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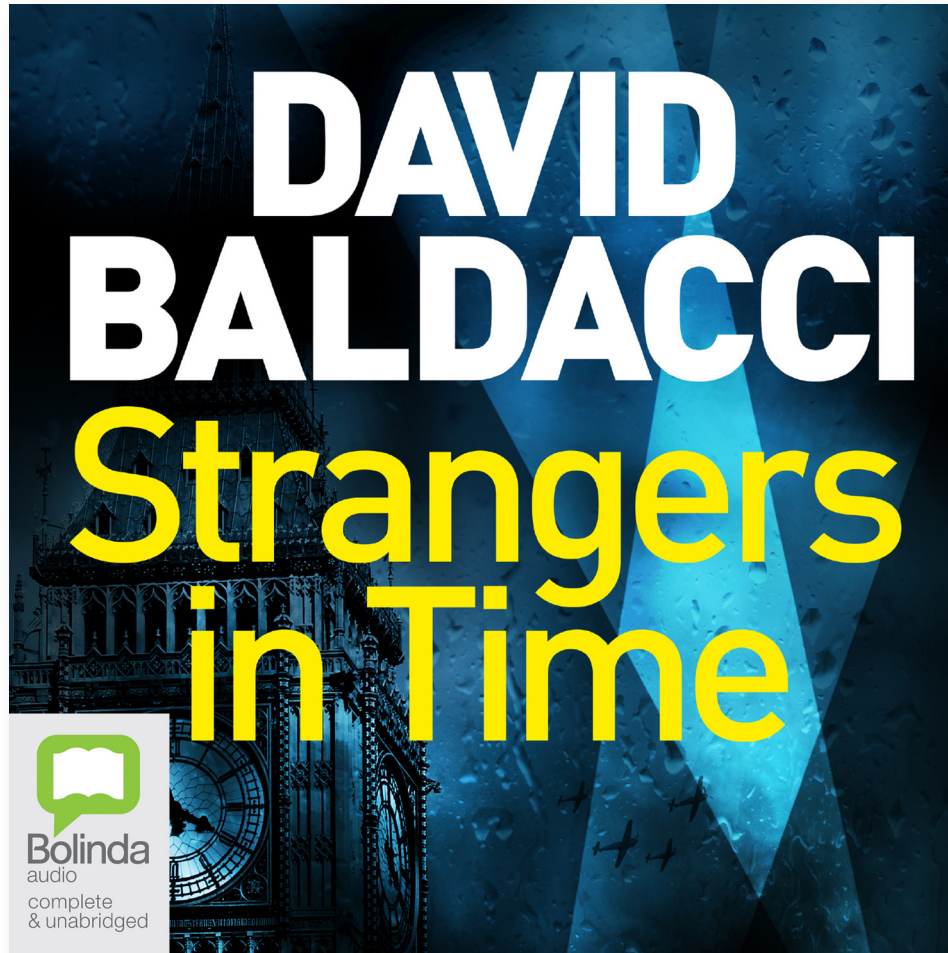
Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | April 2025

Strangers in Time

David Baldacci

Read by a Full Cast



A gripping tale of courage and survival even in the darkest of times, from multimillion copy #1 bestselling author David Baldacci.

Charlie Matters's life has always been a fight for survival. Orphaned with no prospects, Charlie steals what he needs, living day-to-day until he can enlist in the battle against the Germans. He miraculously emerges unscathed from the Blitz, but there's no telling when the next bomb will fall, and whether it will be the one to end his life.

Molly Wakefield's dreams of a joyful homecoming are all she's had to hold on to after being evacuated to the countryside via Operation Pied Piper five years before. But when she finally returns to the city, Molly faces a London changed beyond recognition, and the devastating news that neither of her parents are there, only her old nanny, Mrs Pride.

Charlie and Molly's paths converge when they both seek solace at The Book Keep, where they find an unexpected ally and protector in the bookshop's owner, widower Ignatius Oliver. But the trio's newfound peace is jeopardised as past secrets catch up with them. Can they help one another survive this turbulent time? Or will they be ripped apart from the last people they hold dear?

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

Baldacci's titles have been national and international bestsellers, and several have been adapted for film and television

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

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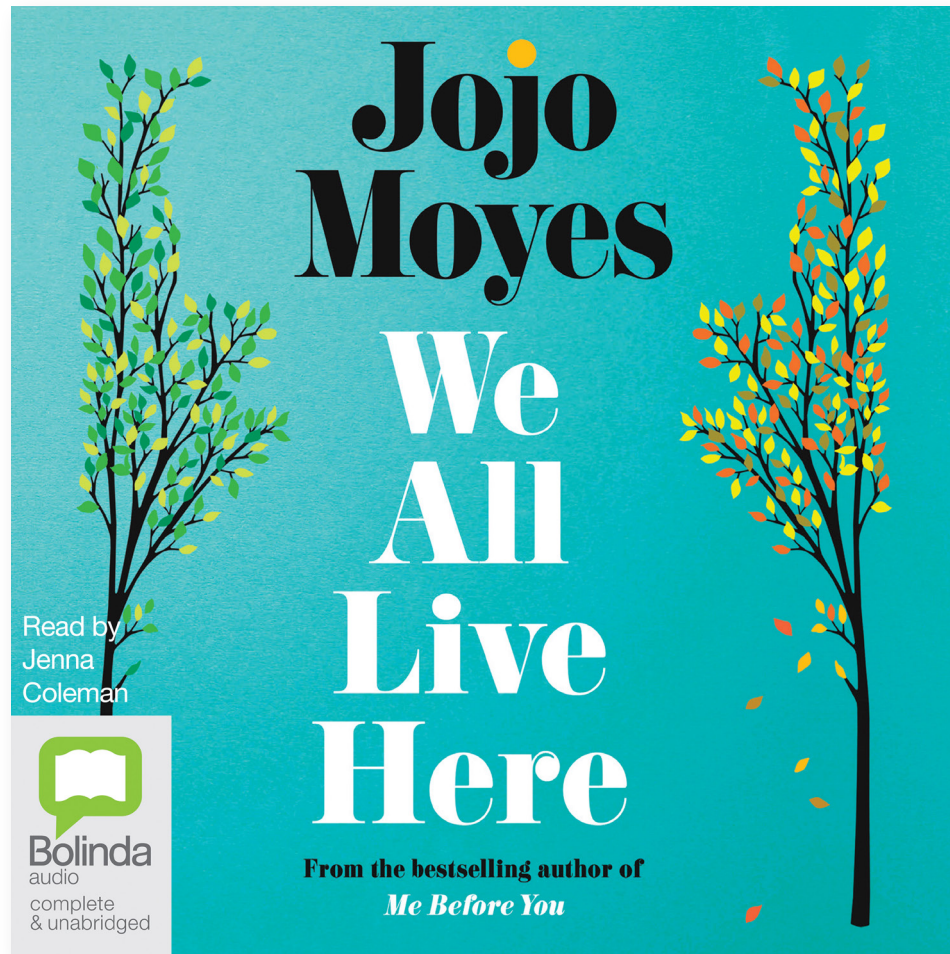
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We All Live Here

Jojo Moyes

Read by Jenna Coleman



The #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author, whose books so many love, brings us a fresh, contemporary story of a woman and her unruly blended family.

Welcome to the Kennedy household.

Lila wrote a bestseller about keeping your marriage alive, before discovering her ex was playing happy families with another woman. A woman she sees everyday at school pick-up.

Bill, her stepdad, moved in after Lila's mum died. He's kind, old-fashioned and driving her absolutely nuts.

Celie, Lila's eldest, hates school. Hates it so much she's stopped going. Her mother's fine with that – because she doesn't know yet.

Violet is nine and sings age-inappropriate rap songs, laughs at fart jokes and Lila dearly hopes she'll never, ever change.

And Truant the dog has just bitten the American actor who's suddenly landed on the Kennedys' doorstep.

This is Gene – Lila's estranged father, and no one's idea of a role model. He walked out on Lila and her mum years ago – and wherever he goes domestic discord follows. Because Gene's presence changes things in unexpected ways. Something is happening to the Kennedy household – but what is it? And will it break, or save, their family?

Jojo Moyes is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Giver of Stars*, *Me Before You*, *The Girl You Left Behind*, amongst many others

'Funny, touching and full of wisdom: Jojo Moyes at her very best.' – Sophie Kinsella, #1 bestselling author

Marble Hall Murders

Magpie Murders #3

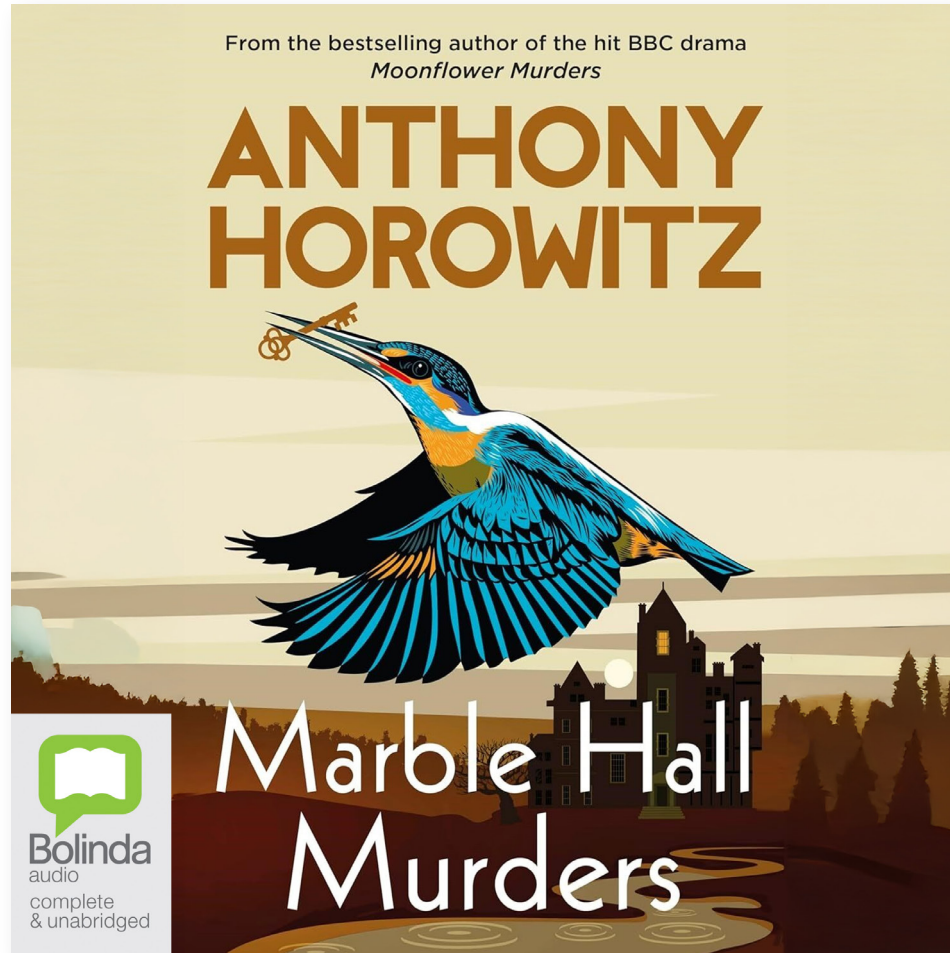
Anthony Horowitz

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025

Murder links past and present once again in this mind-boggling metafictional mystery from Anthony Horowitz featuring detective Atticus Pünd and editor Susan Ryeland.



Susan Ryeland has had enough of murder.

She's edited two novels about the famous detective, Atticus Pünd, and both times she's come close to being killed. Now she's back in England and she's been persuaded to work on a third.

The new 'continuation' novel is by Eliot Crace, grandson of Miriam Crace who was the biggest selling children's author in the world until her death exactly 20 years ago.

Eliot believes that Miriam was deliberately poisoned. And when he tells Susan that he has hidden the identity of Miriam's killer inside his book, Susan knows she's in trouble once again.

As Susan works on Pünd's Last Case, a story set in an exotic villa in the South of France, she uncovers more and more parallels between the past and the present, the fictional and the real world – until suddenly she finds that she has become a target herself.

It seems that someone in Eliot's family doesn't want the book to be written. And they will do anything to prevent it."

Anthony Horowitz is one of the UK's most prolific and successful writers, unique in being active in both adult and YA fiction, TV, theatre and journalism

Several of Horowitz's previous novels were instant *New York Times* bestsellers

Horowitz's breakthrough murder mystery, *Magpie Murders*, was adapted into a miniseries for PBS

'Thrilling and compelling with a stunning twist.' – Daily Mail

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Dream Count

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Read by the Author

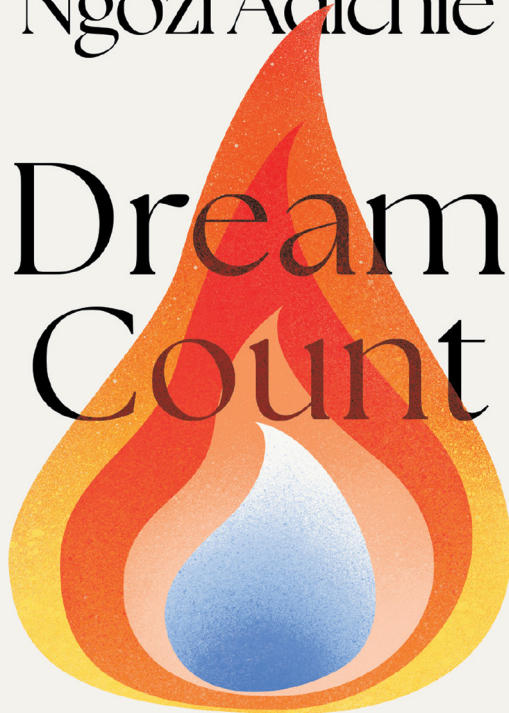
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A publishing event ten years in the making – a searing, exquisite new novel by the bestselling and award-winning author of *Americanah* and *Half of a Yellow Sun*.

Chiamaka is a Nigerian travel writer living in America. Alone in the midst of the pandemic, she recalls her past lovers and grapples with her choices and regrets. Zikora, her best friend, is a lawyer who has been successful at everything until – betrayed and brokenhearted – she must turn to the person she thought she needed least. Omelogor, Chiamaka's bold, outspoken cousin, is a financial powerhouse in Nigeria who begins to question how well she knows herself. And Kadiatou, Chiamaka's housekeeper, is proudly raising her daughter in America – but faces an unthinkable hardship that threatens all she has worked to achieve.

In *Dream Count*, Adichie trains her fierce eye on these women in a sparkling, transcendent novel that takes up the very nature of love itself. It confirms Adichie's status as one of the most exciting and dynamic writers on the literary landscape.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is the author of *Purple Hibiscus*, which won the Commonwealth Writers' Prize; *Half of a Yellow Sun*, winner of the Orange Prize; and *Americanah*, which won the US National Book Critics Circle Award

Adichie has delivered two landmark TED talks – her 2009 TED Talk *The Danger of A Single Story* and her 2012 TEDx Euston talk *We Should All Be Feminists*, which started a worldwide conversation about feminism

In 2017, Fortune Magazine named Adichie one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders. She is a member of both the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

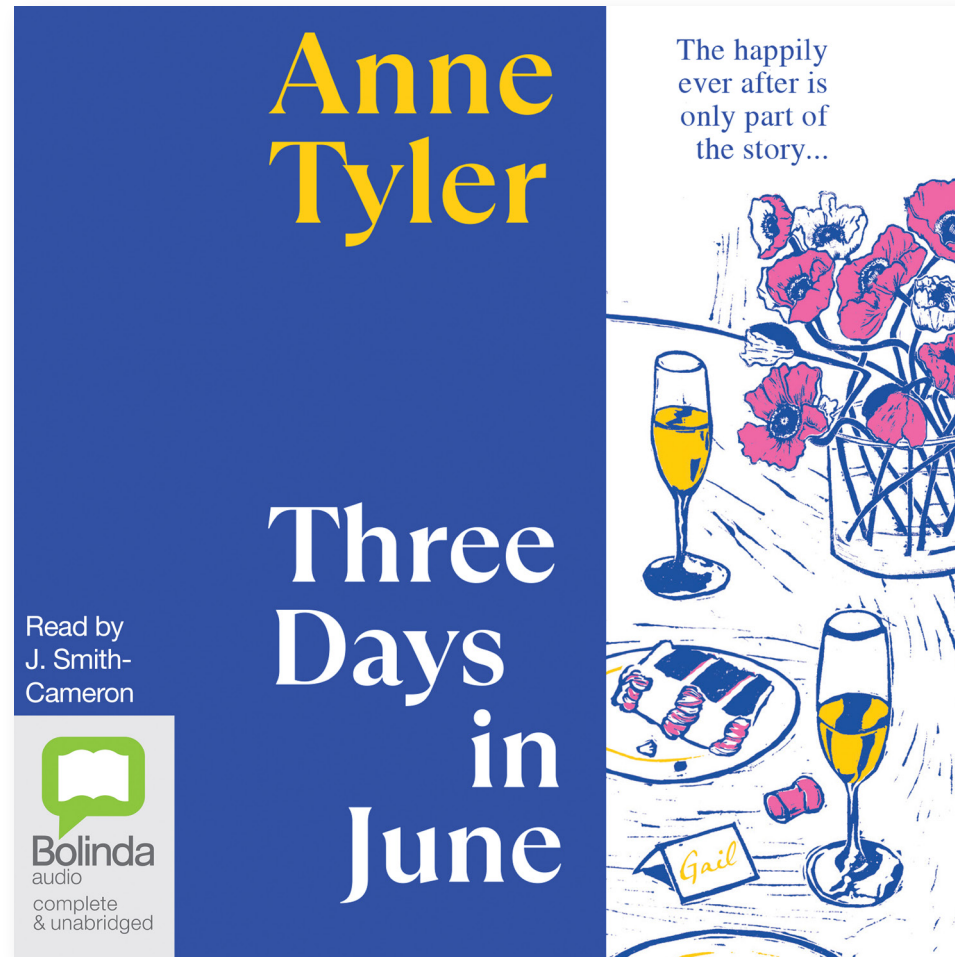
'Adichie's magnificently vital, sharply forthright novel will be one of the year's most sought after and resounding titles.' – Booklist

'The return of a literary giant.' – The Telegraph

Three Days in June

Anne Tyler

Read by J. Smith-Cameron



The happily ever after is only part of the story. A funny, touching, hopeful gem about love, marriage and second chances, from bestselling author Anne Tyler.

It's the day before her daughter's wedding and things are not going well for Gail Baines. First thing, she loses her job – or quits, depending who you ask. Then her ex-husband Max turns up at her door expecting to stay for the festivities. He doesn't even have a suit. Instead, he's brought memories, a shared sense of humour – and a cat looking for a new home.

Just as Gail is wondering what's next, their daughter Debbie discovers her groom has been keeping a secret ...

As the big day dawns, the exes just can't agree on what's best for Debbie. Gail is seriously worried, while Max seems more concerned with whether to opt for the salmon or prime rib at the reception, if they make it that far.

The day after the wedding, Gail and Max prepare to go their separate ways again. But all the questions about the future of the happy couple have stirred up the past for Gail. Because 'happy' takes many forms, and sometimes the younger generation has much to teach the older about secrets, acceptance and taking the rough with the smooth.

Anne Tyler is the bestselling author of *Breathing Lessons*, *The Accidental Tourist*, *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*, *Ladder of Years*, *Back When We Were Grown-ups*, *Digging to America*, *A Spool of Blue Thread* and *French Braid*

In 1989 Tyler won the Pulitzer Prize; in 1994 she was nominated by Roddy Doyle and Nick Hornby as 'the greatest novelist writing in English'; and in 2012 she received the *Sunday Times* Award for Literary Excellence

In 2015 Tyler's title *A Spool of Blue Thread* was shortlisted for the Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction and the Booker Prize.

Death of a Smuggler

A Hamish Macbeth Murder Mystery #37

M.C. Beaton

Read by David Monteath

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025

A murder, a missing man and his newest constable's secret past are all that's standing in the way of Sergeant Hamish Macbeth settling in for a relaxing winter in his sleepy Scottish village of Lochudch.

All Hamish Macbeth ever really wants is a quiet life in the peaceful surroundings of his home in the Highland village of Lochdubh. Unfortunately for him, the time he would normally find most relaxing, after the tourists have gone and before the winter sets in, turns out to be far from peaceful.

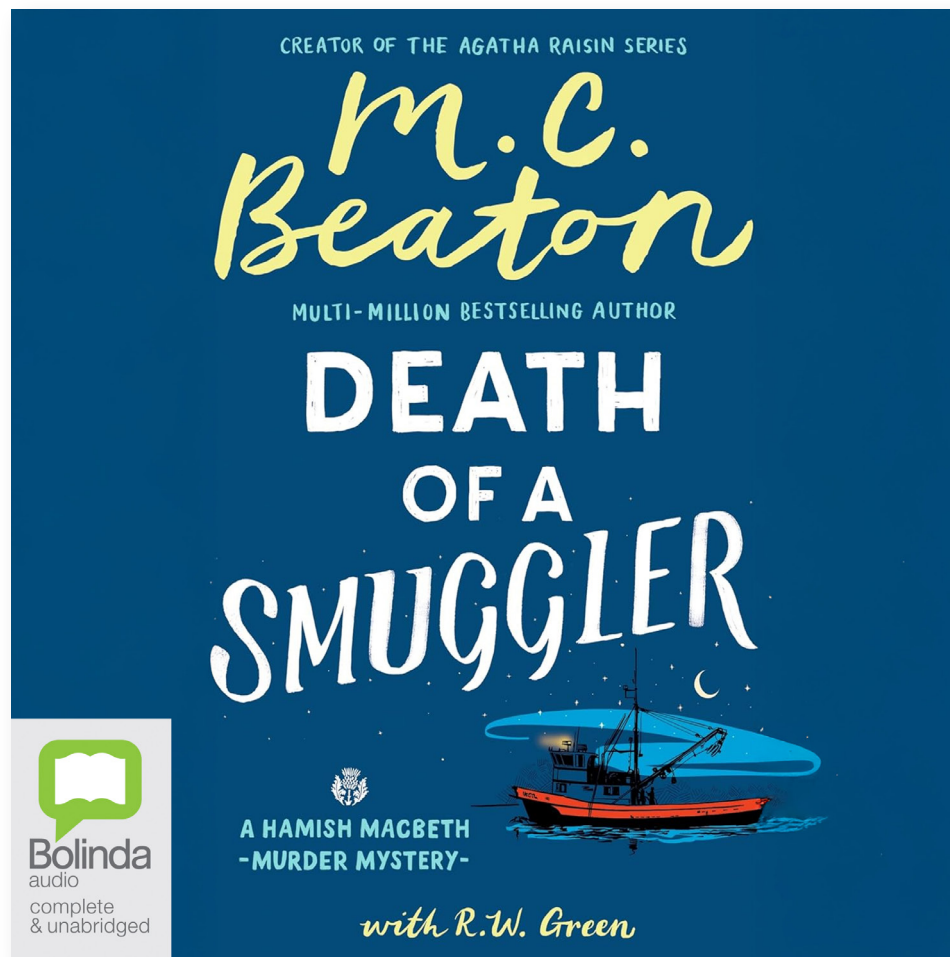
The new love in his life, Claire, is keen for them to take a holiday and Hamish is mulling over the idea when his newly assigned constable arrives, presenting Hamish with both a surprise and a secret. Getting to the bottom of the secret becomes the least of Hamish's problems when, at the opening of the revamped village pub, he meets a family who have a score to settle with a sinister man who has mysteriously gone missing. Discovering a murdered woman's body puts further pressure on Hamish, especially when it becomes clear that the murdered woman and the missing man were linked, although their true identities become yet another mystery.

To Hamish's horror, he then finds himself working on the murder case with the despicable Detective Chief Inspector Blair, his sworn enemy, who has been drafted in under curious circumstances.

