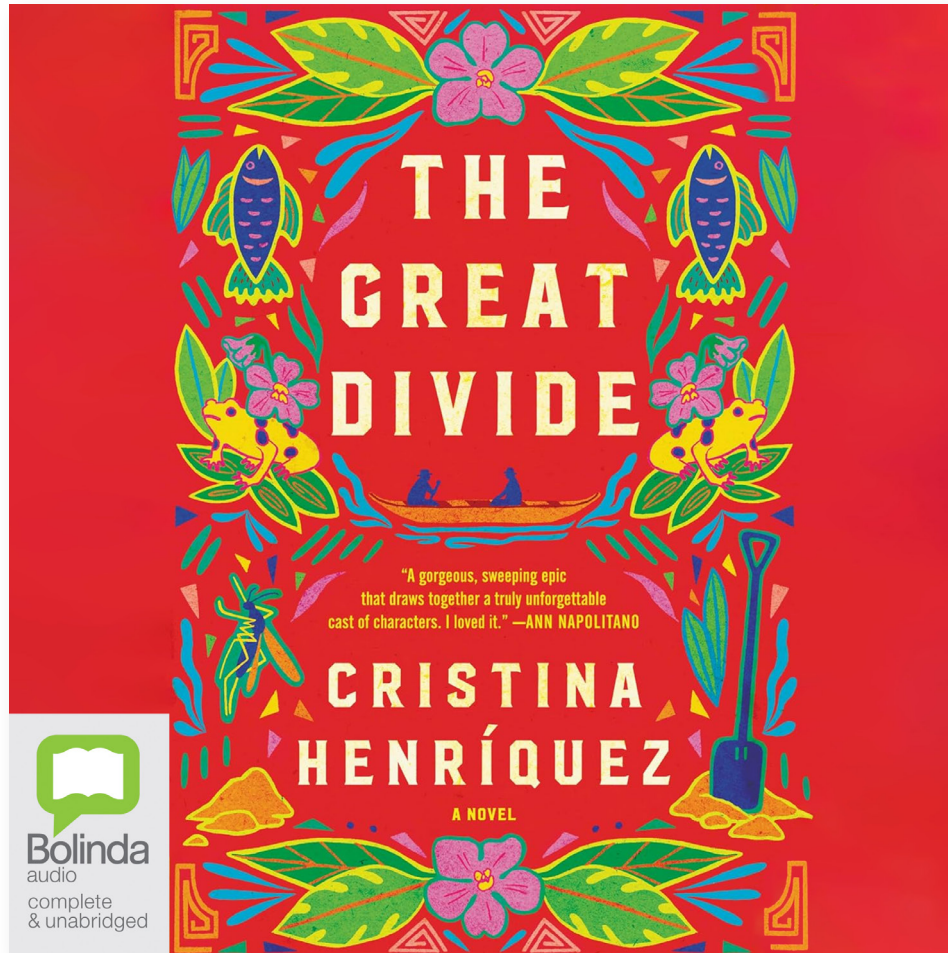
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The Great Divide

Cristina Henríquez

Read by Robin Miles



A breathtaking historical novel following the incredible construction of the Panama Canal and casting light on the unsung people who lived and laboured in its shadow, by acclaimed author Cristina Henríquez.

It is said that the Canal will be the greatest feat of engineering in history. But first, it must be built.

Ada Bunting, a bold 16-year-old from Barbados, arrives alone in Panama as a stowaway alongside thousands of other West Indians seeking work in the grand building project of the Canal. Francisco, a local fisherman, resents the foreign nations clamouring for a slice of his country, but nothing is more upsetting for him than his son Omar's decision to work as a digger. For Omar, whose upbringing was quiet and lonely, this job offers a chance to finally find connection and independence. Scientist John Oswald has come from further afield. He has journeyed to Panama in pursuit of one goal – eliminating malaria. But everything hangs in the balance as his wife Marian falls ill herself.

When John witnesses an act of bravery and compassion from Ada one day, he hires her on the spot as a caregiver for his wife. This fateful decision sets in motion a sweeping tale of ambition, loyalty and sacrifice.

Cristina Henríquez is the author of *The Book of Unknown Americans*, which was longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and was a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize

Henríquez is also the author of *The World In Half* and *Come Together, Fall Apart: A Novella and Stories*

'A gorgeous, sweeping epic that draws together a truly unforgettable cast of characters. I loved it.' – Ann Napolitano, author of *Hello Beautiful*

The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder

C.L. Miller

Read by Emilia Fox & the Author

In this irresistible and thrilling debut, a former antique hunter investigates a suspicious death at an isolated English manor, embroiling her back in the dangerous world of tracking stolen artifacts.

What antique would you kill for?

Freya Lockwood is shocked when she learns that Arthur Crockleford, antiques dealer and her estranged mentor, has died under mysterious circumstances. She has spent the last 20 years avoiding her quaint English hometown, but when she receives a letter from Arthur asking her to investigate – sent just days before his death – Freya has no choice but to return to a life she had sworn to leave behind.

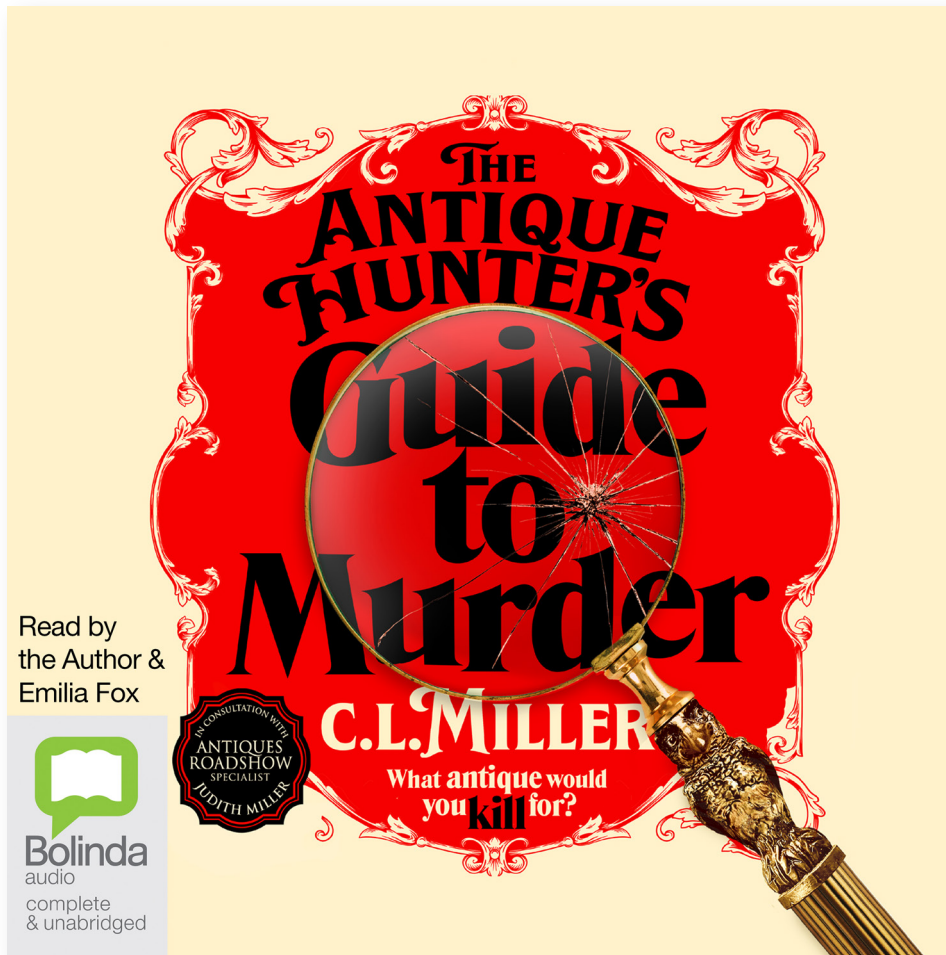
Joining forces with her eccentric Aunt Carole, Freya follows clues and her instincts to an old manor house for an advertised antiques enthusiast's weekend. But not all is as it seems. It's clear to Freya that the antiques are all just poor reproductions, and her fellow guests are secretive and menacing.

What is going on at this estate and how was Arthur involved? More importantly, can Freya and Carole discover the truth before the killer strikes again?

C.L. Miller started working life as an editorial assistant for her mother, Judith Miller, on *The Miller's Antique Price Guide* and other antiques guides

'Irresistible, immersive, and completely unputdownable. Think the Antiques Roadshow meets Miss Marple with a deliciously OTT cast of characters and twist after twist after twist.' – Ellery Lloyd, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Club*

'An utterly charming mystery rich with detail and thrumming with intrigue. C.L. Miller's connection to the world of antiques shines through in her writing.' – Robyn Harding, bestselling author of *The Drowning Woman*



Pity

Andrew McMillan

Read by Joe Pitts



The debut novel from award-winning poet Andrew McMillan exploring community, masculinity and post-industrialisation in Northern England.

The town was once a hub of industry. A place where men toiled underground in darkness, picking and shovelling in the dust and the sleek. It was dangerous and back-breaking work but it meant something. Once, the town provided, it was important, it had purpose. But what is it now?

Brothers Alex and Brian have spent their whole life in the town where their father lived and his father, too. Still reeling from the collapse of his personal life, Alex, is now in his middle age, and must reckon with a part of his identity he has long tried to mask. Simon is the only child of Alex and had practically no memory of the mines. Now in his 20s and working in a call centre, he derives passion from his side hustle in sex work and his weekly drag gigs.

Set across three generations of South Yorkshire mining family, Andrew McMillan's magnificent debut novel is a lament for a lost way of life as well as a celebration of resilience and the possibility for change.

Andrew McMillan's debut collection *Physical* was the only ever poetry collection to win The Guardian First Book Award

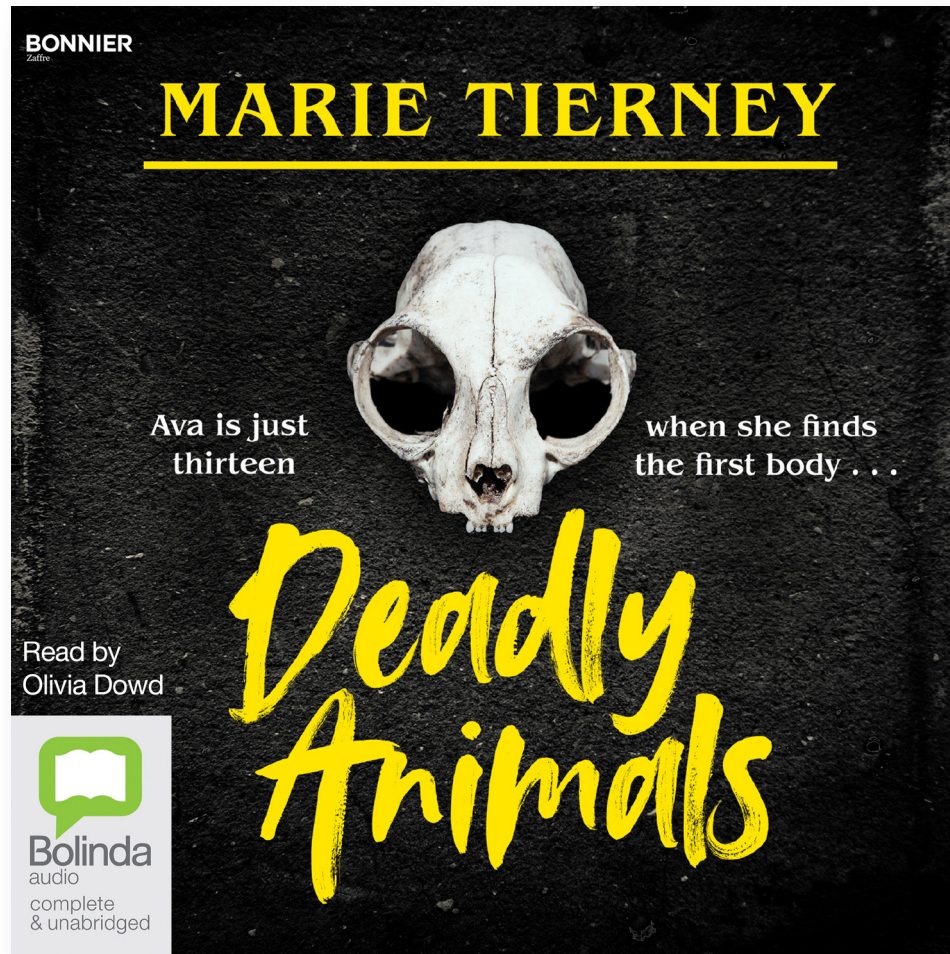
'A deeply felt and rich enactment of love, loneliness and personal triumph that leaves an indelible mark on modern Queer life.' – Ocean Vuong, author of *The New York Times* bestselling poetry collection *Time is a Mother*

'Andrew McMillan's writing is phenomenal, fresh and evocative, compelling and compassionate. *Pity* is a beautiful and stirring book, vivid and timeless.' – Salena Godden, an award-winning author, poet and broadcaster

Deadly Animals

Marie Tierney

Read by Olivia Dowd



A 13-year-old girl with a dark obsession is on the hunt for a serial killer in this mesmerising British crime debut.

Thirteen-year-old Ava Bonney is unlike other children. Exceptionally bright, she has an obsessive interest in the rate at which dead animals decompose. The motorway she lives by regularly offers up roadkill, and in the dead of night Ava likes nothing better than to pull her latest discovery into her roadside den so she can study it.

But one day when she arrives, she stumbles across the body of fellow pupil, Mickey Grant.

DI Seth Delahaye is given the case, one of the most challenging of his career. But Ava is not the sort of person who will step back and let someone else take charge when children like her are dying.

She uses all her unusual skills and deep local knowledge to try to track down the serial killer in her community.

Deadly Animals was a finalist in the *Daily Mail* First Novel competition

Marie Tierney is a biology teacher who works in Birmingham

'Exceptional in every way, Deadly Animals is a shockingly beautiful, rare and heartbreaking gem. A story both harrowing and exquisitely told. I really can't recommend it highly enough.' – Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End*

'An incredible debut – original, epically dark and with such a strong voice. Damn near perfect.' – Susi Holliday, bestselling author of *The Last Resort*

Kickback

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Damien Boyd

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The third instalment in the highly acclaimed DI Nick Dixon Crime series, from bestselling author Damien Boyd.

A trainee jockey has been kicked to death by an aggressive stallion at the local stables. Deemed an accidental death, the case is closed. But when the jockey's brother returns from active service, he sparks an armed siege, demanding the investigation be re-opened and the truth uncovered.

Still recovering from the physical and mental scars of his last case, Detective Inspector Nick Dixon is dragged deep into a murky world of betting scams and murder, where people will do anything to keep their secrets. Even if that means silencing a DI who keeps asking the wrong questions about the wrong dead jockey ...

Damien Boyd is a former solicitor turned crime fiction writer

Drawing on extensive experience in criminal law as well as a spell in the Crown Prosecution Service, Boyd writes fast-paced crime thrillers featuring Detective Inspector Nick Dixon

'Another thrilling crime fiction by Damien Boyd ... very fast-paced ... and involves a very great detective.' – The Blacksheep Project (on *Head in the Sand*)

'I am pleased to report it didn't disappoint.' – Literary Week (on *Head in the Sand*)

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Fantasy Fiction | April 2024

The Canopy Keepers

Veronica G. Henry

Narrator to come

What happens when nature no longer stands by and accepts its destruction? A female fire chief discovers an ancient world rooted with secrets that can save – or destroy – in the newest fantasy by Veronica G. Henry.

Syrah Carthan doesn't know why she accepted a job as the first female fire chief at Sequoia National Park, where, decades earlier, a forest fire killed her parents. That day, her brother, Romelo, disappeared, as if pulled into the scorched earth itself. Syrah has always had an uncanny affinity for the natural wonders of the park she protects, but after she sanctions a prescribed burn that goes terribly wrong, she quits her position in disgrace.

However, when another devastating wildfire breaks out, Syrah, reluctantly pulled back into action, discovers an unknown world that has existed underground since the beginning of time. This secret society, built around the forest's complex root system, is now divided into two factions. One is ruled by the Keeper, the giant sequoias' benevolent caretaker. The other by a mysterious undoer, who's determined to wage war on humanity. Through him, nature can retaliate and wipe out the earth's careless ravagers for good.

Torn between human loyalty and preserving the delicate balance of nature, Syrah must make a choice – one that will change both her destiny and that of the world above and below forever.

Veronica G. Henry is the author of *Bacchanal* and, in the Mambo Reina series, *The Quarter Storm* and *The Foreign Exchange*

Henry's work has debuted at #1 on multiple Amazon bestseller charts and was shortlisted for the Manly Wade Wellman Award and chosen as an Amazon editors' pick for Best African American Fantasy

'Henry adeptly navigates the communication struggles among families and the destructive forces of climate change in this thrilling fantasy.' – Booklist

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April new releases 2024

Devil's Kitchen

Candice Fox

Read by Katherine Beck & Tony Alvarez

A fast-paced, heart racing thriller from award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author Candice Fox.

For years the firefighters of New York's Engine 99 have rushed fearlessly into hot zones, saving countless lives and stopping devastating blazes in their tracks.

They've also stolen millions from banks, jewellery stores and art galleries. With their inside knowledge and specialist equipment, they've become the most successful heist crew on the East Coast.

Their newest member, Andrea 'Andy' Nearland, is not what she seems either. She's an undercover operative, hunting the men of Engine 99 for a host of crimes – including the murder of an off-duty cop and the disappearance of a mother and child.

