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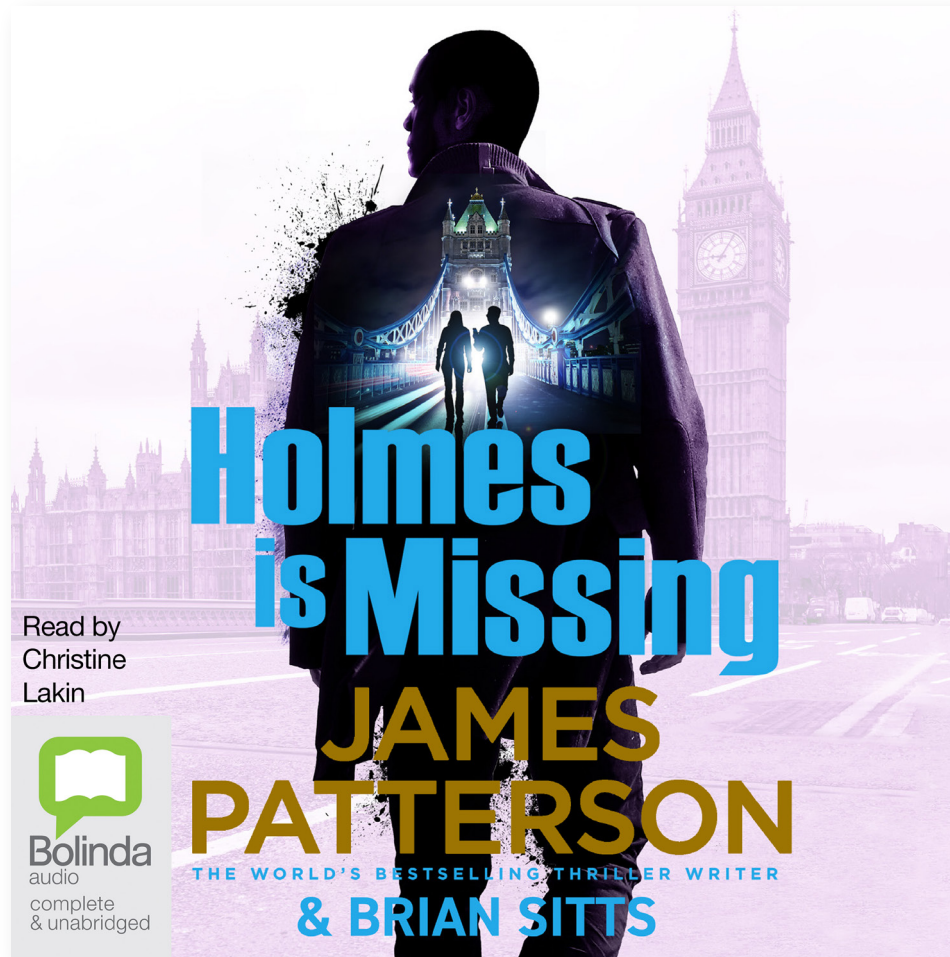
Holmes, Margaret and Poe #2

James Patterson & Brian Sitts

Read by Christine Lakin

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025



The follow-up to the *Sunday Times* bestselling mystery thriller *Holmes, Margaret and Poe*. PI Brendan Holmes has committed the perfect crime – he’s made himself disappear.

It’s their toughest case yet. And their best detective is missing.

Holmes, Margaret and Poe’s Brooklyn-based detective agency solves the crimes no one else can. Or they did – until Holmes decided to leave the business.

There is no time to waste as the team are called to a fresh NYPD crime scene – and tasked with looking into the disappearance of six children. Time is ticking as they work to unravel the mystery. But they need Holmes.

If they’re going to solve the crime of the century, first they must save their friend.

James Patterson is one of the best known and biggest selling authors of all time, with his titles selling more than 400 million copies worldwide

Patterson is the author of some of the most popular series of the past two decades including the Women’s Murder Club, Detective Michael Bennett and Private series

Brian Sitts is an award-winning advertising creative director and television writer. He has collaborated with James Patterson on books for adults and children

‘A classic, witty and wonderful mystery from the king of crime. Fast-paced and fun, clever and exciting. I loved it.’ – Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End* (on *Holmes, Margaret and Poe*)

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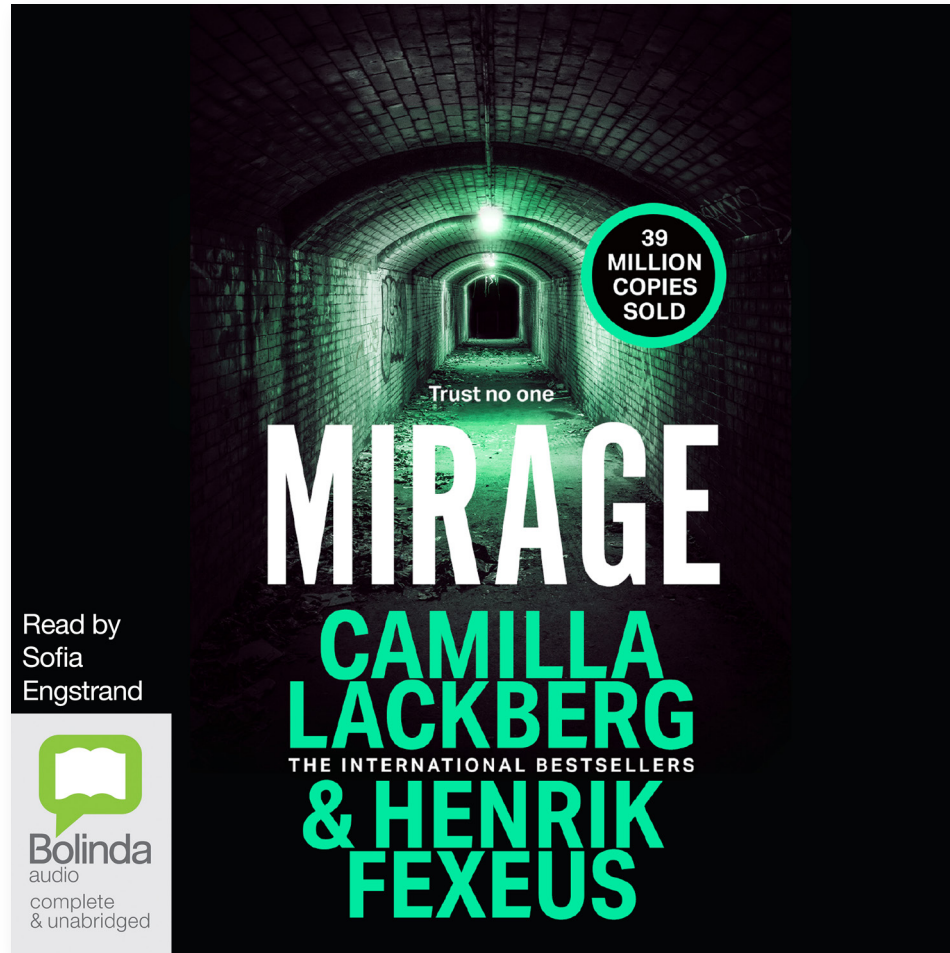
Mina Dabiri and Vincent Walder #3

Camilla Läckberg & Henrik Fexeus

Read by Sofia Engstrand

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025



The epic conclusion to Camilla Läckberg and Henrik Fexeus's pulse-raising Swedish crime thriller trilogy.

Hello Niklas Sockenbergs. We hope you have been satisfied with our services during this time, which has now reached its end. You have 14 days, 1 hour and 12 minutes left to live

It is December in Stockholm and Sweden's Minister of Justice is under threat. An anonymous note has told him he has four days left to live. At the same time, a human skeleton is found in the Stockholm subway, belonging to a high-ranking financier.

Police inspector Mina Dabiri's team, still recovering from the traumatic incident last summer that ended in the death of a colleague, calls in mentalist Vincent Walder to help with the case. For Vincent, it feels as if the world is increasingly closing in on him.

When another pile of bones is found underground, the group is once again put to the test – what is going on in the tunnels deep under Stockholm? And who is taunting the minister?

Camilla Läckberg is a worldwide bestseller renowned for her brilliant contemporary psychological thrillers

Läckberg's novels have sold 19 million copies in 55 countries with translations into 37 languages

She is often referred to as 'the rock star of Nordic noir'

'Known as Sweden's answer to Agatha Christie, albeit in a contemporary setting the prolific Läckberg has teamed up with a famous mindreader for this doorstep of a thriller.'
– Crimetime (on *Trapped*)

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Crucified

Jack Warr #5

Lynda La Plante

Read by Nathaniel Priestley

Adult New Release

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Don't miss the fifth instalment in Lynda La Plante's brilliant Detective Jack Warr crime series.

Detective Jack Warr is haunted by the gruesome legacy of serial killer Rodney Middleton and reeling from a series of events that has left him deep in depression. Refusing the Met-offered counselling service, Jack instead finds solace instead through renewing a dangerous friendship with the artist and master forger, Adam Border.

When a body is discovered nailed to a giant cross in a framer's shop, Jack feels a connection to the case even though it is not in his jurisdiction. But is his involvement that of a detective or witness?

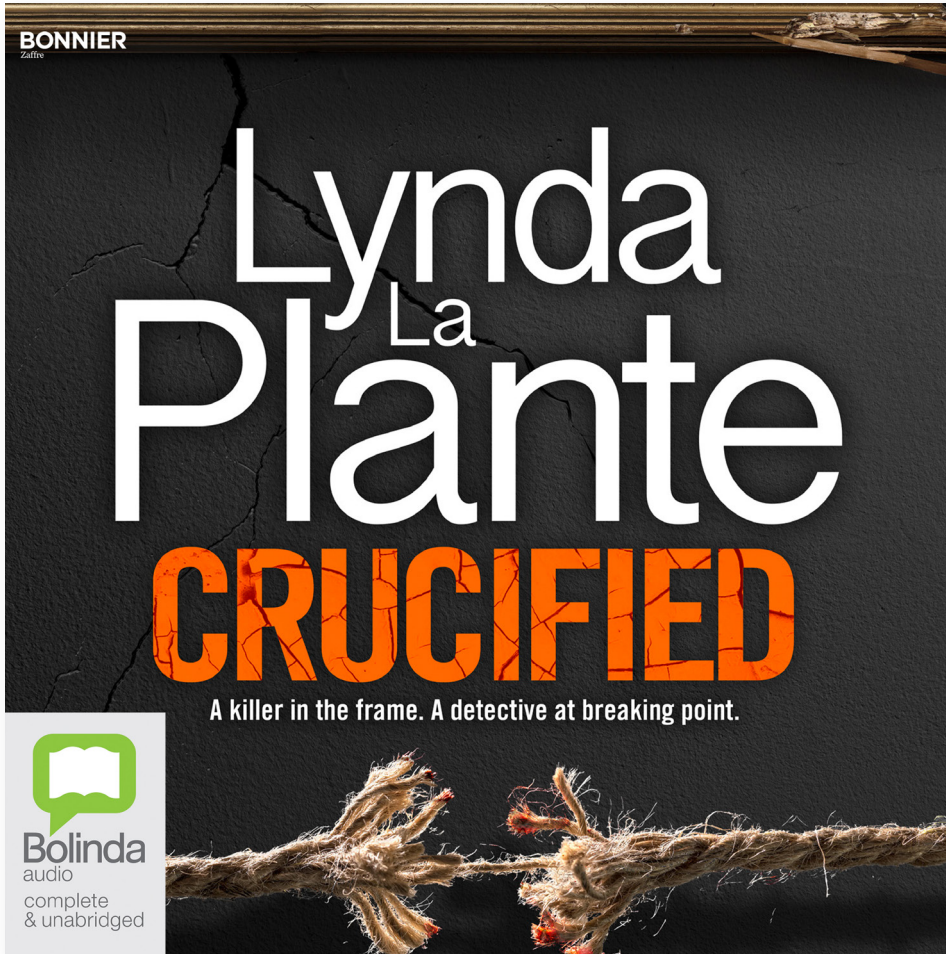
Lynda La Plante is the bestselling author of over 50 novels, including the Jane Tennison series, the Jack Warr series, and hit standalones like *Royal Flush* and *Twisted*

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

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

'La Plante excels in her ability to pick out the surprising but plausible details that give her portrayal of everyday life in a police station a rare ring of authenticity.' – Sunday Telegraph (on *Pure Evil*)

'Lynda La Plante practically invented the thriller.' – Karin Slaughter, *New York Times* and international bestselling author (on *Pure Evil*)



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The Unquiet Grave

DI Cormac Reilly #4

Dervla McTiernan

Read by Aoife McMahon

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025

Every grave has a story. The much-anticipated new instalment in the Cormac Reilly series, from the #1 bestselling author of *The Ruin* and *What Happened to Nina?*

For years the boglands of Northern Europe have given up bodies of the long-deceased. Bodies that are thousands of years old, uncannily preserved. Bodies with strange injuries that suggest ritual torture and human sacrifice.

When a corpse is found in a bog in Galway, Cormac Reilly assumes the find is historical. But closer examination reveals a more recent story. The dead man is Thaddeus Grey, a local secondary school principal who disappeared two years prior.

There's nothing in Grey's past that would explain why he was murdered, or why his body was mutilated in a ritual manner. At first, progress on the case is frustratingly slow and Cormac struggles to keep his mind on the job. His ex-girlfriend, Emma Sweeney, is in trouble, and she's reached out to him for help – Emma's new husband has gone missing in Paris, and the French police are refusing to open an investigation into his disappearance.

Cormac is sure that he has found Grey's killer, and is within hours of an arrest, when another mutilated body is discovered on the other side of the country. Two days later, a third body is found. Press attention is intense.

Is there a serial killer at work in Ireland? Has Cormac been on the wrong trail? And if so, can he find the murderer before they strike again?

Dervla McTiernan is the critically acclaimed and award-winning author of six novels, including two number one bestselling standalone thrillers, *The Murder Rule* and *What Happened to Nina?*

Before turning her hand to writing, McTiernan spent 12 years working as a lawyer in her home country of Ireland



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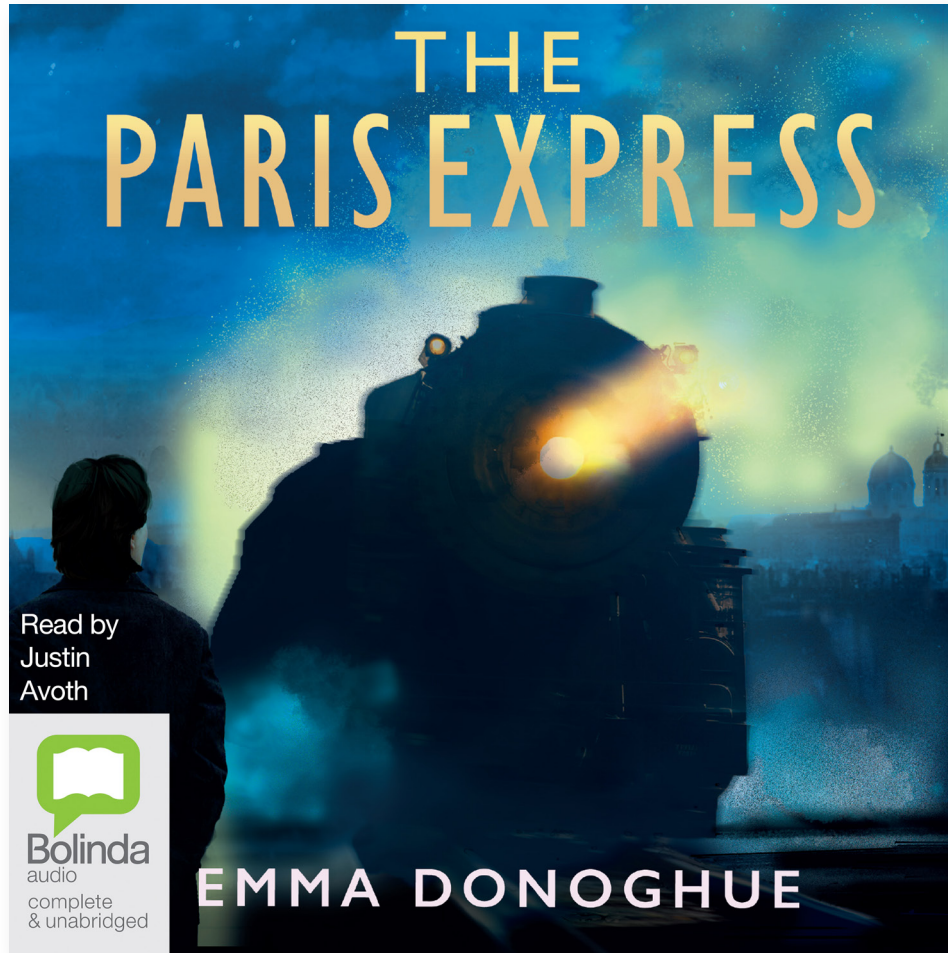
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The Paris Express

Emma Donoghue

Read by Justin Avoth



Inspired by a famous rail disaster, *The Paris Express* by Emma Donoghue is a brilliant historical thriller and a captivating ride into a fascinating past.

Autumn, 1895. The turn of the century is approaching and Paris is as chaotic as it is glamorous. Industry and invention create huge wealth and terrible poverty. One morning, an anarchist boards the ill-fated Granville to Paris express train, determined to make her mark on history.

Aboard the train are others from across the globe – the railway crew who have built a life together away from their wives, a little boy travelling alone for the first time, an artist far from home, a wealthy statesman and his invalid wife and a young woman with a secret.

Truths are revealed and relationships forged as the train speeds towards the City of Light and a future that will change everything ...

Emma Donoghue writes fiction, as well as drama for screen and stage

Donoghue's title *Room* was a *New York Times* Best Book of 2010 and a finalist for the Man Booker, Commonwealth and Orange prizes, selling nearly three million copies in 40 languages

Donoghue was nominated for an Academy Award for her 2015 adaptation of *Room*, starring Brie Larson. She co-wrote the screenplay for the film adaptation of her 2016 novel *The Wonder*, starring Florence Pugh

'Ratchets up the pace until it's hurtling along as fast as the train itself.' – Alice Winn, author of *In Memoriam*

'An edge-of-your-seat historical thriller that I couldn't put down.' – Shelby Van Pelt, author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*

The Maid's Secret

A Molly the Maid Mystery #3

Nita Prose

Read by Lauren Ambrose

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025



Charming, gripping and original, the brand new mystery from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Maid*.

Molly the maid is no stranger to secrets ...

She sees everything behind closed doors at the Regency Grand hotel – wiping away the dust and grime of guests passing through. But one secret lies much closer to home.

An old trinket – a faux Fabergé egg – is revealed to be a precious antique during an appraisal at the hotel, making Molly a rags-to-riches sensation. But no sooner has the egg shown its value than it's stolen – vanishing without a trace.

Determined to crack the case of the missing Fabergé, Molly begins dusting for clues – uncovering a mystery that stretches deep into the past. For in the pages of a long-forgotten diary, written by her late gran, lie the secrets that could unlock all others – and only Molly holds the key ...

Nita Prose is the author of *The Maid*, which has sold more than one million copies worldwide and has been published in over 40 countries

A #1 *New York Times* bestseller and a *Good Morning America Book Club* pick, *The Maid* won the Ned Kelly Award for International Crime Fiction and was an Edgar Award finalist

'Skilfully layered and masterfully told. I loved it.' – Santa Montefiore, bestselling author of *Here and Now* (on *The Maid*)

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The Ragpicker King

The Chronicles of Castellane #2

Cassandra Clare

Read by Christian Coulson & Fiona Hardingham

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | May 2025

Lose yourself in a vibrant world of power, intrigue and magic in this spellbinding fantasy from internationally bestselling sensation Cassandra Clare.

His life is an illusion. Her lie is a gamble. Can two outliers save a kingdom?

The royal court is in turmoil following a massacre. Kel, Prince Conor's body-double, is hunting for traitors. And the notorious Ragpicker King, ruler of the dazzling city of Castellane's criminal underworld, holds the only clues. But they lead to a dark conspiracy to destroy the royal family – headed by the man due to marry the woman Kel loves.

Lin will be judged after claiming to be the legendary Goddess Reborn and wielder of powerful magic – now her people's charismatic leader is ready to test her powers. Failure will mean exile, and only further dangerous deception can save her now. As the simmering tension in Castellane reaches fever pitch, Prince Conor demands that Lin heal his father's madness. But the King is tormented by an ancient magic, and Lin cannot deny its allure – any more than she can deny her growing passion for the prince. Lin and Kel must decide who they can trust. Yet any false move will mean death – or worse ...

Cassandra Clare is the author of the #1 *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling *Mortal Instruments* series

Clare's books have more than 50 million copies in print worldwide and have been translated into more than 35 languages

The Mortal Instruments has been adapted for film and television, and won or been shortlisted for numerous awards, including the Locus Awards



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The Texas Murders

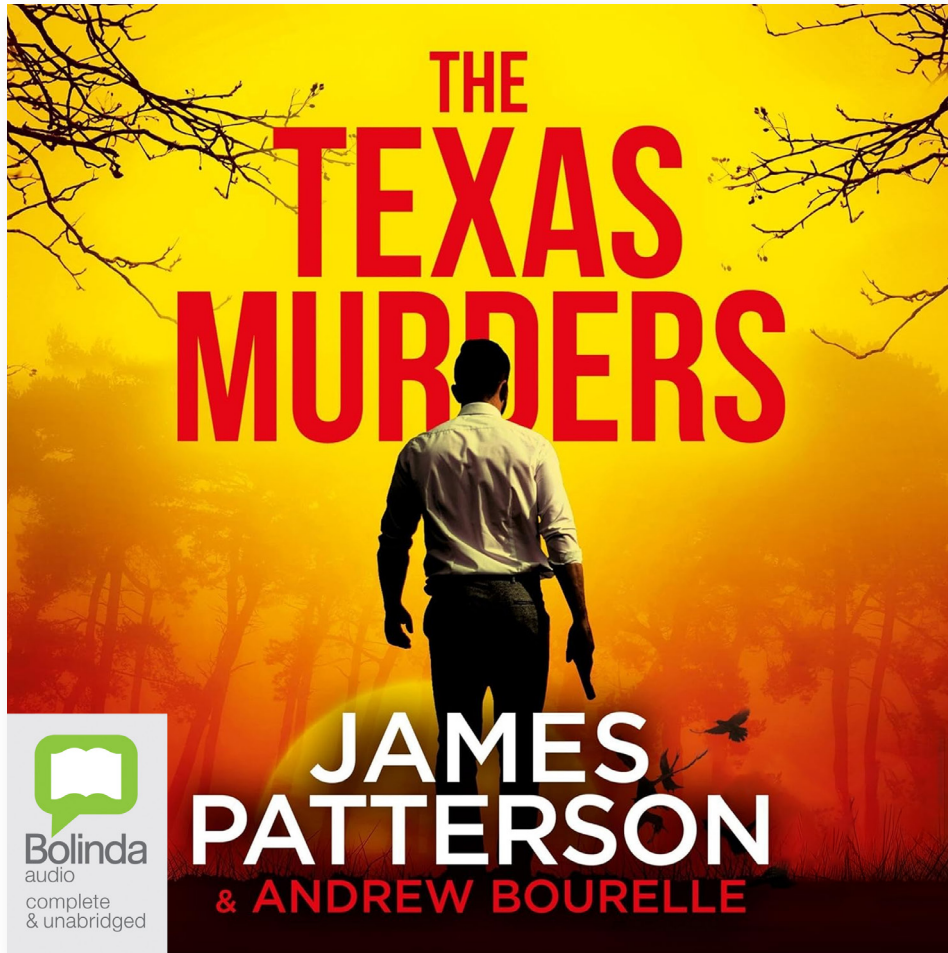
Texas Rangers Thrillers #3

James Patterson & Andrew Bourelle

Read by Christopher Ryan Grant

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025



In this thrilling third instalment of the *Sunday Times* bestselling thriller series, the great Texas Rangers go on a no-holds-barred pursuit of the most dangerous killer ever to terrorise Texas.

