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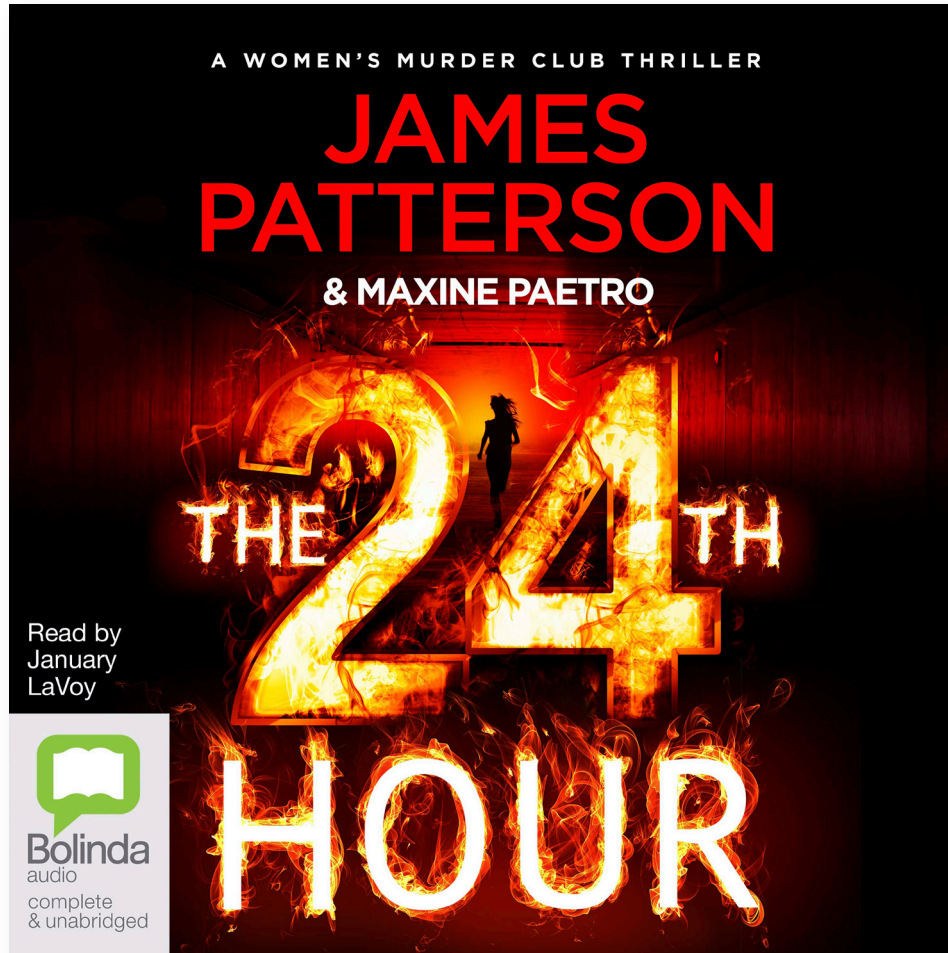
Women's Murder Club #24

James Patterson & Maxine Paetro

Read by January LaVoy

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2024



The thrilling new instalment in the globally bestselling Women's Murder Club series.

Trouble is never far away ...

The Women's Murder Club is out celebrating an engagement at San Francisco's finest restaurant when a blood-curdling scream interrupts the festivities.

They soon discover a young woman who has been the victim of a violent assault. Sergeant Lindsay Boxer makes an arrest. Assistant District Attorney Yuki Castellano takes the case.

But assigning blame is made impossible due to the victim's chaotic version of events – and the shocking reason behind her ever-changing memory.

As Yuki argues the toughest case of her career, Lindsay must chase down a high-society killer whose target practice may leave the Women's Murder Club short a bridesmaid ... or two.

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

Patterson is the author of some of the most popular series of the past two decades and has written many other #1 bestsellers, including standalone thrillers and non-fiction

American author Maxine Paetro has known Patterson since the 1970s and collaborated on more than two dozen novels with Patterson since 2004

Paetro ranks #16 on the *Sunday Times* bestseller list of authors with the most titles to be at number one over the past 40 years, with 11 separate titles in the #1 position

'I couldn't turn the pages quick enough. Great plot, fantastic storytelling and characters that spring off the page - all the right ingredients for a thriller!' – Heidi Perks, Sunday Times bestselling author of Now You See Her

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The Postscript Murders

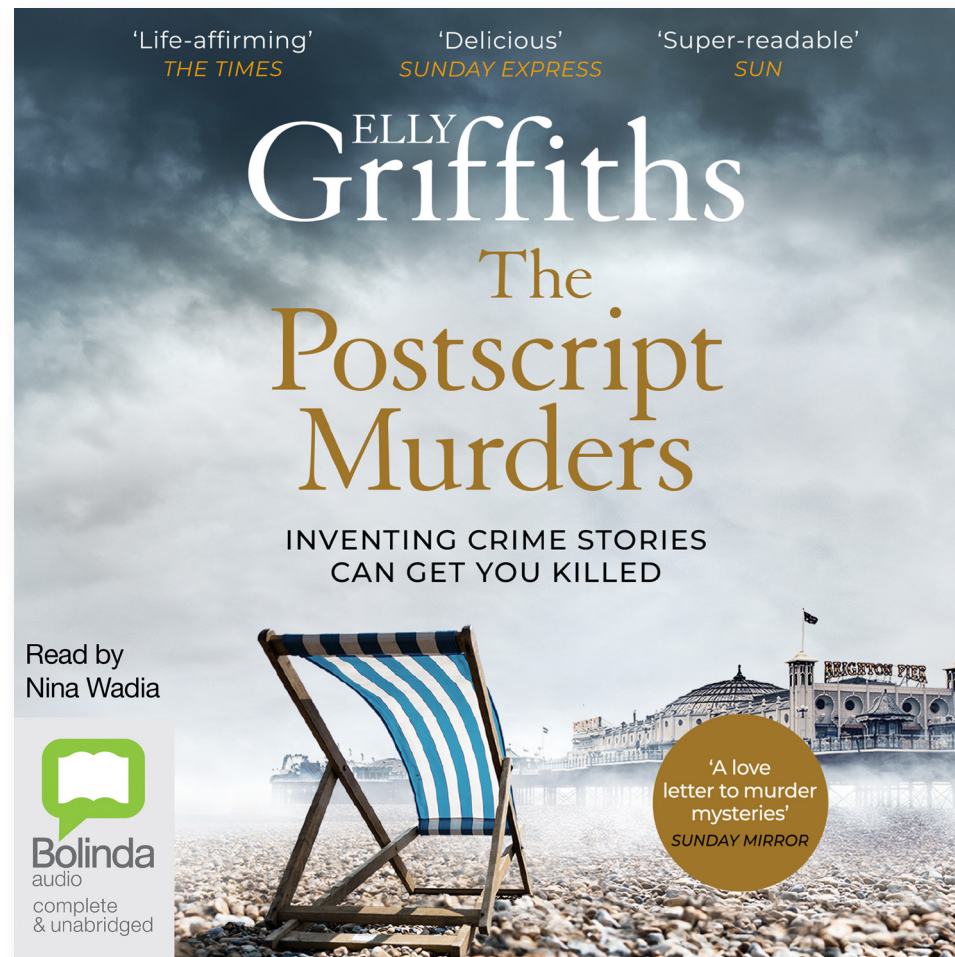
Harbinder Kaur #2

Elly Griffiths

Read by Nina Wadia

Adult New Release

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Murder leaps off the page when crime novelists begin to turn up dead in this intricate new thriller by international best-selling author Elly Griffiths, a literary mystery perfect for fans of Anthony Horowitz and Agatha Christie.

The death of a 90-year-old woman with a heart condition should absolutely not be suspicious. DS Harbinder Kaur certainly sees nothing of concern in carer Nataalka's account of Peggy Smith's death.

But when Nataalka reveals that Peggy lied about her heart condition and that she had been sure someone was following her ... and that Peggy Smith had been a 'murder consultant' who plotted deaths for authors and knew more about murder than anyone has any right to ... and when clearing out Peggy's flat ends in Nataalka being held at gunpoint by a masked figure ... well then DS Harbinder Kaur thinks that maybe there is no such thing as an unsuspecting death after all.

The Postscript Murders is a literary mystery for fans of Antony Horowitz, Agatha Christie and anyone who's ever wondered just *how* authors think up such realistic crimes

Elly Griffiths is the author of the Dr Ruth Galloway and Brighton mystery series, as well as the standalone novel *The Stranger Diaries*, winner of the Edgar Award for Best Novel

Griffiths is the recipient of the CWA Dagger in the Library Award and has been shortlisted four times for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year

'A love letter to murder mysteries.' – The Sunday Mirror

'Delightful ... told with Griffiths's characteristic charm and gentleness.' – Daily Mail

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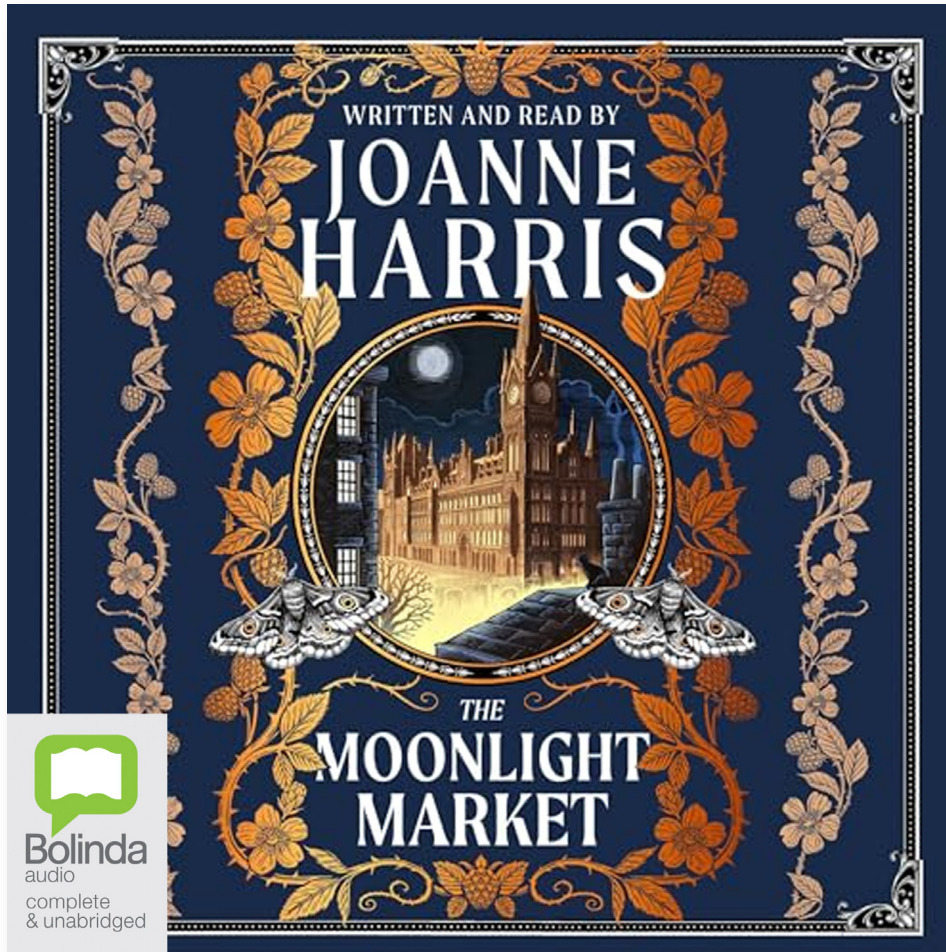
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The Moonlight Market

Joanne Harris

Read by the Author



From award-winning *New York Times* bestselling author Joanne Harris comes a richly imagined and captivating story of two colliding worlds.

Tom is a photographer. Orphaned, lonely, lost in his work, he has no intention of falling in love. And yet, love finds him in the shape of beautiful Vanessa, who lives a dangerous double life in the heart of London's King's Cross.

Tom's pursuit of Vanessa leads him to discover an alternate world, hiding in plain sight among the streets and rooftops of London; a world unseen by common folk and inhabited by strange and colourful beings, in which two warring factions – one of night, one of light – wage war for the sake of a long-lost love and a prince of sun and starlight.

The Moonlight Market is a must-listen for fans of Neil Gaiman, V.E. Schwab, and Erin Morgenstern

Joanne Harris is the internationally renowned and award-winning author of over 20 novels, plus novellas, cookbooks, scripts, short stories, libretti, lyrics, articles and a self-help book for writers

Harris's novel *Chocolat* was made into an Oscar-nominated film starring Juliette Binoche

'The bestselling author of Chocolat and Broken Light delivers a gloriously romantic tale of a photographer who discovers a moonlit market in the secret heart of London.'

– Waterstones

'Magical, poignant and wholly transporting.' – Publishers Weekly (on *Honeycomb*)



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The Cuckoo

Patrik Hedstrom #11

Camilla Läckberg

Read by Philip Bird

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2024

From #1 international bestselling author Camilla Läckberg comes a gripping new thriller featuring Detective Patrik Hedström and Erica Falck, irresistible for fans of Stieg Larsson and Jo Nesbo.

A community torn apart. A town full of secrets. A reckoning in blood.

As a heavy mist rolls into the Swedish coastal town of Fjällbacka, shocking violence shakes the small community to its core. Rolf Stenklo, a famous photographer, is found murdered in his gallery. Two days later, a brutal tragedy on a private island leaves the prestigious Bauer family devastated.

With his boss acting strangely, Detective Patrik Hedström is left to lead the investigation. Tensions rise threatening cracks in the team of officers at Tanumshede police station and pressure mounts as the press demand answers.

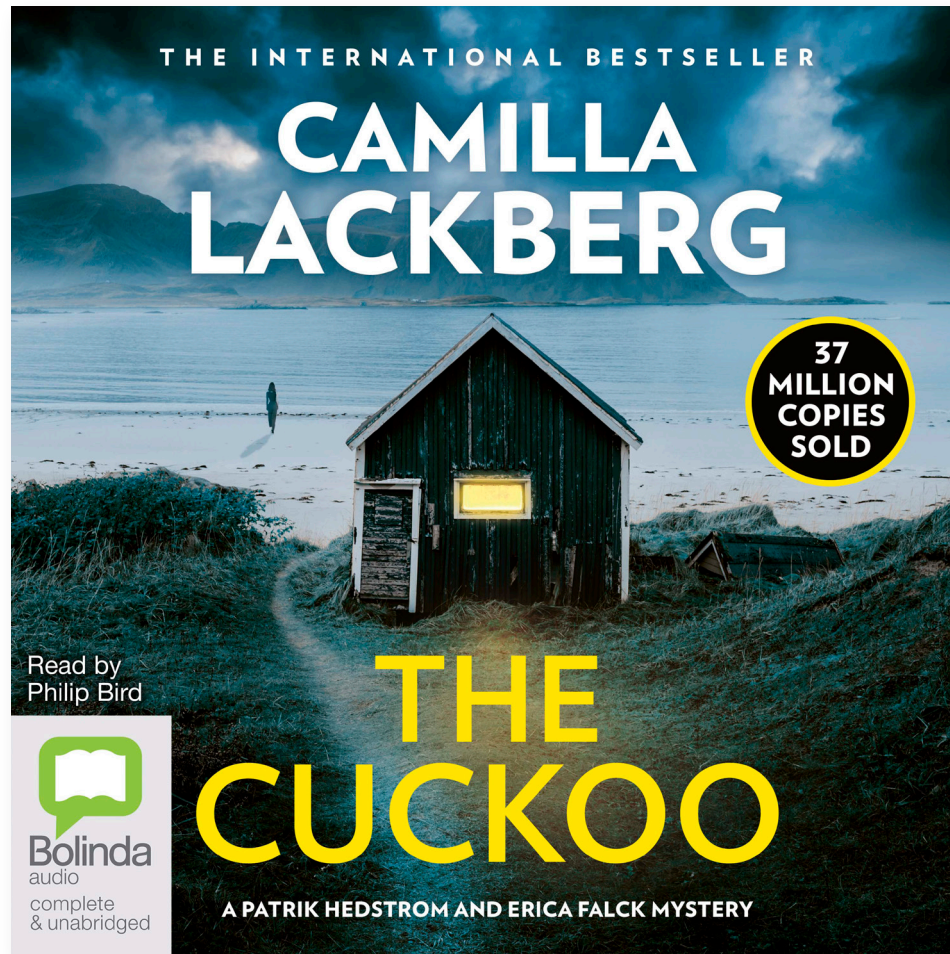
In pursuit of inspiration for her next true-crime book, Patrik's wife Erica Falck leaves behind their three children and travels to Stockholm to research the unsolved decades-old murder of a figure from Rolf's past. As Erica searches for the truth, she realises that her mystery is connected to Patrik's case. These threads from the past are woven into the present and old sins leave behind long shadows.

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

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

'A sexy, sensational novel with intoxicating vengeance and an unexpected tenderness ...'
– Karin Slaughter, *New York Times* and international bestselling author (on *The Gilded Cage*)

'Läckberg's new embrace of a terrifying revenge scenario furnishes visceral psychological crime.' – The Financial Times (on *The Gilded Cage*)



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Knife

Meditations after an Attempted Murder

Salman Rushdie

Read by the Author

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Meditations After an
Attempted Murder

SALMAN RUSHDIE

Adult New Release

Autobiography | July 2024

A searing, deeply personal account of enduring a brutal attempt on his life, 30 years after the fatwa that was ordered against him, from internationally renowned writer and Booker Prize–winner Salman Rushdie.

On the morning of 12 August 2022, Salman Rushdie was standing onstage at the Chautauqua Institution in upstate New York, preparing to give a lecture on the importance of keeping writers safe from harm, when a man in black – black clothes, black mask – rushed down the aisle towards him, wielding a knife. His first thought: so it's you. Here you are.

What followed was a horrific act of violence that shook the literary world and beyond. Now, for the first time, and in unforgettable detail, Rushdie relives the traumatic events of that day and its aftermath, as well as his journey towards physical recovery and the healing that was made possible by the love and support of his wife, Eliza, his family, his army of doctors and physical therapists, and his community of readers worldwide.

Knife is Rushdie at the peak of his powers, writing with urgency, with gravity, with unflinching honesty.