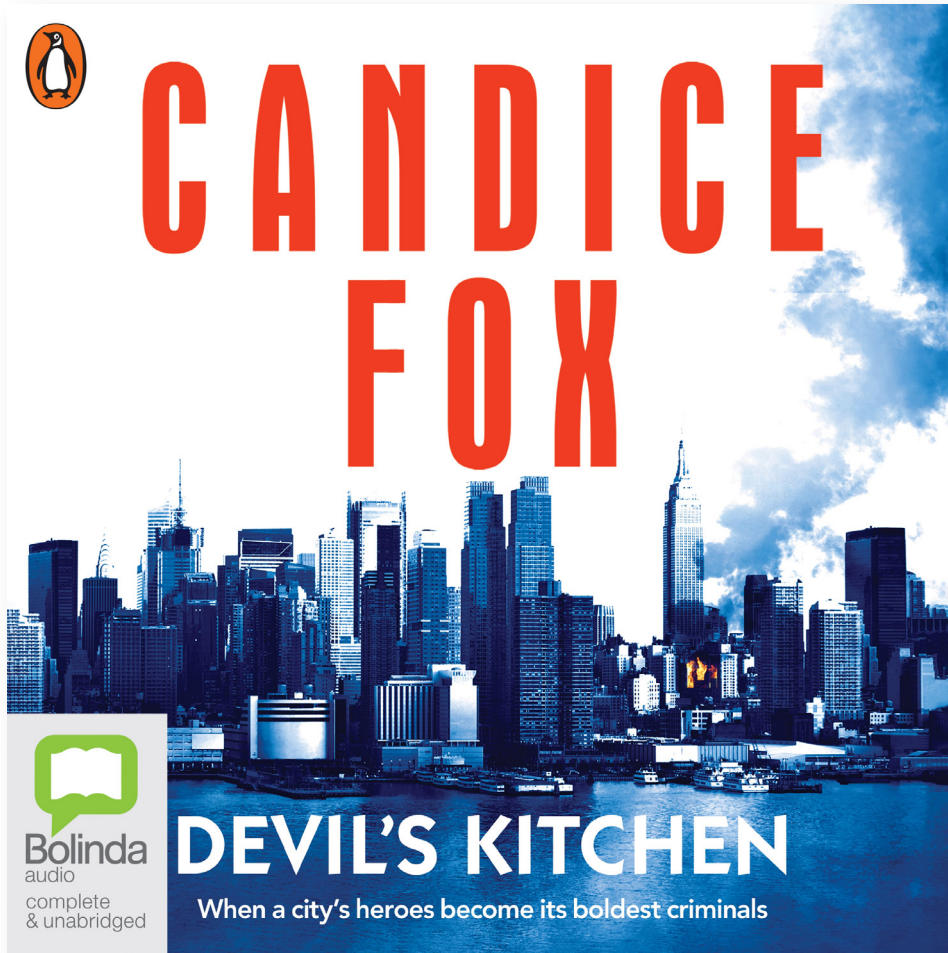
As the clock counts down to the gang's most daring heist yet, loyalties begin to fray and mistrust boils over. Andy's career is all smoke and mirrors, but infiltrating this crew of 'heroes' might prove to be her most dangerous job of all ...

Candice Fox is the award-winning author of *Crimson Lake*, *Redemption Point*, *Gone by Midnight* and *Gathering Dark*

Fox is also co-author, with James Patterson, of *New York Times* bestsellers *Never Never*, *Fifty Fifty*, *Liar Liar* and *The Inn*

'Fox's vivid atmospheric thrillers feature compelling unique characters that you can't forget, and tense plots that are so twisty you'll need a neck brace by the time you reach their riveting conclusions.' – Chevy Stevens, *New York Times* bestselling author (on *Redemption Point*)

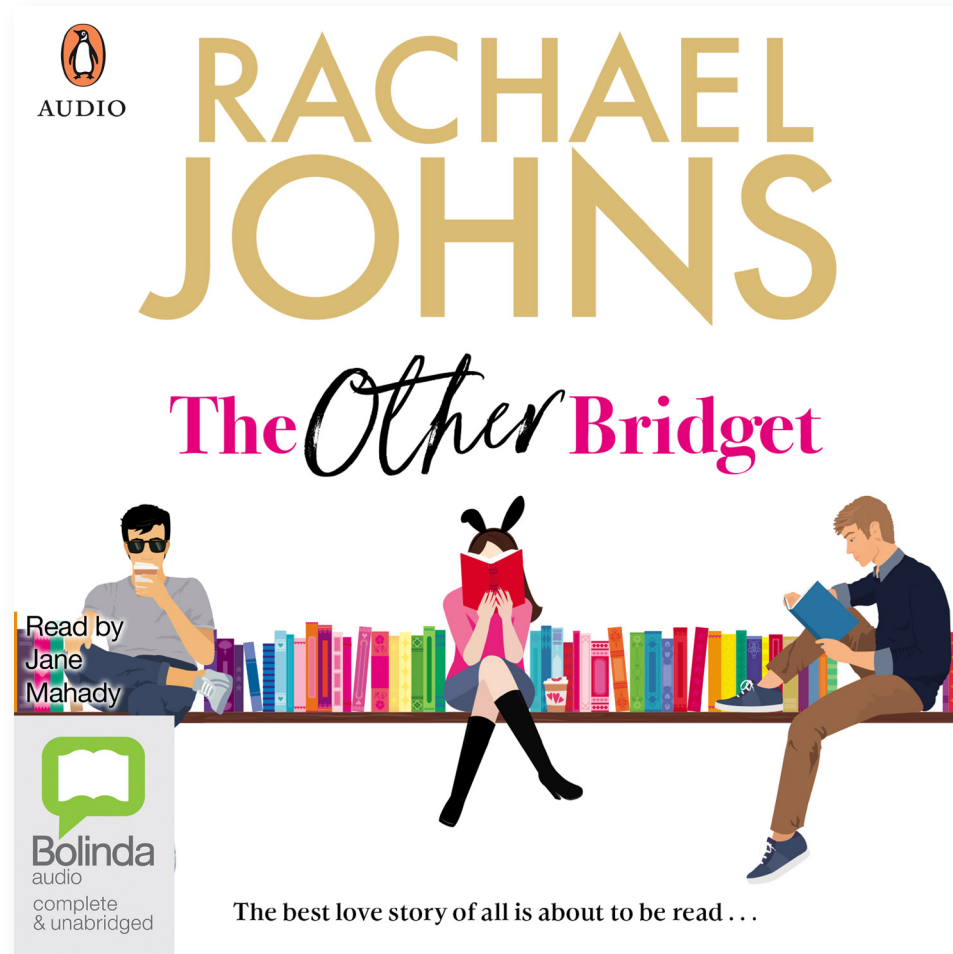
'Complex, human characters, and a dark, meaty story, and fine writing, and a great sense of place – this is one of the best crime thrillers of the year. Sign me up as a big-time Fox fan!' – Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *Crimson Lake*)



The Other Bridget

Rachael Johns

Read by Jane Mahady



A feel-good romantic comedy from bestselling, ABIA award-winning author Rachael Johns.

Named after a famous fictional character, librarian Bridget Jones was raised on a remote cattle station, with only her mother's romance novels for company. Now living alone in Fremantle, Bridget is a hopeless romantic. She also believes that anyone who doesn't like reading just hasn't met the right book yet, and that connecting books to their readers is her superpower. If only her love life was that easy.

When handsome Italian barista Fabio progresses from flirting with love hearts on her coffee foam to joining the book club she runs at her library, Bridget prays her romance 'curse' won't ruin things. But it's the attention of her cranky neighbour Sully that seems to be the major obstacle in her life.

With the help of her close friends and the colourful characters who frequent her library, Bridget decides to put both men to the test by finding just the right books to capture their very different hearts. She soon discovers that not all romances start with a meet-cute, but they might just end in happily ever after.

Rachael Johns is the author of *The Patterson Girls*, which won the ABIA Award in 2016 for General Fiction

Johns has also won the prestigious Romance Writers of Australia RUBY Award twice

Perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Marian Keyes

'Utterly absorbing and wonderfully written ...' – Sally Hepworth, author of *The Mother-In-Law* (on *The Art of Keeping Secrets*)

'An entertaining and engaging story ...' – Books + Publishing (on *The Greatest Gift*)

Killing for Country

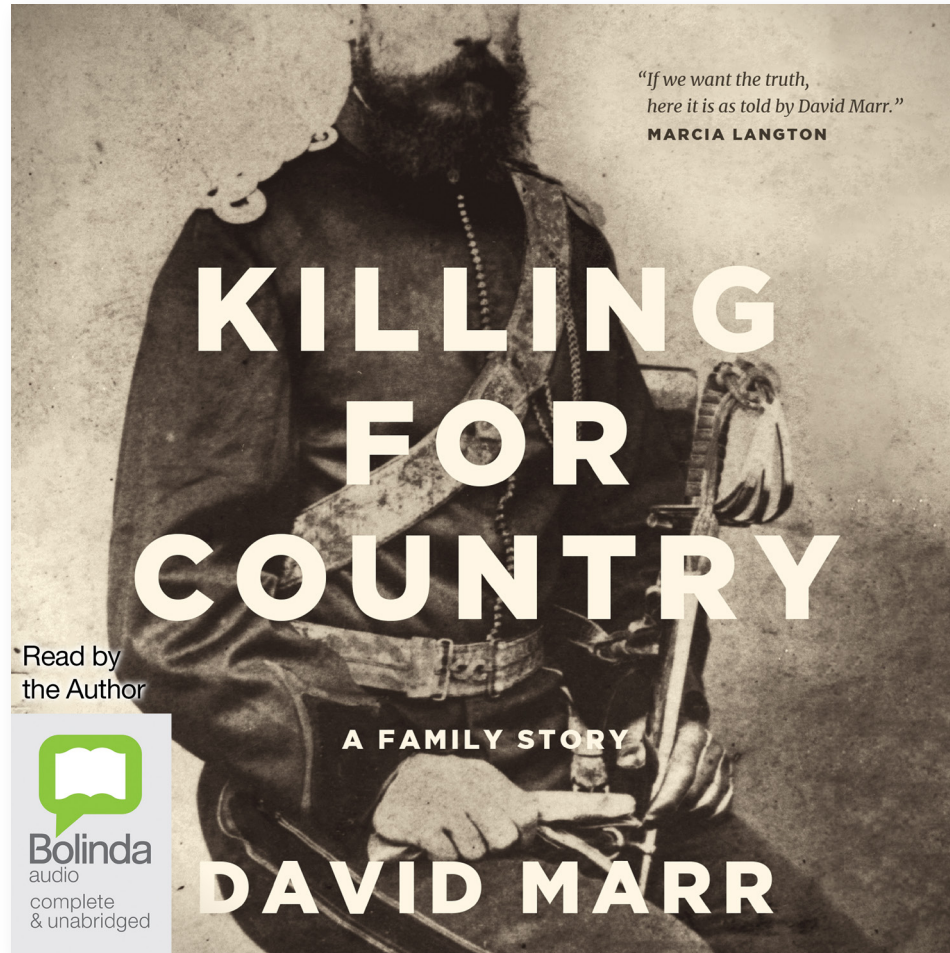
A Family Story

David Marr

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

History | April 2024



A gripping reckoning with the bloody history of Australia's frontier wars, from bestselling author David Marr.

David Marr was shocked to discover forebears who served with the brutal Native Police in the bloodiest years on the frontier. *Killing for Country* is the result – a soul-searching Australian history.

This is a richly detailed saga of politics and power in the colonial world – of land seized, fortunes made and lost, and the violence let loose as squatters and their allies fought for possession of the country – a war still unresolved in today's Australia.

David Marr has written for *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *The Saturday Paper*, *The Guardian* and *The Monthly*

Marr's books include *Patrick White: A Life*, *The High Price of Heaven*, *Dark Victory* (with Marian Wilkinson), *Panic* and six bestselling Quarterly Essays

Marr's has served as editor of *The National Times*, reporter for *Four Corners* and presenter of ABC TV's *Media Watch*

'Killing For Country is a timely exercise in truth-telling amid a disturbing resurgence of denialism.' – *The Age*

'Killing for Country ... stands out for its unflinching eye, its dogged research, and the quality and power of its writing.' – *The Australian Book Review*

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Sister Viv

Grantlee Kieza

Read by Brigid Gallacher



The inspiring gripping WWII story of survival and heroism of a courageous young army nurse from the bestselling award-winning author of *The Remarkable Mrs Reibey* and *Hudson Fysh*.

Bangka Island, 1942. Australian Army nurse Vivian Bullwinkel was just 26 when Japanese soldiers marched her and her fellow nurses into the shallow waters of a remote beach to be executed.

Miraculously, Vivian would be the lone survivor. The Lieutenant-Colonel would also be the first woman to be honoured with a statue at the Australian War Memorial for her extraordinary bravery and service.

Growing up in Broken Hill, New South Wales, Vivian started work at a local hospital and joined the Australian Army Nursing Service in World War II. When the Japanese attacked Singapore in 1942, she and 64 other nurses were ordered to evacuate, but soon their ship was bombed by enemy aircraft. Some of the women drowned, but Viv made it to Radji Beach on Bangka Island, off Sumatra, with 21 of her nursing colleagues.

There Japanese soldiers forced the women to wade back into the sea, and as Vivian felt a bullet slam into her back, she fell face down into the water then waited to die as the soldiers bayoneted survivors. Somehow Vivian lived.

Grantlee Kieza is a Walkley Award finalist and the author of 20 acclaimed titles, including the recent bestsellers *Macquarie*, *Banjo*, *Monash*, *Sons of the Southern Cross* and *Bert Hinkler*

Award-winning journalist Kieza held senior editorial positions at *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Courier Mail* for many years

Kieza was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his writing

'Kieza is a prolific and successful biographer ... He has a fluid writing style in which he wears his research lightly, yet it is thoroughly annotated.' – Spectator Australia (on Banks)

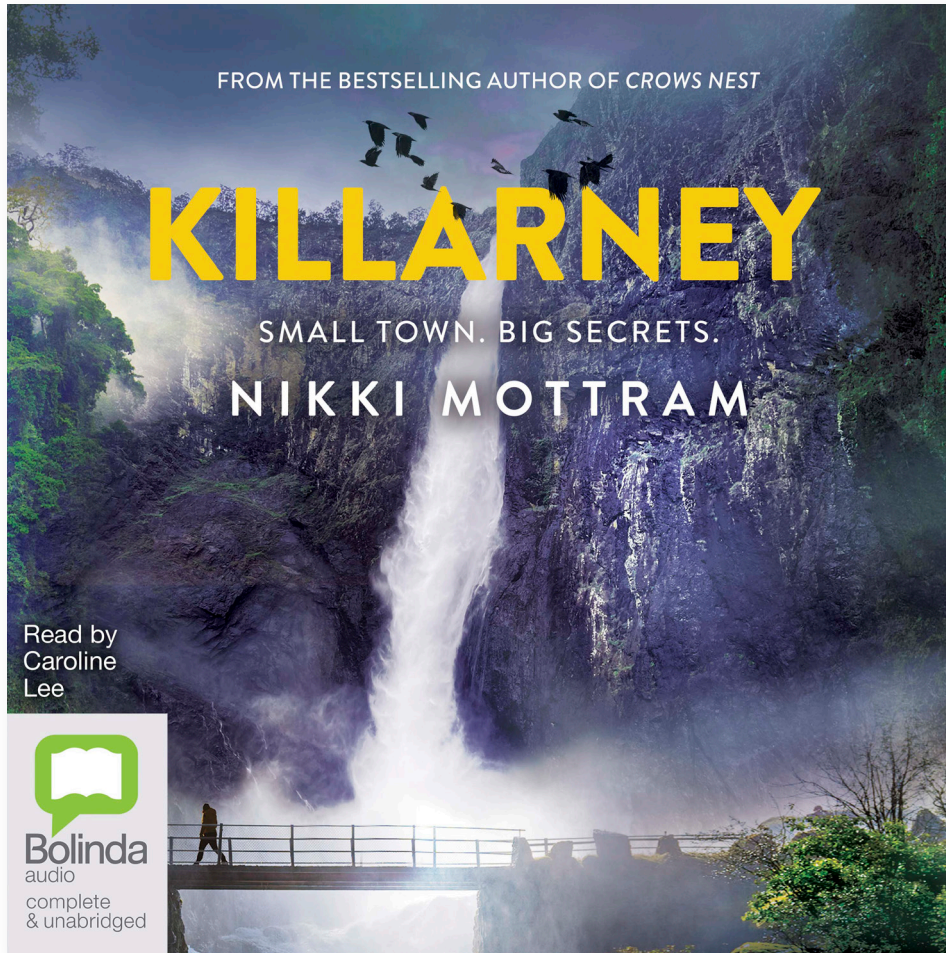
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Crime & Thriller | April 2024

Killarney

Nikki Mottram

Read by Caroline Lee



The second Dana Gibson mystery from the author of the captivating *Crows Nest*.

When child protection worker Dana Gibson arrives in the sleepy rural town of Killarney, she has one goal in mind – locate the whereabouts of foster child Jayden Maloney and return him to care. What she isn't anticipating is an unexpected attraction to her colleague's younger brother Sean, or to become embroiled in their simmering family feud.

When criminal allegations surface against a member of the local parish and a police task force discovers an increase in drug trafficking across the border, Dana is forced to consider that Jayden's disappearance is not simply a case of a teen on the run. To complicate matters further, torrential rain leads the Condamine River to break its banks, and the town gets cut off.

As Dana continues to ask questions, tensions peak with the rising flood waters and she soon realises that the tightknit community is not all that it seems. As long-held secrets start to unravel and loyalties are questioned, Dana must make a decision about who she can trust and how much she is willing to fight for what she believes in.

Nikki Mottram has a psychology degree from the University of Queensland and has worked in London and Australia in positions protecting and promoting the welfare of children at risk of harm

Mottram has been published in the Boroondara Literary Awards Anthology and shortlisted for the Fish International Short Story Prize and the Hal Porter Short Story Prize

In 2018, Mottram was the recipient of a Katherine Susannah Pritchard fellowship

'Intensely riveting, completely captivating and unputdownable.' – Better Reading (on *Crows Nest*)

'I was impressed by the rich characterisation. This novel is ideal for fans of Jane Harper and Mark Brandi.' – Readings (on *Crows Nest*)

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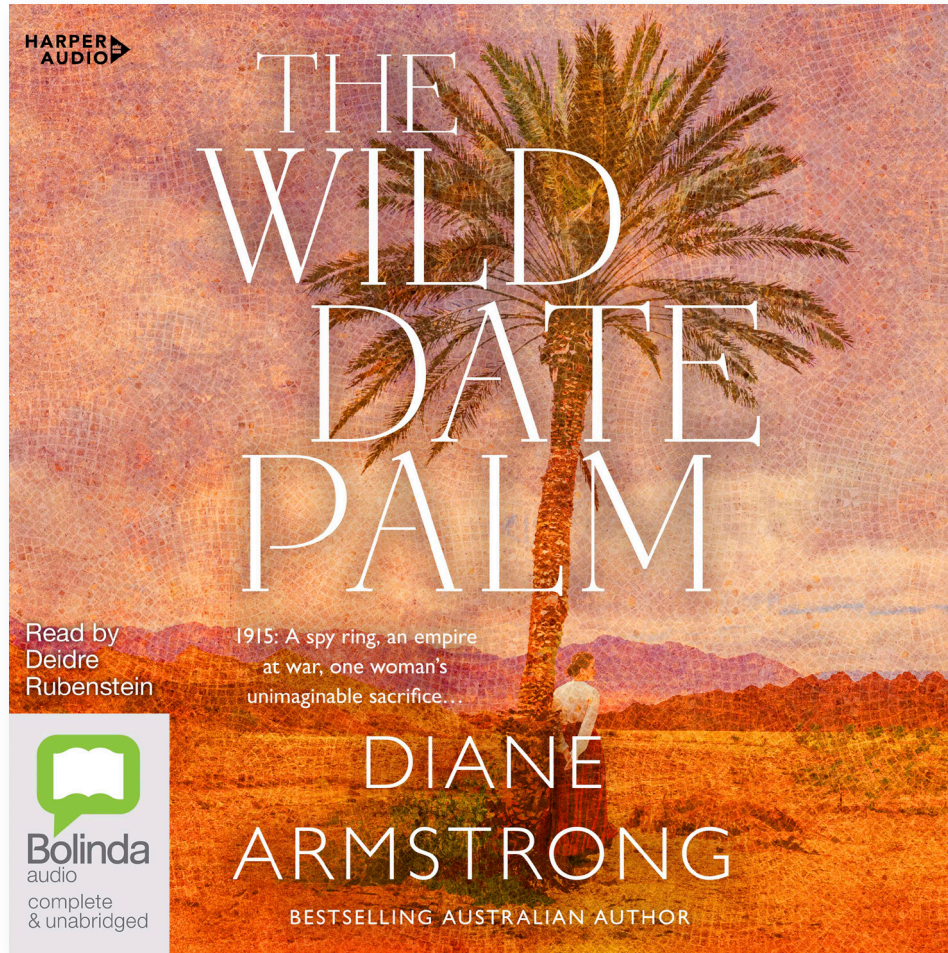
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Historical Fiction | April 2024

The Wild Date Palm

Diane Armstrong

Read by Deidre Rubenstein



From the bestselling Australian author comes a gripping story of espionage, passion and sacrifice set in the Middle East during World War I, based on an astonishing true story.