Beaton is the author of the bestselling Agatha Raisin and Edwardian Candlelight series, all of which carry her trademark intrigue and irresistible charm

'It's always a treat to return to Lochdubh.' – New York Times

'Befuddled, earnest and utterly endearing, Hamish makes his triumphs sweetly satisfying.'
– Publishers Weekly



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A Brush with Death

Liz, Pat and Thelma #4

J.M. Hall

Read by Julie Hesmondhalgh

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025

The brand-new cosy mystery featuring very unlikely sleuths, perfect for fans of Agatha Christie and *Midsomer Murders*.

Retired schoolteachers Pat, Liz and Thelma don't know what to think. The death of Neville Hilton is not a crime. Just your standard, if tragic, heart attack. At least that's what the autopsy shows.

But his ex-wife isn't convinced. She's sure the current Mrs Hilton is involved – maybe she wasn't at some horse event, as she told police.

And so the three friends step away from the Melmbury slice to investigate.

As the trio delve into the village's secrets, they uncover more than they bargained for – angry residents with old grudges and the echoes of a damning report that ruined lives all those years ago ...

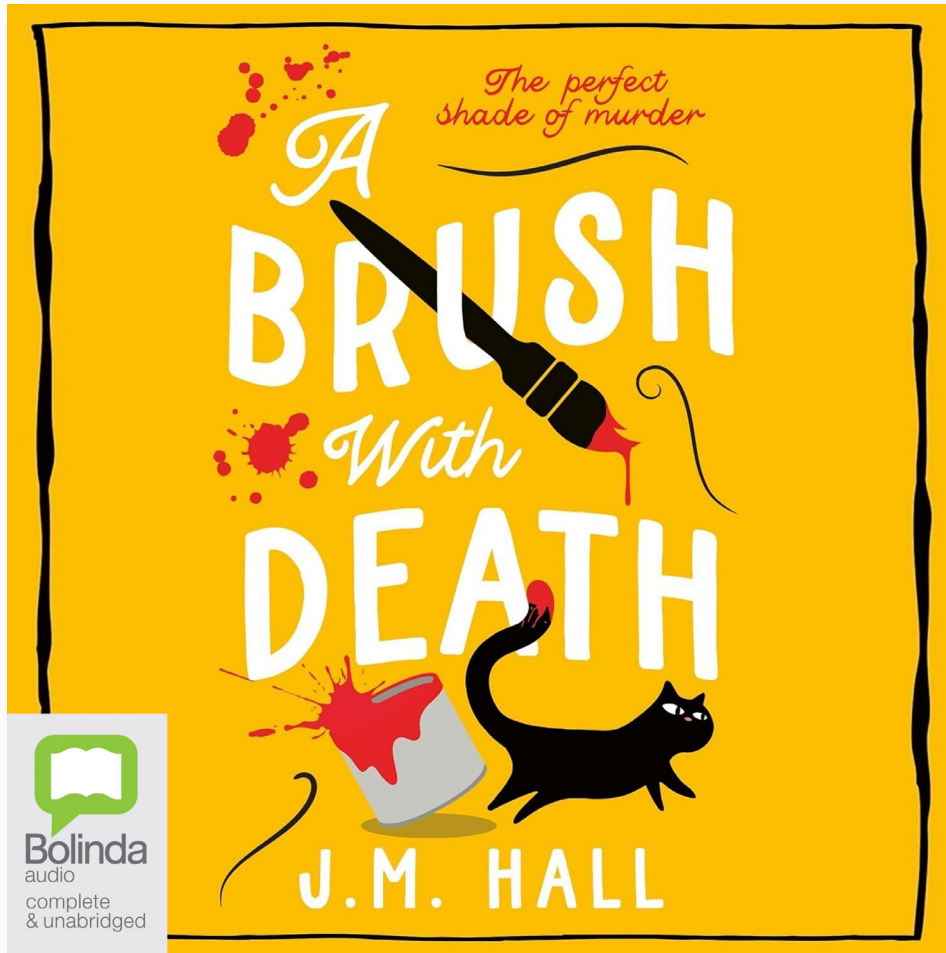
In the sweltering summer heat, can our unlikely trio untangle the web of lies and uncover the truth before anybody else dies?

J.M. Hall is an author, playwright and deputy head of a primary school

Hall's plays have been produced in theatres across the UK as well as for radio, the most recent being *Trust*, starring Julie Hesmondhalgh on BBC Radio 4

'Warm characters and wonderful writing ... It's steeped in Yorkshire like a mug of hot, strong tea ... I loved it.' – S.J. Bennett, author of *The Windsor Knot*

'A charming read with a cast of characters you'll really connect with.' – Faith Martin, bestselling author of the Ryder and Loveday series



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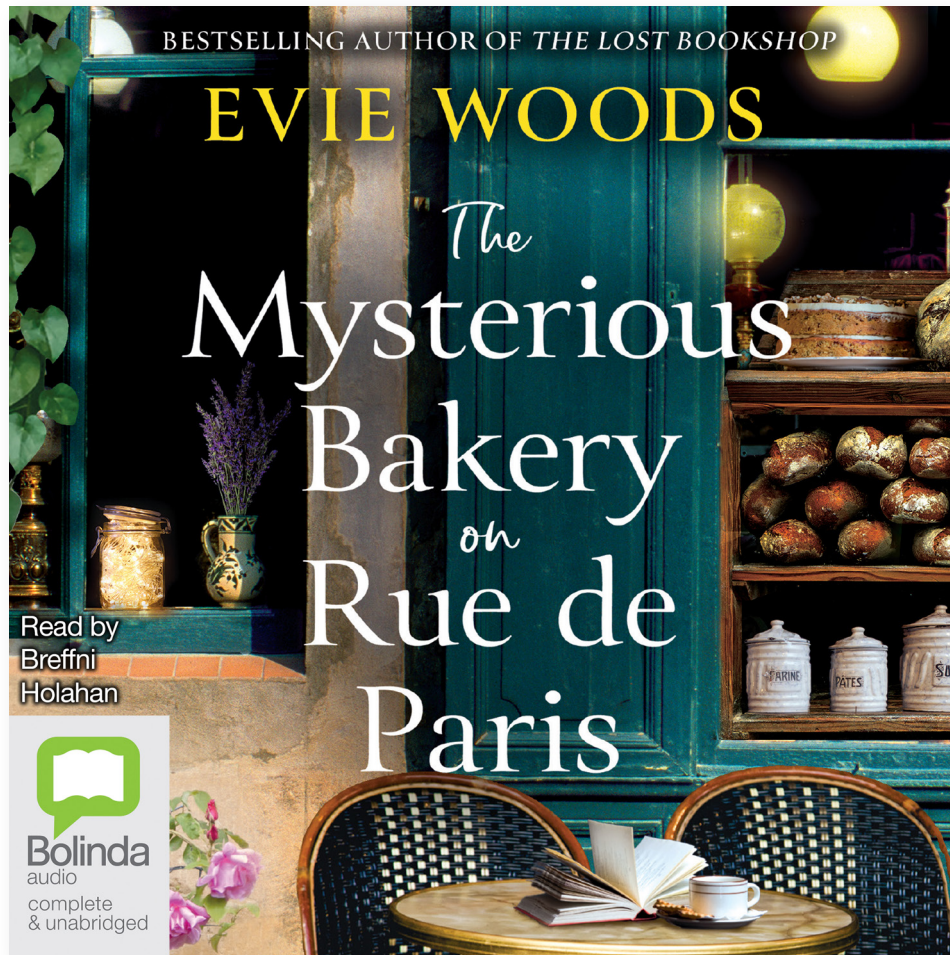
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The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris

Evie Woods

Read by Breffni Holahan



An enchanting and escapist story from the internationally bestselling author of *The Lost Bookshop*, Evie Woods.

Nestled among the cobblestone streets of Compiègne, there exists a bakery unlike any other.

Rumours were whispered through the town that its pastries offered a taste of magic, chasing away the darkest of sorrows. Just one bite of a croissant might bring luck, unlock a precious memory or reveal hidden longings.

But dark clouds were looming on the horizon ...

For Edie Lane, a recipe for disaster doesn't require that many ingredients. Take an unhealthy amount of wishful thinking and a sprinkle of desperation and that's how Edie left everything behind in Ireland for her dream job at a bakery in Paris. Except the bakery isn't in Paris – and neither is Edie.

This might not be where Edie intended to be but she soon realises it's exactly where she needs to be ...

Evie Woods is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Lost Bookshop*, which has sold over a million copies worldwide and been translated into 30 languages

The Lost Bookshop hit #1 on the *Wall Street Journal*, Amazon Kindle UK and US charts

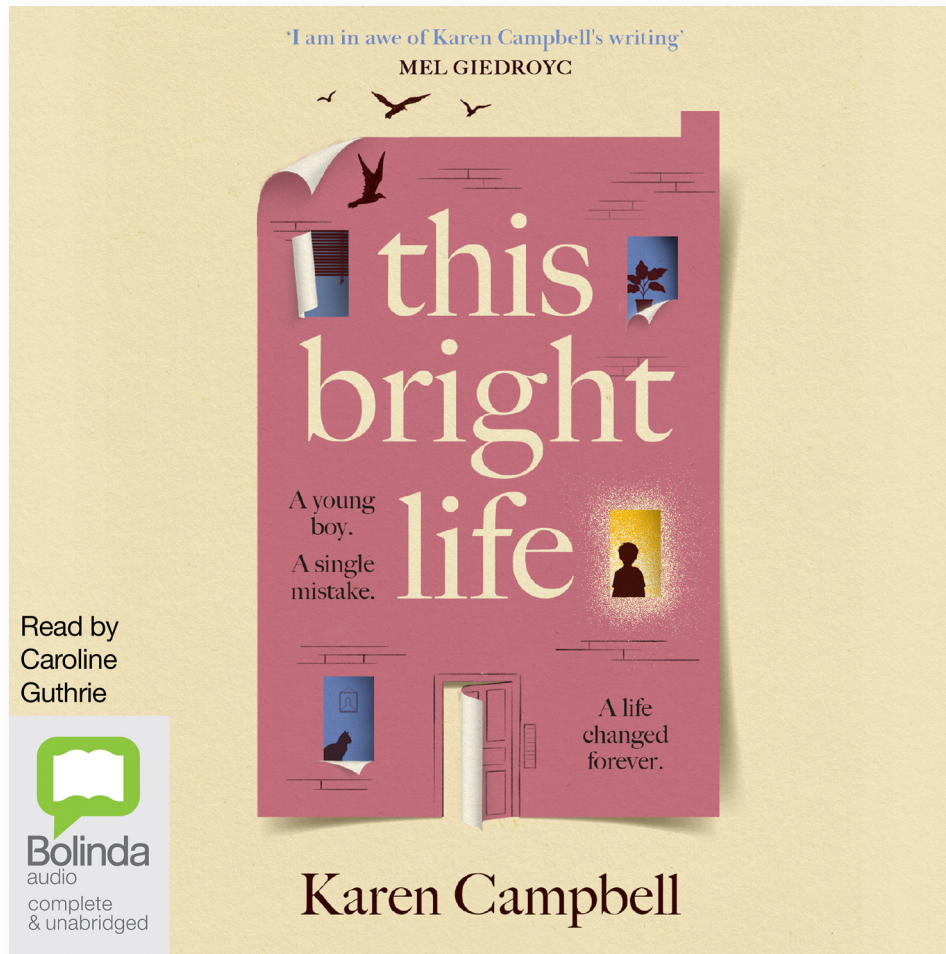
Woods is also the author of *The Story Collector*

'Evie's writing style grabs you by the hand and draws you into her world.' – The Gloss Magazine (on *The Story Collector*)

This Bright Life

Karen Campbell

Read by Caroline Guthrie



Heartbreaking and yet brimful of humour, compassion and hope, *This Bright Life* is a story about messy lives, second chances and the many hands it takes to build a boy.

Gerard is 12. He hates his name, but loves flying round the streets of Glasgow on his bike, or mucking about with his gang, the Broncos. He's a bright kid, but trouble seems to follow him. No one really knows what it's like at home for Gerard; he's used to carrying a lot on his small shoulders.

Gerard doesn't always make good decisions. And on one April morning, in the blink of an eye, he makes a very bad one – one that will upend his whole world.

Now, he faces a bewildering stream of concerned adults clutching files, unfamiliar streets to navigate, a strange bed to sleep in, and the very real chance he won't see his wee brother and sister again.

Karen Campbell is the author of *Paper Cup*, *The Sound of the Hours*, *Rise*, *This Is Where I Am*, *The Twilight Time*, *After the Fire*, *Shadowplay* and *Proof of Life*.

In 2010, her title, *After the Fire*, was chosen as a Scottish Summer Read, while *Shadowplay* was shortlisted for the CWA Gold Dagger

Campbell's novel *Paper Cup* was a Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month and won the 2023 Blairgowrie Bookmark Prize

'Very special indeed. Not only is it exquisitely written – and I mean catch-your-breath exquisite – the story is so real and told with such grace and compassion ... Trust me (trust me), your world will be a better place for reading this story.' – Joanna Cannon, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

The Book That Held Her Heart

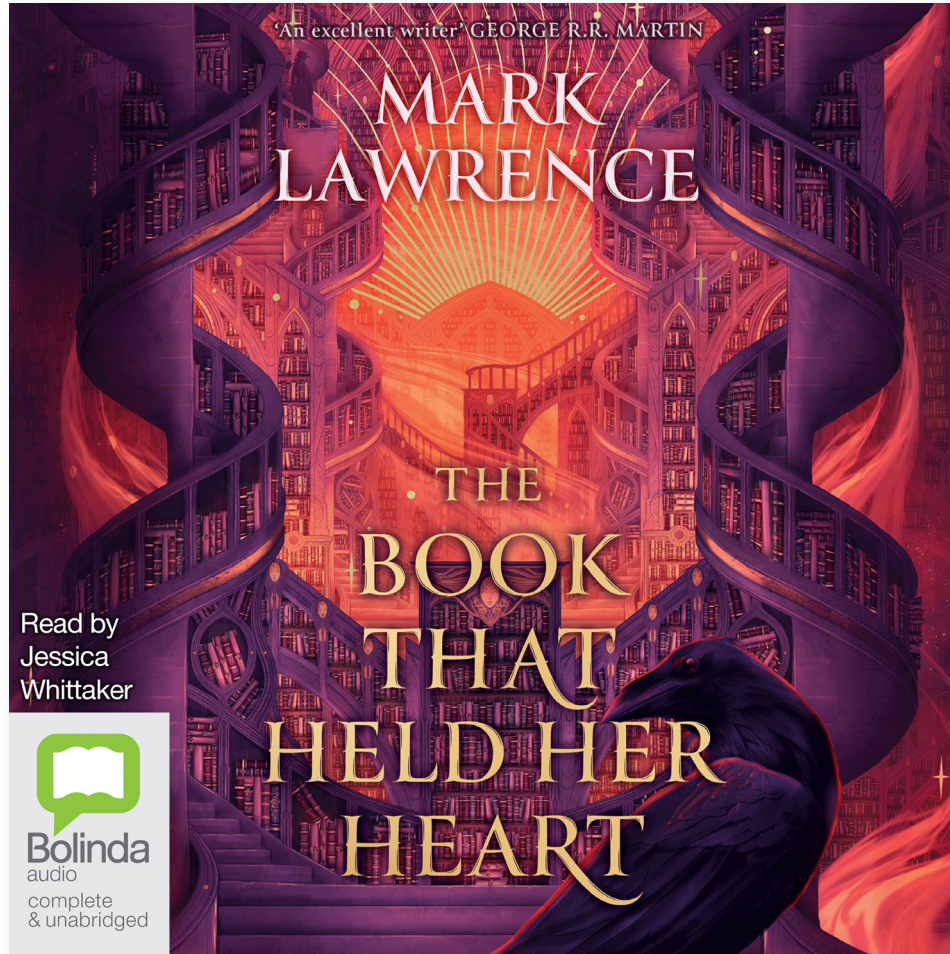
The Library Trilogy #3

Mark Lawrence

Read by Jessica Whittaker

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | April 2025



The secret war that defines the library has chosen its champions and set them on the board, in the final volume of the bestselling The Library Trilogy.

The fate of an infinite library hangs on one book, a book that holds the power to break the unbreakable. In the face of such forces, fragile things like hearts, family and the world seem certain to fail.

The people most vital to Livira are scattered across time and space, lost, divided into factions, in mortal peril. Somehow, she must bring them together and resolve the unresolvable argument that fuels the library's war. The bond between Livira and Evar has stretched and stretched again. Can it hold at the end, when things fall apart? Can it bring them together against impossible odds?

The Library Trilogy is about many things: adventure, discovery and romance, but it's also a love letter to books and the places where they live. The focus is on one vast and timeless library, but the love expands to encompass smaller more personal collections, and bookshops of all shades too

Mark Lawrence was nominated and shortlisted for the Nobel Peace prize as a contributor to a North Carolina committee on justice reform in 2021

In 2014, Lawrence won the David Gemmell Legend Award for best novel for *Emperor of Thorns*

'Lush and intricately plotted ...' – Paste Magazine (on *The Book That Wouldn't Burn*)

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Faithbreaker

The Fallen Gods Trilogy #3

Hannah Kaner

Read by Kit Griffiths

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | April 2025

In the epic finale to the internationally bestselling Fallen Gods trilogy that started with *Godkiller*, the fate of Middren hangs in the balance as mighty gods and mortal heroes clash in a final battle for supremacy.

War has come. The fire god Hseth is leading an unstoppable army south, consuming everything in her path. Middren's only hope of survival is to unify allies and old foes against a common enemy.

Elo navigates an uneasy alliance with Arren; his friend, his enemy and his king. Now they each must decide how much they're willing to sacrifice to turn the tides of war.

Meanwhile, Inara joins her mother on their ship, the Silverswift, to seek aid. Still grappling with her powers, Inara must reconcile who she is and where she belongs, while Skediceth has to question if their bond will be enough to keep them safe.

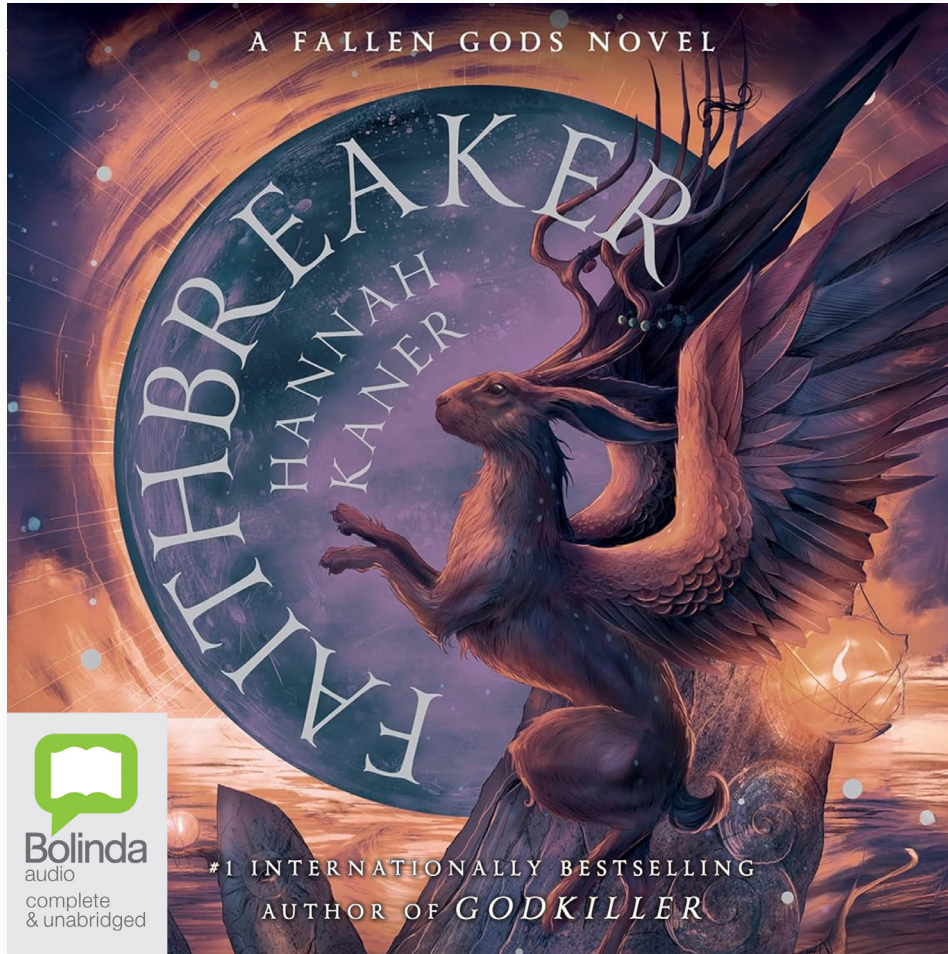
Kissen has no allegiance to the old ways of Middren. But, as she tries to find her family, she is forced to question what, and whose, future she is fighting for.

In *Faithbreaker*, Hannah Kaner delivers a powerful conclusion to the Fallen Gods trilogy, masterfully weaving together love and sacrifice, loyalty and betrayal, and the true meaning of faith.

Hannah Kaner is the #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Godkiller*, which has been translated into twelve languages world wide

Kaner has a first class degree in English from Pembroke College, Cambridge, and a Masters of Science with distinction from the University of Edinburgh

'Violent, bawdy, beautifully imagined, and intensely felt ... a bone-rattling fantasy thriller that flies by in a breathtaking rush.' – Joe Hill, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Fireman* (on *Godkiller*)



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My Plain Jane

The Lady Janies #2

Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton & Jodi Meadows

Read by Fiona Hardingham

Young Adult New Release

Romance | April 2025



The authors of the *New York Times* bestselling *My Lady Jane* put an irreverent spin on Jane Eyre – a fantastical tale of mischief, romance and supernatural mayhem.

You may think you know the story. Penniless orphan Jane Eyre begins a new life as a governess at Thornfield Hall, where she meets one dark, brooding Mr Rochester – and, Reader, she marries him. Or does she?

Prepare for an adventure of Gothic proportions, in which all is not as it seems, a certain gentleman is hiding more than skeletons in his closets, and one orphan Jane Eyre, aspiring author Charlotte Brontë and supernatural investigator Alexander Blackwood are about to be drawn together on the most epic ghost hunt this side of *Wuthering Heights*.