A cold case is about to turn hotter than the sun ...

Texas Ranger Rory Yates has proven his strength on the field time and again. Now he faces the toughest case of his career. He's on the trail of two missing women. Both are Native American. Does anything else link them?

As he digs deeper, he discovers that a Native American woman has gone missing every summer solstice for the past few years. The captor leaves no trace, except for a very strange calling card. The Texas Ranger must do everything he can to track down these missing women.

He only hopes that he finds them alive ...

James Patterson is one of the best known and biggest selling authors of all time, with his titles selling more than 400 million copies worldwide

Patterson is the author of some of the most popular series of the past two decades including the Women's Murder Club, Detective Michael Bennett and Private series

Patterson has co-authored #1 bestselling novels with Bill Clinton and Dolly Parton, and told the story of his own life in *James Patterson by James Patterson* for which he received various awards

Andrew Bourelle is the author of the novel *Heavy Metal*. His short stories have been published widely in literary magazines and fiction anthologies

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Cover Story

Mhairi McFarlane

Read by Charlotte Mills



Enemies to lovers and fake dating combine in a brand new rom-com, perfect for fans of Emily Henry.

Bel's joined the Manchester office of a big national paper from her award-winning podcast. There are three of them – Bel, her relentlessly ambitious colleague Aaron and a new intern. And when the intern turns out to be a 30-something man called Connor, he and Bel get off on totally the wrong foot. She's patronising, he's hostile – it's office war.

Then Bel gets a sniff at a really big story, Connor gets caught in the crossfire, and before they know it, they have to convince everyone they're a couple – and a couple in love. If they mess up, the biggest story Bel will ever land will disappear, along with justice for its sources.

But as time goes on, who's double crossing whom – and which feelings are real?

Mhairi McFarlane is the bestselling romantic comedy author of *You Had Me at Hello*, which has been translated into 16 languages worldwide

She has written nine more novels, including *Who's That Girl?* and *It's Not Me It's You*, and joined the writer's room for series five of TV show *Slow Horses*

She wrote her first novel aged 31 after roles as a reporter, feature writer and columnist

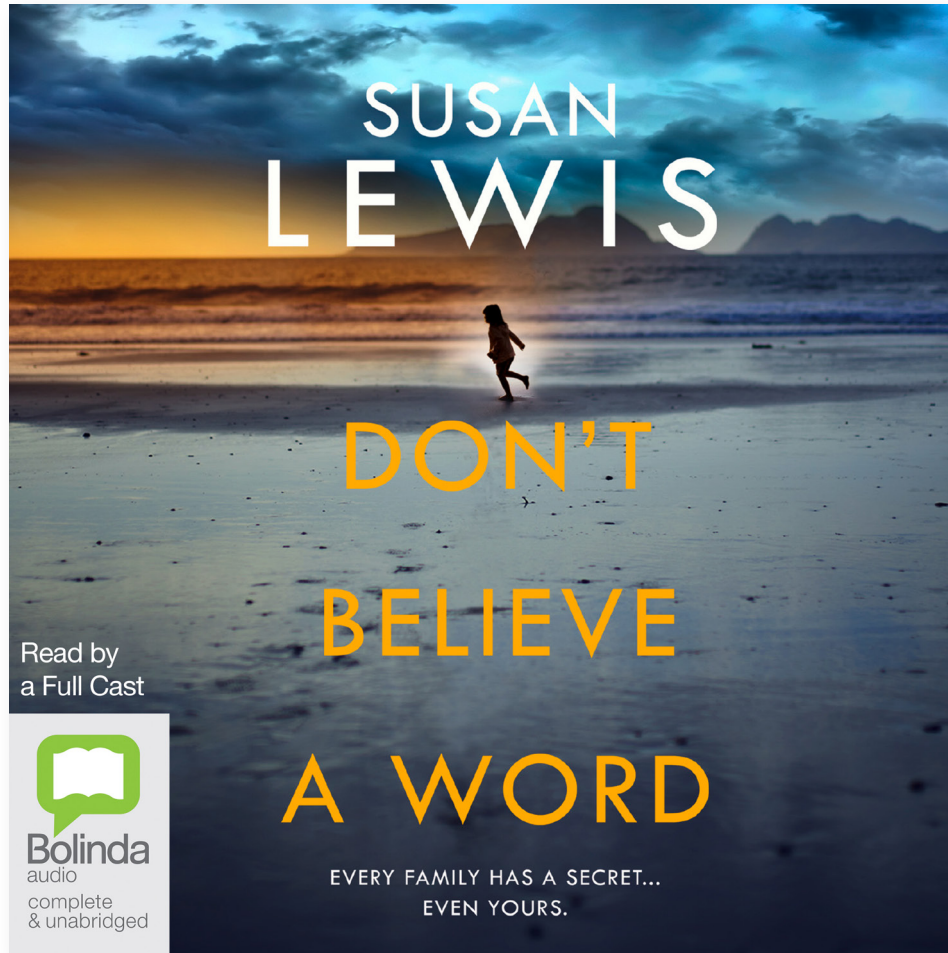
'She's so ridiculously talented ... consider this recommendation my personal gift to you and your life.' – Emily Henry, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Beach Read*

'Everything you want from a rom com and satisfyingly knotty with proper, recognisable characters. She just gets better and better.' – JoJo Moyes, author of *Me Before You*

Don't Believe a Word

Susan Lewis

Read by a Full Cast



The gripping new crime thriller from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Susan Lewis.

They raised me. Nurtured me. And lied about everything.

Sadie's childhood has always been shrouded in mystery. But there are three things she knows. She was raised by two aunts. She never knew her parents. She is convinced she was stolen.

Cristy Ward, podcast host, is gripped by Sadie's story. It's perfect for her next true-crime investigation. Yet Sadie's aunt claims it's all a fantasy. As the evidence begins to stack up, and the lies fall apart, they all could be in a lot more danger than they thought...

Susan Lewis is the internationally bestselling author of over 50 books across the genres of family drama, thriller, suspense and crime

Lewis is also the author of *Just One More Day* and *One Day at a Time*, the moving memoirs of her childhood in Bristol during the 1960s

Her novels were nominated for the Romantic Novelists' Association's Romantic Novel of the Year award in 2002 and 2005

'Filled with shocks, twists and vivid characters. I was completely captivated.' – B.P. Walter, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Dinner Guest* (on *Who's Lying Now?*)

'I was hooked by the suspenseful plotting, depth of character and legal backdrop. This is a deep book which I greatly enjoyed.' – Jane Corry, author of *My Husband's Wife* (on *I Have Something to Tell You*)

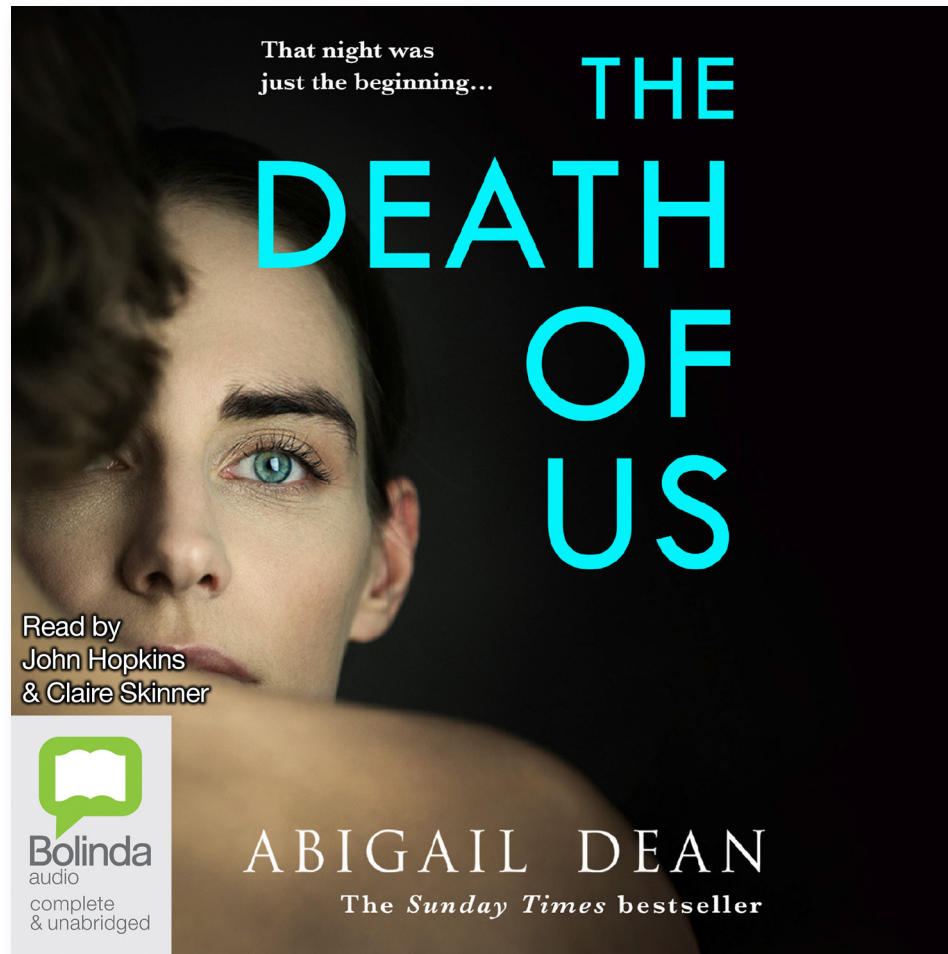
Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | May 2025

The Death of Us

Abigail Dean

Read by John Hopkins & Claire Skinner



From the bestselling author of *Girl A and Day One* comes a heart-wrenching new story about love, tragedy and forgiveness.

It's the story everyone wants to hear.

That spring night in South London, when Isabel and Edward's lives were torn apart. The night Isabel learned that the worst things wait, just outside the door. The night Edward learned that he was powerless to stop them. The night they never talk about. When their attacker is caught, it's finally time to tell the story of that night. Not to the world. Or to the man who did it. But to each other.

This is a story of murder. This is a story of survival. But most of all, this is a story of love.

Abigail Dean is the author of *Girl A*, which was a *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* top ten bestseller, and a Kindle #1 bestseller

Girl A was chosen as a Best Book of 2021 by *The Times*, *FT*, *Guardian*, *Independent*, *Stylist*, and more

The rights to *Girl A* sold in 36 territories and a television series is being adapted with Sony

'A stunning and masterful mystery... Abigail Dean is a rare and very special storyteller.'
– Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End* (on *Day One*)

'Compelling and heartbreaking. It's impossible to put down and impossible to forget.'
– Daily Mirror (on *Girl A*)

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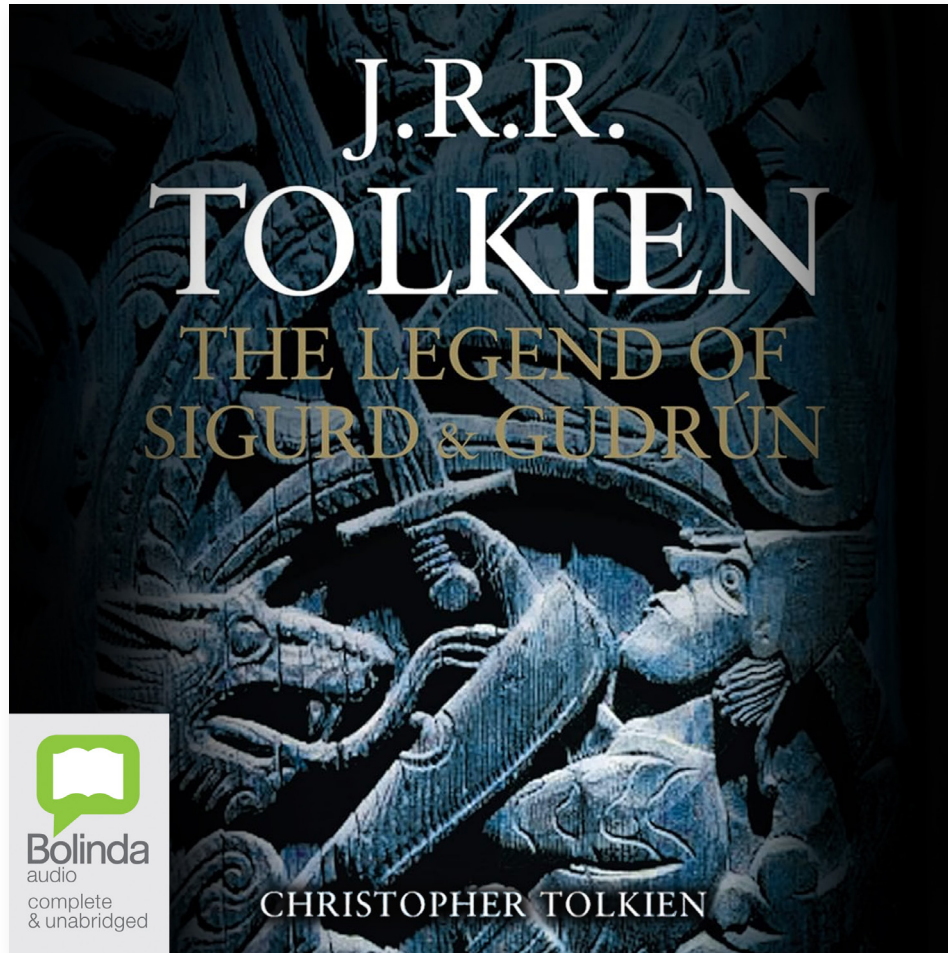
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The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrún

J.R.R. Tolkien

Narrator to Come



The world first publication of a previously unknown work by J.R.R. Tolkien, which tells the epic story of the Norse hero, Sigurd, the dragon-slayer, the revenge of his wife, Gudrún, and the Fall of the Niflungs.

In the 'Lay of the Völsungs' is told the ancestry of the great hero Sigurd, the slayer of Fáfnir most celebrated of dragons, whose treasure he took for his own; of his awakening of the Valkyrie Brynhild who slept surrounded by a wall of fire, and of their betrothal; and of his coming to the court of the great princes who were named the Niflungs, with whom he entered into blood-brotherhood. In that court there sprang great love but also great hate, brought about by the power of the enchantress, mother of the Niflungs, skilled in the arts of magic, of shape-changing and potions of forgetfulness.

In scenes of dramatic intensity, of confusion of identity, thwarted passion, jealousy and bitter strife, the tragedy of Sigurd and Brynhild, of Gunnar the Niflung and Gudrún his sister, mounts to its end in the murder of Sigurd at the hands of his blood-brothers, the suicide of Brynhild, and the despair of Gudrún. In the 'Lay of Gudrún' her fate after the death of Sigurd is told, her marriage against her will to the mighty Atli, ruler of the Huns (the Attila of history), his murder of her brothers the Niflung lords, and her hideous revenge.

J.R.R. Tolkien was a British author and university professor who is best known as the author of *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*

Tolkien's titles have been translated into over 60 languages and have sold many millions of copies worldwide

Tolkien is widely regarded as the founding father of modern fantasy literature as well as one of the most influential authors of all time

The Married Man

K.L. Slater

Read by Clare Corbett



A totally shocking and unputdownable psychological thriller with a heart-stopping twist from bestselling author K.L. Slater.

Eleven years ago, my husband had to disappear. He told me about the terrible thing he had done, that would put me and our son in danger. We had no choice but to pretend he was dead.

My heart broke for our little son, who missed his father every day. But when you are married you do what you must to protect the people you love.

Every day was a struggle, but I've survived because he promised that he would return to us one day. That we would move to a new town and start all over again. But now, I have made a shocking discovery. My husband has a new wife, and a new perfect life. Without us. This was never part of our plan ...

After everything I did for him, he's betrayed me. And now, I have to stop him before it's too late. Because what he's done hasn't just put me in danger, but also our son. I'll do anything to protect him.

Perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell and Freida McFadden

K.L. Slater is the #1 bestselling author of over 20 psychological crime thrillers

Slater has sold over three million copies of her titles worldwide, and she has also written four Carnegie-nominated young adult titles as Kim Slater

'Brilliant, very clever ... I absolutely recommend it.' – B.A. Paris, author of *Behind Closed Doors*, *The Therapist* and *The Prisoner* (on *Blink*)

'A rollercoaster ride of emotions. This book is a thrilling read and I could not put it down.' – Book Lovers Anon (on *The Evidence*)

Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (on a Dead Man)

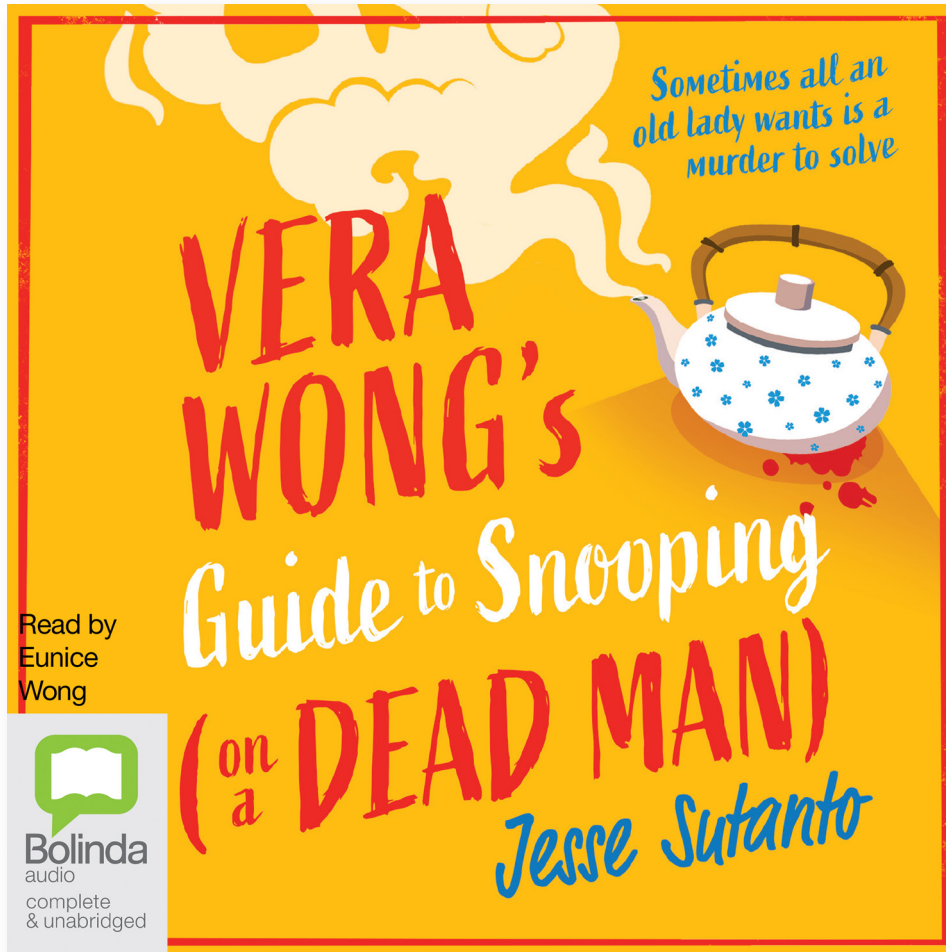
Vera Wong #2

Jesse Sutanto

Read by Eunice Wong

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | April 2025



The new must-listen cosy crime novel from the bestselling author of *Dial A for Aunties*.

Put the kettle on, there's a mystery brewing ...

Tea-shop owner. Matchmaker. Detective?

Vera Wong is perfectly content as a teashop owner. She is definitely not seeking opportunities for amateur sleuthing. But what else is she to do when a distressed woman called Millie asks for her help?

Okay, perhaps Vera wheedled the story out of her. And maybe the case file for Millie's missing friend Thomas didn't exactly fall into her lap. Everyone knows a locked briefcase is just asking to be opened by someone handy with a hairpin.

Not even the aroma of chrysanthemum tea can stop Vera from catching the scent of this mystery. However dangerous it is, Vera intends to uncover the truth in the only way that this Chinese mother knows how: by spilling the tea.

