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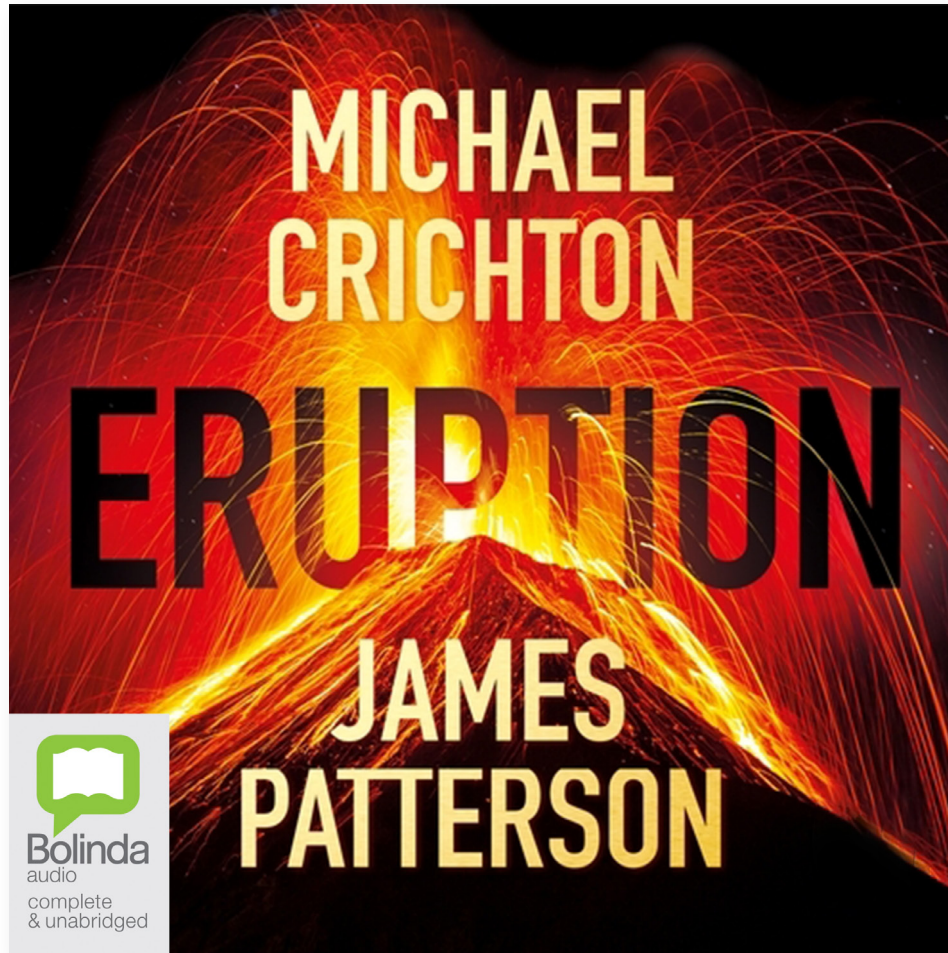
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June new releases 2024

Eruption

James Patterson & Michael Crichton

Narrator to Come



Don't miss an unforgettable thriller from two of the bestselling storytellers of all time, James Patterson and Michael Crichton.

A once-in-a-century volcanic eruption is about to destroy the big island of Hawaii.

But a decades-old military secret could turn the volcano into something even more terrifying ...

Now it's up to a handful of brave individuals to save the island – and the entire world.

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

Michael Crichton was the author of the bestselling novels *Jurassic Park*, *The Terminal Man*, *The Great Train Robbery*, *Sphere*, *Disclosure*, *Prey*, *State of Fear*, *Next* and *Dragon Teeth*, among many others

Crichton's books have sold more than 200 million copies worldwide, have been translated into 40 languages and have provided the basis for fifteen feature films

'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*)

The Midnight Hour

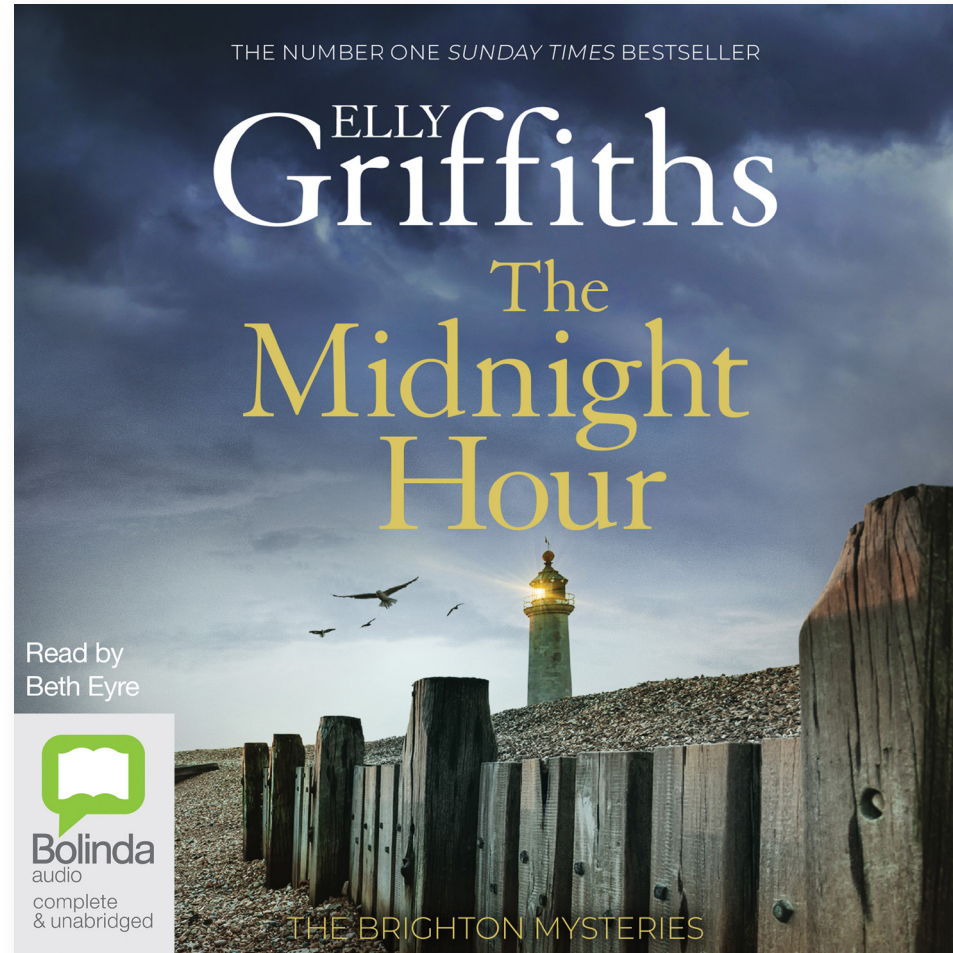
Brighton Mysteries #6

Elly Griffiths

Read by Beth Eyre

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024



A twisty new murder story from the bestselling author of the Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries. An old man lies dead, and it looks like poison, but his wife isn't the only one who had reason to kill him.

Brighton, 1965. When theatrical impresario Bert Billington is found dead in his retirement home, no one suspects foul play. But when the post-mortem reveals that he was poisoned, suspicion falls on his wife, eccentric ex-music hall star Verity Malone.

Frustrated by the police response to Bert's death and determined to prove her innocence, Verity calls in private detective duo Emma Holmes and Sam Collins. This is their first real case, but as luck would have it, they have a friend on the inside – Max Mephisto is filming a remake of *Dracula*, starring Seth Bellington, Bert's son. But when they question Max, they feel he isn't telling them the whole story.

Emma and Sam must vie with the police to untangle the case and bring the killer to justice. They're sure the answers must lie in Bert's dark past and in the glamorous, occasionally deadly, days of Music Hall. But the closer they get to the truth, the more danger they find themselves in ...

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

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

'Griffiths writes with verve and wit, and has an unflinchingly keen eye ... deliriously entertaining.' – The Irish Times

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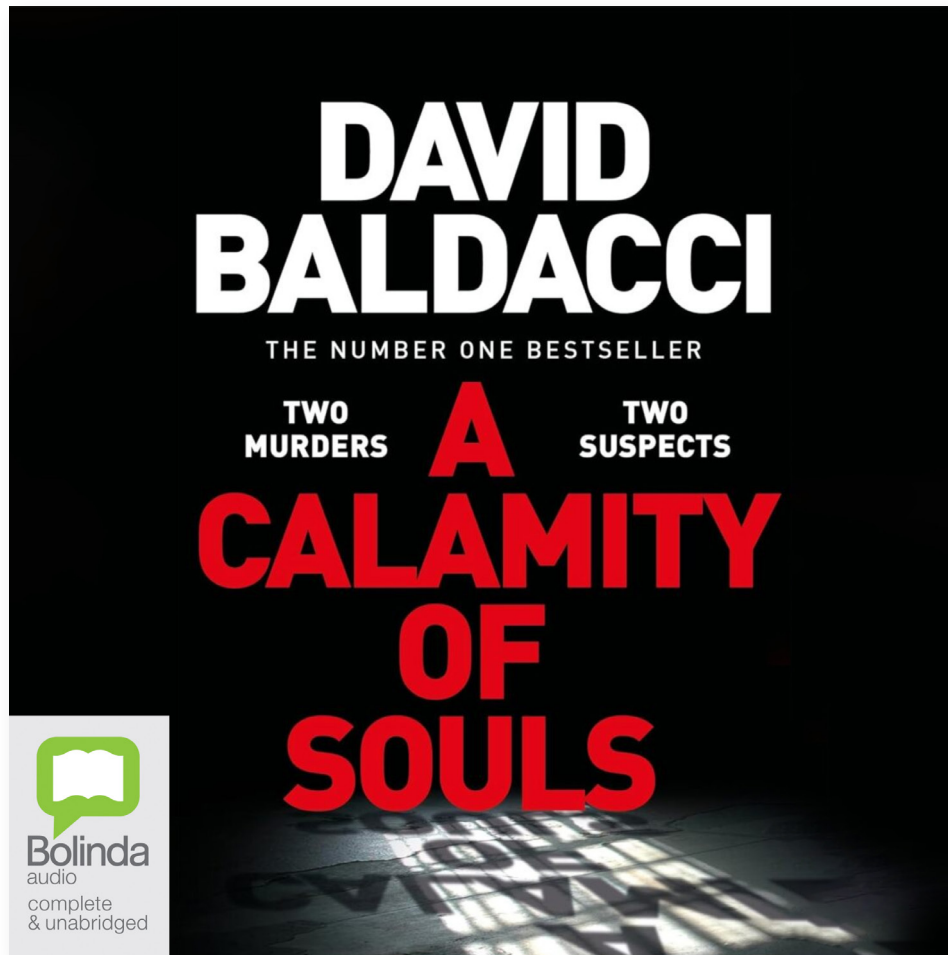
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A Calamity of Souls

David Baldacci

Read by a Full Cast



A racially-charged murder case sets a duo of Black and white lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused Black defendants in this courtroom drama from the number one bestselling author David Baldacci.

Jack Lee is a white lawyer from Freeman County, Virginia, who has never done anything to push back against racism, until he decides to represent Jerome Washington, a Black man charged with brutally killing an elderly and wealthy white couple. Doubting his decision, Lee fears that his legal skills may not be enough to prevail in a case where the odds are already stacked against both him and his client. And he quickly finds himself out of his depth when he realises that what is at stake is far greater than the outcome of a murder trial.

Desiree DuBose is a Black lawyer from Chicago who has devoted her life to furthering the causes of justice and equality for everyone. She comes to Freeman County and enters a fractious and unwieldy partnership with Lee in a legal battle against the best prosecutor in the Commonwealth. Yet DuBose is also aware that powerful outside forces are at work to blunt the victories achieved by the Civil Rights era.

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

Baldacci has published 49 titles for adults. All have been national and international bestsellers, several have been adapted for film and television and are published in over 45 languages and in more than 80 countries, with 150 million copies sold worldwide

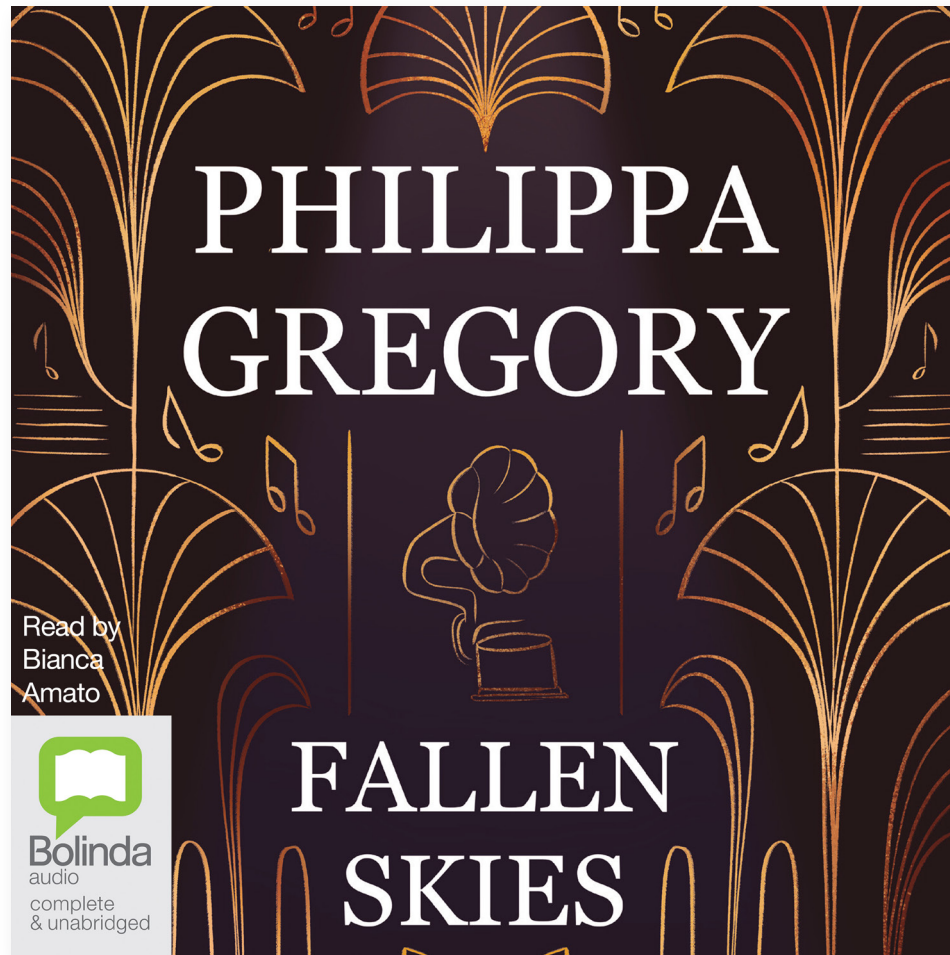
'Baldacci is the master.' – Jeffrey Archer, author of *Next in Line*

'A high-octane legal thriller anchored by a family drama that will break your heart.'
– Ken Follett

Fallen Skies

Philippa Gregory

Read by Bianca Amato



An extraordinary story of the turmoil and ugly legacy of the First World War from the bestselling author of *Tidelands*.

Lily Valance wants to forget the war. She's determined to enjoy the world of the 1920s, with its music, singing, laughter and pleasure.

When she meets Captain Stephen Winters, a decorated hero back from the Front, she's drawn to his wealth and status. In Lily he sees his salvation – from the past, from the nightmare, from the guilt at surviving the Flanders plains where so many were lost. But it's a dream that cannot last. Lily has no intention of leaving her singing career.

The hidden tensions of the respectable facade of the Winters household come to a head. Stephen's nightmares merge ever closer with reality and the truth of what took place in the mud and darkness brings him and all who loves him to a terrible reckoning ...

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

Philippa is a member of the Society of Authors and in 2016, was presented with the Outstanding Contribution to Historical Fiction Award by the Historical Writers' Association

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

'This great doorstep of a romantic tragedy illustrates Gregory's winning formula: A young woman triumphs despite a hostile male society.' – Kirkus Reviews

They Thought I Was Dead

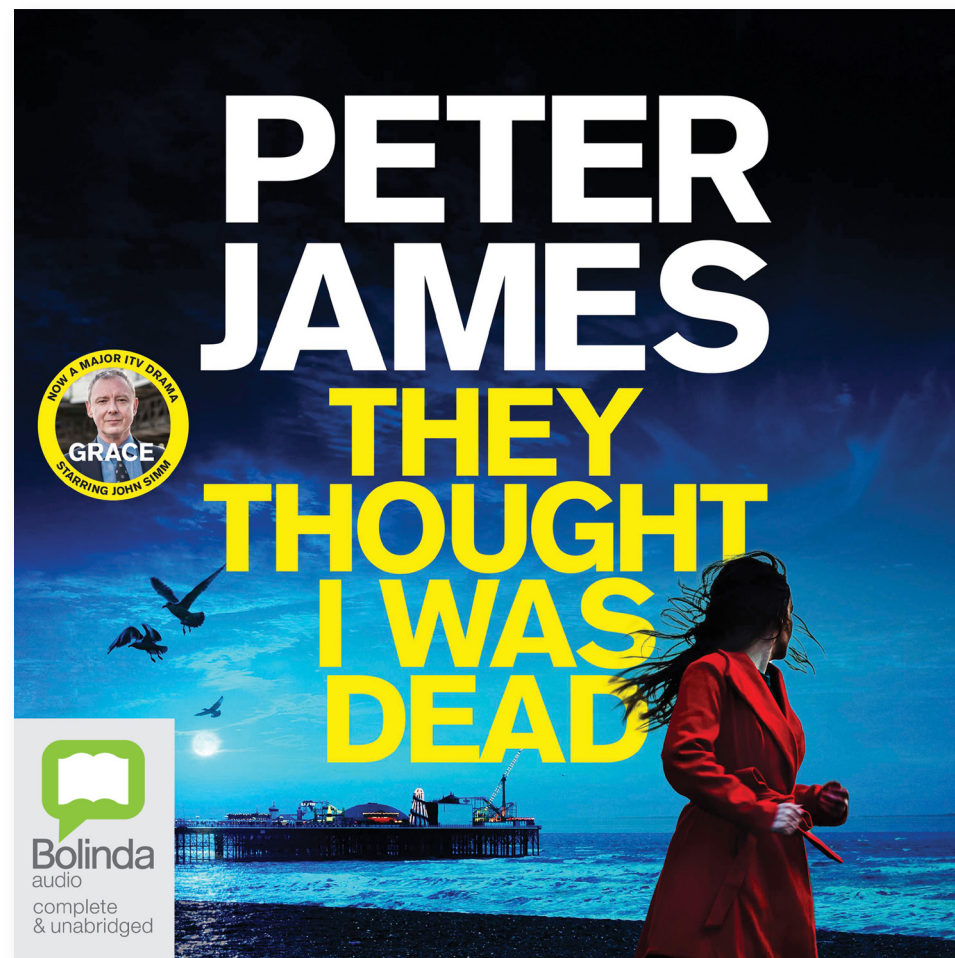
Sandy's Story

Peter James

Narrator to come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024



For the first time, the #1 multi-million copy bestselling author Peter James reveals the truth behind Sandy Grace's dramatic disappearance.

Some will know how it begins ...

Her name is Sandy. You might know her as the loving wife of Detective Superintendent Roy Grace. But there's more to her than meets the eye. A woman with a dubious past, a complicated present and an uncertain future. Then she was gone.

Some will think they know how it ends ...

Her disappearance caused a nationwide search. Even the best detective on the force couldn't find her. They thought she was dead.

But nobody knows this ...

Where did she go? Why did she run? What would cause a woman to leave her whole life behind and simply vanish?

Peter James is a UK #1 bestselling author, best known for his Detective Superintendent Roy Grace series, now a hit ITV drama starring John Simm as the troubled Brighton copper

James has won over 40 awards for his work including the WHSmith Best Crime Author of All Time Award and Crime Writers' Association Diamond Dagger

To date, James has sold over 21 million copies worldwide and been translated into 38 languages. His books are also often adapted for the stage – the most recent being *Looking Good Dead*

'Sinister and riveting ... Peter James is one of the best British crime writers, and therefore one of the best in the world.' – Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

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The Household

Stacey Halls

Read by Tuppence Middleton & Sophia Money-Coutts



From the *Sunday Times* bestselling author and winner of the Women's Prize Futures Award comes the captivating, highly anticipated story, inspired by real historical figures and events.

London, 1847. In a quiet house in the countryside outside London, the finishing touches are being made to welcome a group of young women. The house and its location are top secret, its residents unknown to one another, but the girls have one thing in common – they are fallen. Offering refuge for prostitutes, petty thieves and the destitute, Urania Cottage is a second chance at life – but how badly do they want it?

Meanwhile, a few miles away in a Piccadilly mansion, millionairess Angela Burdett-Coutts, one of the benefactors of Urania Cottage, makes a discovery that leaves her cold. Her stalker of ten years has been released from prison, and she knows it's only a matter of time before their nightmarish game resumes once more.

As the women's worlds collide in ways they could never have expected, they will discover that freedom always comes at a price.

Stacey Halls is the bestselling author of *The Familiars*, which won a Betty Trask Award and was shortlisted for the British Book Awards' Debut Book of the Year

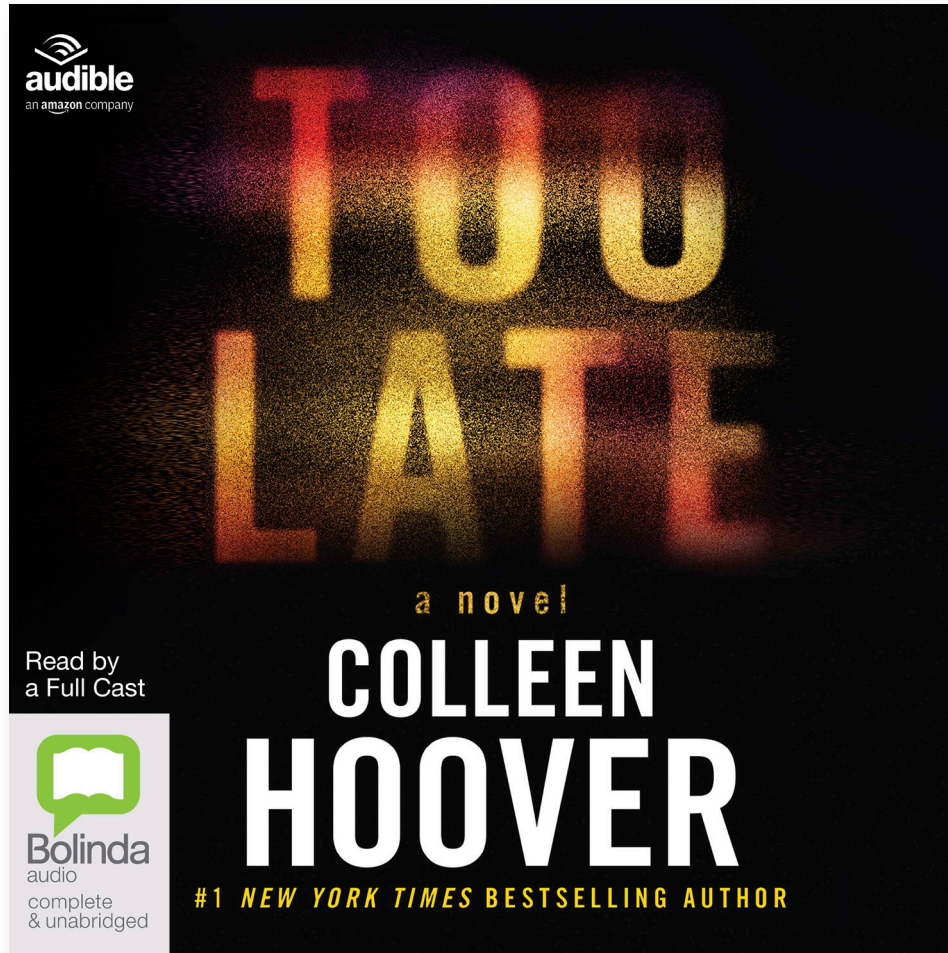
Halls studied journalism at the University of Central Lancashire and has written for publications including the *Guardian*, *Stylist*, *Psychologies*, *The Independent*, *The Sun* and *Fabulous*

'Stacey Halls is a writer of great originality, great imagination and great sense of place. Atmospheric, intelligent, accessible, every novel is worth reading, then reading again and again.' – Kate Mosse, bestselling author

Too Late

Colleen Hoover

Read by a Full Cast



A psychological suspense story of obsession and dangerous love from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Verity*.