During a train journey across Turkey's Anatolian Plain in 1915 during World War I, Shoshana Adelstein witnesses the slaughter of the Armenians and knows she has just come face to face with her destiny.

Convinced that her Jewish community in a small outpost of the Ottoman Empire will soon meet a similar fate, she is desperate to save her people. With Turkey and Britain locked in a global conflict, she orchestrates an audacious plan. Enlisting a group of co-conspirators who include her charismatic lover Eli and her impetuous brother Nathan, this young woman forms a clandestine spy ring. Conquering almost insurmountable obstacles, they risk betrayal, torture and death to spy on the Turks and pass on intelligence to the British to help them win the war.

This epic story explores the fate of ordinary people whose mission collides with the secret agenda of powerful countries, people ready to risk everything to rescue their communities. But can individuals affect the fate of nations? And when life is at stake, how far will we go to reach the limits of our dreams?

Perfect for fans of Geraldine Brooks, Heather Morris and Alli Parker

Diane Armstrong's works have been bestsellers and have been shortlisted for major literary awards, and her title *Nocturne* won the Society of Women Writers' Biennial Fiction Award

Armstrong is a member of the Australian Society of Authors, the Society of Women Writers and the MEAA

'Like Geraldine Brooks, Diane Armstrong's historical research is expertly woven into the fabric of a fictional tale, providing an engrossing 'faction' of heroism and resilience which will appeal to both fans of fictional dramatic/romantic sagas, as well as lovers of insightful history.' – Australian Bookseller & Publisher (on *Nocturne*)

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The Outback Court Reporter

Jamelle Wells

Read by the Author



The *Outback* COURT REPORTER JAMELLE WELLS



complete & unabridged

The Outback Court Reporter is a sometimes funny, sometimes tragic look at the comings and goings on inside the country courtrooms dotted across Australia, from bestselling author and ABC journalist Jamelle Wells.

From the case of the stolen cat flap, to missing lollipops and exploding chocolate milk in a country supermarket, to a custody dispute over a camel, Jamelle Wells has seen the lighter and quirky side of outback courts but has also witnessed the harsh, dark and petty side of outback life – including the high rates of Indigenous incarceration, alcohol-related and domestic violence.

After spending almost 20 years in city courtrooms reporting for the ABC on some of the country's highest profile cases, in *The Outback Court Reporter*, Wells takes you into our country courtrooms, from the grand sandstone edifices of Cobar and Grafton to the repurposed community halls and police stations in outback Queensland the Northern Territory – introducing you to the court staff – the solicitors, prosecutors, magistrates, witnesses and the accused, in cases that shock, captivate and divide communities.

The Outback Court Reporter is also a timely reminder of the need for reform as country magistrates struggle with massive caseloads and limited resources, the fall-out of failing regional health system and limited bail and sentencing options in a justice system.

Jamelle Wells is an ABC television and radio Newsreader and the Senior Court Reporter for New South Wales

Wells is the author of *The Court Reporter*, which has been longlisted for the prestigious Ned Kelly Australian Crime Writing Award and the Davitt Australian Women Writers Award

Perfect for fans of *I Catch Killers*, *My Mother a Serial Killer* and *Larrimah*

'... will be quickly devoured by anyone with an interest in journalism and true crime.'
– Academia Review (on *The Court Reporter*)

The Grazier's Son

Cathryn Hein

Read by Hannah Fredericksen



A pitch-perfect rural romance from bestselling Australian author Cathryn Hein.

When helicopter pilot Stirling Hawley travels to Grassmoor in Victoria's lush Western District to claim an inheritance, he doesn't expect to face a town that hates him.

Nor does he anticipate being saved from near-death by glamorous vintage clothing designer Darcy Sloane. Or that she'll take a personal interest in his recovery. But Grassmoor and Westwind, the historic mansion Stirling inherited from the father he never knew, prove full of surprises.

The more Stirling digs into his father's life, the more uneasy he becomes. Behind Dougal Kildare's respectable stock agent and farmer veneer was a man of secrets. While the fraud that devastated the community and led to Dougal's tragic death is one, there are others. And such things never stay buried forever ...

As Stirling's suspicions about Dougal's death grow, danger creeps ever closer. Until it's not only Stirling's life in peril but the woman he's come to love.

Cathryn Hein is a Romance Writers of Australia Romantic Book of the Year finalist with *Santa and the Saddler*, and a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist

Hein is the author of the series *Levenham Love Story* and *Outback Brides*

'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*)

'I finished this on Friday night and it was an utter dream of a story. Just ... perfect. Highly recommended!' – Michelle Douglas, RITA nominated author (on *Eddie and the Show Queen*)

Get Started Investing

It's Easier than You Think to Invest in Shares

Bryce Leske & Alec Renehan

Read by the Authors

Adult New Release

Business & Finance | April 2024

The founders of Australia's #1 finance podcast network, Equity Mates, show how you can tap into the awesome power of the stock market – it's easier than you think.

Does the stock market seem too complicated? Do you think that investing is only for those with more money? Do you want to start investing but don't know where to begin? This is the guide to investing you've been waiting for.

Investing in the stock market has never been more accessible. Alec Renehan and Bryce Leske show why the stock market has been the most powerful money-making machine that has ever existed and how you can access it with just a few spare dollars. They break down the jargon and give you all the information you need to build the confidence to get started today. They explain how to use online investment platforms, managed funds and exchange-traded funds, what to invest in and what to avoid, how to keep it simple and why the biggest risk is not investing.

Get Started Investing draws on advice from over 150 expert investors from around the world, and stories from everyday small investors just like you. Whether you're in school, building your career or nearing retirement, Renehan and Leske will help to make your money work for you.

Alec Renehan and Bryce Leske met at university and co-founded their first podcast, *Equity Mates Investing*, in 2017

Now the home of five podcasts and a video streaming series, Equity Mates is Australia's #1 finance and investing podcast network

'I'm a massive fan of these two blokes. They cut through the jargon to help anyone switch from being a saver to an investor. Saving to invest is how real wealth is built.' – David Koch, TV personality and business commentator

'A perfect start for any beginner who is thinking about investing.' – Usman Khawaja, Australian cricketer



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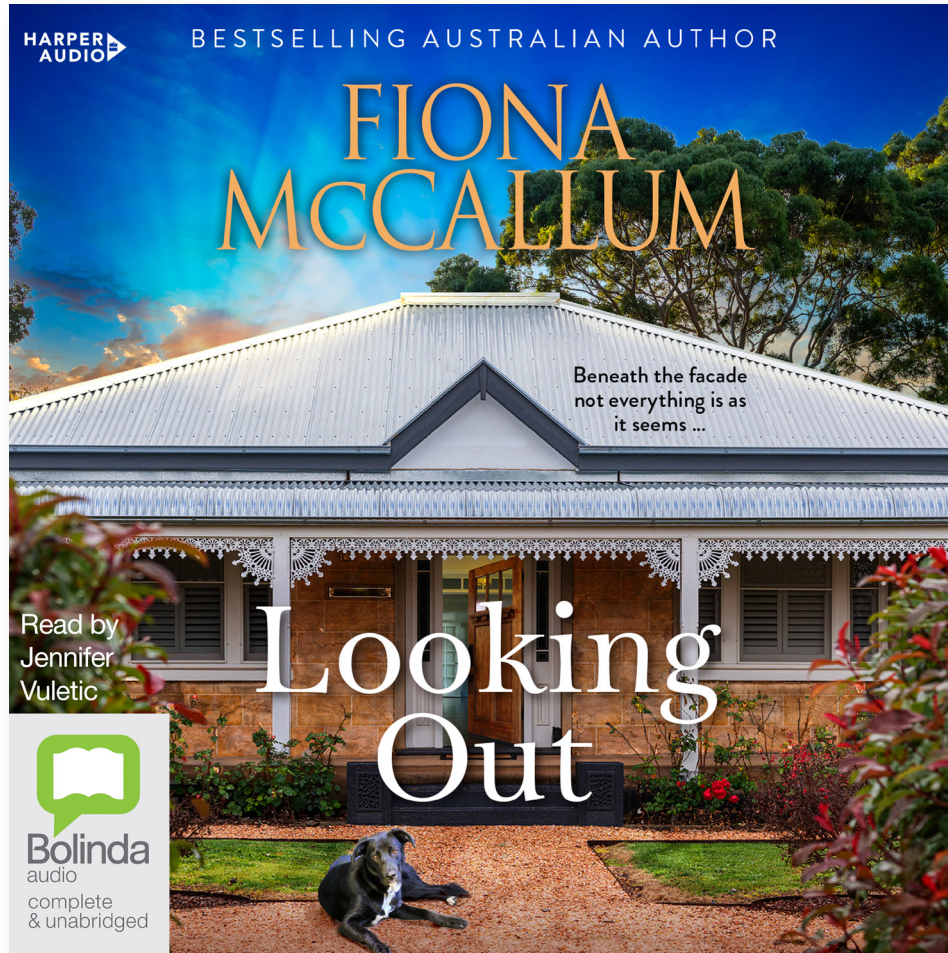
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Looking Out

Fiona McCallum

Read by Jennifer Vuletic



A moving and suspenseful story of family dynamics, obsession and the power of true friendship from Australia's master storyteller, Fiona McCallum.

Beneath the facade not everything is as it seems ...

On the surface Natasha and Mitchell live an idyllic life in the Adelaide Hills with their two daughters and kelpie cross. While both have busy careers, they ensure time is spent with family and friends.

Natasha, an aspiring interior designer, has started her own homewares shop and is excited to develop her business further. Mitchell, on the other hand, is becoming more withdrawn. Is he pressured by work, having a mid-life crisis or hiding something from his family?

Jesse, a charismatic new locksmith in town, offers to help Natasha with client leads. She welcomes the assistance and distraction. But is Jesse all he makes out to be?

Who ultimately is looking out for whom, and who is hiding from the truth?

Fiona McCallum is the bestselling author of *Paycheque*, *Nowhere Else*, *Wattle Creek*, *Saving Grace*, *Time Will Tell*, *Meant to Be*, *Leap of Faith*, *Standing Strong*, *Finding Hannah*, *Making Peace*, *A Life of Her Own* and *The Long Road Home*

McCallum is a full-time novelist who writes heartwarming stories that draw on her rich and contrasting life experiences, love of animals and fascination with human nature

'A master storyteller.' – Good Reading Magazine

'McCallum has a keen eye for fine detail and writes about raw emotion better than any other contemporary writer I know.' – Warcry Magazine

Bird Life

A Novel

Anna Smaill

Read by Eva Seymour

Adult New Release

Literary Fiction | April 2024

A lyrical and ambitious exploration of madness and what it is like to experience the world differently, from the Booker Prize-longlisted author of *The Chimes*.

In Ueno Park, Tokyo, as workers and tourists gather for lunch, the pollen blows, a fountain erupts, pigeons scatter and two women meet, changing the course of one another's lives.

Dinah has come to Japan from New Zealand to teach English and grieve the death of her brother, Michael. In the seemingly empty, eerie apartment block where Dinah has been housed, she sees Michael everywhere, even as she feels his absence sharply.

Yasuko is polished, precise and keenly observant of her students and colleagues at the language school, and of the natural world. When she was 13, animals began to speak to her, to tell her things she did not always want to hear. She has suppressed these powers for many years, but sometimes she allows them to resurface, to the dismay of her adult son, Jun. One day, she returns home, and Jun has gone. Even her special gifts cannot bring him back.

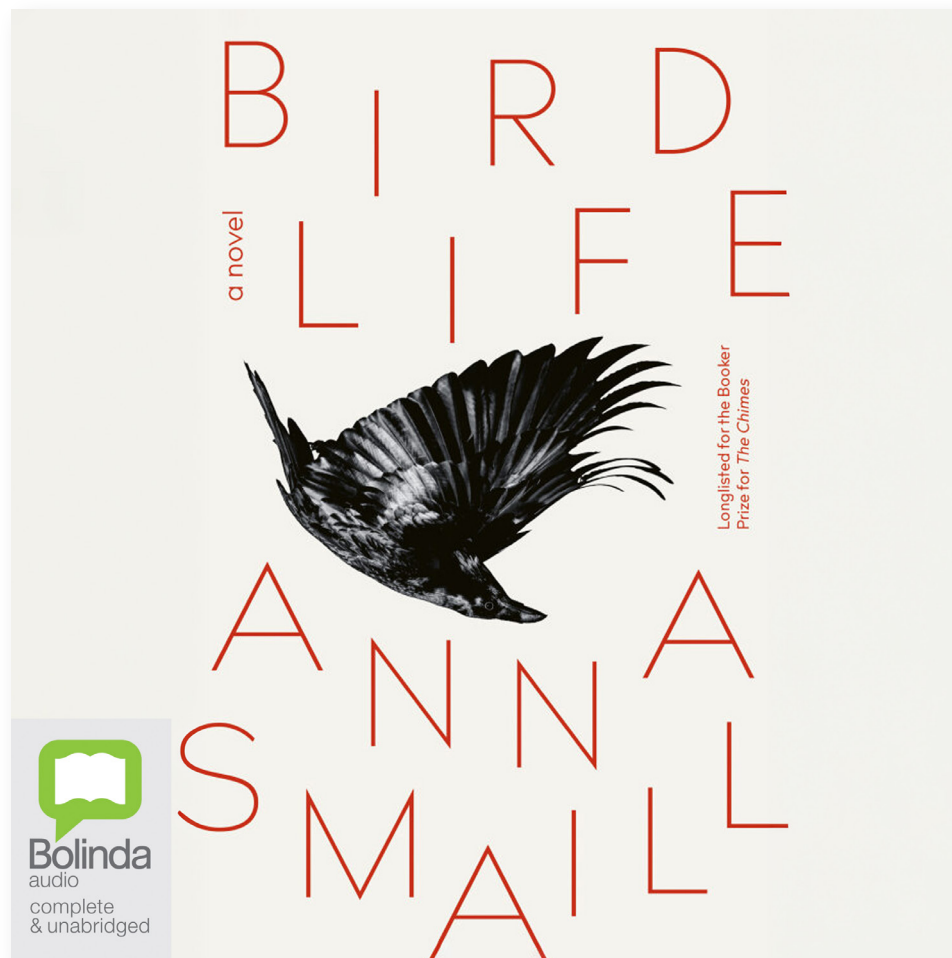
As these two women deal with their individual trauma, they form an unlikely friendship in which each will help the other to see a different possible world.

In 2015, Smaill published her debut novel, *The Chimes*, which won the World Fantasy Award and was longlisted for the Booker Prize

Smaill's first book of poetry, *The Violinist in Spring*, was listed as one of the Best Books of 2006 by the New Zealand Listener

'*Bird Life* is a deeply affecting novel, transcending cultural barriers while reaching through them to the essentially human.' – The Times

'A beautifully lyrical tale of loss, grief and madness, whose central characters are so deftly drawn that you find yourself breathlessly following them down. Magically strange yet horribly real.' – Mat Osman, author of *The Ghost Theatre*



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Untouchable Girls

The Topp Twins' Story

Jools Topp & Lynda Topp

Read by Emily Paddon-Brown

Adult New Release

Autobiography | April 2024

The incredible story of how a couple of country kids from Huntly became much-loved Kiwi icons and TV stars, with their own unique brand of original country music and comedy.

Iconic Kiwi comic, country music, yodelling, lesbian duo.

Jools and Lynda Topp aka The Topp Twins tell this story in their own words, describing their adventurous lives through laugh-out-loud anecdotes and heartwarming tales.

As well as their long careers as country music stars and comedians, with characters like Camp Mother & Camp Leader and Ken & Ken, the twins have always stood up for their political beliefs and have been embraced by New Zealanders from all walks of life.