Jesse Sutanto is the author of the bestselling Aunties series, *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* and *I'm Not Done with You Yet*

Sutanto's young adult titles include *The Obsession*, *The New Girl* and *Well, That Was Unexpected*

Sutanto has a master's degree from Oxford University and a bachelor's from the University of California, Berkeley

'Jesse Sutanto has created a great comic character in Vera. If you thought murder couldn't be warm-hearted, hilarious and have a twist, think again.' – Fiona Leitch, author of *The Cornish Wedding Murder*

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The Secret Room

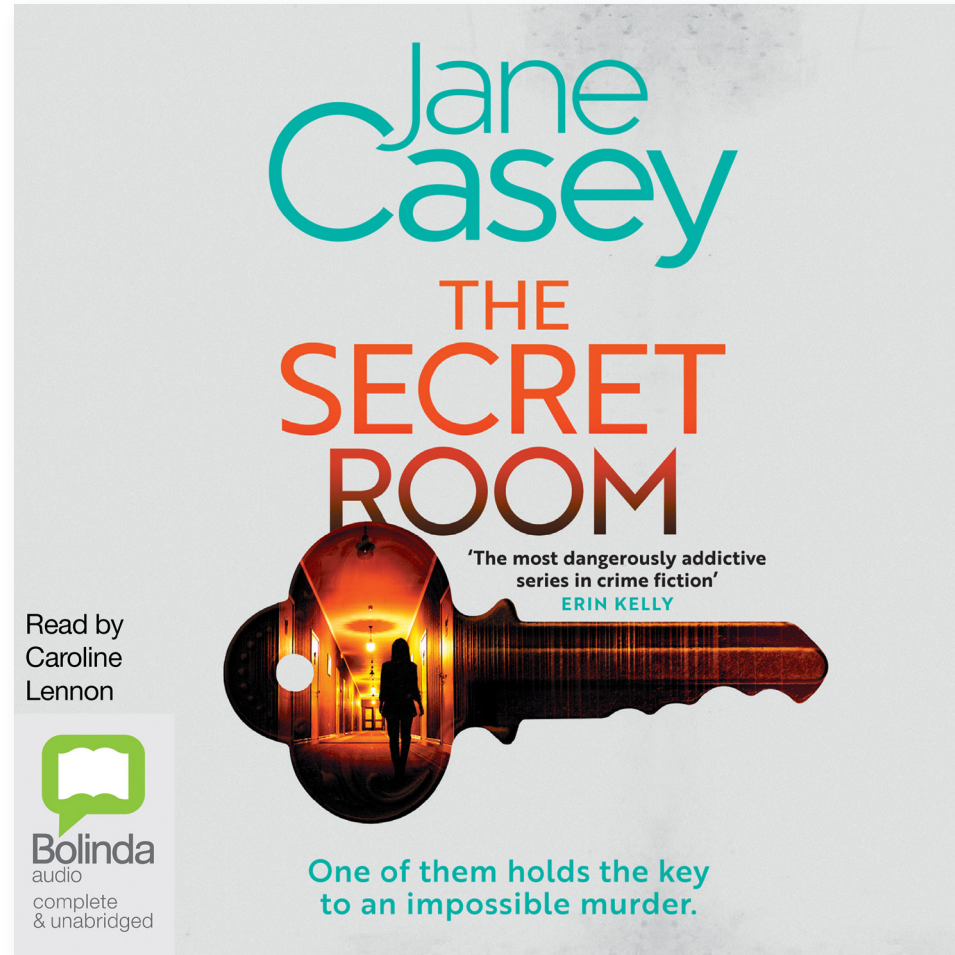
Maeve Kerrigan #12

Jane Casey

Read by Caroline Lennon

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025



The latest gripping new thriller featuring DS Maeve Kerrigan and DI Josh Derwent from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Jane Casey.

2:32 pm. Wealthy, privileged Ilaria Cavendish checks into a luxury London hotel and orders a bottle of champagne. Within the hour, her lover discovers her submerged in a bath of scalding water, dead.

At first glance it looks like an accident. No one went in with her. No one came out. But all the signs point to murder.

For DS Maeve Kerrigan, the case is a welcome distraction. But when shock news hits close to home, affecting her partner, DI Josh Derwent, she faces the toughest challenge of her career. And if she fails her world will never be the same again ...

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

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

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

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

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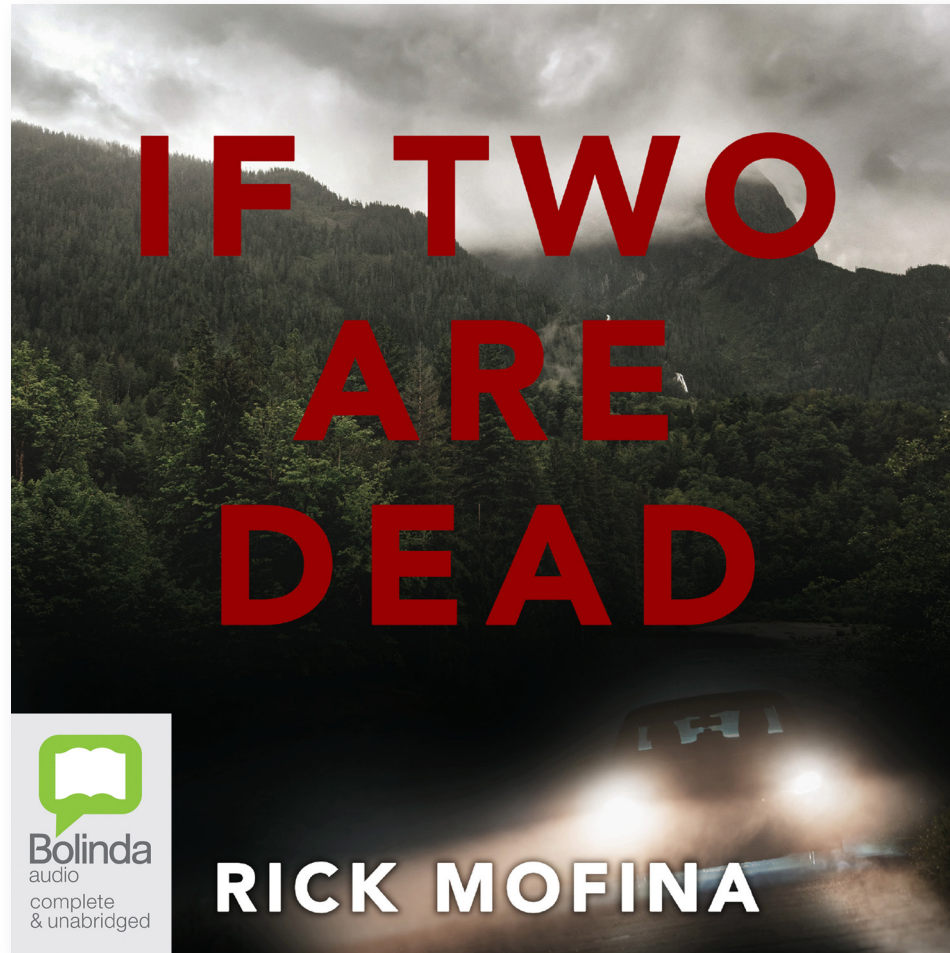
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If Two Are Dead

Rick Mofina

Narrator to Come



Three girls go into the woods, but only one comes out. Another pulse-pounding thriller from *USA Today* bestselling author Rick Mofina.

Driving alone at night in a wild rainstorm, Luke Conway strikes something – or someone. He and his wife, Carrie, recently moved back to Clear River to help take care of her ailing father, and after a tragedy at his previous job, this move is their last chance at a new life. Now, standing in the downpour on this Texas road, Luke, an off-duty cop, has a decision to make – and he has to make it fast.

No one else is around. No witnesses. And he can't find a body.

Wanting to believe he's being paranoid, that he's just seeing things, Luke panics and leaves, deciding not to report the incident but rather to secretly investigate it. He can't put more stress on Carrie, who's already haunted by the unsolved attack and murder of two teenage girls that happened years ago in Clear River, a horrific crime in which she was the sole survivor. The killer has not been found, but Carrie and Luke's anguished search for answers will slowly reveal the horrific truth.

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

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

'I was hooked from the first chapter and couldn't stop reading! So many twists I never saw coming!' – Freida McFadden, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Housemaid*

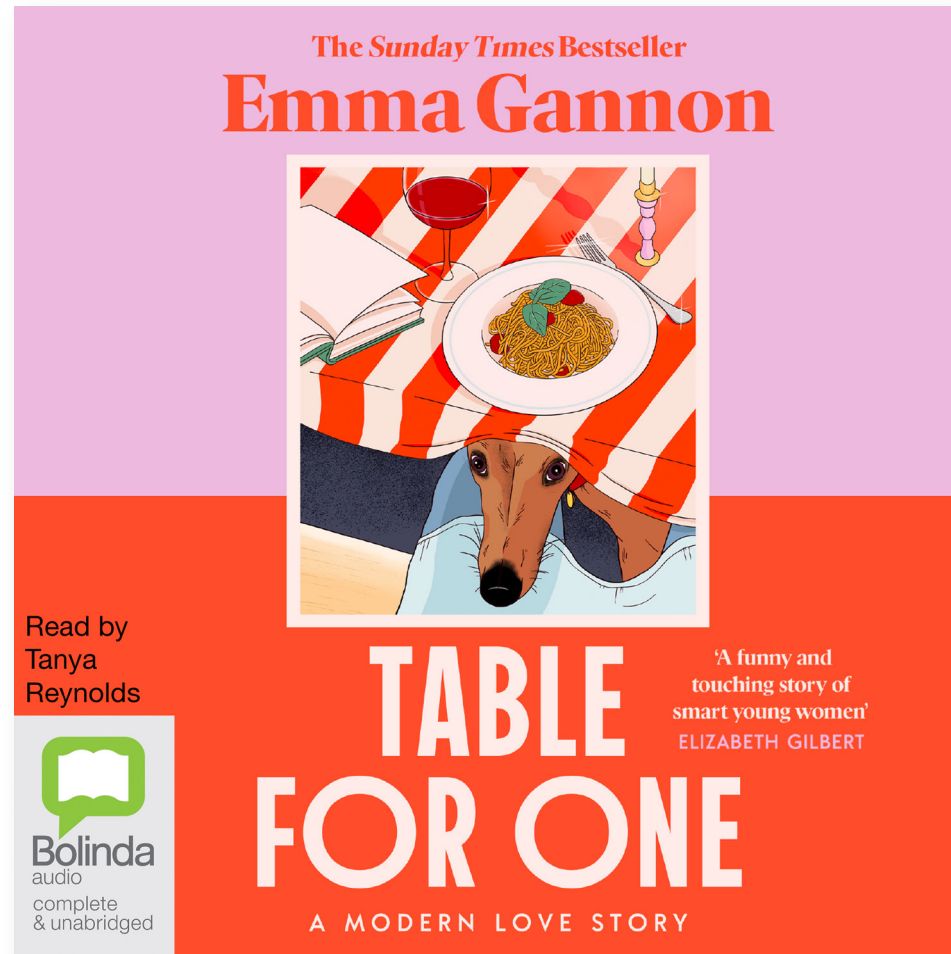
'Mofina generates suspense in unexpected ways and crafts a compelling, genius story that ends in a manner not even savvy readers will see coming. Harlan Coben and Alex Finlay fans should already have Mofina on their to-read pile, and this one is another guaranteed bestseller.' – firstCLUE

Table for One

Emma Gannon

Read by Tanya Reynolds

Moving, memorable and a mirror for anyone who's craving their own company, *Table for One* is a story about what it means to be happily alone, not lonely.



Willow has everything worked out.

- The steady partner
- The successful career
- The grown-up house

Until she doesn't – and she's cast adrift on the sea of heartbreak, grieving a future that's barely begun. With her life transformed beyond recognition, and her friends busy 'moving forwards', Willow has never felt more alone. But she's in good company. And when inspiration arrives from an unlikely source, she rekindles the relationship she longs for – but has long neglected ...

The one with herself ...

Emma Gannon is the author of seven books: *Ctrl Alt Delete*, *The Multi-Hyphen Method*, *Sabotage*, *Disconnected*, *The Success Myth*, *Olive* and *A Year of Nothing*

Gannon has written for *The Sunday Times*, *New York Magazine*, *the Guardian*, *Oprah Daily*, *Vanity Fair* and more

From 2016–2023, she ran the podcast *Ctrl Alt Delete*, which had over 12 million downloads and was voted one of the best podcasts for curious minds by *Wired*

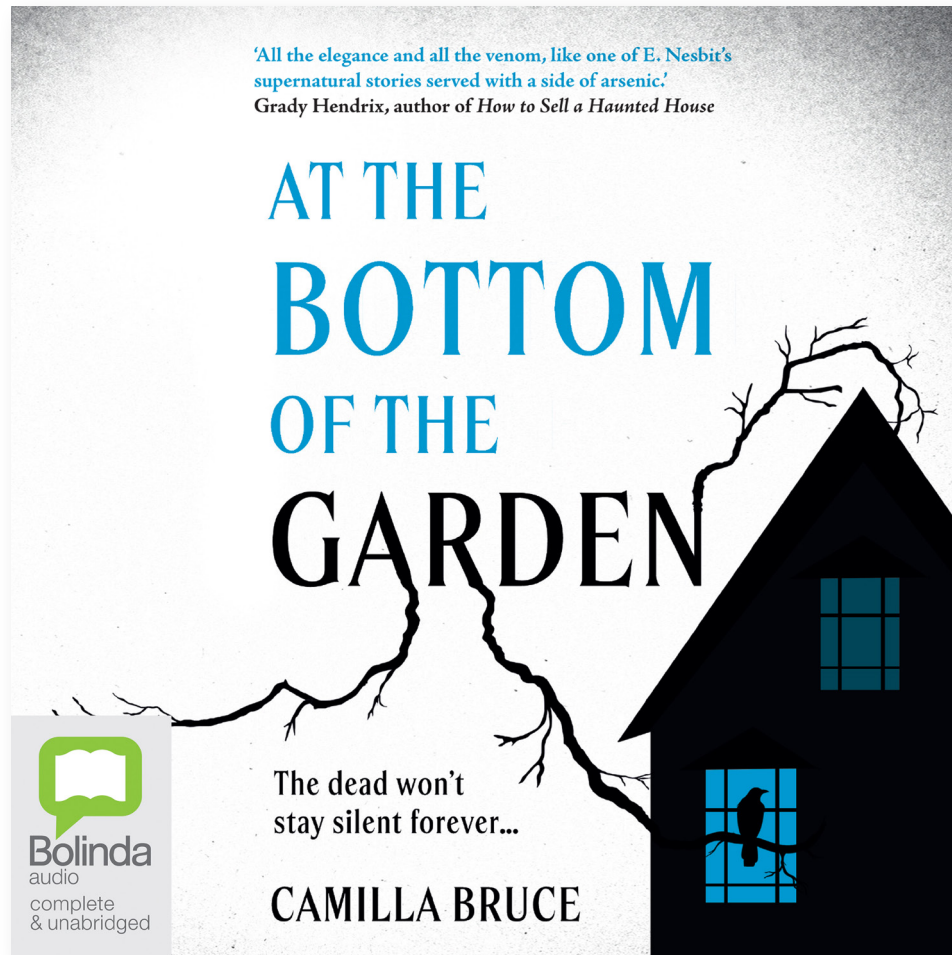
'A fast-paced, funny and touching story of smart young women.' – Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Eat, Pray, Love* and *Big Magic*

'So fresh and funny and utterly distinctive ... I loved it.' – Emma Jane Unsworth, author of *Animals* (on *Olive*)

At the Bottom of the Garden

Camilla Bruce

Read by a Full Cast



A murderous aunt, strangely gifted children and witchcraft come together in Camilla Bruce's new intensely dark adult Gothic fairytale.

Clara Woods has a secret. At the bottom of the garden is a flowerbed, long overgrown, where her murdered husband rests in peace – or so she always thought. Then the girls arrived.

Lily and Violet, her adolescent nieces, are recently orphaned and in urgent need of care. Raising teenagers is certainly not what Clara had envisioned for herself, but they come with a hefty sum attached.

There is only one problem – both girls are untrained witches. Lily can literally see how people feel. And young Violet can see the dead man wandering at the bottom of the garden. In fact, she can see all the dead and call them back.

Soon, Clara finds herself surrounded by apparitions – and two girls who know far more about her dark past than they should. A war is waging in this house, and only one side can win ...

Perfect for fans of Catriona Ward and C.J. Cooke

Camilla Bruce is the Norwegian author of *You Let Me In* and *All The Blood We Share*

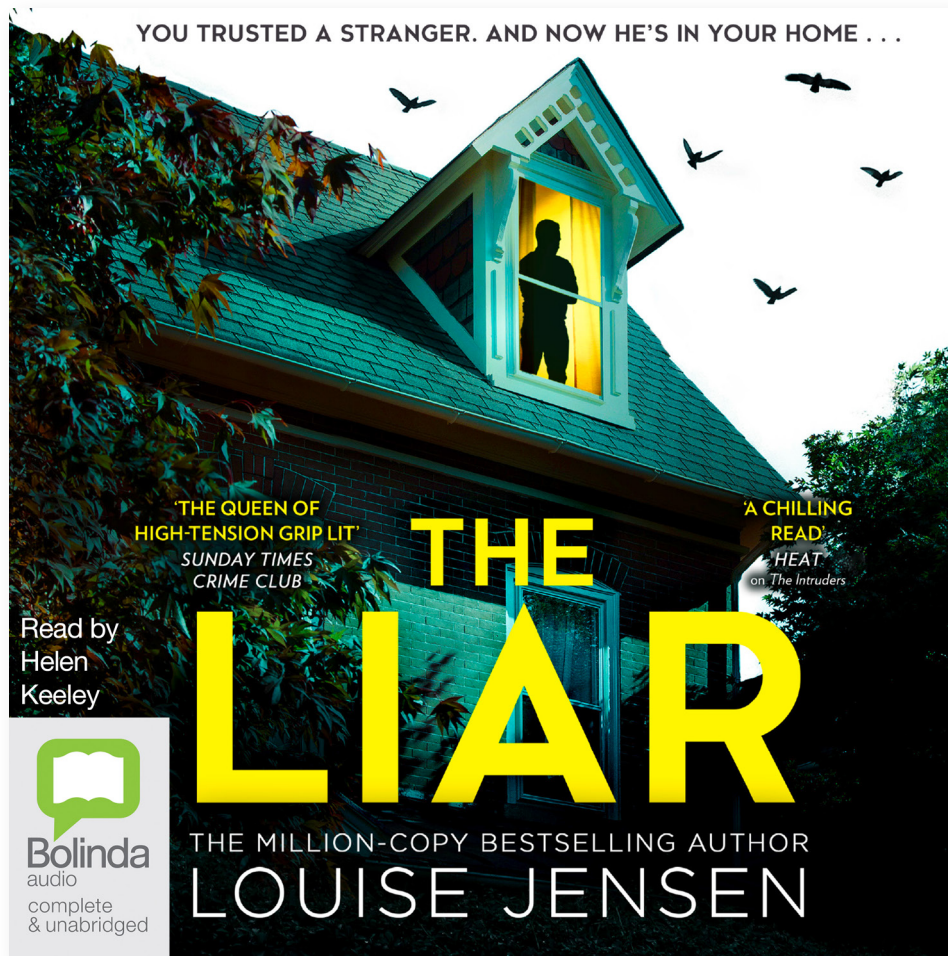
She has a master's degree in comparative literature, and has co-run a small press that published dark fairy tales

'All the elegance and all the venom, like one of E. Nesbit's supernatural stories served with a side of arsenic.' – Grady Hendrix, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Final Girls Support Group*

The Liar

Louise Jensen

Read by Helen Keeley



An addictive new psychological crime thriller from the bestselling author of *The Fall* and *The Intruders*.

The Abbotts' new lodger Luke hasn't told them much about himself, but they can't expect to know everything about a stranger who's just moved in.

Only Luke keeps asking about their family photos, and snooping through their things. Why does he want to know everything about them?

Then, suddenly, mum Mel texts the family to say she needs a break. But Mel has never gone away on her own before. And now it's been days and no one can get hold of her. While daughters Jen and Amy frantically try to find their mum they're alone with Luke. They're scared, and they should be.

The Abbotts' house is full of secrets and someone is prepared to go to horrifying lengths to protect them.

They say people never tell the whole truth. They're right.

Louise Jensen has sold over a million copies of her #1 internationally bestselling psychological thrillers *The Sister*, *The Gift*, *The Surrogate*, *The Date*, *The Family*, *The Stolen Sisters*, *All for You* and *The Fall*

Jensen's novels have also been translated into twenty-five languages, as well as featuring on the *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* bestseller lists

'Creepy, compelling and utterly convincing, this is Jensen at her very best. Not for the faint-hearted, this is fast-paced, terrifying and absolutely brilliant.' – My Weekly (on *The Intruders*)

We Who Are Forged in Fire

Hollow #2

Kate Murray

Read by Grace Laing

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | May 2025



An electrifying urban fantasy about a family of women warriors, and a girl who will risk everything to save them – the thrilling sequel to *We Who Hunt the Hollow*.

A bold move in a deadly game.

Priscilla Daalman is training to be a Hollow Warrior – an elite monster hunter charged with killing evil beasts from another universe. But first, she has to deal with the Renegades, a rebellious group of outcasts who are unleashing deadly beasts across the globe.

Under attack by both Renegades and Hollow monsters, Priscilla decides the best way to fight is from within – so she becomes a spy in the Renegades' base. But her bold plan doesn't account for her duplicitous ex-boyfriend, Dominic; a Renegade leader who will sacrifice everything to get what he wants ...

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

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

We Who Are Forged in Fire, has been shortlisted for the British Science Fiction Association Awards (Best Fiction For Younger Readers)

'A wholesome, angst-y YA dystopian urban fantasy about who we are and who we want to be. The world-building is rich and interesting, the characters are fully-fleshed, Priscilla's character development is spot-on, and the plot was not without its tear-inducing moments.' – The AU Review.com (on *We Who Hunt the Hollow*)

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Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | May 2025

Overspill

Charlotte Paradise

Read by Victoria Morrison



Tender, brutal, devastating, *Overspill* is the debut from incredible new literary talent, Charlotte Paradise.

Sara is 25. She has never used a tampon without having a panic attack.

She starts dating Miles. For three months, they don't touch. Miles respects her boundaries, though he longs for them to melt away. Sara desires Miles, but she knows her body, or rather she knows it is an unknowable thing.

Sara wants to be in love, to find a person who allows her to be herself. Someone who is happy with everything she is and everything she isn't. Miles hopes he won't hurt her.

But how do you navigate a relationship for which there is no blueprint? How do you love someone when your body is not your own, and how do you reclaim it?

Overspill is a luminous, shattering debut about love, trauma and self-acceptance, perfect for fans of Sally Rooney and Coco Mellors

Charlotte Paradise is a disabled author and screenwriter with an MA in Writing for Stage and Broadcast Media from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama

Paradise's short films have been selected, nominated and won awards at film festivals, including internationally

'With fluid prose reminiscent of both Jessica Andrews' watercolour-esque writing and Coco Mellors' sculpted syntax, Paradise has created something remarkable.' – Jessie Elland, author of *The Ladies Upstairs*

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Beautiful Ugly

Alice Feeney

Read by Tuppence Middleton &
Richard Armitage

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025

The million-copy bestselling author of *His and Hers*, Alice Feeney, returns with a gripping and deliciously dark thriller about marriage ... and revenge.