Sloan will go through hell and back for those she loves. And she does so, every single day. Caught up with the alluring Asa Jackson, a notorious drug trafficker, Sloan has finally found a lifeline to cling to, even if it's meant compromising her morals. She was in dire straits trying to pay for her brother's care until she met Asa. But as Sloan became emotionally and economically reliant on him, he in turn developed a disturbing obsession with her – one that becomes increasingly dangerous every day.

When undercover DEA agent Carter enters the picture, Sloan's surprised to feel an immediate attraction between them, despite knowing that if Asa finds out, he will kill him. And Asa has always been a step ahead of everyone in his life, including Sloan. No one has ever gotten in his way.

No one except Carter.

Together, Sloan and Carter must find a way out before it's too late ...

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

'It's filled with suspense. It's romance. It's spicy ... And you can't help but hope and pray that Sloan gets her miracle and her happy ever after.' – LoveReading

'The mega-selling TikTok phenomenon and author of Verity delivers a razor-sharp psychological thriller, as Sloan tries to break away from her toxic relationship with a dangerous drug trafficker.' – Waterstones

Death of a Spy

A Hamish Macbeth Murder Mystery #36

M.C. Beaton & R.W. Green

Read by David Monteath

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024

Sergeant Hamish Macbeth faces a string of mysterious robberies that are only the beginning of an international threat to his sleepy Scottish village in the latest mystery in M.C. Beaton's *New York Times* bestselling series.

Sergeant Hamish Macbeth has some major problems to deal with – crimes and criminals, even law enforcement agents, that he doesn't want anywhere near his beloved Highland village in Lochdubh. Hamish is worried about how the locals, as well as those in the wider area of his territory in Sutherland, will react to his new assistant officer. The officer is none other than the enigmatic American James Bland who is on an exchange scheme from his home city of Chicago in the United States, supposedly to study policing methods in Scotland.

Hamish knows that this is far from the truth. Having recently become involved in identifying a Russian spy ring to solve a murder, he is aware that Bland's mission is to track down the members of the spy network still at large. Bland trusts Hamish to help him find all of those who may have been, or may still be, in league with the Russians.

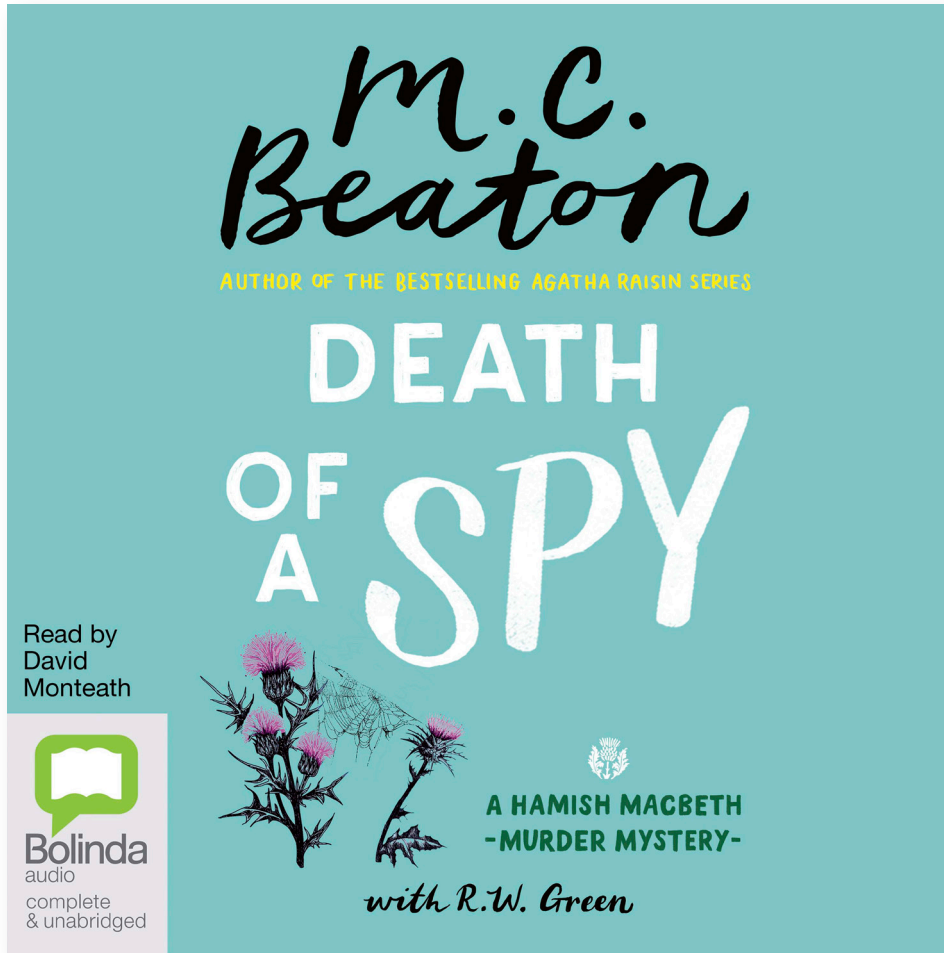
In the meantime, he and Bland have to contend with the everyday chores of rural policing.

M.C. Beaton, hailed as the 'Queen of Crime' by the *Globe and Mail*, was the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Agatha Raisin novels

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

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

'A fine mix of eccentric characters, vivid landscape and engaging mystery.' – Booklist, starred (on *Death of a Liar*)



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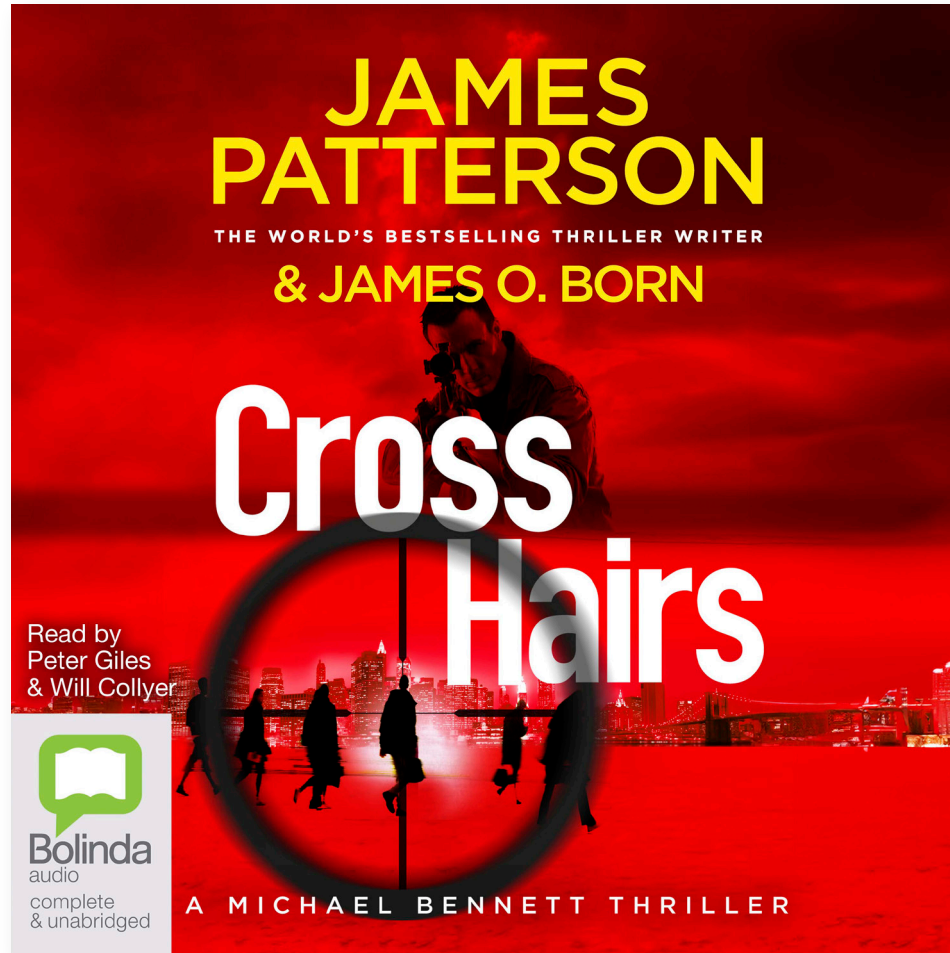
Michael Bennett #16

James Patterson & James O. Born

Read by Peter Giles & Will Collyer

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024



New York City detective Michael Bennett faces his most terrifying killer ever, in this thrilling 16th instalment in the globally bestselling Michael Bennett series.

A killer uses fearsome precision to take out impossible targets.

Detective Michael Bennett teams up with a shooting expert – a former Army Ranger and sniper with NYPD's Emergency Services Unit. But Officer Rob Trilling seems more comfortable with rifles than he is with people.

When his new partner begins to log unexplained absences from duty, only Bennett can prove whether the decorated officer is a lonely hunter or a hardened assassin.

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 and Private series

James O. Born is an award-winning crime and science fiction novelist as well as a career law-enforcement agent

'No one gets this big without amazing natural storytelling talent – which is what Jim has, in spades.' – Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

'Patterson knows where our deepest fears are buried ... there's no stopping his imagination.' – *New York Times* Book Review (on *3rd Degree*)

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The Conditions of Unconditional Love

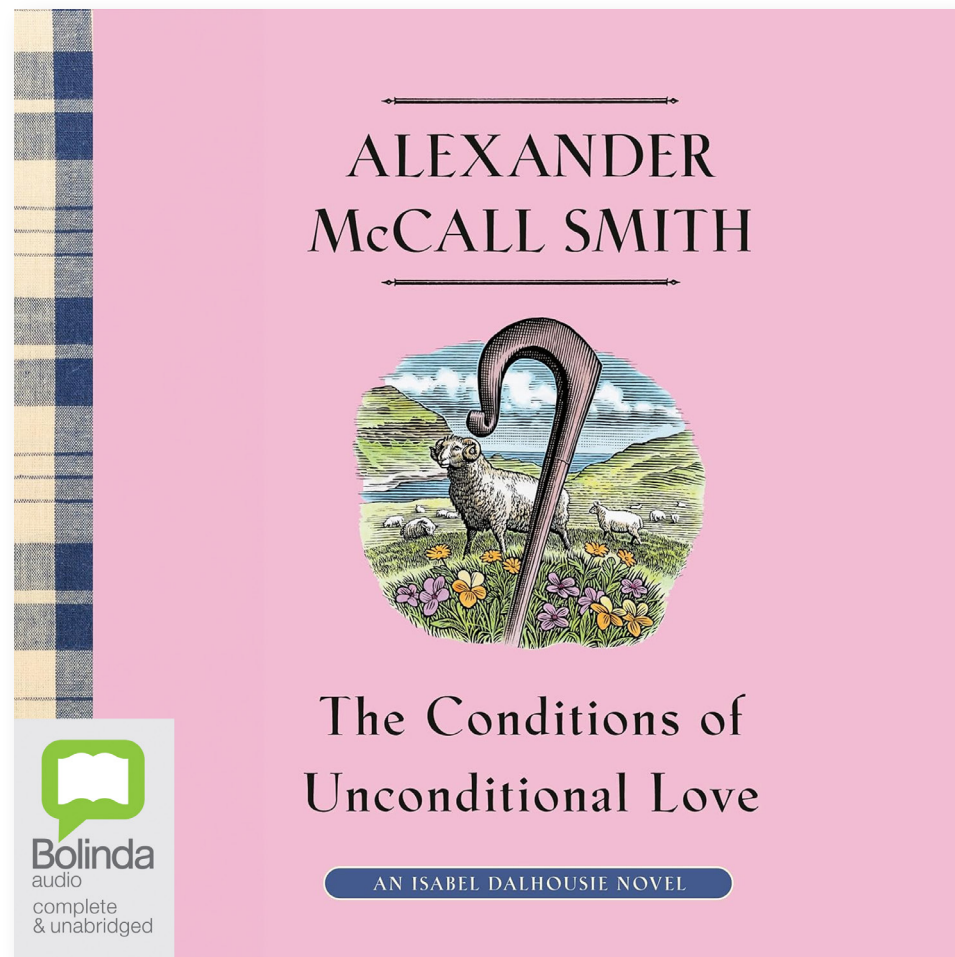
Isabel Dalhousie #15

Alexander McCall Smith

Read by Stephanie Moore

Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | June 2024



In this latest instalment of the beloved Isabel Dalhousie series, Isabel finds herself navigating tricky problems both public and personal ...

Isabel Dalhousie, everyone's favourite moral philosopher, is once again called on to help navigate a decidedly delicate dispute with all of the insight and compassion she has become known for.

What makes Isabel's investigations so unique is her uncanny ability to view all sides of a situation with coolness and reserve – and she will tap deep into her stores of both in order to help see this one through. Meanwhile, Isabel and her husband Jamie will together be dealing with tricky personal issues of their own.

Philosophical observations and humorous asides abound in this 15th instalment of the beloved series.

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

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

'McCall Smith's assessments of fellow humans are piercing and profound ... [His] depictions of Edinburgh are vivid and seamless.' – San Francisco Chronicle

'McCall Smith's greatest gift as a writer – and God knows this is just one of many – is that he can write likeable characters.' – The New Statesman (on *The Quiet Side of Passion*)

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Murder at the Allotment

Whitstable Pearl Mystery #10

Julie Wassmer

Read by Jennifer Kirby

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024

The tenth in Julie Wassmer's popular crime series – now a major Acorn TV drama, *Whitstable Pearl*, starring Kerry Godliman as private detective and restaurateur, Pearl Nolan.

Pearl Nolan's coastal allotment has always been a quiet haven – somewhere for her to relax and cultivate special ingredients for her restaurant, The Whitstable Pearl. But a sudden clamour for allotments by the DFLs – Down From Londoners – causes tension in the local community when the council decides to accommodate them by dividing existing plots into smaller parcels. The harmony that once existed between holders of land previously blighted only by slugs and caterpillars, soon transforms into a bitter turf war as a pushy DFL tries to take over by forming an Allotment Association – with herself as its chair.

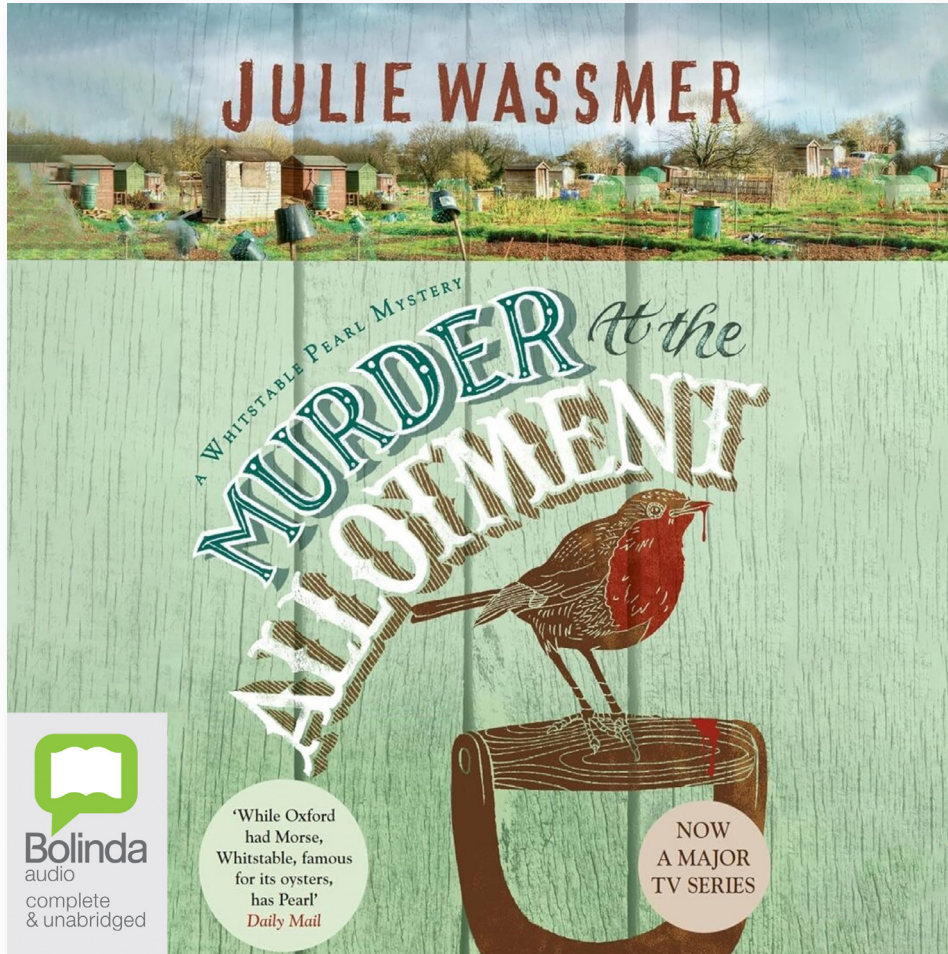
When anonymous complaints are submitted to the council about each of the local allotment holders – apart from the DFLs – Pearl's services as private detective are called upon to discover the complainant but before she can do so, what began as a tiff among the turnips soon becomes a hunt for a killer when gardening tools are put to murderous use ...

Julie Wassmer is the author of *More Than Just Coincidence*, which entered the *Sunday Times* Bestselling Non-Fiction Top 20 and went on to become 'Mumsnet' Book of the Year

Wassmer worked on several TV series, including ITV's *London's Burning*, C5's *Family Affairs* and the popular BBC soap, *EastEnders*, which she wrote for almost 20 years

'With her talent for evoking the delights of good eating while enjoying the sea breeze, Julie Wassmer is the perfect deckchair companion.' – Daily Mail (on *Disappearance at Oare*)

'This is a delightful murder-cum-gastro mystery set in a beautiful part of England. Enjoy.' – Trip Fiction (on *Murder on the Pilgrims Way*)




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'While Oxford had Morse, Whitstable, famous for its oysters, has Pearl'
Daily Mail

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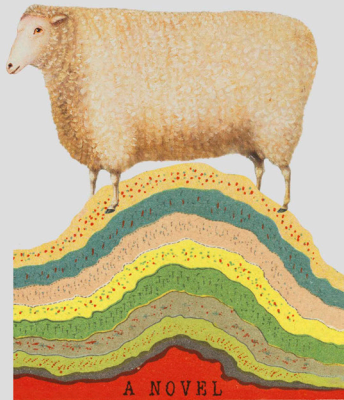

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The Alternatives

Caoilinn Hughes

Read by the Author

THE ALTERNATIVES



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Equal parts hilarious and profound, *The Alternatives* is a powerful new novel about four gifted Irish sisters, from a major literary voice.

The Flattery sisters were plunged prematurely into adulthood when their parents died in tragic circumstances. Now in their 30s – all single, all with PhDs – they are each attempting to do meaningful work in a rapidly foundering world. The four lead disparate, distanced lives, from classrooms in Connecticut to ritzy catering gigs in London’s Notting Hill, until one day their oldest sister, a geologist haunted by a terrible awareness of the earth’s future, abruptly vanishes from her work and home.

Together for the first time in years, the Flatterys descend on the Irish countryside in search of a sister who doesn’t want to be found. Sheltered in a derelict bungalow, they reach into their common past, confronting both old wounds and a desperately uncertain future.

Warm, fiercely witty and unexpectedly hopeful, *The Alternatives* is an unforgettable portrait of a family perched on our collective precipice, told by one of Ireland’s most gifted storytellers.

Perfect for fans of Jonathan Franzen, Maggie O’Farrell and Claire Vaye Watkins

Caoilinn Hughes is the author of *The Wild Laughter*, which won the Royal Society of Literature’s Encore Award, was longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize, and was a finalist for three other awards

Caoilinn was recently the Oscar Wilde Centre Writer Fellow at Trinity College Dublin, and is now a Cullman Fellow at the New York Public Library

‘The Alternatives unfolds in a prose full of gorgeous surprises and glows with intelligence, compassion, and beauty.’ Hernan Diaz, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Trust*

‘The Alternatives is fizzy, brainy and brilliant, always at the service of a drama of great emotional power. Caoilinn Hughes is an extraordinarily gifted writer.’ Joseph O’Neill, author of *Netherland* and *The Dog*

Profile K

Helen Fields

Read by Jess Nesling

From the million-copy internationally bestselling author, Helen Fields, comes a devastatingly dark and gripping thriller you will devour in one sitting.

Midnight Jones is an analyst trained to understand the human mind. But everything changes when, in the course of her work, she discovers Profile K's file – because K stands for killer, and she knows that someone more dangerous than she could have ever imagined walks among them.

Midnight knows what Profile K is capable of before he even commits his first crime. But as the news rolls with the brutal murder of a local woman, no one believes what she tells them: that he's capable of so much more.

Profile K will kill again – and slowly, terrifyingly, Midnight realises that the moment she found his file was the moment she became his next target. Because Profile K is coming for Midnight – and the only way to escape with her life is to find him before he finds her ...