Perfect for fans of *The Princess Bride* or *A Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*

Cynthia Hand is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several books for teens, including the *Unearthly* trilogy and the contemporary novel *The Last Time We Say Goodbye*

Jodi Meadows is the author of the *Incarnate* trilogy and the *Orphan Queen Duology*, among many others

Brodi Ashton is the author of the *Everneath* series

'Holds all the flavor of a juicy period novel yet with the addition of numerous, witty asides. Full of wry humor and laugh-out-loud commentary. The authors' affection for their source material is abundantly clear in this clever, romantic farce.' – Publishers Weekly, starred review

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The Prince Without Sorrow

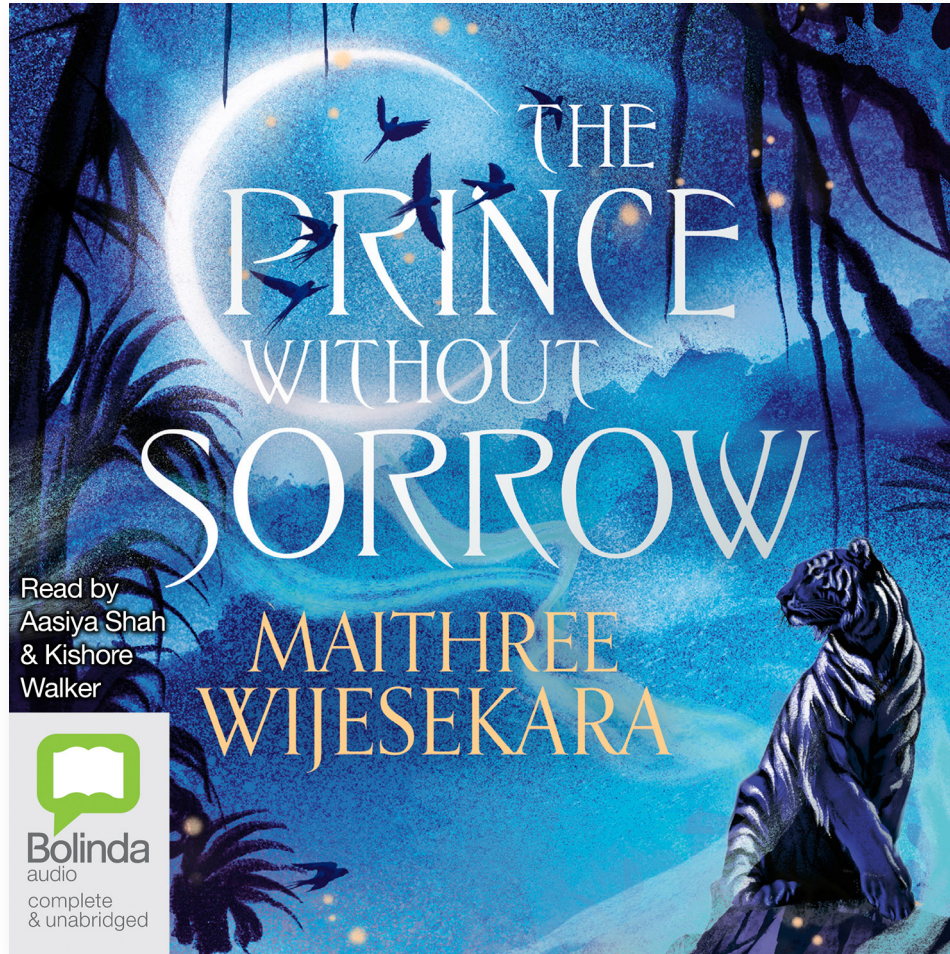
Obsidian Throne #1

Maithree Wijesekara

Read by Aasiya Shah & Kishore Walker

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | April 2025



Drawing on inspiration from the Mauryan Empire of Ancient India, debut author Maithree Wijesekara plunges listeners into the first amazing instalment of the Obsidian Throne trilogy.

Welcome to the Ran Empire. Where winged serpents fly through the skies. Giant leopards prowl the earth. And witches burn blue as they die.

A prince born into violence.

Prince Ashoka is considered an outcast for opposing his father Emperor Adil Maurya's brutal destruction of the Mayakari witches.

A witch seeking revenge.

Shakti vows retribution for the murder of her aunt and annihilation of her village at the hands of the emperor, even though she is bound by the Mayakari's pacifist code.

A curse that will change the world.

In her anger Shakti casts a violent curse, the consequences of which will leave both her and Ashoka grappling for power. Do they take it for themselves and risk becoming what they most hate? Or do they risk losing power completely as the world around them is destroyed?

The Obsidian Throne trilogy is a new fantasy series of hunted witches, romantic angst and political intrigue

Perfect for fans of *The Hurricane Wars* and *The Jasmine Throne*

Maithree Wijesekara is an Australian-Sri Lankan writer based in Melbourne

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Deep Cuts

Holly Brickley

Read by Jayme Mattler

The incredibly buzzy debut that everyone is talking about – a love story about two people pulled apart by the same force that draws them together: music.

The first time Joe plays Percy one of his songs in his college room in 2000, she instantly realises three things:

- One, she is watching a star in the making.
- Two, she can shape his music into something extraordinary.
- Three, she will always be on the sidelines.

She swallows her jealousy and throws herself into collaboration, transforming Joe's songs into indie hits with her blistering critiques.

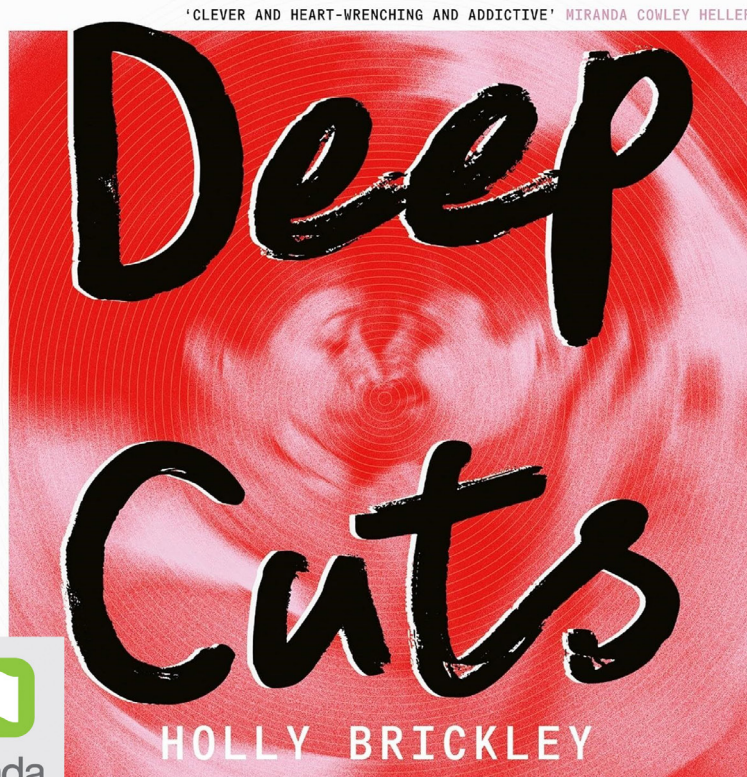
But there's an undercurrent to the music they're making – something undeniably electric, hurtling towards love. And then, almost inevitably, towards heartbreak. As Joe steps into the spotlight, can Percy bear to watch on in silence? And can he exist there without her?

Perfect for listeners who loved *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*, *One Day*, *Daisy Jones & the Six* and *High Fidelity*

Holly Brickley studied English at UC Berkeley and received an MFA in fiction from Columbia University

'Tender as a ballad and pleasurable as a pop song, Deep Cuts is both a nostalgic romp into the indie sleaze era of the early aughts and a timeless love story of creative collaboration, competition, and ambition.' – Coco Mellors, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Blue Sisters* and *Cleopatra and Frankenstein*

'Deep Cuts is an incredibly special book, one of the best I've read in a very long time. Moving, beautiful, rich with emotion, it's an epic love story and the story of a woman finding her creative power, all rolled into one. Extraordinary.' – Beth O'Leary, internationally bestselling author of *The Wake-Up Call*

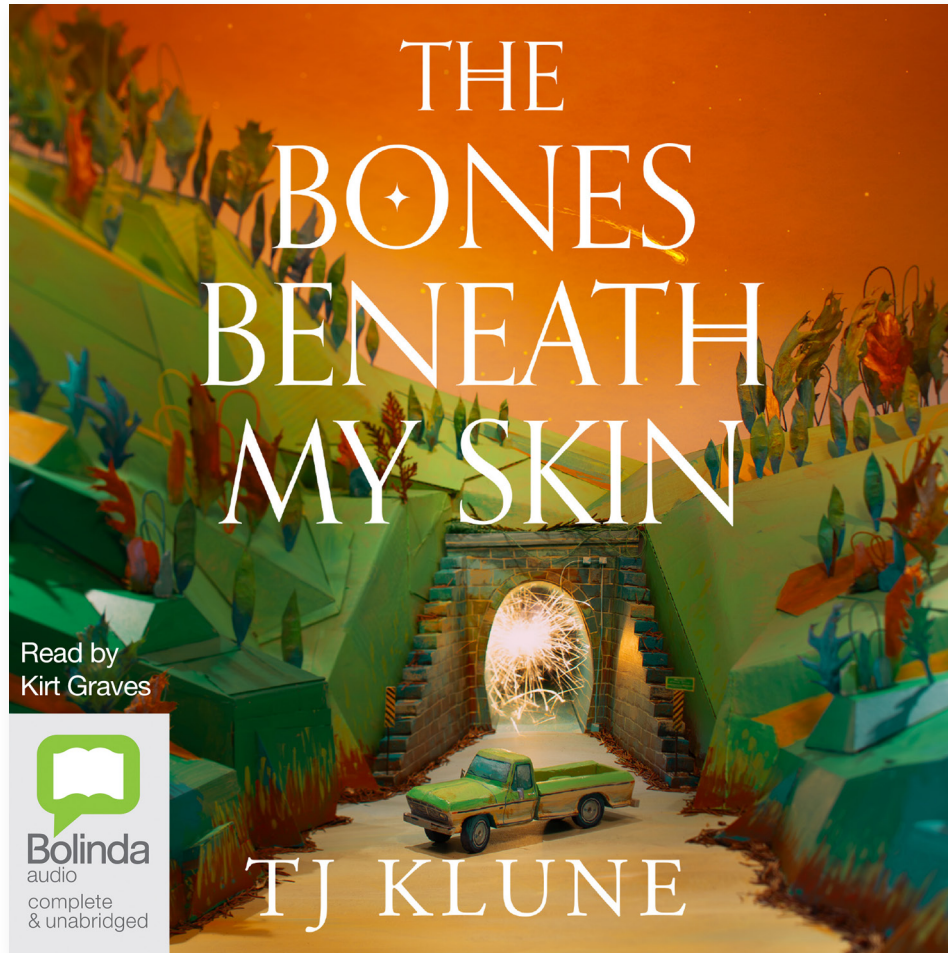


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The Bones Beneath My Skin

TJ Klune

Read by Kirt Graves



An action-packed road trip featuring an extraordinary young girl on the run and her two unlikely protectors from the bestselling author of *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, TJ Klune.

In the spring of 1995, Nate Cartwright is at a loose end – his parents are dead, his older brother has disowned him, and he’s been fired from his job. Looking for a sense of direction, he returns to his family’s summer cabin in Oregon.

The cabin should be empty – but it’s not. Inside is a man named Alex, and an extraordinary little girl who calls herself Artemis Darth Vader. There’s far more to Art than meets the eye. But as Alex and Nate bond over just how special she truly is, they discover that powerful forces are closing in – forces that want nothing more than to control her.

As danger draws near, Nate must decide whether to drown in the memories of his past, or fight for Art and a future he never thought possible.

TJ Klune is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author of *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, *Under the Whispering Door*, *In the Lives of Puppets* and the Green Creek Series

The House in the Cerulean Sea won the 2021 Alex Award and was one of Publishers Weekly’s ‘Most Anticipated Books of Spring 2020’

‘This is the sci-fi romance adventure you never knew you needed. TJ’s characters are broken but they are so full of heart and hope that you will lose yourself entirely to their story.’ –Jennifer L. Armentrout, *New York Times* bestselling author of *From Blood and Ash*

Black Water Rising

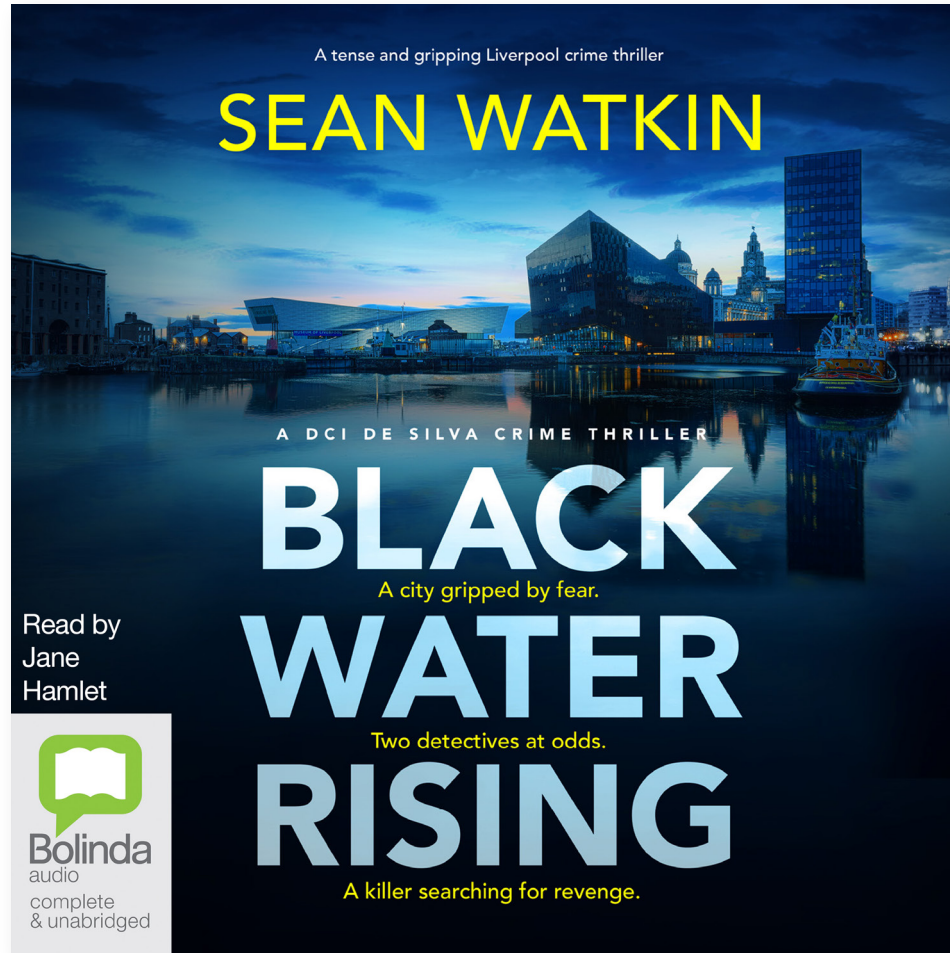
DCI de Silva #1

Sean Watkin

Read by Jane Hamlet

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025



A tense and gripping crime thriller set in Liverpool, perfect for fans of M.W. Craven and Russ Thomas.

Teenage girls are going missing across Liverpool and the police are no closer to identifying the killer. When the third victim, Kelly Stack, is discovered on the banks of the Mersey, the police have no alternative but to call for help.

DCI de Silva hasn't been to work in months. Reeling from the suicide of her husband and dragged down by the undertow of PTSD, she's been living in self-imposed exile.

This case should have been DS Barclay's opportunity to finally show himself to be more than what everybody assumes – an exercise in diversity, being a gay man in the police, but instead he's floundering.

De Silva and Barclay must exorcise their own demons to stop more victims suffering, all while dealing with a traumatised and escalating killer, who is hellbent on finding somebody from his past.

Sean Watkin has been shortlisted for the Bristol Short Story Prize, Fresher Writing Prize, and the Book a Break Prize, has guest-lectured with undergraduate and MA Creative Writing students, and teaches writing courses

Watkin's writing has been featured in *The Gay UK* magazine, and *The Content Wolf* e-zine, as well as other LGBTQIA+ publications

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The Wedding Vow

Dandy Smith

Narrator to Come

The bestselling author of *The Wrong Daughter*, Dandy Smith, is back with a brand new gripping psychological thriller, guaranteed to keep you at the edge of your seat.

She is the perfect wife. He is the perfect liar.

Verity and Linden Lockwood vowed to spend the rest of their lives together, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do they part. Five years later they've kept their promise to never let their love die, to never slip into becoming one of those couples ...

But a year after Linden is brutally and inexplicably murdered in their picture-perfect home, Verity's world shatters again. They're not the golden couple she thought they were. Linden betrayed her – he had been having an affair.

Determined to uncover the identity of the other woman, Verity delves into her husband's life. Everyone is a suspect – her neighbour, her best friend, her assistant ... even her cousin. But as she unearths Linden's shocking secrets, Verity realises she didn't know her husband at all and the truth might be more dangerous than she realises.

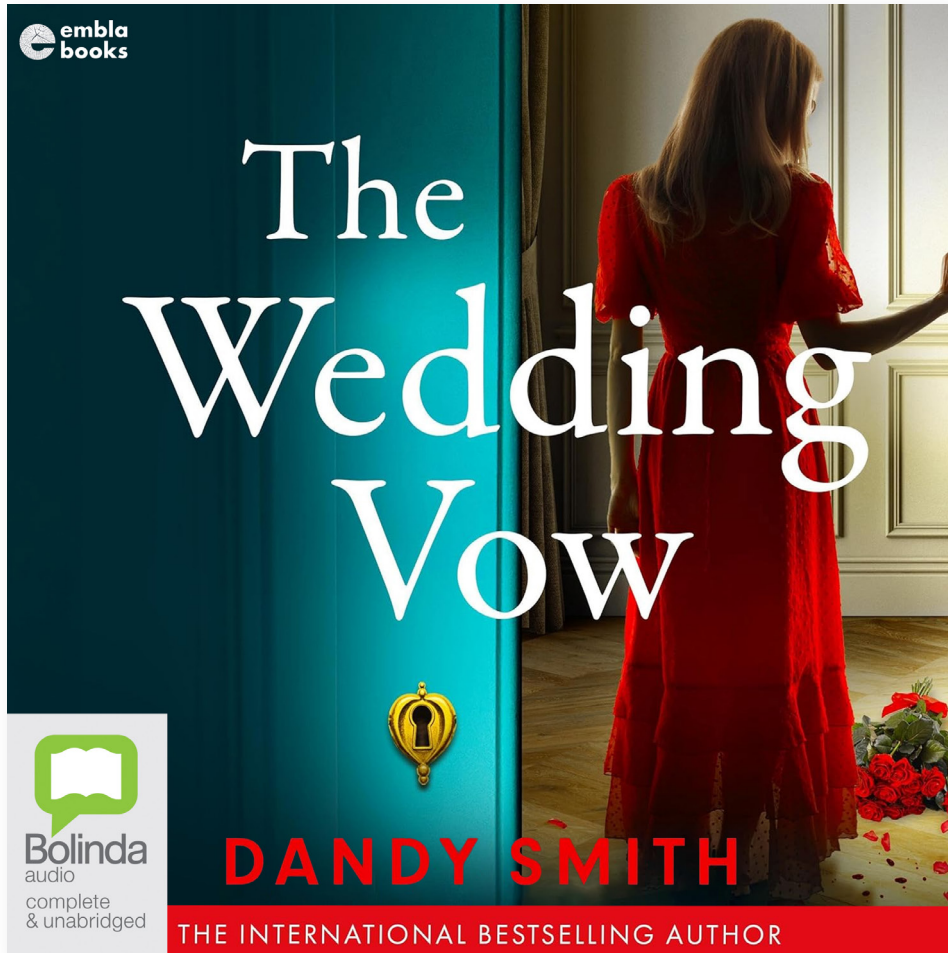
Can Verity expose the other woman before she joins her husband in the morgue?

Perfect for fans of *The Married Man* by K.L. Slater, Jeneva Rose and Lisa Jewell

Dandy Smith is the author of the psychological thrillers, *One Small Mistake*, *The Wrong Daughter* and *The Perfect Match*.

Smith grew up in Kettering, Northamptonshire, and worked as a rights manager for a small publishing house in Bath before completing her MA in creative writing at Bath Spa University

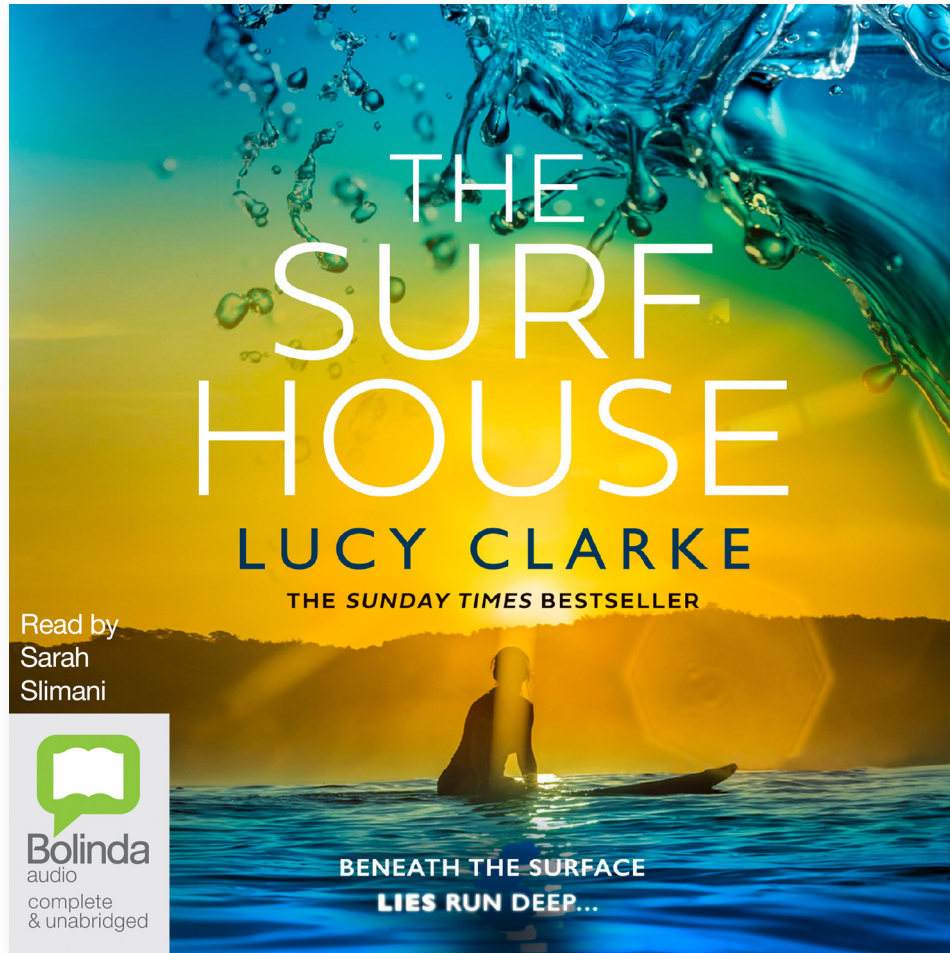
'A massively entertaining ride.' – Christina McDonald, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Do No Harm*



The Surf House

Lucy Clarke

Read by Sarah Slimani



The gripping, escapist new crime thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Hike*.

Welcome to The Surf House, where everyone's escaping something ...

High on the cliffs of Morocco, far from the city lights and the souks, stands The Surf House – a sanctuary for travellers chasing sunshine and waves. But the idyll hides a dark mystery. And when Bea washes in, seeking refuge after a dangerous encounter in Marrakesh, she soon gets caught in the current. A woman her age – who stayed in the same area, walked the same beaches, met the same guests – disappeared one year earlier, vanishing without trace.

Somewhere inside The Surf House lies the truth – but there'll be a price for uncovering it ...

Sunday Times bestseller Lucy Clarke is the author of eight destination thrillers – they include Waterstones Thriller of the Month, *The Castaways*; Richard and Judy Book Club pick, *One of the Girls*, and *The Hike*

Clarke's novels have sold over a million copies and are published in more than 25 territories worldwide

Clarke's thriller *No Escape* (also published as *The Blue*) has been released as a major international show for Paramount+, and *The Castaways* has also been adapted for screen

'Morocco, sun, surf. The perfect place to recover and heal. Until you realise the woman who stayed in *The Surf House* before you has disappeared. Escapist, thrilling, unforgettable.' – Gillian McAllister, author of *Wrong Place Wrong Time*

This Boy's Heart

Scenes from an Irish Childhood

John Creedon

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | April 2025

John Creedon is a renowned storyteller. Following on from the sensational success of *An Irish Folklore Treasury*, here he seeks to capture the folklore of his own childhood.

John Creedon's scenes from an Irish childhood paint a colourful and sometimes hilarious picture of a changing Ireland and the growing pains of boyhood.

Set in a city-centre household bustling with humanity, the cast includes a dozen children and another dozen adults, including aunts, an American writer, an African doctor, and a Scottish bookie. The streets outside overflow with brewery horses, beat clubs, dance halls, nuns, priests, a Turkish delight shop and a pub where a child could sit up on a high stool and smoke his cigarette in peace.