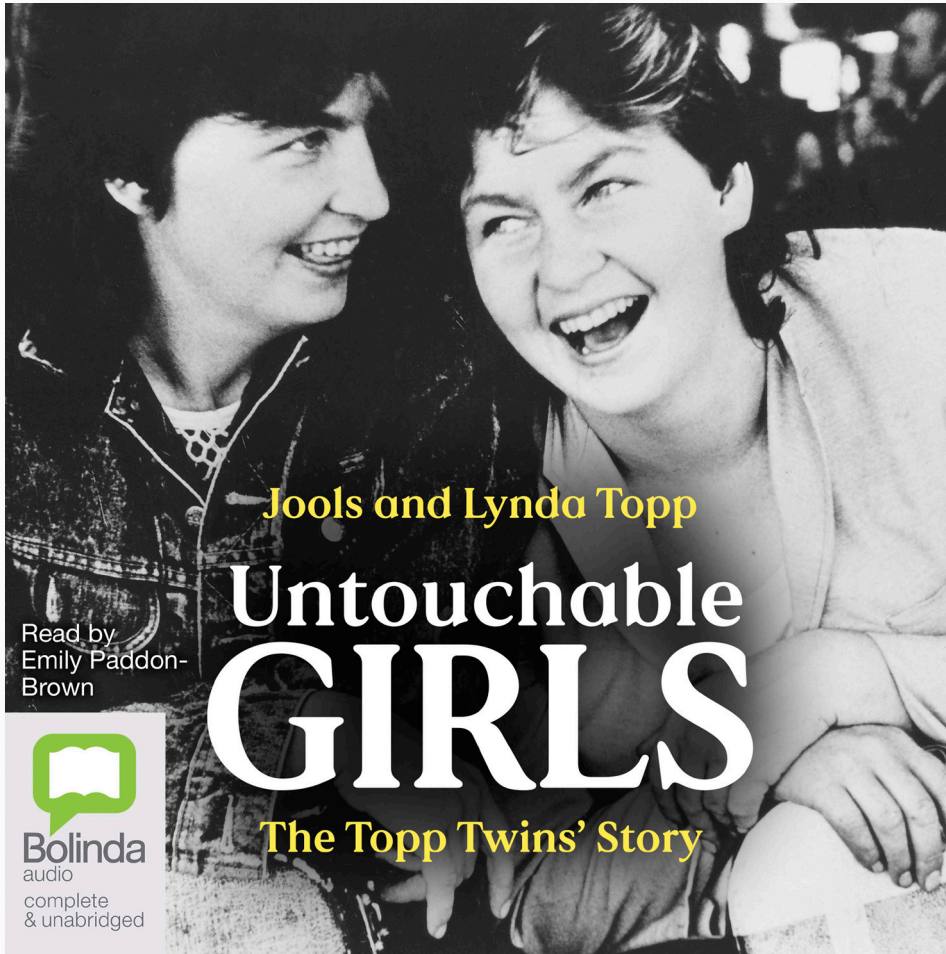
Including never-before-told stories, this is a nostalgic and important historic record of the lives of two ground-breaking and inspiring women, and of the times through which they've lived.

Twin sisters, Jools and Lynda Topp, aka the Topp Twins, are New Zealand's 'national treasures' who have been entertaining audiences with their distinctive brand of original music and character comedy for more than 30 years

The twins have had their own award-winning primetime TV series, most recently *Topp Country* (TVNZ), released many albums and children's audiobooks

They have been inducted into the NZ Music Hall of Fame, received the New Zealand Order of Merit and Honorary Doctorates and featured in a documentary film about their lives, which became a worldwide hit

'Untouchable Girls is a rollicking, intimate, uproarious romp through the triumphant lives of Jools and Lynda that will make you want to sing, to go on the road, ride horses, fall in love and never stop laughing.' – RNZ



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A Thousand Wasted Sundays

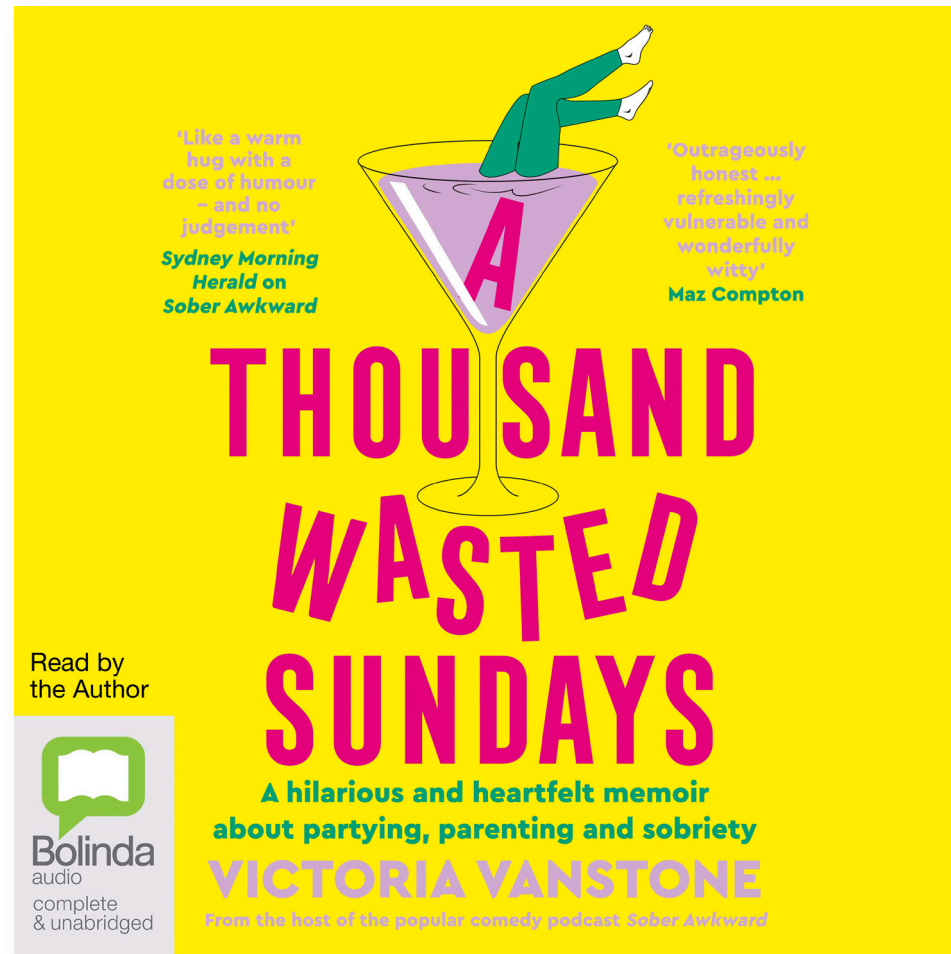
Adult New Release

Autobiography | April 2024

A Hilarious and Heartfelt Memoir about Partying, Parenting and Sobriety

Victoria Vanstone

Read by the Author



A party girl with a socially acceptable binge-drinking habit swaps glitter boobs for mum shorts in this hilarious and heartfelt memoir.

Victoria Vanstone grew up in 1980s England in a happy home full of laughter, booze and a disturbing amount of fancy-dress parties. From her youthful days downing cheap wine at the local park to dodging disastrous relationships and a messy run-in with a firework, her reliable mate alcohol was never far from reach.

Eventually, Victoria found herself in Australia with a husband and a child on the way. After sobering up for her first pregnancy, becoming a boring, bottom-wiping, cleaning machine meant she soon returned to her binge-drinking ways, and had to grapple anew with the habits and beliefs that had gone unchecked since childhood.

Can a party girl put down the pint glass for good?

Incredibly funny and highly relatable, *A Thousand Wasted Sundays* is for anyone that has ever had a close encounter of the drinking kind. For fans of Rosie Waterland, Judith Lucy, Dolly Alderton and Adam Kay.

Victoria Vanstone is the host of *Sober Awkward*, a popular comedy podcast that tracks two former party animals as they navigate life without booze

Vanstone started writing on the day she gave up alcohol and became a renowned over-sharer on her blog drunkmummysobermummy.com

Sober Awkward won Best Wellbeing Podcast at the 2023 Australian Podcast Awards

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Vegemite

The True Story of the Man Who Invented an Australian Icon

Jamie Callister

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Biography | April 2024

'An amazing yarn' *Sydney Morning Herald*

Jamie Callister



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The **TRUE STORY** of the
MAN WHO INVENTED
an **AUSTRALIAN ICON**

Published to coincide with Vegemite's 100th anniversary, the fascinating true story of the man who invented Australia's most enduring cultural icon, fully revised and updated.

Today Vegemite is recognised around the world, but when the salty black paste was first produced in 1923 the public wasn't interested. In fact, it took another 15 years and a world war before we embraced it.

Vegemite shares the fascinating tale of Cyril Callister, the man who invented what would become Australia's most beloved consumer product, along with the story of its rocky road to acceptance. Spanning the Gold Rush, the Depression and two world wars, it opens a window on the evolution of modern Australia.

Vegemite is a great Australian story of overcoming the odds, and of how extraordinary things can happen to (almost) ordinary people.

Jamie Callister is the grandson of Cyril Callister, the man who invented Vegemite

Callister moved to Queensland where he worked in television media, advertising and the building industry. More recently he has taught English as a second language

Today, Vegemite is one of the nation's most trusted brands, with studies revealing that eight out of ten Australian homes have a jar of Vegemite in the fridge or pantry

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No Church in the Wild

Murray Middleton

Read by Adam Marks

COVER COMING SOON

No Church in the Wild

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A furious, vibrant portrayal of the fractured relationships between migrant youth from the towers of Melbourne's inner west, their teachers and local police, by a Vogel-winning author.

It's been five long years since violence erupted between young migrants and local police in Melbourne's inner west. A police-led trip to hike the Kokoda Trail hopes to rebuild relationships in the community, but as training gets underway, fresh allegations of racial profiling have everyone on a knife-edge.

For wannabe rapper Ali, pride is hard to come by in the commission towers as both gentrification and his best friend's court date creep closer.

Classmate Tyler's anger – at his dysfunctional family, and a world that denies his dreams – is close to ignition, and the way out is dangerously narrow.

Young and idealistic teacher Anna's life is in disarray, but she knows she has to take a stand against the school system that's failing her students.

And Paul, a cop new to the beat, quickly realises that it'll take a lot more than community policing to repair the mutual mistrust with local youth.

Murray Middleton is a Melbourne-based writer who spent eight years working in the city's education system

His first collection of stories, *When There's Nowhere Else to Run*, won The Australian/Vogel Literary Award and was shortlisted for the New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards

In 2016, Murray was named *Sydney Morning Herald's* Best Young Australian Novelist

Quietly Confident

Kate James

Read by the Author

'A celebration of introversion in a loud and extroverted world.
It's not just necessary, it's transformative.'

DR REBECCA RAY, Australian psychologist and bestselling author



An introvert's guide to knowing
and expressing your worth

KATE JAMES



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Quietly Confident is a must-have guide for realising your strengths, claiming your worth and making your mark on the world.

In her role as a life coach and self-professed introvert, Kate James has heard hundreds of clients tell her the same story. They are smart, creative, motivated and engaged, but they can't seem to get a seat at the big table, particularly in their working lives. They don't speak up, put themselves forward, ask for rewards, or set boundaries with louder, bossier people.

In *Quietly Confident*, Kate shows us how to see introversion as a superpower rather than an impediment. Drawing on examples from her own practice, stories from popular culture and the latest research, Kate guides listeners to a greater knowledge and understanding of their introvert's toolkit. This includes intuition, insight, emotional intelligence and creativity. Here, Kate encourages us towards a deeper appreciation of how to value and use these qualities in an era where those with the loudest voices (and most followers) seem to always come out on top.

As a sought-after mindfulness expert, with over 30 years of meditation practice, Australian life coach and mindfulness expert Kate James helps her clients focus on what really matters

James is the author of five books, *Change Your Thinking to Change Your Life*, *Believe in Yourself*, *Be Mindful*, *Change How You Think* and *Create Calm*

'Kate James is such an honest, warm and generous teacher. Read this book and you'll be learning from one of the very best.' – Claire Bowditch, author of *Your Own Kind of Girl*

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April new releases 2024

Somehow

Thoughts on Love

Anne Lamott

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Mind, Body & Spirit | April 2024

By the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Bird by Bird*, *Somehow* is a joyful celebration of love and an invitation to see love in the busy world around us.

Love is our only hope. It is not always the easiest choice, but it is always the right one, the noble path, the way home to safety, no matter how bleak the future looks.

Anne Lamott explores the transformative power that love has in our lives – how it surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity and guides us forward.

In each chapter of *Somehow: Thoughts on Love*, Lamott refracts all the colours of the spectrum. She explores the unexpected love for a partner later in life. The bruised (and bruising) love for a child who disappoints, even frightens. Drawing from her own life and experience to delineate the intimate and elemental ways that love buttresses us in the face of despair, as it galvanises us to believe that tomorrow will be better than today. The lessons she underscores are that love enlightens as it educates, comforts as it energises and sustains as it surprises.

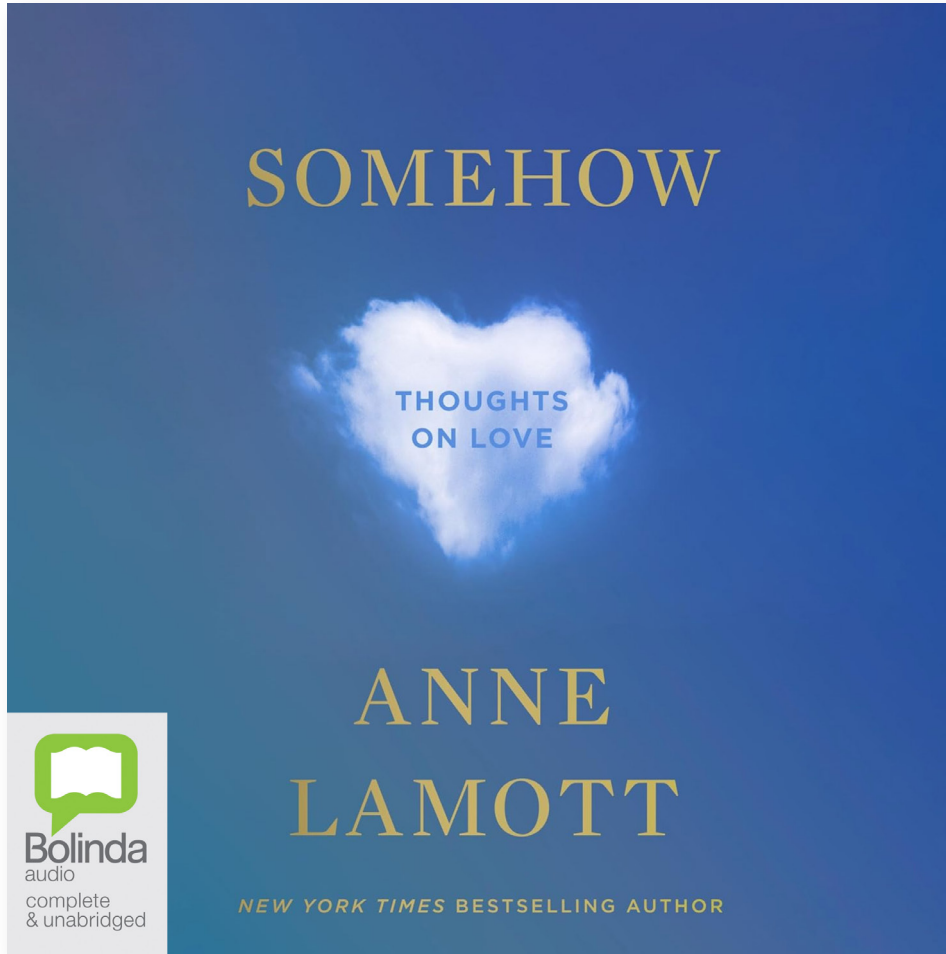
Anne Lamott is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Help, Thanks, Wow*; *Small Victories*; *Stitches*; *Some Assembly Required*; *Plan B*; *Traveling Mercies*; *Bird by Bird*; *Operating Instructions* and *Hallelujah Anyway*

Lamott is also the author of seven fiction titles, including *Imperfect Birds* and *Rosie*

Lamott is a past recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and an inductee to the California Hall of Fame

'Anne Lamott is a cause for celebration. She is nothing short of miraculous.' – The New Yorker

'Anne Lamott is my Oprah.' – Chicago Tribune



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Rethinking Diabetes

What Science Reveals about Diet, Insulin and Successful Treatments

Gary Taubes

Read by Arthur Morey

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RETHINKING DIABETES



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**What Science Reveals About Diet,
Insulin and Successful Treatments**

GARY TAUBES

AUTHOR OF SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER *THE CASE FOR KETO*

An eye-opening investigation into the history of diabetes research and treatment, arguing for a diet-based alternative to medical treatments, from the bestselling author of *The Case Against Sugar*.

Over 400 million people around the world have been diagnosed with diabetes. Before the discovery of insulin, diabetes was treated through diet, from eating purely meat to the reliance on fats, and repeated fasting. After two centuries of conflicting medical advice, most authorities today believe that those with diabetes can have the same dietary freedom enjoyed by the rest of us, including the occasional ice-cream, leaving the job of controlling the disease to insulin therapy. However, this guiding principle has been accompanied by an explosive rise in diabetes over the last 50 years, and the expectation that sufferers' health will deteriorate steadily over time.

In this ground-breaking audiobook, award-winning science writer Gary Taubes explores the history of the treatment of diabetes, elucidating the way that badly conceived research influences the guidance that doctors offer today, at the expense of patients' long-term well-being. Passionately argued and deeply researched, *Rethinking Diabetes* reimagines diabetes care with diet at its centre, and is hugely persuasive in its questioning of the established wisdom that may have enabled the current epidemic of diabetes and obesity.

Gary Taubes is the author of the bestsellers *Good Calories, Bad Calories* and *Why We Get Fat*

Taubes is a former staff writer for *Discover* and correspondent for *Science*, and his writing has appeared on the cover of *The New York Times Magazine* and in *The Atlantic* and *Esquire*

Taubes has received three Science in Society awards from the National Association of Science Writers and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Award in Health Policy Research

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April new releases 2024

Our Fair Lily

Rosie Goodwin

Read by Charlie Sanderson



Could Lily dare to believe that she could be more than just a parlour maid? Find out in the brand-new tale from Britain's best-loved saga author Rosie Goodwin.

Lily Moon, the local miner's daughter, spends her days as a parlour maid for Lord and Lady Bellingham at Oakley Manor, on the outskirts of Nuneaton. She's always been happy with her lot in life, and never expected more.

But one day, everything changes when she temporarily becomes lady's maid to the Bellingham's daughter, Arabella, who is pregnant with the illegitimate child of her lover, and about to be unhappily married off to a man double her age.

When Arabella suddenly disappears and Lily is left holding the baby, the Bellingham's deny any link to the child. But Lily Moon is made of strong stuff, and between her and her sick mother, they know they must give a home to sweet baby Anastasia (Annie) and bring her up despite their own poor means. It is only Arabella's brother, the handsome son and heir of the estate, who shows any interest in the child, and through his kindness a friendship forms between him and Lily. Or, perhaps more than a friendship if the village gossips are to be believed ...

Rosie Goodwin is the four-million-copy bestselling author of more than 40 titles

Goodwin is the first author in the world to be allowed to follow three of Catherine Cookson's trilogies with her own sequels. She is one of the top 50 most borrowed authors in UK libraries

'An emotional rollercoaster full of the wisdom, warmth and wonderful storytelling that we have come to expect from this much-loved writer.' – Lancashire Post (on *A Precious Gift*)

'Goodwin is a fabulous writer. She reels the reader in surprisingly quickly and her style involves lots of twists and turns that are in no way predictable.' – Worcester Evening News (on *A Maiden's Voyage*)

Nobody's Darling

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



THE BESTSELLING CLASSIC

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COX

Nobody's Darling

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A woman hoping to escape poverty focuses on her career, but yearns for love, in this historical saga from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Josephine Cox.