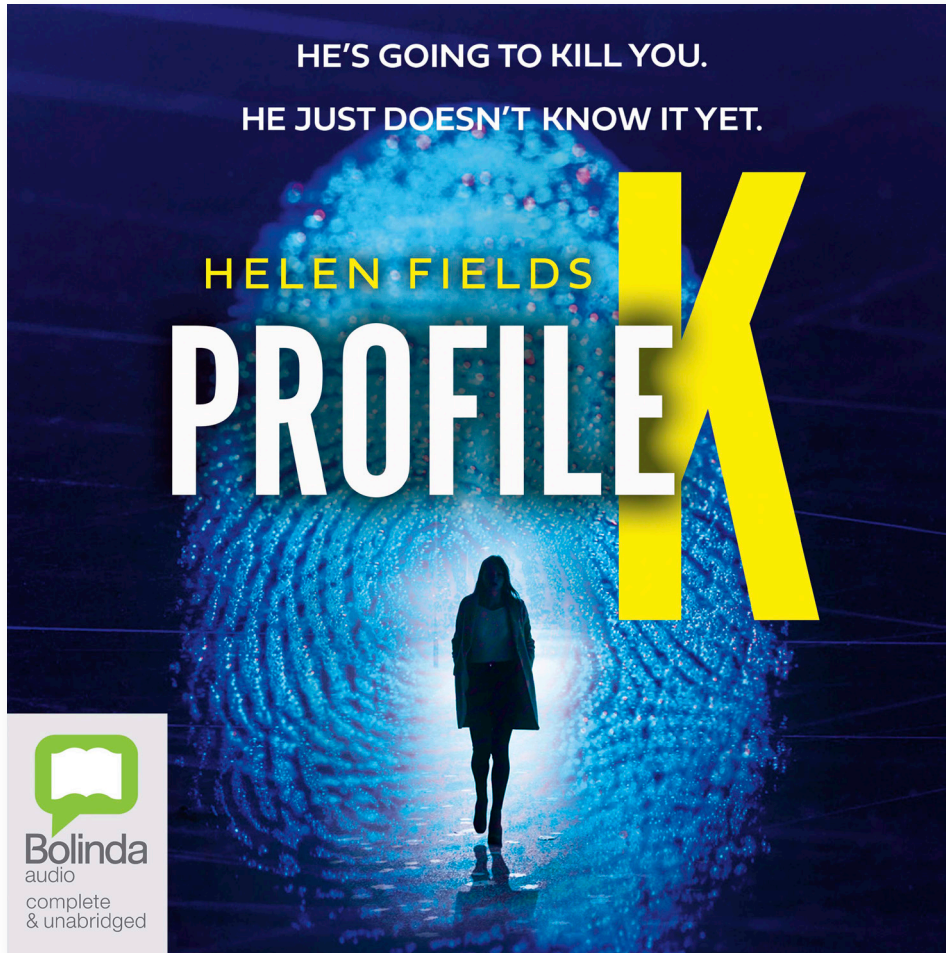
Helen Fields is an international and Amazon #1 bestselling author, as well as a former criminal and family law barrister

Fields's *Perfect Kill* was longlisted for the Crime Writers Association Ian Fleming Steel Dagger in 2020, and her other novels have been longlisted for the McIlvanney Scottish Crime Book of the Year

Perfect for fans of John Marrs's *The One*

'Brilliant! *The Institution* is a harrowing, nonstop story that will grab you from the first page and not let go. You'll consume it in one sitting.' – Jeffery Deaver, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author

'Absolutely AMAZING. Tense, engrossing and gripping.' – Angela Marsons, #1 bestselling author of the Kim Stone series (on *The Institution*)



Date with Justice

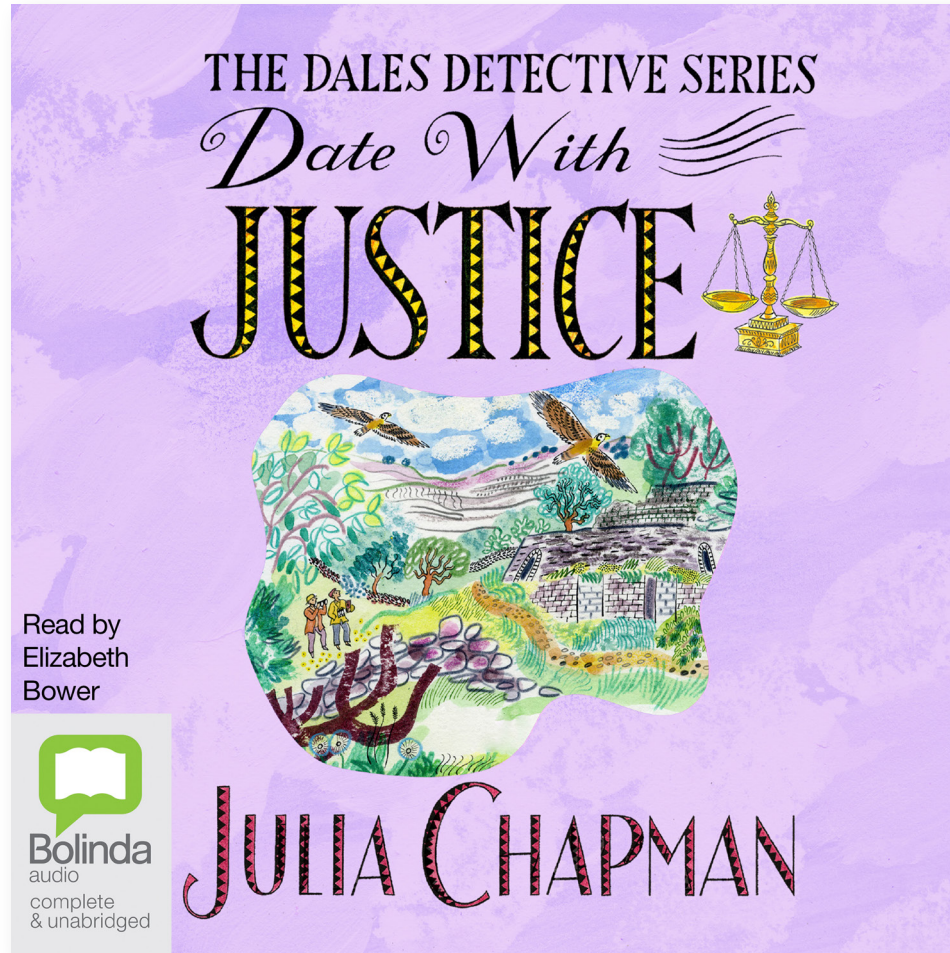
The Dales Detective Series #9

Julia Chapman

Read by Elizabeth Bower

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024



The ninth instalment in Julia's Chapman's witty and engaging Dales Detective series sees Delilah's brother under suspicion of murder. Can Delilah and Samson prove he's innocent?

The Dales Detective Agency is on the brink of closure.

Samson O'Brien has returned to his position as an undercover operative for the Met in London, and his relationship with Delilah is under pressure.

Their troubles are only multiplied when an ecologist is found dead and the finger of blame is pointed firmly at Delilah's older brother, Will Metcalfe.

It seems an open-and-shut case. An argument over an ecology report for planning permission got out of hand with Will, known to have a hot temper. But Delilah won't accept he's guilty and neither will Samson.

Dropping everything, he returns to Bruncliffe to help prove Will's innocence. But as the two detectives start digging, they unearth more than they bargained for and soon realise that the price of justice can be very costly indeed.

Julia Chapman is the pseudonym of Julia Stagg, who is the author of the Fogas Chronicles series set in the French Pyrenees

The Dales Detective series is cosy crime at its very best, perfect for fans of Richard Osman and Robert Thorogood

'Enlivened by numerous subplots ... the story moves at a cracking pace ... But Chapman's track record suggests that the next instalment will be well worth the wait.' – Daily Mail

'A classic whodunit set in the spectacular landscape of the Yorkshire Dales, written with affection for the area and its people.' – Cath Staincliffe, author of the Scott & Bailey series

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Mania

Lionel Shriver

Read by Abby Craden

Hilarious, deadpan, scathing and at times frighteningly plausible, *Mania* will delight the many fans of Shriver's fiction and journalism alike.

In a reality not too distant from our own, where the so-called Mental Parity Movement has taken hold, the worst thing you can call someone is 'stupid'.

Everyone is equally clever, and discrimination based on intelligence is 'the last great civil rights fight'.

Exams and grades are all discarded, and smart phones are rebranded. Children are expelled for saying the S-word and encouraged to report parents for using it. You don't need a qualification to be a doctor.

Best friends since adolescence, Pearson and Emory find themselves on opposing sides of this new culture war. Radio personality Emory – who has built her career riding the tide of popular thought – makes increasingly hard-line statements while, for her part, Pearson believes the whole thing is ludicrous.

As their friendship fractures, Pearson's determination to cling onto the 'old bigoted way of thinking' begins to endanger her job, her safety and even her family.

Lionel Shriver is a novelist whose previous books include Orange Prize-winner *We Need to Talk About Kevin*, *The Post-Birthday World*, *A Perfectly Good Family*, *Game Control*, *Double Fault*, *The Female of the Species*, *Checker and the Derailleurs* and *Ordinary Decent Criminals*

Also a widely published as a journalist, Shriver has written features, columns, op-eds and book reviews for the *Guardian*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Financial Times*, the *Economist*, *Marie Claire* and many other publications

'An independent mind and a sense of humour are dangerous things to possess. The spiky, politically incorrect novelist Lionel Shriver has them in abundance.' – The Times (on *Abominations*)



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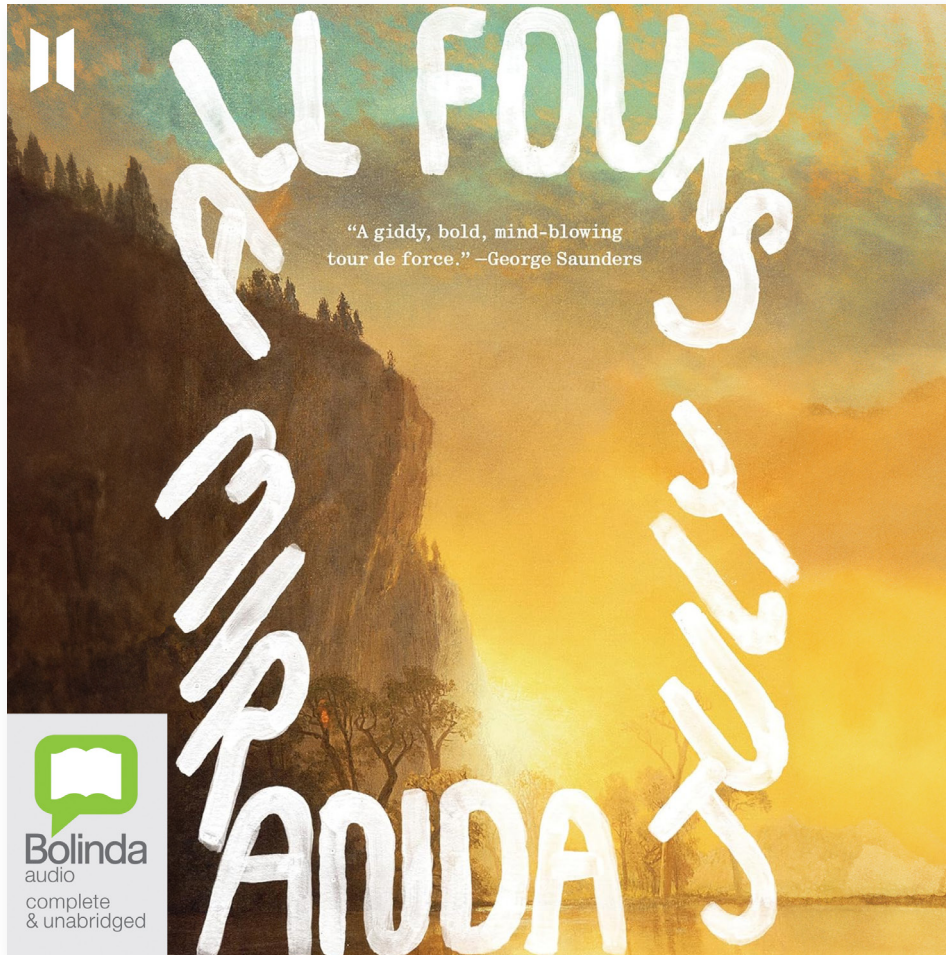


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All Fours

Miranda July

Read by the Author



The *New York Times* bestselling author of *The First Bad Man* returns with an irreverently sexy, tender, hilarious and literary story about a woman upending her life.

A semi-famous artist announces her plan to drive cross-country from LA to NY. Thirty minutes after leaving her husband and child at home, she spontaneously exits the freeway, beds down in a nondescript motel and immerses herself in a temporary reinvention that turns out to be the start of an entirely different journey.

Miranda July's second novel confirms the brilliance of her unique approach to fiction. With July's wry voice, perfect comic timing, unabashed curiosity about human intimacy and palpable delight in pushing boundaries, *All Fours* tells the story of one woman's quest for a new kind of freedom. Part absurd entertainment, part tender reinvention of the sexual, romantic and domestic life of a 45-year-old female artist, *All Fours* transcends expectations while excavating our beliefs about life lived as a woman. Once again, July hijacks the familiar and turns it into something new and thrillingly, profoundly alive.

Miranda July's collection of stories, *No One Belongs Here More Than You*, won the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award and has been published in 23 countries

July wrote, directed and starred in *The Future* and *Me and You* and *Everyone We Know*, which won the Caméra d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and a Special Jury Prize at Sundance

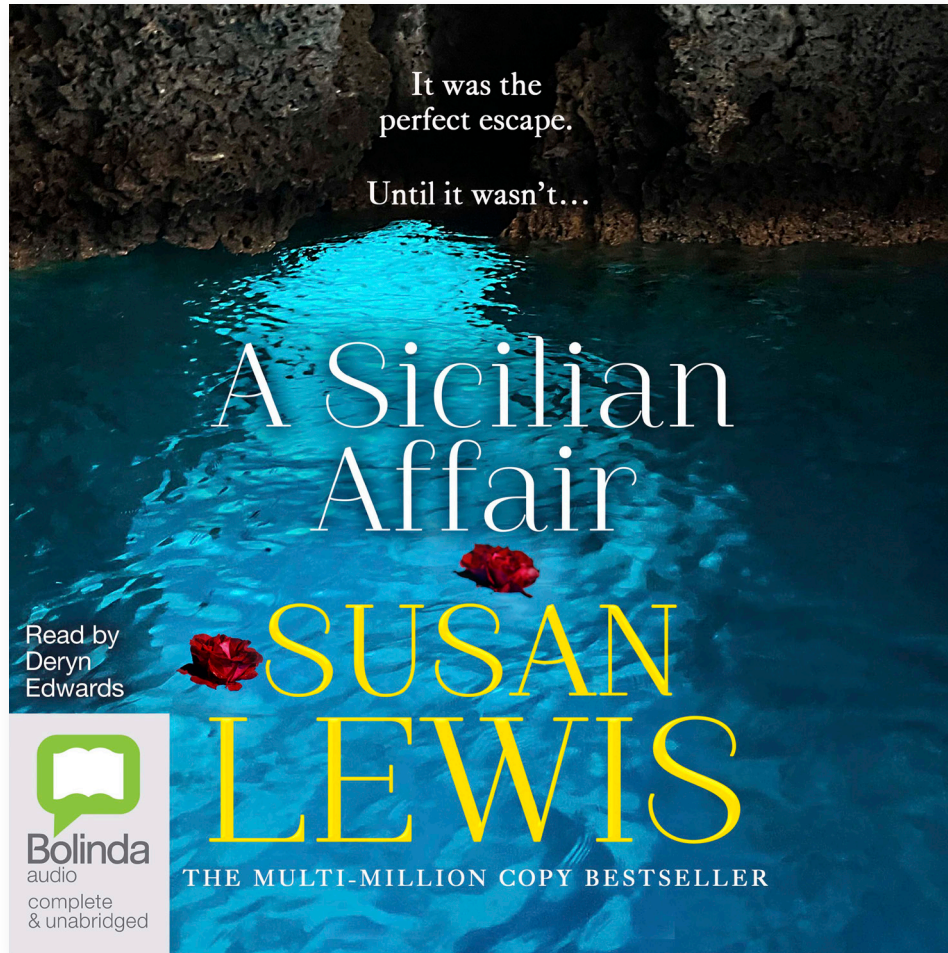
'*Profound and bawdy and deeply human, a brilliant work of art from a completely blown-open and fearless mind.*' – Emma Cline, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Guest*

'*A giddy, bold, mind-blowing tour de force by one of our most important literary writers.*' – George Saunders, Booker Prize-winning author of *Lincoln in the Bardo*

A Sicilian Affair

Susan Lewis

Read by Deryn Edwards



Don't miss the next utterly gripping emotional thriller from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Susan Lewis.

Some secrets are too devastating to share ...

A fresh start where no-one knows her name is exactly what Catie is looking for from her Sicilian escape.

When Catie meets handsome Giancarlo, she has stumbled across a love that could last forever ... if only she can admit the truth about her past.

But the scars of betrayal from her broken marriage and fragile family are only part of the story.

Susan Lewis is the internationally bestselling author of more than 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

'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*)

The Book That Broke the World

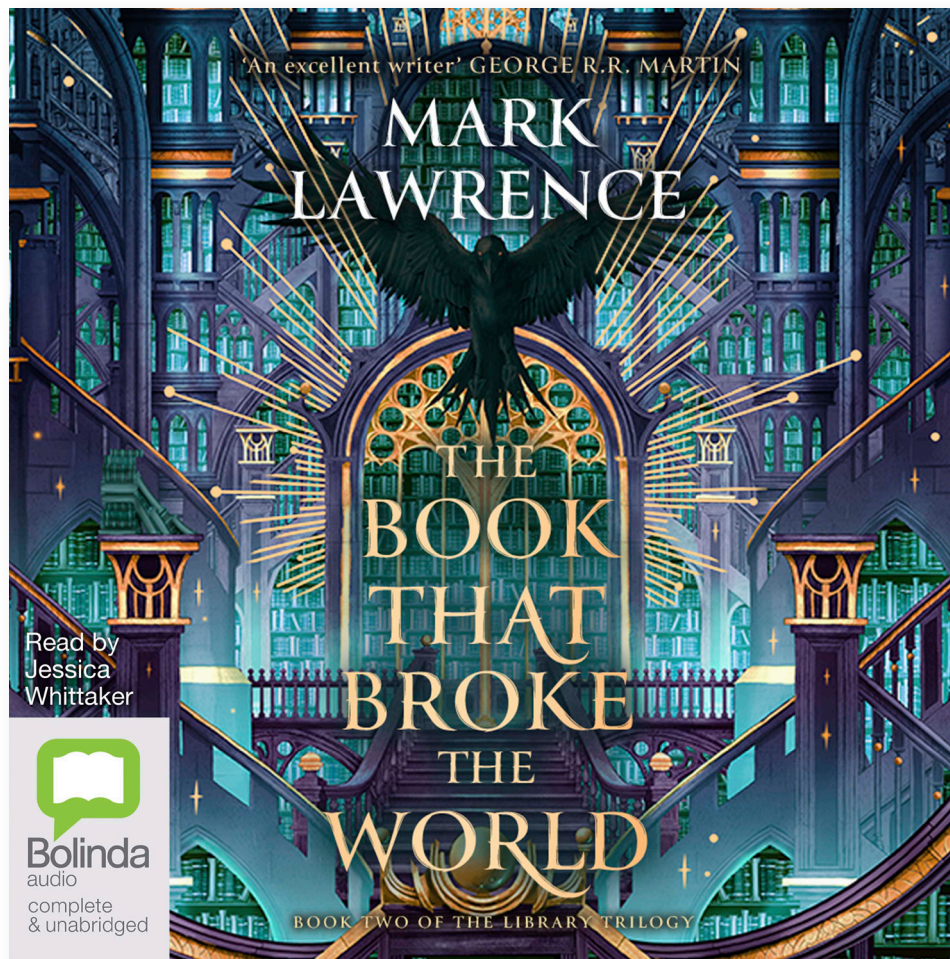
The Library Trilogy #2

Mark Lawrence

Read by Jessica Whittaker

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | June 2024



The second volume in the bestselling, ground-breaking Library Trilogy, following *The Book That Wouldn't Burn*.

We fight for the people we love. We fight for the ideas we want to be true.

Evar and Livira stand side by side and yet far beyond each other's reach. Evar is forced to flee the library, driven before an implacable foe. Livira, trapped in a ghost world, has to recover her book if she's to return to her life. While Evar's journey leads him outside into the vastness of a world he's never seen, Livira's destination lies deep inside her own writing, where she must wrestle with her stories in order to reclaim the volume in which they were written.

All the while, the library quietly weaves thread to thread, bringing the scattered elements of Livira's old life – friends and foe alike – back together beneath new skies.

Long ago, a lie was told, and with the passing years it has grown and spread, a small push leading to a chain of desperate consequences. Now, as one edifice topples into the next with ever-growing violence, it threatens to break the world.

The Library Trilogy is about many things: adventure, discovery, and romance, but it's also a love letter to books and the places where they live

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

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

'Gripping, earnest, and impeccably plotted.' – Kirkus Reviews

'This tale of knowledge and its cost flies by thanks to the gripping mystery and beautiful worldbuilding ... Readers will be desperate for more.' – Publishers Weekly

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Bonded by Thorns

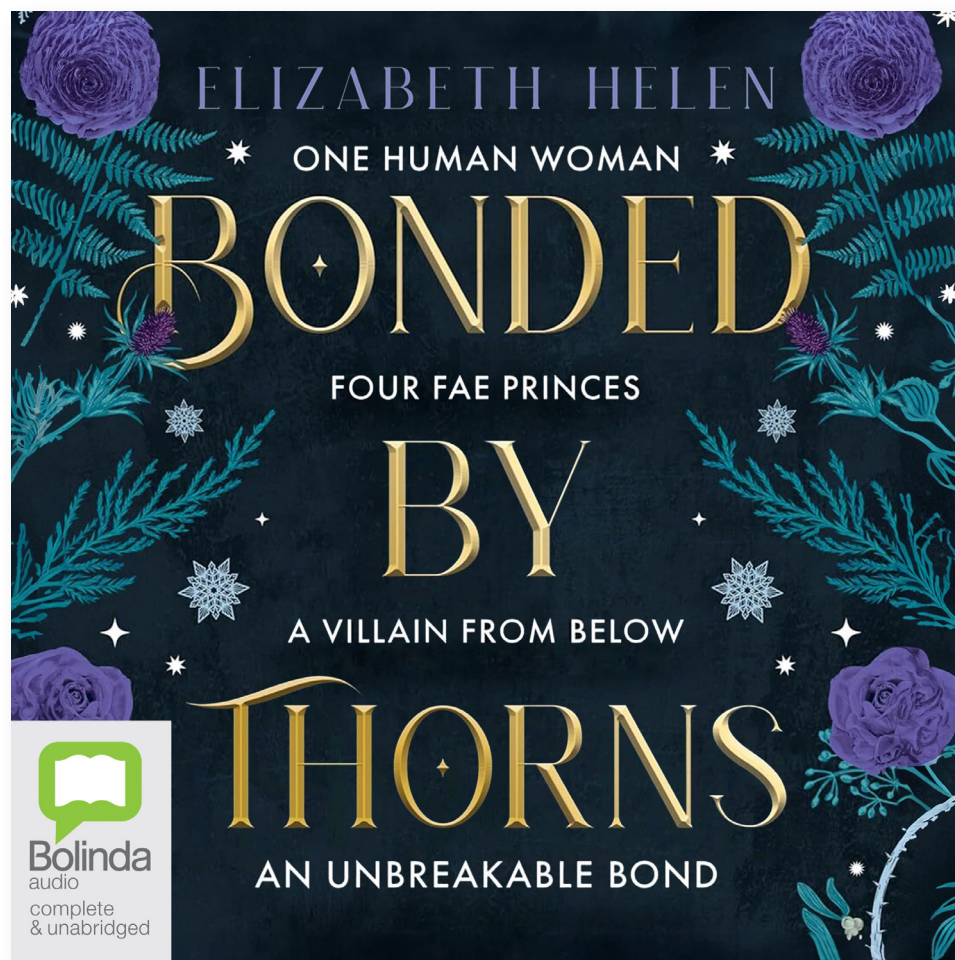
Beasts of the Briar #1

Elizabeth Helen

Read by a Full Cast

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | June 2024



A spicy *Beauty and the Beast* retelling filled with enchanted fae, morally grey characters, a stupidly hot villain and a princess who has found her prince charming. All four of them.

Rosalina O'Connell lives her life in Orca Cove as quietly as she can. Known as the daughter of Crazy George she tries to keep her head down. But George isn't crazy, he's searching for his wife who disappeared, and is convinced she was stolen by fae.

When George goes missing, Rosie goes after him and finds herself in a new world, the Enchanted Vale, the world of the fae. Her father has been imprisoned in Castletree by the Winter Prince, and Rosie has no choice but to make a deal to take her father's place, meaning she must remain in Castletree forever.

As Rosie begins to learn more about the Enchanted Vale and the four Princes she shares a castle with, she discovers that they have been cursed. The Princes must take on the form of demonic wolves every night and with every year that the curse continues, more of their magic, and the magic of Castletree, fades away.

Elizabeth Helen is the combined pen-name of sister writing duo, Elizabeth and Helen who write fantasy romance, and love creating enchanting adventures for their characters

Other titles included in the Beasts of the Briar series are *Woven by Gold*, *Forged by Malice* and *Broken by Daylight*

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The Forbidden Daughter

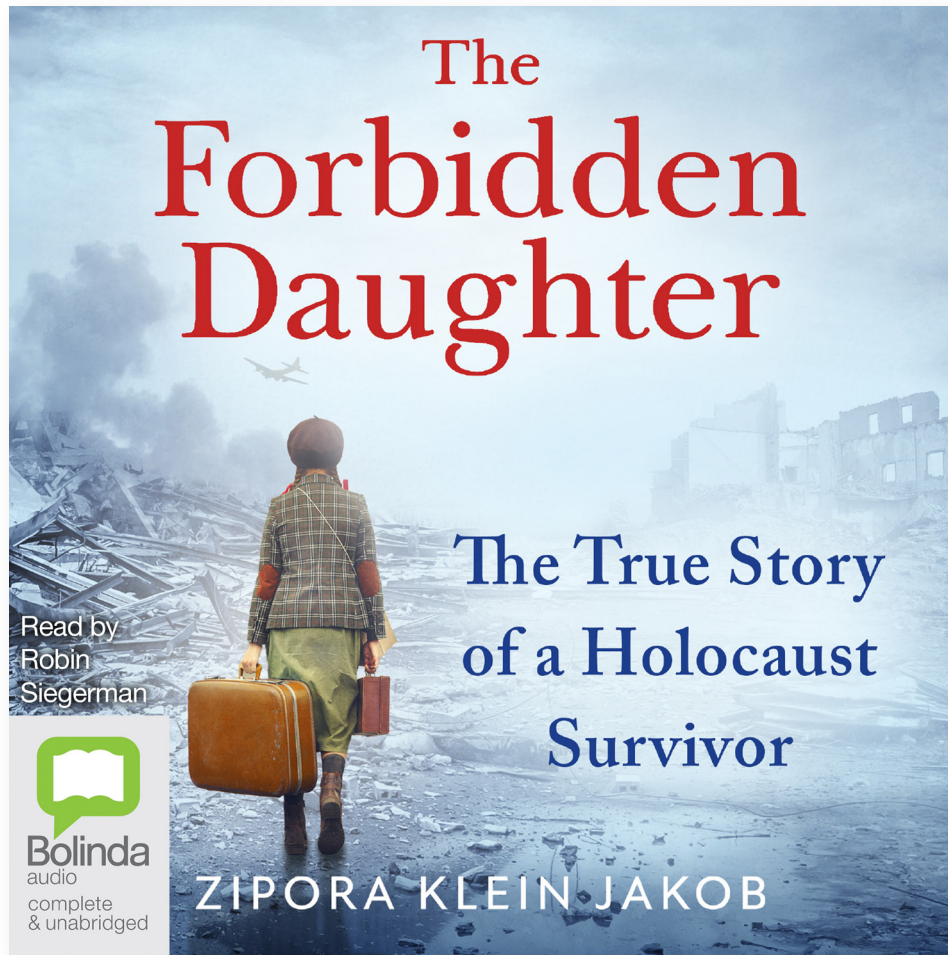
The True Story of a Holocaust Survivor

Zipora Klein Jakob

Read by Robin Siegerman

Adult New Release

History | June 2024



The unforgettable true story of a girl born in the Kovno Ghetto, and the dangerous risk her parents faced in defying the barbarous Nazi law prohibiting childbirth.