Salman Rushdie is the author of several novels, including *Midnight's Children* (which won the Booker Prize and the Best of the Booker), *Shame*, *The Satanic Verses*, *The Moor's Last Sigh* and *Quichotte*, all of which have been shortlisted for the Booker Prize

A former president of PEN American Center, Rushdie was knighted in 2007 for services to literature and was made a Companion of Honour in the Queen's last Birthday Honours list in 2022

'*Knife* is a searing book, and a reminder of the power of words to make sense of the unthinkable.' – Nihar Malaviya, CEO of Penguin Random House

'*Rushdie* has the power of description, and we succumb.' – The Times

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Long Island

Colm Tóibín

Read by Jessie Buckley

Bestselling author of *Brooklyn*

Colm Tóibín Long Island



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A spectacularly moving and intense tale of secrecy, misunderstanding and love – the story of Eilis Lacey, the complex and enigmatic heroine of *Brooklyn*, Tóibín's most popular work 20 years later.

A man with an Irish accent knocks on Eilis Fiorello's door on Long Island and in that moment everything changes. Eilis and Tony have built a secure, happy life here since leaving Brooklyn – perhaps a little stifled by the in-laws so close, but 20 years married and with two children looking towards a good future.

And yet this stranger will reveal something that will make Eilis question the life she has created. For the first time in years she suddenly feels very far from home and the revelation will see her turn towards Ireland once again. Back to her mother. Back to the town and the people she had chosen to leave behind. Did she make the wrong choice marrying Tony all those years ago? Is it too late now to take a different path?

Read by Olivier Award winner and Oscar nominee, Jessie Buckley, and featuring an exclusive audio Q&A

Colm Tóibín is the author of 11 novels, including *The Magician*, winner of the Rathbones Folio Prize; *The Master*, winner of the Los Angeles Times Book Prize; and *Brooklyn*, winner of the Costa Book Award

Tóibín has been named as the Laureate for Irish Fiction for 2022-2024 by the Arts Council of Ireland and has been three times shortlisted for the Booker Prize

'It is a masterful novel full of longing and regret. A tale of lovers reconnecting, of compromise, and the settling that can come later in life. Intensely moving and yet full of restraint' – Douglas Stuart, Booker Prize-winning author of *Shuggie Bain*

'Heartbreak, wistfulness, cracking dialogue ... This is Tóibín at his best' – The Times

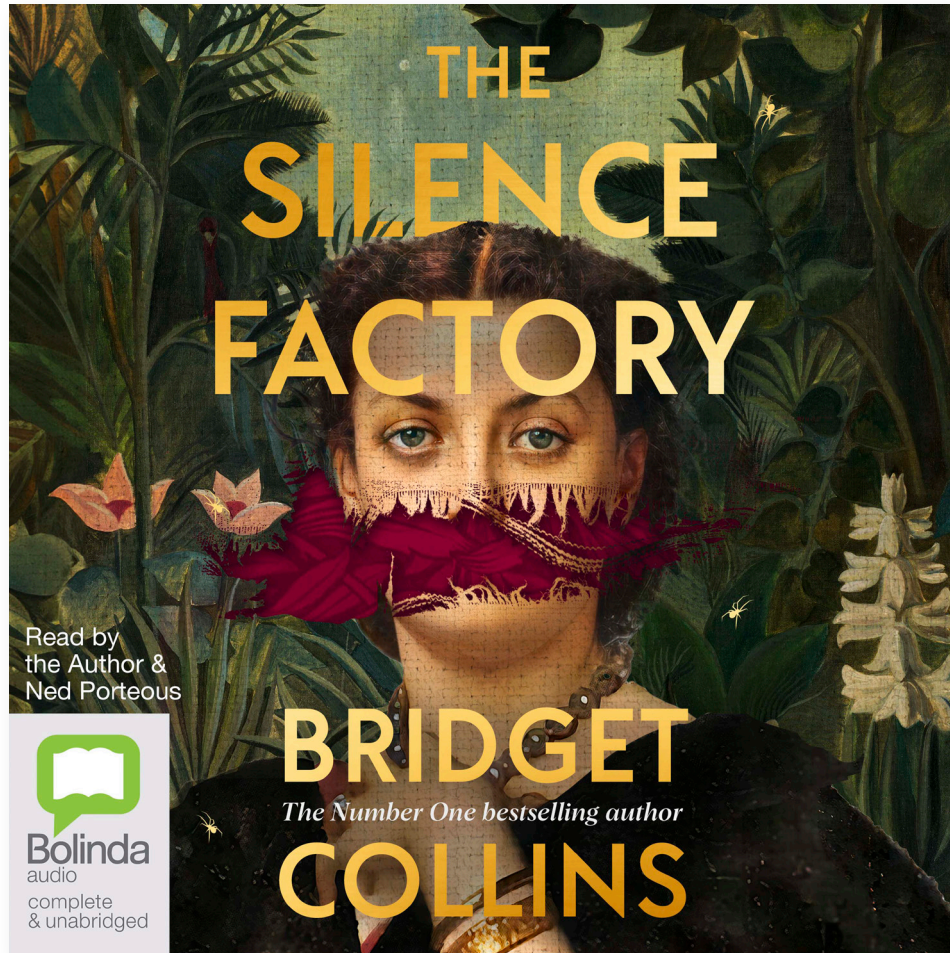
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Historical Fiction | July 2024

The Silence Factory

Bridget Collins

Read by Ned Porteous



From the acclaimed author Bridget Collins comes a captivating story of gothic suspense about a powerful family, the magical and dangerous silk their fortune is built upon and the exploitative history they are desperately trying to hide.

Henry dreams of silence. A world without the clattering of carriages through cobbled streets, the distant cries of drunken brawls, the relentless ticking of the clock.

Then he meets a fascinating, mysterious gentleman who sells just that. Precious silk that can drown out the clamour of the world – and everything Henry is so desperate to escape. Summoned to Sir Edward's secluded factory to try to cure his young daughter's deafness, Henry is soon drawn deeper and deeper into the mysterious origins of this otherworldly gift: a gift that has travelled from ancient Mediterranean glades to English libraries.

Ignoring repeated warnings, he allows himself to fall under the spell of Sir Edward and his silk ... but when he learns its true cost, will it be too late to turn back?

Bridget Collins is the international bestselling author of *The Binding* and *The Betrayals*

Collins trained as an actor at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art after reading English at King's College, Cambridge

'Brilliant ... a captivating, imaginative tale.' – Woman & Home (on *The Betrayals*)

'She's done it again: this is another triumph from the incomparable imagination of Bridget Collins.' – Erin Kelly, bestselling author of *He Said/She Said* (on *The Betrayals*)

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The Golden Library

Ben Hope #29

Scott Mariani

Read by Colin Mace

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2024

Learn the secret – or die trying. An unmissable new thriller from the master of the genre and *Sunday Times* bestselling author Scott Mariani.

Has ex-SAS soldier Ben Hope finally got out of his depth?

That's the question Ben faces when the hunt for a missing girl takes him to China. He's a stranger in a strange land – but he's also the victim's only hope. To make things worse, she's almost family.

As the pressure mounts, so does the gruesome death toll. With ruthless enemies in pursuit and an unlikely alliance with an enigmatic detective his only lifeline, Ben realises that this situation is far more explosive than even he'd bargained for. Suddenly it's no longer just the missing girl's fate depending on him.

At the heart of the mystery lies an ancient secret dating back to China's first emperor and the legendary Terracotta Army – a secret that people will still kill for, millennia later. Ben Hope has never turned his back on those in need, and he's no stranger to tough odds. But can he survive long enough to discover the truth – and is he ready for the consequences?

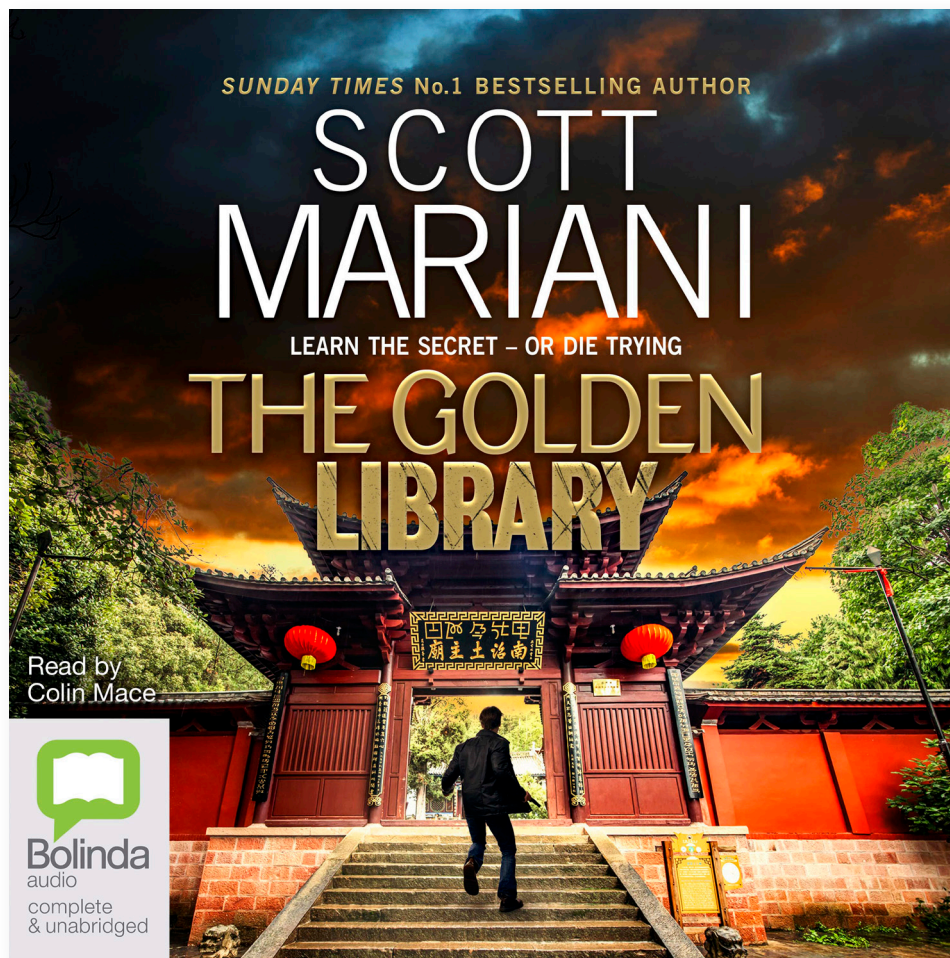
Scott Mariani is the #1 bestselling author of the internationally acclaimed action adventure series featuring maverick ex-SAS hero Ben Hope

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

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

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

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



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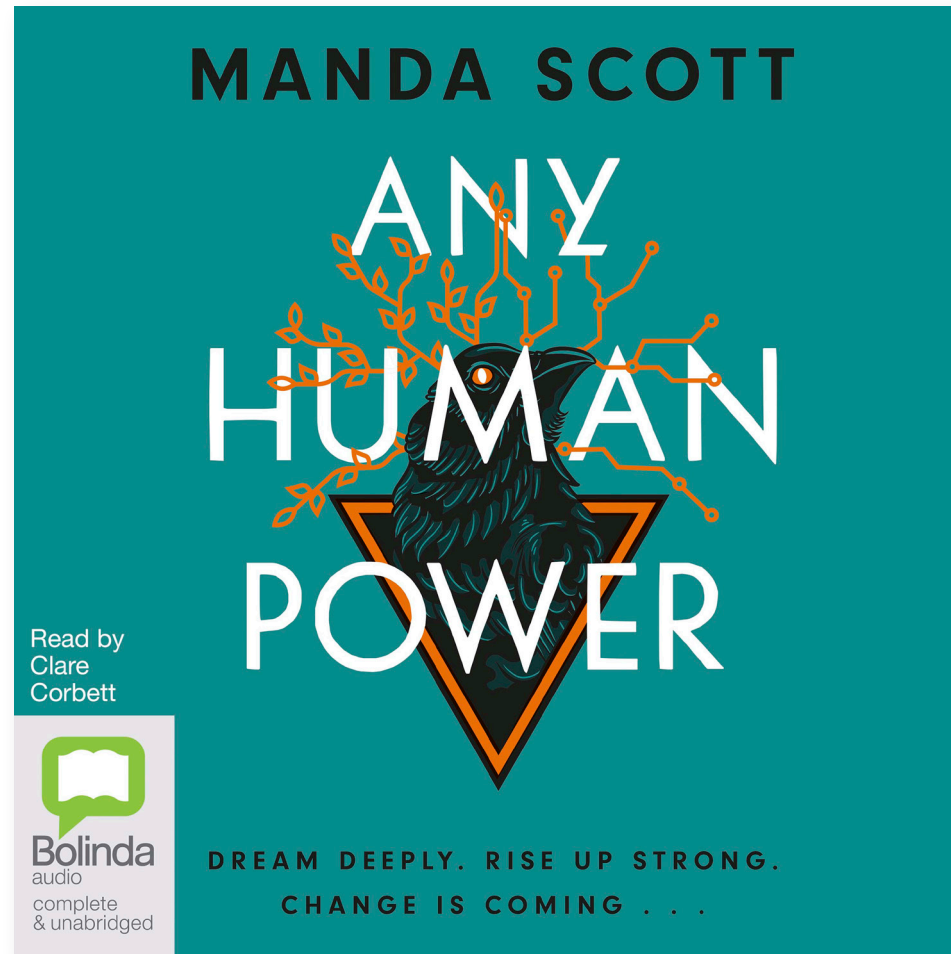
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Any Human Power

Manda Scott

Read by Clare Corbett



How do you help the people you love create a future you're proud to leave behind? From acclaimed author Manda Scott comes a visionary thriller of a lifetime.

As Lan lies dying, she makes a promise that binds her long into the Beyond. A decade later her teenage granddaughter is caught up in an international storm of outrage that unleashes the rage of a whole, failed generation. For one shining fragment of time, the world is with her. But then the backlash begins, and soon she and her family are besieged by the press, facing the all-powerful wrath of the old establishment whose only understanding is power-over, not power-with.

Watching over the growing chaos is Lan, who taught them all to think independently, approach power sceptically and dream with clear intent. She knows that more than one generation's hopes are on the line.

Manda Scott is the author of the The Rome series and bestselling Boudica series, which was translated into over 20 languages

Scott's crime novels have been shortlisted for many awards including *Hen's Teeth* for the Orange Prize and *No Good Deed* for an Edgar Award

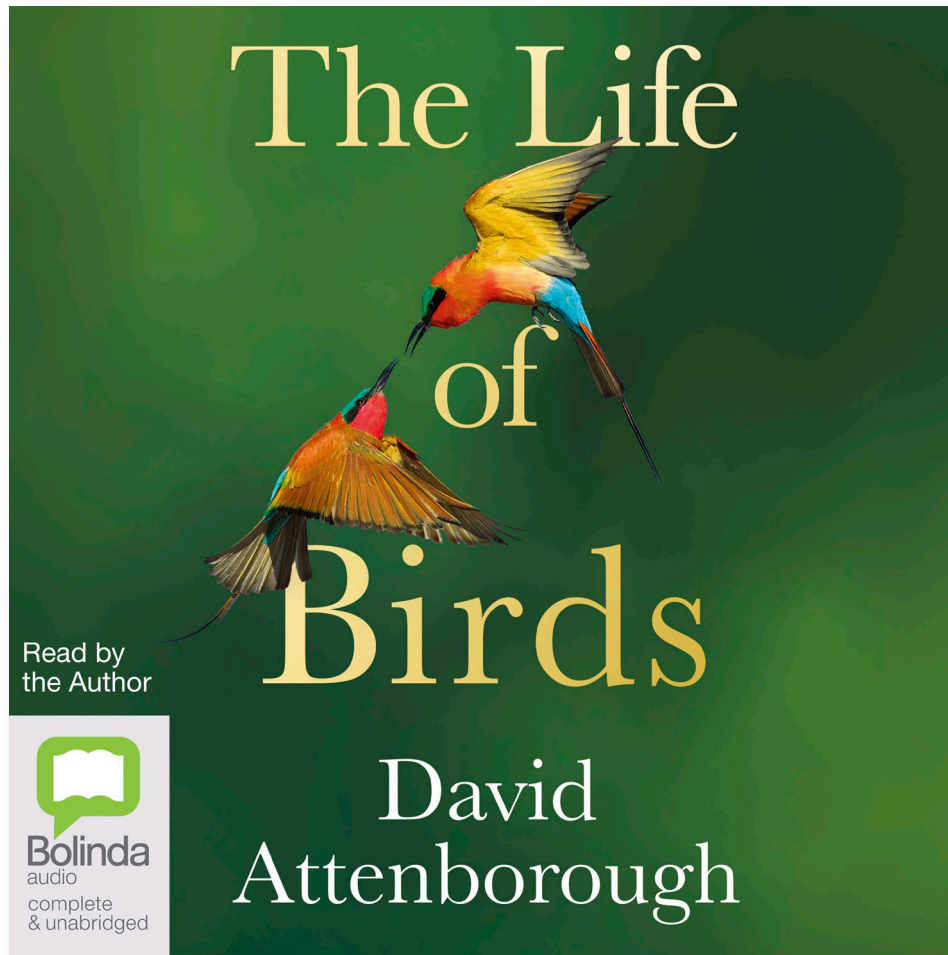
'The most exciting, involving thriller I've read in an age, and I can't recommend it highly enough.' – Mick Herron, award-winning author of the Slough House series

'This is a rich vein for fiction, and Scott does it more than justice, with this beautifully imagined, beautifully written, smart, sophisticated – but fiercely suspenseful – thriller.' – Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *A Treachery of Spies*)

The Life of Birds

David Attenborough

Read by the Author



Based on the spectacular ten-part program on PBS, *The Life of Birds* is David Attenborough at his characteristic best, presenting the drama, beauty and eccentricities of the natural world with unusual flair and intelligence.

Birds. Over 9000 species, the most widespread of all animals: on icebergs, in the Sahara or under the sea, at home in our gardens or flying for over a year at a time. Earthbound, we can only look and listen, enjoying their lightness, freedom and richness of plumage and song.

David Attenborough has been watching and learning all his life. His classic audiobook, now fully updated with the latest discoveries in ornithology, is a brilliant introduction to bird behaviours around the world: what they do and why they do it. He looks at each step in birds' lives and the problems they have to solve: learning to fly; finding food; communicating; mating and caring for nests, eggs and young; migrating; facing dangers and surviving harsh conditions.