Lizzie Miller worries for her family – money is short in their little house, but her beautiful daughter Ruby vows to give them all a better life.

Working as a maid for Mr Banks, Ruby befriends his shy and gentle daughter, Cicely. The two girls hatch a mischievous plan to introduce Ruby to society at a party for the 'gentry' of Blackburn, where Ruby meets Luke Arnold, the dissolute heir to his father's fortunes.

But Ruby soon learns of Luke's cruel nature and when he slyly turns his charm on Cicely, Ruby feels compelled to warn her, a warning that will put her livelihood and her future on the line ...

Josephine Cox is the prolific author who grew up in poverty in Blackburn and went on to sell more than 20 million copies of her family dramas

Cox is the author of more than 60 titles, written over a career which spanned more than three decades

Cox won the Superwoman of Great Britain Award, for which her family had secretly entered her, at the same time as her title was accepted for publication

'Josephine Cox brings so much freshness to the plot, and the characters ... A Cookson by any other name.' – Birmingham Post (on *A Little Badness*)

'Cox's talent as storyteller never lets you escape the spell.' – Daily Mail (on *Born Bad*)

Escape to the Rome Apartment

The Italian Escape #3

Kerry Fisher

Read by Emma Spurgin Hussey

Adult New Release

Romance | April 2024

Return to the sunny streets of beautiful Rome with this heartwarming and romantic story about discovering your true path in life, from *USA Today* bestselling author Kerry Fisher.

Sara has lost her zest for life. Trapped sharing a house with her soon-to-be-ex-husband, with grown-up children who still need her but take her for granted, working in a job where her boss bullies her, the final straw is the heartbreak of losing her beloved best friend Lainey.

But Lainey's death could be the beginning of Sara's new life ... as the last gift Lainey gives to her friend is a sum of money and a request – that Sara travels to Italy, the scene of the pair's youthful adventures, and scatters Lainey's ashes on the beach at Portofino.

For once, Sara decides to be brave. She quits her job, tells her family they can manage without her, and sets off on the trip of a lifetime. Sara finds herself drawn to Carlo. Handsome and charming, he is everything Sara finds it so hard to be – carefree, impulsive, living in the moment without worrying about the future.

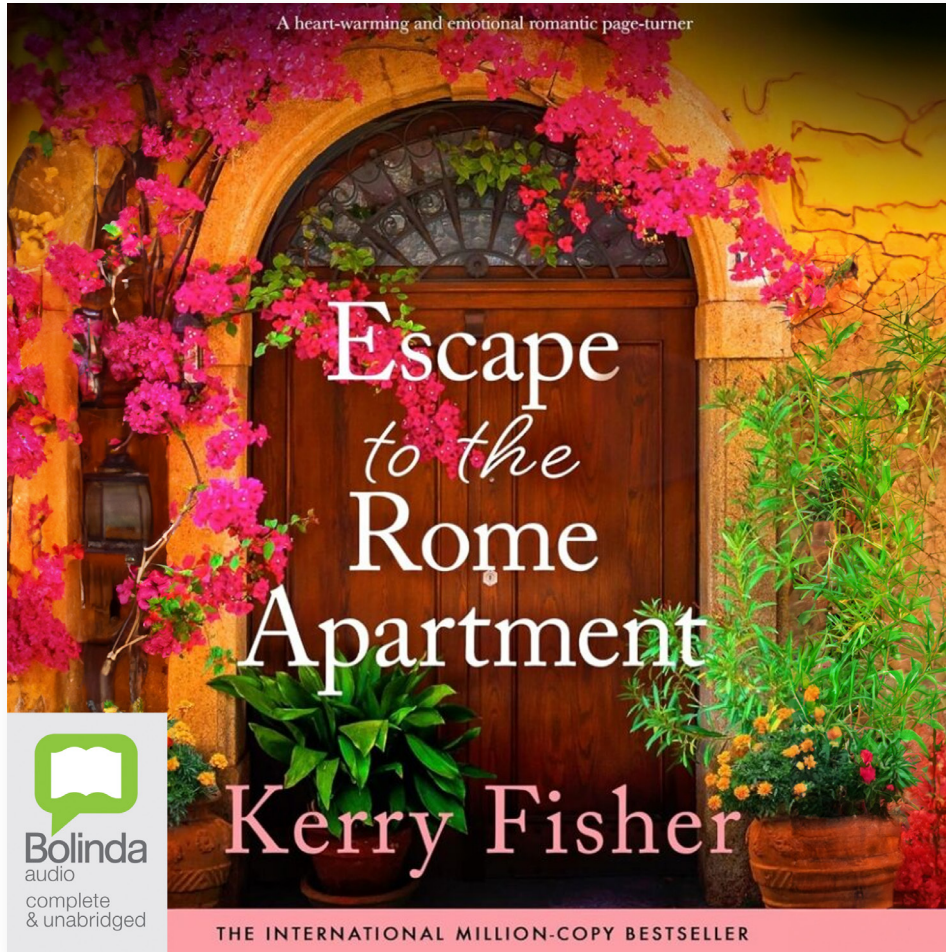
And then Sara sees something she shouldn't ... and discovers a secret about Carlo that makes her question everything she thought she knew.

Kerry Fisher is the international bestselling author of *The Woman I Was Before*, *The Silent Wife* and *Other People's Marriages*, as well as a non-fiction memoir, *Take My Hand*

Perfect for fans of Jill Mansell, Elin Hilderbrand and Sheila O'Flanagan

'Brilliant! Very highly recommended. Cannot wait for Kerry's next!' – Renita D'Silva, author of *The Forgotten Daughter* (on *The Silent Wife*)

'No one writes complex, painful family love like Kerry Fisher ... Loved it!' – Iona Gray, award-winning author of *Letters to the Lost* (on *The Woman I Was Before*)



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Welcome to My World

Miranda Dickinson

Read by Sarah Cullum



A gorgeous love story about a travel agent who longs to travel and an intrepid explorer who just wants to find a place to call home, from million-copy bestselling author Miranda Dickinson.

Close your eyes and imagine the world is your oyster ...

And now imagine never seeing it. Welcome to Harriet Langton's world. All her life she's dreamt of travelling the globe – fate always got in the way.

Working as a travel agent, the closest Harri comes to her dream destination of Venice is booking the trip for someone else. But everything changes when travel fanatic Alex drops in.

With her boyfriend Rob tied up with work, Harri is persuaded to help Alex in his quest for love. But in her attempts to help, Harri soon discovers that she's alienating those around her. Desperate to leave her life behind, will her dreams finally come true? Or will Harri's leap of faith be her biggest mistake yet?

Miranda Dickinson is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Fairytale of New York*, *Welcome to My World*, *It Started with A Kiss*, *When I Fall In Love* and *Take A Look At Me Now*

Dickinson has been shortlisted twice for RNA awards, for Novel of the Year in 2010 with *Fairytale of New York* and again in 2012 for Contemporary Novel of the Year for *It Started with a Kiss*

Dickinson has been published in 15 languages and been a bestseller in four countries and have sold over one million titles worldwide

'Dickinson's intimate and chatty style of writing draws you into her magical story like a friend who can't wait to tell you her news.' – Lancashire Evening Post

'A guilty pleasure.' – Grazia

The Shadow Network

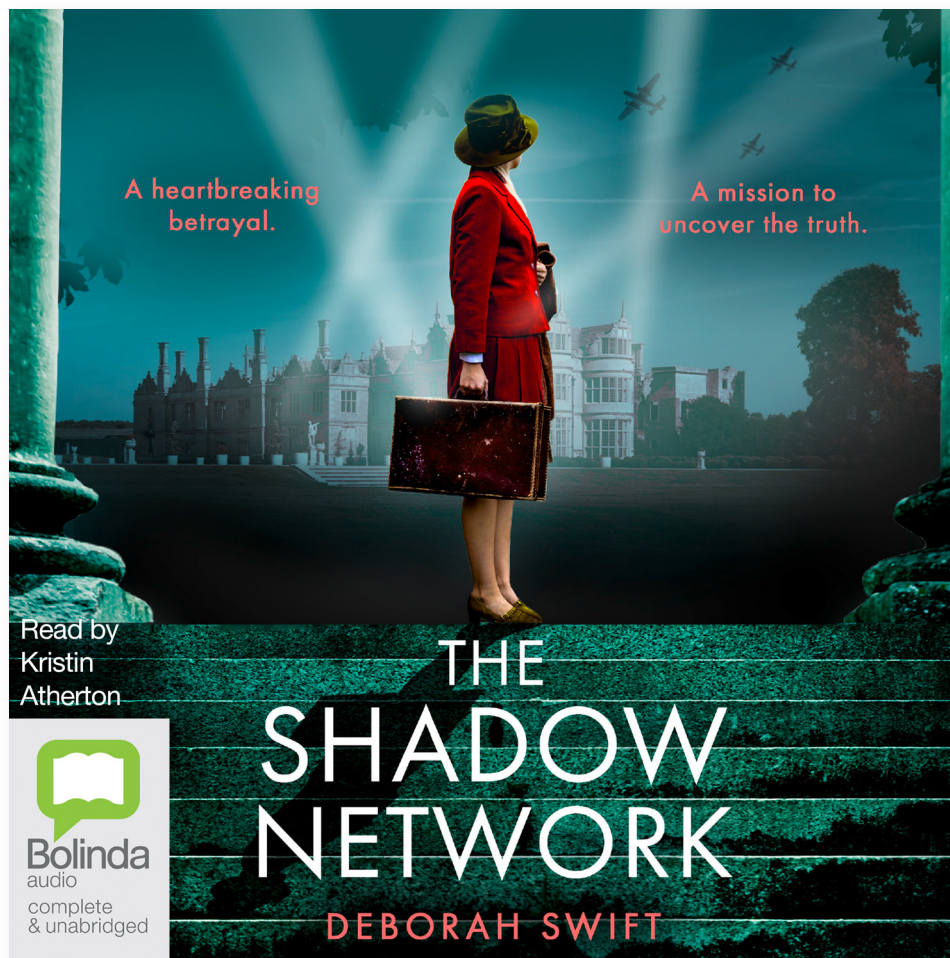
WW2 Secret Agent #2

Deborah Swift

Read by Kristin Atherton

Adult New Release

Sagas | April 2024



Set in the fascinating world of wartime radio, don't miss the second instalment in the WW2 Secret Agent series, a heart-stopping story of betrayal, treachery and courage against the odds.

England, 1942. Having fled Germany after her father was captured by the Nazis, Lilli Bergen is desperate to do something proactive for the Allies. So, when she's approached by the Political Warfare Executive, Lilli jumps at the chance. She's recruited as a singer for a radio station broadcasting propaganda to German soldiers – a shadow network.

But Lilli's world is flipped upside down when her ex-boyfriend, Bren Murphy, appears at her workplace; the very man she thinks betrayed her father to the Nazis. Lilli always thought Bren was a Nazi sympathiser – so what is he doing in England supposedly working against the Germans?

Lilli knows Bren is up to something and must put aside a blossoming new relationship in order to discover the truth. Can Lilli expose him, before it's too late?

Deborah Swift is the author of *The Silk Code*, *The Fortune Keeper*, *The Poison Keeper*, *The Silkworm Keeper*, *The Lifeline*, *A Divided Inheritance*, *The Occupation*, *Past Encounters* and *The Gilded Lily*

Swift's *The Poison Keeper* won the Millennium Book Award 2022

'Another superbly researched and detailed novel by Swift. Filled with suspense, accuracy, real-life settings and characters ...' – The Examiner (on *A Divided Inheritance*)

'Beautifully written and though-provoking story ...' – Lancashire Evening Post (on *Past Encounters*)

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A Celebration on Coronation Street

Coronation Street #6

Maggie Sullivan

Read by Gabrielle Glaister

Adult New Release

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It's 1953, and the nation's favourite street is preparing to celebrate Elizabeth II's coronation in this heartwarming tale by bestselling author Maggie Sullivan.

Josie Grimshaw has moved to Coronation Street to live with her mother's old friend, Elsie Lappin. The street is excited for the upcoming coronation of the new queen, Elizabeth, but Elsie is finding it hard to celebrate anything after the loss of her husband.

Over at the Rovers Return, Annie Walker is distracted by her tearaway son, Billie, who has found himself expelled from school. When Josie starts to help Elsie out at the family grocer's store, it risks bringing a secret out into the open that she is desperate to keep.

As the street swoons over the beautiful young queen and her handsome prince, tensions simmer beneath the surface. Can the street put their troubles behind them and make Coronation Day a celebration to remember?

Bestselling author Maggie Sullivan is known for her Northern family dramas including the Coronation Street series, which have gained her a strong following of listeners and fans worldwide

Sullivan is a freelance university instructor who also writes non-fiction, romance, sagas and heartwarming short stories

Sullivan is a long standing member of Romantic Novelists' Association

'A wonderfully nostalgic tale.' – Choice Magazine (on *Mother's Day on Coronation Street*)

'A perfect festive read.' – Woman Magazine (on *Mother's Day on Coronation Street*)

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A Wedding in Driftwood Cove

Olivia Miles

Read by Amy Johnson



A wedding brings together three sisters – and an undercurrent of secrets threatens to tear them apart, in this seaside romance from *USA Today* bestselling author Olivia Miles.

With youngest sister Hallie getting married, the three Walsh sisters reunite at their family's beach house for the big event. It's a celebratory affair, rife with cherished traditions.

But families are complicated, and these sisters are no exception. Claire, the eldest, no longer believes in love after years working as a divorce attorney, and she resorts to taking her 'work husband' as her date to convince her family otherwise. Middle sister, Amy, fears a confrontation with the man who broke her heart by announcing he was marrying someone else. And although Hallie has always lived a charmed life, she's getting cold feet about marrying her childhood sweetheart.

As the Walsh sisters grapple with the secrets they've kept from one another, they must decide if Hallie's wedding is a chance to mend mistakes of the past ... even if it means confronting their feelings about love, life and one another.

Olivia Miles has frequently been ranked as an Amazon Top 100 author, and her books have appeared on several bestseller lists, including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, BookScan, and *USA Today*

Miles is the author of heartwarming women's fiction and small-town contemporary romance, including the series such as Briar Creek, Maple Woods, Misty Point and Oyster Bay

'A warm, tender story overflowing with emotion. With strong, memorable characters and a delightful small town, this ... will surely work its way into your heart.' – RaeAnne Thayne, *New York Times* bestselling author (on *Hope Springs on Main Street*)

Available in physical only

When Grumpy Met Sunshine

Charlotte Stein

Read by Emily Spowage



A steamy, opposites-attract romance with undeniable chemistry between a grumpy retired footballer and his fabulous and very sunshine-y ghostwriter.

When grumpy ex-footballer Alfie Harding gets badgered into selling his memoirs, he knows he's never going to be able to write them. He hates revealing a single thing about himself, is allergic to most emotions and can't imagine doing a good job of putting pen to paper.

And so in walks curvy, cheery, cute as heck ghostwriter Mabel Willicker, who knows just how to sunshine and sass her way into getting every little detail out of Alfie. They banter and bicker their way to writing his life story, both of them sure they'll never be anything other than at odds.

But after their business arrangement is mistaken for a budding romance, the pair have to pretend to be an item for a public who's ravenous for more of this Cinderella story. Or at least, it feels like it's pretend – until each slow burn step in their fake relationship sparks a heat neither can control. Now they just have to decide – is this sizzling chemistry just for show? Or something so real it might just give them their fairytale ending?

Perfect for fans of *Ted Lasso* and Tessa Bailey

Charlotte Stein is the Romantic Times nominated author of over 50 short stories, novellas and novels, including entries in *The Mammoth Book of Hot Romance*

'A hilarious and modern Cinderella story that feels like eating warm chocolate cake.' – Talia Hibbert, author of *Get a Life, Chloe Brown*

'I don't think anyone has ever delivered on a slow burn quite like this.' – Rosie Danan, bestselling author of *The Roommate*

On Mother Brown's Doorstep

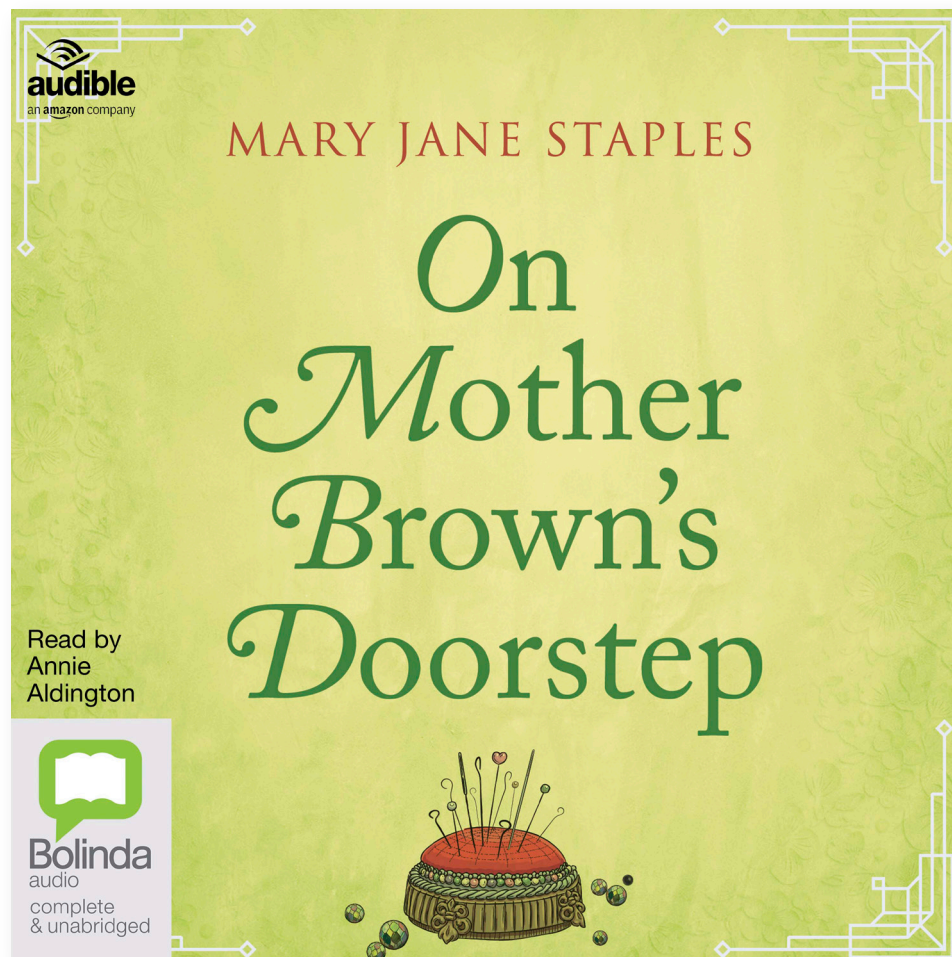
Adams Family #4

Mary Jane Staples

Read by Annie Aldington

Adult New Release

Sagas | April 2024



The gritty and uplifting fourth instalment in the Adams Family saga, from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Mary Jane Staples.