Elida Friedman was never supposed to have been born. In the Kovno Ghetto in Lithuania, Nazi law forbade Jewish women from giving birth. Yet despite the danger they faced, Dr Jonah Friedman and his wife Tzila, choose to bring a daughter into the world – a little girl they name Elida, meaning ‘non-birth’ in Hebrew.

To ensure her survival, the couple must smuggle their precious baby out of the ghetto into the arms of strangers. So begins a life of constant upheaval, with Elida changing families, countries, continents and even names, countless times. Surviving the war and the Holocaust that stole her parents, the young woman never gives up hope of finding a sense of family, and the chance to belong.

A moving, powerful chronicle of overcoming impossible odds, *The Forbidden Daughter* is the true story of one unforgettable girl and her will to survive.

Zipora Klein Jakob holds academic degrees in Literature and History

Jakob has carried out historical investigations, which led her on the journey of historical discovery and verification that greatly influenced *Elida, the Forbidden Ghetto Girl*

Jakob was a high-school history teacher, a pedagogical counsellor for university history education and manager of the Educator's Promotion Division at the Open University

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The Main Character

Jaclyn Goldis

Narrator to come

A bestselling thriller author arranges a luxury train trip that is not what it appears to be in this electrifying modern homage to Agatha Christie.

Reclusive, mysterious author Ginevra Ex is famous for her unusual approach to crafting her big bestselling thrillers – she hires real people and conducts intensive interviews, then fictionalises them. Her latest main character, Rory, is thrilled when Ginevra presents her with an extravagant bonus – a lavish trip along Italy’s Mediterranean coast on the famed, newly renovated Orient Express. But when Rory boards the train, she’s stunned to discover that her brother, her best friend and even her ex-fiancé are passengers, as well. All invited by Ginevra, all hiding secrets.

With each stop, from Cinque Terre to Rome to Positano, it becomes increasingly clear that Ginevra has masterminded the ultimate real life twisty plot with Rory as her main character. And as Ginevra’s deceptions mount, and the lies and machinations of Rory’s travel companions pile up, Rory begins to fear that her trip will culminate like one of Ginevra’s books – with a murder or two. In the opulent compartments of the iconic train, Rory must untangle the shocking reasons why Ginevra wanted them all aboard – and to what deadly end.

Perfect for fans of Ruth Ware, Lucy Foley and Paula Hawkins

Goldis is the author of *The Chateau* and the historical women’s fiction, *When We Were Young*

‘The Main Character is full steam ahead when it comes to betrayals and secrets, all wrapped up in a deliciously claustrophobic ride that you’ll never forget.’ – Finley Turner, author of *The Engagement Party*

‘Suspenseful, stylish and seductive – what you’d expect from Jaclyn Goldis – but with something deeper at its core: a love letter to family. The Main Character is a runaway train that will leave you mesmerized. All aboard!’ – Alex Finlay, author of *If Something Happens to Me*

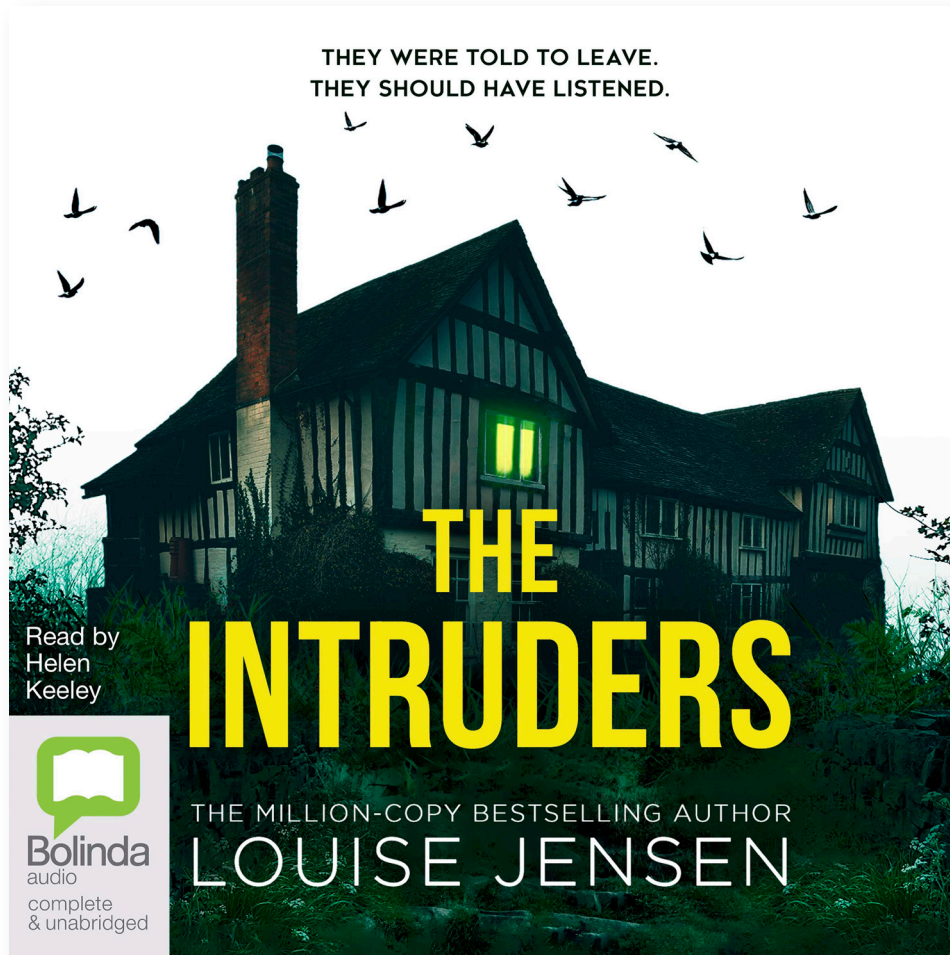


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The Intruders

Louise Jensen

Read by Helen Keeley



The nailbiting new psychological thriller for from the bestselling author of *The Date* and *The Fall*.

They were told to leave. They should have listened ...

It should be the perfect opportunity: a manor house available rent free in exchange for a bit of housesitting. But when Cass and James dig deeper, they find the place has been abandoned since a robbery left almost all the inhabitants dead almost 30 years ago. But they've got to save for a deposit somehow, so they move in, and things quickly take a strange turn.

Objects disappear and turn up in odd places, the clock always stops at the same time, and the house is oppressive yet strangely familiar. Could it just be bad memories, or are the house's secrets a little closer to home?

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

Her novels have also been translated into 25 languages, as well as featuring on the *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* Bestseller's List

Jensen was nominated for the Goodreads Debut Author of 2016 Award and the *Guardian's* Not the Booker 2018, and her thrillers have been optioned for TV and film

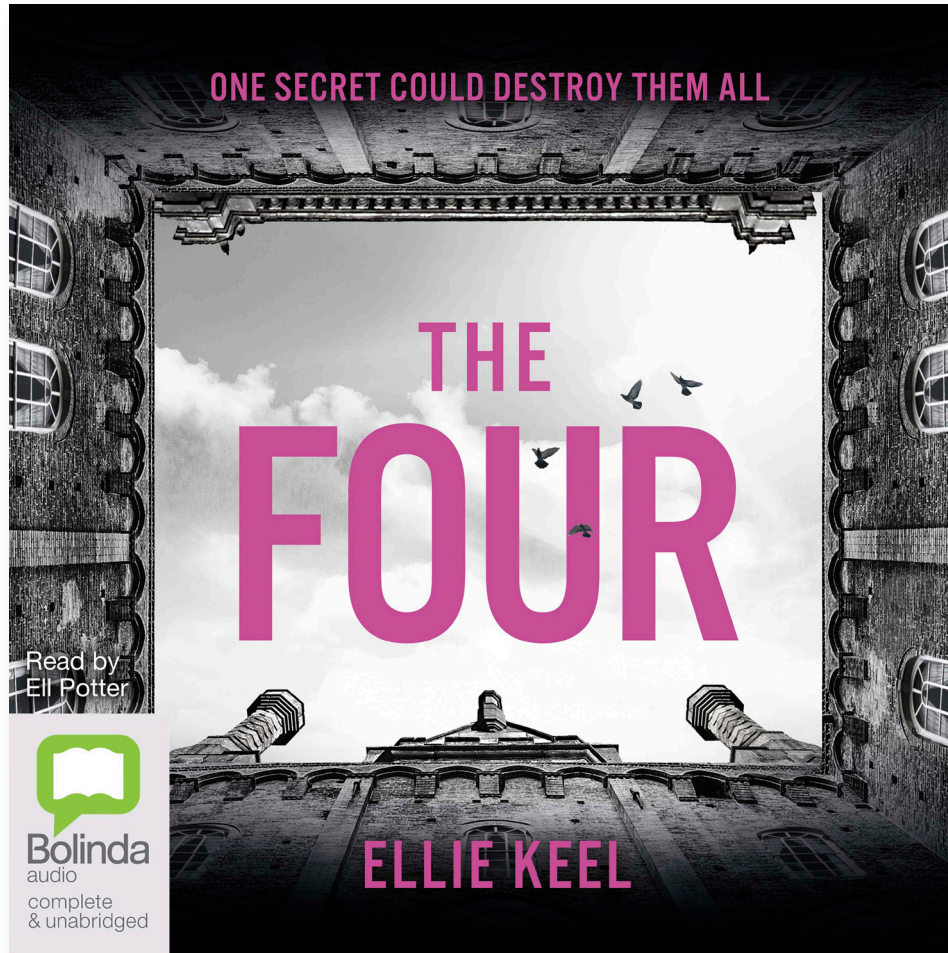
'A gripping, edge-of-your-seat thriller you won't want to stop reading!' – Lauren North, author of *All the Wicked Games*

'Louise Jensen is the master of suspense.' – Kia Abdullah, bestselling author of *Take It Back*

The Four

Ellie Keel

Read by Ell Potter



Four scholarship students' dreams come true when they are accepted into an exclusive boarding school, but they will soon be bound by a dark secret that could save one of them ... or destroy them all.

We were always The Four. From our very first day at High Realms. The four scholarship pupils. Outsiders in a world of power and privilege.

It would have made our lives a lot easier if Marta had simply pushed Genevieve out of our bedroom window that day. Certainly, it would have been tragic. She would have died instantly.

But Marta didn't push her then, or – if you choose to believe me – at any other time. If she had, all of what we went through would not have happened.

I've told this story as clearly as I could – as rationally as I've been able, in the circumstances, to achieve. I don't regret what we did. And I would do it all again.

Dark academia perfect for fans of *The Secret History* and *If We Were Villains*

Ellie Keel is an award-winning producer, campaigner and the founder director of The Women's Prize for Playwriting, a literary prize and campaign for gender equality among writers for the stage in the UK and Ireland

In 2022 Keel was the youngest producer ever to be shortlisted for Producer of the Year in The Stage Awards

'A dark, compelling and beguiling novel of revenge, guilt and love – Ellie Keel is a dazzling new voice.' – Kate Mosse, bestselling author

'An intensely gripping, thrilling and darkly beautiful debut. I was hooked.' – Karin Slaughter, *New York Times* and international bestselling author

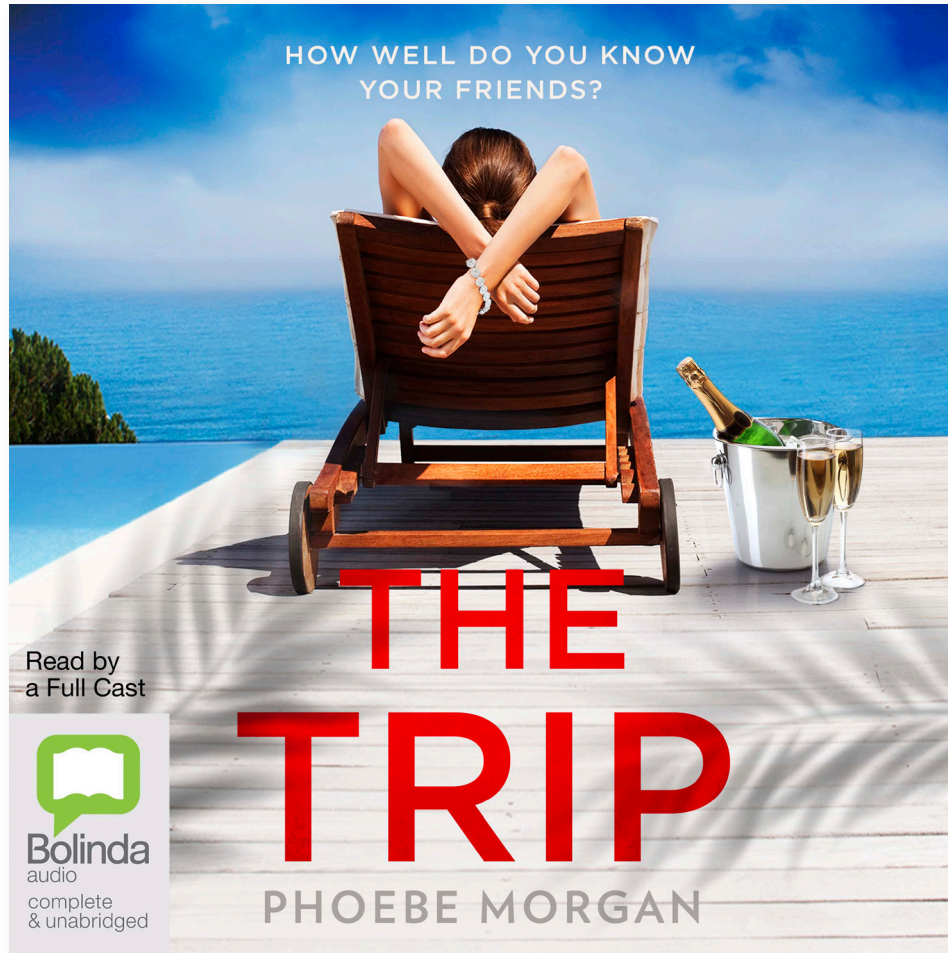
Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024

The Trip

Phoebe Morgan

Read by a Full Cast



A heart-pounding crime thriller from the author
of *The Babysitter* and *The Wild Girls*.

Four friends on the holiday of a lifetime. Until a vicious murder shatters their paradise.

Four friends who'd do anything for each other, until now.

Only one of them committed a crime.

But all four know how to keep a secret.

And they're all guilty of something ...

Phoebe Morgan is the author of *The Doll House*, *The Girl Next Door*, *The Babysitter* and *The Wild Girls*

Over 225,000 copies of Morgan's titles have been sold in 10 languages including French, Italian, Polish and Croatian

'A heart-stopping rollercoaster ... with a dark sense of menace and hugely relatable characters.' – B.A. Paris, author of *Behind Closed Doors*, *The Therapist* and *The Prisoner* (on *The Wild Girls*)

'Compelling and clever, you'll binge it in one sitting.' – Deborah O'Connor, author of *My Husband's Son* (on *The Wild Girls*)

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Good Things

Kate MacDougall

Read by Olivia Darnley



From author Kate MacDougall comes a funny and heartwarming story about two sisters, one absent father and a grand inheritance.

Maggie and Liz may be sisters (and yes, named after a pair of much more famous siblings) but that's about all they have in common. Maggie is a free spirit – travelling the world, flitting through life and relationships without ever really having to connect. Liz, meanwhile, is the lynchpin of Little Martin village society and determined to be the perfect wife, mother and homemaker – even if she does live in a new build.

When Liz and Maggie's beloved grandmother, Queen Vic, dies in a characteristically dramatic fashion, they are left to deal with the aftermath – inheriting the family Manor, as well as full responsibility for their profligate father, a notorious womaniser who causes trouble wherever he goes.

Maggie and Liz have been living separate lives for years – but now might finally be the time to put their differences behind them.

Kate MacDougall is a freelance journalist who specialises in the countryside, lifestyle, interiors and all things dogs, previously publishing the irresistibly charming memoir, *London's No. 1 Dog-Walking Agency*

MacDougall has written for *The Telegraph*, *Country Life*, *Horse and Hound*, *Homes and Antiques* and *Period Living* amongst others

'A joy from start to finish. I loved it!' – Stacey Halls, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Familiars* (on *London's No. 1 Dog-Walking Agency*)

'Charming, funny, heartwarming ...' – Adam Kay, bestselling author of *This is Going to Hurt* (on *London's No. 1 Dog-Walking Agency*)

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June new releases 2024

The Japanese Art of Living Seasonally

An Invitation to Celebrate Every Day

Natalie Leon

Read by Alix Dunmore

Adult New Release

Lifestyle – Wellbeing | June 2024

Written by Japanologist Natalie Leon, this beautiful guide unlocks the secrets of Japan's seasonal culture to help you relish the seasons wherever you are.

Since the Heian period, nature has permeated every aspect of Japanese culture in myriad ways; the Japanese literally eat, sleep and wear the seasons, from kimono motifs to seasonal sweets and annual festivals dedicated to the moon's beauty or the blooming of flowers. This celebration of nature leads to a deep awareness of the seasons, called *kisetsukan*.

In this audiobook, Japanologist and seasonality expert Natalie Leon explains the hidden depths of *kisetsukan* and shares how seasonal living can be incorporated into our own lives. Through 12 key concepts, such as *shun*, focusing on eating seasonally, *Kasane*, the language of colour, and *mottainai*, zero-waste living, this treasure trove of folktales, recipes and activities is an invitation to mark and appreciate each passing season.

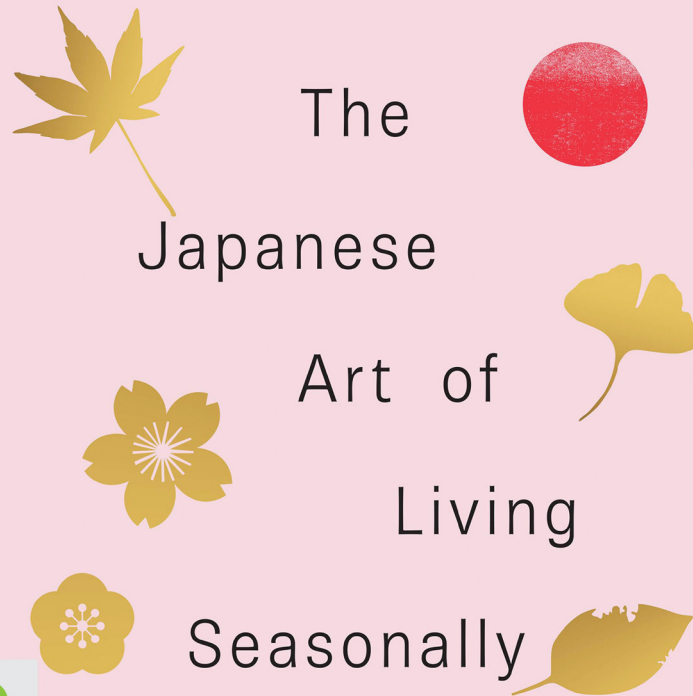
Increase your personal harmony, creativity and happiness by savouring the seasons, no matter where you are.

Natalie Leon, secretly known to her clients as The Wellness Whisperer, helps people heal their relationship with body image and food through mindful movement, intuitive nutrition and a healthy mindset

Leon is the owner of Loving Me LLC, author of *Loving Me* and creator of *Loving Me Fitness* and *Loving Me Retreats*

'This is the perfect book to pick up to reconnect with your local environment and enrich the everyday life with natural, if not a bit ethereal, beauty.' – Kaki Okumura, author of *WA: The Art of Balance*

'Fascinating and authoritative.' – Naoko Abe, author of 'Cherry' Ingram: *The Englishman Who Saved Japan's Blossoms*



The Japanese Art of Living Seasonally

An Invitation to Celebrate Every Day

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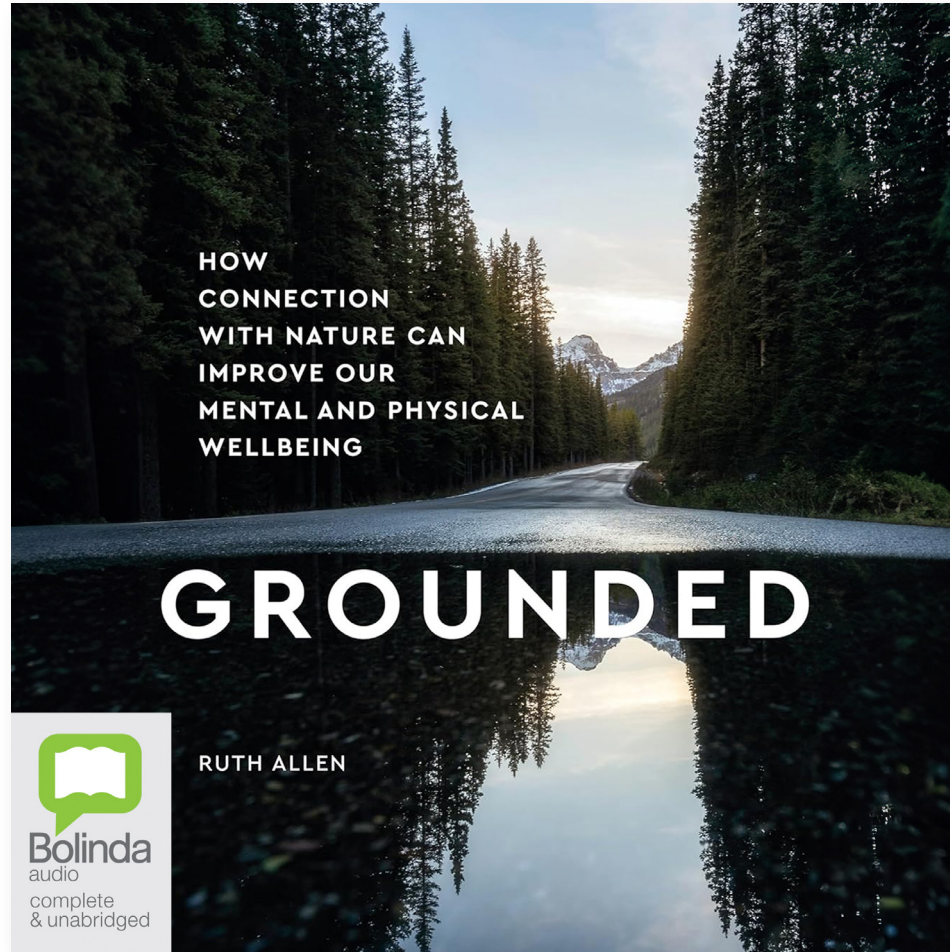
How Connection with Nature Can Improve Our Mental and Physical Wellbeing

Ruth Allen

Read by Anna Koval

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | June 2024



Grounded explores the concept of rewilding as an intentional way of living in the modern age that is both disconnected from nature and hyperconnected to technology.