Sir David has no equal in helping others to learn and making it exciting. His curiosity and enjoyment are infectious. He shows the lifelong pleasure that birds around us offer, and how much we miss if unaware of them.

Sir David Attenborough is Britain's best known natural history filmmaker. His career as a naturalist and broadcaster has spanned nearly five decades and there are very few places on the globe that he has not visited

Over the last 25 years, Attenborough has established himself as the world's leading natural history program maker with several landmark BBC series

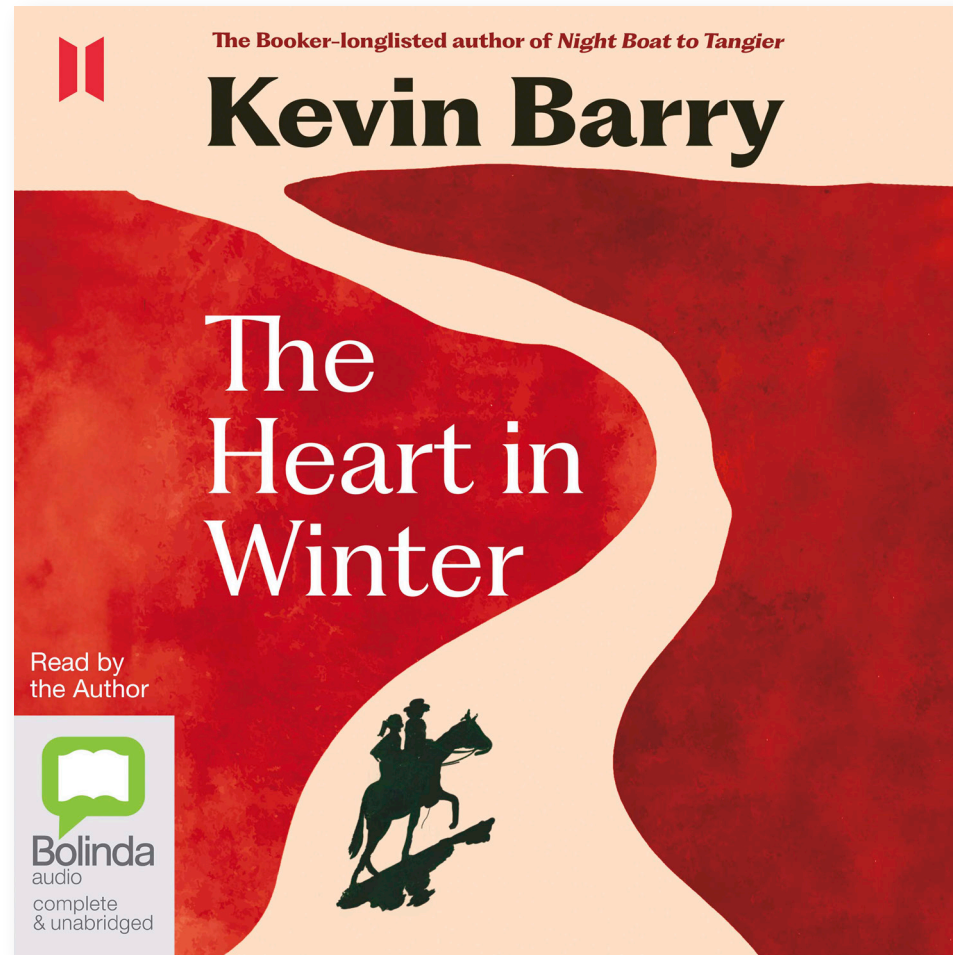
The Life of Birds is a fully updated new edition of Attenborough's bestselling classic

'... vividly conveys the beauty of birds and the extraordinary richness of their behaviour.'
– Dr Neil Chalmers, director of The Natural History Museum, London

The Heart in Winter

Kevin Barry

Read by the Author



A savagely funny, aching beautiful tale set in the Wild West, from the award-winning author of *Night Boat to Tangier*.

October, 1891. Butte, Montana.

A hard winter approaches across the Rocky Mountains. The city is rich in copper mines and rampant with vice and debauchery among a hard-living crowd of immigrant Irish workers.

Here we find Tom Rourke, a young poet and ballad maker, but also a dooper, a drinker and a fearsome degenerate. Just as he feels his life is heading nowhere fast, Polly Gillespie arrives in town as the new bride of the devout mine captain Long Anthony Harrington.

A thunderbolt love affair takes spark between Tom and Polly, and they strike out west on a stolen horse, moving through the badlands of Montana and Idaho. Briefly, an idyll of wild romance perfects itself. But a posse of deranged Cornish gunmen are soon in hot pursuit of the lovers, and closing in fast ...

Kevin Barry is the author of the novels *Beatlebone*, *City of Bohane* and *Night Boat to Tangier* and the story collections *Dark Lies the Island* and *There Are Little Kingdoms*

Barry's awards include the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, the Goldsmiths Prize, the *Sunday Times* EFG Short Story Prize and the Lannan Foundation Literary Award

Barry's stories and essays have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Granta* and elsewhere

'The Heart in Winter is a glorious and haunted yarn, with all the elements – the doomed lovers, the bounty hunters, the knife-fights and whisky-soaked songs – brought to mysterious life by the heft and polish of the Barry sentence. Marvellous.'

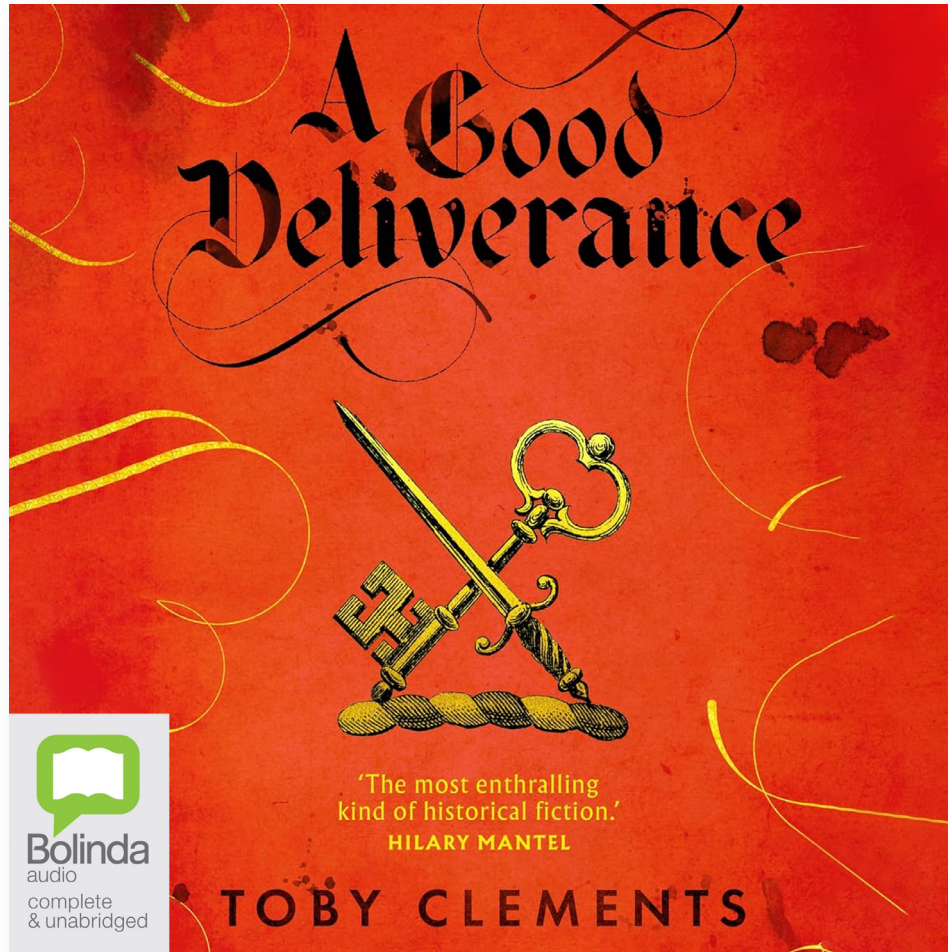
– Jon McGregor, award-winning author and short story writer

'A love story, and a slice of history, in a language as close to song as literature will ever get.' – Colum McCann, author of *Apeirogon*

A Good Deliverance

Toby Clements

Read by Matt Addis



From the bestselling author of the Kingmaker series comes an epic and intimate tale of adventure, myth and the creation of one of literature's greatest stories.

Warwick, 1468. One drowsy summer afternoon, Sir Thomas Malory – politician, courtier, outlaw, renowned author of *Le Morte D'Arthur* – is seized from his garden and dragged to Newgate Prison for reasons unknown.

Shivering in his foul-smelling, filthy old cell, Malory mourns his misspent life as he awaits the execution bell. But when the locking bar lifts, he is greeted by a boy of about 12 winters: the gaoler's son. Giddy with relief, Malory seizes the opportunity to recount his deeds to an audience.

So begins a prison confession of a perilously exciting life full of sieges, battles and court intrigue. *A Good Deliverance* is the captivating tale of a man at odds with his past and the events that inspired him to write the first great work of prose fiction in English.

Toby Clements is a journalist, former Literary Editor at the *Daily Telegraph* and the author of the Kingmaker series

Clements was inspired to write the Kingmaker series having first become obsessed by the Wars of the Roses after a school trip to Tewkesbury Abbey

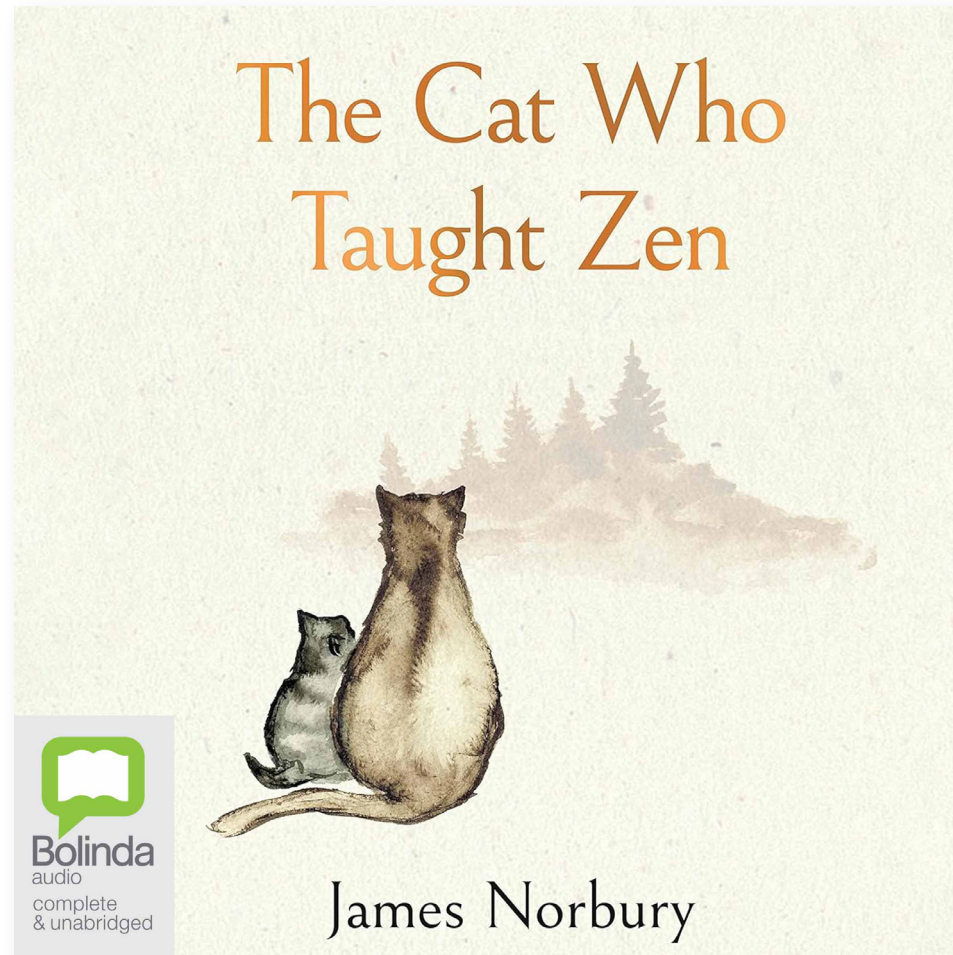
'A major achievement in historical fiction.' – *Historia Magazine* (on *Kingdom Come*)

'The series is historical novel writing at its best, blending real and fictional characters into a dark and entertaining epic of authentic history and thrilling adventure ...' – *Lancashire Post* (on the Kingmaker series)

The Cat Who Taught Zen

James Norbury

Read by Richard Coyle



James Norbury, author of *Sunday Times* bestseller *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*, tells the story of the cat who learned how to be more zen.

'I've learnt that what we want is seldom what we need, and what we need is almost never what we want.'

This is the tale of a cat wise in the ways of zen, journeying to discover a fabled ancient pine, under which infinite wisdom may be found.

Along the way he meets a vivid cast of animals: from an anxious monkey and a tortoise tired of life to a tiger struggling with anger, a confused wolf cub and a covetous crow.

But it's a surprise encounter with a playful kitten, that forces the cat to question everything ...

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

James Norbury writes and illustrates all kind of books, the only theme running through them is the creation of worlds where, perhaps, he would like to live

Told in a gentle, calming style, *The Cat Who Taught Zen* introduces a new cast of characters for listeners of all ages to fall in love with, offering timeless wisdom wrapped up into a tale of beguiling beauty

'From a curious hare to a terrifying tiger, this uplifting book from the bestselling author of Big Panda and Tiny Dragon introduces a loveable cast of animal characters with a powerful message of the importance of peace and understanding at its heart.' – Waterstones

'Suitable as a gift or to own, and definitely one to share.' – GLAM Adelaide (on *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*)

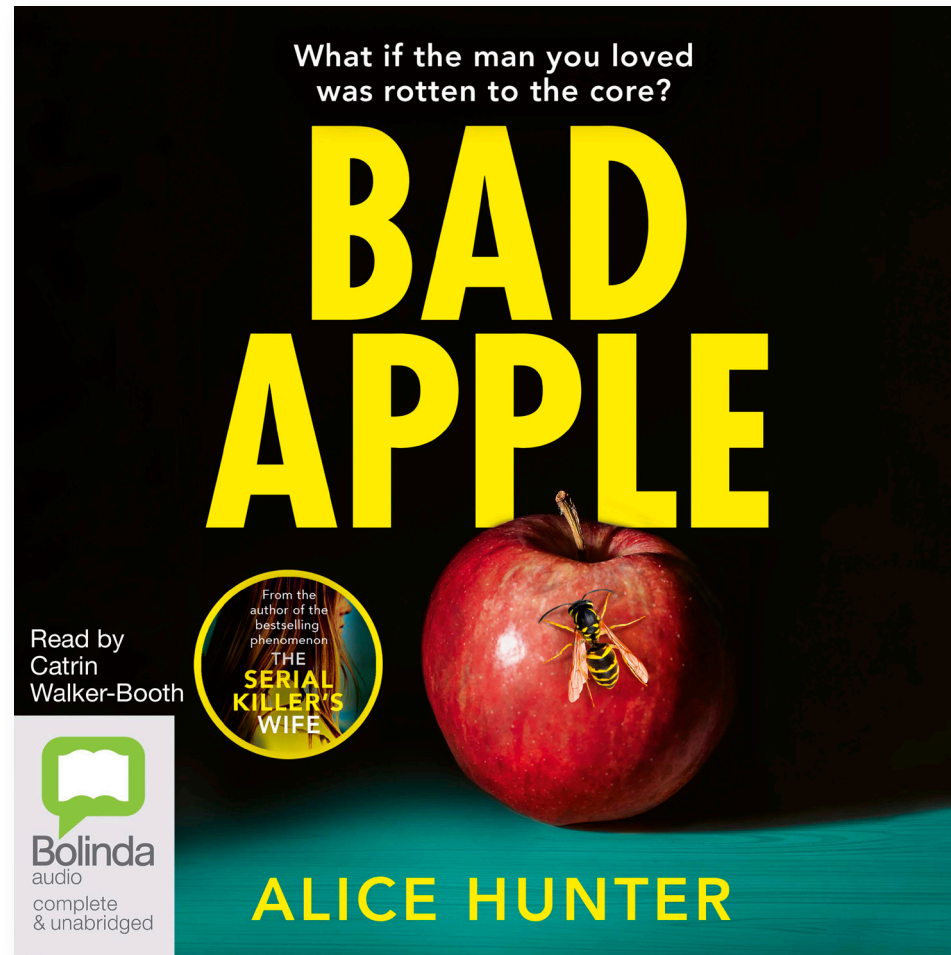
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Bad Apple

Alice Hunter

Read by Catrin Walker-Booth



A gripping psychological suspense about betrayal, courage and the darkness that can hide behind a seemingly trustworthy façade, from the author of bestselling sensation *The Serial Killer's Wife* – now a Paramount+ TV show.

Becky Lawson's life has been shattered.

When she discovered her husband, John – a trusted policeman – was a monster, she reported him. But her faith in the system was crushed when it didn't lead to any charges or consequences.

Now, John lives freely with a new girlfriend and her young daughter, while Becky battles guilt over missing the obvious signs.

Determined for justice, Becky hunts him down. But John wants her silenced – at any cost. Becky knows only one of them can survive, and she'll do anything to make sure it's her.

Becky must tread carefully though, because John isn't the only bad apple lurking in the shadows ...