As wedding bells ring, Walworth is turned upside down by tragic events ...

Susie Brown is overjoyed when her brother, Will, turns up unexpectedly on leave from service in time for her wedding to Sammy Adams.

But Will's leave is an extended one due to bad health, and he's unsure whether the army will keep him or whether he'll be able to find a job in the slump of the '20s. To make matters worse, he's at risk of falling in love with the young and personable Annie Ford ...

Amidst the joyous wedding preparations, a cloud hangs over Walworth – the mystery of three young girls missing from their homes. A mystery that will culminate, along with Will's personal problems – on the night of the wedding.

Perfect for fans of Maggie Ford, Kitty Neale and Donna Douglas

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

'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)

'Mary Jane Staples completely captures the feel of the period and the essence of the people ... has warmth, humour and charm.' – Finesse (on the Adams Family series)

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The Spare Room

Laura Starkey

Read by Fran Burgoyne



A brand-new laugh-out-loud roommates to lovers romantic comedy from Laura Starkey, author of *Rachel Ryan's Resolutions*.

Two unexpected flatmates. One shared space. Will they cross the line into love?

Rosie had the perfect evening lined up – she'd come home early, slip into a sexy dress and surprise her boyfriend with date night. What she was not expecting was to find his bags packed and herself unceremoniously dumped.

But she can't even think about her heartbreak when she faces the more pressing matter of making rent this month. And in desperate times, she agrees to let her spare room out to her elusive upstairs neighbour.

Aled needs somewhere to stay while his place is being renovated, and she gets to keep her home. It's a win-win situation ... at least in theory.

For Rosie has sworn off men indefinitely, and never saw herself living with one so soon after her breakup. But being in Aled's company day in, day out has this annoying habit of playing havoc with her heart ...

On paper they're just flatmates, but could there be room for more between them?

Perfect for fans of Beth O'Leary, Portia MacIntosh and Mhairi McFarlane

Laura Starkey is the author of *Rachel Ryan's Resolutions* and *Amy Perry's Assumptions*

Rachel Ryan's Resolutions spent four weeks in the Kindle Top 100, reaching #17

'A big-hearted treat of a read.' – Catherine Walsh, author of *One Night Only* and *The Rebound* (on *Rachel Ryan's Resolutions*)

'Hilarious and heartwarming.' – Matt Dunn, author of *Then I Met You* (on *Rachel Ryan's Resolutions*)

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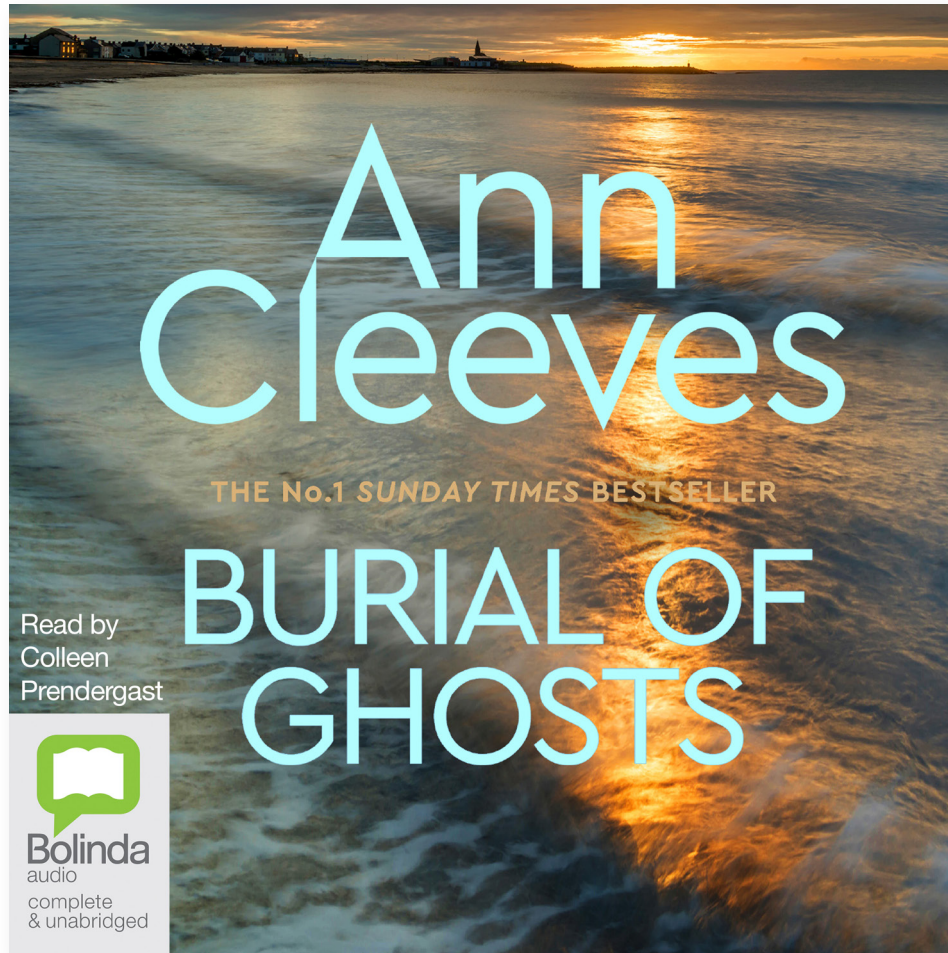
Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2024

Burial of Ghosts

Ann Cleeves

Read by Colleen Prendergast



Burial of Ghosts is a heart-stopping thriller from Ann Cleeves, author and creator of the three astounding TV series *Shetland*, *Vera* and *The Long Call*.

Abandoned as a baby, 25-year-old Lizzie Bartholomew spent her childhood moving between foster homes and has had more than her fair share of troubles.

Now a holiday in Morocco seems to be the perfect escape. Especially when she meets Philip, a fellow tourist. After a brief affair, Lizzie returns to England, only to find a solicitor's letter waiting for her.

Philip Samson has died and has left Lizzie a gift of £15,000 in his will. But there are conditions attached to this unexpected legacy that will soon force Lizzie to confront terrifying secrets from her past life ...

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

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

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

'Had me hooked – a promising beginning to another fine chapter in the Ann Cleeves story.'
– The Times

'Cleeves combines a flair for evoking sense of place with a thoughtful, complex plot.'
– Mail on Sunday

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Be Careful What You Wish For

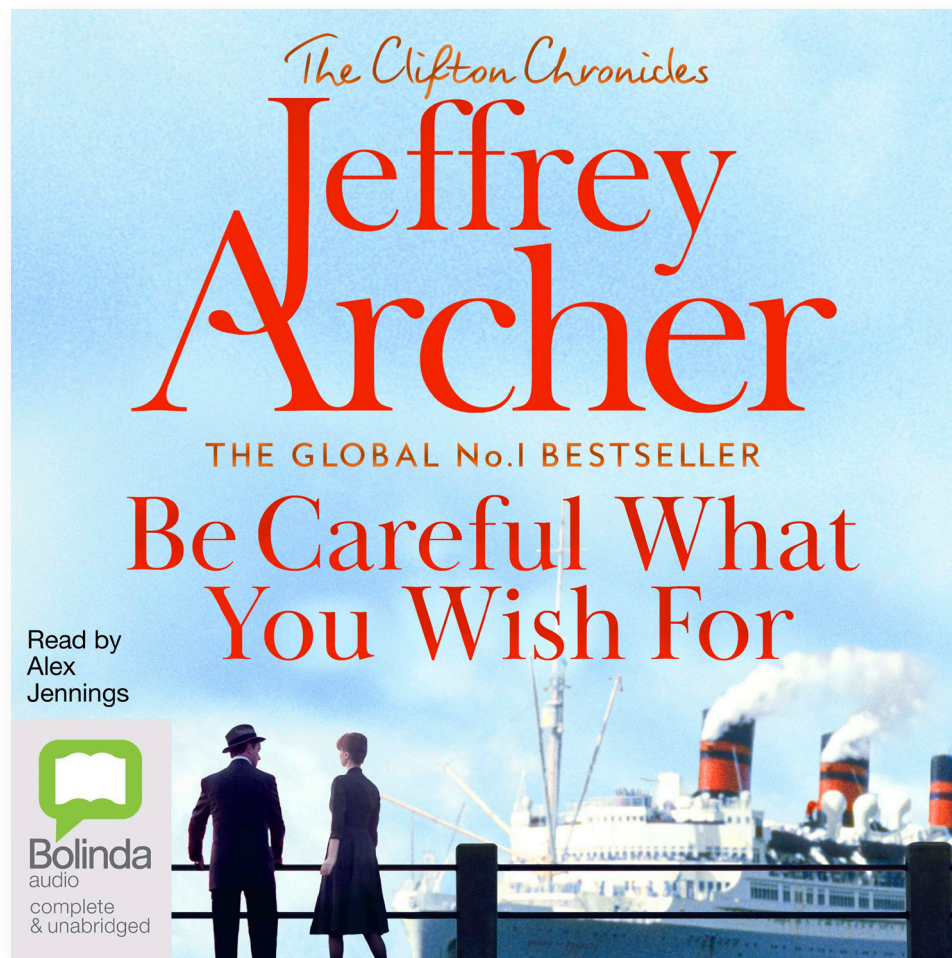
Clifton Chronicles #4

Jeffrey Archer

Read by Alex Jennings

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | April 2024



Gripping and clever, *Be Careful What you Wish For*, the fourth in the acclaimed *The Clifton Chronicles*, follows the Cliftons and the Barringtons as they march into the 1960s in a tale of family ambition and betrayal.

When Ross Buchanan is forced to resign as chairman of the Barrington Shipping Company, Emma Clifton wants to replace him. But Don Pedro Martinez intends to install his puppet, the egregious Major Alex Fisher, in order to destroy the Barrington family firm just as the company plans to build its new luxury liner, the *MV Buckingham*.

Back in London, Harry and Emma's adopted daughter wins a scholarship to the Slade Academy of Art where she falls in love with a fellow student who asks her to marry him. Both families are delighted until the future mother-in-law, has a visit from an old friend who drops her particular brand of poison into the wedding chalice.

Then, without warning, Cedric Hardcastle, a bluff Yorkshireman who no one has come across before, takes his place on the board of Barringtons. This causes an upheaval that none of them could have anticipated, and will change the lives of every member of the Clifton and Barrington families.

Jeffrey Archer, whose novels include the William Warwick novels and *Kane and Abel*, is one of the world's bestselling authors, with sales of over 275 million copies around the world

Archer is published in 114 countries and more than 47 languages

'The most gripping of the Clifton Chronicles yet. The tension and the build-up are terrific ...' – The Observer

'Probably the greatest storyteller of our age.' – Mail on Sunday

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The Taming of Annabelle

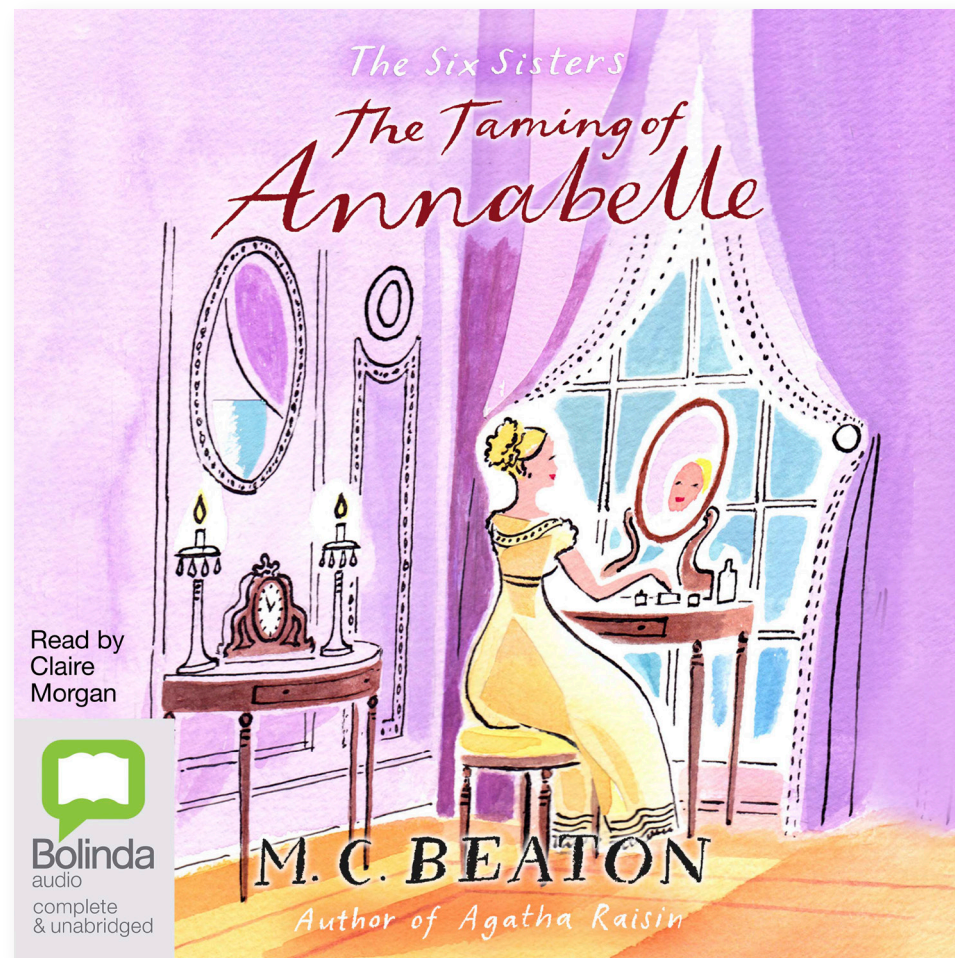
The Six Sisters #2

M.C. Beaton

Read by Claire Morgan

Adult New Release

Romance | April 2024



The author of the hugely successful Agatha Raisin series continues her The Six Sisters series with the story of the spirited Annabelle.

From the moment honey-tressed young Annabelle met her sister Minerva's intended, Lord Sylvester, she developed a secret passion for him that obsessed her. Now, she was determined to take him away from Minerva – no matter what!

But Annabelle hadn't reckoned on Lord Sylvester's best friend, Peter, who falls in love with her and decides to tame her growing passions towards the wrong man.

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

'Nicely atmospheric, most notable for its gentle humor and adventurous spirit.'
– Publishers Weekly (on *Mrs Budley Falls from Grace*)

'As always, Chesney's story is frothily entertaining.' – Publishers Weekly (on *Deborah Goes to Dover*)

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Graeme Base Collection: Vol 3

Graeme Base

Read by Humphrey Bower

A stunning collection of bestselling stories from one of Australia's much-loved authors, Graeme Base.

Listeners young and old will delight in this third collection from award-winning multi-million copy bestselling Australian author Graeme Base.

Get ready to explore and discover on this audio adventure that will take listeners from world of TruckDogs to a big surprise in the jungle! Enjoy the story of a cow, a duck and a very big tree amongst many other great tales!

The stories included in this collection are:

- Little Bug Books - *Birds Fly*
- Little Bug Books - *Cows Say Moo*
- Little Bug Books - *Pigs Have Piglets*
- Little Bug Books - *Monkeys Live in Trees*
- Little Bug Books - *A Herd of Elephants*
- Little Bug Books - *Starfish are Pointy*
- BumbleBunnies - *The Pond*
- BumbleBunnies - *The Sock*
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- *TruckDogs*
- *Jungle Drums*

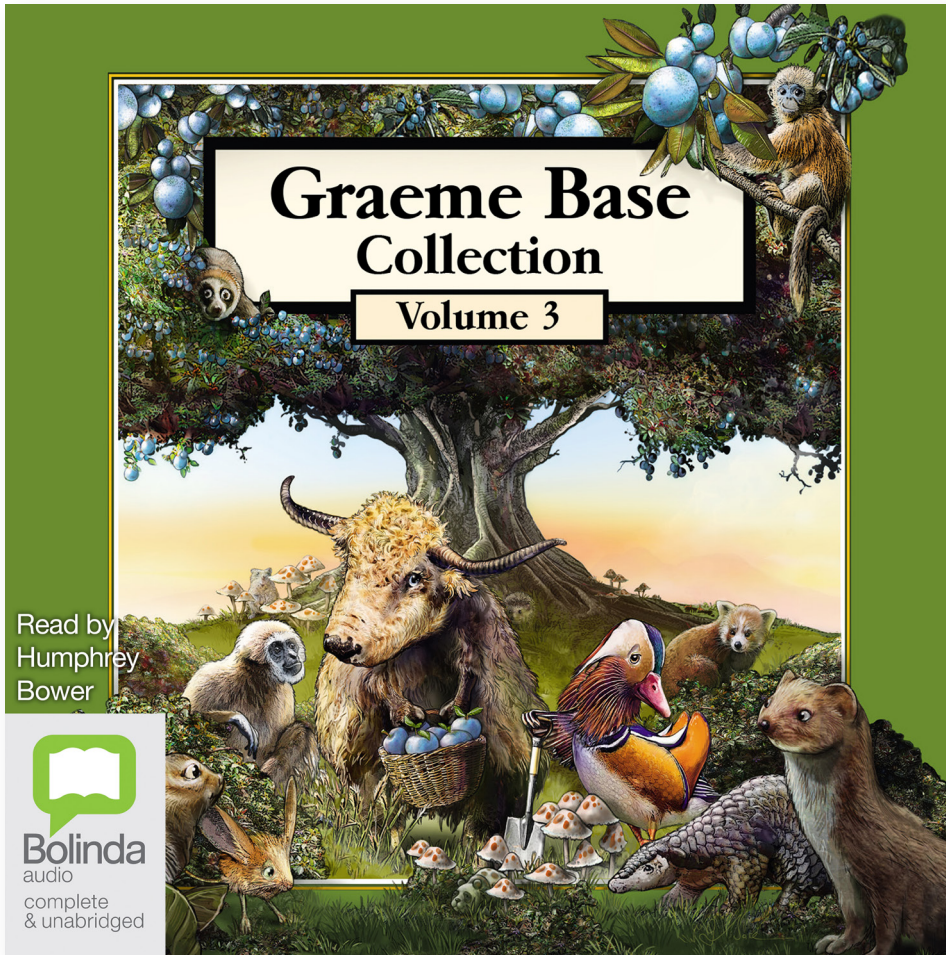
Graeme Base has received the 2007 Speech Pathology Book of the Year (Younger Readers), the 2007 Wilderness Society Environment Award and the 1987 Children's Book Council of Australia Picture Book of the Year

Animalia received international acclaim when it was first published in 1986 and has achieved classic status with worldwide sales of over three million copies

Base won the Lower Primary category in the Speech Pathology Awards in 2005 for *Jungle Drums*, and his title *TruckDogs* has been shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards

'Lovers of Graeme's timeless work will delight ... and kids will adore the onomatopoeia.'