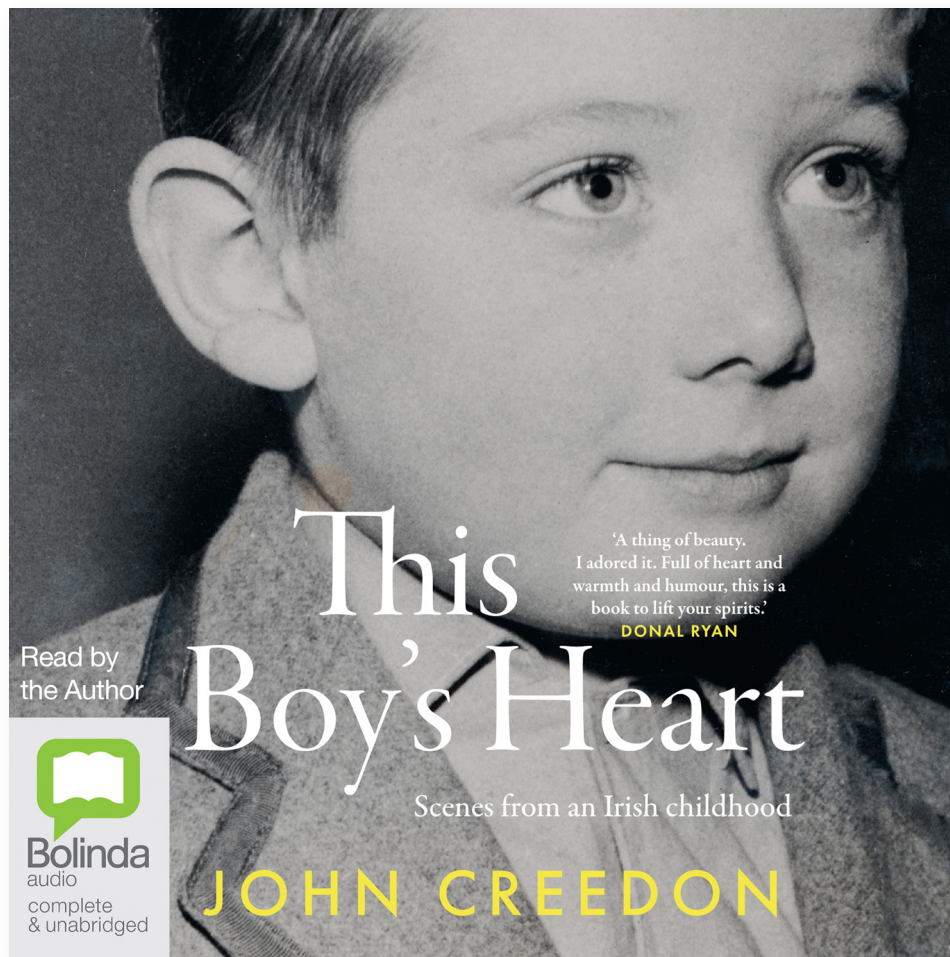
Creedon spent the sixties striding the streets of inner-city Cork, with summers 'farmed out' to friends and family in the countryside. His stories are set in wildly contrasting worlds, from urban exotica to spacious meadows, from tales of the open road to his classroom of over fifty boys. These are stories of friendship, fun, family and folklore. The result is a heart-warming and revealing journey into an Irish boyhood.

John Creedon is one of Ireland's best-loved broadcasters. He currently produces and presents *The John Creedon Show* on RTÉ Radio 1

Creedon has also presented popular television series on RTÉ 1, including *Creedon's Wild Atlantic Way*, *Creedon's Epic East*, *Creedon's Shannon* and several series of Creedon's Atlas of Ireland

That Place We Call Home, Creedon's first book, was a bestseller, and his second book, *An Irish Folklore Treasury*, won the Best Irish-Published Book at the An Post Book Awards

'A thing of beauty. I adored it. Full of heart and warmth and humour, this is a book to lift your spirits.' – Donal Ryan, author of *Strange Flowers*



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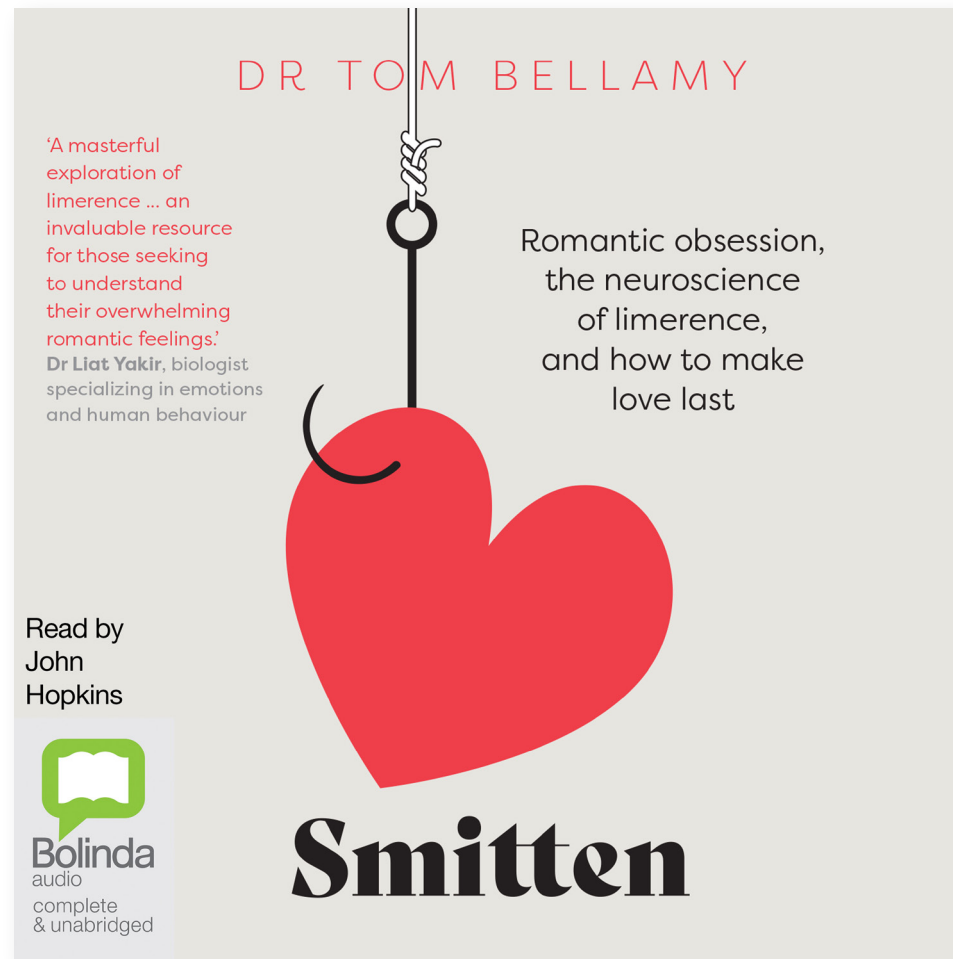
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Smitten

Dr Tomas Bellamy

Read by John Hopkins



A much-needed exploration of the psychology of infatuation, how to recognise it, and how to move beyond it towards a healthier experience of love.

Butterflies in the stomach, intrusive thoughts, fantasies about imaginary scenarios, mood swings from euphoria to despair ... aren't these all the familiar hallmarks of new love? Not quite. These are characteristics of the psychological state of limerence, an intense longing for someone, also known as obsessive, passionate or addictive love that can become unhealthy.

Millions of people will experience limerence at some point in their life, and in this audiobook, Dr Tom Bellamy explores advances in neuroscience since the term was coined in the 1970s to shed light on this little-understood element of the human experience.

Discover:

- what drives limerence
- how to recognise limerence in yourself and others
- how to manage the phases of addiction to another person
- how to move past it to sustain longer, more fulfilling relationships

With supportive advice about next steps, this audiobook will help listeners struggling with unwanted feelings to find emotional equilibrium.

Dr Tom Bellamy is an academic neuroscientist and Associate Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Nottingham

Bellamy was awarded a PhD in Neuroscience from University College London in 2001, and held a personal fellowship at the Babraham Institute in Cambridge from 2004 to 2010

Unhallowed Halls

Lili Wilkinson

Read by the Author & Imani Jade Powers

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | April 2025

An American teenager joins an exclusive boarding school hidden deep in the Scottish countryside where not everything is as it appears.

Page Whittaker has always been an outcast. And after the deadly incident that destroyed her single friendship at her old school, she needs a fresh start. When she receives a scholarship offer from Agathion College, an elite boarding school folded deep within the moors of Scotland, she doesn't even consider turning it down.

Agathion is everything Page has ever wanted – a safe haven full of dusty books, steaming cups of tea and rigorous intellectual debate. For the first time in her life, Page has almost managed to make a close group of friends. Cyrus, Ren, Gideon, Lacey and Oak help her feel at home in Agathion's halls – the only problem is, they're all keeping secrets from her.

It seems Page's perfect new school has dark roots – roots that stretch back to its crooked foundation, and an ancient clandestine society. Page quickly learns that not everyone at Agathion is who they say they are.

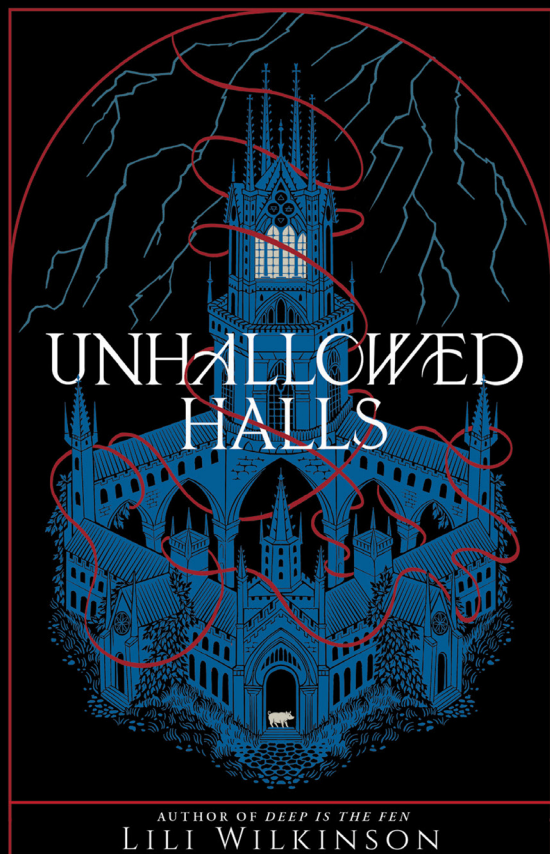
Least of all her new friends.

Drawing on ancient Gaelic myth, this compulsive dark academia fantasy is full of twists, turns and heartstopping betrayals, perfect for fans of *Ninth House*

Lili Wilkinson is the author of over a dozen books for children and young adults, including the *The Boundless Sublime*, *After the Lights Go Out* and *The Erasure Initiative*.

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

'Dark magic and strange and ancient secrets unfurl in this stunning foray whose skillful plotting is reminiscent of Donna Tartt's The Secret History. Painterly descriptions of a rainy gothic atmosphere punctuated by suspense, horror, and humor as experienced by a dynamic and intersectionally diverse found-family cast feel at once as classic as its inspirations, and as an invigorating reinvention of the genre.' – Publisher's Weekly



Read by
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Imani Jade
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The War of the Roses

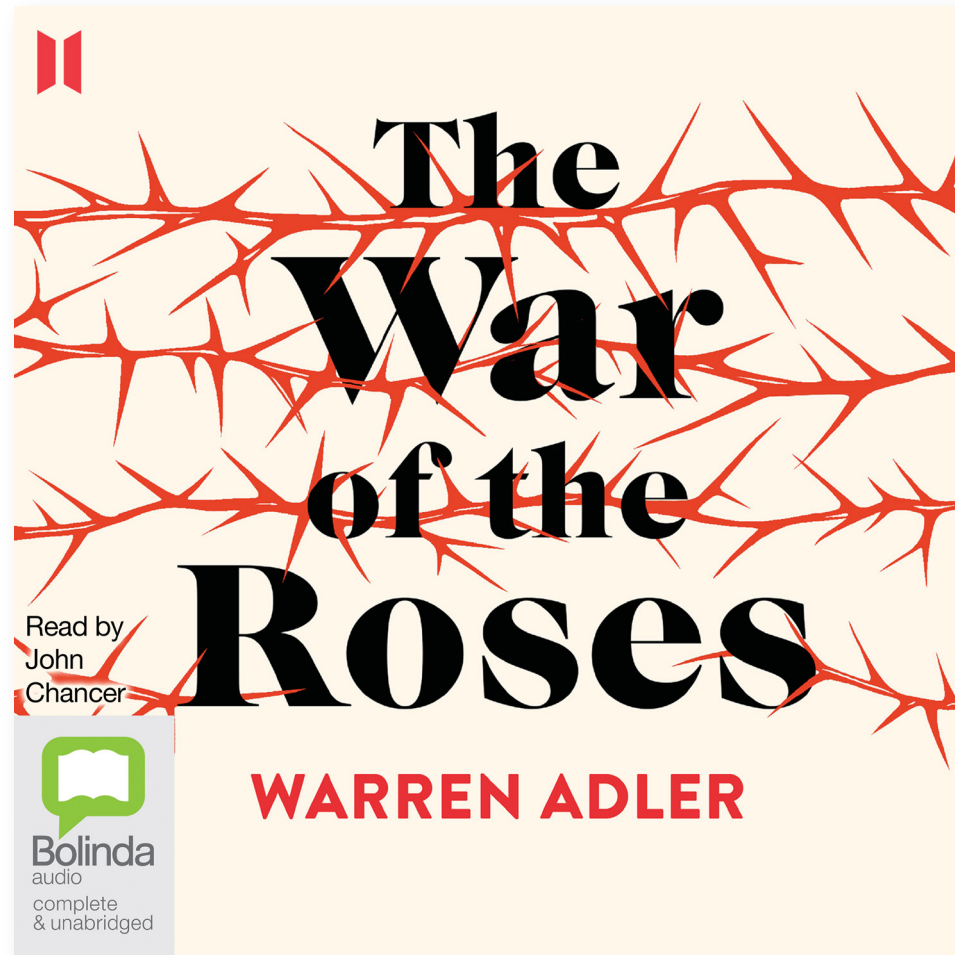
War of the Roses #1

Warren Adler

Read by John Chancer

Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | April 2025



Published for the first time ever in the UK, Warren Adler's cult classic presents the violent and comedic battle of a married couple in the midst of divorce.

Jonathan and Barbara Rose are the perfect couple, living the dream in their beautiful house, filled with their precious antiques, their darling children and their prized Ferrari in the garage. It's all any red-blooded American could possibly want. But when Jonathan experiences a sudden heart attack (or so he thinks) Barbara realises that she wants a new life, without him. There's just one problem – they both want the house. For husband and wife, it's not just a residence – it's a passion, one that will escalate an ugly divorce into a full-blown battlefield, complete with weapons and casualties.

In this viciously black comedy, the Roses will each do whatever they can to destroy their better half – no matter the cost to themselves.

Warren Adler was an American author, playwright and poet, whose work has been translated into 25 languages

The War of the Roses was made into the Golden Globe and BAFTA-nominated film starring Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito

Adler optioned and sold film rights to more than a dozen of his novels and short stories, including *Random Hearts*, which starred Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas, and *The Sunset Gang*, which starred Jerry Stiller

'Terrifying, black-humoured, black-hearted and bristling.' – Gillian Flynn, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Gone Girl*

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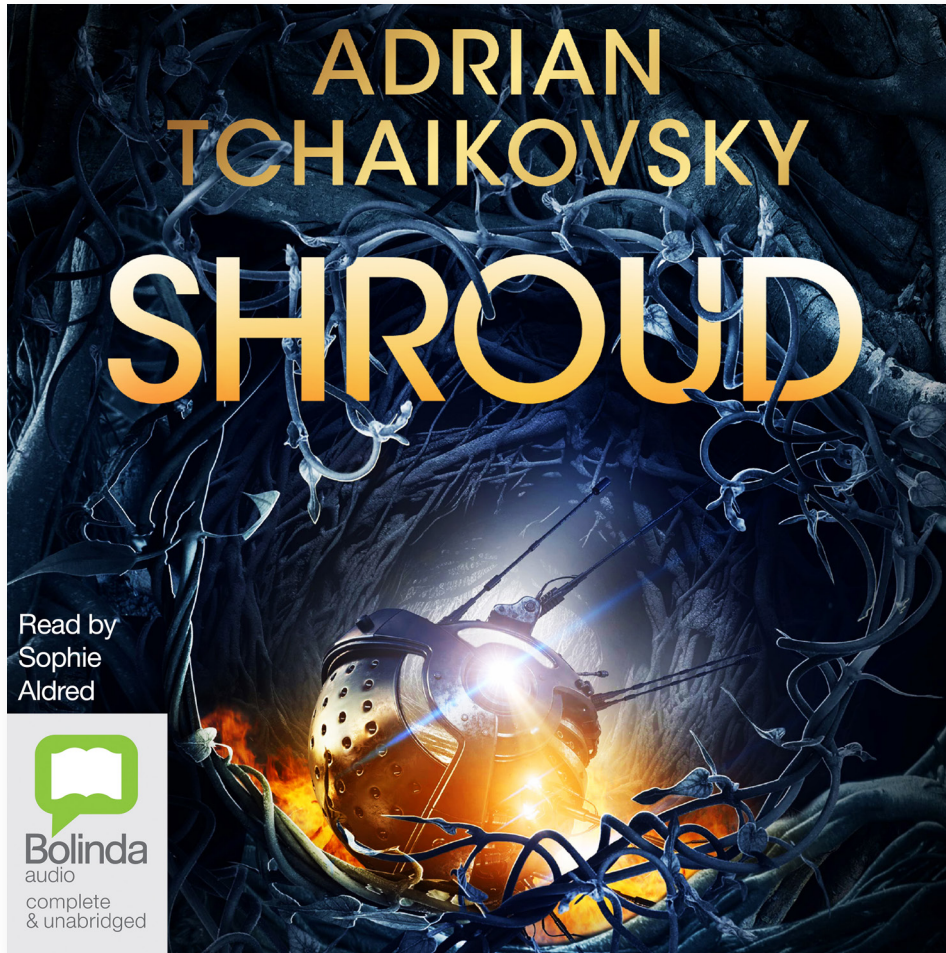
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Shroud

Adrian Tchaikovsky

Read by Sophie Aldred



An utterly gripping story of survival on a hostile planet from Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of the Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning *Children of Time*.

A commercial expedition to a distant star system discovers a pitch-black moon alive with radio activity. Its high-gravity, high-pressure, zero-oxygen environment is deadly to human life, but ripe for exploitation. They named it Shroud.

Under no circumstances can a human survive Shroud's inhospitable surface – but a catastrophic accident forces Juna Ceelander and Mai Ste Etienne to make an emergency landing in a barely adequate escape vehicle. Alone, and fighting for survival, the two women embark on a gruelling journey across land, sea and air in search of salvation.

But as they travel, Juna and Mai begin to understand Shroud's unnerving alien species. It also begins to understand them. If they escape Shroud, they'll somehow have to explain the impossible and translate the incredible. That is, if they make it back at all ...

Adrian Tchaikovsky is the author of the critically acclaimed *Shadows of the Apt* series and the *Echoes of the Fall* series

Tchaikovsky is also the author of *The Tiger and the Wolf*, which won the British Fantasy Award for Best Fantasy Novel and *Children of Time*, which won the Arthur C. Clarke Award for Best Science Fiction Novel

He has won and been shortlisted for numerous other prizes, including the British Science-Fiction Award, the Locus Awards, and the Hugo Awards

'With work like this, Adrian Tchaikovsky is fast becoming the voice of his generation in British SF.' – Stephen Baxter, award-winning *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *Alien Clay*)

One Hundred Flowers

Genki Kawamura

Narrator to Come



From bestselling author Genki Kawamura comes a story about the preciousness of every moment, the beauty and pain of family love, and the healing power of letting go.

The fragrance of a single stem in a vase.

The shimmering reflection of fireworks in a lake.

The quiet of a bookshop as evening falls.

The feeling of opening a brand-new diary and beginning to write ...

Moments of beauty endure. But what happens when you begin to forget?

Yuriko leads a quiet, orderly life as a piano teacher. It's New Year's Eve and her grown-up son Izumi comes to visit. Yuriko makes him his favourite meal: omelette and hayashi rice. Together, they look like a normal family.

But Yuriko has a secret. Many years earlier, when Izumi was a boy, Yuriko suddenly disappeared for an entire year. She returned, but the lost year was never discussed.

Now as Yuriko begins to lose her memory, Izumi is forced to race against time as he seeks the truth behind this long-buried mystery. Will he learn to understand the woman his mother once was, before it is too late? And is he ready to become a father himself?

Genki Kawamura is an internationally bestselling author from Japan. His debut novel, *If Cats Disappeared from the World*, has sold over two million copies in Japan and has been translated into over 25 languages

Kawamura is also a filmmaker, and in 2022 he won the prestigious Best Director Award at the 70th annual San Sebastian Film Festival in Spain for the film adaptation of *One Hundred Flowers*

'A poignant, affecting story ...' – The Herald (on *If Cats Disappeared from the World*)



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I'll Never Call Him Dad Again

Caroline Darian

Read by the Author & Heather Long

An astonishingly brave and moving audiobook from Caroline Darian, daughter of infamous Dominique Pelicot, detailing how her mother rebuilt her life as the world follows a trial that will go down in history.

In November 2020, Caroline Darian received a call from the police in Carpentras. Her father was in police custody. The seizure of his computer equipment revealed the unthinkable – since 2013, he had drugged his wife before handing her over, in a state of unconsciousness, to men, from all ages and stages of life.

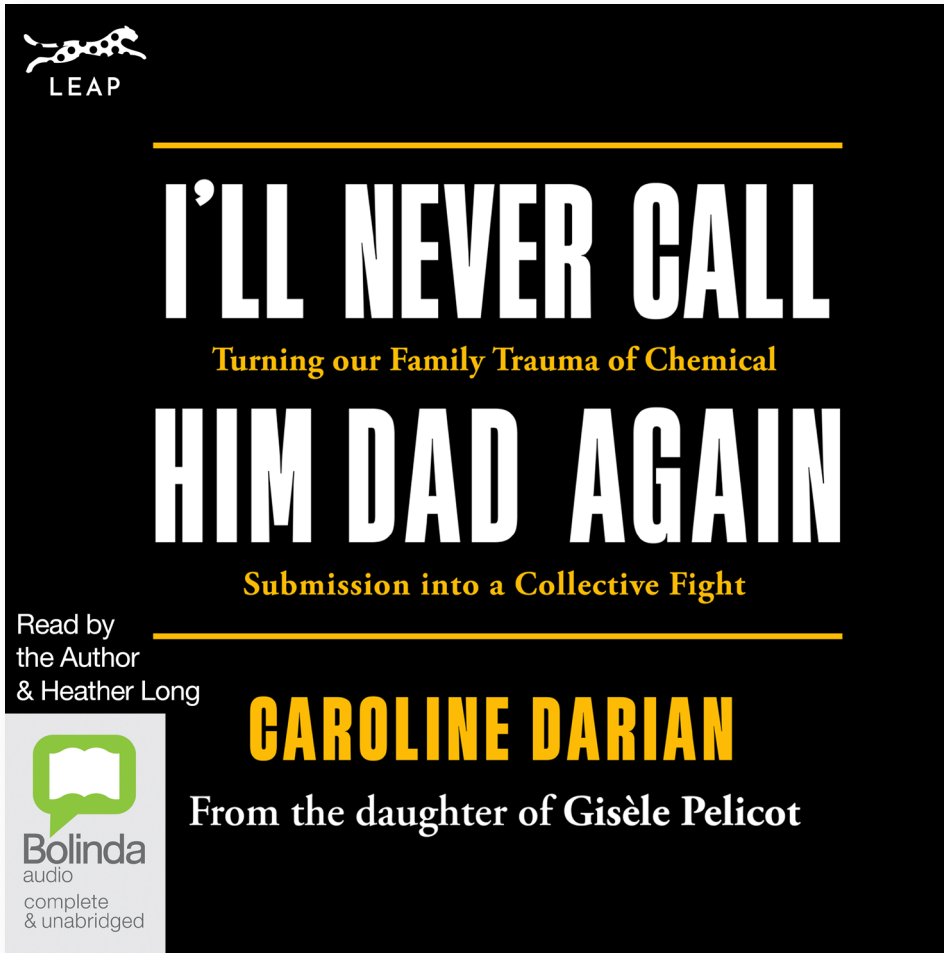
With exceptional courage, Darian recounts the earth-shattering discovery that a loved one, her own father, is capable of the worst. But more importantly, she shares the remarkable story of her mother Gisèle and how she carried on living, without self-pity, while learning to manage all of the things her husband once took care of. She shares how her mother managed to maintain her *joie de vivre* in circumstances none of us could imagine.