Perfect for fans of K.L. Slater, B.A. Paris and the Netflix hit TV series *You*

Alice Hunter is the author of *The Serial Killer's Wife*, *The Serial Killer's Daughter* and *The Serial Killer's Sister* which all draw heavily on her knowledge of psychology and the criminal mind

Hunter worked as a nurse, working in the NHS, and she now puts her experiences to good use in fiction. After completing a psychology degree, she also became an intervention facilitator in a prison

'The steadily unfurling plot ... kept me hooked. The final double twist, too, is well worth waiting for.' – My Weekly (on *The Serial Killer's Wife*)

'It richly deserves to be a hit.' – Daily Mail (on *The Serial Killer's Wife*)

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Operation Biting

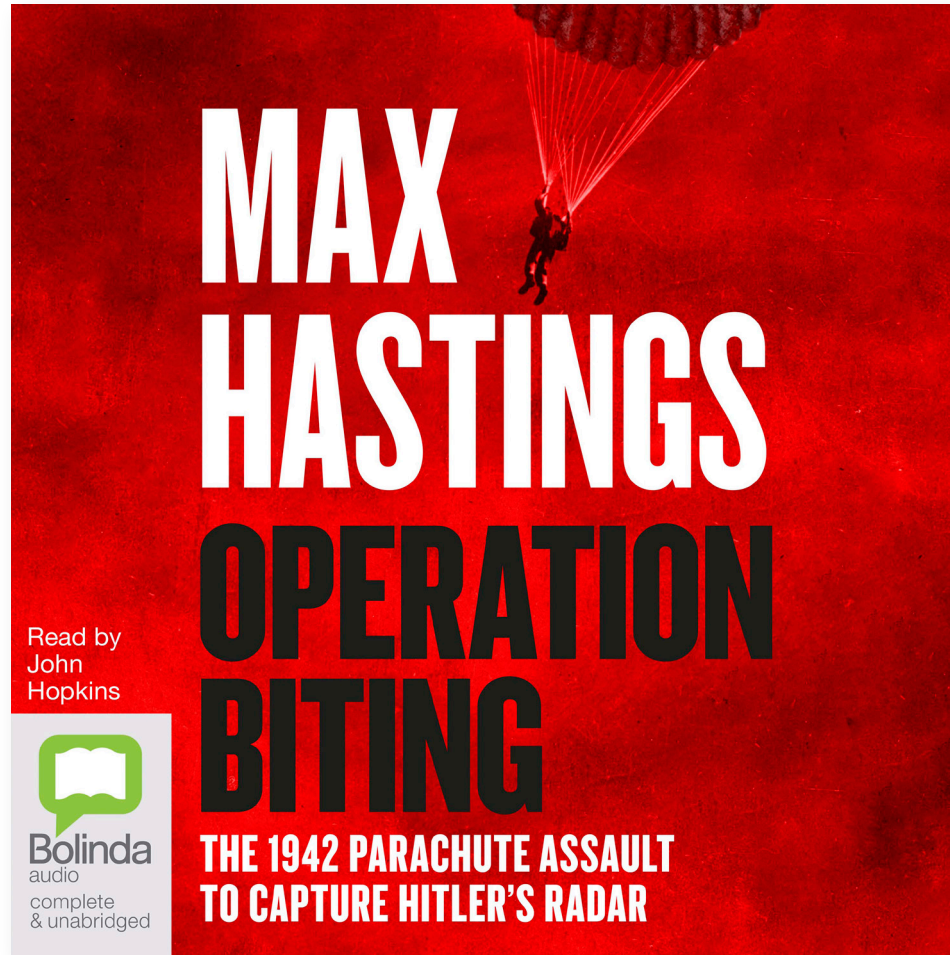
The 1942 Parachute Assault to Capture Hitler's Radar

Max Hastings

Read by John Hopkins

Adult New Release

History | July 2024



In this enthralling history, internationally bestselling author Max Hastings recounts the odds-defying Operation Biting, a 1942 parachute commando raid on Northern France to steal vital components of German intelligence.

In February 1942, RAF intelligence was baffled by a newly identified radar network on the coast of Nazi-occupied Europe, codenamed Würzburg. British intelligence proposed an assault to capture key components. Incredibly brave agents of the French Resistance risked their lives to probe the German defenses on the Normandy coast. Then a company of Airborne forces were dropped into France in the dead of night amid heavy snow. Launching their attack, the allied soldiers dismantled the German's radar, and after three nail-biting hours and a fierce battle with Wehrmacht defenders, escaped in the nick of time using landing-craft that carried them back across the stormy seas to Portsmouth.

Operation Biting retells this dramatic operation through a gallery of amazing characters from Winston Churchill, who promoted the raid, to Lord Mountbatten, who commanded Combined Operations, to the brave unsung commandos who fought their way through enemy territory.

Max Hastings is the author of *Bomber Command*, *Vietnam*, *Catastrophe*, *Armageddon*, *Retribution*, *Winston's War*, *The Korean War* and *Inferno*

Hastings has won many awards both for his books and his journalism, including the 2012 \$100,000 Pritzker Library prize for lifetime achievement, and the 2019 Bronze Arthur Ross medal of the US Council For Foreign Relations for Vietnam

'A definitive history, gripping from start to finish but relentlessly disturbing.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *Vietnam*)

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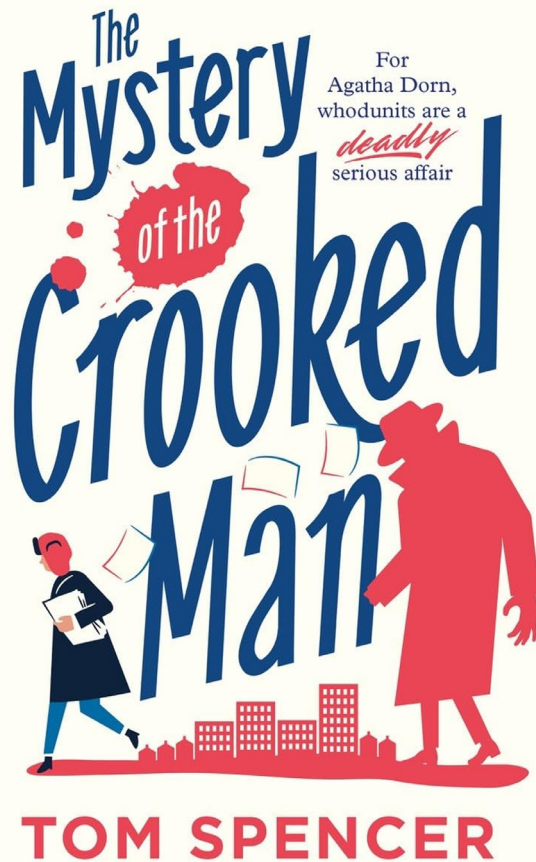
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The Mystery of the Crooked Man

Tom Spencer

Read by Claire Warrillow



A distinctive murder mystery with an unforgettably spiky protagonist, for fans of *The Twyford Code*, *Magpie Murders* and *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*

Meet Agatha Dorn, cantankerous archivist, grammar pedant, gin aficionado and murder mystery addict. When she discovers a lost manuscript by Gladden Green, the Empress of Golden Age detective fiction, Agatha's life takes an unexpected twist. She becomes an overnight sensation, basking in the limelight of literary stardom.

But Agatha's newfound fame takes a nosedive when the 'rediscovered' novel is exposed as a hoax. And when her ex-lover turns up dead, with a scrap of the manuscript by her side, Agatha suspects foul play.

Cancelled, ostracised and severely ticked off, Agatha turns detective to uncover the sinister truth that connects the murder and the fraudulent manuscript. But can she stay sober long enough to catch the murderer, or will Agatha become a whodunnit herself?

Tom Spencer has published creative work in various journals, including a story nominated for a Pushcart Prize and another shortlisted for the Galley Beggar Press Prize

Under his real name, Tom Perrin, he has published an academic book on 20th-century fiction, as well as having written for the *New York Times*, *The Times Literary Supplement* and elsewhere

'Not your usual cosy, and that's exactly what I loved! Spencer tip-toes on that line between traditional and modern with a delicate charm and deftness of touch to create a juicy whodunnit. Simply brilliant!' – Jonathan Whitehall, author of *The Bingo Hall Detectives*

'With a prickly protagonist and a plot that's twistier than a bag full of corkscrews, this one will keep you guessing until the end.' – Fiona Leitch, author of *The Cornish Wedding Murder*



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My Family

The Memoir

David Baddiel

Read by the Author

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'Heartbreaking and devastatingly funny,
often in the same sentence' HADLEY FREEMAN

David Baddiel



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My Family

The Memoir

A searingly honest, humorous memoir from the award-winning author of *Jews Don't Count*.

On the surface, David Baddiel's childhood was fairly standard: a lower-middle-class family living in an ordinary house in North West London. But as his mother changed careers, their life grew increasingly surreal: abandoning her business selling children's books, she became obsessed with golfing memorabilia, impassioned by a salacious affair with a golfing salesman.

As Baddiel investigates his family's past, his father's memories are fading: dementia has turned him into a Spitting Image puppet of himself, making him moodier and more disinhibited, with an even greater penchant for obscenity. But as with his mother's affair, there is both comedy and poignancy to be found: laughter is a constant presence, capable of transforming the darkest of experiences into something else.

Inspired by his Olivier-nominated stage show, *My Family* is a candid examination of family, memory, and the redemptive powers of comedy

'A must read and if you think YOU don't need to read it, that's just the clue to know you do.' – Sarah Silverman (on *Jews Don't Count*)

'A masterpiece.' – Stephen Fry (on *Jews Don't Count*)

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Song of the Huntress

Lucy Holland

Read by Kristin Atherton



A must-listen for fans of *Circe*, *Song of the Huntress* recasts the folklore behind the Wild Hunt into a dark, feminist fantasy set amidst the legends and beauty of ancient Britain.

Britain, 60 AD. Hoping to save her lover and her land from the Romans, Herla makes a desperate pact with the Otherworld King. She becomes Lord of the Hunt and for centuries she rides, reaping wanderers' souls. Until the night she meets a woman on a bloody battlefield – a Saxon queen with ice-blue eyes.

Queen Æthelburg of Wessex is a proven fighter, but after a battlefield defeat, she finds her husband's court turning against her. Yet King Ine needs Æthel more than ever – the dead kings of Wessex are waking, and Ine must master his bloodline's ancient magic if they are to survive.

When their paths cross, Herla knows it's no coincidence. Something dark and dangerous is at work in the Wessex court. As she and Æthel grow closer, Herla must find her humanity – and a way to break the curse – before it's too late.

Lucy Holland is the author of *The Times* bestselling *Sistersong*, a reimagining of the folk ballad 'The Twa Sisters'

As Lucy Hounsom, she wrote the *Worldmaker* Trilogy. Her first book *Starborn* was shortlisted in the 2016 Gemmell Awards for Best Fantasy Debut

Holland co-hosts the intersectional feminist podcast *Breaking the Glass Slipper*, which won Best Audio in the 2019 British Fantasy Awards

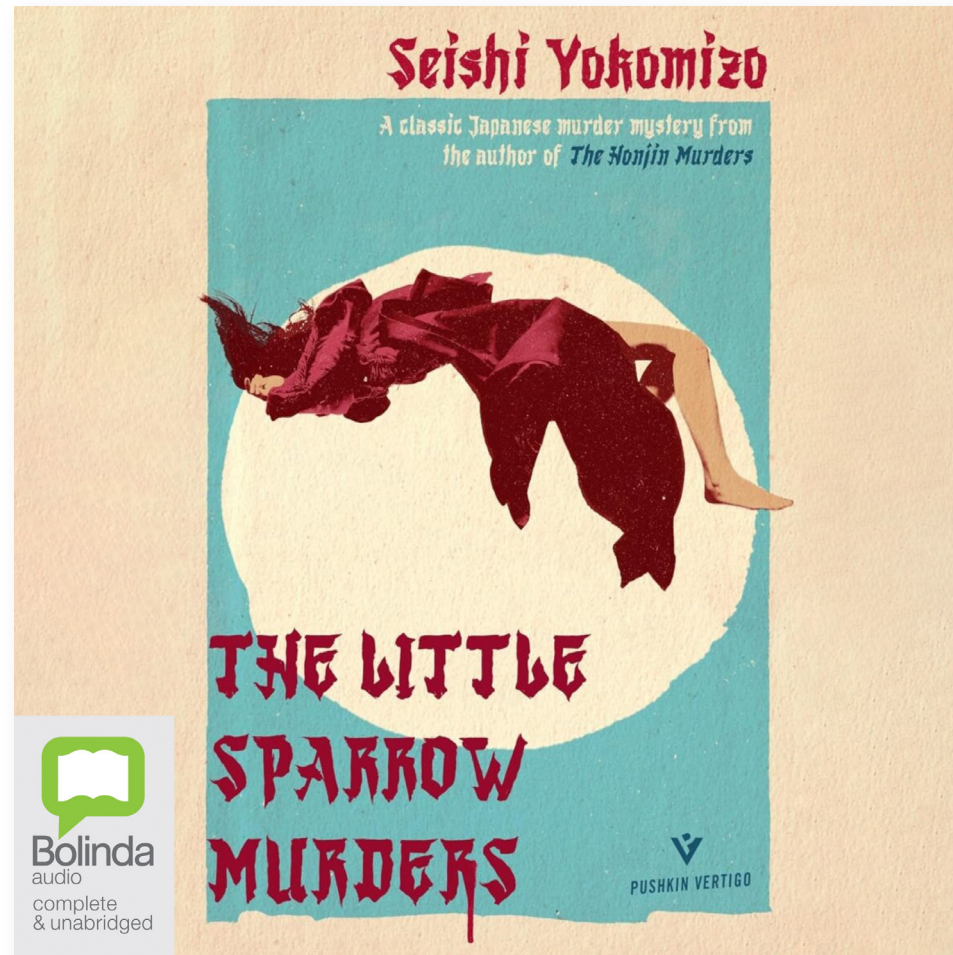
'Striking, bold and beautifully written ... Holland is a powerful writer and this, a propulsive tale, a brilliantly woven tapestry of folklore, fantasy and history. Epic and wild.' – Angela Slatter, award-winning author of *The Briar Book of the Dead*

'Magic, myth, political intrigue, and a fierce and unique love story ... I devoured it.' – Cassandra Clare, author of the *Mortal Instruments* series

The Little Sparrow Murders

Seishi Yokomizo

Read by Akira Matsumoto



As several bodies are discovered staged in bizarre poses echoing the lyrics of a children's song, the quirky, endearing detective must string together the clues to solve this fiendish puzzle.

It was late July, in 1955, when Kosuke Kindaichi, accompanied by a letter of introduction from Inspector Isokawa, took a rickshaw over the Sennin Pass – astonishingly, this mode of transport was still in use in those parts – and set foot for the very first time in the village of Onikobe. Of course, never in his wildest dreams would he have known about the temari song.

The scruffy detective Kosuke Kindaichi returns to solve another fiendish murder mystery.

An old friend of Kindaichi's invites the detective to visit the remote mountain village of Onikobe, the site of a 20-year-old unsolved murder case. But no sooner has Kindaichi in the village than a new series of murders strikes – several bodies are discovered staged in bizarre poses, and it soon becomes clear that the victims are being killed using methods that eerily echo the lyrics of an old local children's song ...

As the legendary sleuth investigates, he soon realises that he must unravel the dark and tangled history of the village, as well as that of its feuding families, to get to the truth.

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

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

Yokomizo's whodunnits have sold an astonishing 55 million copies in his home country

'Seishi Yokomizo took a pinch of John Dickson Carr and a dash of Agatha Christie in creating Kosuke Kindaichi, solver of impossible crimes ...' – The New York Times

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

Versions of a Girl

Catherine Gray

Read by Maeve Smyth



The warm and brilliantly wise fiction debut about growing up and trying not to become our parents, from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Unexpected Joy of Being Sober*.

Do we become who we are because of our parents, or in spite of them?

Fern's mother is a social climber and a former ballet dancer who lives a plush life in a London townhouse.

Fern's father only climbs if there's a bottle at the top, has an IQ of 133 and lives hand-to-mouth in Californian motels.

Aged 14, Fern has spent equal time with each of her parents. That is, until an unexpected visitor triggers a life-changing dilemma – whether she should get on a plane to London to be with her mother, or stay in California with her father. Here, Fern's narrative splices in two.

Two possible lives, one person. Each Fern will grow in wildly different, but eerily similar directions. Both must determine who they want to be – and how they deal with a thorny problem which threatens to undo them all: a murder.

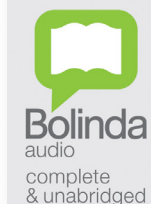
Catherine Gray is a *Sunday Times* Bestselling author, who has over sold half a million books in English-speaking territories alone

Gray's books have been translated into ten languages and received acclaim in the likes of the *New York Times*, BBC Breakfast and Radio 2

'Tender, lush and electric, a wild, heartbreaking, exhilarating ride. I fell in love with Fern and think she belongs to the all-time character canon, like Dodie Smith's Cassandra or Jean Rhys's Anna. There's so much truth, vulnerability and joy in Catherine Gray's prose.'

– Daisy Buchanan, author of *Insatiable* and *Careering*

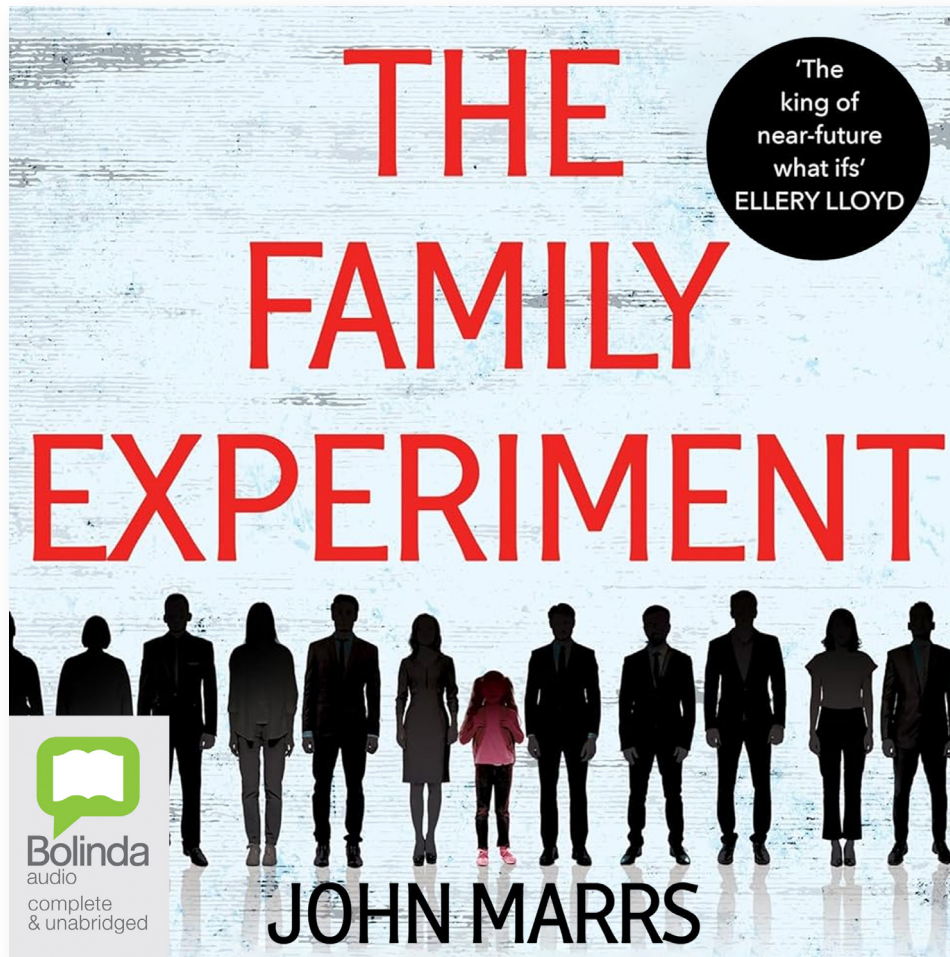
'Versions Of A Girl was that rare literary find. Catherine's writing is beautiful and I was captivated by Fern/ Flick's journeys. One of the best debuts ...' – Caroline Corcoran, bestselling author of *Through the Wall*



The Family Experiment

John Marris

Read by a Full Cast



Set in the same universe as John Marris's bestselling novel *The One* and *The Marriage Act*, *The Family Experiment* is a dark and twisted thriller about the ultimate 'Tamagotchi' – a virtual baby.