- Kids' Book Review (on *Cows Say Moo*)



Read by
Humphrey
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Nina Peanut is Amazing

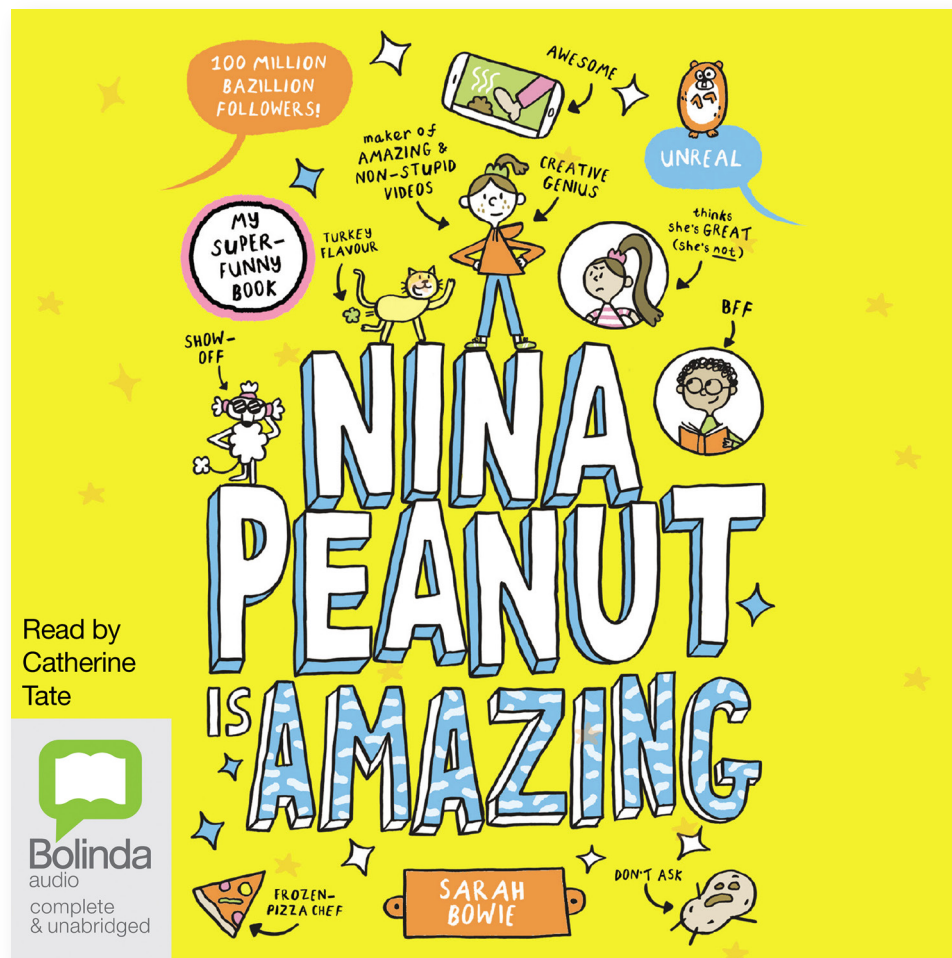
Nina Peanut #1

Sarah Bowie

Read by Catherine Tate

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2024



Nina Peanut – super-star in the making, frozen pizza chef, creative genius, owner of the world's stinkiest cat. The funniest new friend for all kids, everywhere.

Nina Peanut creates amazing videos. So why is it only her nan and best friend Brian who watch them? Surely everyone should be interested in her SERIOUS and NOT-STUPID videos about potatoes with faces?

Nina dreams about being as popular as class queen bee Megan Dunne, who films NOT AMAZING AT ALL content of her pampered dog, Princess Trixie Bell. So when Nina's stinky cat Les wanders into one of Megan's videos by accident, and goes viral, Nina and Les are suddenly internet famous!

But is overnight stardom as wonderful as Nina always imagined it would be?

Perfect for fans of Wimpy Kid, Dork Diaries and Lottie Brooks

Sarah Bowie has published three books for children, and her stories have appeared in *The Guardian* and *The Irish Times*

Bowie is passionate about visual language and delivers a range of workshops in schools, colleges and libraries, including comic-making, visual storytelling, sketchnoting (for learning and the workplace) and doodling for wellbeing

'Innovative.' – Irish Times (on *We're Going to the Zoo!*)

'Sarah Bowie has funny bones ...' – Inis Magazine (on *We're Going to the Zoo!*)

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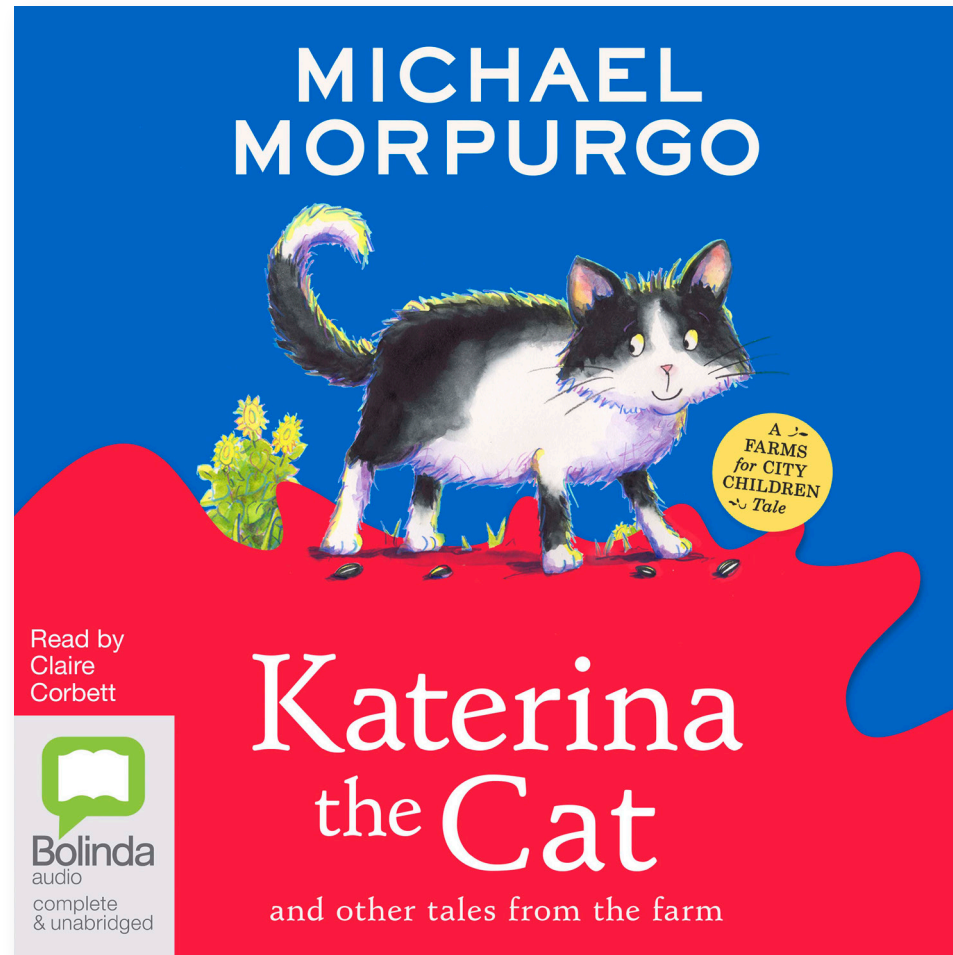
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Katerina the Cat and Other Tales from the Farm

Michael Morpurgo

Read by Claire Corbett



A charming story collection from award-winning author Michael Morpurgo, full of friendship and adventure, and perfect to enjoy together.

Take part in the heroic rescue of a fishing boat in trouble, meet a boy who makes an extraordinary discovery in the vegetable patch, and find out how a farm cat forms a very special connection with a young Ukrainian girl.

These three uplifting stories capture the wonder, muck and magic of a city child's week on the farm.

From Michael Morpurgo, co-founder of the charity Farms for City Children, this charming story collection for young listeners celebrates the countryside and the way its landscape and animals can leave an impression on a child's heart forever.

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

'From the first sentence of a Michael Morpurgo book, you know you are in the hands of a natural storyteller.' – The Guardian

'The story is a delight ...' – The Times (on *The Birthday Duck*)

Which Way Round the Galaxy

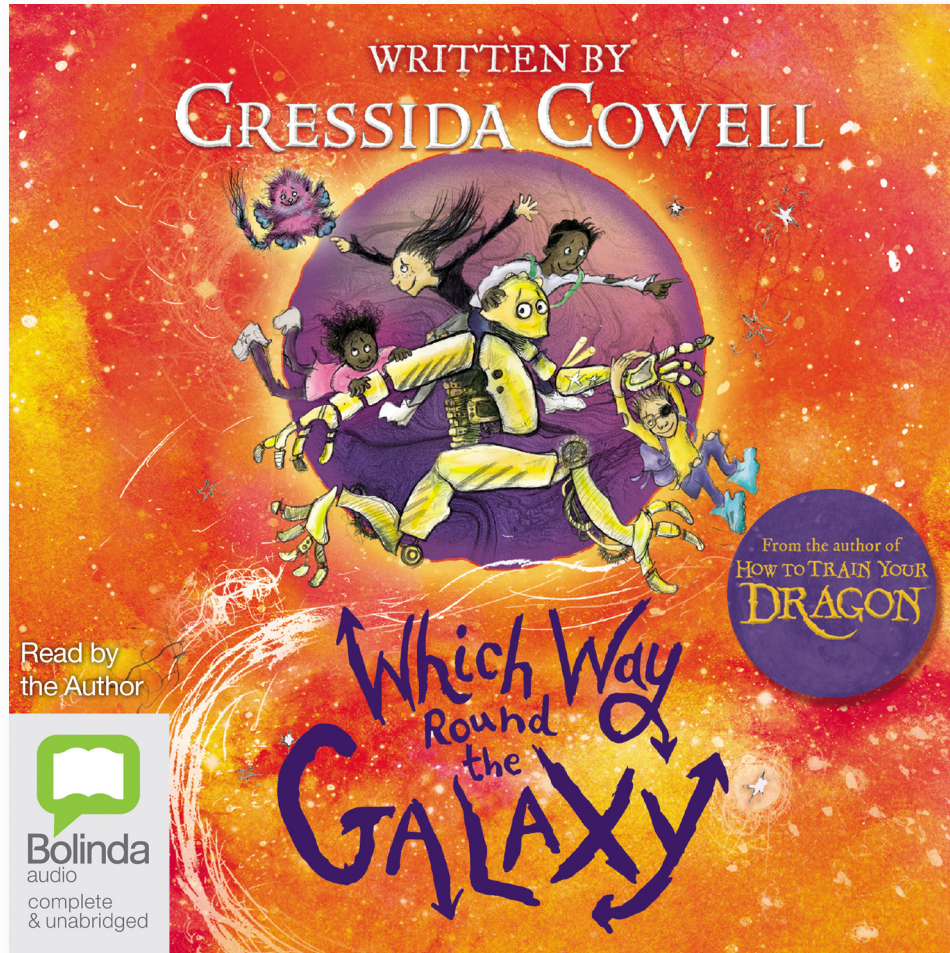
Which Way to Anywhere #2

Cressida Cowell

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2024



From the bestselling author of *How to Train Your Dragon* comes the second in an out-of-this-world new series packed with epic adventure, thrilling space travel and forbidden Magic.

A family with a Magical secret ...

A child with a powerful Gift ...

A story that is OUT OF THIS WORLD ...

The O'Hero-Smith children are off on another adventure, to get a lost creature back to the planet where it belongs. But there are dangers waiting through the galaxy's Which Ways, and even K2's powerful Gift won't be enough to save them. It's a good job another of the step-siblings might have a Gift of their own – because the fate of the worlds is once again in their hands ..

WARNING: Contains Dangerous Space Travel and Very Illegal Magic

Cressida Cowell is the #1 internationally bestselling author of the How to Train Your Dragon and Wizards of Once series

Cowell is an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust and the Reading Agency, a Trustee of World Book Day and a founder patron of the Children's Media Foundation

Cowell has won numerous prizes, including the Gold Award in the Nestle Children's Book Prize

'Magical action all the way. 5 stars.' – The Sun

'[A]n exciting new adventure.' – The Week Junior

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Star Girl: Space Agent-in-Training Collection

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Star Girl #13-16

Louise Park

Read by Taryn Ryan

Adelaide Banks is in her final year at the space agent boarding school, SEAS. Does Third Year Space Agent-in-Training Star Girl have what it takes to save space – one planet at a time?

Spilling Secrets: Planet Catlabrador is awash with water and the catralabs are drowning. When Space Agent Star Girl is sent to investigate with SA Asteroid she learns that some mission buddies are more trouble than they're worth. Can she work with Asteroid to save the planet and its alien catralabs?

Triple Trouble: Planet Petalbeet is being attacked by pests and the beetbugs are losing their food source. When Space Agent Star Girl is sent to investigate with two other agents she discovers the beetbugs aren't the only ones with the pest problem. Can the agents work together to save the planet and its alien beetbugs?

No Going Back: And evil force has arrived on Planet Oceanella and the seadons' wings are disappearing. When Space Agent Star Girl is sent to investigate with her two best buddies they find that it's not only the seadons that must face this evil. Can the agents put a stop to the GDC mission and rescue the alien seadons before it's too late?

Everything to Lose: It is graduation week at SEAS and when Space Agents Neuron Star, Comet XS and Shooting Star are called to rescue the shelluscas on Planet Molluscara they know that it is not only the aliens who need rescuing. Can the agents find the source of the deadly fire and smoke in time to rescue the alien shelluscas and one of their own?

Park draws from a strong background in Education, literacy and publishing to produce her blockbuster bestsellers including *Zac Power Test Drives* and *Zac Power Spy Recruit*

Park's also writes titles for children aged 2–12 including the Harriet Clare series, the D-Bot Squad series and the Bella Dancerella series

Louise Park writes under her own name as well as the hugely successful pseudonyms, H. I. Larry, Mac Park and Poppy Rose



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Magic Animal Friends Treasury Vol 8

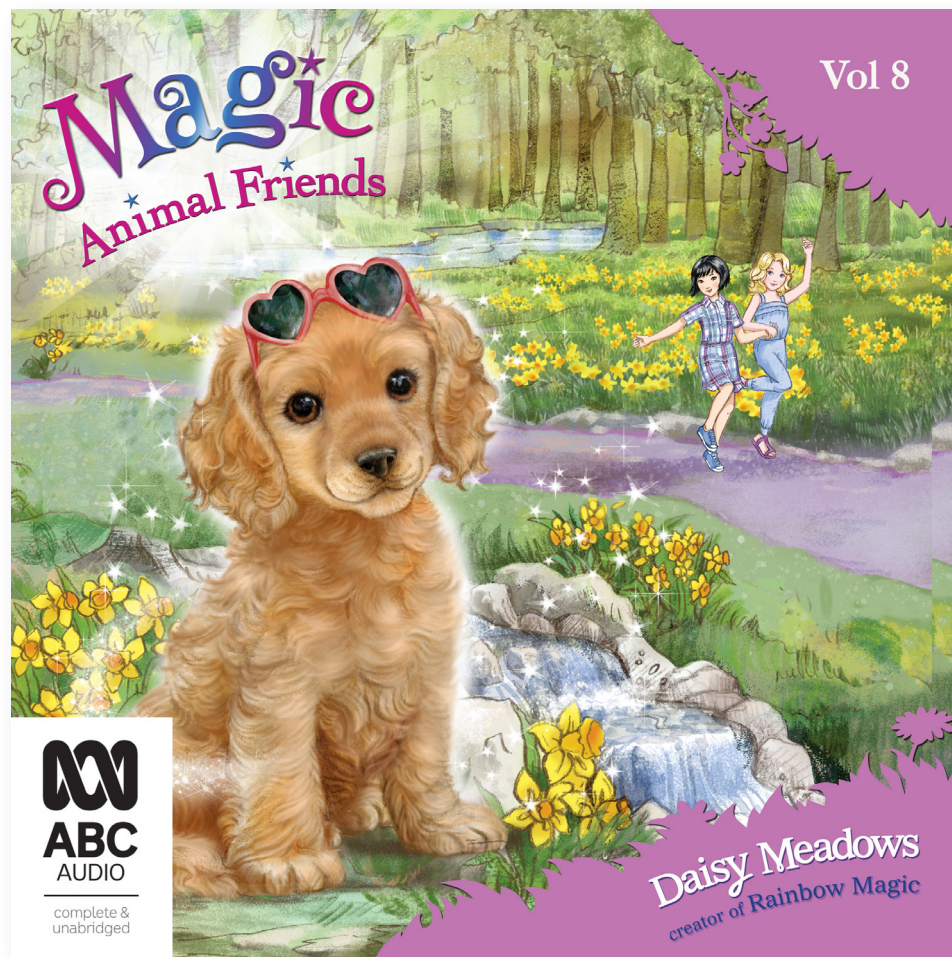
Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2024

Magic Animal Friends

Daisy Meadows

Read by Myfanwy Hocking



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

Jasmine Whizzpaws' Rescue Race: Join best friends Lily and Jess in the magical land of Friendship Forest, where animals can talk! The wicked witch Grizelda has a nasty plan to take over the forest by forcing everyone out with a horrible bad-weather spell. Can cute little puppy Jasmine Whizzpaws help the girls defeat her and save the sunshine.

Daisy Tappytoes Dares to Dance: Best friends Lily and Jess are excited to be going to a musical show in Friendship Forest! But when they get there, the wicked witch Grizelda puts a curse on the place, knocking everything out of sync. Can adorable fawn Daisy Tappytoes help Friendship Forest regain its rhythm?

Polly Bobblehop Makes a Mess: The wicked witch unleashes wind sprites to spread havoc throughout the enchanted land. Can the girls help cuddlesome wallaby Polly Bobblehop bring peace back to her world?