Wives think their husbands will change, but they don't. Husbands think their wives won't change, but they do.

Author Grady Green is having the worst best day of his life.

Grady calls his wife as she's driving home to share some exciting news. He hears Abby slam on the brakes, get out of the car, then nothing. When he eventually finds her car by a cliff edge, the headlights are on, the driver door is open, her phone is still there ... but his wife has disappeared.

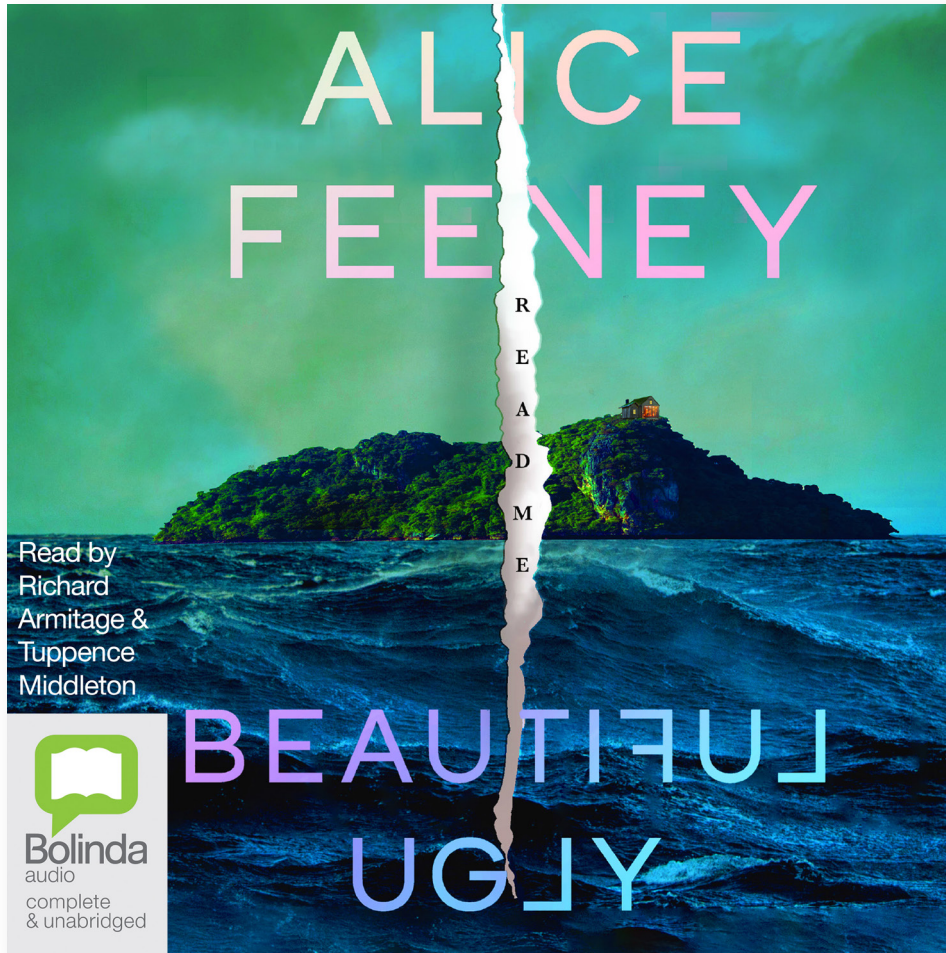
A year later, Grady is still overcome with grief and desperate to know what happened to Abby. He can't sleep, and he can't write, so he travels to a tiny Scottish island to try to get his life back on track. Then he sees the impossible – a woman who looks exactly like his missing wife ...

Alice Feeney is a *New York Times* million-copy bestselling author. Her books have been translated into over 30 languages, and have been optioned for major screen adaptations

Feeney's title *Rock Paper Scissors* is being made into a TV series by the producer of *The Crown*

Feeney was a BBC journalist for 15 years

'Beautiful Ugly is an atmospheric gem of a thriller, weaving an unpredictable and clever plot that will keep you guessing until the very end. Brilliant and chilling, with an inspired setting, characters that jump off the page and twists to give you whiplash. I loved every word.' – Claire Douglas, bestselling author of *Just Like the Other Girls*



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A Darkness at the End

Dubh Linn #3

Ruth Frances Long

Read by Heather O'Sullivan

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | May 2025

The final instalment in the contemporary fantasy trilogy set in Dublin – and Dubh Linn, the fae world that exists in the cracks and corners of reality.

Heaven's war has come to earth ...

Broken and confused, sixteen-year-old Izzy's world is falling apart. Though people remind her of her responsibilities as a Grigori – keeping the balance between humans and fae, angels and demons – there are such gaps in her memory ... All she knows for sure is that Jinx, the fae warrior she loved, is dead.

But now the crows are gathering on black wings and Izzy knows that a darkness is coming. She and her friends must stand against it, even though heaven, hell, the armies of the Sídhe and mankind all stand against them.

How far will Izzy go to turn back the tide?

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

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

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

'The story is full of atmosphere, rich with legend and history, and full of excellently drawn characters.' – Parents In Touch

'The trilogy is an unrelenting tense and brilliant fantasy, with fraught family relationships and eccentric and memorable beings ... an absolute tour de force.' – Irish Examiner



Read by
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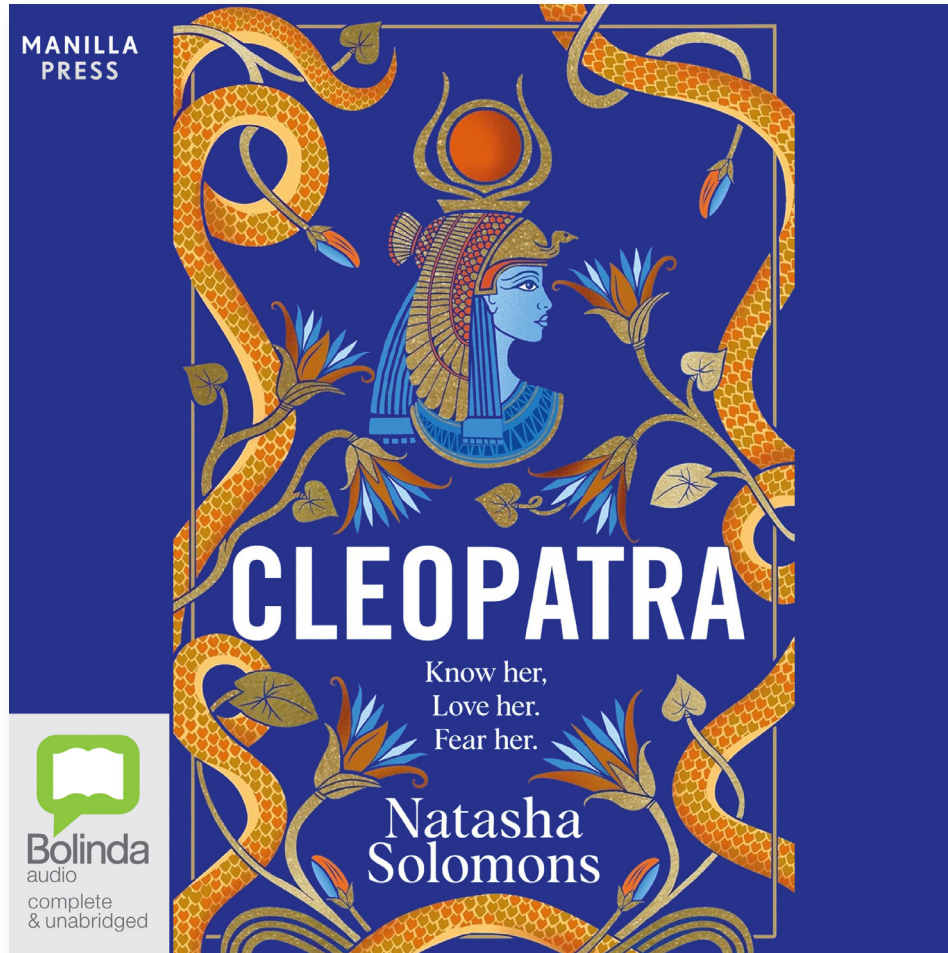
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Cleopatra

Natasha Solomons

Narrator to Come



Told from the perspectives of both Cleopatra and Caesar’s mistress Servilia, *Cleopatra* is a powerful, unmissable new retelling, drawing out the real woman behind the great legend.

Cleopatra, Egyptian Princess, grows up the favoured daughter of the Pharaoh, hiding amongst the scrolls in the great library of Alexandria with her beloved slave Charmian, longing for the chance one day to write her own story.

Then when her father dies, willing that Cleopatra rule with her selfish brother Ptolemy, danger stirs. As the young Egyptian Queen sails the Nile to greet her people, he plots to destroy her and take the throne for himself.

But while Ptolemy has the power of Egypt behind him, Cleopatra has her wits. And when the great Caesar arrives from Rome, she realises he could be the key to her salvation – though courting this powerful man could cost her everything.

Can Cleopatra save her life, her throne and her beloved Egypt and finally write her own history?

Natasha Solomons is the author of seven internationally bestselling novels, including *Mr Rosenblum’s List*, *The Novel in the Viola*, which was chosen for the Richard & Judy Book Club, and *I, Mona Lisa*

Solomons’s work has been translated into 17 languages

Her titles have been nominated for several major awards, including the British Book Awards and the Galaxy National Book Awards

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May new releases 2025

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10 Lessons from Therapy on Healing, Finding Calm and Creating Lasting Inner Peace

Dr Clodagh Campbell

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | May 2025



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Give yourself the gifts of calm, self-confidence, acceptance and deep inner healing with this beautiful audiobook by one of Ireland's leading psychologists Dr Clodagh Campbell.

Psychologist Clodagh Campbell knows how it feels to be lost, anxious, and overwhelmed – because she's been there too. If you often feel disconnected, exhausted or trapped in a cycle of self-doubt, you're not alone. In this transformative ten-step guide, Campbell offers you the tools to have honest, healing conversations with yourself and begin addressing the past experiences that hold you back.

Campbell shares practical techniques, real-world examples and scientifically proven strategies to help you cope with the challenges of modern life. You'll learn how to calm the chaos of your mind, understand your inner child and strengthen your self-worth, while gaining a deeper insight into your internal world.

Since gaining her doctorate from Trinity College Dublin, Dr Clodagh Campbell has become one of Ireland's leading psychologists and wellness experts

Campbell strives to create awareness around our inner belief systems and the impact they can have on our lives

She is the creator of the *Unspoken* podcast, which highlights experiences that are all too common but rarely discussed

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I Am, I Can, I Will

Silence Your Inner Critic, Wake Up Your Inner Coach,
Reclaim Your Confidence and Power

Gerry Hussey

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | May 2025

By following the plan set out in *I Am, I Can, I Will*, you will develop the skills to be your own coach and claim the life you were meant to live.

In my own life, the greatest gift I have given myself is an inner voice that empowers me, that magnifies solutions and opportunities, that is full of self-compassion and forgiveness.

Do you have a dream that is still waiting to be manifested? Is there a challenge you want to overcome? Is there something from your past you want to let go of? The foundation for making all these things happen is transforming your inner voice.

Our self-talk plays a significant role in what we manifest in our lives because our thoughts and beliefs shape our reality. Through his work coaching elite athletes, Gerry Hussey knows how to create a winning mindset. Here, he shares his most powerful tools of transformation.

By learning how to cultivate the habit of running a consistently positive inner story, you will begin to take your energy away from the story of pain and fear and focus on a new story of confidence, empowerment and freedom.

Gerry Hussey is a number 1 bestselling author, speaker, executive coach and facilitator in the field of corporate leadership

Hussey's other titles include *The Freedom Within* and the bestseller *Awaken Your Power Within*

Hussey is the co-founder of Soul Space, an empowering movement that focuses on integrative mind, body and soul programs, speaking engagements and events

'This book is perfect way to delve deeper into who we are and how to get the best out of ourselves... this book has the practical element that makes you go that step further to fulfillment.' – RTÉ (on *Awaken Your Power Within*)

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May new releases 2025

A Dance for the King

Buckingham Hotel #7

Anton Du Beke

Read by Thomas Judd

Adult New Release

Sagas | May 2025

You're invited to a show to remember at the prestigious Buckingham Hotel. The brand-new spellbinding historical drama from the star of *Strictly Come Dancing*.

London, 1942. The war is far from over for soldier Raymond de Guise. His wife, Nancy, is overjoyed to be reunited with her husband, and to introduce him to their son. But their safety is threatened once more as Raymond returns to the ballroom at the Buckingham Hotel, ordered to discover the dark secrets held by the glittering high society.

On the dance floor Raymond uncovers a dangerous relationship that could not only change the course of the war, but also threaten his marriage. Can he protect his King and his family before it is too late?

Anton Du Beke is one of the most instantly recognisable TV personalities today, best known for his role on the BBC's *Strictly Come Dancing*, on which he has featured since its inception in 2004

Du Beke is now captivating fans as he whisks them away to worlds of dance, intrigue, high society and scandal ... bringing the golden age of dance to life

Du Beke is the author of *We'll Meet Again*, *Moonlight Over Mayfair*, *One Enchanted Evening*, and *A Christmas to Remember*

'Enjoy music, rhythm and some of the author's trademark fancy footwork in this captivating story. A time-travelling dance of delights!' – Lancashire Post

'Fans of The Crown will adore this wonderful world of glamour, love and drama.'
– Santa Montefiore, bestselling author of *Here and Now* (on *The Royal Show*)



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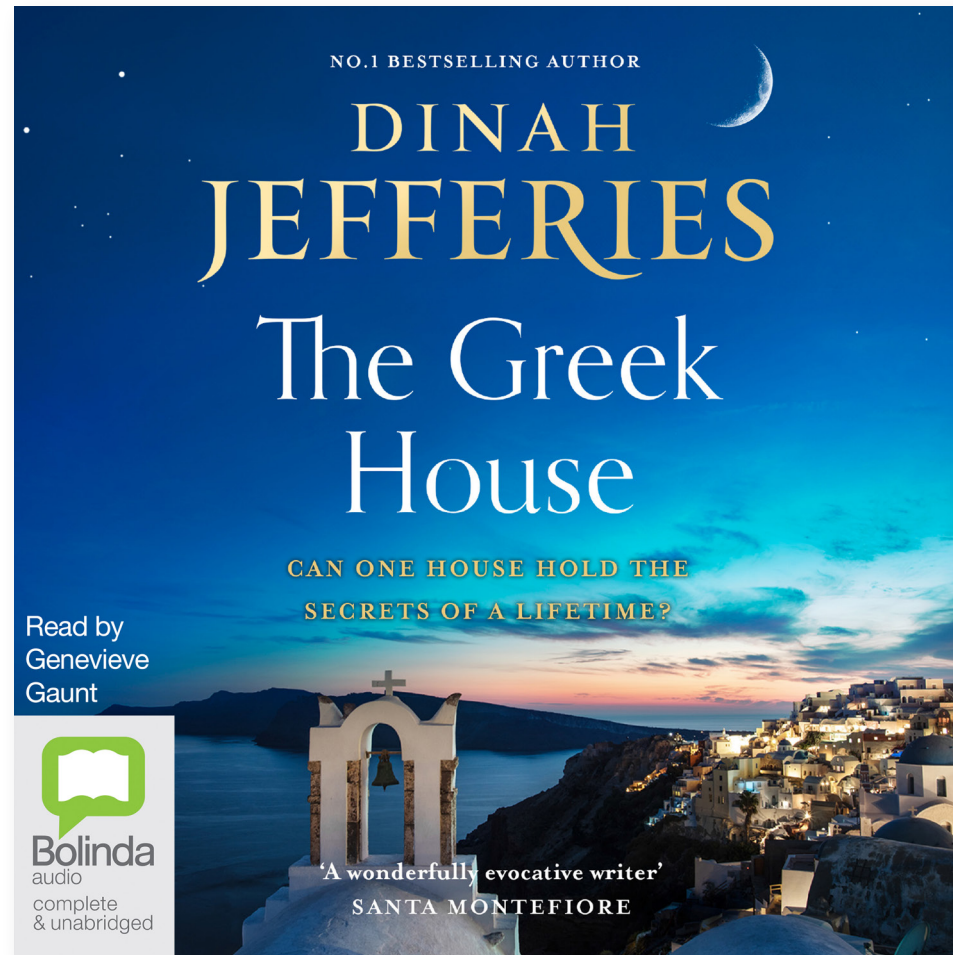
Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | May 2025

The Greek House

Dinah Jefferies

Read by Genevieve Gaunt



Escape to Corfu with the emotional, gripping story from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Dinah Jefferies.

Corfu, 1934.

The moment Thirza Caruthers sets foot on Corfu, memories flood back: the scent of jasmine, the green shutters of her family's home – and her brother Billy's tragic disappearance years before.

Returning to the Greek house, high above clear blue waters, Thirza tries to escape by immersing herself in painting – and a passionate affair.

But as webs of love, envy and betrayal tighten around the family, buried secrets surface. Is it finally time to uncover the truth about Billy's vanishing?

Dinah Jefferies began her career with *The Separation*, followed by the #1 *Sunday Times* and Richard and Judy bestseller, *The Tea-Planter's Wife*

Jefferies's titles have been published in 29 languages in over 30 countries

Jefferies's book *Night Train to Marrakech* was a *Sunday Times* bestseller

'A wonderfully evocative and sensual writer.' – Santa Montefiore, bestselling author of *The Temptation of Gracie* and the Deverill series

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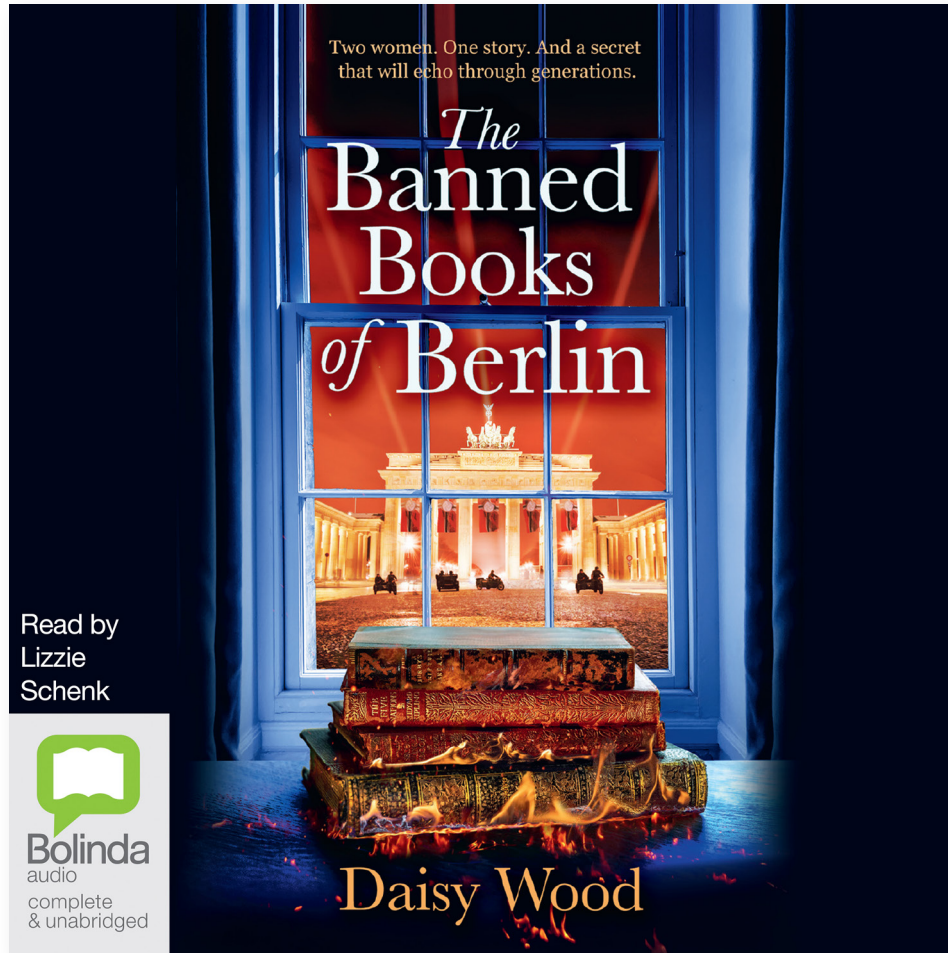
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The Banned Books of Berlin

Daisy Wood

Read by Lizzie Schenk



Another unforgettable story, tying together past and present, from the bestselling author of *The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris* and *The Royal Librarian*.

Berlin, 1933. The night skies are burning bright with huge bonfires of banned books. The Nazi party is swelling in number, Berlin is no longer a safe place for young Freya.

She can only watch on, horrified, as her beloved city falls to fascism – and the usually law-abiding Freya is forced to make a choice: continue being a bystander, or sacrifice herself to save the lives of others ...

New York, present day. Maddie commutes home to her family to reset. Struggling to fully turn off from her work, she's shocked to come across a pre-war German diary amongst her Grandpa's things. And when she starts to dig into the diary, Maddie's shocked by what she finds.

And so begins a journey that will take Maddie beyond America as she searches for the truth about Freya, and how she changed people's lives across the globe ...

Daisy Wood is the author of *The Royal Librarian*, *The Clockmaker's Wife*, and *The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris*

She has written several books for childrens and young adults under the pen name Jennie Walterst

'An unforgettable wartime debut.' – Mandy Robotham, internationally bestselling author of *The Berlin Girl* (on *The Clockmaker's Wife*)

'With its breathtaking evocation of wartime London, moving exploration of the importance of family, and a large helping of mystery, intrigue and race-against-time suspense ... a captivating debut.' – Lancashire Post (on *The Clockmaker's Wife*)

The Favourite Child

A Salford Saga #2

Freda Lightfoot

Read by Victoria Brazier

Adult New Release

Sagas | May 2025



A bewitching tale of drama, jealousy and the fight for women's rights, from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Freda Lightfoot.

Where there's daring, there's danger ...

Isabella Ashton has always been her father's favourite, but when she gets involved with the new Birth Control Movement, he is scandalised. A decade has elapsed since the end of the Great War and running a family planning clinic in Salford is challenging but rewarding work.

Bella is grateful for the help of Violet Howarth, a generous-hearted woman who takes her in off the street. Before long, a friendship with Violet's son, Dan, blossoms into the beginnings of love.

But Bella also crosses paths with handsome ne'er-do-well Billy Quinn, leader of an illegal betting ring, and everything she has worked for is suddenly put at risk.