Some families are virtually perfect ...

The world's population is soaring, creating overcrowded cities and an economic crisis. And in the UK, breaking point has arrived. A growing number of people can no longer afford to start families let alone raise them.

But for those desperate to experience parenthood, there is an alternative. For a monthly subscription fee, clients can create a virtual child from scratch who they can access via the metaverse and a VR headset. To launch this new initiative, the company behind Virtual Children has created a reality TV show. It will follow ten couples as they raise a Virtual Child from birth to the age of 18 but in a condensed nine-month time period. The prize: the right to keep their virtual child or risk it all for the chance of a real baby ...

Before becoming a full-time writer in 2016, John Marris was a freelance journalist interviewing celebrities from television, film and music for national publications

Marris is the bestselling author of *The Marriage Act*, *The One*, *The Passengers*, *The Minders*, *What Lies Between* and *The Vacation*

'This – his best yet – is an unsettling and immersive roller coaster which hurtles towards a chilling denouement – a truly thought-provoking, single-sitting thriller. Loved it.'

– Ellery Lloyd, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Club*

'Frighteningly plausible, gripping, dark, and so clever.' – Claire Douglas, bestselling author of *Just Like the Other Girls*

Sentenced to Murder

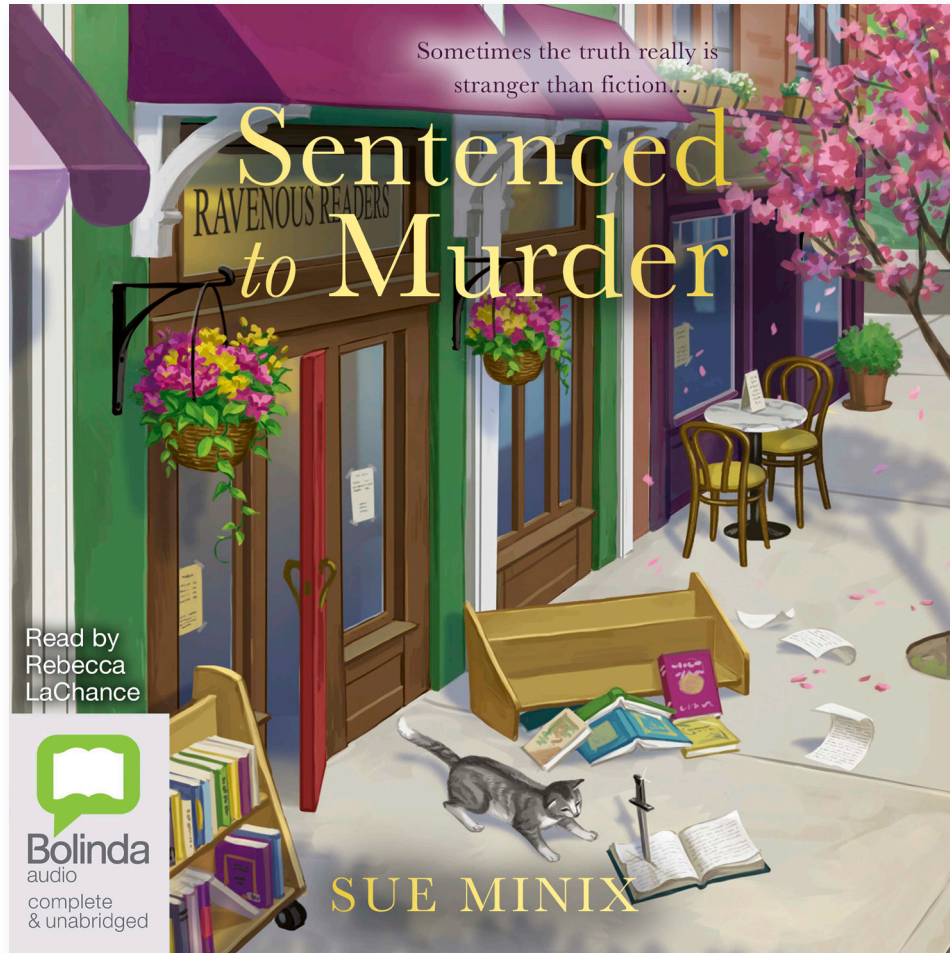
Bookstore Mystery #5

Sue Minix

Read by Rebecca LaChance

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2024



An absolutely charming bookshop-set mystery from the bestselling author Sue Minix.

She's written murder mysteries before, but can she solve this real life cold case?

Just as Jen sits down to start writing her next murder mystery novel, she stumbles across a chilling real-life case – a man who claims he's been wrongly convicted for murder.

Time is running out for Jaylon as he needs a kidney transplant to save his life, something he'll never receive while he's in prison for murder.

Jen's amateur sleuthing skills are pushed to their very limit as time is ticking to solve Jaylon's case and save his life. Can she save him before his sentence to murder becomes a sentence to death?

Perfect for fans of Agatha Christie, Lauren Elliott and Ellery Adams

Sue Minix is the author of *Murder at the Bookstore*, which has been described as a 'cosy, page-turning read'

Minix is a member of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America and the Crime Writer's Association

'Sue Minix has created a world any reader would love to escape to!' – Jamie L. Adams, author of The Ghost Town Mystery Series

'A captivating cosy mystery with twists and turns in all the right places. Keeps you guessing right to the end!' – Christina Romeril, author of A Killer Chocolate Mystery Series

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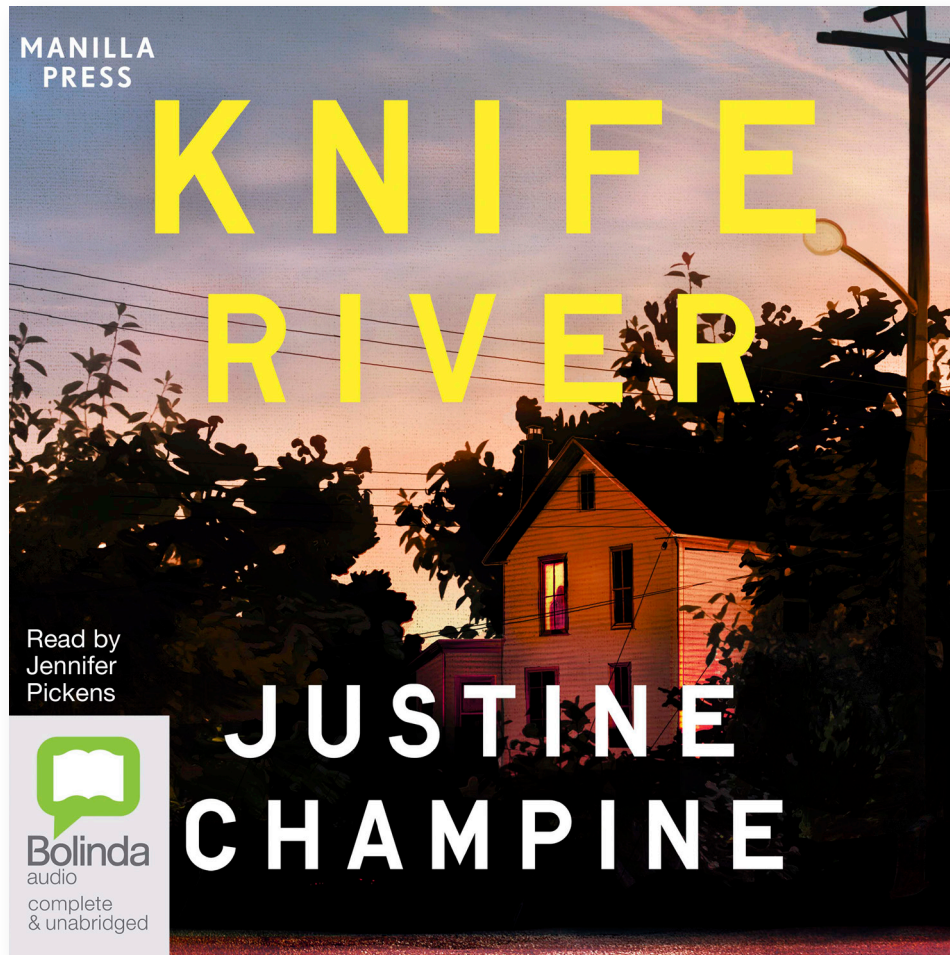
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Knife River

Justine Champine

Read by Jennifer Pickens



A troubled young woman reunites with her sister in their hometown to uncover the truth about their mother's disappearance in this compelling family drama and literary suspense debut.

When Jess was 13, her mother went for a walk and never returned. Jess and her older sister, Liz, never found out what happened. Instead, they did what they hoped their mother had done – survive. As soon as she was old enough, Jess fled their small town of Knife River, wandering from girlfriend to girlfriend like a ghost in her own life, aimless in her attempts to outrun grief and confusion. But one morning, 15 years after their mother's disappearance, she gets the call she's been bracing for – her mother's remains have been found.

Jess returns to find Knife River – and her sister – frozen in time. The town is as claustrophobic and rundown as ever. Liz still lives in their childhood home and has become obsessed with unsolved missing persons cases. Jess plans to stay only until they get some answers, but their mother's bones, exposed to the elements for so long, just leave them with more questions. As Jess gets caught up in the case and falls back into an entanglement with her high school girlfriend, her understanding of the past, of Liz, of their mother, and of herself become more complicated – and the list of theories more ominous.

Justine Champine's short fiction has appeared in *The Kenyon Review*, *Epoch* and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*

Champine holds an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College and is a founding staff member of *No Tokens Journal*

'Knife River is a delicious smoke curl of a novel ...' – Jodi Picoult, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

'Knife River is an intelligent literary mystery with a rich sense of place and a clever plot; but it is Champine's keenly-observed depiction of the aftermath of tragedy and the corrosive impact of loss that sets this novel apart.' – Paula Hawkins, author of *Into The Water*

Dead Tired

A Mother's Murder Club Mystery #2

Kat Ailes

Read by Kitty Kelly

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2024

The second in a charming and hilarious mystery series by Kat Ailes, *Dead Tired* follows a group of new mums who didn't think their maternity leave would involve so much murder.

Alice has made the most of her maternity leave, becoming simultaneously a proud mum (well, a mum, at least) and accidental amateur sleuth. With her son, Jack, fast approaching his first birthday, she is keen to continue to keep him alive and maybe finally catch up on some sleep ... if she's lucky. When an opportunity presents itself in the unexpected form of a sit-in protest, Alice and her friends willingly chain themselves to trees and settle in for some overdue rest – not the most comfortable arrangement ever, but at this point they'll take what they can get.

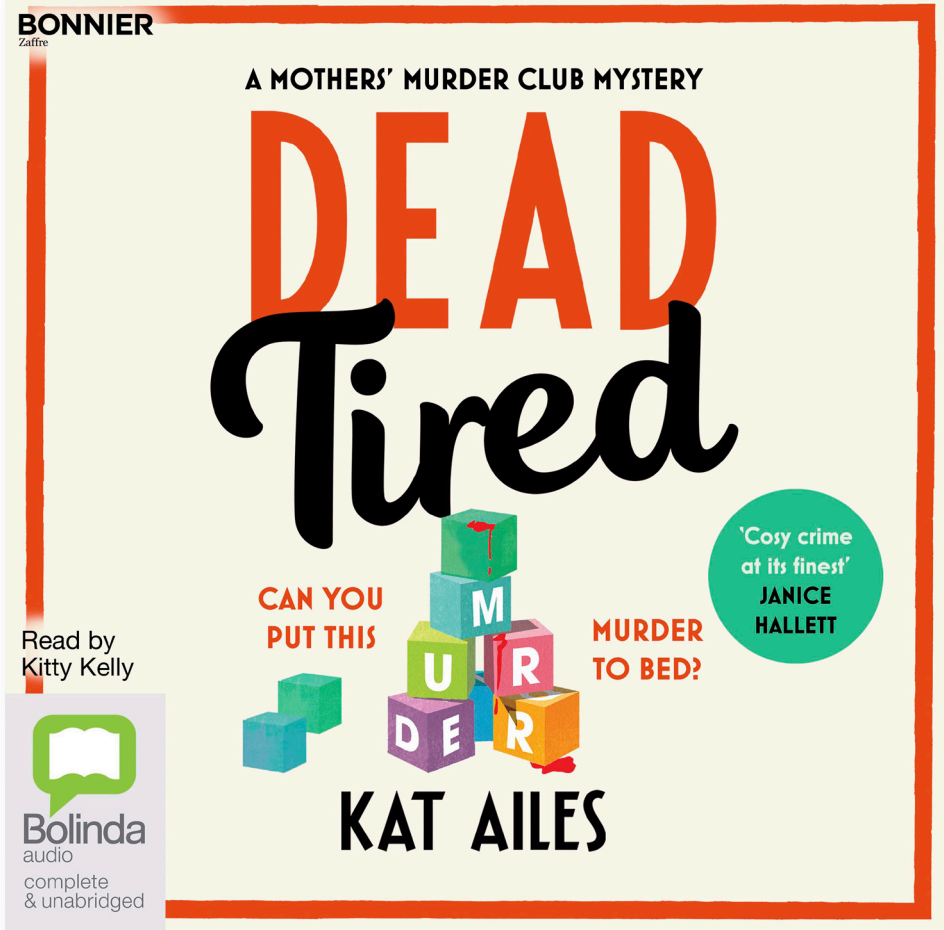
But the next morning one of their fellow protestors is found strangled and any hope of a blissful interlude is suddenly swept away on a tide of adult hysteria – a surprising, but not necessarily unwelcome, break from changing nappies and cleaning Weetabix off the dog. For Alice, whose success rate in solving countryside murder is at an all-time high (one out of one), she cannot resist the chance to demonstrate her detecting skills once more and assembles her gang of young mums to investigate this latest countryside mystery.

Kat Ailes's *The Expectant Detectives* was featured in the Evening Standard's Books to Watch in 2023

Ailes's debut was shortlisted for the Comedy Women in Print Unpublished Prize 2021

'Its characters and twisty plot feel absolutely real – you'll be on the edge of your seat, totally immersed in trying to work out who did it, but rest assured you're never far from a smile. Cozy crime at its finest!' – Janice Hallett, international bestselling author of *The Appeal* (on *The Expectant Detectives*)

'Perfectly plotted, brilliantly observed and just so much fun.' – Lauren Bravo, author of *What Would the Spice Girls Do?* (on *The Expectant Detectives*)



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Catastrophe Ethics

How To Be Good in a World Gone Bad

Travis Rieder

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Current Affairs & Politics | July 2024

Catastrophe Ethics

'A must-read for anyone who cares about doing good in the world'
Anna Lembke,
bestselling author of
Dopamine Nation



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How to Be Good in a World Gone Bad

Travis Rieder

From the author of *In Pain*, an NPR Best Book of 2019, comes this urgent, thought-provoking answer to the question we are all secretly asking: individually, how should we act in the face of the climate emergency?

Humankind has never before faced challenges of the scale and complexity of today. In a hyper-globalised world hurtling towards environmental destruction, how do we determine the right actions? Do our individual efforts to avoid plastic or air travel, or to drive electric, make any real difference?

We need to expand our ethical toolkit. The mental tools most of us rely on to 'do the right thing' just don't work when it comes to reasoning about such huge collective problems. From the small stuff like single-use plastics to major decisions like whether to have children, Rieder defines exactly how we can change our thinking and lead a decent, meaningful life in a scary, complicated world. Here's how to build your own catastrophe ethics.

Travis Rieder is an associate research professor at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics and an expert in climate change ethics

Rieder is the author of *In Pain*, which was named an NPR Best Book of 2019 and his TED Talk on the same topic has been viewed 2.8 million times

Rieder has written for *Psychology Today* and *The New York Times*

'Smart, splendid, and brave. A crash course in ethics from an expert philosopher that gave me hope for the future ... for anyone who cares about doing good in the world.'