Imogen Scribblewhiskers' Perfect Picture: Horrible witch Grizelda has stolen the map of the enchanted land and is slowly turning everything dark and witchy. Can scrumptious kitten Imogen Scribblewhiskers help the girls draw up a plan to save the day?

Bertie Bigroar Finds his Voice: Little Bertie has a big heart but can be shy sometimes. Can the girls help Bertie be brave like his big brothers, and together defeat the wicked witch Grizelda?

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

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

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

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Black Cockatoo & Dirrarn

Carl Merrison & Hakea Hustler

Read by Haylee Rivers

Black Cockatoo and Dirrarn are sensitive stories on the power of place, personality and the honour of standing up for the truth.

Black Cockatoo

Black Cockatoo is a vignette that follows Mia, a young Aboriginal girl as she explores the fragile connections of family and culture. Mia is a 13-year-old girl from a remote community in the Kimberley. She is saddened by the loss of her brother as he distances himself from the family. She feels powerless to change the things she sees around her ... until one day she rescues her totem animal, the dirrarn black cockatoo, and soon discovers her own inner strength.

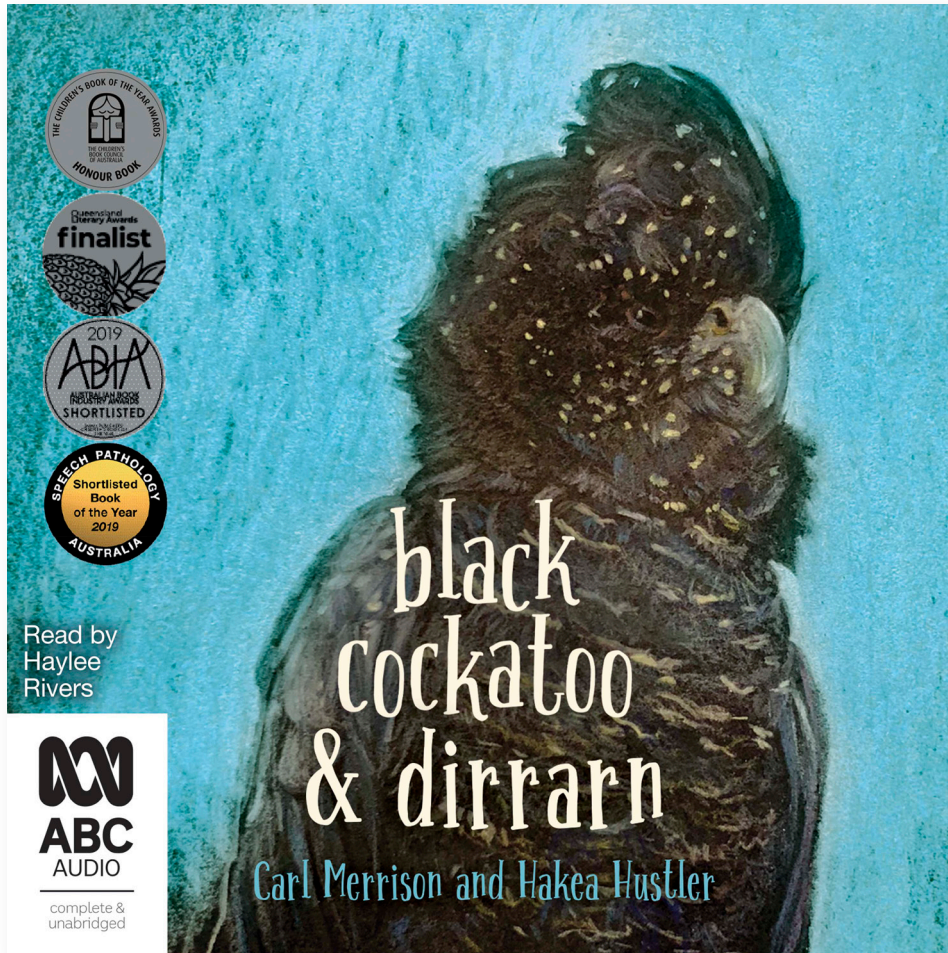
Dirrarn

We first met Mia in *Black Cockatoo*, as she navigated her way through culture, Country and familial ties. *Dirrarn* follows Mia as she finds herself at boarding school and the challenges of living thousands of kilometres away from home, family and the big sky country she loves. Mia along with her best friend, Naya, negotiate new friends, new ways of thinking and new ways of being in a different world. As Mia wrestles with all that is unfamiliar, she soon must learn to stand in her truth when confronted with unending challenges.

Black Cockatoo won the CBCA Honour Book 2019, shortlisted for the ABIA Awards, the Speech Pathology Book of the Year Award and the Queensland Literary Awards and was *Black Cockatoo* was the finalist for the 2019 Readings Children's Book Prize

Dirrarn won the the 2021 Daisy Utemorrah Award

'This is a highly original and gentle small tale set in the Kimberley about the power of standing up for yourself, your culture and ever-present family ties.' – Halls Creek Herald (on *Black Cockatoo*)



Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo

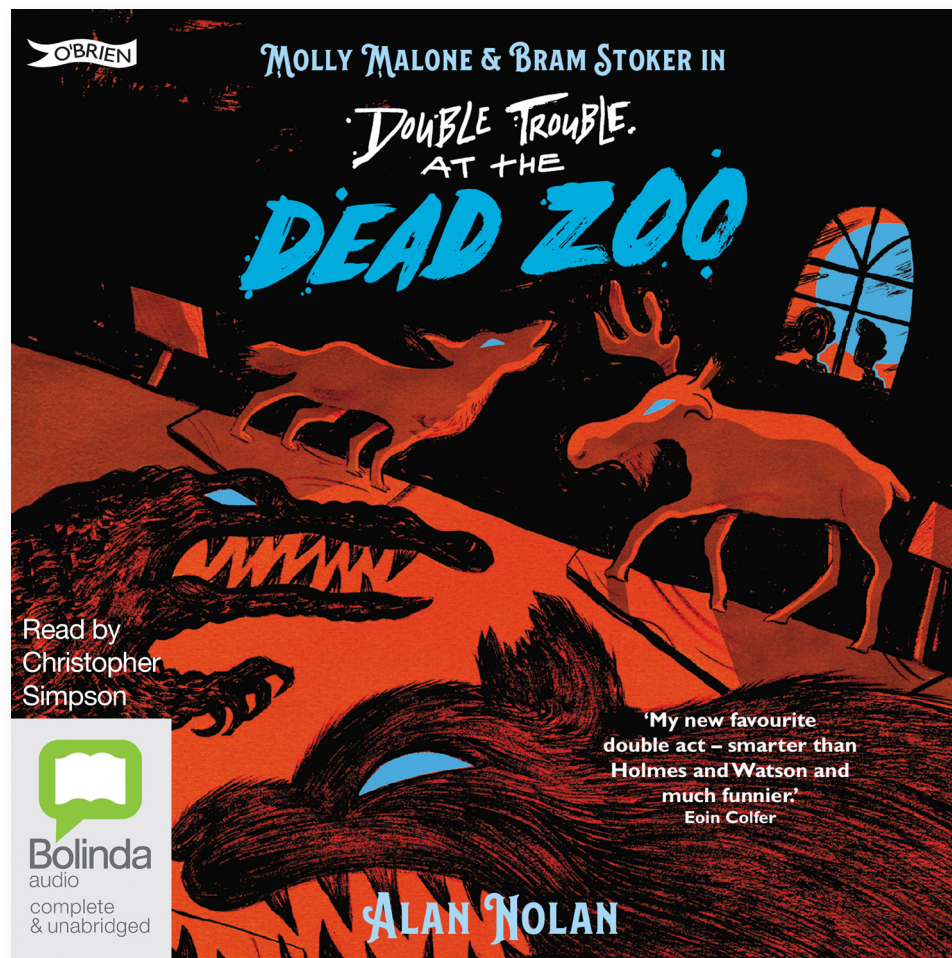
Molly Malone and Bram Stoker #2

Alan Nolan

Read by Christopher Simpson

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2024



The second adventure in the Molly Malone and Bram Stoker series by Alan Nolan.

Dublin, 1859.

Bram Stoker – boy seeking adventure (and things to write about)

Molly Malone – part-time sneak thief and full-time Dublin legend!

When Bram and his best pal Molly meet a lonely boy called Sanjit in Dublin's Natural History Museum, they can see he needs some friends. So, they, along with Molly's gang, The Sackville Street Spooks, take him under their wing.

Sanjit tells them the tale of the dread (and very dead) pirate, Captain Lamprey and his links to the Museum. Soon the new shipmates find themselves outwitting vagabonds and villains, hot on the trail of a mysterious long-lost treasure – the Rajapur Ruby! But little do they know that not everyone they come across is who they claim to be!

Where can that ruby be?

Alan Nolan is the author of *Fintan's Fifteen*, *Conor's Caveman* and the Sam Hannigan series

Nolan's title *Sam Hannigan's Rock Star Granny* was the 2019 World Book Day Book for Ireland

Nolan runs illustration and writing workshops for children, and you may see him lugging his drawing board and pencils around your school or local library

'This warm-hearted and funny adventure is rife with excellent characterisation and a great mix of action and intrigue. Dublin city is lovingly rendered, making you think twice about some of its famous landmarks.' – Irish Examiner

'Nolan's fun story is full of wit and familiar faces ...' – Irish Mail on Sunday

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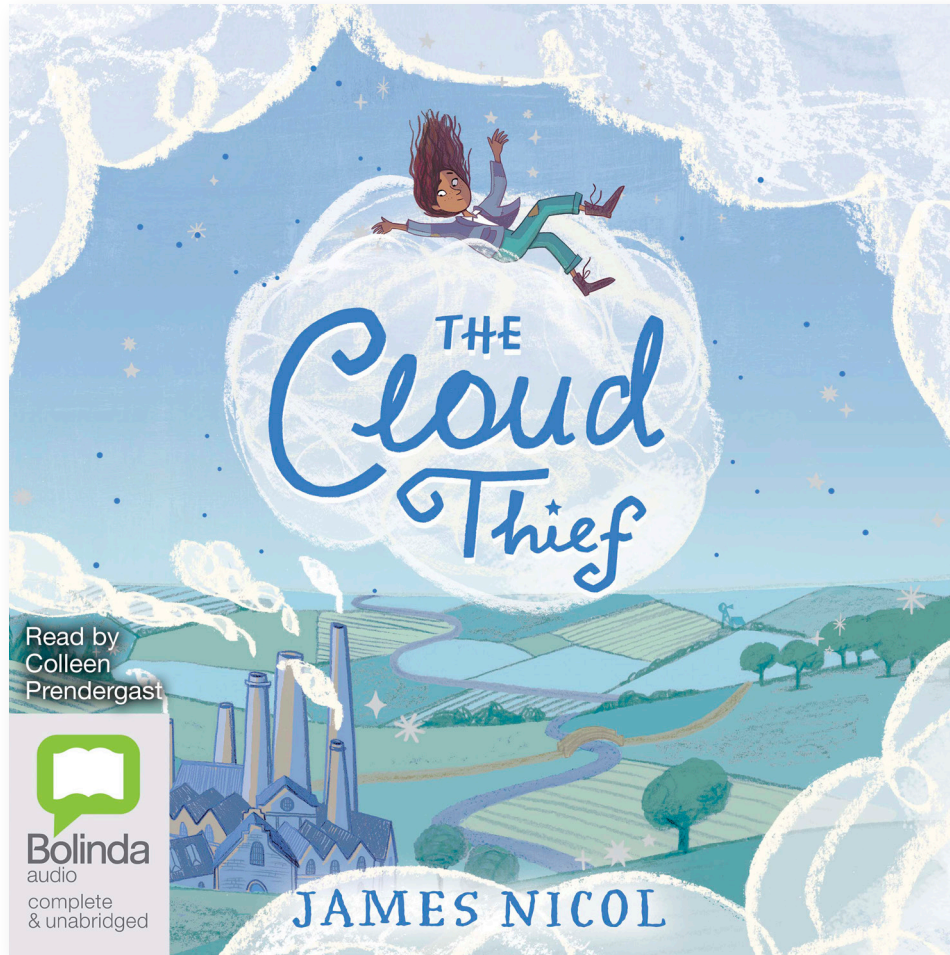
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The Cloud Thief

James Nicol

Read by Colleen Prendergast



A gorgeously cosy fantasy from the acclaimed author of *The Apprentice Witch* series and *The Spell Tailors*.

Mara lives with her father in a drought-stricken village, where rain comes at a price controlled by powerful cloud-makers. Without enough water, the village crops, animals and people will continue to suffer.

When Mara's father's illness takes a turn for the worse, she sneaks to The Cloud Factory in the hopes a healthy cloud will help him.

But stealing a cloud isn't simple, as Mara soon finds – and she begins to discover the secrets behind The Cloud Factory ...

Perfect for fans of Studio Ghibli and Diana Wynne Jones

James Nicol is the author of *The Apprentice Witch*, which was longlisted for the 2017 Branford Boase Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize

'A delightful, witty and vivid story.' – Kiran Millwood Hargrave, author of *The Girl of Ink and Stars* (on *The Apprentice Witch*)

'Entirely more charming, adventurous, and full of heart than a book has any right to be.' – Trenton Lee Stewart, bestselling author of *The Mysterious Benedict Society* series (on *The Apprentice Witch*)

Featuring a Bolinda audio exclusive Q&A session with the author

Tourmaline and the Museum of Marvels

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2024

Tourmaline #2

Ruth Lauren

Read by Stephanie Lane



Read by
Stephanie
Lane



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The second instalment in a fun, feminist fantasy adventure series, perfect for fans of Katherine Rundell, Vashti Hardy and Abi Elphinstone.

This was what she was made for - a wild adventure, friends at her side, danger all around and the wide world in front of her.

Ever since she fell into the Source of all magic, Tourmaline has developed strange new powers that are causing chaos. She can't work out how to control them and it's exhausting hiding them from everyone (except her best friends George and Mai) ...

Then Tourmaline receives a mysterious postcard, promising her solutions. The message sends her on a quest to amazing places, where more letters and mystery await.

But who is sending Tourmaline the cards? And will the adventure be worth the price for answers?

Ruth Lauren is the author of *Prisoner of Ice and Snow* and its sequel *Seeker of the Crown*

Lauren's acclaimed middle grade novel *Prisoner of Ice and Snow* was chosen by the American Booksellers' Association as a top debut of the season

'This unforgettable adventure will bring you to places beyond your wildest imagination ...'
– Sinéad O'Hart, author of *The Time Tider* (on *Tourmaline and the Island of Elsewhere*)

'This is such an exciting, magical adventure, written with wit and warmth and a wonderfully bold and bolshy heroine. It feels like an instant classic.' – Sophie Cameron, author of *Our Sister, Again* (on *Tourmaline and the Island of Elsewhere*)

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Roar of the Hungry Beast

Dreamweavers #2

Annabelle Sami

Read by Zenia Starr

Children's New Release

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The second in a fun, fresh and exciting Dreamweavers series by Annabelle Sami, perfect for fans of Laura Ellen Anderson, Star Friends, Peanut Jones and Witch for a Week.

Meet the ultimate Dream Team!

Tito LOVES spending his nights dreamweaving with Neena! Not only is it fun seeing his dreams come to life but he is also getting stronger. But with Darkweavers on a mission to break down the barrier between the dream and waking worlds, the Dream Team are on high alert!

Then a mysterious creature starts hounding their teacher's dreams – making them cranky (to say the least) and turning school into an ACTUAL nightmare. Will Tito be ready to put his skills to the test and face the beast?

In 2017 Annabelle Sami was a Winchester Writer's Festival scholar and it was here that she first started writing for children. Since then she has been working as a producer for theatre and live art

Sami studied English Literature and Drama, and undertook an MA in English Literature at Queen Mary University

'I loved it and can't wait for the next adventure.' – Harriet Whitehorn, author of *The Company of Eight* (on *The Missing Diamonds*)

'A laugh-out-loud funny and a wonderful story about finding your voice. I loved it!' – David Walliams (on *Llama Out Loud!*)



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Hilda and the Time Worm

Hilda #4

Luke Pearson & Stephen Davies

Read by a Full Cast

Children's New Release

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Based on the hit Netflix series, join Hilda and Twig for more adventures in this fourth instalment of the hilarious Hilda series.

Our blue-haired heroine is selling soup with her Sparrow Scout friends at the Winter Festival fayre. Soon, however, she's tackling mischievous Yule Lads, battling mechanical bell-ringers, taking on a hungry ogre, and trying to reunite a couple across the decades.

Join Hilda as she travels through time in an immersive multi-voice 3D audio adventure.

A Netflix original series

Luke Pearson is the creator of the Hildafolk comic series. He is also a writer and co-executive producer of the Bafta award-winning animated series of the same name

Pearson was the winner of Young People's Comic category at the British Comic Award in 2012 and was nominated for the Eisner Award's Best Publication for Kids and Best Writer/Artist in 2013

Stephen Davies writes chapter books, young adult novels, TV tie-ins and historical fiction

'Hilda is a hugely appealing heroine whose magical yet contemporary world is as full of friendship issues, school and community as it is elves, talking birds and trolls.' – Booktrust (on *Hilda and the Great Parade*)

'A fun and pacey adventure combining a contemporary heroine with a gentle mythological element.' – Booktrust (on *Hilda and the Hidden People*)

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Attack of the Snailiens!

Astrid and the Space Cadets #1

Alex T. Smith

Read by Claire Morgan

Children's New Release

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From beloved children's author Alex T. Smith, creator of the bestselling Claude series, comes a rip-roaring, twist-and-turning intergalactic adventure, perfect for newly confident listeners!

Astrid Atomic, a six-year-old human person, goes to bed every night like every other six-year-old human person. But unlike many other six-year-olds, she doesn't stay there. The minute the lights go off and the coast is clear, the Space Cadet siren blares, her uniform goes on, and 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 – WHOOSH! – she blasts off aboard the spaceship Stardust!

Along with her best pals Beryl, Professor Quackers and Zoink, Astrid is assigned her mission by The Chief – to clean up the Milky Way! But when a nearby alien is in trouble and with giant snailiens loitering, things aren't likely to go to plan!

Alex T. Smith graduated with a first-class degree in illustration in 2006 and also won second place in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration in his final year

Smith has gone on to work for a wide variety of clients, not just in the publishing industry, as well as writing and illustrating his own picture books, many of which have won prizes and have been read on TV during the Bedtime Hour on the CBeebies channel

Smith's *Claude in the City* was selected for the Richard and Judy Children's Book Club 2011 and was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2012

'Utterly gorgeous stuff.' – The Bookseller (on *How Winston Delivered Christmas*)

'Another great talent ... a sparing style is the perfect medium for his humorous tale.' – Junior (on *Claude in the City*)



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