How do we understand nature? Benevolent and supportive? Wild and threatening? Reassuring or unpredictable? We all have a different experience of, and relationship with, nature. This audiobook includes immersive sound design to further ground the listener in nature and complement the lessons explored in the narration.

Reflecting on nature's unknowable and mysterious qualities, *Grounded* explores how we can therapeutically benefit from a deeper connection with nature, finding within it balance, stillness, solitude, resilience, contentment, activity, fearlessness – and our own wild voice.

Within this audiobook, you will discover:

- Mindfulness, breathing and stillness activities
- Movement exercises to connect with the physical world
- Work-life rebalancing
- Nature study and eco-therapies

Ruth Allen is a psychotherapist, trainer and writer based in the Peak District (UK) specialising in ecopsychotherapeutic/outdoor practice

Allen's work has been featured in *Stylist Magazine*, *The Telegraph* as well as BBC Radio 4 *Ramblings* with Clare Balding

'A story that offers a pathway back to a slower, better more conscious lifestyle that is something everyone can do and achieve by simply re-learning how to re-connect with nature.' – Blue Wolf Reviews

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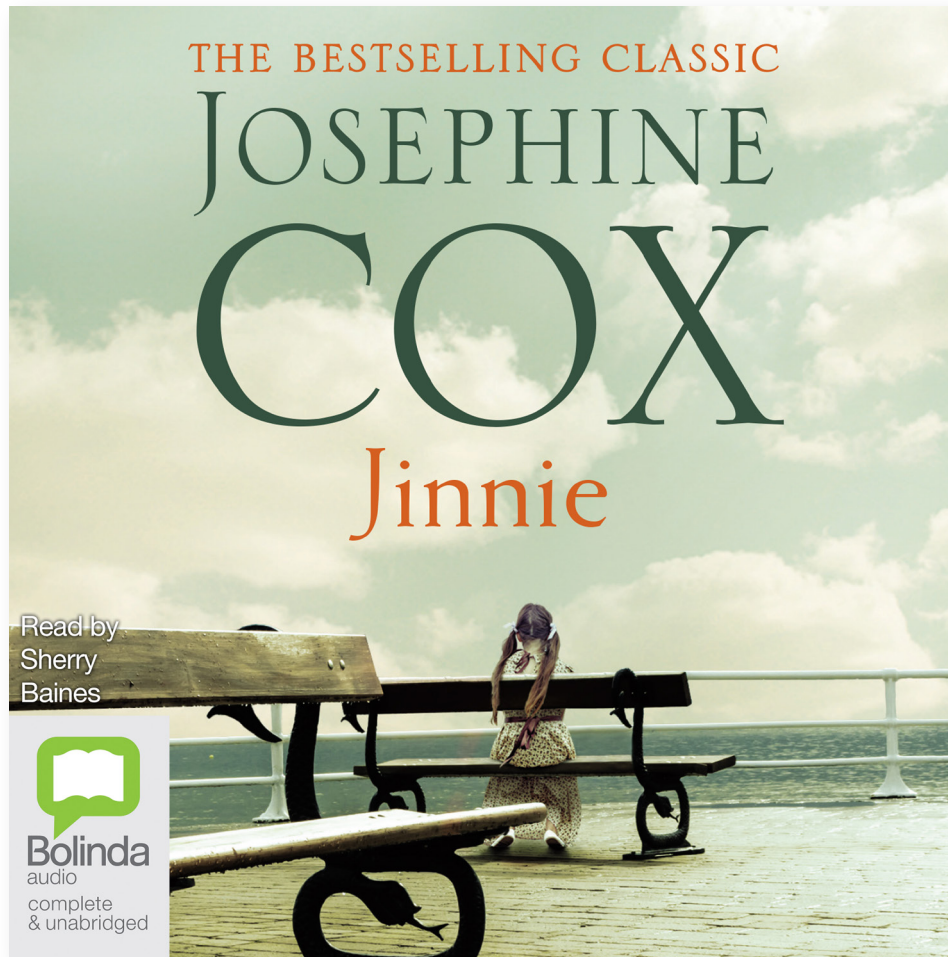
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June new releases 2024

Jinnie

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



Read by
Sherry
Baines



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The #1 bestselling author Josephine Cox tells a ten-year-old tragedy that casts a dangerous shadow on the present in this compulsive, heart-rending and compelling saga of love, betrayal and belonging.

Ten years ago, Louise Hunter's life was torn apart by tragedy. Her husband, Ben, killed himself; her brother-in-law, Jacob, was murdered; and her sister, Susan, abandoned her newborn daughter, revealing the baby is Ben's child. Louise remains haunted by guilt over the one night she spent with Ben's friend Eric and refuses to return Eric's love. But after adopting Jinnie, she finds new happiness – until Susan decides she wants Jinnie back.

Meanwhile, Adam and Hannah, whose mother was killed with Jacob, are on the run. What Adam witnessed on that dreadful night has put them all in danger, but their beloved grandmother knows that one day they must return to the place where it all began ...

Josephine Cox was an English bestselling author of more than 60 titles over a career which spanned three decades

Cox sold over 20 million copies of her family sagas, which combined romance and tragedy to dramatic, bestselling effect

Her books were frequently bestsellers, and the UK Public Lending Rights figures often listed her in the top three borrowed authors

'If you are looking for a story with warmth, humanity and more than a touch of grit, you need look no further ... warm and compelling family saga which is as welcome as a roaring fire on a freezing winter's day ... never a moment when you are not put in touch with the passions of life.' – The Northern Echo

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

The Secret Keepers

Tilly Bagshawe

Read by Sarah Lambie



Sweeping from the French Riviera to the wind-blown Cornish cliffs, this is a spellbinding novel about the fates and fortunes of the Challant family – and the devastating secrets that echo through the years.

The beautiful bastide at Beaulieu-sur-Mer has always been an idyllic retreat for the Challant family, a place of glorious memories and sun-drenched summers. But the summer of 1928 changes everything.

One humid, stormy night, a young local boy suffers a fatal accident in the bastide's grounds – and the suspicious circumstances around his death sets off a chain of whispers in the town on the Riviera.

For the Challant children, they have no choice but to move on and leave those terrible events in the past.

But through the years of loves and losses, marriages and betrayals, the Challants' lives will always be tainted by that night. And it's only by unlocking devastating family secrets that they'll finally be set free ...

Tilly Bagshawe is the internationally bestselling author of nine previous novels

As a journalist, Tilly contributed regularly to the *Sunday Times*, *Daily Mail* and *Evening Standard* before following in the footsteps of her sister Louise and turning her hand to novels

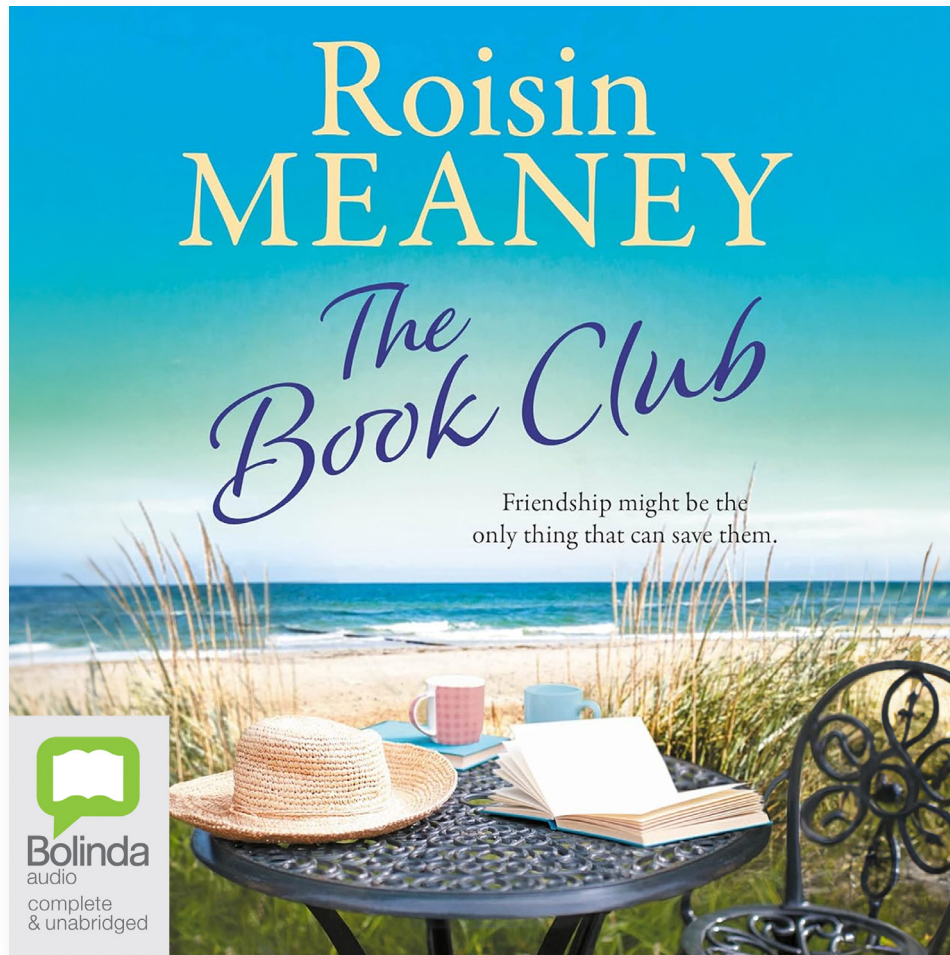
'Fabulous escapism, full of secrets & scandalous behaviour. Big and sweeping ... A pacy riot of a saga.' – Tracy Rees, author of *Amy Snow* (on *The Secrets of Sainte Madeleine*)

'You're always guaranteed corking characters and a fast-paced read with a Bagshawe story, and this doesn't disappoint' – Heat (on *Friends and Rivals*)

The Book Club

Roisin Meaney

Read by Aoife McMahon



A heartwarming story about the power of friendship from beloved bestselling Irish author, Roisin Meaney.

A tragic accident leaves the tight-knit book club in the small seaside town of Fairweather reeling. Then stranger Tom McLysaght arrives in the community, and the members of the club find their lives changing in ways they never could have imagined.

None of them realise that Tom is hiding a secret. On the surface, his move to Fairweather was to escape his highflying life in London and to put some much-needed distance between him and his ex-fiancée – but deep-down Tom knows that there are some things he cannot run from.

As the months pass with book club gatherings, secrets are shared and hurts begin to heal. New friendships might be the last thing on their minds but the members of the book club are about to discover that opening themselves up to other people might be the only thing that will help them all to live, and to love, again.

Roisin Meaney is the number one bestselling author who is now based in Limerick, Ireland

Meaney is the author of 15 novels including three standalone novels set in the fictional island off the west coast of Ireland: *One Summer*, *After the Wedding* and *I'll Be Home for Christmas*

Meaney's other bestsellers include *The Last Week of May*, *The People Next Door*, *Half Seven on a Thursday*, *Love in the Making*, *The Things We Do For Love*, *Something in Common*, *Two Fridays in April* and *The Reunion*

'An emotional and heart-warming story about community spirit, grief, and hope, *The Book Club* by Roisin Meaney is everything you could wish for in a novel and then some.' – Books of All Kinds

Return to the Dover Cafe

The Dover Cafe #4

Ginny Bell

Read by Bea Holland

Adult New Release

Romance | June 2024



Don't miss the fourth instalment in a dramatic and moving World War II saga series of family, secrets and lies.

All is not well at Castle's Café. Since the fatal shooting, customers have been staying away, and now Nellie finds herself in debt to the sinister Terence Carter. But when a deadly attack strikes close to home, these troubles pale into insignificance.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Castle's relationship with family friend Reenie Turner has deepened, and in the aftermath of the attack that could so easily have killed them, they decide to get married.

But the return of an old friend threatens to expose a long-held secret, leaving the wedding teetering on the brink of disaster ...

Perfect for listeners of Ellie Dean and Annie Groves, and for fans of the Home Fires series

Ginny Bell went to school in Dover, never realising at the time what a fascinating and crucial role the town played in World War II

'Brilliantly written ... I loved it.' – Rosie Goodwin, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *The Dover Café at War*)

'A brilliant evocation of a family and community pulling together in wartime. Full of drama, laughter, and nail biting cliff hangers. A triumph!' – Annie Clarke, author of *The Factory Girls* series (on *The Dover Café at War*)

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A Mother's Sorrow

Margaret Dickinson

Narrator to Come



A heart-rending family saga set around WWI from *Sunday Times* bestselling author and Queen of the Saga, Margaret Dickinson.

Three young women. Two families united. A bond that can't be broken ...

Sheffield, 1892. Patrick Halliday rules his family with a rod of iron. He's hard on both his wife and his elder daughter, Flora, but he spoils his youngest, Mary Ellen, because she reminds him of his beloved mother.

When Mary Ellen, aged 17, finds that she is pregnant, Patrick throws her out of the family home and Flora goes with her. After wandering the Derbyshire countryside for miles, they find shelter on a farm, working for their keep.

When Flora must return to her job as a buffer girl in Sheffield's cutlery trade, she is reunited with her friend, Evelyn Bonsor. As both young women find love and fall pregnant, the Halliday and Bonsor families are united, despite the many trials that cross their paths.

Then comes the Great War. Through hardship and tragedy, these two families must stick together to weather the storm ...

Margaret Dickinson is the author of *Plough the Furrow*, *Sow the Seed* and *Reap the Harvest*, which make up her Lincolnshire Fleethaven Trilogy

Dickinson is also the author of *Fairfield Hall*, *Jenny's War* and *The Clippie Girls*

'The Queen of Saga.' – Daily Express

'A gripping saga full of heart-rending drama.' – Yours

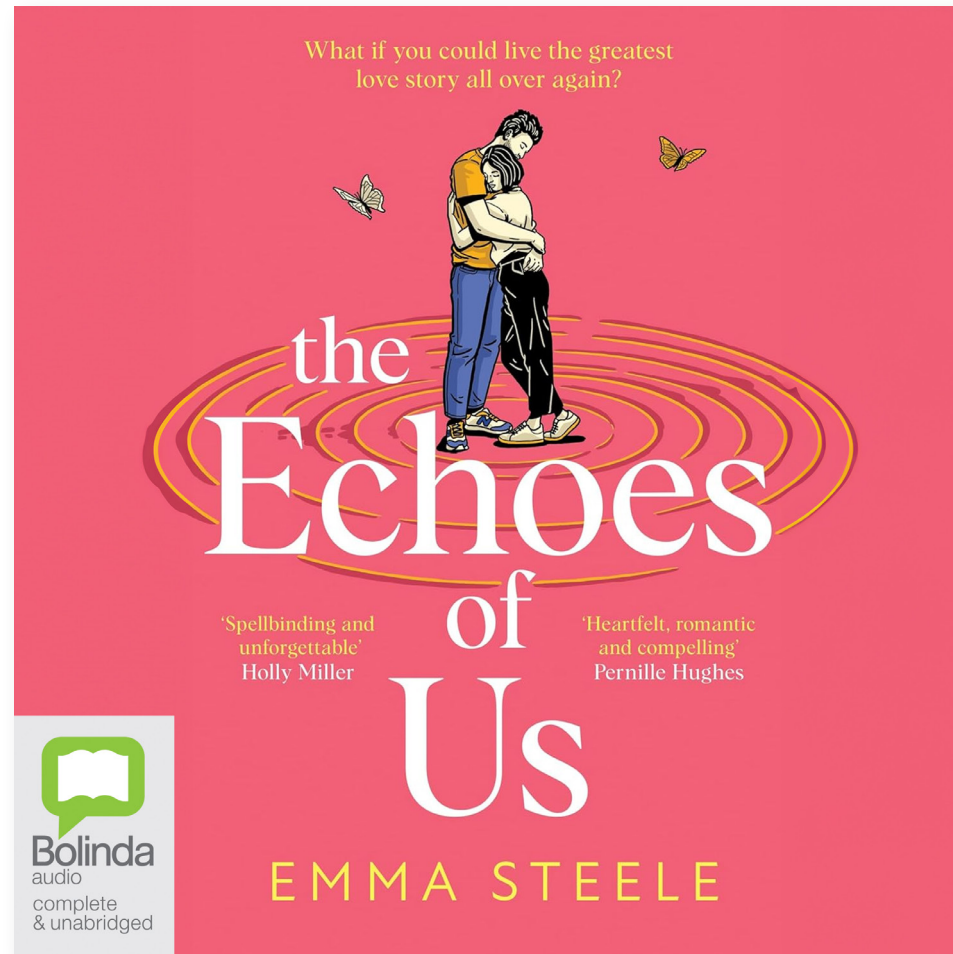
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The Echoes of Us

Emma Steele

Read by Paula Masterton & John Scougall



An epic and absolutely captivating love story that will break and mend your heart, from author Emma Steele.

Robbie and Jenn are meant to be. They've finally reconciled after eight months spent apart and both know that, this time, it's forever.

But forever might not be as long as they think. As a truck hurtles towards their car on their way home, Robbie is thrown back into Jenn's past and he finds himself spectator in the most important moments of her life – golden moments from her childhood and heart-breaking ones from her teenage years; her exhausting time at med school and just where she's been for the last eight months. But he may find more than he bargained for ...

Can Robbie right the wrongs in their past? Can he get to the bottom of what drove Jenn away eight months ago? Most importantly, can he change their present in order to save their future?

Perfect for fans of *The Time Traveller's Wife* and *The Man Who Didn't Call*

Emma Steele is an Edinburgh-based solicitor and writer, who has always enjoyed big love stories and exciting thrillers

'Heartfelt, romantic and compelling.' – Pernille Hughes, author of *Ten Years*

'Spellbinding and unforgettable.' – Holly Miller, author of *The Sight of You*

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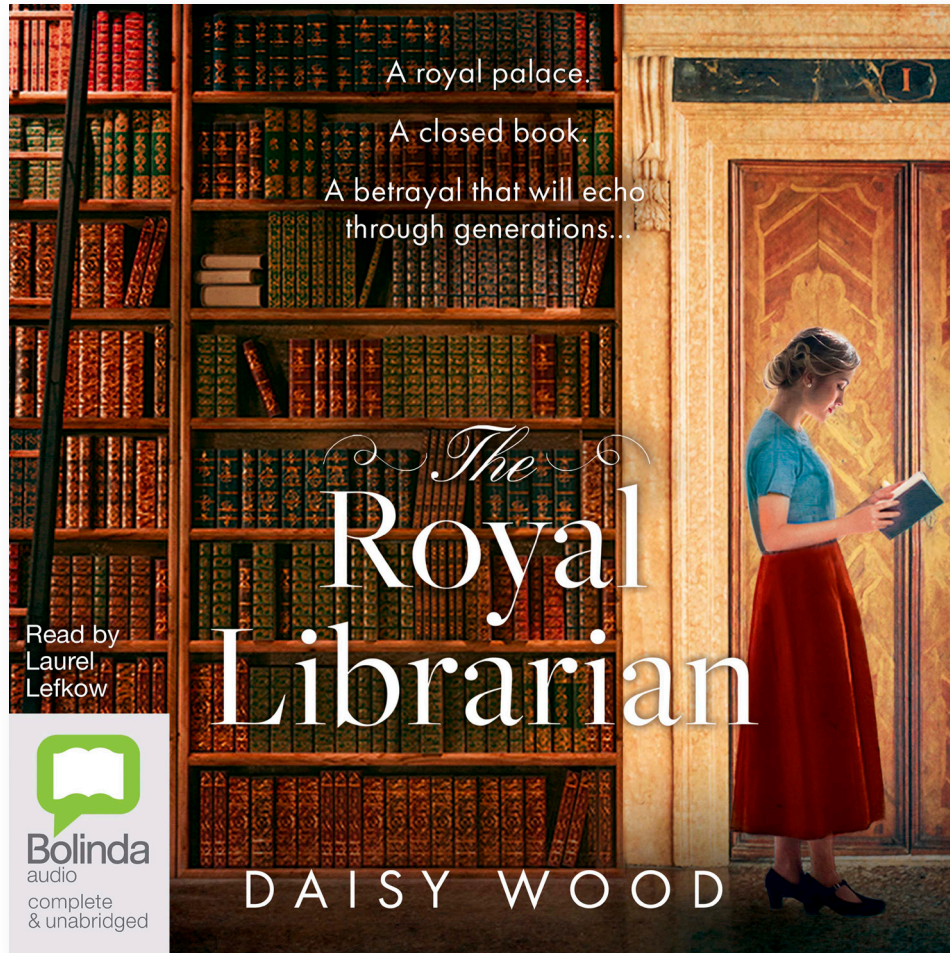
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The Royal Librarian

Daisy Wood

Read by Laurel Lefkow



A gripping and emotional royal story from an exciting new voice in historical fiction and author of *The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris*.

Windsor, 1940. War rages, and as bombs rain down across Britain, nowhere is safe: not even a royal palace.

Secretly tasked with foiling a suspected plot, Sophie Klein is placed in the Royal Library at Windsor Castle, where the princesses reside. But when she learns that Windsor is compromised, Sophie must sacrifice everything she knows to save the future queen of England ...

Philadelphia, present day. Digging into her great aunt's family tree, Lacey Turner comes across a mysterious book bearing the stamp of Windsor Castle's Royal Bindery. But how did it come to be in her family's possession?

And so begins a journey that will take Lacey from battlefields to Buckingham Palace in a quest to reunite the book with its rightful owner ...

Daisy Wood is the author of *The Clockmaker's Wife* and *The Forgotten Bookshop in Paris*. Wood worked in children's publishing for some years before leaving to concentrate on her own writing.

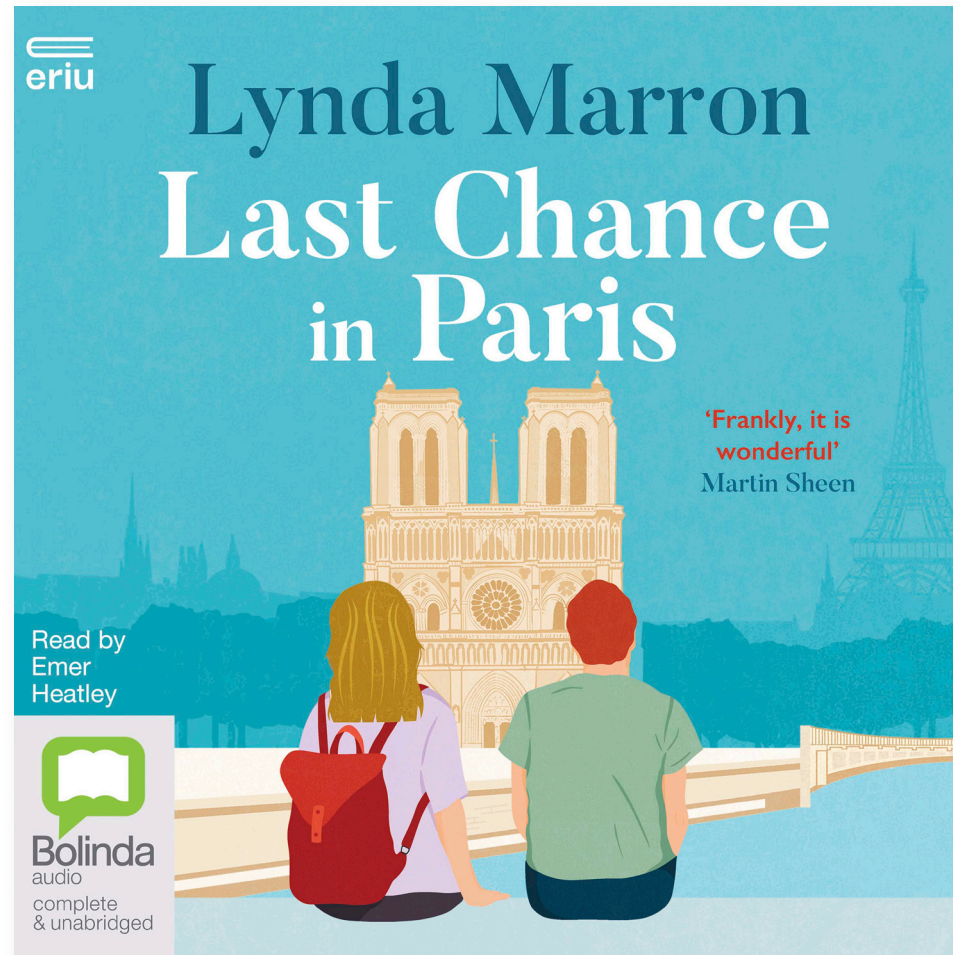
'A ticking time-bomb of intrigue, wrapped around stark but rich descriptions of the Blitz. An unforgettable wartime debut.' – Mandy Robotham, internationally bestselling author of *The Berlin Girl*

'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*)

Last Chance In Paris

Lynda Marron

Read by Emer Heatley



Following a tragedy, an Irish couple takes a make-or-break trip to Paris, in a funny, moving and, above all, life-affirming story from author Lynda Marron.