– Anna Lembke, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dopamine Nation*

'With an open mind and a firm grasp of the issues, Rieder brings the question of living a decent life into the modern era.' – Kirkus Reviews

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A Woman in Your Own Right

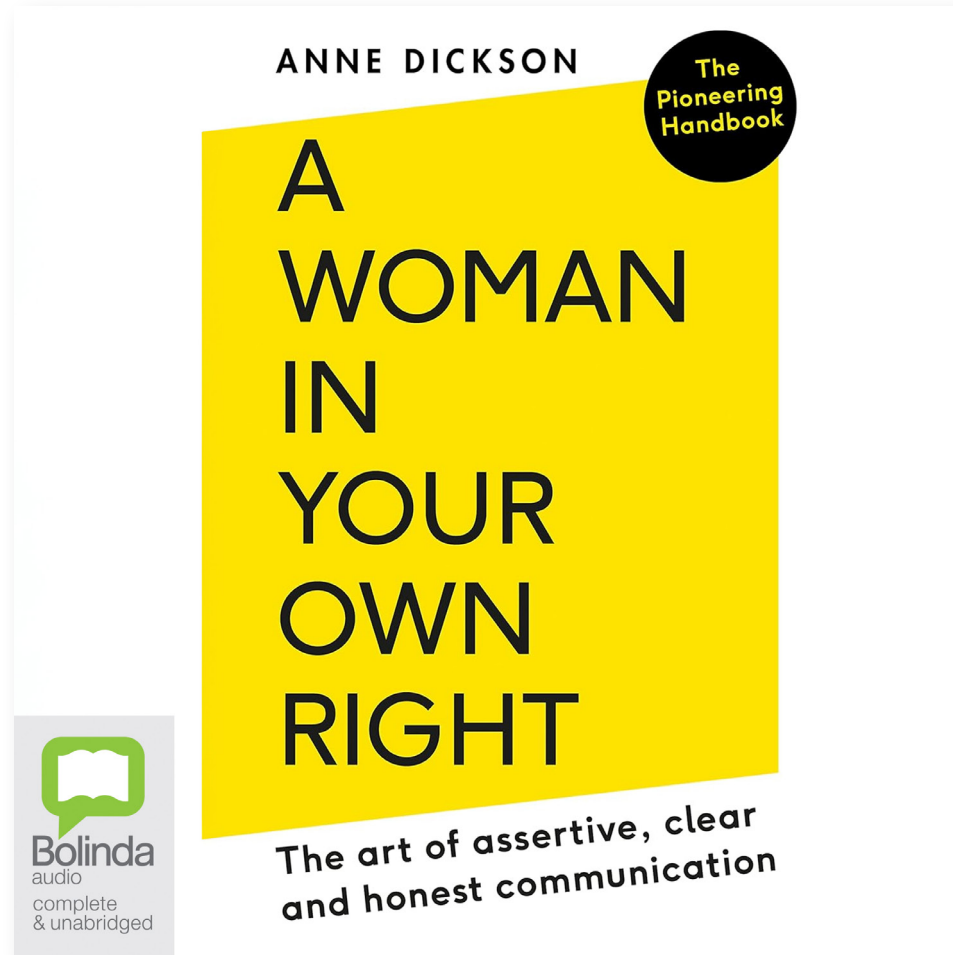
The Art of Assertive, Clear and Honest Communication

Anne Dickson

Read by Karen Cass

Adult New Release

Lifestyle – Wellbeing | July 2024



A fully updated 40th anniversary edition of the pioneering handbook for female assertiveness – an indispensable guide to stating what you feel and want.

Despite recent advances in gender equality in education, the workplace and the home, in practice many women and girls still find it a challenge to speak up and be heard. Assertiveness – defined by psychologist and assertiveness trainer Anne Dickson as clear, honest and direct communication – is an art that can be learned. Instead of being governed by the desire to please – the Compassion Trap – assertiveness teaches us to manage our feelings without blaming others.

In her pioneering audiobook, now fully updated to mark its 40th anniversary, Dickson draws on her long experience of in-person training to give all women the tools we need to assert what we feel and want, manage difficult conversations, avoid being sidetracked by culturally learned behaviours, say 'No' and find self-acceptance.

Offering game-changing insights and strategies around work, home life, parenting, sex and relationships and navigating online spaces, *A Woman In Your Own Right* has sold over one million copies since first publication and has been translated into 12 languages

Anne Dickson has worked as a freelance psychologist, writer and trainer for many years and is recognised as a leading authority on women's development, assertiveness training and interactive communication

Dickson is the author of several titles, including *The Mirror Within* and *Difficult Conversations*

'The classic assertiveness bible.' – The Guardian

'This advice is even more pertinent today.' – Daily Mail

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Break Through

Practical Steps for Moving from Stuck to Unstoppable

Mark Fennell

Read by the Author

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**PRACTICAL STEPS
FOR MOVING FROM STUCK
TO UNSTOPPABLE**

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In this audiobook, Mark Fennell draws from his 20 years of coaching, to give listeners the stories of people who, like him, were stuck and who – with his help – were able to break through.

We all feel stuck at times – professionally, personally, financially, emotionally or even just stuck in our own heads. You feel you want more from life but don't know where to start or what a fulfilled life even looks like. Life coach Mark Fennell has given thousands of clients the tools to shift their thinking and find the motivation they need to break through the feeling of being stuck so that they can move forward and make lasting positive change.

In this practical and relatable audiobook, Fennell provides a roadmap for working through feelings of frustration and helplessness towards a new and purpose-driven future. He will help you find a new approach to decision-making, tune into your gut instinct and build a life that has a sense of purpose to discover who you are destined to be.

Mark Fennell is an esteemed high performance life coach and mentor with an impressive 20 years track record, renowned for his deep understanding of the human mind, psychology and performance

Fennell is regularly requested to appear on prominent media outlets, including the BBC, Virgin Media and other major TV and radio networks, to share his wisdom on real-life issues and provide invaluable advice

Fennell has worked with multiple companies within the top 20 of the Fortune 500 list as well as some famous faces

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The Devil You Know

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



The Devil You Know is a turbulent and emotional saga of a woman who must outface danger to find the happiness she craves, from bestselling author Josephine Cox.

Sonny Fareham's lover – and also her boss – is the charismatic Tony Bridgeman, a successful and ruthless man who usually gets what he wants. But for Sonny, the affair that has promised a future of hope and happiness must end in desperate fear. Late one evening, Sonny overhears a private conversation between Tony Bridgeman and his wife. Only then does she realise she is in great danger.

Pregnant and afraid, Sonny flees her home to make a new life in the north of England, where she meets a gregarious and motherly new friend, Ellie Kenny. When the mysterious and handsome David Langham seems drawn to her, Sonny almost dares to believe that she could be happy again. But never far away is the one person who wants to destroy everything that she now holds dear ...

Perfect for fans of Lyn Andrews and Dilly Court

Josephine Cox was an English author. Her books were frequently bestsellers and the UK Public Lending Rights figures often listed her in the top three borrowed authors

The author of more than 60 titles, written 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

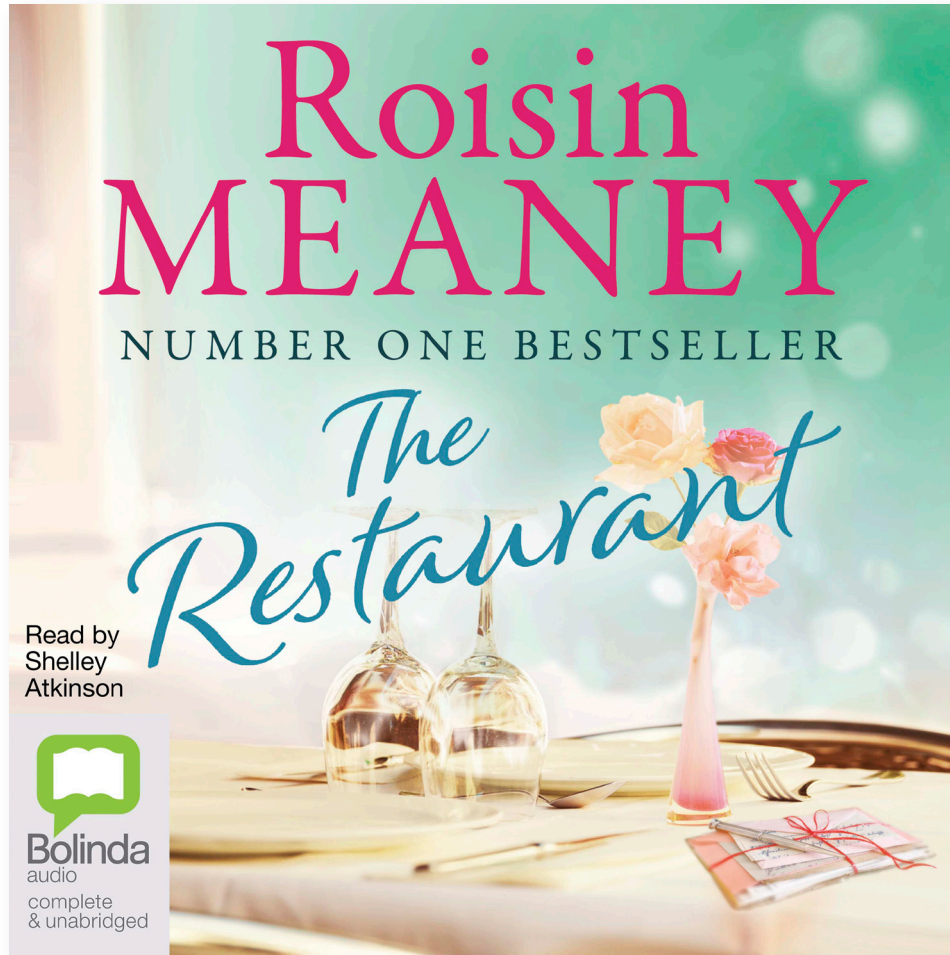
'Driven and Passionate.' – The Sunday Times

'Hailed quite rightly as a gifted writer in the tradition of Catherine Cookson.' – Manchester Evening News

The Restaurant

Roisin Meaney

Read by Shelley Atkinson



Is a second chance at love on the menu? Find out in this sparkling new romantic story from the bestselling Irish author Roisin Meaney.

When Chef Emily is left at the altar in front of her family and friends, she swears off love and instead throws herself into her new business: a restaurant with a difference. There's only one communal table, designed with the single diner in mind.

Now it's two years later, and with her business thriving with regular customers, romance is still the last thing on Emily's mind – until she receives a letter from her ex who is returning home from Canada with a burning question for her ...

Will Emily give up her business for the life she used to want, or will she realise that happiness might be on the menu a little closer to home?

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

Meaney is the author of several novels including three standalone novels set on a 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*

'Meaney leaves you wanting to know more about the characters and what they do next, almost as if they have become friends.' – Irish Independent

'A real treat ... [Meaney's] ability to weave stories around a seemingly random cast is simply uncanny.' – Sunday Independent (on *The Street Where You Live*)

Neighbours at War

Deborah Carr

Read by Kirsty Besterman



When everything is at stake, how far would you go to save your neighbour? A compelling historical fiction from *USA Today* bestselling author Deborah Carr.

When German forces invade the Channel Islands and the citizens of Jersey are cut off from the rest of the UK, the islands' residents bond together to resist the enemy.

East London native Helen Bowman was never meant to be here, but when she found herself alone and pregnant, her beloved aunt's home in Jersey was the only place she could go. But now, as the enemy start rounding up anyone not born on the island to be sent to a camp on the continent, Helen is forced to rely on the kindness of strangers, like her new friend Peggy Hamel, to keep herself and her son hidden.

But as the Nazis' net closes in, it's soon more than just detection that is at stake for Helen and Peggy – it's their very lives ...

Deborah Carr is the author of *Broken Faces*, which was a runner-up in the 2012 Good Housekeeping Novel Writing Competition and received a special commendation in the Harry Bowling Prize

Carr is also the author of *An Island at War*, which became a *USA Today* bestseller and is set in Jersey during the Occupation

Carr also writes contemporary romance series as Georgina Troy. Her first book in this genre, *A Jersey Kiss* was a finalist in the Joan Hessayon Award for New Writers 2015 and Romance Novel of the Year Awards 2016

'One to watch.' – Good Housekeeping (on *Broken Faces*)

'A rich and gripping war story that hooked me from the first page ... I was effortlessly swept into the drama.' – Andie Newton, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Girls from the Beach* (on *The Poppy Sisters*)

One Perfect French Summer

Lucy Coleman

Read by Emma Powell & Jack Holden



Summer doesn't last forever, but can a perfect one change your life? Discover the brand new gorgeous summer listen from the bestselling author of *Finding Love in Positano*.

For successful estate agent Freya Henderson, life is all work and no play. But, when she crosses paths with carefree young surfer, Luke Stevenson, there's no denying the attraction between them.

When Luke invites her to join him on a working holiday in France, it's a real dilemma. Is it time to throw caution to the wind? Perhaps an enchanting summer fling with no strings attached would be a great way to de-stress and finally allow herself some fun.

As he takes her on a magical mystery tour of gorgeous locations among stunning châteaux, picturesque villages and sun-kissed vineyards, Freya can't help feeling there's something missing in her life ... perhaps even a man like Luke. But how well does she know him? Is he just looking for a summer adventure, or is he running away from something?

As the summer draws to a close, can Freya and Luke simply slip back into their old lives, or will they be left wondering 'What if?' Maybe this summer romance never has to end ...

Lucy Coleman is a #1 bestselling romance writer, whose recent novels include *Summer in Andalucía*, *Snowflakes Over Holly Cove* and *Summer in Provence*, among others

Coleman won the 2013 UK Festival of Romance: Innovation in Romantic Fiction award and also writes under the name Linn B. Halton

'A festive and heartfelt story of love and hope – beautifully told.' – Sandy Barker, author of *The Christmas Swap* and *The Dating Game* (on *A Christmas Wedding in the Cotswolds*)

'Wonderfully escapist, romantic and heart-warming.' – Holly Martin, bestselling author of *Sunrise over Sapphire Bay* (on *A Christmas Wedding in the Cotswolds*)

Escape to the French Chateau

Rachel Barnett

Read by Rosie Jones & James Meunier



A brand-new contemporary summer romance from author Rachel Barnett, set in the French countryside.

Between getting over a bad breakup and losing her mum, Fran is ready to put the past year behind her. So when she's offered the chance to tour the world's finest hotels as a secret shopper, she can't pack her bags fast enough.

Arriving at her next destination in the Loire Valley, an unexpected mix-up suddenly sees Fran becoming the newest employee of Chateau les Champs d'Or. Fran isn't afraid to get stuck in, but running into handsome guest, Johnny, was never part of the plan.

There to do a job, she knows she should keep her distance from him – especially when Johnny's nursing his own heartache. But despite her best efforts, he somehow manages to come to her rescue at every turn, making it harder to resist his company.

Under the glistening French sun, Fran starts to discover just who the real Johnny is behind that gruff exterior, a man she's already losing her heart to. The problem is, she's set to leave in a week, and he's been badly burned by love before. Will Fran risk it all for a shot at happily ever after, or will their time together forever remain a holiday romance?

Rachel Barnett is the author of heartwarming novels, *A Summer on the Riviera* and *Starlight at Snow Pine Lodge*

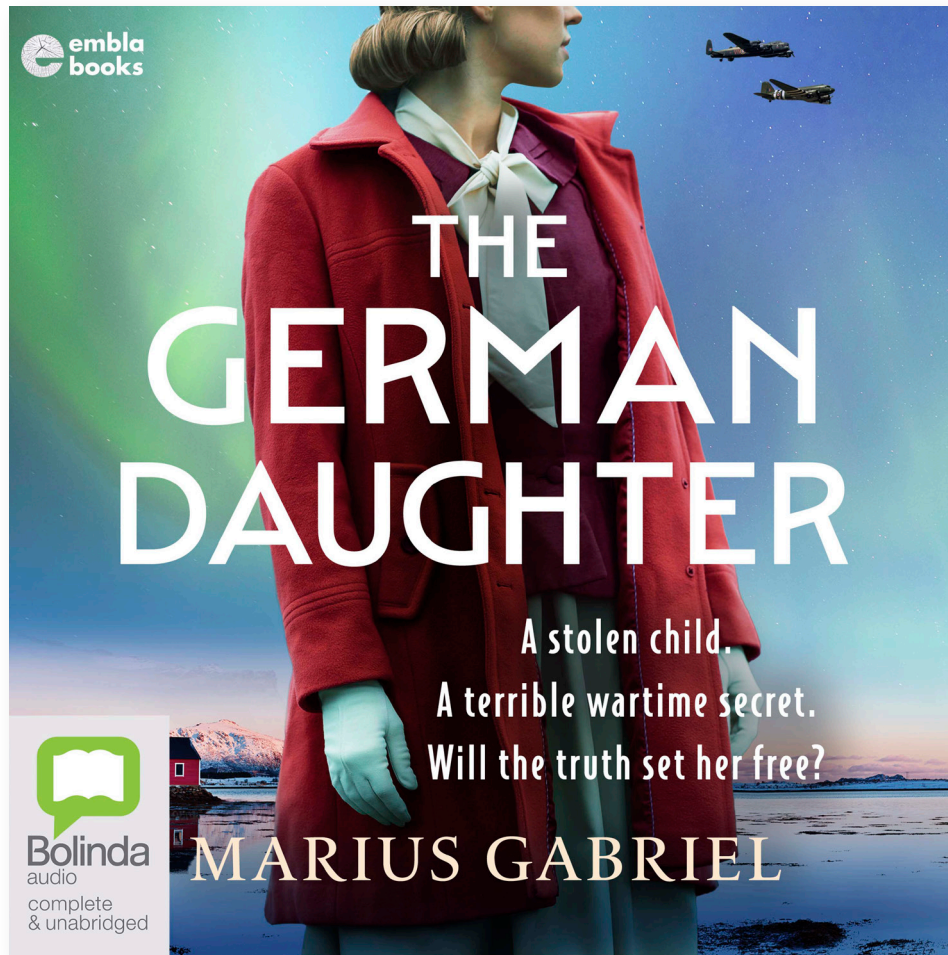
Rachel Barnett writes contemporary women's fiction set against wonderful escapist backdrops

Barnett is a former primary school teacher and a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association

The German Daughter

Marius Gabriel

Narrator to Come



The brand new absolutely gripping and heartbreaking World War II historical novel from master storyteller Marius Gabriel.

Norway, 1940. Liv has lived a quiet life on her family farm, dreaming of a happy life after the war is finally over. But all of her dreams vanish when the Nazi soldiers arrive in her village and a senior officer sees something special in her ... something that Hitler and the high command in Berlin is desperate to have at any cost.

England, 1968. Agnes, although made orphan from the war, has grown up happy in the quiet wealth of the English countryside, raised by her adoring grandfather to be a perfect lady. But when he suddenly dies, she unveils a secret that changes everything. Agnes is not who she thought she was – and she is not safe.

Nothing will ever be the same – but should she pursue a deep-buried wartime secret and put herself, and others, in danger? Or forget what she has learned and continue living a lie?