Perfect for fans of Dilly Court and Nadine Dorries

Freda Lightfoot has penned nearly 50 novels, the most of which are historical fiction and sagas. 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, a smallholder and began her writing career publishing short stories and articles before finding her vocation as a novelist

'Compelling and fascinating.' – Middlesborough Evening Gazette

'A heart wrenching family story that keeps you turning the pages as the drama unfolds.'
– Scunthorpe Evening Telegraph

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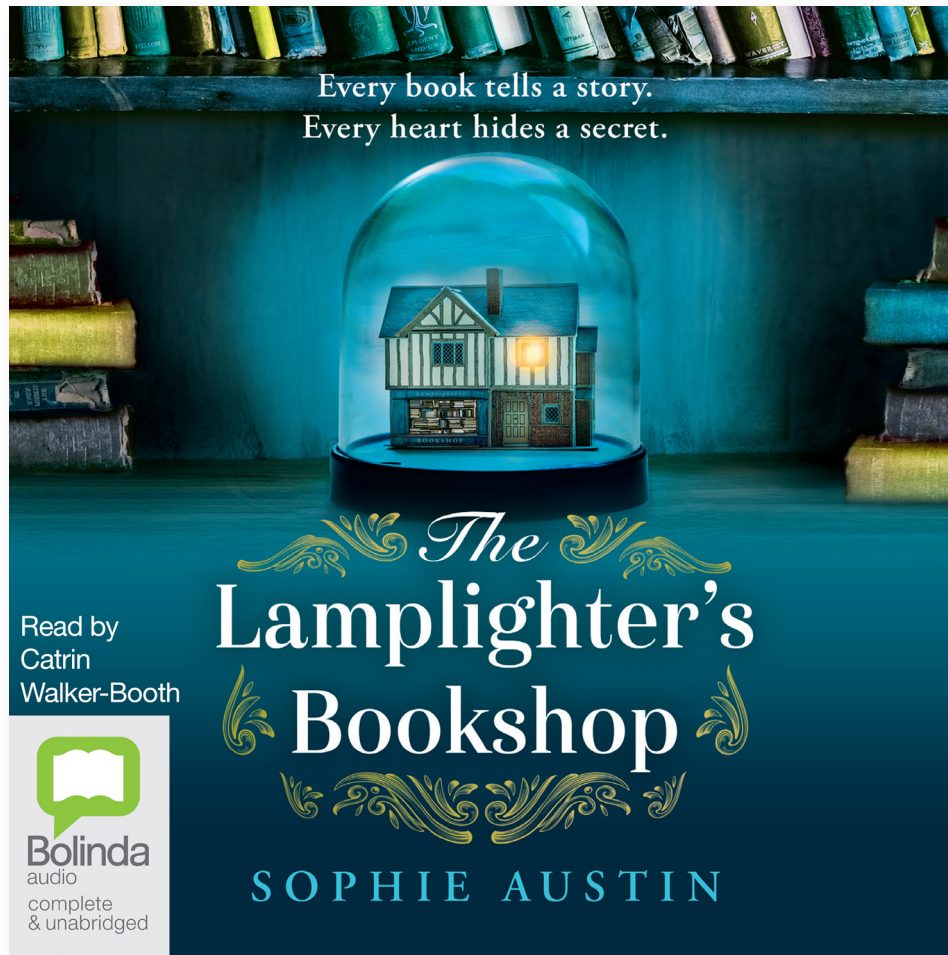
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The Lamplighter's Bookshop

Sophie Austin

Read by Catrin Walker-Booth



The Lost Bookshop meets *The Lost Apothecary* in a beguiling story full of rivalry, redemption and love set under the darkening skies of York in 1899.

In the shadowy aisles of the Lamplighter's Bookshop, secrets lie as thick as the dust ...

When Evelyn Seaton answers an advertisement for an assistant at a forgotten bookshop in York, she is not the only one with something to hide.

There she meets the enigmatic and prickly William Morton, an aspiring writer keeping secrets of his own. But when the walls of Evelyn's carefully built defences start to crumble, there is only one person she can turn to.

As the layers are brushed away, can Evelyn and William find the courage to write the next chapter of their story?

Sophie Austin moved to Sweden in 2017 to focus on her novel writing and gain her Master's in Transnational Creative Writing at Stockholm University

Now, Austin works as a Creative Writer for *Minecraft*, the bestselling video game of all time

'An impressive debut, full of intrigue and heart. Historical fiction and romance readers will love Eleanor and William's story of fate and fiction, all wrapped around the nooks and crannies of a mysterious old bookshop in late nineteenth-century York.' – Hazel Gaynor, NYT bestselling author of *The Last Lifeboat*

'Beautifully atmospheric, romantic, and magical. Perfect reading for all book lovers. I adored it.' – Alex Brown, #1 bestselling author of *Wish You Were Here*

The Midnight Secret

Wild Isle #4

Karen Swan

Read by Samara MacLaren

Adult New Release

Romance | May 2025



The mystery of St Kilda's residents are all revealed in *The Midnight Secret*, the fourth and final instalment in Karen Swan's bestselling Wild Isles series.

If there's one thing Jayne Ferguson has learnt in her life, it's that every blessing comes with a curse. She married the most handsome man on the isle of St Kilda – but he's a bully. She inherited her mother's gift of second sight – but only ever foresees her fellow islanders' deaths. She has learnt to keep to herself, treading in the shadows and shirking the highs for fear of the lows.

When a needless death strikes at the heart of her home, Jayne's bad marriage becomes worse and she finds solace with an unlikely friend. Glimmers of happiness tantalise her, though there's no possibility for anything more, especially once word comes of St Kilda's evacuation.

But as the day draws near, tensions on the island rise. Secrets are being forced to the surface, passions and enmities erupting with equal violence. A man is killed, as Jayne knew he would be, and her closest friends Effie, Mhairi and Flora are each implicated.

On the mainland, the villagers scatter into new lives, hoping distance means refuge. But then Jayne has another of her dreams and she knows the past isn't done with them yet.

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

Swan is the author of *The Spanish Promise*, *The Hidden Beach*, *The Secret Path*, *Christmas at Tiffany's*, *The Christmas Secret* and *Together by Christmas*

'A gripping new series set on the Scottish island of St Kilda ... meticulously researched and beautifully told by one of our most prolific and talented writers.' – Santa Montefiore, bestselling author of *Here and Now*

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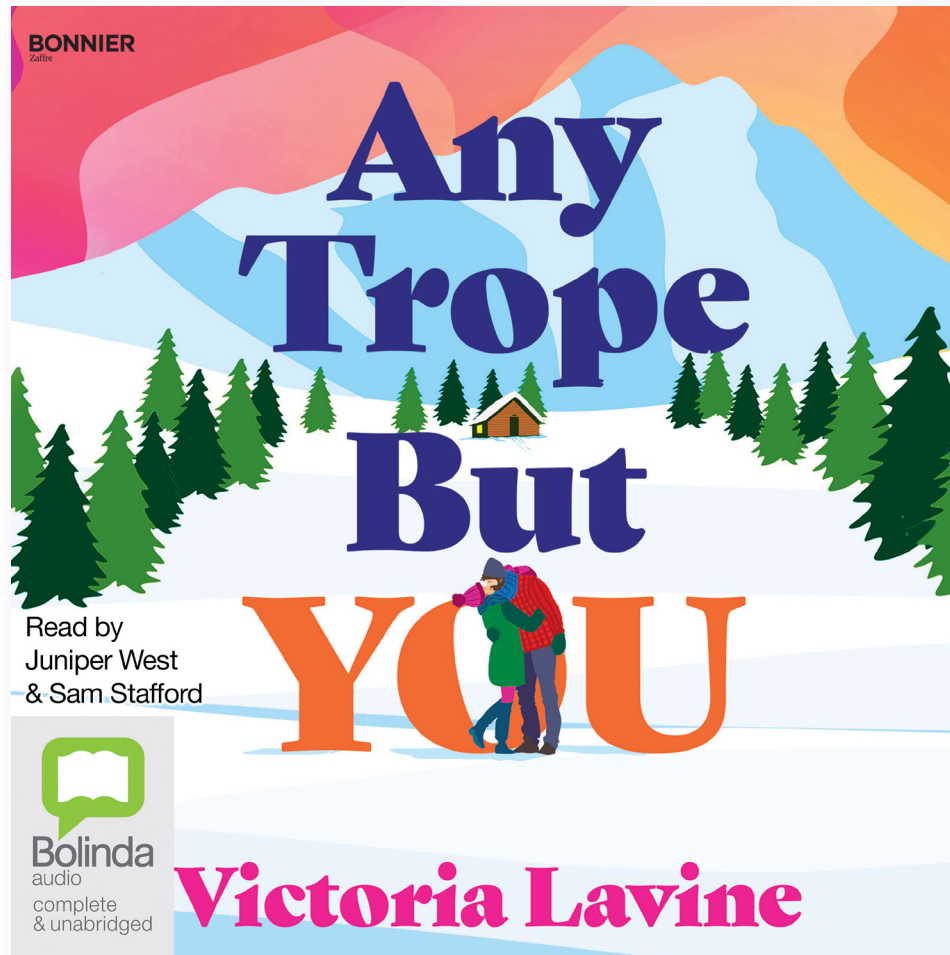
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Any Trope but You

Victoria Lavine

Read by Juniper West & Sam Stafford



A romance author flees to Alaska to reinvent herself but the rugged resort proprietor soon has her fearing she's living in a rom-com plot instead.

Popular romance author Margot Bradley has a secret – she doesn't believe in Happily Ever Afters. Not for herself, not for her readers, not even for her characters. When a super-fan leaks this to the world, Margot is dropped faster than you can say 'enemies-to-lovers'.

Her sister thinks she needs a change of scene and sends Margot off to a remote Alaskan cabin on a writing retreat that could be the perfect chance to say goodbye to romcoms and write something new – maybe swap meet-cutes for murder mysteries? But then she meets the handsome owner, Forrest.

She's a city girl; he's a lumberjack – of course he is.

He's grumpy – wait, is she sunshine? Oh no.

At least there's no forced proximity.

But that snowstorm is heading straight for their cabin ...

As one trope after another draws them together over long snowy nights, one thing is clear – Margot and Forrest have landed in a romance novel of their very own. But will they each be able to overcome their fears, or risk becoming another of Margot's Happily Never Afters themselves ...

Victoria Lavine's love of romance novels started in school with a crate of old bodice rippers and a wink from her local librarian

'Any Trope but You is truly a breath of fresh air. Touching, heartfelt and swoon-worthy with crackling banter and mastery of romantic and comedic timing, Victoria Lavine tells a story of love, failure, longing, and family against a snowy, cozy landscape.' – Peyton Corinne, author of *Unsteady*

Love off Script

Laura Starkey

Read by Lesley Harcourt



The new must-listen enemies to lovers, workplace romantic comedy by the author of *The Spare Room*.

She's just a script consultant, standing in front of a director, asking him to step back and let the real expert here do their job...

Jess should have known better than to fall for the English department's silver fox, but now she's left picking up the pieces after catching him cheating with a student and stealing the credit for her research paper. Desperate for a fresh start, she accepts a job as a script consultant on a new TV adaptation of the Regency novel, *Anne of Arden* – and no one knows Georgiana Scott's work better than she does.

Swapping the world of academia for the glamour of TV is supposed to be her big comeback. But standing in her way is Nathan Lambert, a famous director on a mission to sabotage his unfaithful ex-wife's latest work project.

As the two knock heads over every detail of the script, sparks fly, tempers flare and their unexpected chemistry is anything but scripted. In a world where the lines between reality and fiction blur, can Jess and Nathan rewrite their own happy ending?

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

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

Starkey's *The Spare Room* has reached #7 in the Kindle Top 100, #1 simultaneously in the three sub-categories Romantic Comedy (Kindle Store), Contemporary and New Adult Romance (Books), and spent four weeks in the Kindle Top 20

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

An absolutely gorgeous story – I now have a massive book hangover. I loved it.
– Jules Wake, author of *The Spark* (on *The Spare Room*)

The Seven O'Clock Club

Amelia Ireland

Read by Full Cast



Four strangers are brought together to participate in an experimental treatment designed to heal broken hearts in this surprising and heartfelt debut from author Amelia Ireland.

At seven o'clock one Tuesday evening, in a perfectly ordinary tower block near Westminster, four strangers meet for the first time. They each have three things in common: all suffered a traumatic experience six months earlier; all exhibit a dogged inability to put it behind them; and all accepted an invitation to attend tonight's counselling session with the unconventional Genevieve – a determined woman with an unusual theory to test.

But this isn't a story about psychotherapy or self-forgiveness. Because there is another reason these four people have been brought together. And when that perfectly ordinary tower block near Westminster turns out to be not quite so ordinary, all five are forced to make some unexpected – and, for some, impossible – decisions ...

A story about friendship, strength and love, *The Seven O'Clock Club* is a reminder that life can give you hope. Even in the darkest of spaces.

Amelia Ireland wrote *The Seven O'Clock Club* in memory of her mother, who died shortly after being diagnosed with early onset dementia

The Seven O'Clock Club is Ireland's first novel

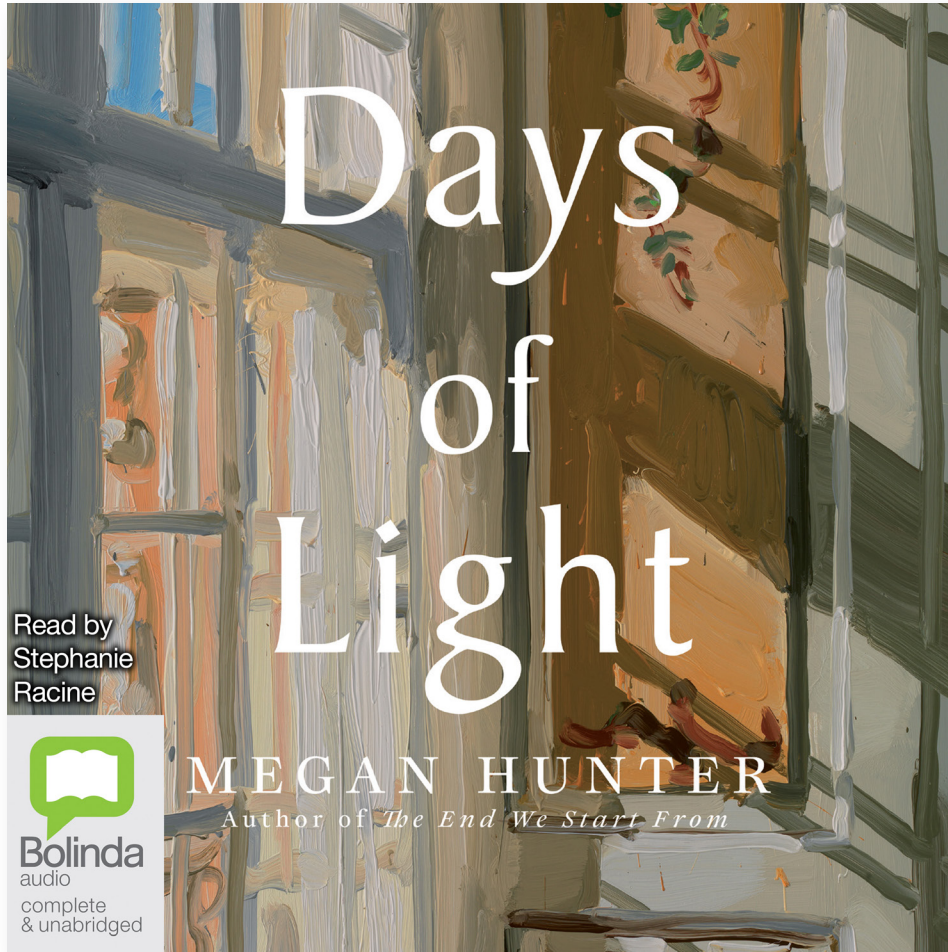
'Finished in one sitting. Had no idea where it was going but knew there was something lurking. Incredible twist. Ends with a final lap of the ride when you think it is all over ... I will be recommending this to friends.' – Ericka Waller, author of *Dog Days*

'A surprising and glorious debut novel. Ireland has created a world where broken hearts are mended and grief can only be released in mutual understanding.' – Adriana Trigiani, bestselling author of *The Good Left Undone*

Days of Light

Megan Hunter

Read by Stephanie Racine



From the author of *The End We Start From* – now a major film starring Jodie Comer – comes *Days of Light*, a sweeping, gorgeous story for fans of *Mothering Sunday* and *The Hours*.

Easter Sunday, 1938. Ivy is 19 and ready for her life to finally begin. In the idyllic Sussex countryside, her sprawling, bohemian family and their friends gather for lunch, awaiting the arrival of a longed-for guest.

It is a single, enchanted afternoon that ends in tragedy.

Days later, at a funeral, Ivy is kissed by the man she will marry, and grieves with the woman who will become the love of her life. And this is only the beginning ...

Chronicling six pivotal days across six decades, *Days of Light* moves through the Second World War and the 20th century on a radiant journey through a life lived in pursuit of love and in search of an answer.

Megan Hunter is the author of *The End We Start From*, which won the Forward Reviews Editor's Choice Award, and *The Harpy*, which was Indie Book of the Month

The End We Start From was shortlisted for Novel of the Year at the Books Are My Bag Awards, longlisted for the Aspen Words Prize and was a Barnes and Noble Discover Awards finalist

Hunter's other writing has appeared in the *White Review*, the *TLS*, *Literary Hub*, *Vogue*, *Elle*, *BOMB* and other publications

'Think One Day written by (and starring) Virginia Woolf ... lyrical and captivating.' – The Observer

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Seconds Away

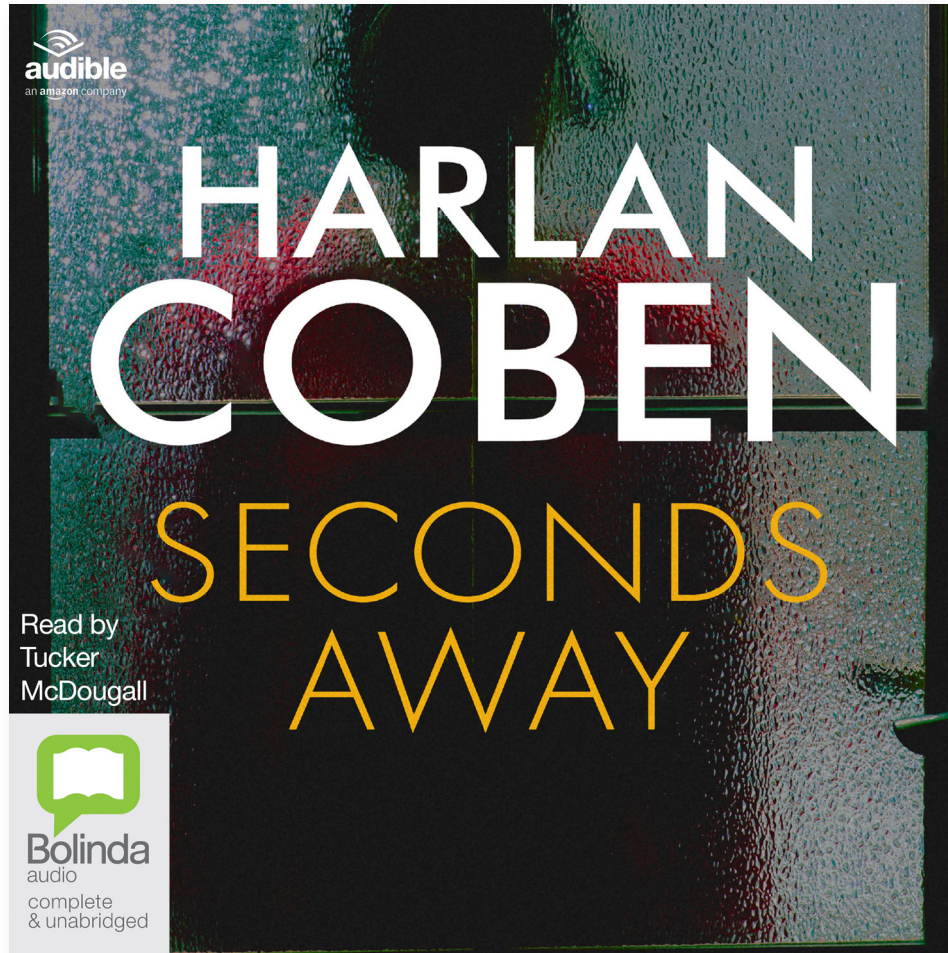
Mickey Bolitar #2

Harlan Coben

Read by Tucker McDougall

Young Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025



The second instalment in the fantastic, action-packed Mickey Bolitar series from the master of the hook-and-twist, *New York Times* bestselling author Harlan Coben.

When tragedy strikes close to home, teenager Mickey Bolitar and his loyal new friends – sharp-witted Ema and the ever-charming Spoon – find themselves at the centre of a murder investigation involving their friend Rachel. Now, not only does Mickey have to continue his quest to uncover the truth about the mysterious death of his father, he also needs to figure out what happened to Rachel – no matter what it takes.

Mickey has always been ready to sacrifice everything to help the people he loves. But how can he protect them when he's not even sure who – or what – he's protecting them from?