When her husband suggests a romantic break, Claire feels obliged to say yes but immediately regrets it. After the tragedy they've been through, how can one weekend in Paris save their marriage?

Claire and Ronan aren't the only people on a make-or-break visit to the City of Love. There is a big-shot movie producer from Hollywood, full of regret for a life ill-lived; a student from Boston, torn between love and duty; a Ukrainian refugee struggling to protect her little sister; and an old woman from Dijon, hoping to be braver than she has ever had to be before.

When their lives briefly intertwine, something extraordinary happens ...

Lynda Marron graduated from University College Cork in the mid-'90s with two degrees in microbiology, neither of which brought her any closer to her dream of writing a novel

Marron opted for the longer route, the Life Experience Creative Writing Course, which included teaching English to Italian teenagers, filing letters in a GP's surgery and writing listicles for an online bookseller

'A fresh new voice in Irish fiction, a story peopled with original and well-drawn characters and imbued with a delightful Parisienne flavour.' – Roisin Meaney, author of *Life Before Us*

'A story of love, loss and redemption in one of the world's most iconic cities.' – Sheila O'Flanagan, bestselling author of *What Happened That Night*

Better Left Unsent

Lia Louis

Read by Ashley Tucker



A woman accidentally reveals all her secrets in this witty and charming story from the author of *Eight Perfect Hours*.

Two years ago, 30-year-old receptionist Millie Chandler had her heart spectacularly broken in public. Ever since, she has been a closed book, vowing to keep everything to herself – her feelings, her truths, even her dreams – in an effort to protect herself from getting hurt again.

But Millie does write emails – sarcastic replies to her rude boss, hard truths to her friends, and of course, that 1000-word love declaration to her ex who is now engaged to someone else. The emails live safely in her drafts, but after a server outage at work, Millie wakes up to discover that all her emails have been sent. Every. Single. One.

As every truth, lie and secret she's worked so hard to keep only to herself are catapulted out into the open, Millie must fix the chaos her words have caused, and face everything she's ever swept under the carpet.

Better Left Unsent is an unforgettable and moving story, perfect for fans of Rebecca Serle and Emily Henry

Lia Louis was the 2015 winner of *Elle* magazine's annual writing competition and has been a contributor for Bloomsbury's Writers and Artists blog for aspiring writers

Louis is the author of *Somewhere Close to Happy*, *Dear Emmie Blue* and *Eight Perfect Hours* – her titles are enjoyed around the world and have been translated into over ten languages

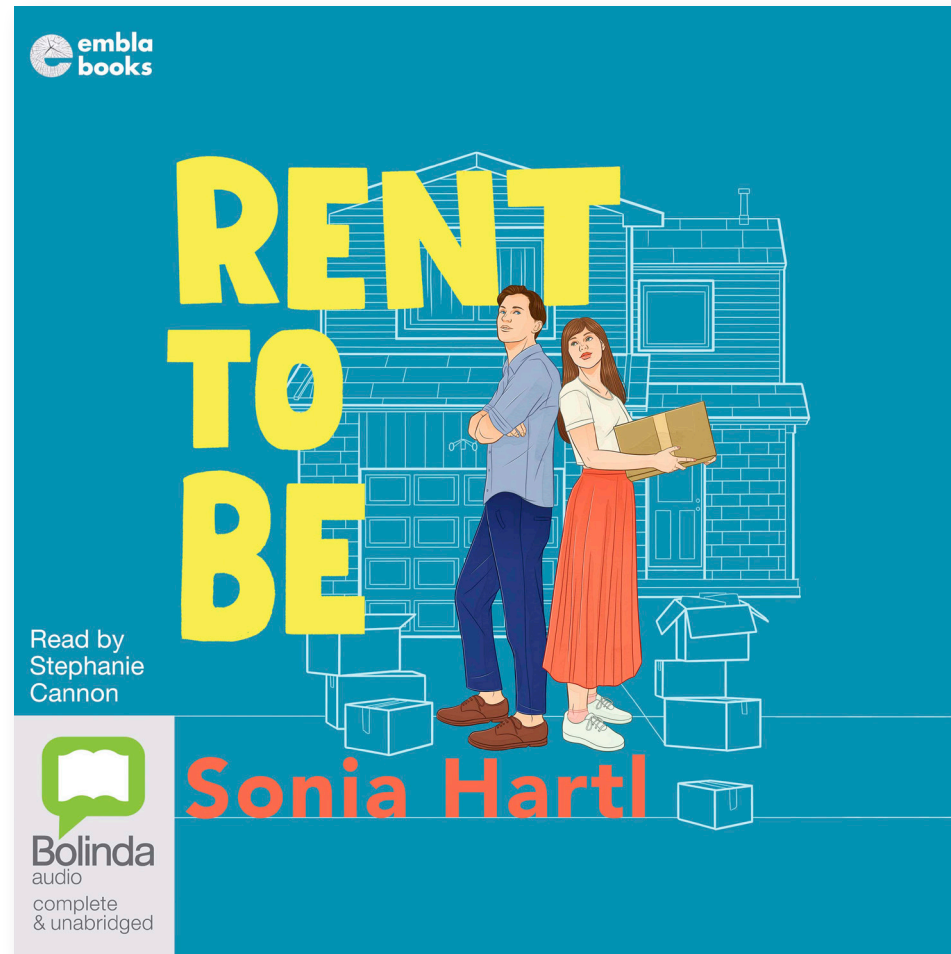
'No one writes a romcom like Lia Louis. *Better Left Unsent* is beyond wonderful; so funny, so sweet, very, very romantic, and somehow managed to make me feel better about every email I've ever sent accidentally (I've sent a lot of accidental emails).' – Lindsey Kelk, internationally bestselling author of *I Heart New York* and *On a Night Like This*

'I am such a huge Lia Louis fan. *Better Left Unsent* is an absolutely gorgeous, laugh-out-loud, heartwarming tale of a life fully lived, with one of the smartest rom-com concepts I've ever come across.' – Beth O'Leary, internationally bestselling author of *The Wake-Up Call*

Rent To Be

Sonia Hartl

Read by Stephanie Cannon



In this bright, laugh-out-loud rom-com, the grind of the millennial struggle is a lot more fun when you add falling in love to the mix, perfect for fans of Tessa Bailey and Beth O’Leary.

Isla Jane is having a very bad day. She’s working a job she hates, her car has broken down and she’s come home to find her flatmates have evicted her. Standing outside, her possessions in boxes, she wonders what happened to all those dreams she once had. Because right now, she’s living a nightmare.

Admitting to her parents how much has gone wrong, and moving back home, feels like the ultimate defeat. So Isla decides to secretly crash at her brother’s empty flat while he’s out of town. Only it isn’t empty. Her brother’s best friend, Cade Greenley, is staying there while his own place is under renovation.

Isla begs Cade not to say anything, she’ll fix everything before her brother comes home, and Cade grudgingly agrees. But only if Isla helps him out in return. Cade needs to get some meddling colleagues off his back and, in exchange for keeping her secret, he asks her to pose as his girlfriend at a work event.

What starts as a simple pact between almost-friends soon gets more complicated, as Isla and Cade’s pretend relationship has sparks flying between them.

Sonia Hartl is the author of YA and adult romance. Her books have been featured in *PopSugar*, *BuzzFeed*, *Vulture*, *Book Riot* and *Life Savvy*, among other publications

Hartl’s works include the Zodiac Cove series and the smart, sexy and witty romantic comedy, *Heartbreak for Hire*

‘[A] funny, steamy and heartfelt romance ...’ – Library Journal

‘In Rent to Be, Sonia Hartl shows why “brother’s best friend” is a top trope! Isla is a loveable mess, Cade is so hot and stealthily kind, and the tension and banter between the two was electric.’ – Alicia Thompson, author of *Love in the Time of Serial Killers*

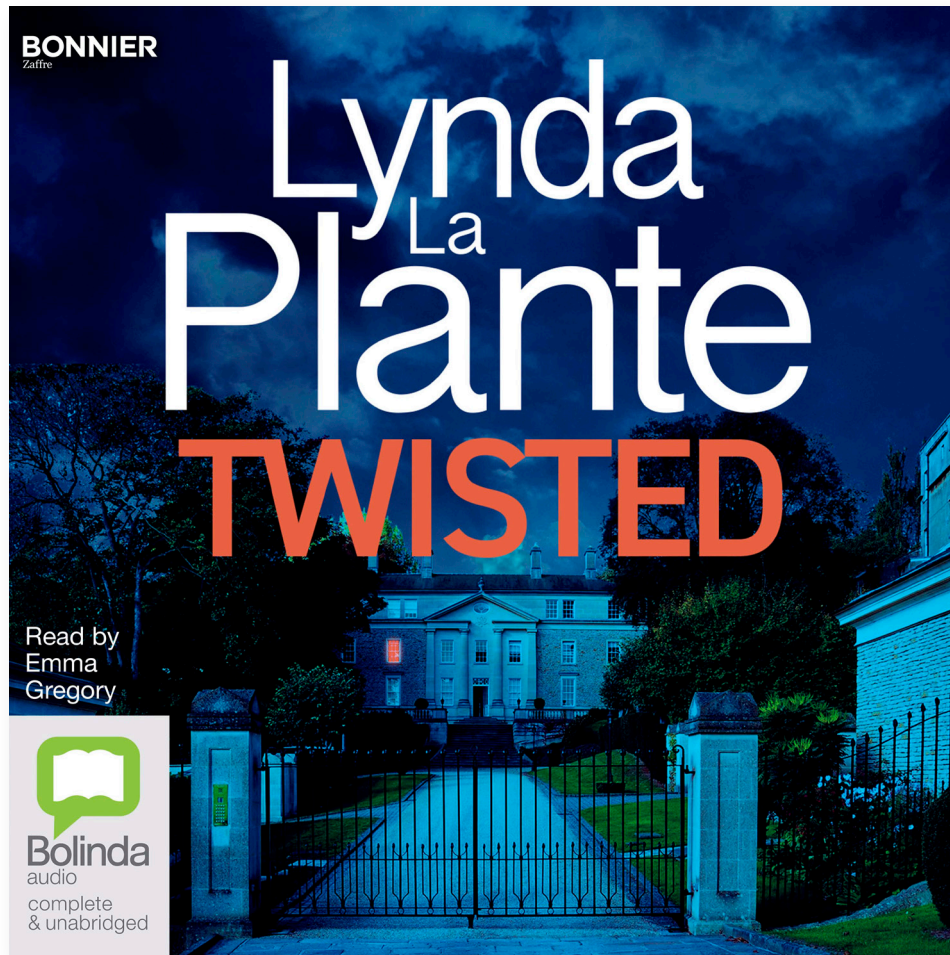
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Twisted

Lynda La Plante

Read by Emma Gregory



Where is Amy? Is she alive or dead? Lies and betrayal mount as the hunt for a missing girl becomes a search for a body, in this dark thriller from bestselling author Lynda La Plante.

Marcus and Lena Fulford are the envy of their friends. Wealthy, attractive and successful, the couple, with their strikingly beautiful teenage daughter Amy, seem settled and content. But appearances mask a strained relationship almost at breaking point. Marcus's latest business venture has failed, draining Lena, the major breadwinner, dry. Putting Amy into weekly boarding school and striving to get her own career back on its feet, Lena remains alone in the luxurious family house as her marriage heads towards as amicable a divorce as she and Marcus can muster, and joint custody of their only child.

So when Amy arranges a sleepover with a school friend one weekend, neither parent sees the need to be in touch with her. It is only when Amy is reported missing from school and her friend's mother reveals that, instead of staying with them, Amy was visiting her father – a fact vehemently denied by Marcus – that Lena contacts the police. DI Victor Reid, in charge of the case, fears the worst – abduction or murder.

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

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

'Packed with high-tension, fast-paced action, an unforgettable cast of characters, plenty of twists and turns, and La Plante's dark and satirical brand of northern humour, this is crime fiction and excitingly visual storytelling at its best.' – Lancashire Post (on *Widow's Revenge*)

The House of Susan Lulham

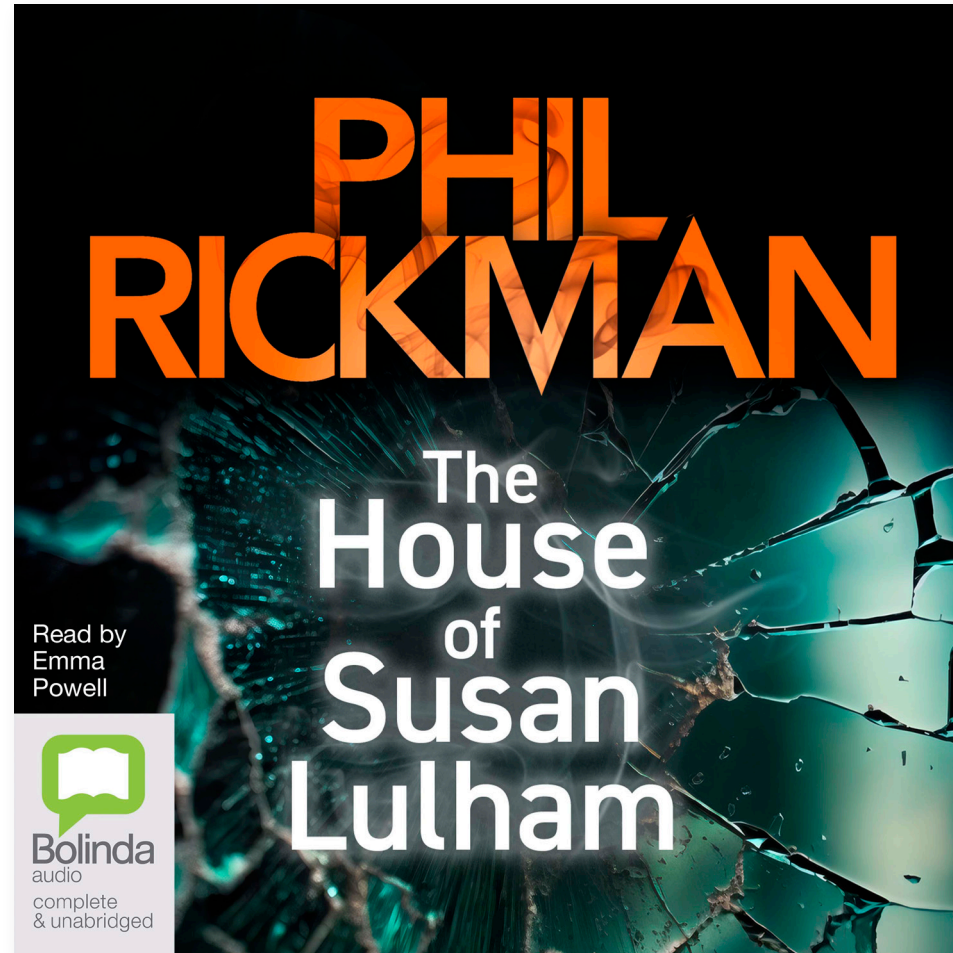
Merrily Watkins #13

Phil Rickman

Read by Emma Powell

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2024



The diocesan exorcist for Hereford must reveal the haunting presence of Susan Lulham in this 13th instalment of the Merrily Watkins Mysteries.

A new husband and a new house. Just as well, because Zoe doesn't like old.

Back in the 1960s, this house was built to look ultra-modern, with lots of glass and sharp angles. And it was going cheap, perhaps because of the self-inflicted death of a previous owner – notoriously bloody and prolonged.

But Zoe didn't know that. And if her husband Jonathan knew, he kept very quiet.

How is Merrily Watkins, diocesan exorcist for Hereford, to know what's behind Zoe's claim that the late Susan Lulham is still in residence?

Sceptical neighbours seem unlikely to help, and fresh blood will decorate the pristine white walls of the New House before its secret history begins, at last, to leak out.

Phil Rickman is also the author of the John Dee series and several novels of the paranormal, including two for children under the name Thom Madley

Rickman has worked as a BBC radio and TV reporter, and he writes and presents the book program *Phil the Shelf* on BBC Radio Wales

'First rate crime with demons that go bump in the night.' – Daily Mail

'Ancient history, violent deaths, feuds, intrigues and murder. A most original sleuth.'
– The Times

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Penelope Goes to Portsmouth

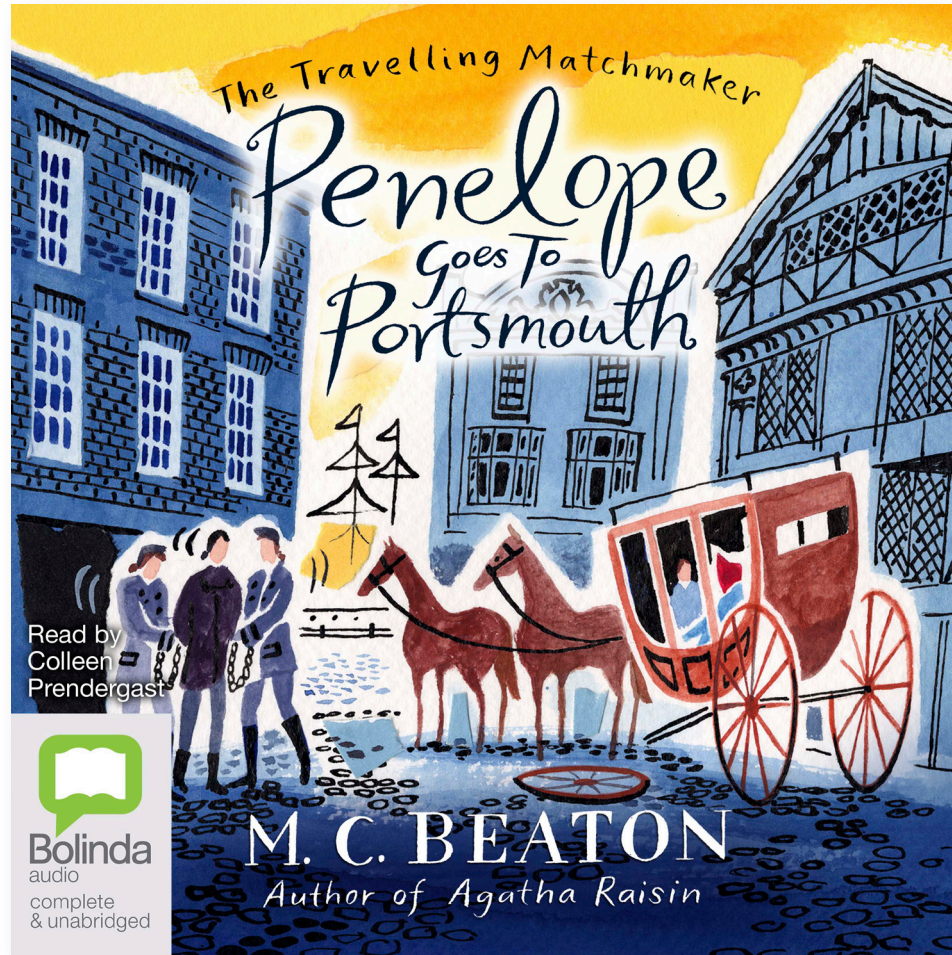
The Travelling Matchmaker #3

M.C. Beaton

Read by Colleen Prendergast

Adult New Release

Romance | June 2024



A matchmaker contends with a troublesome couple and a footman in danger, in this third instalment of the Travelling Matchmaker series from bestselling author M.C. Beaton.

Kind-hearted Miss Hannah Pym is off to Portsmouth in the company of the beautiful but practical Miss Penelope Wilkins.

Miss Pym quickly realises that Penelope needs someone to enliven her sheltered life, someone perhaps like their handsome travelling companion, Lord Augustus Railton. Penelope, however, thinks Lord Augustus is a ne'er-do-well ...

Hannah's hopes for adventure, on the other hand, are fulfilled when the coach happens upon a footman who faces hanging for a crime he didn't commit.

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

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

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

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

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

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The World's Worst Children 1, 2 & 3

The World's Worst Children

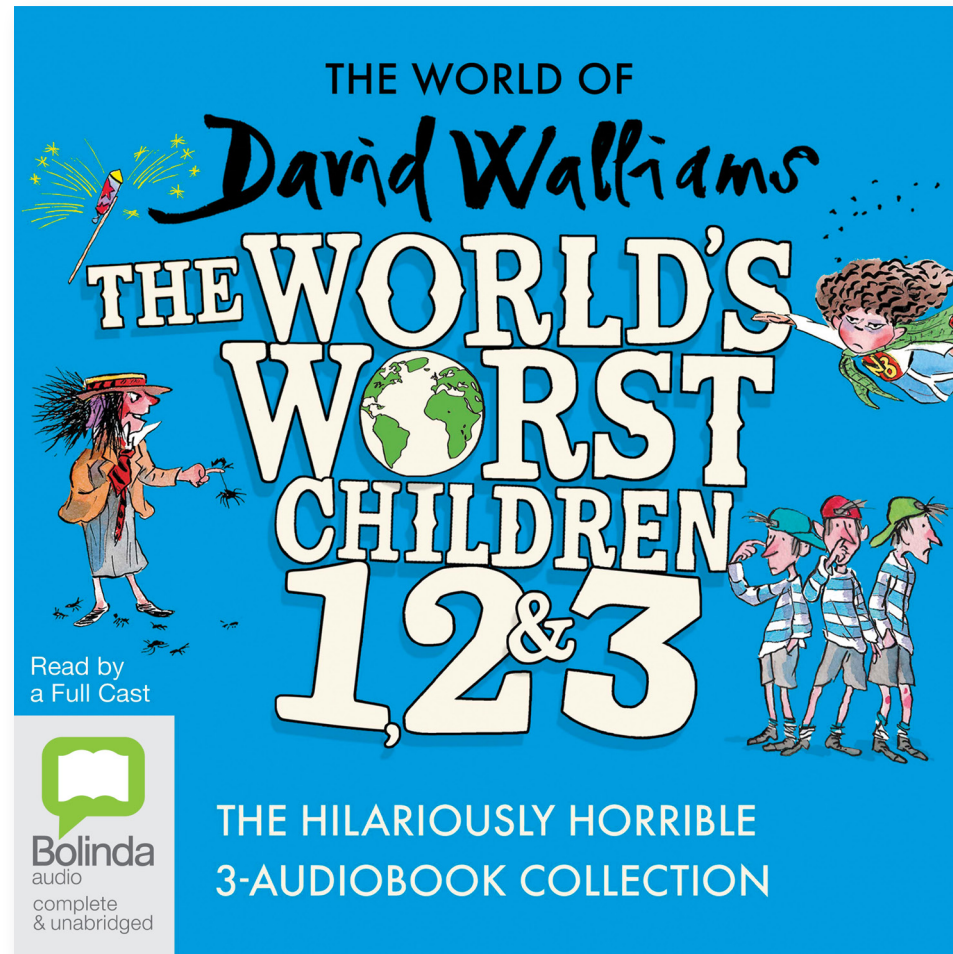
David Walliams

Read by a Full Cast

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2024

An entire world of hilariously horrible and delightfully dreadful children in one incredible collection of cautionary tales from the phenomenal number one bestselling author David Walliams.



The World's Worst Children 1: Are you ready to meet the World's Worst Children? Five beastly boys and five gruesome girls! Like Sofia Sofa – a TV super-fan so stuck to the sofa that she's turning into one! Or Dribbling Drew – a boy whose drool gets him into trouble on a school trip! And not forgetting Blubbering Bertha – a girl who bawls and tells terrible tales!