Marius Gabriel is the author of several historical titles, including the bestsellers *The Seventh Moon*, *The Original Sin* and the Redcliffe Sisters series, *Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye*, *Take Me to Your Heart Again* and *The Designer*

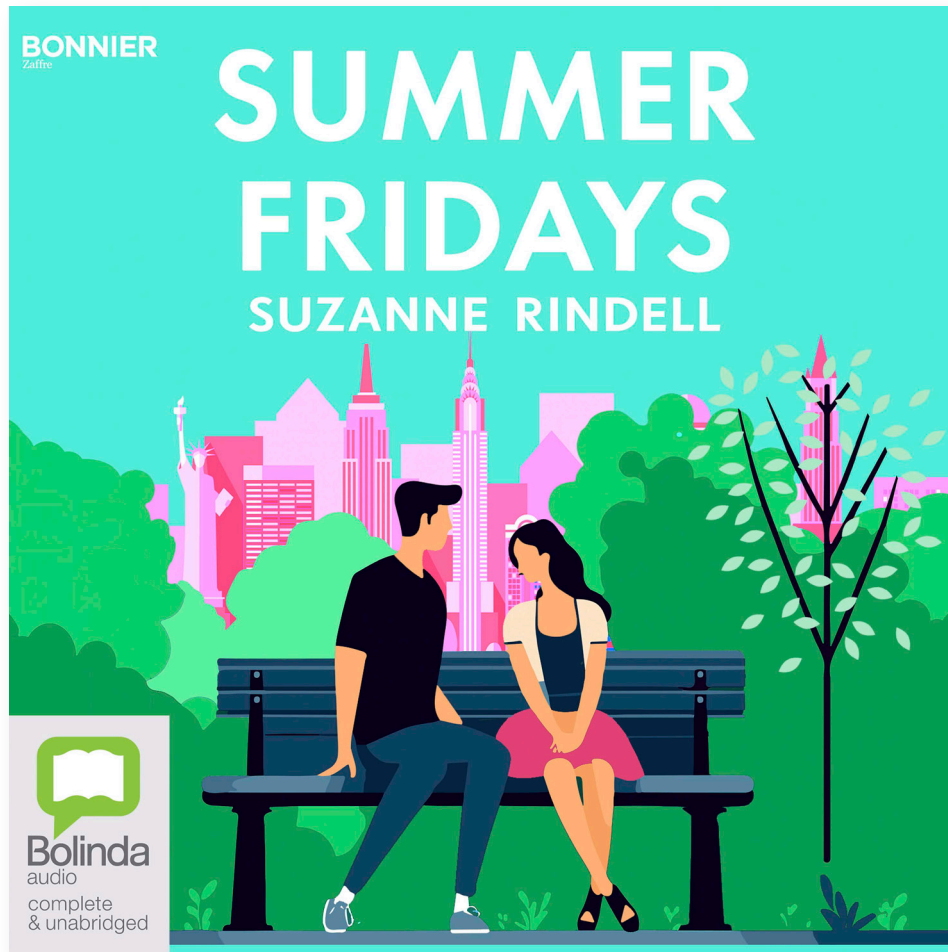
Gabriel's title, *The Designer*, won the Romantic Novelists Association Prize for Historical Romance

Under the pseudonym Madeleine Ker, Gabriel is a popular writer of over 30 romance novels since 1983

Summer Fridays

Suzanne Rindell

Narrator to Come



You've Got Mail for a new generation, about a freshly engaged editorial assistant who winds up spending her 'summer Fridays' with the person she least expects.

Summer 1999. Twentysomething Sawyer is striving to make it in New York. Between her assistant job in publishing, her secret dreams of becoming a writer, and her upcoming wedding to her college boyfriend, her plate is full. Only one problem: she is facing an incredibly lonely summer as her fiancé has been spending longer and longer hours at work ... with an all-too-close female colleague, Kendra.

When Kendra's boyfriend, Nick, invites Sawyer to meet up and compare notes about their suspicions, the meeting goes awry. She finds Nick cocky and cynical, and he finds her stuck in her own head. But then Nick seeks out Sawyer online to apologise, and a friendship develops.

Soon, Sawyer's lonely summer takes an unexpected turn. She and Nick begin an unofficial ritual – exploring New York City together every summer Friday. Sawyer feels seen by Nick in a way that surprises her. He pushes her to be braver. Meanwhile, Sawyer draws Nick out of his hard shell, revealing a surprisingly vulnerable side. They both begin living for their Friday afternoons together.

But what happens when the summer is over?

Suzanne Rindell is the author of *The Other Typist*, which has been translated into 20 languages, *Three-Martini Lunch*, *Eagle & Crane* and *The Two Mrs. Carlyles*

The Other Typist was optioned for TV by Fox Searchlight Pictures, Keira Knightley and Hulu

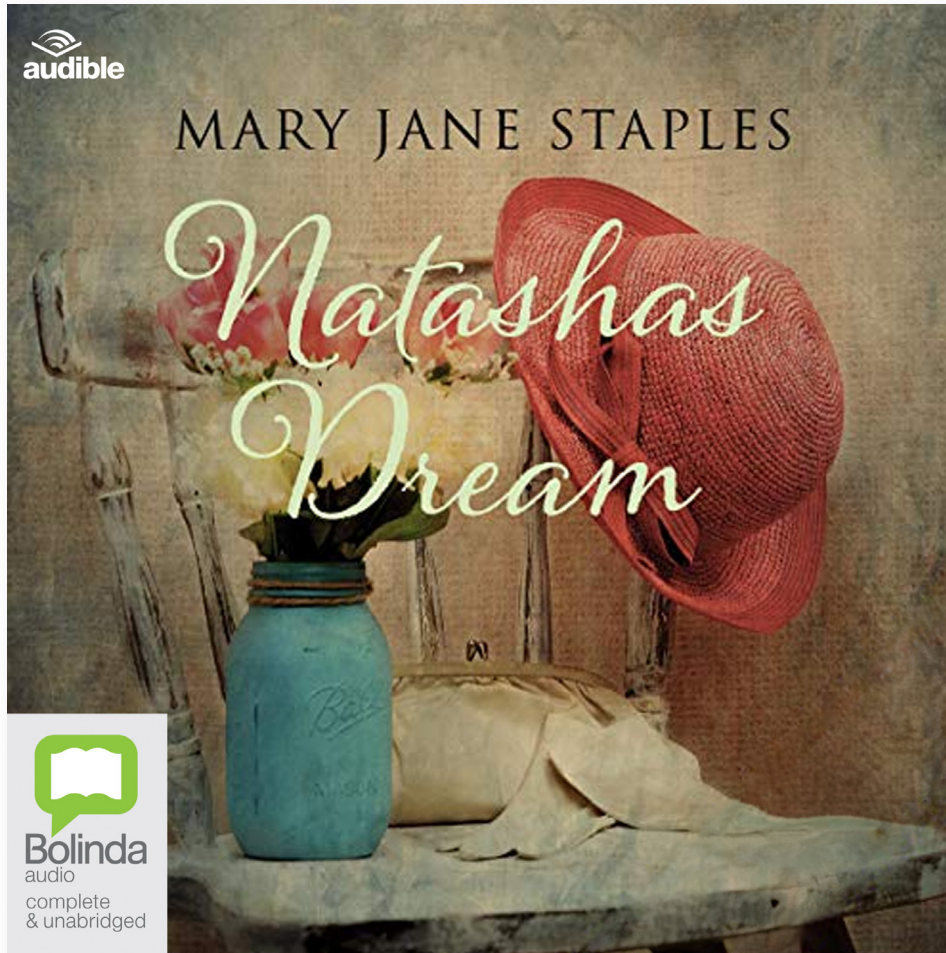
'With the wit and depth of all the best Nora Ephron movies, this love story is not to be missed.' – Jill Santopolo, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Light We Lost*

'Summer Fridays is both a love letter to New York City and a nostalgic glimpse back to the cellphone-free nineties.' – Amy Poeppel, author of *Musical Chairs*

Natasha's Dream

Mary Jane Staples

Read by Karen Cass



An enthralling and gripping romantic adventure from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Mary Jane Staples.

1925, Berlin.

Englishman Philip Gibson, in Germany to seek the answers to a tantalising mystery surrounding the Grand Duchess Anastasia, witnesses an attack on Natasha, a young woman who has fled from Russia.

When Philip takes the fragile, lonely Natasha in to help her recuperate, she quickly falls for his kind and caring nature. But when further threats are made on her life, Philip finds himself at the heart of another mystery.

What is it that links Natasha to this mysterious, damaged woman? And will her love for Philip survive the secrets that will be unearthed?

Perfect for fans of Cecelia Ahern, Fiona Valpy and Katie Flynn

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

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

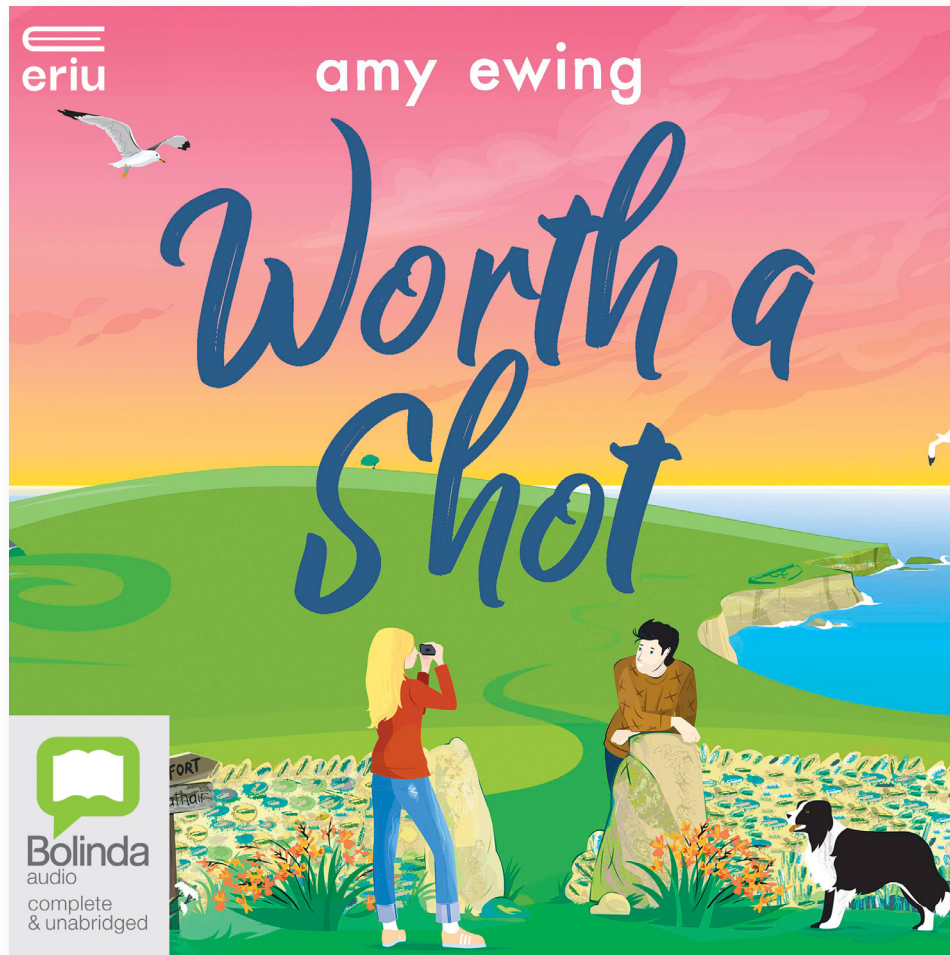
'Mary Jane Staples makes you care about her characters, which explains why her books have enjoyed so much popularity.' – Take a Break (on the Adams Family series)

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

Worth a Shot

Amy Ewing

Narrator to Come



A wildly romantic story on a wild island with the promise of hope, redemption and self-discovery at its core.

Cordelia James was once at the top of her game – a renowned street photographer with a massive social media following, gallery showings in Chelsea, and a lucrative book deal. But after the sudden death of her father, everything changed. Now, Cordelia can barely force herself to leave her apartment. That is, until she sees an ad for a summer gig at a cosy cottage on Ireland’s picturesque Inishmore island. Rent-free, plus a small stipend if willing to do some menial housework and look after an elderly neighbour. Cordelia is on a plane before she can talk herself out of it.

But practically the moment she steps off the boat, she crashes-literally-into Niall O’Connor, a grumpy local who’s just returned home to Inishmore from Dublin. Cordelia’s camera breaks, and Niall doesn’t give a horse’s arse about it. He’s nursing a broken heart and trying to patch up a broken life, and he has no time for posh American tourists or their thousand-dollar hobbies. The more Cordelia’s and Niall’s paths cross, the more they make each other’s lives hell.

But as with all rivalries, their hatred is about to reach a tipping point-and it’s going to heat up their cool coastal nights.

Amy Ewing holds an MFA in Creative Writing from The New School, and her young adult fantasy novel *The Jewel* became a *New York Times* and international bestseller

Ewing is the author of *The Lone City* trilogy and *The Cerulean* duology

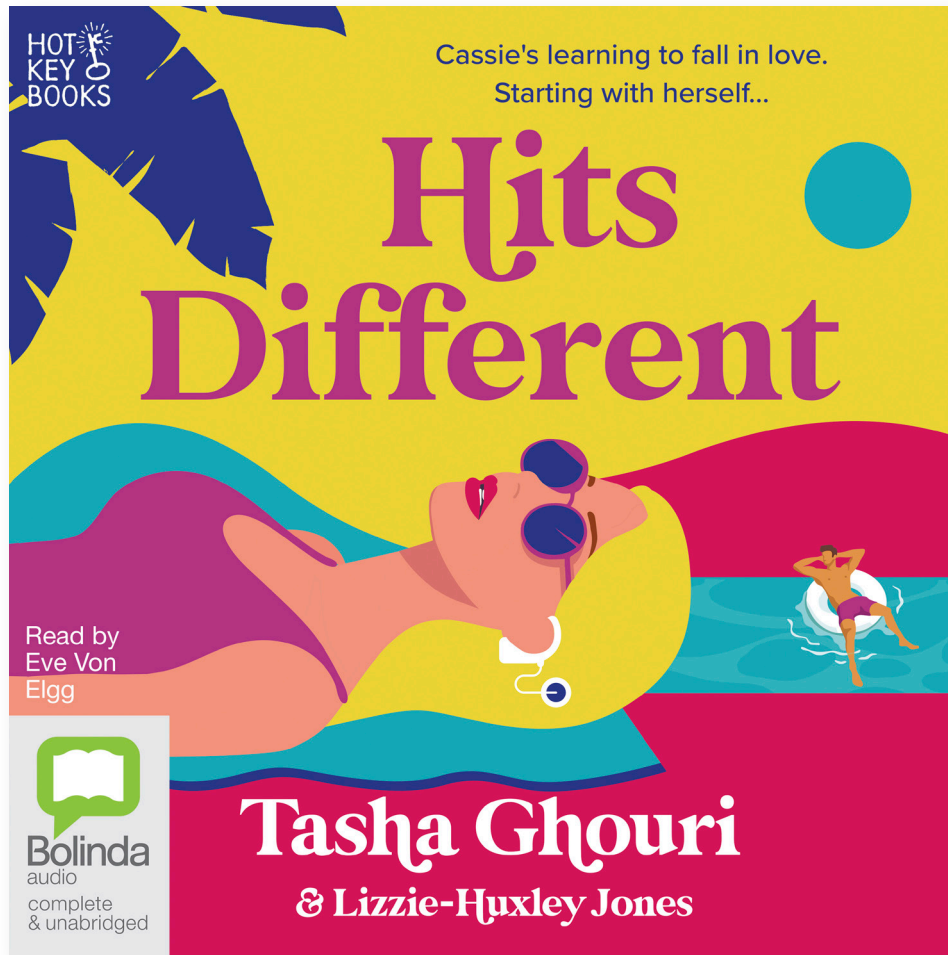
‘A charming and fun read that will have you pining for a summer on a misty Irish island’
– Georgie Tilney, author of *Beach Rivals*

‘Ewing checks all the boxes for a steamy Irish summer holiday escape’ – Abby Jimenez,
New York Times bestselling author of *Life’s Too Short*

Hits Different

Tasha Ghouri & Lizzie Huxley-Jones

Read by Eve Von Elgg



A sizzling summer romance from *Love Island* star Tasha Ghouri and Lizzie Huxley-Jones.

Cassie needs a change.

She's in a job she hates, dating a guy who couldn't care less about her, and secretly dreaming of making her dance ambitions a reality. But that's all they are, dreams. Because no way could she actually do it ... right?

But then an opportunity to dance on tour with a global superstar presents itself and Cassie decides to give it a shot. Jetting off for a hot summer in Ibiza, her dreams seem closer than ever, and so does real love. Levi, the guy she keeps bumping into, sees and uplifts her in a way no one else ever has. If only Cassie could believe in herself like he does, she might find that life hits different when you learn to love yourself first ...

Perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Talia Hibbert

Tasha Ghouri is a television personality, activist, model and social media influencer. She is a brand ambassador for eBay, Ann Summers and L'Oréal Paris, and hosts her own podcast, *Superpowers with Tasha Ghouri*

Lizzie Huxley-Jones is the author of the queer holiday rom-com *Make You Mine This Christmas*

'A brilliant and joyful celebration of fierce friendships and unapologetic self-love. With a romance at once tender and steamy, *Hits Different* is a wonderful story about showing up, taking up space and following your dreams.' – Bea Fitzgerald, author of *Girl, Goddess, Queen*

'Funny, sweet and emotionally satisfying. Filled with characters you'll fall in love with – it's a festive delight!' – Chloe Timms, author of *The Seawomen* (on *Make You Mine This Christmas*)

Perennial Bestsellers on CD & MP3

July new releases 2024

This Much is True

Miriam Margolyes

Read by the Author



From *Blackadder* to *Call the Midwife*, from *PG Tips* to Harry Potter, Miriam Margolyes is Britain's favourite national treasure – this is (at last) her extraordinary life story and it's well worth the wait.

BAFTA-winning actor, voice of everything from Monkey to the Cadbury's Caramel Rabbit, creator of a myriad of unforgettable characters from Lady Whiteadder to Professor Sprout, Miriam Margolyes, OBE, is the nation's favourite (and naughtiest) treasure. Now, at the age of 80, she has finally decided to tell her extraordinary life story – and it's well worth the wait.

Find out how being conceived in an air-raid gave her curly hair; what pranks led to her being known as the naughtiest girl Oxford High School ever had; how she ended up posing nude for Augustus John as a teenager; why Bob Monkhouse was the best (male) kiss she's ever had; and what happened next after Warren Beatty asked 'Do you fuck?'