Harlan Coben is the #1 *New York Times* author of 35 novels including *Win*, *The Boy From the Woods*, *Run Away*, *Fool Me Once*, *Tell No One*, and the renowned Myron Bolitar series

Coben's books are published in 46 languages around the globe

Coben is the creator and executive producer of several Netflix television dramas including *Fool Me Once*, *Stay Close*, *The Stranger*, *Safe*, *The Five*, *The Innocent* and *The Woods*

'An involving thriller that moves like lightning.' – Kirkus Reviews

'As intense and exciting as Shelter, with mysteries about the main characters unravelling along with the story.' – The Bookbag

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The Glass Room

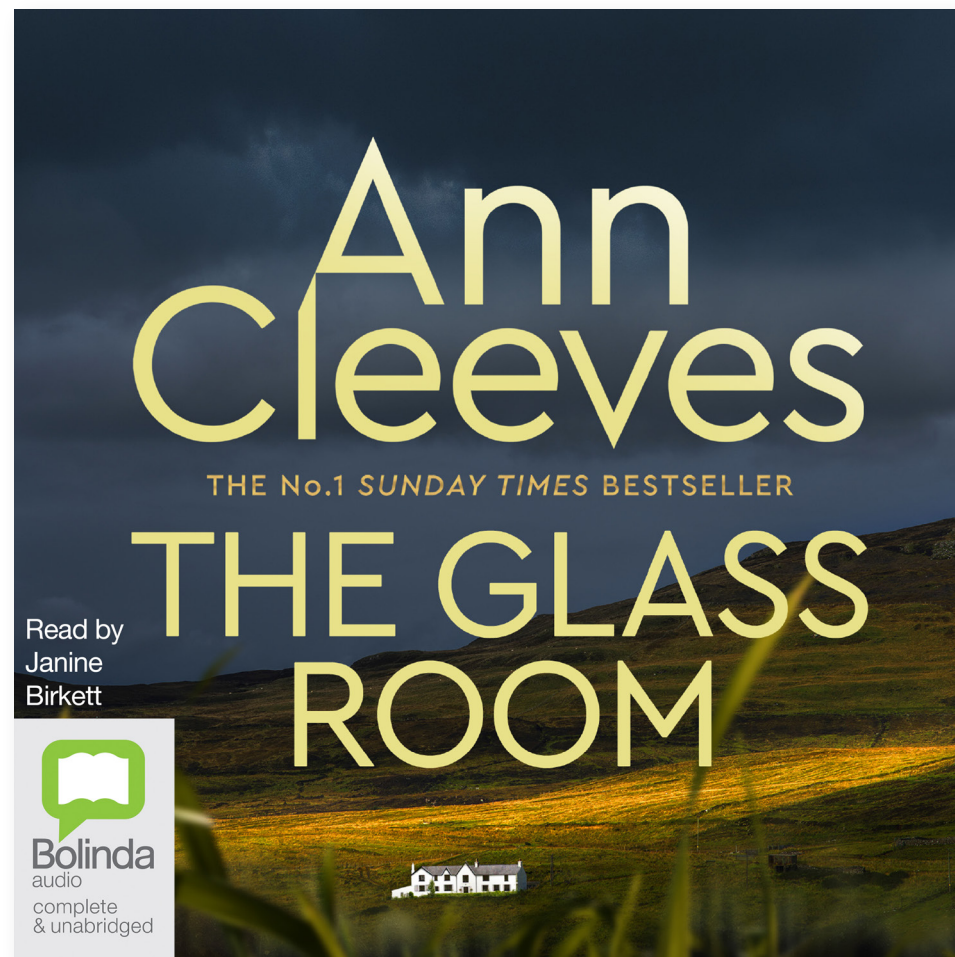
Vera Stanhope #5

Ann Cleeves

Read by Janine Birkett

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | May 2025



The Glass Room is the fifth instalment in Ann Cleeves's Vera Stanhope series – which is now a major ITV drama starring Brenda Blethyn.

Sometimes crime strikes too close to home ...

DI Vera Stanhope is not one to make friends easily, but her neighbours keep her well-supplied in homebrew and conversation. But when one of them goes missing, her path leads her to more than a missing friend ...

Vera tracks the young woman down to the Writer's House, a country retreat for aspiring authors. Things get complicated when a body is discovered and Vera's neighbour is found with a knife in her hand. Calling in the team, Vera knows that she should hand the case over. She's too close to the main suspect. But the investigation is too tempting and she's never been one to follow the rules. Vera must find a killer who has taken murder off the page and is making it real ...

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

Cleeves is the multi-million copy bestselling author behind three hit television series – *Shetland*, starring Douglas Henshall, *Vera*, starring Academy Award Nominee Brenda Blethyn, and *The Long Call*, starring Ben Aldridge – all of which are internationally watched and loved

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

'Ann Cleeves is a skilful technician, keeping our interest alive and building slowly up to the denouement. Her easy use of language and clever story construction make her one of the best natural writers of detective fiction.' – Sunday Express

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Frederica in Fashion

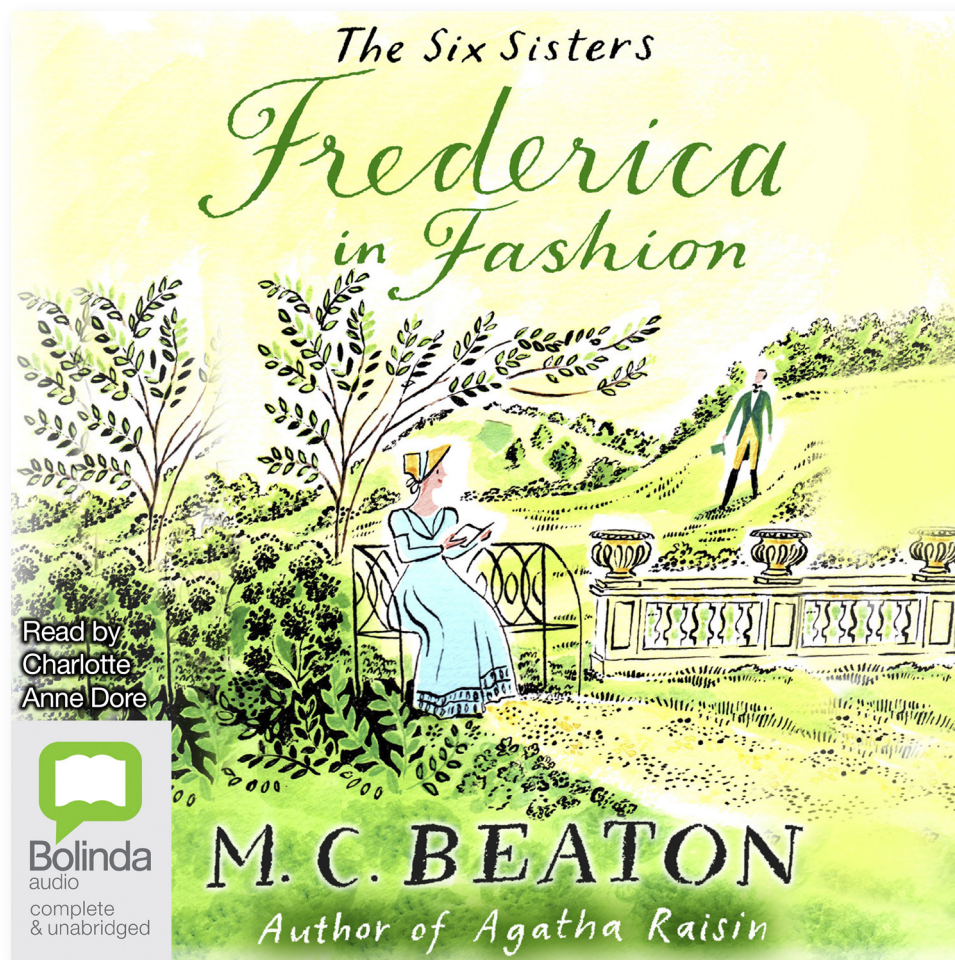
The Six Sisters #6

M.C. Beaton

Read by the Charlotte Anne Dore

Adult New Release

Romance | May 2025



The last unwed sister unites the Armitage clan in a husband quest in this amusing Regency series from *New York Times* bestselling author, M.C. Beaton.

Since there is no hope of my securing an eligible partner, due to sad lack of looks, I am running away...

So wrote the sixth of the famous Armitage sisters. For how could colourless Frederica withstand a season's scrutiny after the five beauties before her had married so magnificently? Disguised as a chambermaid, Freddie found her way into the household of the fashionable Duke of Pembury. That wild gentleman was soon on to her tricks and found himself escorting the lady to London.

Once on the marriage mart, the five sisters preened and primed the youngest until Freddie could not recognise herself. They did not seem to notice that a certain gentleman's attention had Freddie blooming, and that perhaps Freddie was not fated to be plain – or unmarried – after all...

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 Sky, starring Ashley Jensen

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

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

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

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May new releases 2025

A Heart Full of Hatred

Skulduggery Pleasant #17

Derek Landy

Read by Kevin Hely

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025

The bone-shaking adventure continues in the latest adventure in the bestselling Skulduggery Pleasant series.

A killer is stalking and murdering sorcerers, and Valkyrie Cain is next on his list.

While hunting down a cult of magical terrorists intent on taking their revenge on the mortal world, Skulduggery and Valkyrie are drawn into a murder investigation with unsettling similarities to a case they just closed – the case that nearly took the lives of both Valkyrie's sister and girlfriend.

With the body count rising, a special night approaches – a night where the elite of sorcerer society will gather on a remote island to witness a ceremony that could change that society forever.

Speeches will be made, champagne will be sipped, and two things will become terribly, distressingly clear ...

No one is safe. And not everyone will make it out alive.

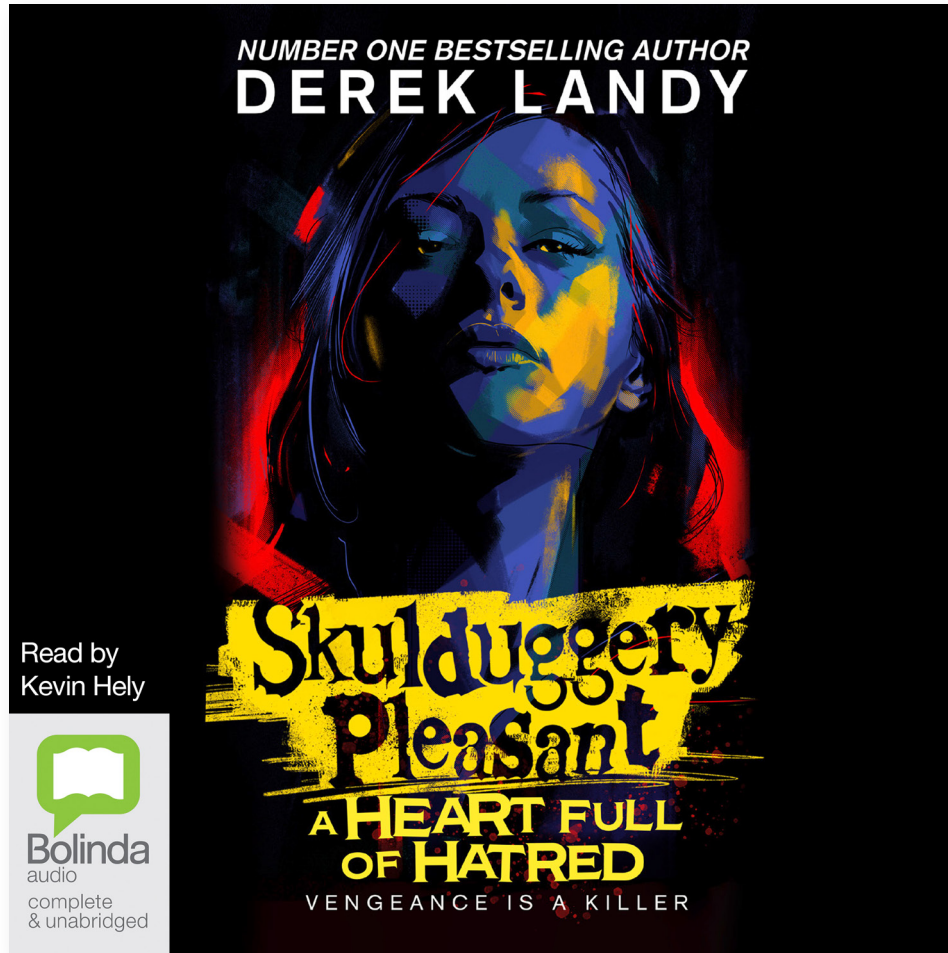
Before writing his children's story about a sharply-dressed skeleton detective, Derek Landy wrote the screenplays for two films, the IFTA award-winning *Dead Bodies* and the IFTA-nominated *Boy Eats Girl* starring Samantha Mumba

Landy's Skulduggery Pleasant series was published to critical and commercial acclaim, winning numerous national and local awards

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

'*Skulduggery Pleasant* serves up a thoroughly satisfying blend of humour, magic and adventure.' – Rick Riordan, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Percy Jackson series

'*A fast evolving plot and a great mix of scariness and humour.*' – Sunday Express



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The Double Trouble Puzzle

MK's Detective Club #2

James Patterson & Keir Graff

Read by Lauren Fortgang

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025

Discover Nancy Drew for a new generation, packed with thrills, chills and even laughs, from #1 bestselling mystery maven James Patterson.

Minerva Keen is the absolute best kid detective Chicago has ever seen, and she's hungry for a new mystery to solve with her friends.

Standing in her way is the know-it-all new girl, Zoe, who tries to take control of MK's Detective Club. Worse still, the club adviser who has always had a soft spot for Minerva takes Zoe's side, and that's just the start of the strange decisions Ms Voyant is suddenly making.

Add in terrifying nightmares, the return of Minerva's parents, and shocking new developments – MK's Detective Club just might have more mysteries than they can solve

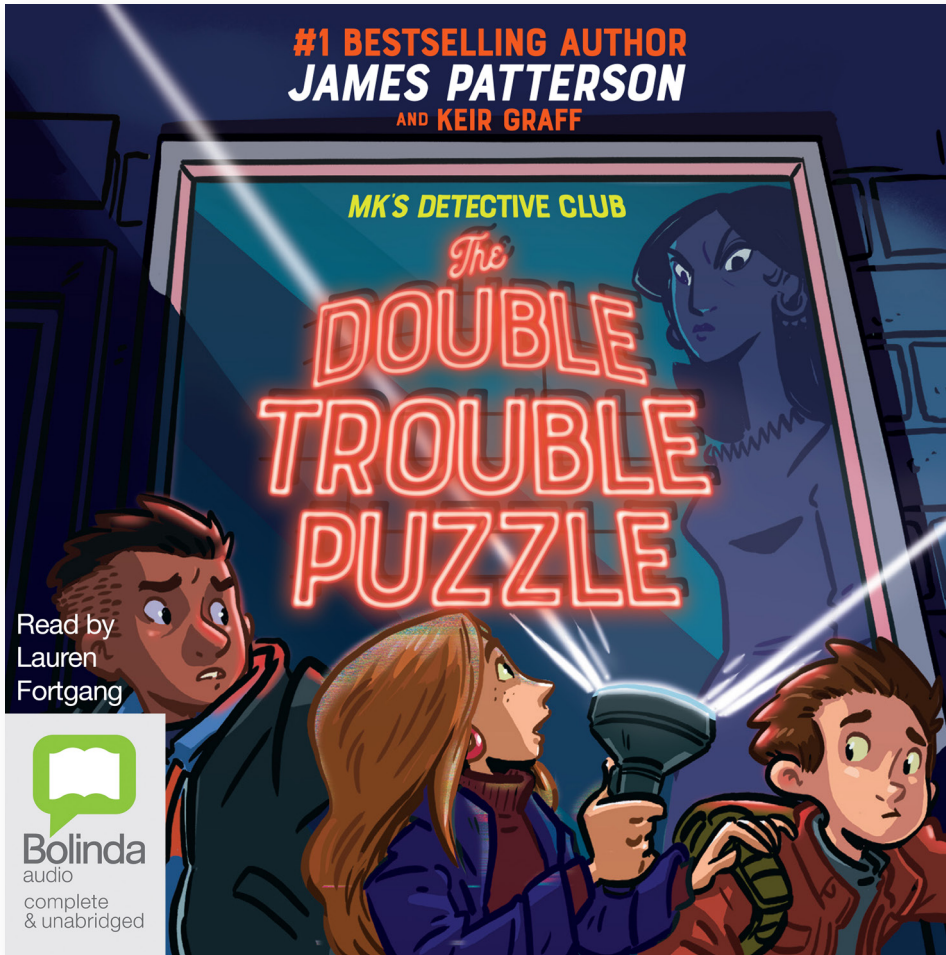
With nowhere to turn, the club walks right into danger. Will they be able to find their way out?

James Patterson is one of the best known and biggest selling authors of all time. His works have sold in excess of 400 million copies worldwide

Patterson has collaborated on novels with Bill Clinton and Dolly Parton and has won an Edgar Award, nine Emmy Awards and the National Humanities Medal

Keir Graff is an American novelist and literary editor. His funny and fantastical middle grade adventure novels include *The Tiny Mansion*, *The Phantom Tower* and *The Matchstick Castle*

'Patterson and Graff deliver a typically fast-paced, twisty caper made up of short chapters laced with frights, flights, misadventures and, just for laffs, enough burping and farting to put a stockyard to shame ... A flying start for a smart sleuth who's not averse to heading into harm's way.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *The Poison Puzzle*)



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Nina Peanut: Epic World Tour Era

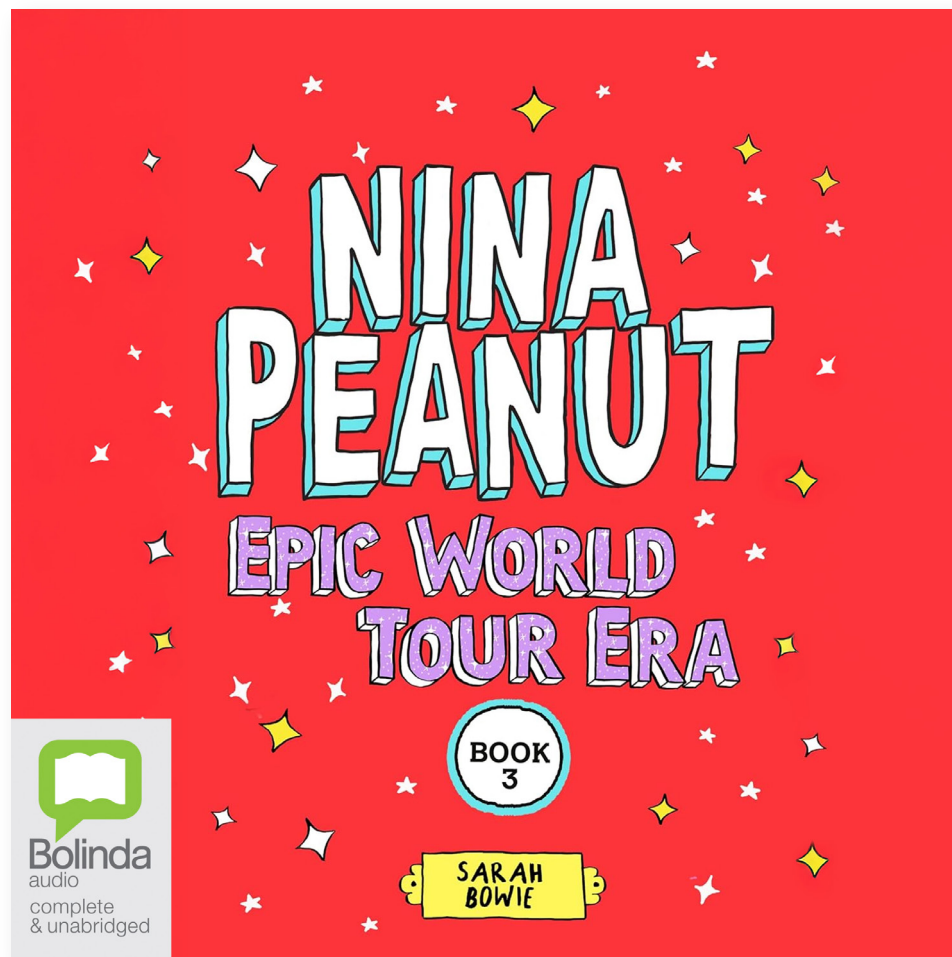
Nina Peanut #3

Sarah Bowie

Read by Pam Ferris

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025



The third laugh-out-loud story starring Nina Peanut – superstar frozen pizza chef, ghost hunter and detective extraordinaire, creative genius. The funniest new friend for all kids, everywhere.

I'm Nina Peanut and I'm in my world tour era – ok, so I'm actually just going on an all-inclusive family holiday to a rundown seaside resort, but STILL. And who's that I've just spotted on the next sun lounger over? Only my mortal enemy Megan Dunne, who had told everyone at school she was off to the Maldives ...

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

Sarah Bowie is co-founder of *The Comics Lab* (a space to explore visual storytelling) and of Ireland's first Graphic Short Story Prize in partnership with *The Irish Times*

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

'Fans of Jamie Smart's *Bunny vs Monkey* series and the brilliant *Grimwood* books by Nadia Shireen will enjoy meeting Nina Peanut.' – *The Times* (on *Nina Peanut Is Amazing*)

'A very clever comic book about friendship, popularity, acceptance and kindness ...' – *Irish Independent* (on *Nina Peanut Is Amazing*)

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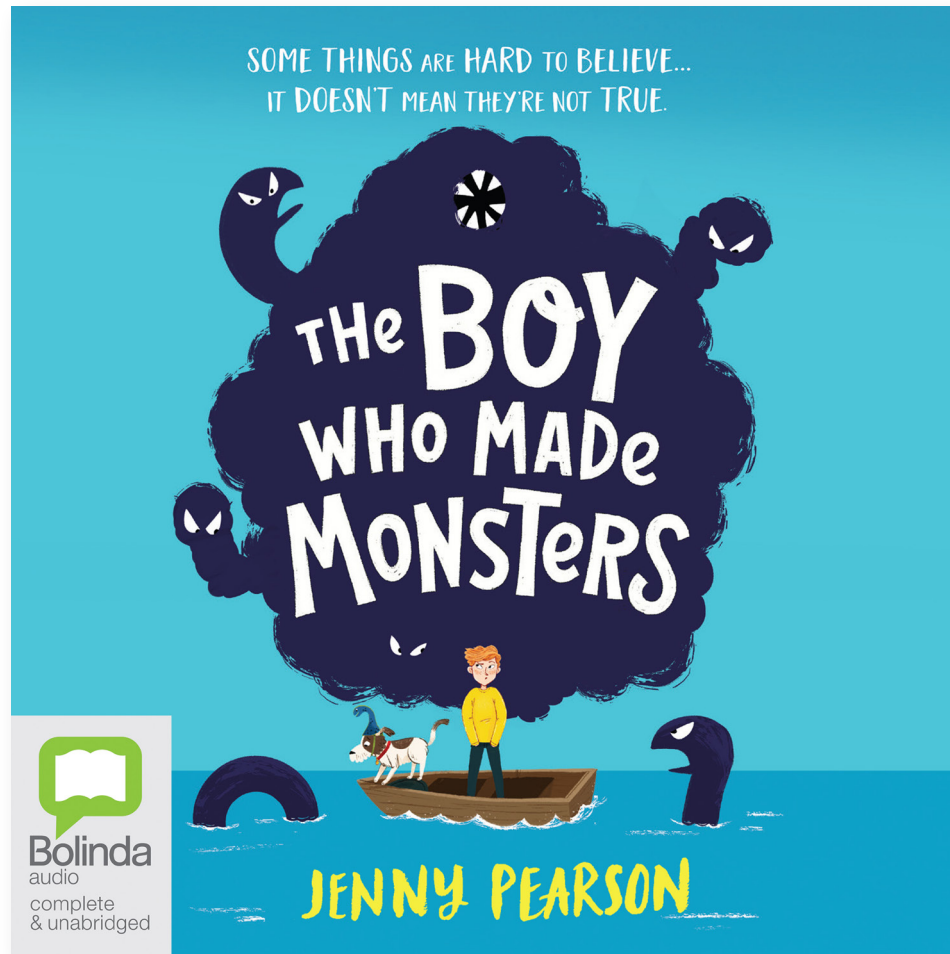
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The Boy Who Made Monsters

Jenny Pearson

Read by Will Kirk



A one-of-a-kind tale of love, loss, laughter and hope, from award-winning author Jenny Pearson.