Gisèle has won acclaim around the world after she gave up her right to anonymity and opted for a public trial, a trial in which Caroline herself has testified, turning the tables – the shame no longer borne by the victims in silence but directed, at last, to the abusers. Caroline has set up her own campaign to address the issue of chemical submission in the home.

Caroline Darian is the daughter of Dominique Pelicot and Gisèle Pelicot

Darian's father, Dominique Pelicot, was tried and convicted in France for the terrible crimes he committed against his wife

Since the publication of Darian's testimony, she has founded the association '#MendorsPas: Stop Chemical Submission: Don't Put Me Under' in order to campaign for better care of victims and training health professionals



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April new releases 2025

Secrets of Women's Healthy Ageing

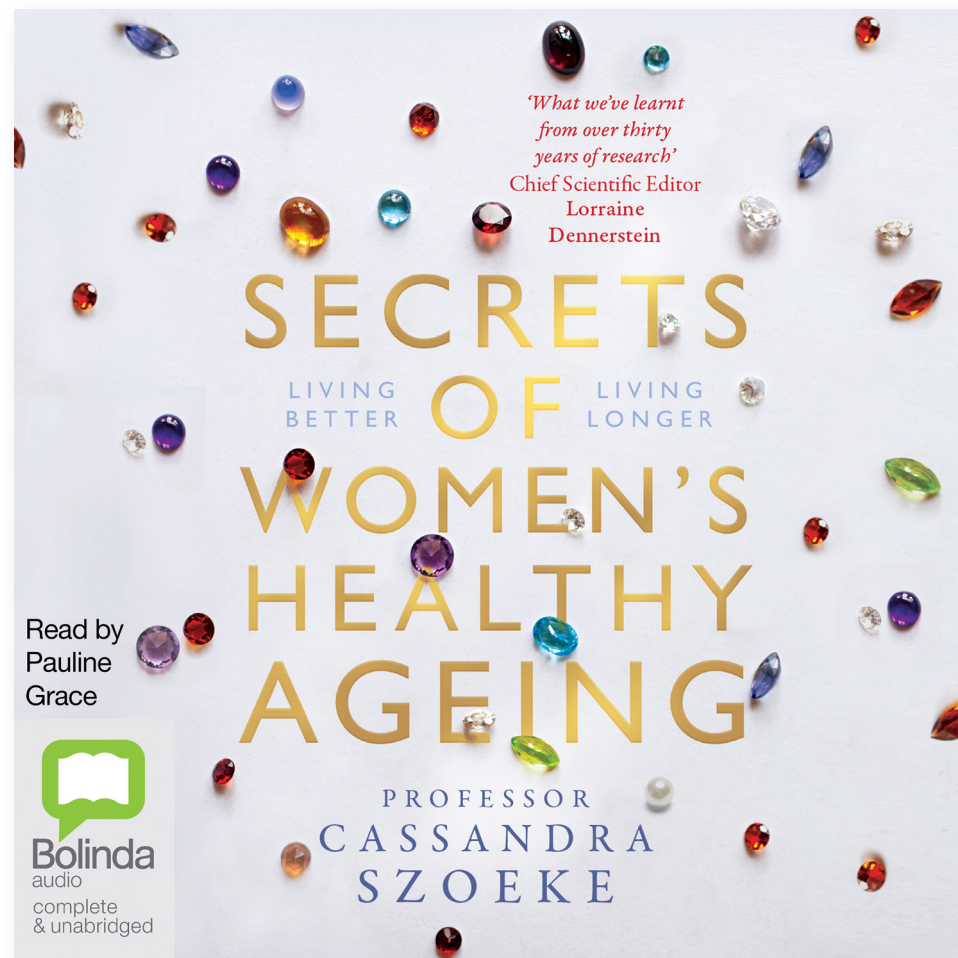
Living Better, Living Longer

Professor Cassandra Szoeki

Read by Pauline Grace

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | April 2025



The research-based approach to ageing well from an expert in women's health, Cassandra Szoeki.

The research-based approach to ageing well.

Secrets of Women's Healthy Ageing draws on the findings of a unique study that has focused on the health of more than 400 women in their mid-to-late lives. Over the past 30 years a team of international investigators has compiled a remarkable amount of data, aiming to raise awareness of modifiable risk factors in women's health.

Their findings cover brain, heart and gut health, diet, sleep, exercise and the benefits of socialising. But importantly, they highlight how the results relate directly to women's wellbeing. In *Secrets of Women's Healthy Ageing*, Cassandra Szoeki shares the wisdom revealed by this comprehensive study, showing how to promote overall wellness and providing the key ingredients for living a long and healthy life.

Cassandra Szoeki – professor of medicine, doctor, scientist and clinical researcher – is an expert in women's health

Szoeki is director of the Women's Healthy Ageing Project at the University of Melbourne and has published hundreds of academic and clinical publications

Szoeki was awarded a 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award for her leadership in dementia, women's health research and influencing policy and guidelines internationally to improve healthy ageing

'I found this an interesting book and am sure it will advance the knowledge of medicine particularly for women.' – Queensland Reviewers Collective

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The Discontented Little Baby Book

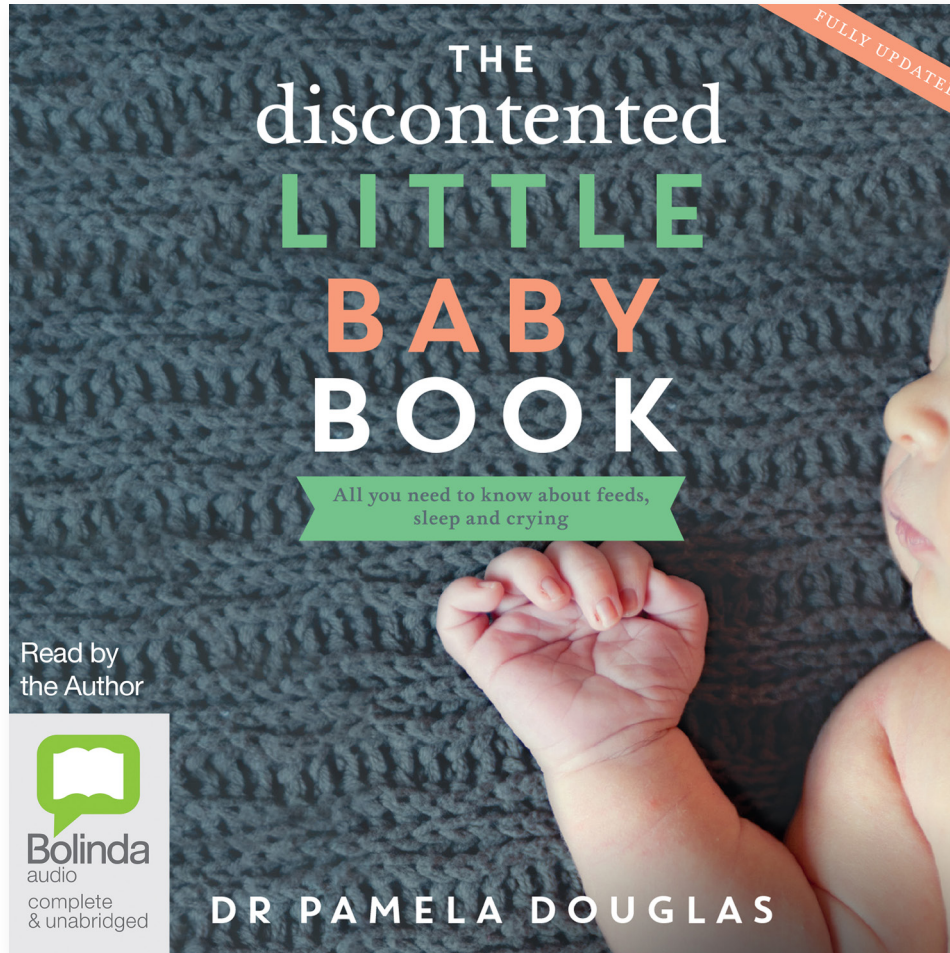
All You Need to Know about Feeds, Sleep and Crying

Dr Pamela Douglas

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | April 2025



A revolutionary new approach to caring for your baby's needs from a respected Australian GP.

Did you know there are things that you can do to help your baby cry and fuss less? Did you know that many parents experience unnecessary disruptions to their sleep at night? Are you longing for a less exhausting, deeper connection with your little one?

The first months after a baby's arrival can be exhausting, and attempts at quick fixes are often part of the problem. Some popular approaches accidentally interfere with a healthy night's sleep, but we can change these. And there are many ways to help your baby cry less.

The Discontented Little Baby Book gives you practical and evidence-based strategies for helping you and your baby get more in sync, and more sleep. Dr Pamela Douglas offers a path that protects your baby's brain development so that your little one can reach their full potential. Amidst life's extraordinary challenges, Dr Douglas shares practical strategies not only for cherishing your baby but also for nurturing your own rest and vitality.

An essential guide for expecting and new parents with babies

Dr Pamela Douglas has worked in Australian general practice since 1987, with a special interest in women's health

Dr Douglas is founder of Neuroprotective Developmental Care and the charity Possums & Co., as well as the author of over 30 international publications in the fields of crying babies, breastfeeding and infant sleep research

An Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Griffith University, Dr Douglas is also a Senior Lecturer in the Primary Care Clinical Unit at The University of Queensland

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The Moon Sister

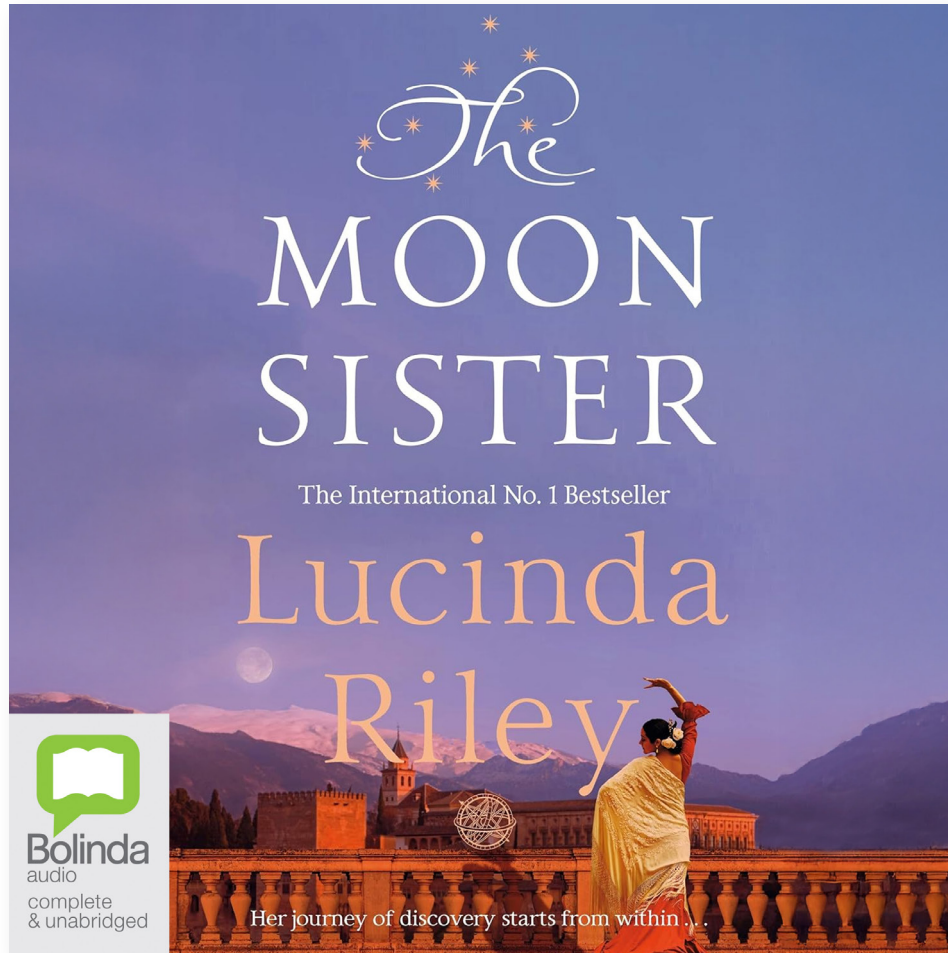
The Seven Sisters #5

Lucinda Riley

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Romance | April 2025



From the Scottish Highlands and Spain, to South America and New York, *The Moon Sister* is the fifth epic story in the Seven Sisters series by the #1 bestselling author Lucinda Riley.

After the death of her father – Pa Salt, an elusive billionaire who adopted his six daughters from around the globe – Tiggy D’Aplièse, trusting her instincts, moves to the remote wilds of Scotland. There she takes a job doing what she loves; caring for animals on the vast and isolated Kinnaird estate, employed by the enigmatic and troubled Laird, Charlie Kinnaird.

Her decision alters her future irrevocably when Chilly, an ancient gypsy who has lived for years on the estate, tells her that not only does she possess a sixth sense, passed down from her ancestors, but it was foretold long ago that he would be the one to send her back home to Granada in Spain ...

In the shadow of the magnificent Alhambra, Tiggy discovers her connection to the fabled gypsy community of Sacromonte, who were forced to flee their homes during the civil war, and to ‘La Candela’ the greatest flamenco dancer of her generation.

From the Scottish Highlands and Spain, to South America and New York, Tiggy follows the trail back to her own exotic but complex past. And under the watchful eye of a gifted gypsy bruja she begins to embrace her own talent for healing.

Lucinda Riley is the bestselling author of the Seven Sisters series

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

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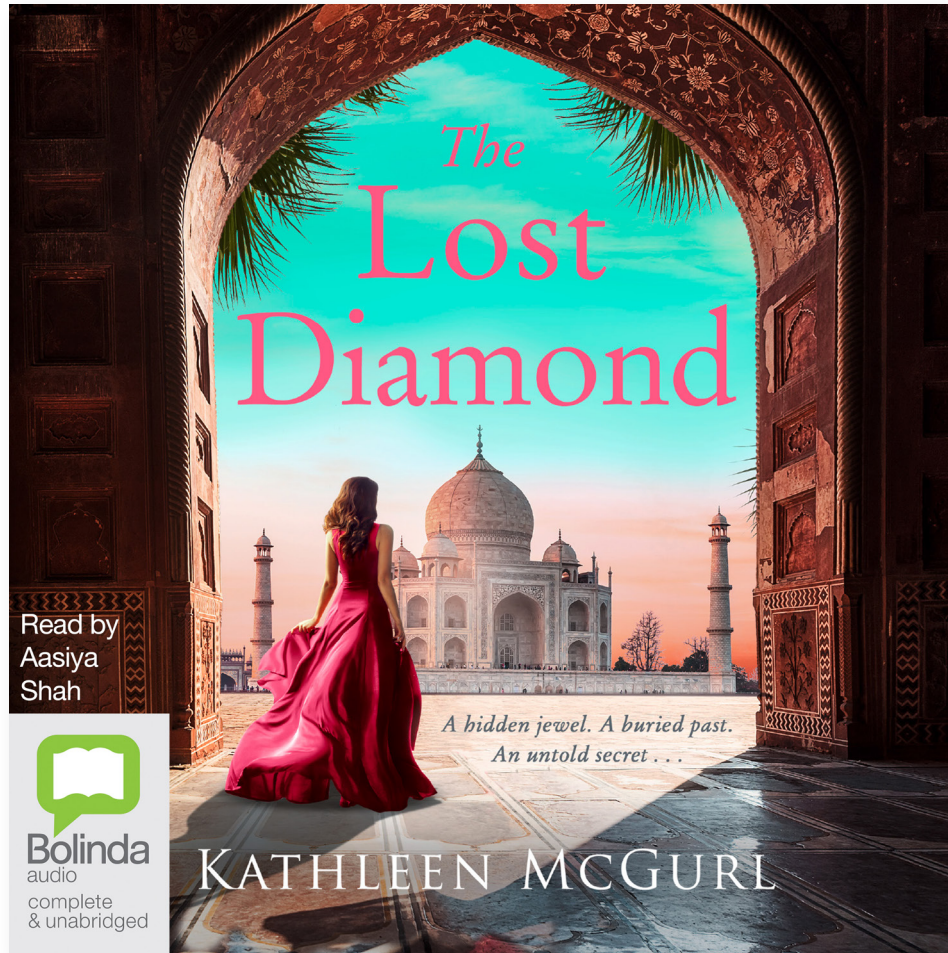
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The Lost Diamond

Kathleen McGurl

Read by Aasiya Shah



The spellbinding dual-timeline historical tale from the bestselling author of *The Lost Sister*.

India, 1947. Celia Forbes-Whyte remembers little about her beloved mother, but she will never forget how the family's prized diamond, the Chamakta Sitara, glistened at her throat. The diamond has been part of the family for as long as she can remember, but growing voices begin to ask whether it should ever have belonged to them at all?

With danger closing in on the eve of Indian independence, Celia's father makes a drastic choice – to protect his family, the diamond must disappear without a trace. But in doing so, he might create a curse that lasts a lifetime ...

London, 2024. Heartbroken and desperate for an escape, Lisa Statton retreats to the comfort of the Alps. But when she stumbles across a sparkling gem and an unopened letter, embedded in a glacier, Lisa finds herself thrust into a mystery more devastating than she could ever imagine ...

Perfect for fans of Lorna Cook and Amanda Geard

Kathleen McGurl is an author of *The Girl with the Emerald Flag*, *The Storm Girl*, *The Girl from Bletchley Park*, *The Lost Sister*, *The Forgotten Gift*, *The Stationmaster's Daughter* and many more

McGurl has also worked on actor Millie Bobby Brown's book *Nineteen Steps* as the ghostwriter – a new challenge for her that resulted in a moving tale of love, loyalty and loss, set in London during the second World War

'McGurl is a born storyteller, packing her beautiful and sensitively written novels with real history, gripping plotlines and exquisitely drawn characters.' – Lancashire Post (on *The Girl from Ballymor*)

Beneath an Indian Sky

Renita D'Silva

Read by Aasiya Shah

COVER COMING SOON

Beneath an Indian Sky

Renita D'Silva



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In colonial India a young woman finds herself faced with an impossible choice, the consequences of which will echo through the generations.

1928. In British-ruled India, headstrong Sita longs to choose her own path, but her only destiny is a good marriage. After a chance meeting with the Crown Prince leads to a match, her family's status seems secured and she moves into the palace, where peacocks fill the gardens and tapestries adorn the walls. But royal life is far from simple, and her failure to provide an heir makes her position fragile. Soon Sita is on the brink of losing everything, and the only way to save herself could mean betraying her oldest friend ...

2000. When Priya's marriage ends in heartbreak, she flees home to India and the palace where her grandmother, Sita, once reigned as Queen. But as grandmother and granddaughter grow closer, Priya has questions. Why is Sita so reluctant to accept that her royal status ended with Independence? And who is the mysterious woman who waits patiently at the palace gates day after day? Soon Priya uncovers a secret Sita has kept for years – and which will change the shape of her life forever ...

Perfect for fans of Kathryn Hughes, Dinah Jefferies and Kristin Hannah

Renita D'Silva is the author of *Monsoon Memories*, *The Forgotten Daughter*, *The Stolen Girl*, *A Sister's Promise*, *A Mother's Secret*, *The Spice Maker's Secret*, *The Orphan's Gift* and *A Daughter's Courage*

D'Silva's short stories have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and the 'Best of the Net' anthology, shortlisted for the LoveReading Very Short Story award and The Alpine Fellowship Writing Prize

'This is another magnificent novel by Renita – I wonder how she manages to produce such literary gems year after year – and I would highly recommend it to all lovers of fiction.'

– Pankaj Giri, author of *The Fragile Thread of Hope*

Ruby McBride

A Salford Saga #1

Freda Lightfoot

Read by Victoria Brazier

Adult New Release

Sagas | April 2025



From *Sunday Times* bestselling author Freda Lightfoot comes an enthralling story of romance and rebellion.

Where there's a rulebook, there's a rebel ...

Ruby McBride has always been on the wrong side of authority. The grand opening of the Manchester Ship Canal is set to be a day of unfettered festivity for Ruby and her younger sister and brother. Even Queen Victoria will be in attendance.

But the glories of the ceremony fade into insignificance when their dying mother delivers them to the imposing oak doors of Ignatius House. Abandoned in the not-so-tender care of the nuns, the siblings are soon separated.

So when the Board of Guardians force Ruby into a marriage that sends her to a new home upon the Salford waterways, she makes only one vow: to reunite her family whatever the cost.

Perfect for fans of Rosie Goodwin and Dilly Court

Freda Lightfoot has penned more than 48 novels, many of which have been bestsellers. Among her best-known series are the Salford Sagas, the Lakeland Sagas, the Champion Street Market series and the Poor House Lane series

Lightfoot has been a teacher, bookseller in the Lake District, then a smallholder and began her writing career publishing short stories and articles before finding her vocation as a novelist

'An inspiring novel about accepting change and bravely facing the future.' – Bangor Chronicle

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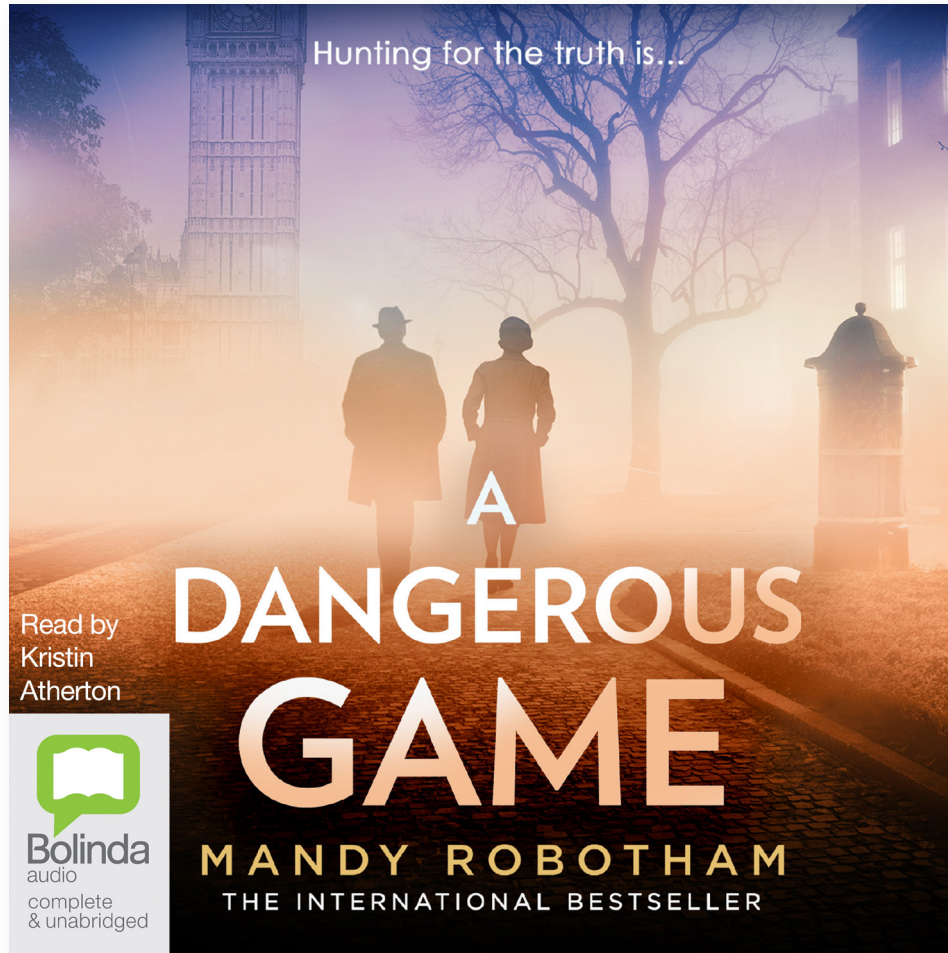
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A Dangerous Game

Mandy Robotham

Read by Kristin Atherton



The new, gripping and heart-wrenching historical novel from internationally bestselling author Mandy Robotham.