The World's Worst Children 2: Ready for more? The beastly boys and gruesome girls in this audiobook are even ruder, even more disgusting and WORSE than you could ever imagine! The gruesome characters will make you snort with laughter and thank your lucky stars that you don't know anyone like Gruesome Griselda or Fussy Frankie in real life. It also features a special appearance from fan-favourite Raj!

The World's Worst Children 3: Just when you thought it was safe to go back to your bookshelf, 10 more horrendously hilarious stories about the absolute worst children ever! From ten-year old Hank and his endless pranks on his poor, long-suffering family, to Tandy and her titanic tantrums.

David Walliams is a literary phenomenon whose books have sold more than 53 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 55 languages

Walliams's *The World's Worst Pets* was the bestselling children's book of 2022. He was most recently the Children's number one bestseller with *Robodog*

Walliams' other titles, *Ratburger*, *Demon Dentist* and *Awful Auntie*, have all won the National Book Awards Children's Book of the Year

'You'll find ten terrible kids – five beastly boys and five ghastly girls – whose hilariously horrible tales will make you cry with laughter... you'll be able to dive in to each delightfully dreadful tale with ease!' – National Geographic Kids

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A Mind Full of Murder

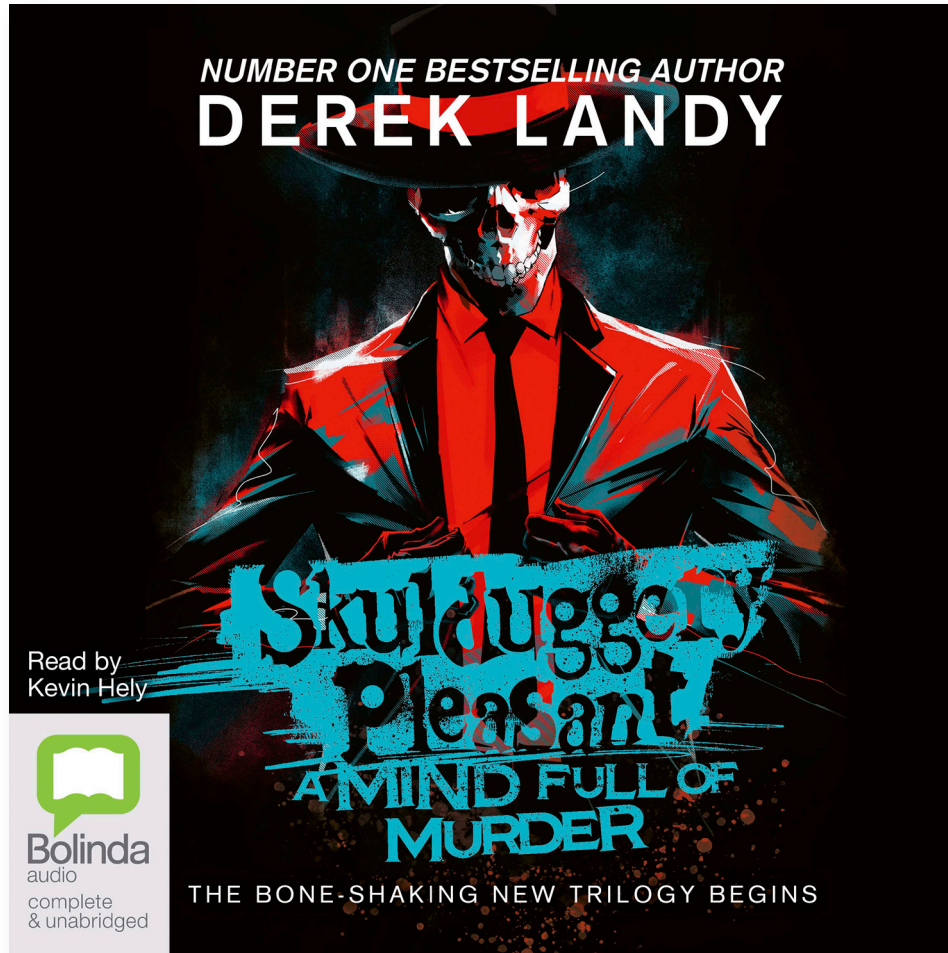
Skulduggery Pleasant #16

Derek Landy

Read by Kevin Hely

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2024



A bone-shaking new trilogy begins – the latest adventure in the bestselling Skulduggery Pleasant series.

SIX YEARS AGO, THE UNIVERSE ENDED.

When it restarted, blinking back into existence, it brought with it a darkness that remains hidden from the mortal population.

A week ago – fuelled by unimaginable hatred and unstoppable rage – a masked sorcerer killed one of those mortals. Then he killed another. And another.

With their time running out, Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain must work to solve the puzzles the killer leaves behind before more innocents die, embarking on a journey that will force them to deal with the apocalypse they failed to prevent the first time around.

AND MURDER. LOTS AND LOTS OF MURDER.

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

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

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

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

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The Giggler Treatment

Roddy Doyle

Read by Niall Gaffney



A gloriously silly comedy for children from Booker prize winner and bestselling Irish author, Roddy Doyle.

If adults are mean to children, they get the Giggler Treatment. It's smelly. It's squishy. And it sticks to your shoe ...

Mr Mack's dog, Rover, sells his own poo to 'the Gigglers,' a group of children who take revenge on any adult who treats children unfairly... by making the unsuspecting adults step in poo!

But sometimes, just sometimes, the Gigglers make a mistake... When the gigglers set out to exact punishment on Mr Mack, Rover knows he doesn't deserve it. Can Robbie, Kayla, Jimmy and Rover the dog come to Mr Mack's rescue before the poo hits the shoe?

Roddy Doyle is the author of *Rover Saves Christmas*, *The Meanwhile Adventures* and *A Greyhound of a Girl*, which was shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal in 2013

Doyle won the Booker Prize in 1993 for *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*

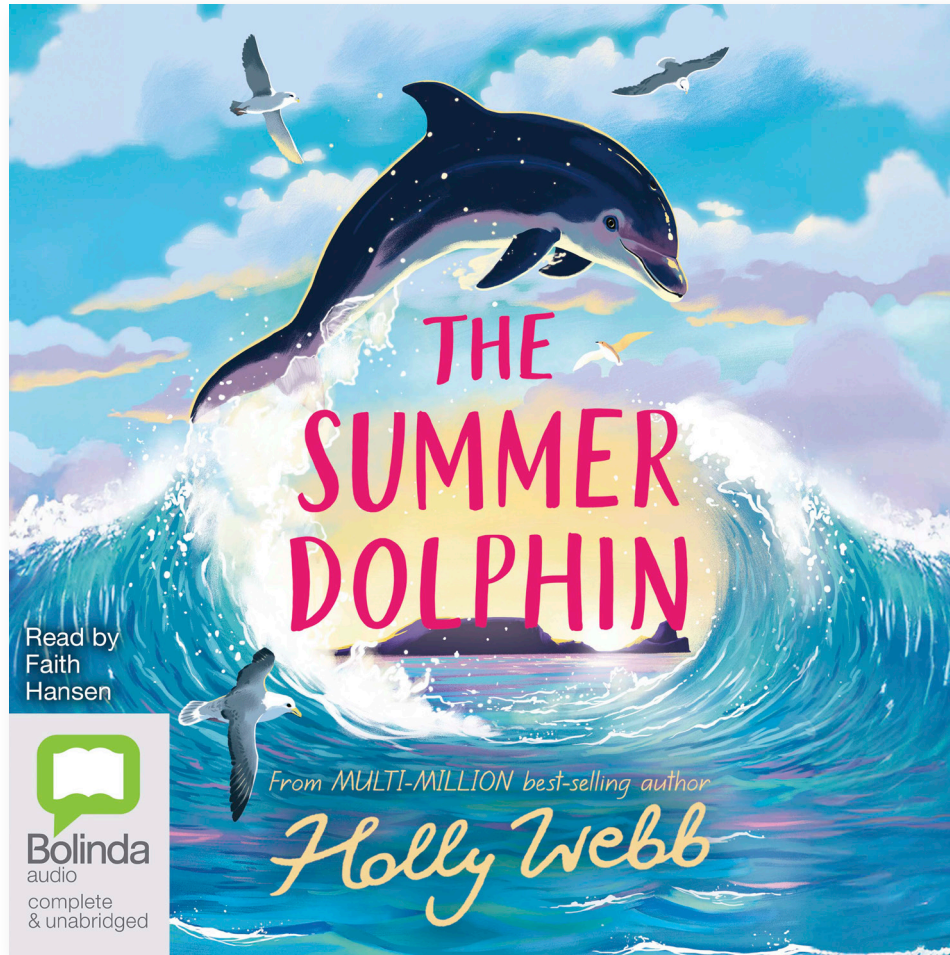
'Riotously funny.' – The Times

'Brilliant.' – Irish Independent

The Summer Dolphin

Holly Webb

Read by Faith Hansen



A heartwarming story about family from one of Britain's most loved children's authors, Holly Webb.

When Lillie spends the summer in Wales with her family, she can't help but feel like the baby of the group. Her big sister Frankie would rather spend time with their older cousin Lana than play with her, and no one else seems to notice how lonely she is.

Then during a boat trip, Lillie spots a young dolphin swimming alongside them and for a short while all her worries melt away. Later, when Frankie and Lana are particularly mean to her, Lillie decides to set off on her own in hopes of seeing the dolphin calf again ...

Holly Webb is one of Britain's best loved children's authors. She has written over a hundred titles for children and her work has been translated into over 30 languages

Perfect for animal-loving children

'Another heart-warming and hugely satisfying adventure from one of our best animal story writers.' – LoveReading4Kids (on *The Railway Kitten*)

'Nobody does animal stories better than Holly Webb! ... truly adorable ...' – Lancashire Evening Post (on *The Beach Puppy*)

School of Monsters Collection 4

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2024

School of Monsters #16–20

Sally Rippin

Read by Gareth Prosser

The fourth collection of the funniest, silliest and most accessible series from one of Australia's bestselling and most beloved children's authors, Sally Rippin.

Dom's Special Things: Dom has lots of special things like rocks and stones with insect wings. Collecting fossils is Dom's favourite thing to do. But what happens when his friends break one?

Our Friend Zap: Zap is a monster who comes from afar in a red rocket ship from a faraway star! Zap is an alien who doesn't speak the local language, and communicates with his friends in his own special way. So when he gets teased by a stranger, how can his friends tell him they love him?

Tish Learns to Swim: All of the monsters can already swim, except for dear Tish, who's scared to go in. Every time Tish tries to paddle in the moat, she panics. Can the monsters find a way to keep her afloat?

Zorro's Tasty Treat: Zorro the zombie is always hungry – but his favourite food makes him farty! Can his teacher find a brainy solution?

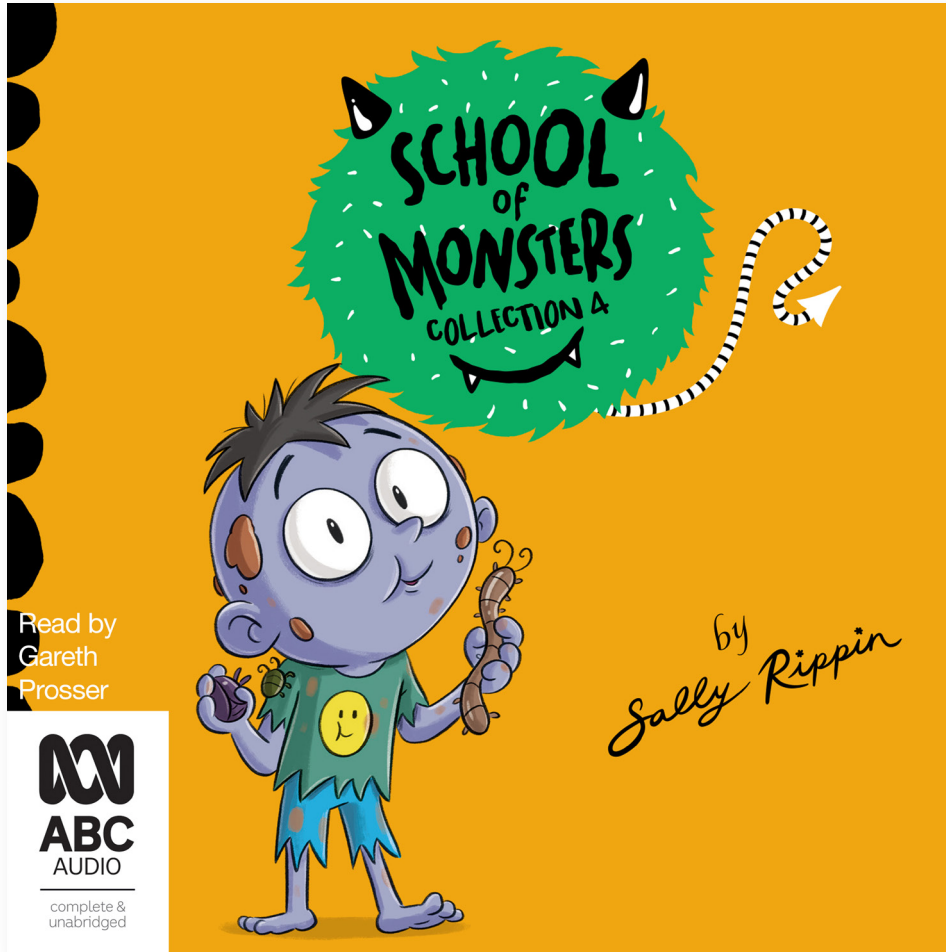
Milly's Family Fun: When Milly's school hosts a party for Mother's Day, Milly feels left out. But families come in all shapes and sizes – and soon Milly realises she's got a lot to celebrate!

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Rippin is best known for her Billie B Brown and Hey Jack! series, as well as her hugely popular Polly and Buster series

Rippin is a passionate ambassador for the 100 Story Building creative writing centre, a regular presenter on 3RRR radio and a popular speaker at schools and festivals

Sally Rippin is Australia's highest-selling female author, having penned over 50 titles for children and young adults



Read by
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Sally Rippin

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Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

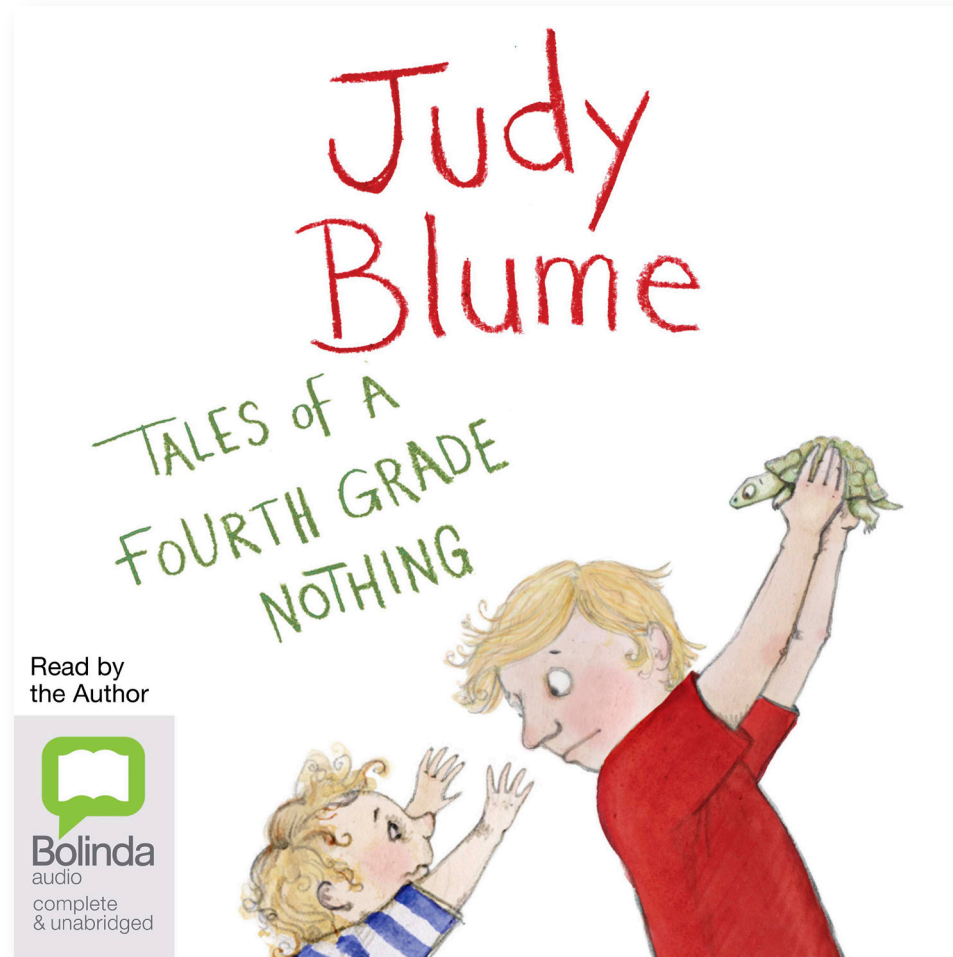
Fudge #1

Judy Blume

Read by the Author

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The first in the hilariously funny Fudge series from the iconic Judy Blume.

Peter thinks he has the world's biggest problem – his naughty little brother, Fudge.

Fudge causes trouble wherever he goes and it's usually up to Peter to sort out the mess. When Peter wins a tiny green turtle called Dribble, he's determined to keep it away from his brother. But when Fudge does get his hands on Dribble – disaster strikes!

Judy Blume has been winning legions of fans around the world with her stories. More than 82 million copies of her books have been sold, and her work has been translated into 32 languages

In addition to Blume's hilarious Fudge titles, some of her incredibly popular books include *The Pain and the Great One* series and *Freckle Juice*

'This heartwarming tale reminds us of the joys and challenges of having siblings and how they shape our lives.' – The Children's Book Review

'Both boys are Blume at her best.' – The Washington Post

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The Incredible Holiday Hideout

Max Magic #3

Stephen Mulhern & Tom Easton

Read by the Author

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Don't miss the spectacular new instalment in the Max Magic series, from superstar TV presenter and magician, Stephen Mulhern.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

Max Mullers is ready to take his magic skills to the next level. Then the news hits that the no-good Crayfish Twins have broken out of jail and are ready to get their revenge on Max and his friends. Luckily, Max and the gang are heading to the incredible Popkins Holiday Resort for a week of seaside fun – it's the perfect place to lie low.

But staying out of the spotlight doesn't come naturally to Max, and he's soon grabbing attention at Popkins with his magic and mischief – and not in a good way! Max and his friends have managed to escape some sticky situations in the past, but will they be able to stay one step ahead of trouble this time?

Stephen Mulhern is one of the most in-demand television presenters today, with a string of smash-hit television shows including *Catchphrase*, *In For a Penny* and *Rolling In It*

As well as his TV career, Mulhern is an experienced all-round entertainer, having performed his very own magic and one-man variety shows up and down the country for the past 12 years

Tom Easton is a bestselling author who has written under a number of different pseudonyms in a variety of genres

'An entertaining adventure about family, friendship and, of course, magic.' – First News (on *The Greatest Show on Earth*)

'Bursting with energy and fun ...' – School Reading List (on *The Greatest Show on Earth*)

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The Treasure Hunt Monster

The Breakfast Club Adventures #4

Marcus Rashford

Read by Kenton Thomas

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Marcus and the Breakfast Club Investigators are back and better than ever, just in time for a brand new adventure.

When a treasure hunt is announced at Rutherford School, Marcus teams up with his friends to win. But an otherworldly monster is set on spoiling their fun.

Using clues from a comic book, can the Breakfast Club uncover the mystery behind the monster and find the prize?

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

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

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

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

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

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The Extraordinary Voyage of Katy Willacott

Sharon Gosling

Read by Jo Vincente



A thrilling historical adventure from the author of *The House of Hidden Wonders*, perfect for fans of Katherine Woodfine, Lucy Worsley, Jennifer Bell and Robin Stevens.

Living among the flowers and ferns of Kew Gardens, Katy has always dreamed of more – of the sky and the stars and the sea. Unfortunately for Katy, her father doesn't understand. He says young girls should be content to stay at home, not go off gallivanting around the world.

So when news reaches London of a meteorite falling in the faraway land of Brazil and an expedition being put together to find it, Katy knows it's her chance to follow her dreams and prove her father wrong. And winning a place on the trip is just the start of her extraordinary voyage on the trail of a fallen star ...

Sharon Gosling is the award-winning author of middle grade novels *The Diamond Thief* and *The Golden Butterfly*

Gosling is also the author of Young Adult horror *Fir*, which was shortlisted for the Lancashire Book of the Year 2017

'Touching on issues of class and gender, its main purpose is to bewitch and enthrall.'
Financial Times (on *The Golden Butterfly*)

'A perfectly paced and wonderfully written tale of mystery and magic.' – Sinéad O'Hart,
author of the *Eye of the North* and *The Star-Spun Web* (on *The Golden Butterfly*)



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Yomi and the Power of the Yumboes

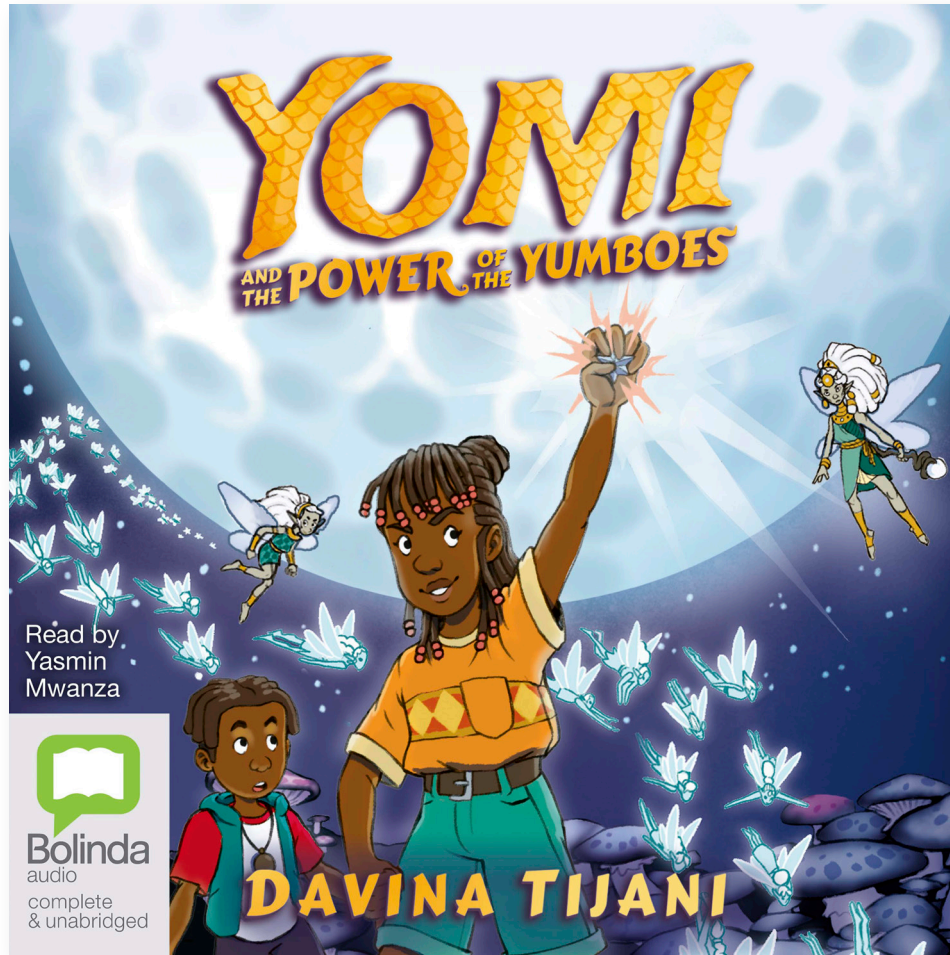
The Nkara Chronicles #2

Davina Tijani

Read by Yasmin Mwanza

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2024



The second in the fun, fresh and fast-paced series based on African mythology, *Yomi and the Power of the Yumboes* is an adventure full of heart and humour.