Benji McLaughlin is a visionary. He believes in things that other people think are impossible, like that he and his brother Stanley will be happy in their new home in Scotland, and that the Loch Lochy monster exists, and that his parents will come home safely one day, even though they've been missing for months.

When he finds out that his Uncle Hamish's Loch Lochy tourist business is struggling, and it looks like Benji and Stanley might lose another home, Benji's not worried. He has a plan. If he can show everyone that the Loch Lochy monster exists, people will flock to come and see it, and the business will flourish again.

Together with his new friend Murdy and Mr Dog, the best dog in the world, Benji sets off to capture evidence of the monster, even if he has to get a little creative. But Benji might end up confronting more monsters than he expects.

Jenny Pearson has been shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award, the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Week Junior Book Award

Pearson is the author of *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates*, which won The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards

Pearson's other book *The Incredible Record Smashers* was shortlisted for the Leicester Libraries Our Best Book 2022 and was longlisted for the North Somerset Teachers' Book Award 2021 and The UKLA Book Awards 2022

'Laughs, adventure, tears, and most importantly ... heart – Jenny is one of the finest storytellers we have.' – Phil Earle, award-winning author of *When the Sky Falls*

'Visionary! A glorious, hilarious, and touching triumph of a book. No one writes humour and heart quite like Jenny Pearson.' – Katya Balen, author of *The Space We're In*

Naeli and the Secret Song

Jasbinder Bilan

Read by Seema Bowri



A spellbinding journey from India to England, from Costa Award-winning author Jasbinder Bilan.

Naeli longs to know her English father but all she has is his name – and his precious violin. Her chance comes when a ticket to England arrives.

Leaving behind her beloved India, Naeli embarks on an adventure that will take her from the streets of Victorian London to the wilds of Northumberland to discover the truth of her musical inheritance ...

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 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*)

'I absolutely adored it ... an achingly beautiful story.' – Sita Brahmachari, award-winning author of *Artichoke Hearts* (on *Tamarind and the Star of Ishta*)

Puppy Problem

Pia's Pet Club #1

Serena Patel

Read by Krupa Pattani

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025

A brand-new series of funny animal adventures from the award-winning creator of *Anisha*, *Accidental Detective*.

Pia LOVES pets, but no matter how much she begs her parents for one, the answer is always NO! But Pia doesn't give up easily ...

She decides to help her friend Hari train his troublesome puppy, Luna, to show her parents that she can look after one of her own. But when Luna continues to cause CHAOS, Pia will need to work really hard to show her how to behave.

It's time to join forces with her animal-loving friends, and form Pet Club! But will Pia ever get a pet of her very own?

Serena Patel is the author of the bestselling *Anisha*, *Accidental Detective* series, the first of which won the Sainsbury's Children's Book Award in 2020

The *Anisha*, *Accidental Detective* series now has seven adventures in it and is being developed for television

Patel's *School's Cancelled* was shortlisted for the Blue Peter Book Award for Best Story 2021 and the Lollies Book Awards 2021

'Pia's Pet Club is a parcel of puppy-packed perfection! I absolutely loved meeting Pia, her family and her friends both human and animal. I wouldn't want to stop reading even if someone shouted "bananas!" When I was young I wanted to be a vet and I just wish I'd had this wonderful book to read back then.' – Chris Smith, co-author of the *Kid Normal* series

'Pia's Pet Club is perfect for pet-loving young readers who are looking for lots of laughs, some doggy mayhem and a bit of sibling rivalry.' – Swapna Haddow, author of *Dave Pigeon*



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The Bother with the Bonkillyknock Beast

Children's New Release

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Miss Mary-Kate Martin's Guide to Monsters #3

Karen Foxlee

Read by Annabelle Tudor

Miss Mary-Kate Martin travels the globe with her family helping solve monstrous problems in this fun fantasy adventure from the multi-award-winning author of *Dragon Skin* and *Lenny's Book of Everything*.

Mary-Kate and Granny are staying at a very quiet castle in the Scottish village of Bonkillyknock. The perfect destination for drinking cups of tea with Granny's old friends. However, this is no ordinary reunion – it's a World Society of Monster Hunters' conference.

When the castle kitchen is turned upside-down and the experts suspect the usually secretive Loch Morgavie monster, Mary-Kate isn't sure the clues add up. Could there be some other kind of beastly problem bothering Bonkillyknock Castle?

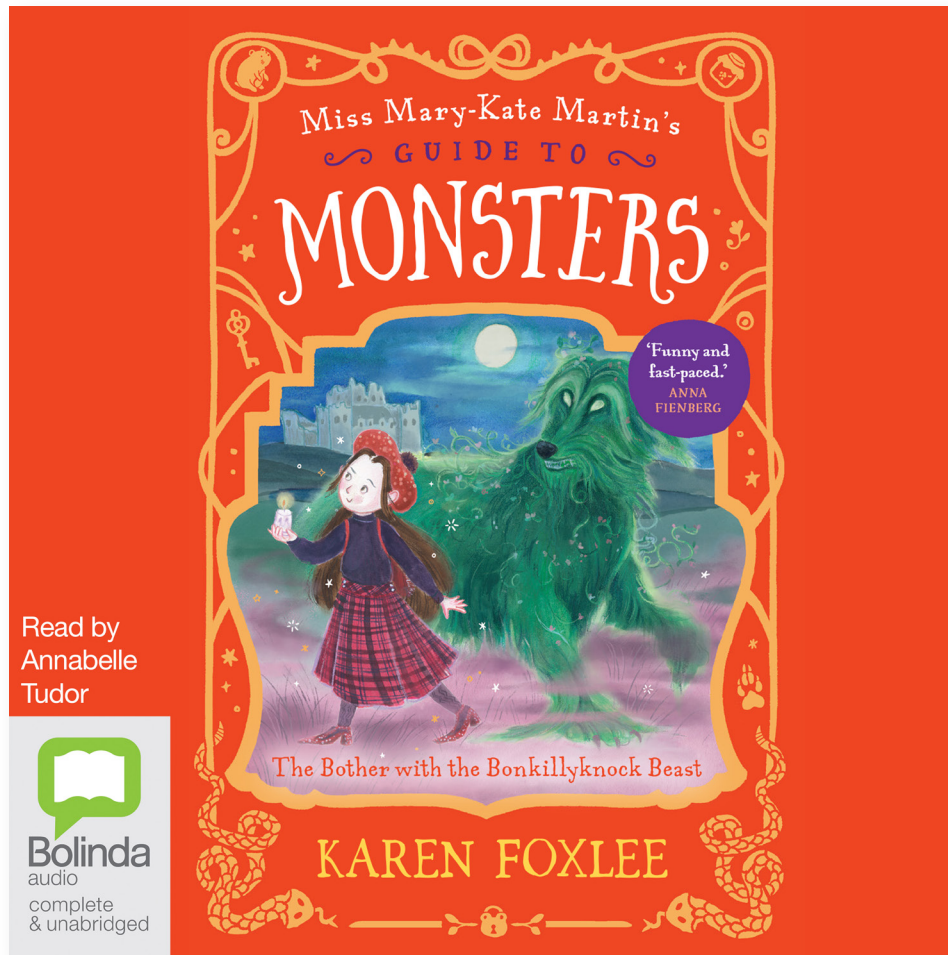
Miss Mary-Kate Martin might only be a beginner, but she's determined to get to the end of this monstrous mystery.

Karen Foxlee is author of *Lenny's Book of Everything*, which won multiple awards including the NSW Premier's Literary Awards, the Queensland Literary Awards, the Indies Book Award, was a CBCA Honour Book and was nominated for the Carnegie Medal

Foxlee's latest middle-grade novel, *Dragon Skin*, was a CBCA Honour Book, winner of the Aurealis Awards and was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards, the Indie Book Awards and the ABIA Awards

After training and working as a nurse for most of her adult life, Foxlee received a degree in creative writing and began writing full time

'The Bother with the Bonkillyknock Beast is a perfect third instalment to this lovely series for middle-grade children. And for those who have fallen in love with this kind and quirky character, this is the perfect addition to your collection.' – GLAM Adelaide



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The Lost Bunny & A Scary Sunday

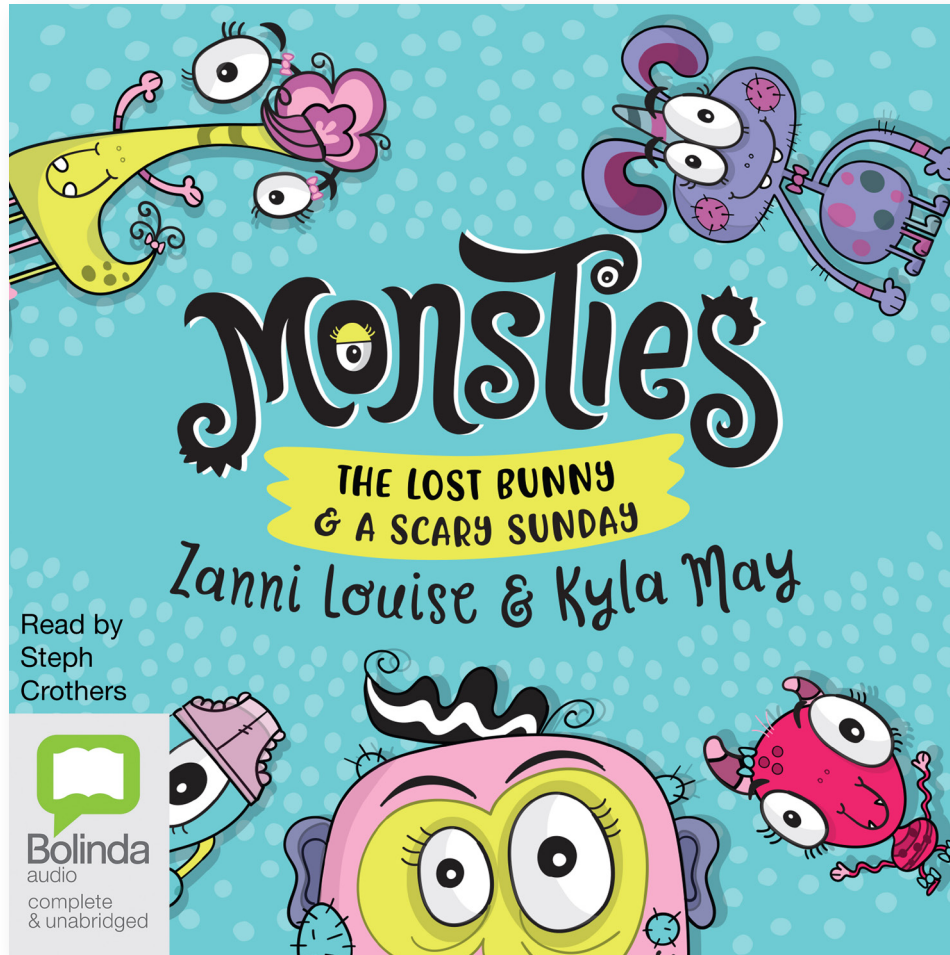
Monsties #1 & 2

Zanni Louise & Kyla May

Read by Steph Crothers

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025



Meet Orla, Pearl, Mig, Boo and Oops – they are THE MONSTIES!

The Monsties are five best friend monsters ... who are a bit hopeless at being scary. They live in Scaryland, surrounded by scary monsters and scary places (the ScaryMart, the Howlpital, the Shriek Factory) but they much prefer candy and cupcakes to spiders and centipedes.

The Lost Bunny: Mig has lost her pet bunny. This is a BIG problem, because Mig can't sleep without Bunny. And when Mig doesn't sleep, she falls apart (literally). Can the Monsties work together to find Bunny?

A Scary Sunday: Orla writes a bedtime story. But this time, a mysterious noise is stopping her! Can the Monsties find the source of the scary sound before the day is over?"

Internationally published author of over 40 books, Zanni Louise writes picture books, chapter books and books for 10-12 year-olds

Louise's picture books including the bestselling Human-Kind series have been recognised by prominent awards, including the Children's Book Council of Australia, Speech Pathology Awards, Educational Publishing Awards and the Australian Book Design Awards

'Children will lap this series up and eagerly await further exciting volumes focusing on Mig and the other monsties.' – Books+Publishing (on *The Lost Bunny*)

'This is a wonderful story ...' – Lamont Books (on *Cora Seen and Heard*)

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Danger at the Black Lagoon!

Astrid and the Space Cadets #3

Alex T. Smith

Read by Claire Morgan

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025

Blast off on an adventure with the Space Cadets! From beloved children's author-illustrator Alex T. Smith comes a funny and fast-paced adventure through space.

Astrid and the gang are excited to help two scientists track down a mysterious, never before seen fish rumoured to be living on an underwater planet. But isn't long before things take a shocking turn when Astrid and the Space Cadets discover that they have been tricked – the scientists are actually infamous Intergalactic Sea Bandits!

Can the gang catch the Sea Bandits and rescue the treasure? It's going to prove a difficult job especially when they find themselves swallowed whole by one of the Guard Sharks ...

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

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

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

'Astrid and the Space Cadets made me BEAM with joy, full of OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD characters ...' – Steven Lenton, creator of *Genie and Teeny* and illustrator of *The Nothing to See Here Hotel* (on *Attack of the Snailiens!*)

'Alex's wonderful witty writing is full of humour, adventure and I adore his fabulous character creations – The Snailiens! – genius!' – Jim Field, illustrator of *Oi Frog!* and *The Christmas Pig* (on *Attack of the Snailiens!*)



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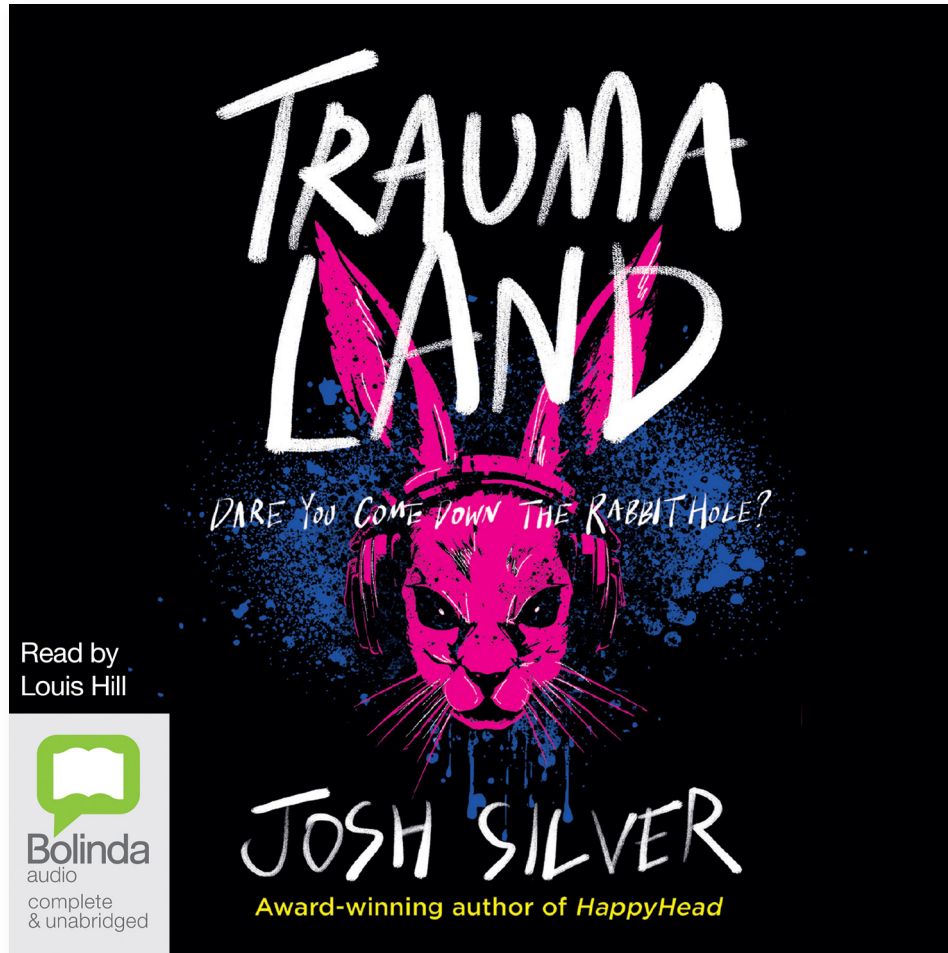
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Traumaland

Josh Silver

Read by Louis Hill



Traumaland is a captivating thriller that explores the darker side of virtual reality from bestselling Josh Silver.

Seventeen-year-old Eli has been in a near-fatal car crash. As the anniversary looms, his therapist and family struggle to help him deal with the fall out. The accident has left him emotionally numb, with no memory of the months following the crash.

Desperate to feel something again, Eli winds up at an underground club called Traumaland. But this is no ordinary nightclub. Here he joins crowds of other emotionally numb people, all seeking to experience a new thrill by entering virtual reality simulations of nightmarish scenarios through the points of view of various characters.

When he enters the story of a boy called Jack, he discovers a darker truth to the club. A truth that sets Eli on a dangerous journey to find the source of his own trauma.

Josh Silver is a British author, and former actor and mental health nurse

Silver's debut novel, *HappyHead*, was shortlisted for the 2024 YA Book Prize, nominated for the 2024 Carnegie Medal, and named an Amazon Best YA Book of 2023

Range Media Partners and actor-producer Taron Egerton have acquired screen rights for Silver's *HappyHead*.

'As thrilling as it is heartbreaking, Traumaland grabs you from page one and never lets go. A true gem to be savoured and shared.' – David Arnold, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Mosquitoland*

'An absolutely wild read which becomes tenser with each page, this operates on two levels – a captivating thriller and a deep delve into the way society deals with trauma.' – Ravena Guron, bestselling author of *This Book Kills*

Big Words, Small Stories: Chaz and Poppy's

Adventures Collection 2

Big Words, Small Stories #2

ABC Audio

Read by a Full Cast

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025

As seen on the ABC and TVOKids animated series, *Big Words, Small Stories* slides one big word into each fun and silly adventure in a laugh-out-loud way, bringing the power of new words to small kids.

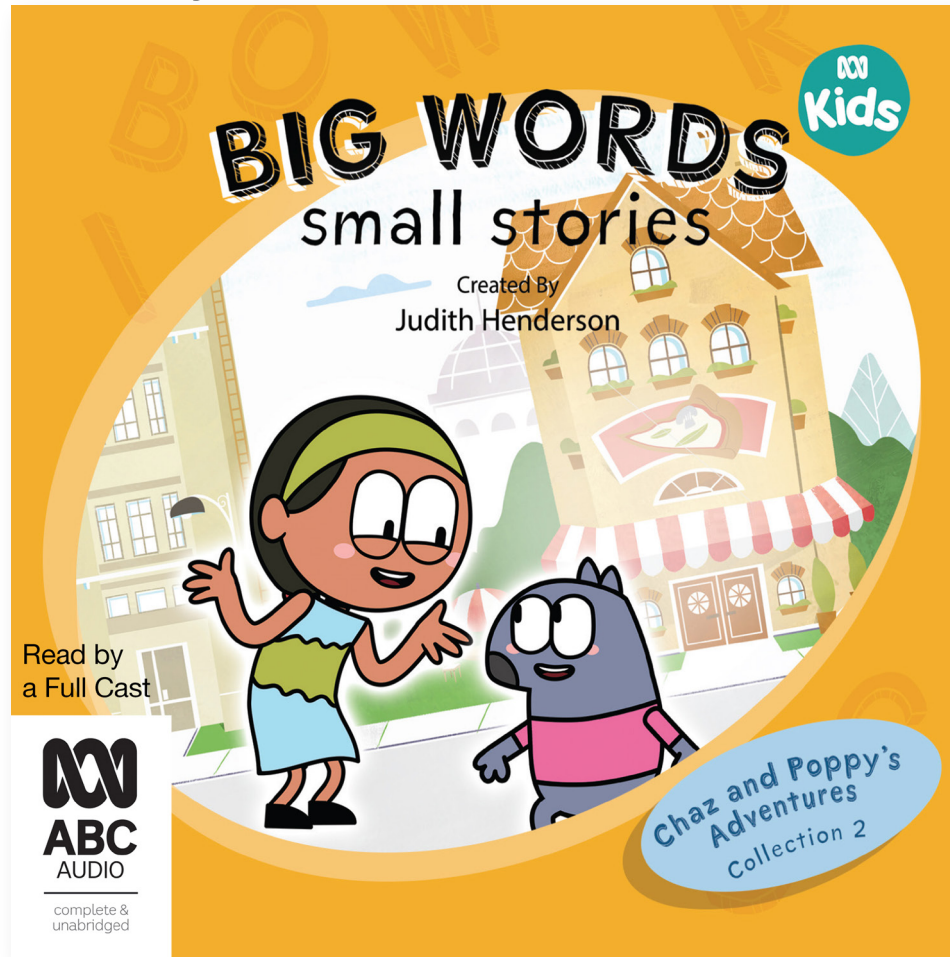
In this second collection of *Big Words, Small Stories*, join Poppy and her anthropomorphic sidekick Chaz on nine more adventures that introduce them to some delightful new words – from indestructible blobs, to indescribable snacks, to mysterious music! Including:

- *Huge Blob*: Poppy and Chaz try to move their big blob but its indestructible.
- *Friendship Day*: When Chaz doesn't receive a Friendship Day gift, Poppy tries to be as compassionate as possible to his problem.
- *Wobbly Watching*: Poppy denies she is exhausted before she watches a movie.
- *Outside the Box*: Poppy wants an achievement so she folds a lot of pizza boxes.
- *A Snacky Surprise*: Poppy wonders what Mangosteens taste like but they are indescribable.
- *Jokey Pants*: Poppy tells a joke that makes Sally Mander laugh, but makes Oleander jealous.
- *Cleaning Up*: Chaz teaches Poppy how to cooperate to make cleaning seem fun.
- *Name Game*: Poppy and Chaz try to come up with a park name.
- *Mystery Music*: Poppy and Chaz try to find the source of mystery music playing.