London, 1952. Seven years after the chaotic aftermath of World War II, London has come alive again, with jazz clubs and flickering cinema awnings lighting up the night sky.

But for widowed Helen 'Dexie' Dexter, she's still a woman in a man's world. She longs to prove herself as an officer in the London Metropolitan Police, yet she's stuck intervening in domestics and making tea for her male colleagues.

Then Harri Schroder arrives, seconded from Hamburg to the Met. Haunted by the loss of his wife and child, Harri is unlike any man Dexie has ever known. Compassionate and sharp-witted, he sees her not as a threat, but as an intelligent, canny officer full of potential.

And when Harri is tasked with hunting down a Nazi war criminal-turned-respected-businessman, with connections to the upper echelons of British society, it's Dexie he turns to for help.

But as their bond deepens, a deadly fog engulfs London. Dexie and Harri must expose the fugitive before he vanishes, risking everything for justice – and each other ...

Perfect for fans of Kate Quinn and Kristin Hannah

Mandy Robotham is a *Globe and Mail*, *USA Today*, and UK, Canadian, US and Australian Kindle Top 100 bestseller

Robotham is the author of bestsellers like *The German Midwife* and *The Berlin Girl*

'Mandy captured a chilling sense of tension and fear, knowing what was on the horizon.'
– Suzanne Goldring, author of *My Name is Eva* (on *The Berlin Girl*)

Scarlett and the Model Man

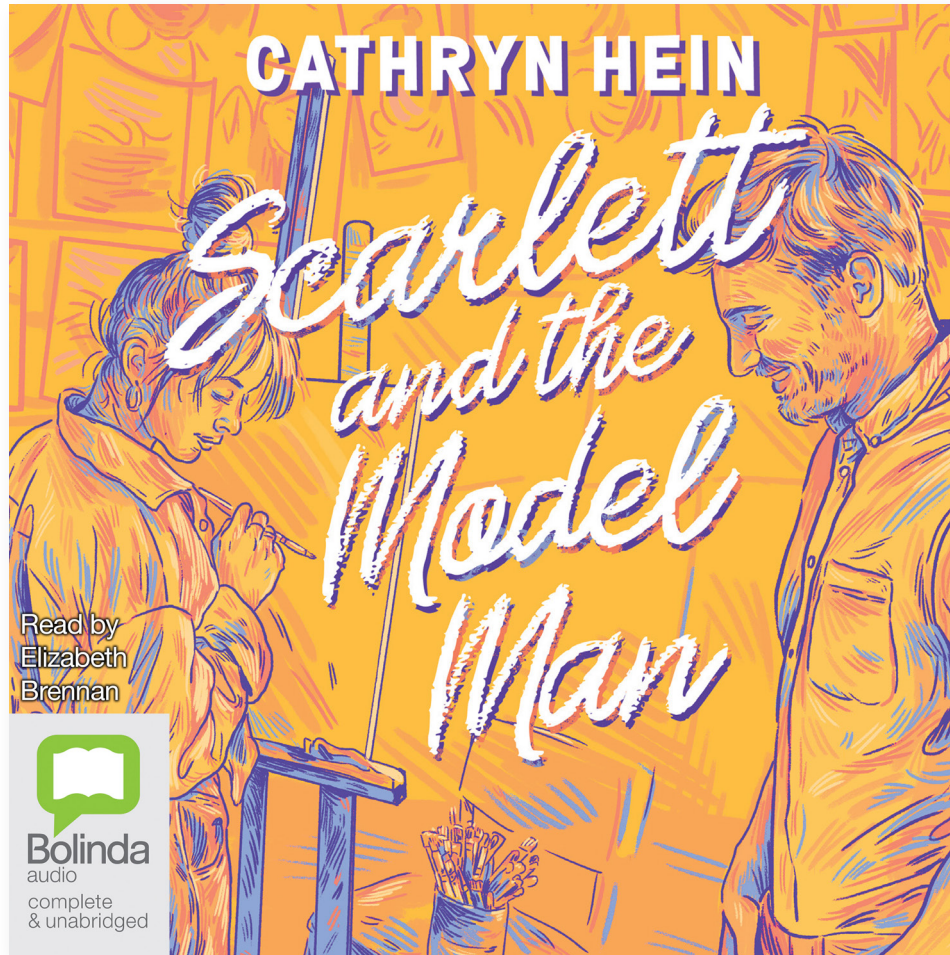
A Levenham Love Story #6

Cathryn Hein

Read by Elizabeth Brennan

Adult New Release

Romance | April 2025



He might be the perfect model, but is he the right man for Scarlett? Discover another small-town romance from bestselling Australian author Cathryn Hein.

When up-and-coming artist Scarlett Ash discovers the perfect model in small-town Levenham, she can't believe her luck. Her creativity abandoned her months ago and with her move to London to take up a prestigious residency fast approaching, she's desperate for a muse to bring it back.

Surfing dairy farmer Sam Greenwood is delivering milk when a gorgeous girl accosts him. Charmed by her invitation to model for a painting, Sam wants to say no. While Scarlett might be stunning, she's arty-farty weird, and he's flat out with his growing dairy business. Somehow, though, he can't resist.

As Scarlett struggles to find her way with her new work, Sam becomes determined to help. Knowing that London beckons and her time in Levenham is short, Scarlett resists the lure of love. She has no plans to return to Levenham, and big-hearted Sam deserves more than a brief fling followed by a quick goodbye. Except as their affair deepens, how can she leave the man who's not only given her back her passion but her heart?

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

Hein is a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist

A South Australian country girl by birth, Cathryn loves nothing more than a rugged rural hero who's as good with his heart as he is with his hands

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Rembrandt's Promise

Barbara Leahy

Read by Emma Stansfield



The gripping story of a promise turned sour in the world of acclaimed artist Rembrandt, for fans of Maggie O'Farrell and Tracy Chevalier.

Hanging beside the door is a painting of a wedding feast. The light is centred on the bride; the guests are banished to the shade. That is how it is when he looks at her – all others fade away.

1642. The Dutch Golden Age is underway, with Amsterdam at the height of its powers. Geertje, an impoverished widow from Edam, enters a melting pot of wealth and culture when she becomes nursemaid in the house of renowned painter Rembrandt.

After Rembrandt's wife dies, Geertje grows close to him. Despite her friends' warnings she begins a passionate affair with the master of light and shadow, with devastating results.

Based on the true story of a wronged woman who demanded justice, with themes of feminism, loss, ambition and redemption, *Rembrandt's Promise* is a remarkable debut, perfect for fans of sumptuous historical fiction

Barbara Leahy was a winner of the Irish Writers' Centre Novel Fair in 2023

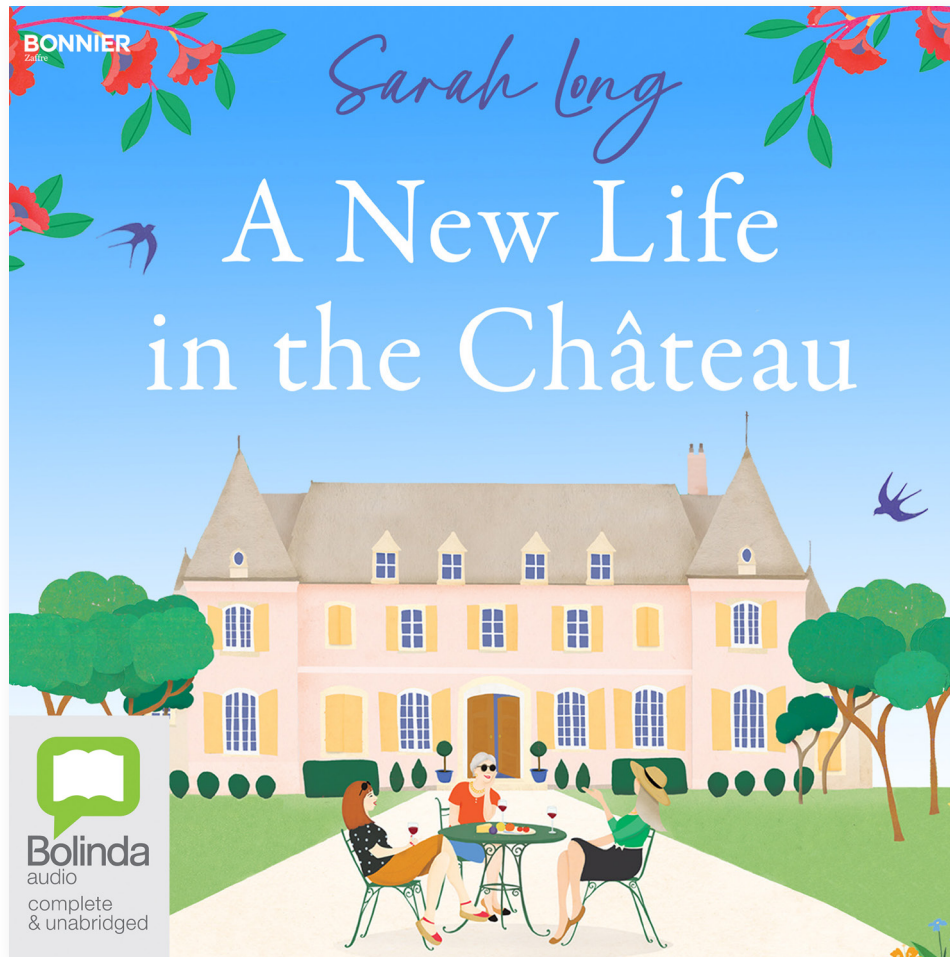
Leahy's short stories have won numerous awards, appeared in the Bridport Prize Anthology, the Bristol Prize anthology, and been broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1

'Leahy swaddles the reader in the living, visceral moment of the era and its players. With glorious language, she gives us a believable, elegant, and atmospheric novel.' – Nuala O'Connor, author of *Seaborne*

A New Life in the Château

Sarah Long

Read by Helen Lloyd



A feel-good escapist story about friendship, love and new beginnings from Sarah Long, author of *A Year in the Château*.

Nicola and her friends are living the dream. No dull, tedious retirement for them – instead the nine friends have clubbed together to purchase a magnificent (if crumbling) château in Normandy. And after three years of shared dinners, fine wine and gorgeous scenery, they have finally settled into a routine. True, not everything has gone to plan. They're one older resident down – and several younger residents up. Will and Fizz's new baby, Louis, fills the house with life, and Nicola's daughter Maddie and her family have been welcomed into the fold.

But money for the upkeep of the château soon runs low and the make-shift family need to come up with a plan to keep their dream on track. They decide to set up as a B&B and soon the arrival of visitors brings a welcome new dynamic to their community. One particular guest, the charming and intriguing artist Apolline, draws them all in – with unexpected consequences.

How long can they keep living *la vie en rose*? And will fresh starts bring new drama in life and love?

Perfect for fans of Jo Thomas, Cathy Bramley and Veronica Henry

Sarah Long is the author of *And What Do You Do?*, *The Next Best Thing* and *A Year in the Château*

'Emotionally charged and laced with a good dose of humour.' – My Weekly (on *A Year in the Château*)

'A humorous and insightful novel about what it's like to throw caution to the wind.' – Woman's Weekly (on *A Year in the Château*)

Return to Satterthwaite Court

Somerset Stories #3

Mimi Matthews

Read by Alex Wyndham

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | April 2025



A reckless Victorian heiress sets her sights on a dashing ex-naval lieutenant, determined to win his heart as the two of them embark on a quest to solve a decades-old mystery, from *USA Today* bestselling author Mimi Matthews.

Lieutenant Charles Heywood has had his fill of adventure. Battle-weary and disillusioned, he returns to England, resolved to settle down to a quiet, uneventful life on an estate of his own. But arranging to purchase the property he desires is more difficult than Charles ever imagined. The place is mired in secrets, some of which may prove deadly. If he's going to unravel them, he'll need the assistance of someone as daring as he is.

At only 20, Lady Katherine Beresford has already earned a scandalous reputation. As skilled with pistols as she is on horseback, she's never met an obstacle she can't surmount – or a man she can't win. That is, until she encounters the infuriatingly sombre Lieutenant Heywood. But Kate refuses to be deterred by the raven-haired soldier's strong, silent facade. After all, faint heart never won handsome gentleman.

From the wilds of rural Somersetshire to the glittering ballrooms of early-Victorian London, Charles and Kate embark on a cross-country quest to solve a decades' old mystery. Will the greatest danger be to their hearts – or to their lives?

Mimi Matthews is the author of *The Siren of Sussex*, *Fair as a Star*, *Gentleman Jim* and *The Work of Art*

'Mimi Matthews never disappoints.' – Jodi Picoult, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

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Red Bones

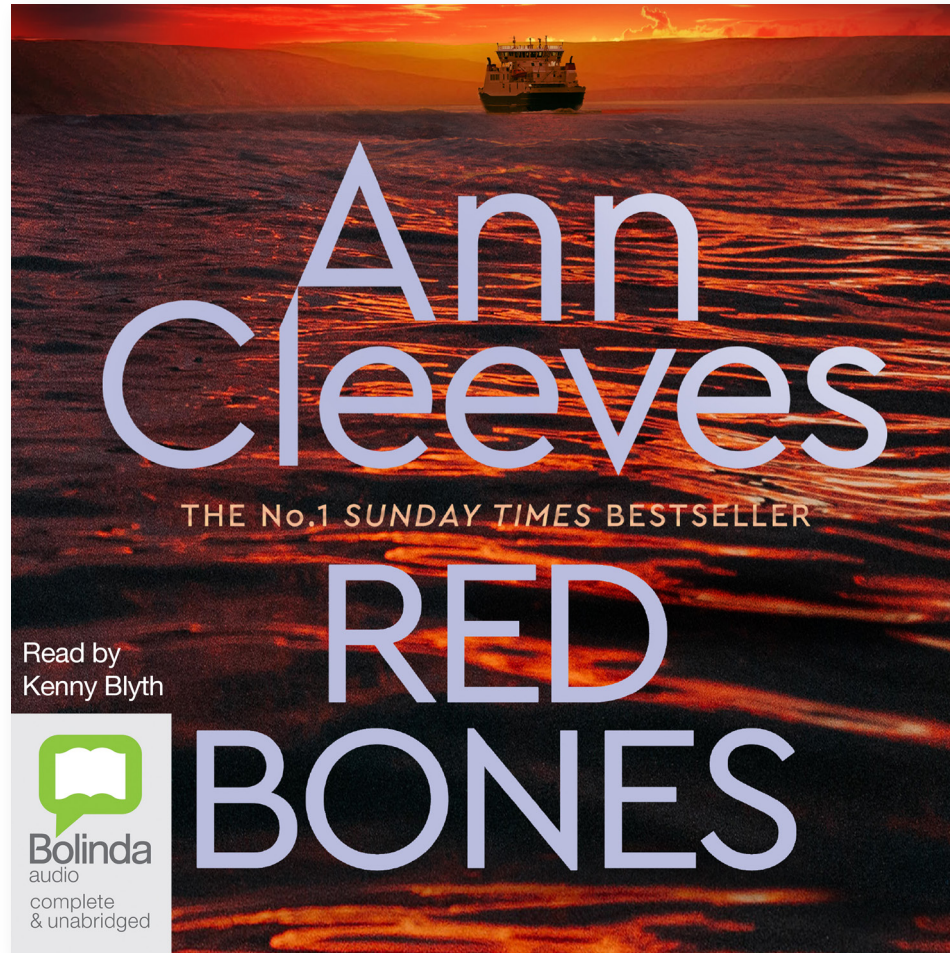
Shetland #3

Ann Cleeves

Read by Kenny Blyth

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025



When a woman's death finds Inspector Jimmy Perez out of his depth, he must dig up long-buried secrets to uncover the truth in the third instalment in Ann Cleeves's bestselling Shetland series.

After a young archaeologist uncovers a set of human remains, the island settlers are intrigued. Is it an ancient find – or a more contemporary mystery?

Then, in the middle of the night, an elderly woman is shot dead. It appears to be a tragic accident, but Jimmy Perez is called to investigate.

The sparse landscape and the emptiness of the sea have bred a fierce and secretive people. As Jimmy looks to the islanders for answers, he finds instead two feuding families whose envy, greed and bitterness have lasted generations. To solve the crime – and prevent further bloodshed – Perez must ask questions that some on the island do not want to be asked ...

Ann 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*

Publishers' Weekly made *Red Bones* their Pick of the Week, and described it as 'excellent'. The novel was longlisted for the Impac Dublin Award

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

'Cleeves is expert at depicting hardscrabble island life, parental expectations and disappointments and emotionally charged silences. Thoughtful readers should give Perez a try.' – Kirkus Reviews

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Death of a Ghost

A Hamish Macbeth Murder Mystery #32

M.C. Beaton

Read by David Monteath

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025

In the 32nd instalment of M.C. Beaton's *New York Times* bestselling series, it's clear something strange – and deadly – is going on at the castle, and Hamish must get to the bottom of it.

There are many ruined castles in Scotland. One such lies outside the village of Drim. Hamish begins to hear reports that this castle is haunted and lights have been seen there at night, but he assumes it's some children or maybe the local lads going there to smoke pot, or, worse, inject themselves with drugs. Hamish says to his policeman, Charlie 'Clumsy' Carson, that they will both spend a night there.

The keening wind explains the ghostly noises, but when Charlie falls through the floor, Hamish finds the body of a dead man propped up in a corner of the cellar. After Charlie is airlifted to the hospital, Chief Detective Inspector Blair arrives to investigate the body, but there is none to be found. Dismissed as a drunk making up stories, Hamish has to find and identify the body and its killer before the 'ghost' can strike again.

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

'The much-loved Hamish Macbeth series ... a beguiling blend of wry humour and sharp observations of rural life.' – Good Book Guide

'Beaton and Green do a superb job keeping the red herrings coming and the plot twists jumping out at you until the finale.' – Bookreporter (on *Death of a Green-Eyed Monster*)

"AN ENCHANTING SERIES." – *New York Times Book Review*

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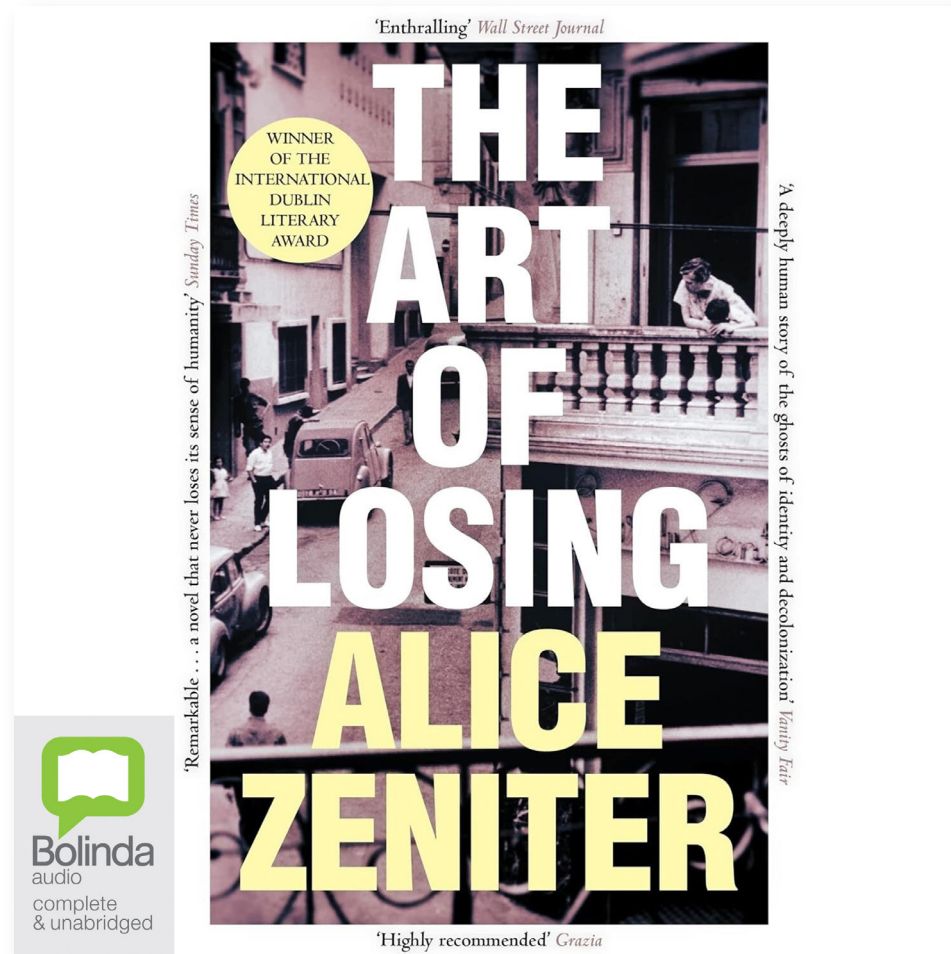
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The Art of Losing

Alice Zeniter

Read by Jeed Saddy



Across three generations, three wars, two continents and the mythic waters of the Mediterranean, one family's history leads to an inevitable question: What price do our descendants pay for the choices that we make?

Naïma has always known that her family came from Algeria – but up until now, that meant very little to her. Born and raised in France, her knowledge of that foreign country is limited to what she's learned from her grandparents' tiny flat in a crumbling French sink estate: the food cooked for her, the few precious things they brought with them when they fled.

On the past, her family is silent. Why was her grandfather Ali forced to leave? Was he a harki – an Algerian who worked for and supported the French during the Algerian War of Independence? Once a wealthy landowner, how did he become an immigrant scratching a living in France?

Naïma's father, Hamid, claims to remember nothing. Now, Naïma will see Algeria for herself, will ask the questions about her family's history that, until now, have had no answers.

Alice Zeniter is the author of *Sombre Dimanche* which won the Prix du Livre Inter, the Prix des lecteurs de l'Express and the Prix de la Closerie des Lilas and *Juste Avant l'Oubli* which won the Prix Renaudot des lycéens

The Art of Losing won the International Dublin Literary Award

'Remarkable ... a novel about people that never loses its sense of humanity' – The Sunday Times

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April new releases 2025

Bunny vs Monkey and the Supersonic Aye-Aye!

Bunny vs Monkey

Jamie Smart

Read by Ciaran Saward

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2025



Join Jamie Smart in a hilarious middle-grade adventure based on the bestselling comics series that will have listeners of all ages laughing out loud.

There's a new animal joining Bunny and the gang. Ai – a supersonic, super-fast aye-aye! But how will Ai fit in to the Woods? What mischievous schemes is Skunky cooking up? And will Monkey ever stop trying to hit her with a stick?