Now Yomi and her younger brother Kayode are official members of the Sacred Beast League, they can't wait for more adventures! And when a Yumboe – a fairy-like creature from Senegal – seeks them out and asks for their help, they're ready to shine. But with a secret city to protect, beast hunters to outsmart and moon magic in the mix, Yomi and Kay will have to put their skills to the test ...

Beast Quest meets Pokémon in the series perfect for fans of *How to Train Your Dragon*, *Future Hero* and *Dragon Mountain*

Davina Tijani is a speculative fiction author for adults and children with a passion for world mythology, which she enjoys incorporating into her writing

Tijani grew up an avid lover of films and books, especially *Star Wars*, which sparked a lifelong love of storytelling in all its forms

Tijani studied at The University of East Anglia and University College London before pursuing writing

'It's a thrilling adventure and also a fabulous introduction to the fascinating folklore and rich mythology of The Gambia.' – BookTrust (on *Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Nanka*)

'A monstrously fun adventure full of dragons, secret societies and mysterious uncles.' – Louie Stowell, bestselling author of *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* (on *Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Nanka*)

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Peregrine Quinn and the Cosmic Realm

Ash Bond

Read by Adjoa Andoh



Discover the portal to an incredible new world in this epic middle-grade adventure. Perfect for fans of Skandar, Percy Jackson and Artemis Fowl.

Peregrine Quinn has always loved hearing her godfather Daedalus Bloom's stories about his life as an immortal, but that's all they were – stories. That is, until the portals that connect the Terran Realm with the Cosmic Realm mysteriously shut down and Daedalus, the only one who can fix them, is kidnapped.

Peregrine is then swept into a nail-biting adventure, racing through the streets of Oxford, down the riverways of London and into the Under-Underground. She soon realises that not only are the creatures from her godfather's stories real, but they're shooting at her with laser blasters.

Fortunately she has help from dryad librarian Rowan Strong and Olympus Inc. liaison (and faun) Callimachus Thorn. Together they must fix the portals and rescue Daedalus before an ancient evil rises and chaos takes over. Time is running out and the fate of all the realms is now in Peregrine's hands ...

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

Bond writes magical stories that have classical myth sprinkled through them like fairy dust

'Full of fast-paced action, endless fun and fearless imagination.' – A.F. Steadman, author of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*

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

Hilda and the White Woff

Hilda #6

Stephen Davies & Luke Pearson

Read by a Full Cast

Children's New Release

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

Hilda has to rescue her mum from a two-headed troll. Along the way, there are rock-eating slugs, fearsome vikings, an airship crash and a cute baby troll.

So hop on the nearest Woff and fly into the most adventuresome adventure yet in this immersive multi-voice 3D audio production.

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

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

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

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

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

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June new releases 2024

My Life and Other Weaponised Muffins

Tom Weekly #5

Tristan Bancks

Read by Stig Wemyss

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Another wild ride with Tom Weekly as he faces off against killer muffins and more, from the award-winning author Tristan Bancks.

I'm Tom Weekly and eating is my favourite sport.

My mum's raspberry muffins are weapons of minor destruction. I've been trapped inside a runaway car on a trip to buy ice cream. I accidentally invented meatball bungee. And my recipe for chocolate mousse has a secret ingredient that you don't even want to know.

What would you rather do?

1. Ride a shark or a rhino?
2. Kiss a dog or a cat?
3. Needle in the eye or bum set on fire?

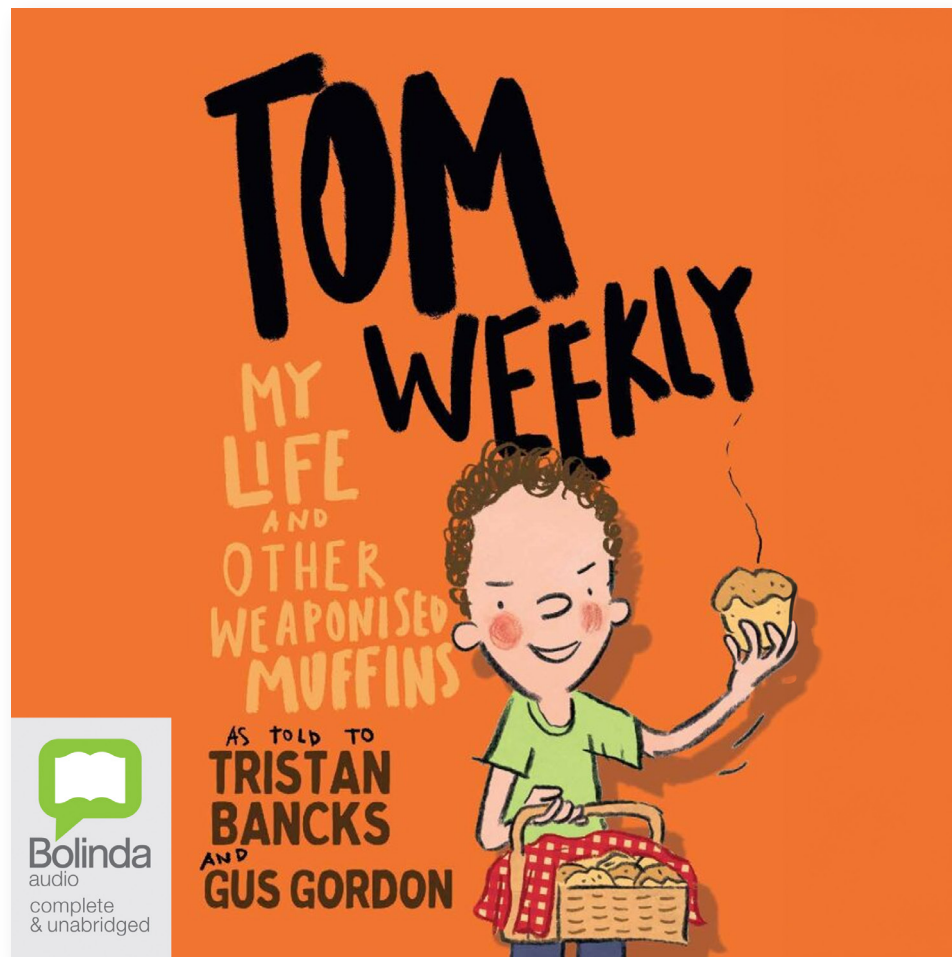
Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Tristan Bancks is the author of *Two Wolves*, *The Fall*, *Detention*, *Cop & Robber* and *Ginger Meggs*, and is an author-advocate for literacy non-profit Room to Read

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

'Fans of Griffiths, Gleitzman and Jennings will be thrilled to have this in their collection. Author Bancks doesn't skip a beat as he writes from his character Tom's perspective.'
– Kids Book Review (on *My Life and Other Stuff I Made Up*)

'What an exhilarating ride it is to follow the misadventures of Tom Weekly ... Delightful and funny. Bancks has beautifully captured the essence of boyhood. Tom is a typical 21st-century schoolboy, following in the fine tradition of Ginger Meggs ... Best of all, it made me laugh.'
– Good Reading Magazine (on *My Life and Other Exploding Chickens*)



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Adult New Release

Romance | June 2024

The Horseman's Promise

Cathryn Hein

Read by Stephanie Wall



A father with something to hide, a jockey with a taste for blackmail, a man with an agonising secret and a young woman in love, defying them all, in this emotional small-town romance from bestselling author Cathryn Hein.

Sophie Dixon is determined to leave her tragic past behind and forge a bright future on her beloved farm. While looking to buy a new horse, she is drawn into her neighbour Aaron's Laidlaw's orbit, despite the bad blood between their families.

As the racing season unfolds, Sophie and Aaron's feelings for each other deepen. But Aaron is torn, haunted by a dark secret he fears can never be forgiven – especially by Sophie.

Sophie believes herself strong, but the truth behind her mother's death will test her strength, and her love, to the limit. She's been broken once. No one wants to see her broken again. Least of all the man who has grown to love her.

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

Hein is a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist

'Not since my introduction to Nora Roberts, has an author had me so completely and utterly spellbound.' – Juanita Kees, author of *Montana Baby*

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

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His Best Friend's Baby

Outback Babies #1

Barbara Hannay

Read by Jessica Stanley

Adult New Release

Romance | June 2024

The first in the heartwarming Outback Babies series from international award-winning Australian author Barbara Hannay.

She needs a little favour ...

Polly Martin has given up on love, but not on becoming a mother. She returns briefly to her hometown of Wirralong to proposition her childhood best friend, Seth Ramsay, confident he'll agree to be her IVF donor.

Seth walks out of their reunion dinner date after Polly's clinical and unemotional proposal. How could she think he was the type of man who wouldn't take an ongoing interest in his child? A year later, still haunted by Polly's question, he seeks her out in Melbourne and finds her heavily pregnant, unemployed and barely making ends meet. Seth invites Polly back to Wirralong for a weekend only to end up delivering her baby girl early and finding himself more charmed than he could have imagined.

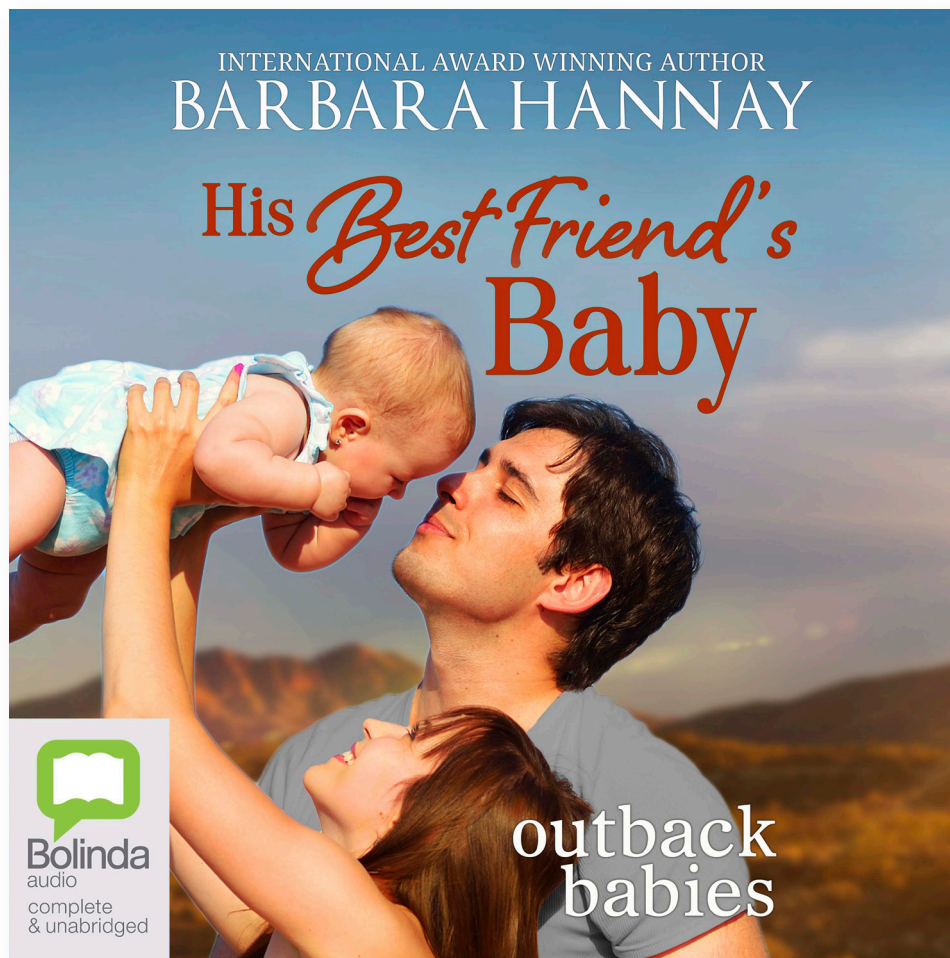
As Polly and her newborn recover at Seth's house, their friendship is back on, but Seth wants more. He feels like he's finally within reach of his dream when the town gossips send Polly fleeing home. And now Polly must ask herself searching questions, including where her new future lies.

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 by Brainpower in Canada

'Love, romance, forgiveness, this wonderful novel has it all in abundance. It is a feel-good, and sometimes heart-wrenching, story of love, loss and redemption. Its characters are endearing and the story realistic.' – Brisbanista (on *The Sister's Gift*)



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This is Where You Have to Go

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Autobiography | June 2024

A Forced Adoption. A Heartbreaking Reunion. A Mother's Fight for Justice

Lynda Holden & Jo Tuscano

Read by Roxanne McDonald

THIS IS WHERE YOU HAVE TO GO

*A forced adoption. A heartbreaking reunion.
A mother's fight for justice.*

Read by
Roxanne
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LYNDA HOLDEN
with Jo Tuscano

Proud Dhunghutti woman, lawyer, human rights advocate and former midwife Lynda Holden tells her own heart-breaking story and details her fight for justice.

In 1970, Lynda was 18, unmarried and pregnant when she was forced to give her baby up for adoption. She was sent by a doctor to a Catholic girls' home for unmarried mothers, and told she'd have no hope of keeping her child because she was Aboriginal.

After 26 years, Lynda was finally able to make contact with her lost son – but the much wished for reunion didn't go well. When she looked into the adoption records, she found a web of lies – lies about her family, the baby's father, her 'consent' for the adoption – and her Indigenous heritage had been completely erased.

So began a quest for justice: Lynda took on the Catholic Church in an attempt to right the wrongs of the past. In this incredibly powerful memoir, she sheds light on the lasting impacts of forced adoption on mothers, children and their families, and gives voice to the countless women who have been silenced for generations.

Lynda Holden, or Aunty Lynda as she is known to many in her community, is a proud Dhunghutti woman who is deeply passionate about social justice and human rights

Holden has worked in nursing, midwifery, mental health, human rights, law and social justice, and actively advocates for Aboriginal peoples in these disciplines

Jo Tuscano is the co-author of *Back on the Block*, the story of Bill Simon, a Biripi man, member of the Stolen Generation and an inmate of the notorious Kinchella Boys Home

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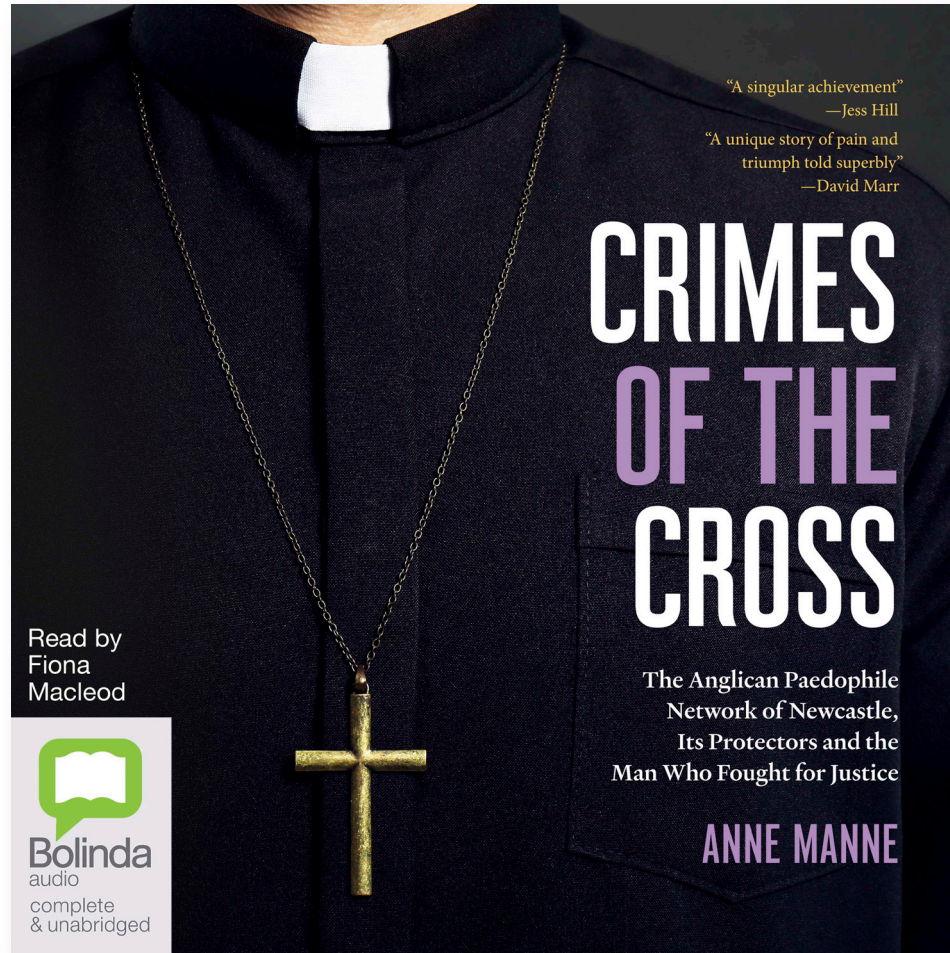
Adult New Release

True Crime | June 2024

The Anglican Paedophile Network of Newcastle, Its Protectors and the Man Who Fought for Justice

Anne Manne

Read by Fiona Macleod



A searing expose of institutional child abuse, and the remarkable story of the survivors who would not be silenced.

For many years, Newcastle was the centre of an extensive paedophile network run by members of the Anglican church – and protected by parishioners and community members who looked the other way.

In this gripping audiobook, Anne Manne reveals how this network was able to avoid detection for so long, and how its ringleaders were finally exposed and brought to justice. At the centre of the story is a survivor, Steve Smith, who endured years of childhood abuse but refused to be silenced.

Drawing on extensive research and interviews with survivors, clergy, police and others, Manne explores how the network operated and how it became entrenched in the upper echelons of Newcastle society. She offers deep insights into the minds and strategies of abusers, and pays tribute to the victims and their tireless struggle for justice. Child sexual abuse has previously been thought of as an individual crime; Manne pioneers an examination of it as part of a network.

This is an unforgettable study of courage and faith in the face of unthinkable evil.

Anne Manne is an Australian journalist and social philosopher who has written widely on feminism, motherhood, childcare, family policy, fertility and related issues

Manne is the author of *Love & Money*, *The Life of I* and *Motherhood*, which was shortlisted for the 2006 Walkley non-fiction prize

A former columnist for *The Australian* and *The Age*, Manne has written many essays about contemporary culture, especially for *The Monthly* magazine

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Black Duck

A Year at Yumburra

Bruce Pascoe

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | June 2024

From the bestselling author Bruce Pascoe comes a deeply personal story about the consequences and responsibility of disrupting Australia's history.

When *Dark Emu* was adopted by Australia like a new anthem, Bruce found himself at the centre of a national debate that often focussed on the wrong part of the story. But through all the noise came Black Duck Foods, a blueprint for traditional food growing and land management processes based on very old practices.

Bruce Pascoe and Lyn Harwood invite us to imagine a different future for Australia, one where we can honour our relationship with nature and improve agriculture and forestry. Where we can develop a uniquely Australian cuisine that will reduce carbon emissions, preserve scarce water resources and rebuild our soil. Bruce and Lyn show us that you don't just work Country, you look, listen and care. It's not Black Duck magic, it's the result of simply treating Australia like herself.

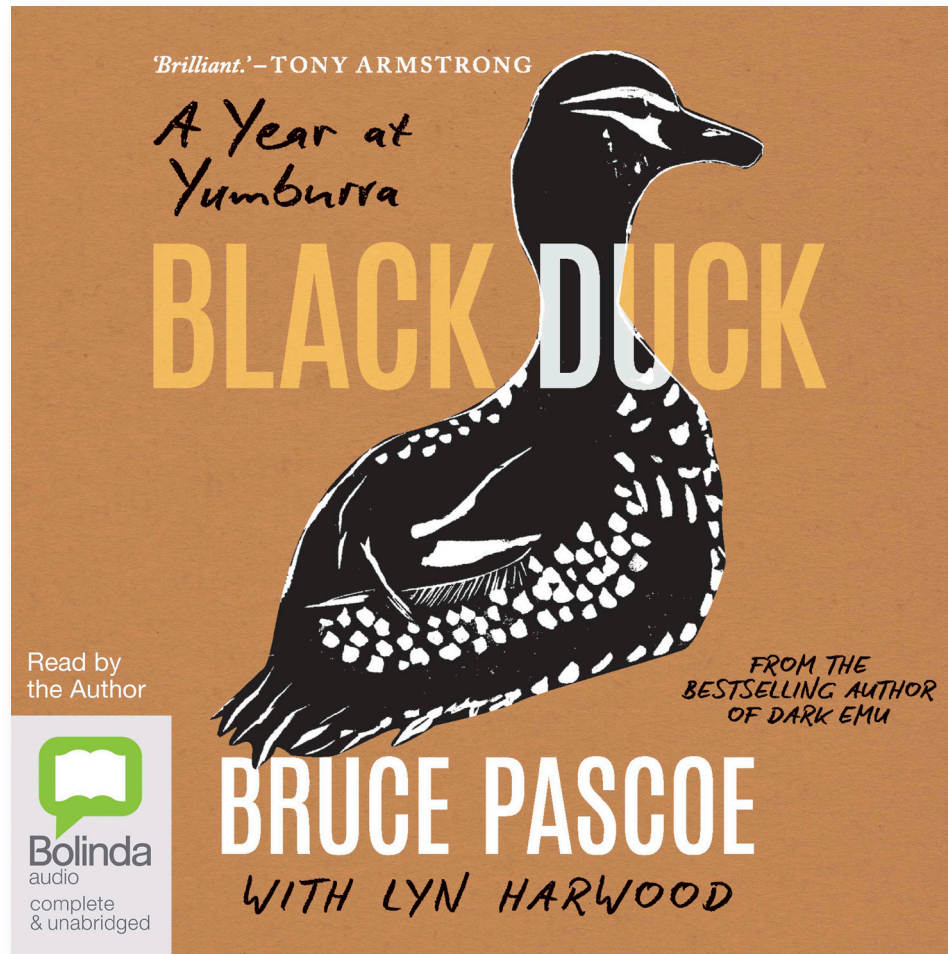
From the aftermath of devastating bushfires and the impact of an elder's death to rebuilding a marriage and counting the personal cost of starting a movement, *Black Duck* is a remarkable glimpse into a year of finding strength in Country at Yumburra.

Bruce Pascoe is a Bunurong, Yuin and Tasmanian Aboriginal writer of literary fiction, non-fiction, poetry, essays and children's literature

Pascoe is the enterprise professor in Indigenous Agriculture at the University of Melbourne

Pascoe is best known for his work *Dark Emu: Aboriginal Australia and the Birth of Agriculture*

'Bruce invites us onto the land that changed the man behind the book that changed the nation.' – Narelda Jacobs, Whadjuk Noongar journalist, presenter, commentator and keynote speaker



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Brumby's Run

The Wild Australia Stories #1

Jennifer Scoullar

Read by Eleanor Stankiewicz

Adult New Release

Romance | June 2024

Set among the hauntingly beautiful ghost gums and wild horses of the high country, *Brumby's Run* is a heartfelt, romantic story about families and secrets, love and envy and, most especially, the bonds of sisterhood.

A blissful carefree summer beckons for Samantha Carmichael. But her world is turned on its head when she learns she's adopted – and that she has a twin sister, Charlie, who is critically ill.

While Charlie recovers in hospital, Sam offers to look after Brumby's Run, her sister's home high in the Victorian Alps. Within days city girl Sam finds herself breaking brumbies and running cattle with the help of handsome neighbour Drew Chandler, her sister's erstwhile boyfriend.

A daunting challenge soon becomes a wholehearted tree change as Sam begins to fall in love with Brumby's Run – and with Drew. But what will happen when Charlie comes back to claim what is rightfully hers?

Bestselling Australian author Jennifer Scoullar writes page-turning fiction about the land, people and wildlife that she loves, previously penning *Wasp Season*, *Currawong Creek*, *Billabong Bend*, *Turtle Reef*, *Journey's End*, *Fortune's Son* and *The Lost Valley*

Scoullar's work has been shortlisted for the Elyne Mitchell Rural Writing Awards, the Harper Collins Manuscript Awards and the Varuna Publisher Fellowships

'... a strong storyline with appealing characters set within a magnificent landscape. If you devoured *The Silver Brumby* series as a child or had a crush on Tom Burlinson, you are sure to love *Brumby's Run*.' – Book'd Out

'This ... celebrates the country and more importantly, the bush, as a life-changing environment. But we also have a heart-thumping romance ...' – The Weekly Times



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