As seen on the ABC and TVOKids animated series, based on the books by Judith Henderson

Big Words, Small Stories animated series has a 9 out of 10 star rating on IMDB

In addition to being humorous and engaging, the overarching educational premise of *Big Words, Small Stories* is a winner. Vocabulary development in young kids is a contributor to lifelong success



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Peregrine Quinn and the Mask of Chaos

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | May 2025

Peregrine Quinn #2

Ash Bond

Read by Adjoa Andoh



Peregrine Quinn is back for an edge-of-your-seat adventure in this second instalment in the outstanding children's fantasy series.

A special event. A thief. A mechanical lioness. It's just another week in the Cosmic Realm!

The city of Cosmopolis is buzzing with excitement. The Cosmic Games are fast approaching, and eight champions are about to compete for a magical golden apple and a lifetime of glory. It's the event of a generation! But behind the scenes tensions within Olympus Inc. are running high as they struggle to hide signs of a rebellion, and the fact that a mysterious figure is trying to sabotage the Games. Who are they, and what do they want?

In Oxford, Peregrine is desperate to return to the Cosmic Realm but her mum is not keen. Surely, Peregrine's life is adventurous enough? The decision is taken out of Penelope's hands when Peregrine receives a letter from Athene herself, asking for Peregrine to compete in the Cosmic Games. How can Peregrine possibly compete against the other Academy-trained champions? Especially when someone is making it very clear that she should not be allowed to win ...

Perfect for fans of the Skandar and Percy Jackson series

Ash Bond completed a Masters in Writing for Young People at Bath Spa University and is now studying for her PhD, focussing on mythological retellings through a feminist lens, at the University of Bristol

'Full of fast-paced action, endless fun and fearless imagination.' – A.F. Steadman, author of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* (on *Peregrine Quinn and the Cosmic Realm*)

'Mythology with a modern makeover – Peregrine Quinn's battle to save the cosmic realm is an epic adventure!' – Maz Evans, bestselling author of *Who Let the Gods Out* series (on *Peregrine Quinn and the Cosmic Realm*)

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The Shape of Dust

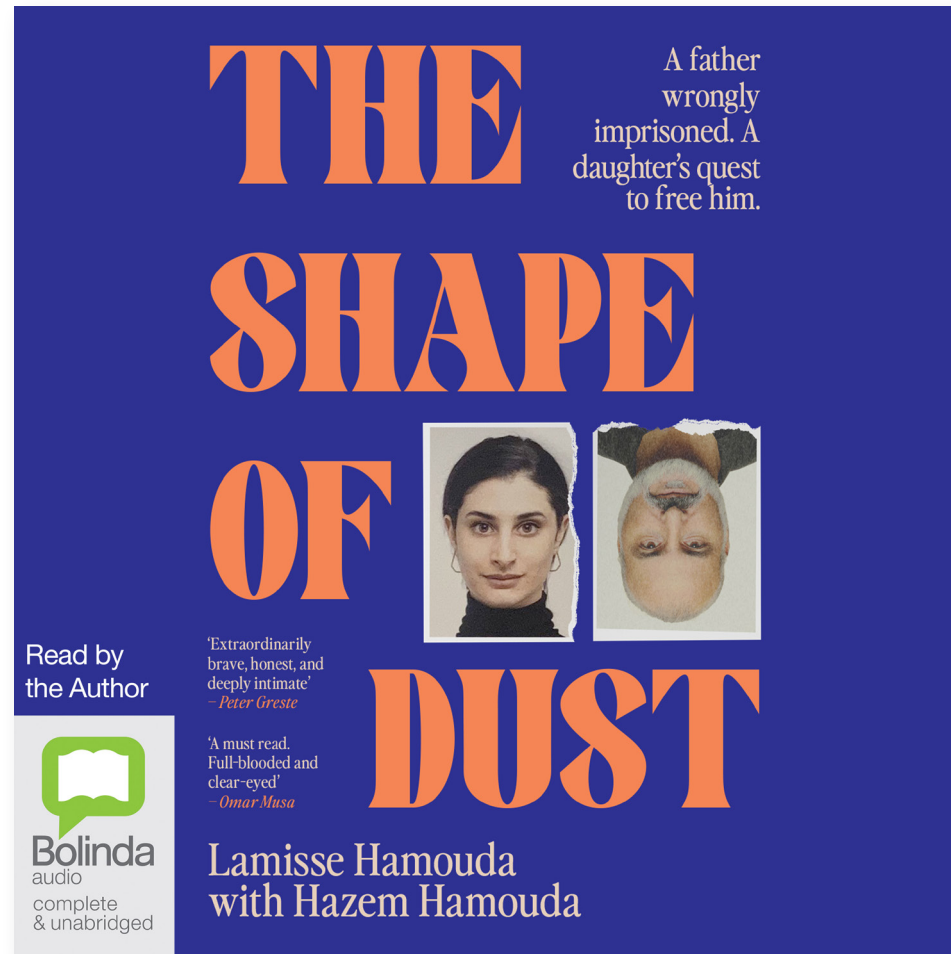
A Father Wrongly Imprisoned. A Daughter's Quest to Free Him

Lamisse Hamouda & Hazem Hamouda

Read by the Author & George Kanaan

Adult New Release

Autobiography | May 2025



An incredible true tale of overcoming injustice and ode to the fierce love within one family, *The Shape of Dust* is a haunting appraisal of the way Australia treats its citizens, both at home and abroad.

In 2018, on his way to a family holiday in Cairo, Australian-Egyptian citizen Hazem Hamouda disappears without warning, going missing somewhere between landing and customs. His eldest daughter, Lamisse, has recently moved to Egypt armed with a scholarship to the American University of Cairo, and overnight her world is turned upside down. With little Arabic and even less legal knowledge, she finds out her father has been arbitrarily arrested. Going up against the notorious Egyptian prison system, Lamisse discovers that the Australian embassy provides shockingly little support to dual citizens arrested abroad.

Shouldering the responsibility of her father's welfare, Lamisse learns to navigate both deeply flawed systems, and freeing Hazem involves a reckoning with the two countries she's called home – coming to terms with the prejudice and racism of the country she grew up in and the corruption in the country she was hoping to reconnect with.

Told with exquisite intimacy by both father and daughter, *The Shape of Dust* is an Australian story unlike any other, and the striking debut of a writer of incredible nuance, insight and talent.

Lamisse Hamouda (she/her) is an Egyptian-Australia writer, theatre-maker and youth worker who lives on the unceded lands of Meanjin

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A Bunker in Kyiv

The Astonishing Story of the People's Army Defying Putin

John Lyons

Read by Peter Houghton

Adult New Release

Current Affairs & Politics | May 2025

The first audiobook in Australia on the Ukraine War, by ABC's Global Affairs Editor, John Lyons, based on his reporting from the frontlines.

By daytime, Ukraine is a sophisticated European country going about its business, and Kyiv seems like an enchanting city. But by night, the sirens roar, and the war begins. Ukraine is using the amount of ammunition that all of Europe produces in one day, and yet on the surface, much of the country appears to be going about its business as usual.

This is a very different audiobook, as this is a very different war – one fought by a huge army of civilians, from old punk rockers to university professors and Coca Cola brand managers who are working behind the scenes to outwit the Russian army. The real story of this war is how a nation of 44 million people has marshalled to fend off an enemy much bigger and more daunting than them.

Instead of focusing on the geopolitics or strategy of war, Lyons explores the everyday resilient civilians who are taking part in it. It is about survival, not soldiers, and in it Lyons tells us a hopeful story about humanity in the darkest of times.

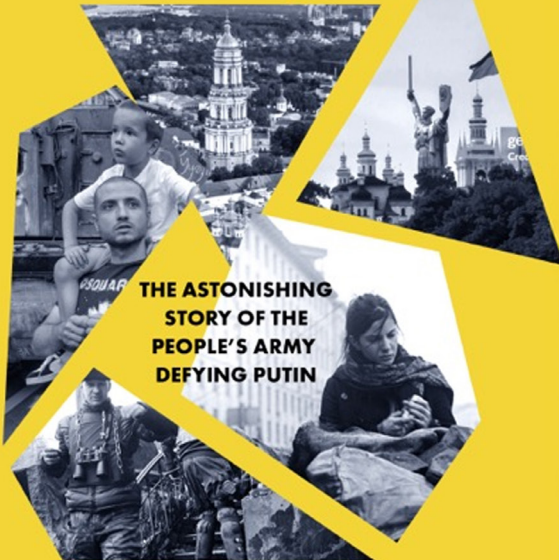
John Lyons is the Global Affairs Editor of the ABC. He has previously been the Editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Executive Producer of the Nine Network's *Sunday* program and Head of Current Affairs and Investigations at the ABC

Lyons has won four Walkley Awards and has been the Graham Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year

Lyons has been a foreign correspondent in Washington, New York, the Philippines and the Middle East

'Lyons knows if you stand with the suffering, you're closer to the truth.' – Stan Grant, award-winning journalist and bestselling author (on *Balcony over Jerusalem*)

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Missing

Sue Whiting

Read by Luna Vásquez



What do you hope for when there is no hope? In search of this answer, award-winning Australian author Sue Whiting delivers a confronting mystery for younger listeners.

Mackenzie da Luca's mother is missing – she's vanished without a trace in the jungles of Panama.

Now, 116 days later Mackenzie and her dad are in those same jungles. Her dad is desperate to find out what's happened to his wife. And Mackenzie is desperate to make sure he doesn't ...

Sue Whiting has written numerous books for a variety of age groups, from picture books through to YA, including the bestselling *Missing*, the acclaimed *The Book of Chance* and a number of CBCA Notable Books

Whiting is a highly experienced speaker who loves sharing her passion for story and storytelling, reading and writing with people of all ages

'Both taut and touching, Sue Whiting's latest is that rare thing – a genuinely suspenseful page-turner that's also full of heart.' – Meg McKinlay, author of *To Catch a Falling Star*

'The story twists and turns as Kenzie attempts to unravel the truth on her own. The ending is impossible to predict. Gritty, engaging and always, exciting ...' – The Sunday Telegraph

A Nanny Called Alice

Outback Brides Return to Wirralong #4

Barbara Hannay

Read by Luisa Scrofani

Adult New Release

Romance | May 2025

She's thousands of kilometres from home and intent on proving her independence. The fourth instalment in the heartwarming Outback Brides Return to Wirralong series from award-winning Australian author Barbara Hannay.

When Alice Trembath is mugged in the stark Australian outback, she has two choices: return to the US with an "I told you so" from her conservative parents and join the family business, or take a job as a nanny on a nearby cattle station. Despite being wildly unqualified, she accepts the position. She's a fast learner and besides, she needs the money.

Hotshot businessman Tom Braydon is juggling huge responsibilities. After the death of his brother, Tom took in his orphaned nieces and managed his brother's cattle station, while simultaneously running his own thriving business in Sydney. Tom desperately needs Alice's help, even though she has zero experience looking after children or living in the outback. He has plenty on his plate, he doesn't need the distraction of a romance.

But while Alice and Tom strive to ignore the chemistry sizzling between them and focus on their separate goals, love clearly has other plans.

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

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

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

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



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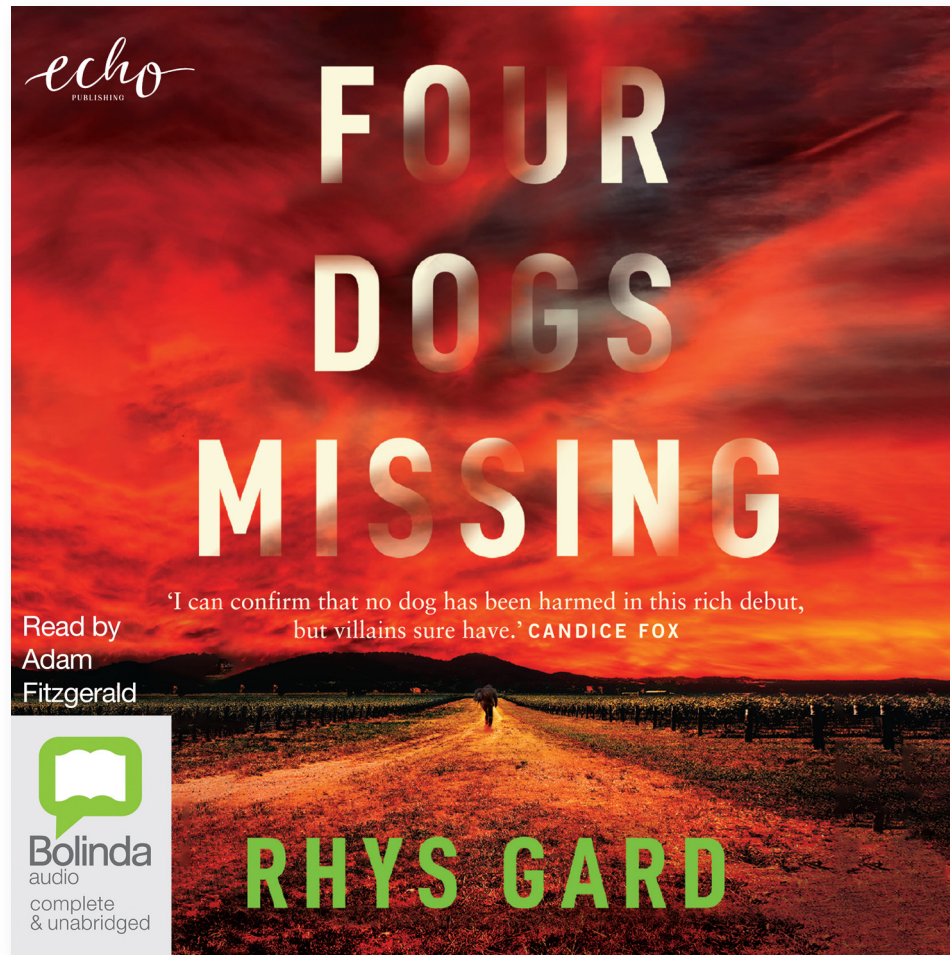
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Four Dogs Missing

Rhys Gard

Read by Adam Fitzgerald



Art theft, revenge and murder play out against the vineyards of the Mudgee wine region in this edge of your seat thriller.

While estranged twins Oliver and Theo Wingfield are identical in appearance, they couldn't be more different. Theo, an extrovert verging on arrogant, was always a drifter, a nomad, operating on the fringes of the law. Oliver, intense, creative and introspective, was destined to become a winemaker. Each vintage, every bottle from Oliver's Mudgee-based label, *Four Dogs Missing*, sells out.

And now, after 15 years without contact, Theo unexpectedly turns up at his brother's vineyard, bearing an invitation that his twin knows nothing about. The quiet and fulfilling life that the winemaker has built for himself is about to change overnight – Theo's arrival is the catalyst for a series of murders involving those closest to Oliver. Finding himself the main suspect, Oliver soon discovers that not everyone in Mudgee supports a reclusive and unorthodox vigneron who's shied away from the community that helped him succeed.

Oliver is inexorably drawn into a sinister world where poisoned liquor and stolen art leave a deadly trail. Abandoning his grapevines, he sets out to solve the crimes – and confront his damaged past – before someone else he loves is found dead ... beside a bottle of his own wine.

Four Dogs Missing was a notable book in *The Weekend Australian*, and was shortlisted for the 2024 Ned Kelly Award for Best Debut Crime Fiction

Rhys Gard has written theatre, film and food reviews for various blogs, mastheads and has curated content for brands like Qantas, Dan Murphy's and Australia's First Families of Wine

'I can confirm that no dog has been harmed in this rich debut, but villains sure have. Rhys Gard's novel will appeal to Chris Hammer readers who like to mix fine wine with their crime.' – Candice Fox, author of *Hades*

Missing

More True Stories from Families of Australian Missing Persons

Nicole Morris

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

True Crime | May 2025

In *Missing*, Nicole Morris, bestselling author of *Vanished*, delves into the chilling world of long-term missing persons cases.

With over 55,000 disappearances annually in Australia, each story is a heart-wrenching account of unanswered questions and shattered lives.

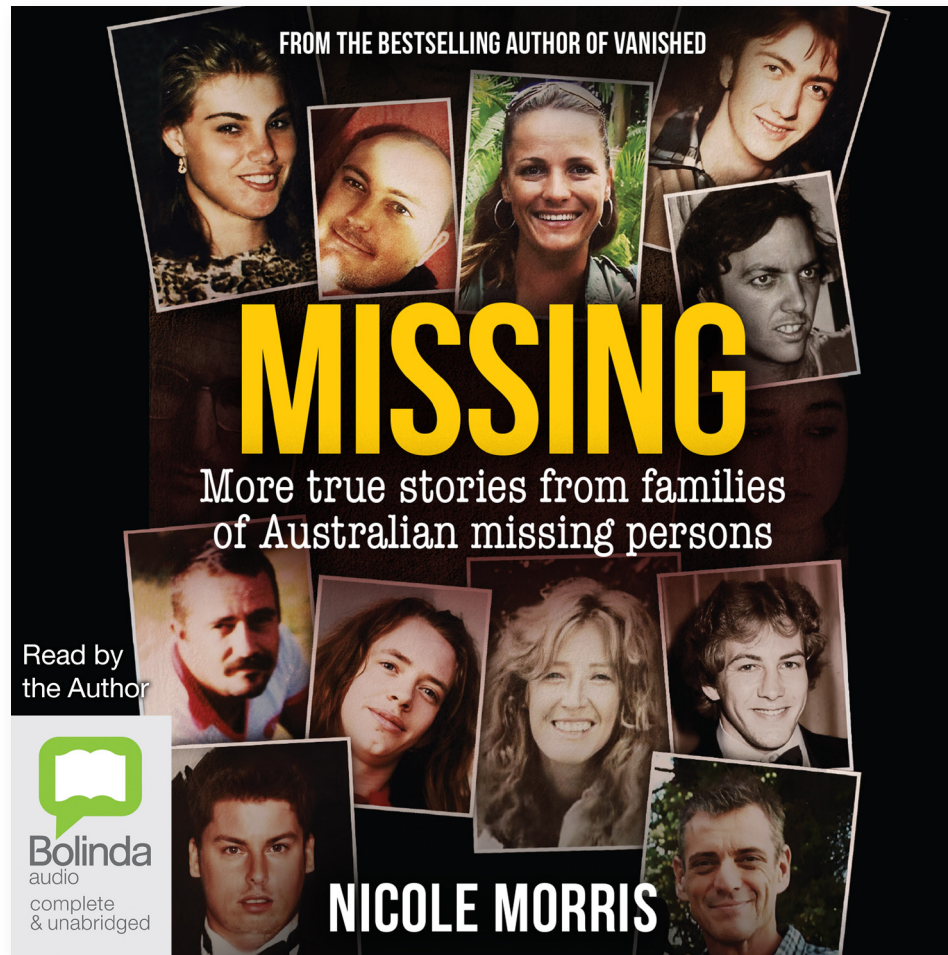
From a West Australian man entangled in the dangers of online dating to an Adelaide father possibly linked to Australia's most notorious serial killings, Morris uncovers haunting tales of those who vanished without a trace. Three mothers leaving behind bewildered children, a young hitchhiker lost on a desolate Queensland highway, and two Sydney men who lost their way – all woven into the fabric of inexplicable disappearances.

The narrative spans decades, from the 1980s to present-day mysteries, including the puzzling case of a gentle Greenpeace worker vanishing amidst inner-city Melbourne, the suspicious disappearance of a 21-year-old, and the grim discovery of scattered remains in Queensland, unravelling a harrowing tale of violence and tragedy. And then there is the perplexing case of a man who went missing over and over again.

Missing sheds light on the untold stories of those who vanished, leaving behind a void of unanswered questions and enduring pain. Nicole Morris brings attention to the cold cases from families of missing persons, raising awareness, and hopefully uncovering new leads for desperate families searching for the truth.

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

She has been twice nominated for Australian of the Year, and won numerous awards for her work, including the Queensland Pride of Australia Award for Community Spirit and the National gold medal



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Purple Threads

First Nations Classics

Jeanine Leane

Read by Shontane Farmer

Adult New Release

Literary Fiction | May 2025

Winner of the David Unaipon Award, an engaging, moving and often funny yarn about growing up in the home of two aunties running a sheep farm in rural Gundagai.

Growing up in the shifting landscape of Gundagai with her Nan and Aunties, Sunny spends her days playing on the hills near their farmhouse and her nights dozing by the fire, listening to the big women yarn about life over endless cups of tea.

It is a life of freedom, protection and love. But as Sunny grows she must face the challenge of being seen as different, and of having a mother whose visits are as unpredictable as the rain. Based on Jeanine Leane's own childhood, these funny, endearing and thought-provoking stories offer a snapshot of a unique Australian upbringing.

Jeanine Leane is a Wiradjuri writer, poet and academic from south-west NSW, whose first volume of poetry, *Dark Secrets After Dreaming: A.D. 1887–1961* won the Scanlon Prize for Indigenous Poetry

Leane was the recipient of the University of Canberra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Poetry Prize, and she has won the Oodgeroo Noonuccal Prize for Poetry twice

In 2023 Leane won the David Harold Tribe Award for Poetry, Australia's richest poetry prize, and has been the recipient of a Red Room Poetry Fellowship and two Australian Research Council (ARC) Fellowships

Leane has published widely in the area of Aboriginal literature, writing otherness and creative non-fiction

'Purple Threads reminds the reader that knowing the past helps us to understand the present and shape the future, and that interconnectedness is the human experience.'

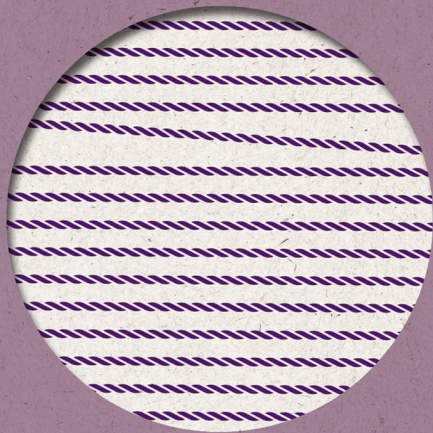
– The Weekend Australian

'An uplifting story of surviving and thriving against the odds and on your own terms.'

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