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Jamie Smart is a comic artist and author who has worked for *The Dandy*, *The Beano*, *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Times*, *Doctor Who Adventures* and many others

In 2024 Smart won Illustrator of the Year and Best Children's Illustrated Book for *Bunny vs Monkey: Multiverse Mix-Up!* at the British Book Awards, and was named Lollies Illustrator of the Year

The Bunny vs Monkey series has sold over one million copies worldwide

'Recommend this to fans of James Kolchalka's quirky brand of humor. More fun – and silliness – than a barrel of monkeys.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *Bunny vs Monkey*)

'Smart is a comics genius and every one of these strip adventures is full of characters readers will love and packed with gleeful absurdities. No wonder the stories are so popular, there's nothing like them and hardly anything that comes even near their levels of frenetic fun.' – LoveReading4Kids (on *Bunny vs Monkey and the Human Invasion!*)

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Ice on Fire

Rosie Frost #2

Geri Halliwell-Horner

Read by Megan Gage

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2025

The second sweeping adventure by iconic Spice Girl, songwriter and *New York Times* bestselling author, Geri Halliwell-Horner.



On the brink of discovering who – or what – lies behind her mother's death, Rosie Frost begins a new adventure with a murder to solve, revenge on her mind, and more questions than she has answers.

It's a new term at Heverbridge School, and Bloodstone Island is in turmoil – mutant animals are on the loose, jealous classmates want to bring Rosie down, and, even worse, there's a black hole to deal with. Below the island's surface, an everlasting star is growing in strength, and it just may end them all.

Rosie discovers the northside of the island, home to the alluring Imperium Palace. But is the palace one of scientific genius or deadly menace?

While she fights to know the truth about her past – and her family's ancient ties to Bloodstone – Rosie begins to wonder if the price for the truth may be too high. She must discover what she's really made of as a fresh danger puts her new home – and all that she loves – at risk.

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

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

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

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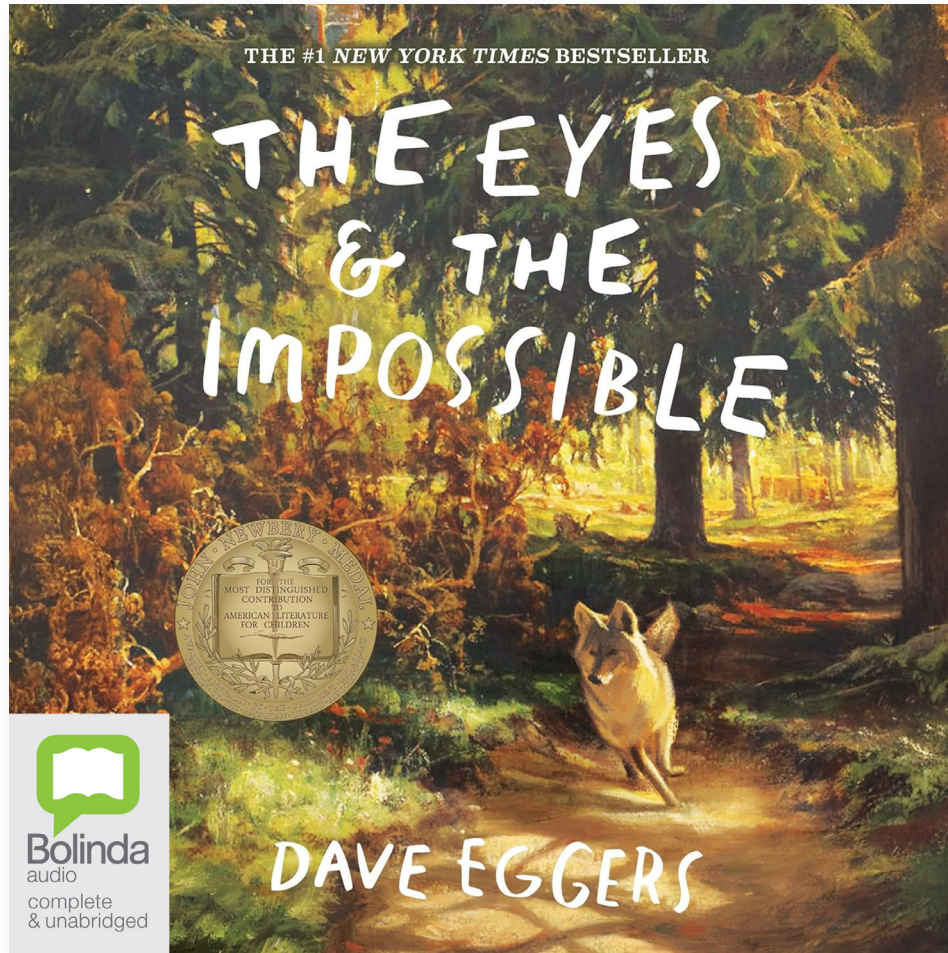
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The Eyes and The Impossible

Dave Eggers

Read by Ethan Hawke



A story about friendship, beauty, liberation and running very, very fast, *The Eyes and The Impossible* will make listeners of all ages see the world around them in a wholly new way.

Johannes is a free dog, a fast dog – such a fast dog! He lives in an urban park by the sea, and every day, he runs through the park, seeing all, missing nothing, and reporting what he sees to the park's three ancient Bison, the Keepers of the Equilibrium. But the Equilibrium has been disrupted. Johannes must run faster, see better, and ultimately do more than run and see – he must liberate those he loves.

Dave Eggers is the author of the Newbery Medal winner *The Eyes and The Impossible*, along with bestsellers *The Every*, *The Monk of Mokha*, *The Circle*, *A Hologram for the King*.

Eggers's work has been nominated for the National Book Award, the Pulitzer Prize, and the National Book Critics Circle Award

Eggers is the founder of McSweeney's, an independent publishing company based in San Francisco, and cofounder of 826 National, a network of educational centres around the country offering free tutoring to kids of all backgrounds

'We need brave, big stories like these.' – New York Times Book Review

'One of the most appealing heroes in recent children's literature ... unusually touching and funny.' – Wall Street Journal

The Beck

Anthony McGowan

Read by Joe Pitts

From Carnegie Medal-winning author Anthony McGowan comes an environmental tale packed full of his signature grit, heart and humour.

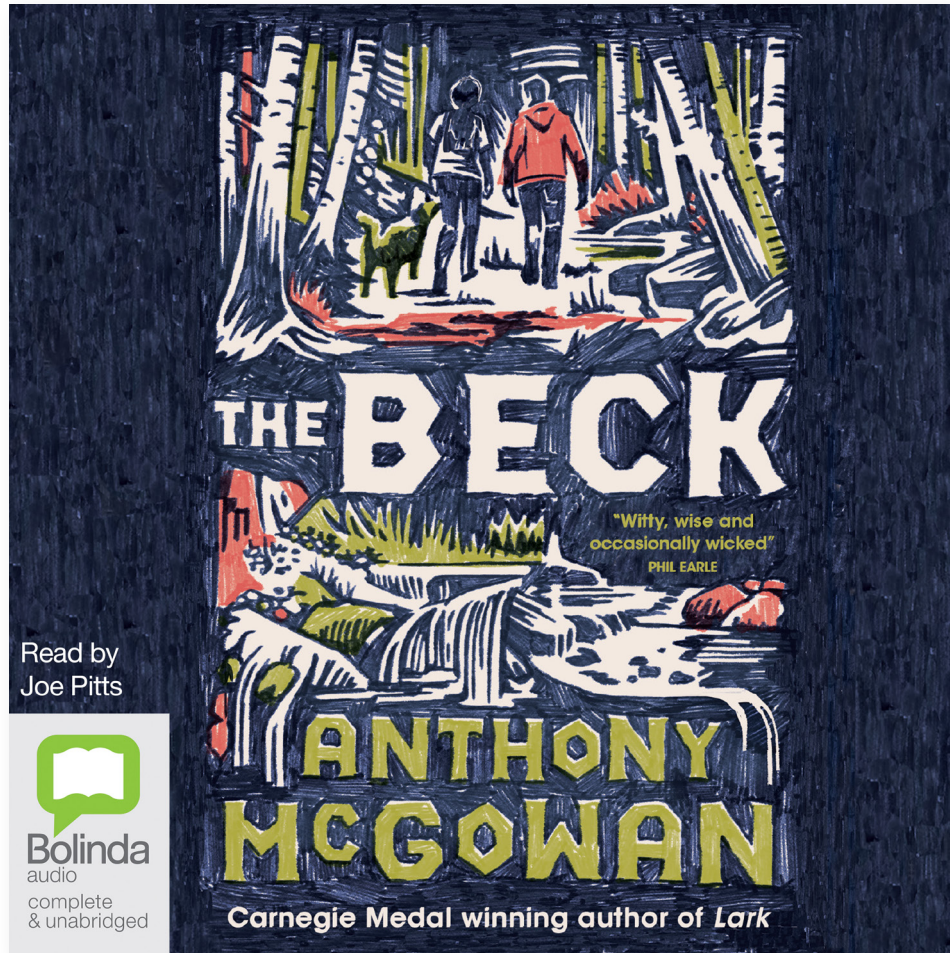
Kyle is less than happy about getting dumped at his eccentric old grandad's on a Saturday afternoon. Embarrassed by his grandad's ratty old Elvis wig and his weird three-legged dog, Kyle thinks the day is going to be a nightmare until his grandad introduces him to the marvels in the beck at the bottom of his garden.

Once filthy and full of rubbish, the stream has been cleaned up and is now home to some amazing wildlife. But this magical world is under threat from a new development. Kyle's grandad is determined to stop the builders and has an audacious plan to save the beck, but when he falls ill, will Kyle find the courage to carry it out by himself?

Anthony McGowan is the author of many critically acclaimed YA novels including *Hellbent*, *Henry Tumour* and *The Knife that Killed Me*

McGowan's titles include the Carnegie Medal shortlisted *Rook* and the 2020 Carnegie Medal winner *Lark*, which the judges described as 'a standalone masterpiece'

'Witty, wise and occasionally wicked, nobody tells a story like the great Tony McGowan.'
– Phil Earle, award-winning author of *When the Sky Falls*



Read by
Joe Pitts



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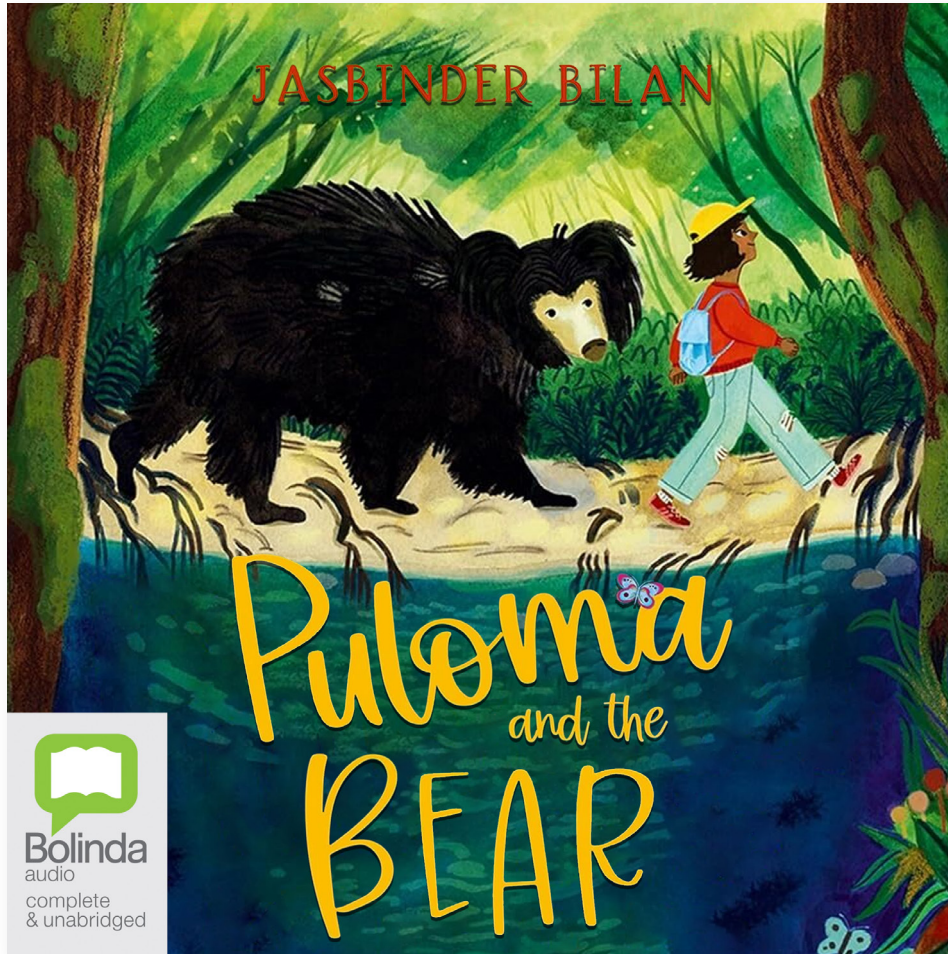
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Puloma and the Bear

Jasbinder Bilan

Read by Seema Bowri



Puloma must summon all of her strength and courage to rescue a captive bear from the circus in this gripping adventure from award-winning author Jasbinder Bilan.

Unwanted and lonely living with her unkind aunt, Puloma ends up running away with the circus. Relieved to have found work and a place to live, Puloma can't understand why the other circus workers are worried about the police finding them.

The reason for their fears is the circus's star act – a dancing sloth bear called Nyla. This form of cruelty is now illegal in India, and when Puloma sees Nyla being mistreated, she decides to try to help her escape ...

Jasbinder Bilan is the author of *Asha & the Spirit Bird*, which won the Times/Chicken House Prize and the Costa Children's Book Award, was nominated for the Carnegie Medal, longlisted for the Jhalak Prize and shortlisted for the Waterstones Book Prize

Bilan's second novel *Tamarind and the Star of Ishta* was longlisted for the Blue Peter Book Prize and won the Indie Children's Book Award

In Bilan's writing, she creates magical and real worlds and tells gripping adventures inspired by her love of family and home, and of cities and wild places across the UK and India

'Such a wonderful story – I'm still thinking about it now ... So clever, and beautiful.'

– Emma Carroll, bestselling award-winning author of *Letters to the Lighthouse* (on Aarti and the Blue Gods)

The Goblin's Revenge

The Breakfast Club Adventures #6

Marcus Rashford

Read by Kenton Thomas

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2025



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

A vengeful goblin is targeting bullies at Rutherford School. Notes warning students to 'be nice or be next' start appearing after each incident and soon no one is safe from the goblin's wrath – not even the Breakfast Club Investigators.

As Rutherford School descends into chaos, the headteacher threatens to cancel the annual science competition unless the creature is caught. Can Marcus and his friends stop the goblin before it's too late?

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

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

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

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

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Cross Bones: The Dog with Two Tails

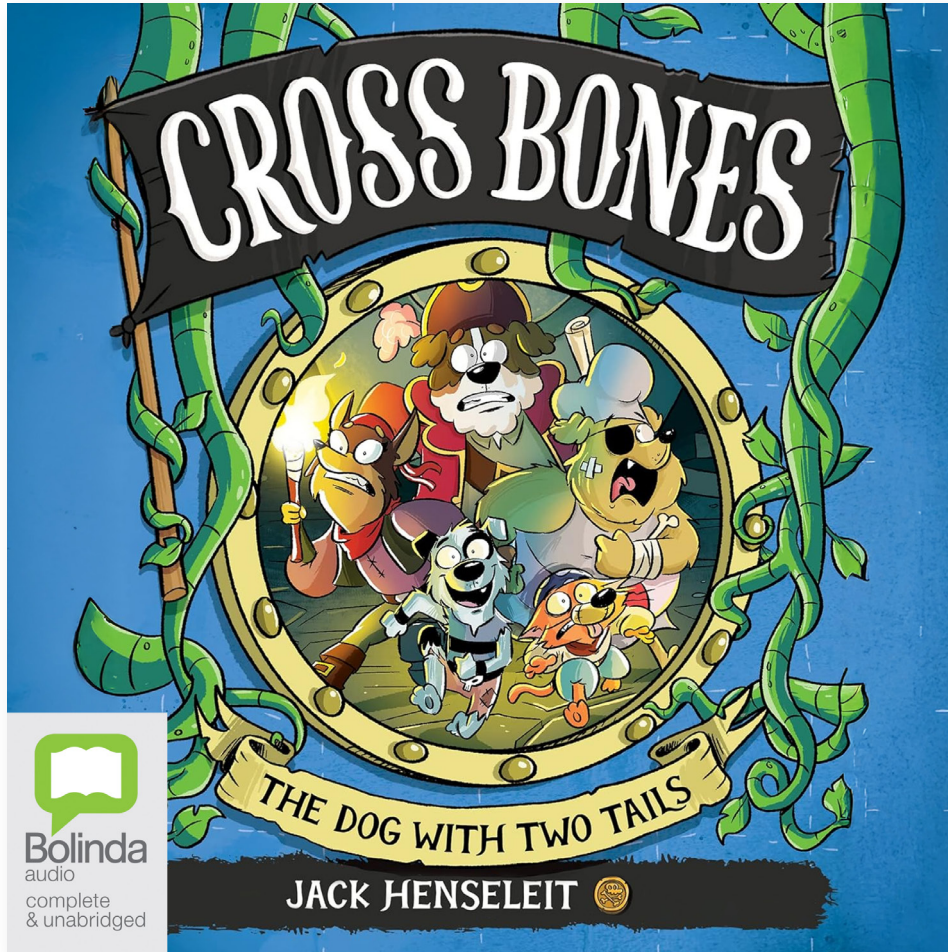
Children's New Release

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Cross Bones #2

Jack Henseleit

Read by Dominic Gruenewald



Can this mangy pirate crew find the long-lost treasure of Noah Silversniff? Embark on the second hilarious high-seas adventure with a band of mischievous dog pirates who are hungry for treasure.

When a mysterious goldfish points them towards a long-lost treasure, Magnus, Daisy, Ed and Spot must set sail on a dangerous jungle cruise. Can the mangy pirates find the legendary treasure cave – or will this latest adventure be their last?

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Ideal for children ages seven and up, and for fans of the Bad Guys and the Nerd Herd series

Jack Henseleit is the author of the middle-grade horror series *The Witching Hours*

The first book in *The Witching Hours* series, *The Vampire Knife*, was shortlisted for the Ampersand Prize, and has since been sold into 13 territories worldwide

'This is a highly entertaining and humorous story that will appeal to students aged 7 and up.' – Lamont Books

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Our Family Pledge and A New Day

Emmaline Carroll Southwell

Read by the Author



The perfect audiobook for any family that wants to teach their children compassion and resilience, from TikTok sensation Emmaline Carroll Southwell.

Our Family Pledge: This is our family pledge, a story I give to you. Allow it to evolve, so to you it's always true. And let's try to make this world a better place to be. A place where we can all feel happier and free. This is the perfect audiobook for any family that wants to teach their children compassion for themselves, others and the planet. Featuring messages of kindness woven into memorable verses, *Our Family Pledge* is a universal set of promises designed to be practised and passed down through generations.

A New Day: Today's a new day, today's a fresh start. I move through this day with open mind and open heart. I release yesterday, letting go of what's done. Today's about joy. Today's about fun! Here is an affirming and calming audiobook to guide young listeners through life's challenges. Featuring messages of resilience woven into hopeful verses, *A New Day* reminds us all that every day is a chance to start afresh.

Emmaline Carroll Southwell is a published children's author. Her title *My Family Pledge* is based on her viral TikTok, which was viewed over five million times

Southwell downloaded TikTok during lockdown in 2020 to help pass the time and keep her creativity flowing. She now has over 604K followers and her videos have been watched by millions around the world

Boy vs Beast Collection 1

Boy vs Beast #1-4

Mac Park

Narrator to Come

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2025



In this wildly popular fantasy adventure series, only a wall divides Earth from the Beasts of Beastium, and only a boy and his dogbot defend the wall and protect Earth.

Kai Masters is a border guard charged with keeping Earth safe from the beasts of Beastium. Kai and his dogbot battle buddy, B.C., must battle hard if they are to defeat the ever-mutating beasts.

Water Beast: Was Kai right to choose the Torpedo Cross Bow to battle the water beast? Will it work against toxic jellyfish? Will it be enough to take on a wave attack?

Fire Beast: Can Kai get past the fire-fly splats? Will his Foam Blaster hose down the fire beast's fire-ball attack?

Rock Beast: Kai must face the beast from the rock world. Will he need more than his X-Archer T10 to win against the hurl attacks?

Air Beast: Kai chooses his Astro-Jet Striker to battle the wind beast. Can it win over a wind attack?

Mac Park is the pseudonym of Louise Park and Susannah McFarlane, who between them have sold more than ten million books

Their partnership is the perfect fusion of education, literacy and reading acquisition

They have published, edited or written numerous bestselling children's series, including Go Girl!, Zac Power, EJ12 Girl Hero, Star Girl and Harriet Clare

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The Memory Thieves

The Marvellers #2

Dhonielle Clayton

Read by Megan Gage

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | April 2025

Return to the magical world of The Marvellers, in the action-packed sequel to Dhonielle Clayton's bestselling fantasy adventure.

Welcome to Year Two at the Arcanum Training Institute for Marvelous and Uncanny Endeavors!

Ella, Jason and Brigit are back at the global magic school in the sky for their second year. But not everyone is happy that Ella has returned, and when an illness begins affecting the students' marvels, she's in the spotlight once more.

As tensions between Marvellers and Conjurors reach an all-time high, Ella and her friends are determined to unlock the secrets of the Arcanum Training Institute's past. Why is the truth about the Conjure architect who founded the Arcanum Training Institute being kept hidden?

To discover what mysteries their school holds, they'll need to track down the stolen memories ...

Dhonielle Clayton is a *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Belles* series, *Shattered Midnight* and co-author of *Blackout*

Clayton is also the co-author of *The Rumor Game* and the *Tiny Pretty Things* duology, a Netflix original series

The Marvellers was an instant #1 *New York Times* Bestseller, as well as being named a Kirkus Best Book of the Year, a School Library Journal Best Book of the Year and an Amazon Best Book of the Year, amongst many other awards

'Clayton continues building a world that is intricate, captivating and sure to satisfy. This novel brings additional cultural diversity to the story as Ella explores her school and becomes involved with more members of the multidimensional cast of characters. A wonderfully well-developed sequel.' – Kirkus Reviews, starred review



Read by
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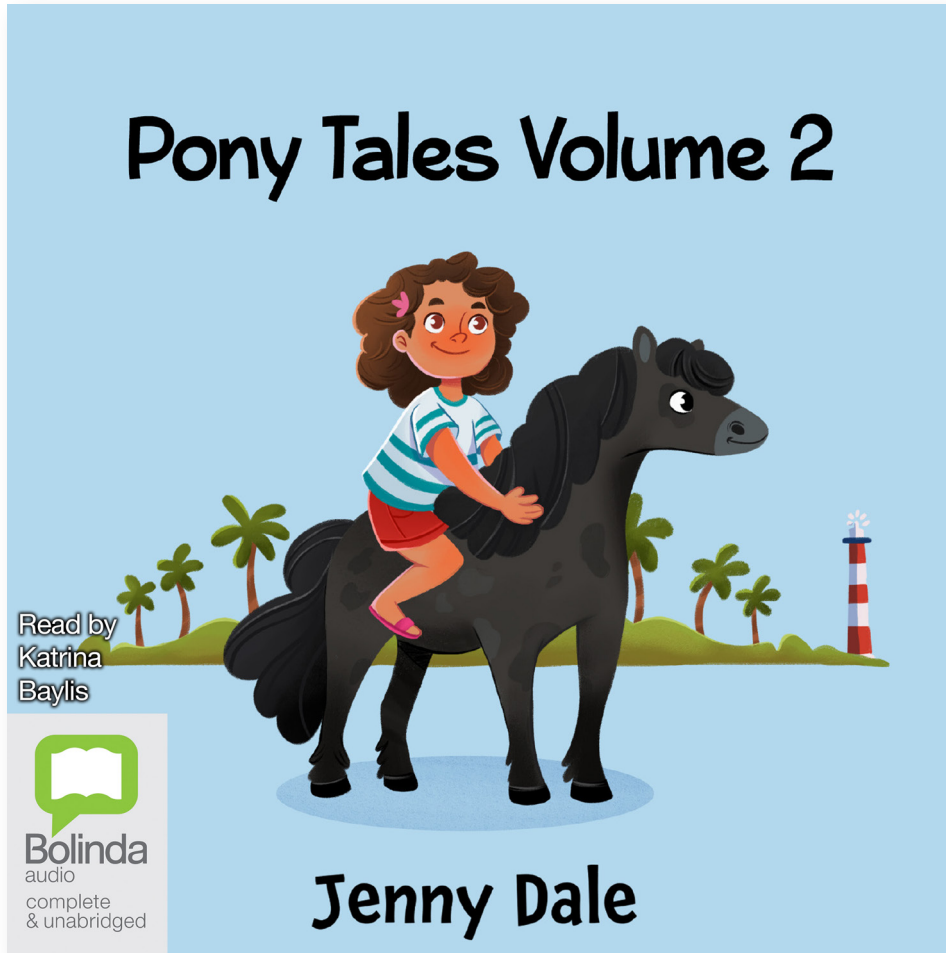
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Pony Tales Volume 2

Jenny Dale

Read by Katrina Baylis



Come and meet some adorable ponies in this double instalment of the funny new series by the bestselling author Jenny Dale.

Henry the Holiday Pony: The best part of Abby's seaside holiday is riding Henry, the only pony among the donkeys on the beach. But one day Abby gets a terrible shock – Henry and the donkeys have disappeared! Will Abby ever see her holiday pony again?

Freddie the Frisky Pony: Zoe is thrilled to bits with Freddie, her new pony. Freddie's such fun to ride – and she loves to gallop. Zoe's parents are worried that Freddie's too frisky for Zoe, and when Freddie suddenly bucks Zoe off, they decide she must go! Will Zoe have to say goodbye to her dream pony?

Two great pony adventures in one collection: *Henry the Holiday Pony* and *Freddie the Frisky Pony*

Jenny Dale is the creator of some of the most popular animal stories for children, including *Puppy Patrol*, *Pony Tales*, *Kitten Tales* and *Puppy Tales* series

Dale's animal stories are well loved, heartwarming and are perfect for any young animal lovers

We Could Be Something

Will Kostakis

Narrator to Come

A wonderful emotional rollercoaster of a novel about two young men, that's part coming-out story, part falling-in-love story, part relationship breakdown story and part extended Greek family story, from award-winning Australian author Will Kostakis.

Harvey's dads are splitting up. It's been on the cards for a while, but it's still sudden. Woken-by-his-father-to-catch-a-red-eye sudden. Now he's restarting his life in a new city, living above a cafe with the extended Greek family he barely knows.

Sotiris is a rising star. At 17, he's already achieved his dream of publishing a novel. When his career falters, a cute, wise-cracking bookseller named Jem upends his world.

Harvey and Sotiris's stories converge on the same street in Darlinghurst, in this beautifully heartfelt story about how our dreams shape us, and what they cost us.

We Could Be Something won the 2024 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Young Adult Literature, and was shortlisted for the Victorian and New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards and the Queensland Literary Award

An advocate for young readers and writers, Will Kostakis was awarded the 2020 Maurice Saxby Award by the School Library Association of New South Wales for service to children's and young adult literature.

'The enormous heart of We Could Be Something beats with a rare, thrilling authenticity. Every funny, smart, tough word of it rings true. I loved this book.' – Patrick Ness, bestselling author of *A Monster Calls* and the *Chaos Walking* series

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Additional Releases (Not Included in SOP)

April new releases 2025

Annette Kellerman

Grantlee Kieza

Read by Elizabeth Parisi



The inspiring true story of the swimming champion and Hollywood star, from the bestselling author of *Sister Viv* and *The Remarkable Mrs Reibey*.

Born into a daring, musical family in 1886, Annette Kellerman was a force of nature and made for the stage – her first love – and encouraged to defy social norms from a young age. But after she was diagnosed with rickets as a child she took up swimming for therapy, and soon she became an Australian champion, beating boys, breaking records and astonishing huge crowds by diving from great heights. By 1905, Kellerman was 18 and on her way to England in an attempt to swim the Channel and challenge endurance records in the Thames.

Kellerman thrilled audiences in London with a vaudeville act, and her underwater ballet routines, combined with her beauty and athleticism, helped her become known on both sides of the Atlantic as ‘The Perfect Woman’. Hollywood embraced her and she became the first great sex symbol of silent films, with her risqué and provocative costumes – and sometimes no costume at all. But despite all her fame Kellerman always saw the promotion of health, fitness and independence for women as her biggest and most lasting achievement, and her influence and spirit changed the lives of millions.

Grantlee Kieza is a Walkley Award finalist and the author of more than 20 acclaimed titles, including the bestsellers *Sister Viv*, *Flinders*, *Hudson Fysh*, *The Kelly Hunters*, *Lawson*, *Macquarie*, *Banjo*, *Monash* and *Sons of the Southern Cross*

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

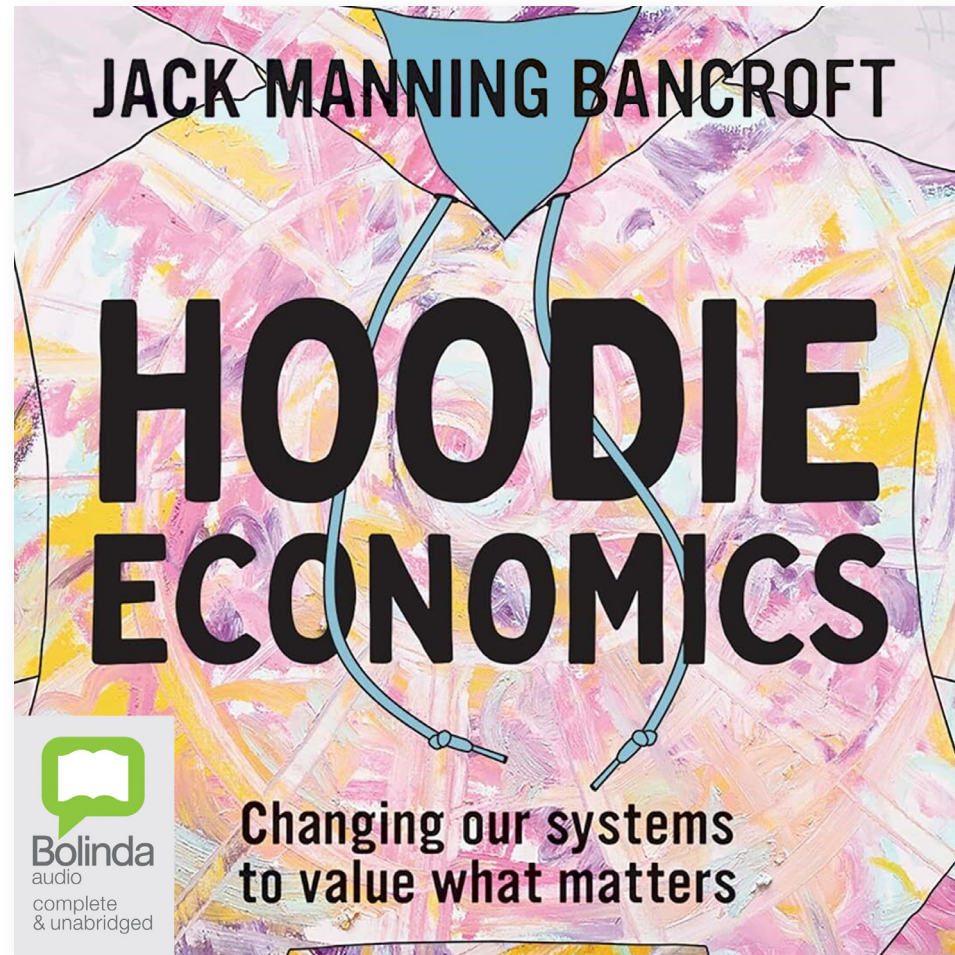
‘Kieza is a prolific and successful biographer ... He has a fluid writing style in which he wears his research lightly, yet it is thoroughly annotated.’ – Spectator Australia (on Banks)

Hoodie Economics

Changing Our Systems to Value What Matters

Jack Manning Bancroft

Read by the Author



A re-imagining of economic systems, drawing on thinking from outside the margins and pushing the focus from capitalism to relationships.

Economics is what we value, and in that way, economics is for everyone. But modern financial empires have shut out the many to instead prioritise 'limitless' market growth, attention economies and stock profits for the very few. We have been denied our sense of agency and taught to focus on the self above all, and the biggest stock that is down is our relationships – both with each other and with nature. But we have the powerful tools of imagination and exchange that will allow us to reshape economics for everyone.

Hoodie Economics draws on alternative intelligence sources to look at the patterns of money, ownership and reductive thinking that we have inherited, and how we have the potential to create a new (old) foundation of equality – relational economies instead of transactional ones, and networks that are truly social. Just as Jack Manning Bancroft sets out to reimagine economics, *Hoodie Economics* rethinks the economics book, inviting all listeners to find their own way through its narratives and to feel energised by its ideas. In increasingly anxious and tumultuous times, this audiobook offers a mind-expanding economic philosophy that centres unlikely connections, knowledge sharing, custodianship and joy.

Jack Manning Bancroft is the CEO and founder of AIME, an award-winning company that aims to create change and empower children and young people through the simple tool of mentoring

'This book, written with humour and heart, invites society to rethink what we value and transform how we understand our world.' – Coco McGrath, Books+Publishing

Jake's Long Shadow

Once Were Warriors Trilogy #3

Alan Duff

Narrator to Come

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The third instalment in Alan Duff's hard-hitting, bestselling *Once Were Warriors* trilogy.

The millennium has changed, but can the Heke family and the people of Pine Block?

Abe, son of Beth and Jake, has rejected violence, but violence always seems to find him. Polly, as beautiful as her sister Grace, who committed suicide, is running around with the wealthy polo-playing set and growing rich herself. Gang leader, Apeman, who killed Tania, is in prison – will it help him to grow, or not?

In Pine Block, Sharneeta casts a tragic figure across the neighbourhood. Alistair Trambert, a middle-class white boy, has sunk into the same welfare dependency trap as the Maoris his class criticises. Beth's new husband Charlie Bennett seems to be a fine man, but secrets lurk under the surface.

And then there's Jake Heke, casting his long shadow over everyone...

Alan Duff MBE is a New Zealand novelist and newspaper columnist

Alan Duff's title *Once Were Warriors* won the PEN Best First Book for Fiction Award and was made into an internationally acclaimed film, for which Duff wrote the original screenplay

The second book of the *Once Were Warriors* trilogy *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?* won the Montana New Zealand Book Award for Fiction

'A masterpiece ... powerful, authentic, moving, brilliantly written ... a profound and passionate novel ... a memorable experience.' – The Sydney Morning Herald (on *Once Were Warriors*)

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Living Hot

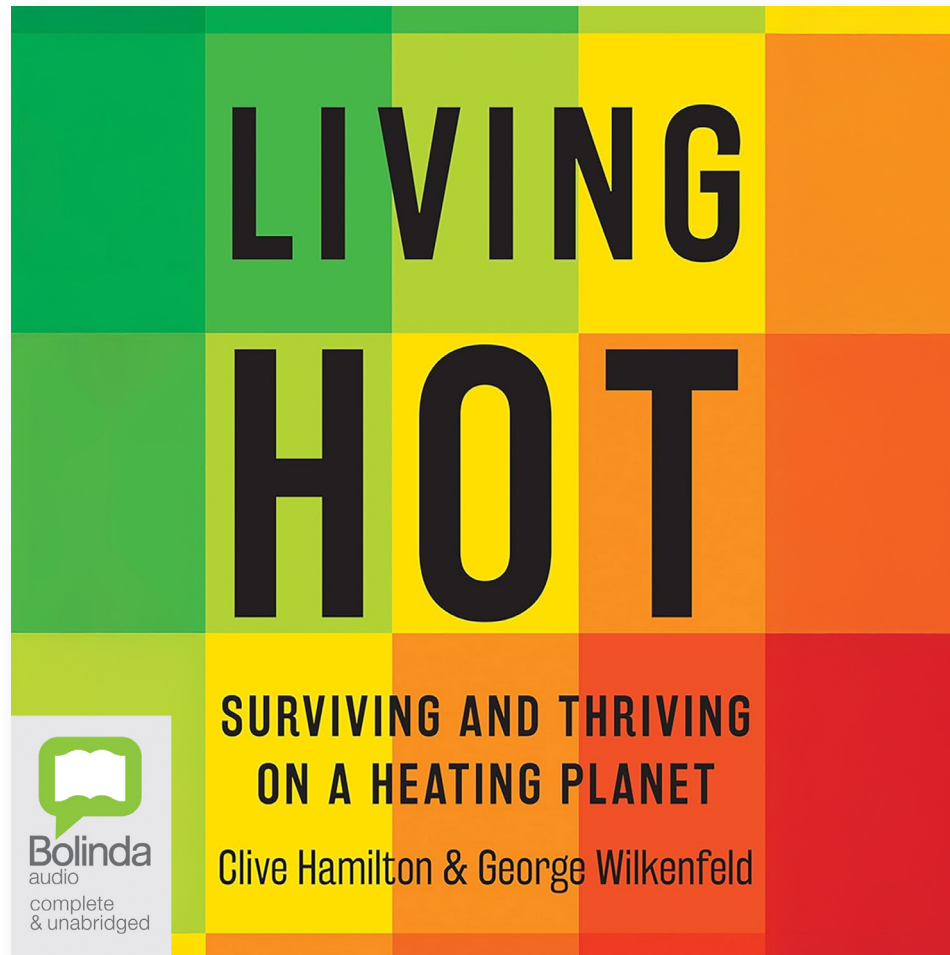
Surviving and Thriving on a Heating Planet

Clive Hamilton & George Wilkenfeld

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Science & Technology | April 2025



The blunt truth about our current climate change predicament and a new approach to what we need to do about it.

Living Hot tells the blunt truth about our current climate change predicament: it's time to get cracking on making Australia resilient to intensifying climate extremes. If we prepare well, we can give ourselves a fighting chance to preserve some of the best of what we have, build stronger and fairer communities, find a path through the escalating pressures of a warming world – and even find new ways to flourish.

To get there, we must leave behind both the doomism and the wishful thinking currently holding us back. In *Living Hot*, highly respected academic Clive Hamilton and policy consultant George Wilkenfeld shift the emphasis away from reducing carbon emissions and on to making Australia resilient, outlining a vision for an all-embracing and on-going program of investment and social change to protect ourselves from the ravages of a changing climate.

Living Hot is a sober assessment of the challenges we face, and a farsighted road map for what we must do next if we want to survive and even thrive on our heating planet.

Clive Hamilton is an Australian academic and author of *Silent Invasion*, *Requiem for a Species*, *Growth Fetish* and *Defiant Earth*. His work has also appeared in *The Guardian*, *The New York Times* and *Foreign Affairs*

For 14 years Hamilton was the executive director of The Australia Institute, a think tank he founded

George Wilkenfeld is an energy policy expert, with over 35 years' experience as a consultant and policy maker on energy and greenhouse emissions

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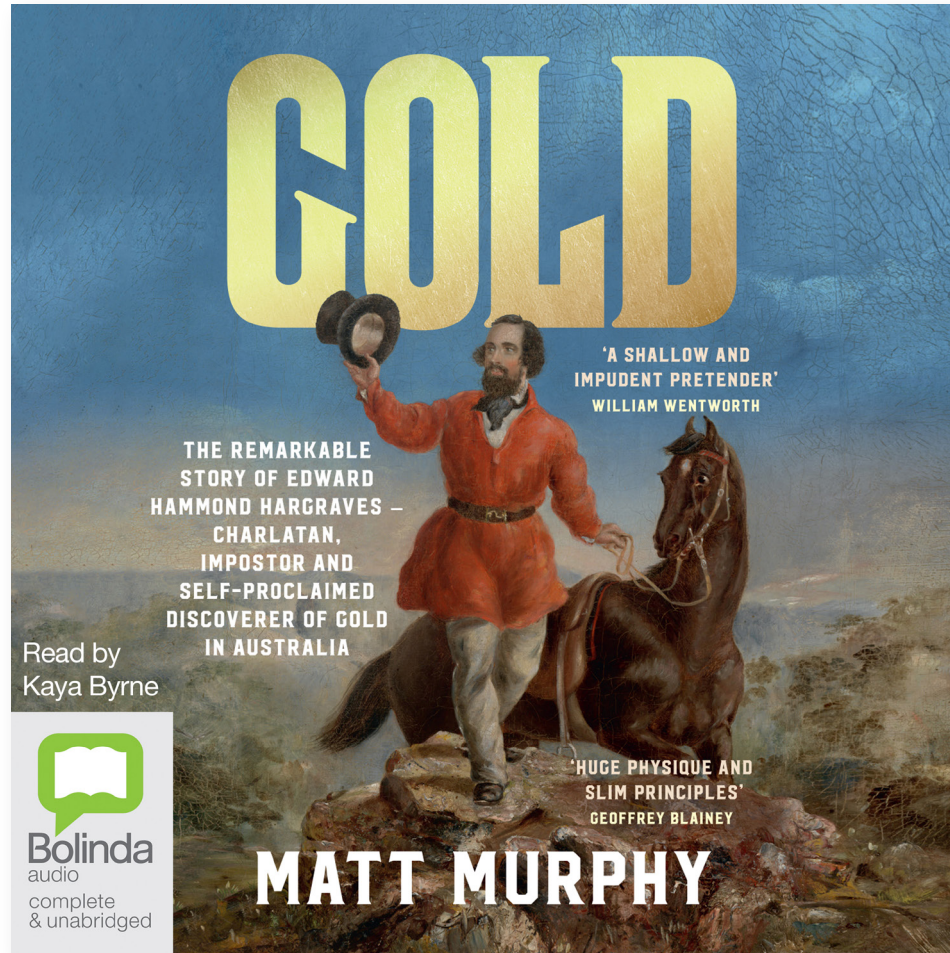
The Remarkable Story of Edward Hammond Hargraves –
Charlatan, Impostor and Self-Proclaimed Discoverer of Gold in Australia

Matt Murphy

Read by Kaya Byrne

Adult New Release

History | April 2025



The true story of the discovery of gold in Australia and the shameless pretender who took the credit, from the popular author of *Rum*.

Ask Google 'Who discovered gold in Australia?' and you'll promptly get 'Edward Hammond Hargraves'. Hargraves has for decades received the fame, fortune and adulation from all corners of the country, but did he earn it?

What about the two diggers he met on the Californian goldfields who told him where to look when he returned home to Australia?

What about the guys who led him to where they'd heard gold had been found before?

What about the pioneers whose discoveries had been documented years earlier?

This is the story of an oversized layabout who received years of accolades and free lunches, despite lumbering from one embarrassment to another, and of those who spent decades trying to expose him and seek their share of the glory.

Perfect for fans of Grantlee Kieza and David Hunt

Matt Murphy is the author of *Weight of Evidence*, about what was the longest civil court case in New South Wales; and *Rum*, about the formative influence of grog on the country

'Fun, spirited popular history.' – Sydney Morning Herald (on *Rum*)

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Heat and Light

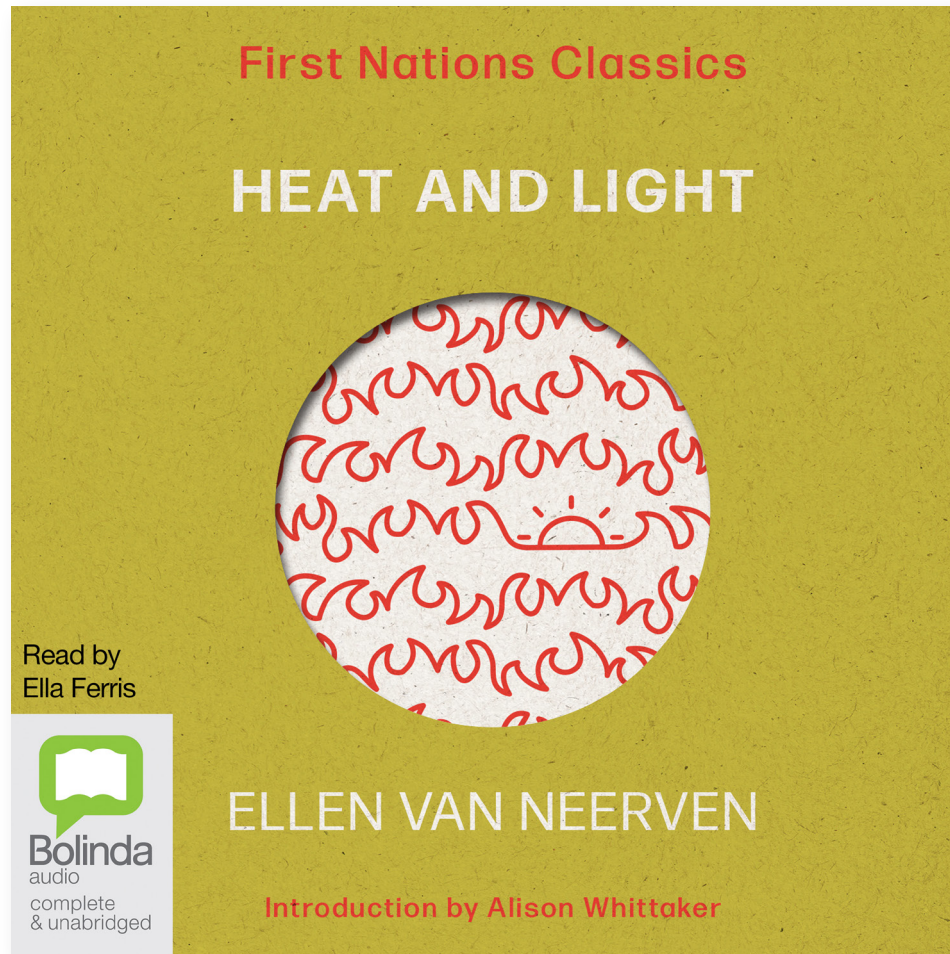
First Nations Classics

Ellen van Neerven

Read by Ella Ferris

Adult New Release

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In this award-winning work of fiction, Ellen van Neerven leads listeners on a journey that is highly imaginative and still achingly real.

Over three parts, Ellen van Neerven takes traditional storytelling and gives it a unique, contemporary twist. In 'Heat', we meet several generations of the Kresinger family and the legacy left by the mysterious Pearl. In 'Water', a futuristic world is imagined and the fate of a people threatened. In 'Light', familial ties are challenged and characters are caught between a desire for freedom and a sense of belonging.

Heat and Light presents an intriguing collection that heralded the arrival of a major new talent in Australian writing.

Heat and Light was the recipient of the David Unaipon Award, the Dobbie Literary Award and the NSW Premier's Literary Awards Indigenous Writers' Prize

Ellen van Neerven is an award-winning writer of Mununjali Yugambah and Dutch heritage. Neerven's short fiction, poetry and memoir have been published in numerous publications, including *Mascara Literary Review*, *McSweeney's* and *Voiceworks*

'My book of the year was the short story collection *Heat and Light* by the young Queensland writer Ellen van Neerven. The stories evoke mystery and sensuality in equal measure, while the vivid portrait of landscape leaves the taste of dust in your throat and fear in your heart.' – Australian Book Review

'A bold and adventurous work. This is a very fine debut from a talented writer.'
– Books+Publishing

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