From declaring her love to Vanessa Redgrave to being told to be quiet by the Queen, this audiobook is packed with brilliant, hilarious stories. With a cast list stretching from Scorsese to Streisand, a cross-dressing Leonardo di Caprio to Isaiah Berlin, *This Much Is True* is as warm and honest, as full of life and surprises, as its inimitable author.

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

Margolyes received an OBE in 2002 for Services to Drama

'There's never been a memoir so packed with eye-popping, hilarious and shockingly candid stories.' – Daily Mail

'Gleefully outspoken and bursting with hilarious anecdotes, gloriously larger than life. I pity every person that is not me right now, drinking in the glory of Margolyes at 80.'
– Observer

Death of a Nurse

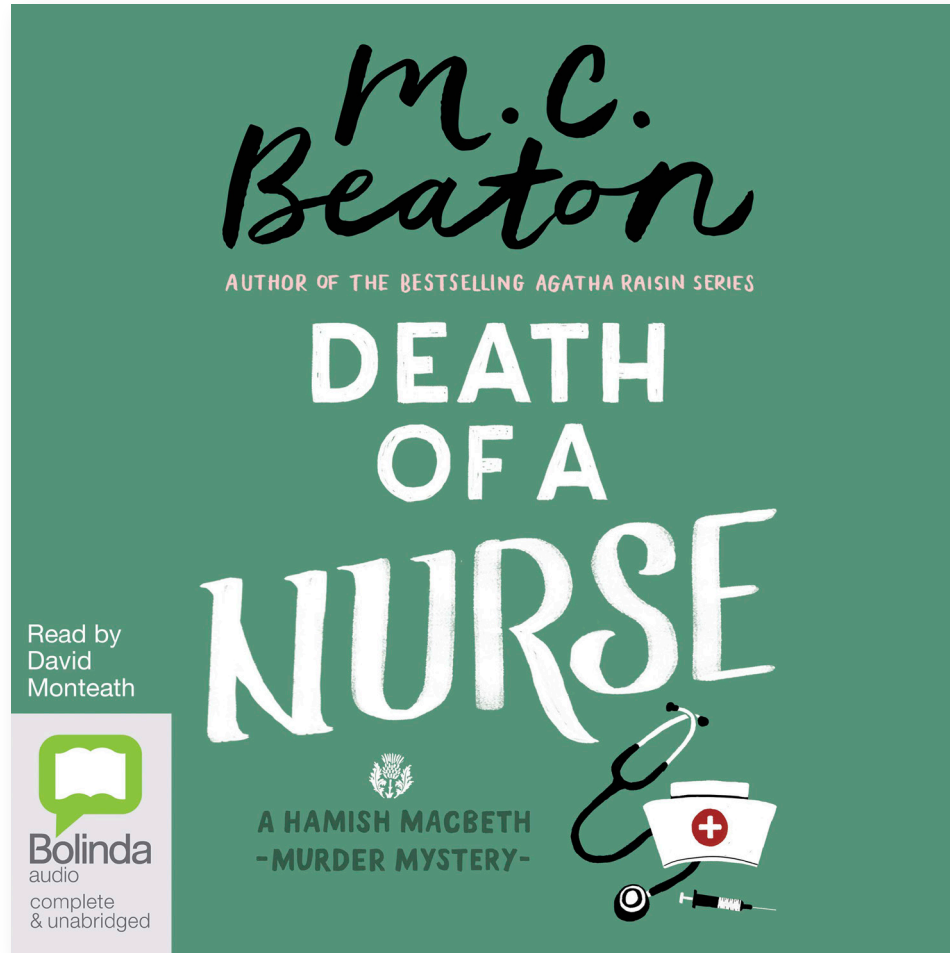
A Hamish Macbeth Murder Mystery #31

M.C. Beaton

Read by David Monteath

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2024



M.C. Beaton's *New York Times* bestselling Hamish Macbeth series continues with a new mystery featuring Scotland's most quick-witted but unambitious policeman.

James Harrison has recently moved to a restored hunting lodge in Sutherland with his gorgeous private nurse, Gloria Dainty. When Hamish visits Mr Harrison to welcome him to the neighbourhood, the old man treats him very rudely. Gloria apologises for her employer's behaviour, and Hamish takes the plunge and invites her out for dinner.

On the appointed evening, Hamish waits for Gloria at the restaurant. And waits. But Gloria never shows up.

Four days later Gloria's body washes up on the beach near Braikie. She's been strangled. Now, without a date and without his former policeman, Dick Fraser – who left the force to buy a bakery – Hamish must find out who killed the beautiful new resident of Sutherland and why before the murderer strikes again ...

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

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

'The latest appearance by the charming Scot (Death of a Liar, 2015, etc.) provides all the quirky characters and striking Highlands scenery you could want, along with one of Beaton's most successful mysteries.' – Kirkus Reviews

'Superb entertainment, as rich and warming as fine malt whisky, and every bit as addictive.' – Houston Chronicle (on the Hamish Macbeth series)

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Deirdre and Desire

The Six Sisters #3

M.C. Beaton

Charlotte Anne Dore

Adult New Release

Romance | July 2024

The bestselling author's Regency series returns with the story of Deirdre, whose scandalous elopement shocks the Armitage family – and her fiancé.

What clever woman would want a man like Lord Harry Desire? Why, he was clearly a lummo – languid, vain and bland. Not even his beautiful face could redeem him. But he stood to inherit a vast fortune, and that was good enough for Deirdre's father, a spendthrift vicar who arranged the match to rescue himself from imminent financial collapse.

Leave it to Deirdre to contrive an escape, a quick elopement with her one true love, the dashing Guy Wentwater. But Wentwater's love proved none too true, and Deirdre found herself in a humiliating pickle. Not even Lord Harry would marry her now.

But Harry had more tricks up his tailored sleeve than Deirdre ever imagined. And soon she pined only for the marriage thrown away, and for a man whose arms had grown suddenly irresistible.

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

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

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



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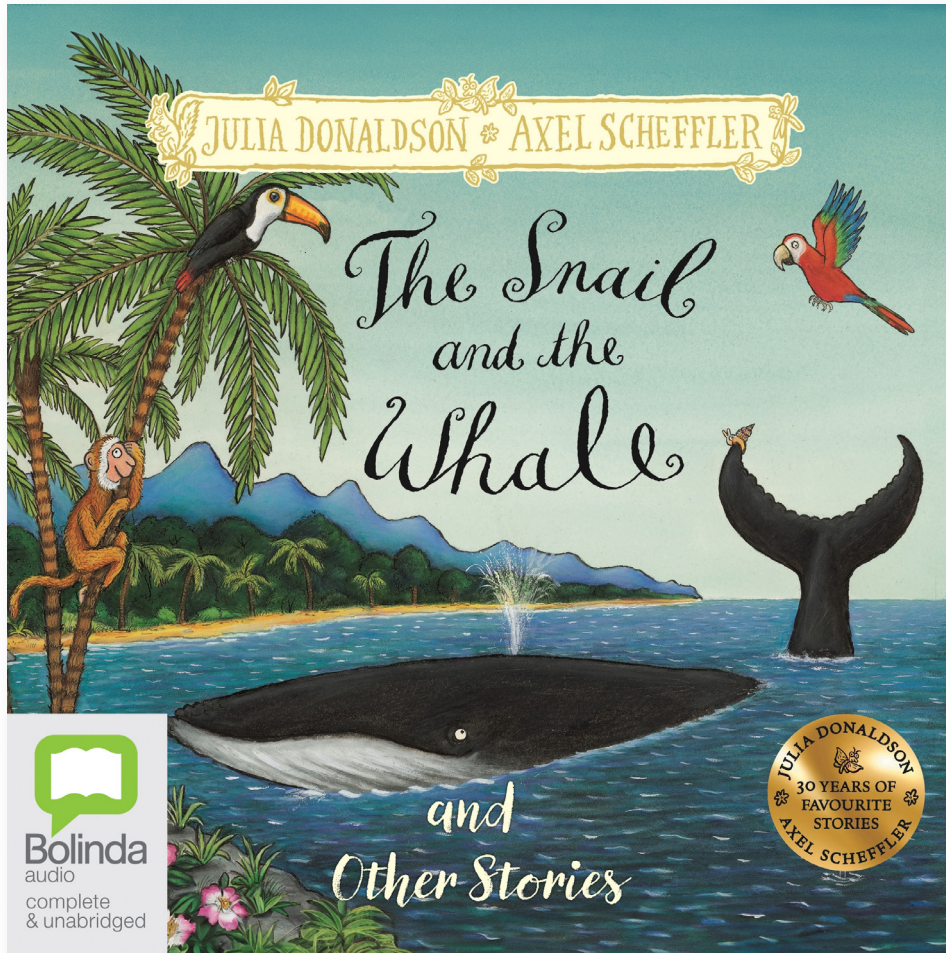
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July new releases 2024

The Snail and the Whale and Other Stories

Julia Donaldson

Read by a Full Cast



A brilliant collection of bestselling stories from Julia Donaldson, read aloud by stars Josie Lawrence, Steven Pacey, Imelda Staunton, and the author herself.

Travel the world with the little snail and the humpback whale, soar through the sky with the witch and her animal friends, join the Gruffalo's Child as she searches for the mysterious Big Bad Mouse and enjoy the world inside a book with Charlie Cook! *The Snail and the Whale and Other Stories* is brilliantly performed by well-known actors Josie Lawrence, Steven Pacey and Imelda Staunton, and each story also has a song and sound effects, with a total running time of an hour.

Perfect for listening to at home or to brighten up a car journey with the much-loved creations of Julia Donaldson. This fantastic collection includes four stories: *The Snail and the Whale*, *Room on the Broom*, *The Gruffalo's Child* and *Charlie Cook's Favourite Book*.

Julia Donaldson is the outrageously talented, prize-winning author of the world's best loved children's books and the #1 UK PLR author

Donaldson's modern classics *The Gruffalo* and *The Gruffalo's Child* have sold over 25 million copies worldwide and been translated into over 100 languages

Donaldson was the 2011–2013 Children's Laureate and has been honoured with a CBE for Services to Literature

'*Bold and brilliant, wise and wacky.*' – *The Times* (on *The Snail and the Whale*)

'*The wart-nosed witch and her passengers make magic that is sure to please.*'
– *Kirkus Reviews* (on *Room on the Broom*)

Badger's Bath

A Percy the Park Keeper Story

Nick Butterworth

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2024

A funny Percy the Park Keeper story from highly regarded, award-winning author Nick Butterworth, creator of *One Snowy Night*.

The badger has been doing what badgers do best. Digging. He's had a lovely day and, as usual when he's had a lovely day, he is filthy dirty.

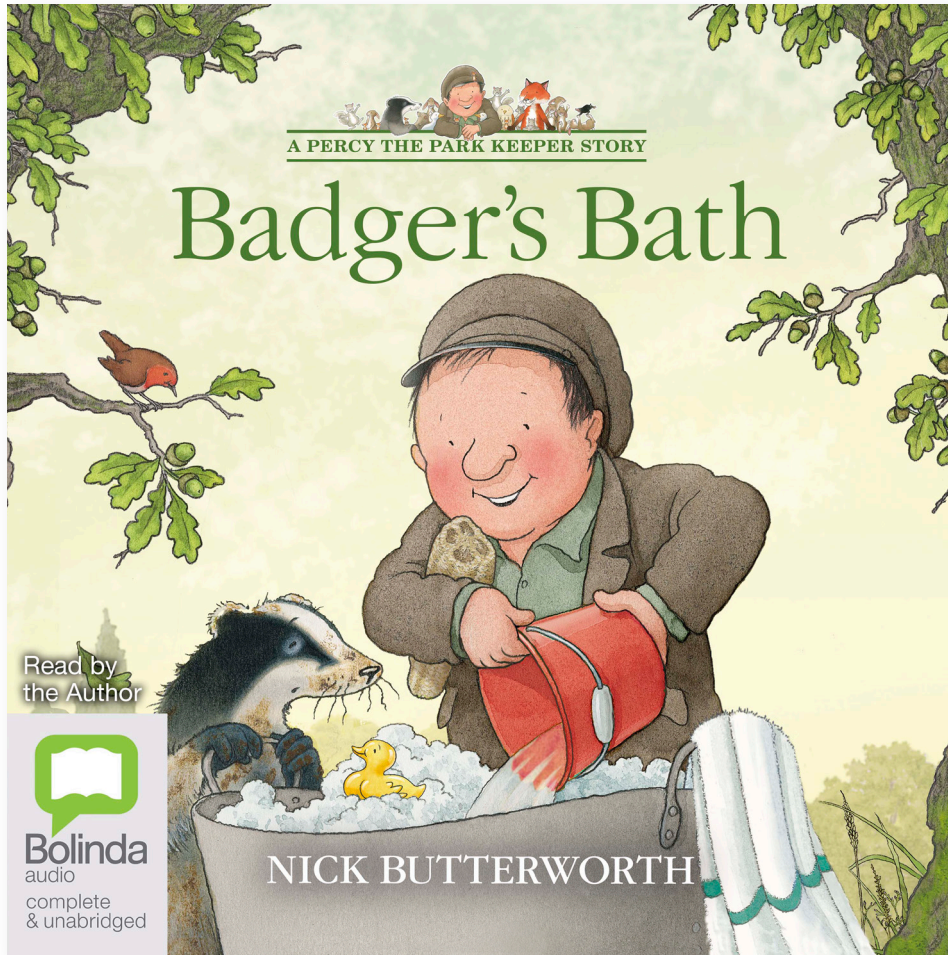
Percy the park keeper loves to help his animal friends, so when he sees how dirty the badger is, he prepares a special bath with warm soapy water. But just as it's ready, the badger is nowhere to be seen ...

Nick Butterworth is the author of many internationally acclaimed children's books including *Jingle Bells*, *Q Pootle 5*, *Tiger* and *The Whisperer*, which won the Gold Award at the Nestle Book Awards

Butterworth has also presented children's stories on television, created a cartoon strip for *The Sunday Express Magazine* and worked for major graphic design consultancies

'Brimming with warmth and gentle humour.' – Daily Mail (on *One Springy Day*)

'A heartwarming bedtime tale ...' – The Independent (on *One Snowy Night*)



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Most Haunted Theatres

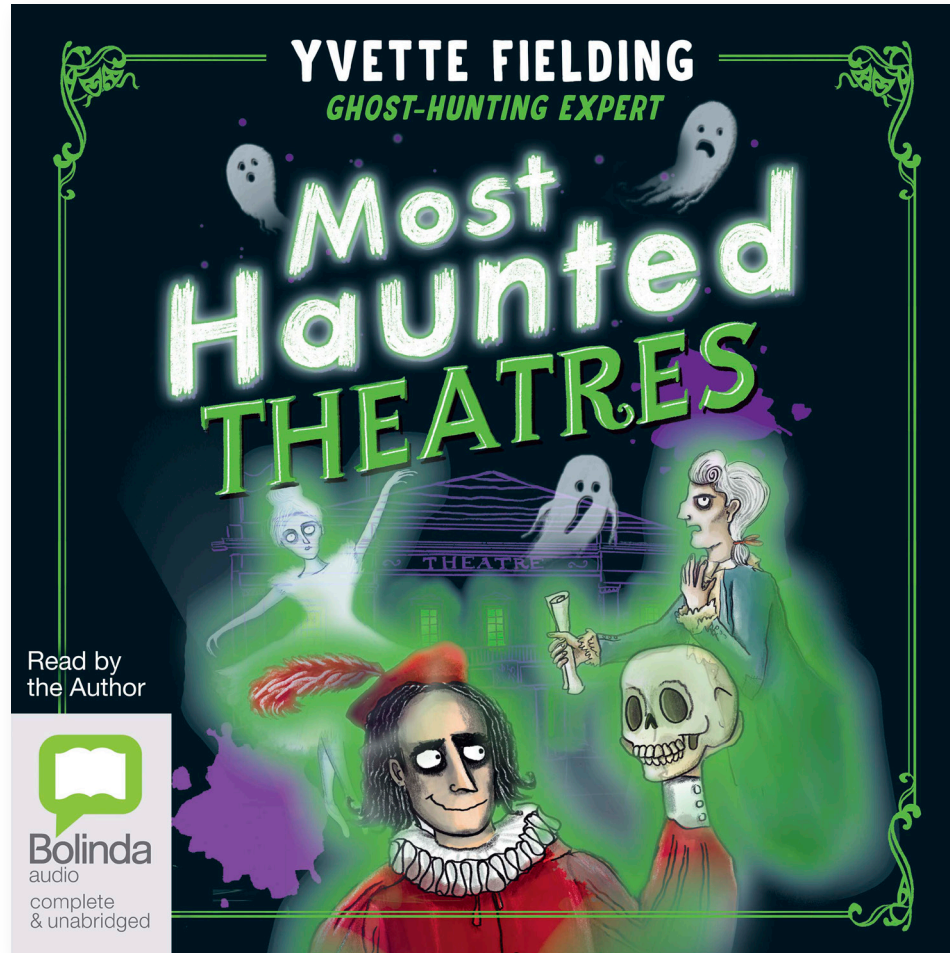
Most Haunted #1

Yvette Fielding

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2024



Discover the spooky histories of real-life places in this chilling new series from ghost-hunting expert and British television's first lady of the paranormal, Yvette Fielding.

Yvette Fielding and her Most Haunted team are on a quest to uncover the ghostly histories of Britain's theatres. Brought to life by Yvette and the Most Haunted team's investigations, prepare to be spooked by 'the father of clowns', the ghost of the killer thespian Charles Macklin and the lingering spirit of a ballerina who tragically took her own life ...

For fans of Horrible Histories

Yvette Fielding burst onto our screens in *Seaview* at the age of 13, and shortly after the producers of *Blue Peter* snapped her up to become their youngest ever presenter at just 17 years of age

Fielding went on to win the SOS Award for the Most Popular Woman on Television, in a year when Cilla Black, Victoria Wood and Kylie Minogue were all up for the prize

Fielding is the author of the *Archie the Ghost Hunter: and the Rising* and *Ghost Hunters: A Guide to Investigating the Paranormal*

'Next to spending a night in a haunted building, the spookiest experience around. If you love ghost stories, this will be absolute heaven.' – LoveReading 4 Kids (on *The Ripper of Whitechapel*)

'If you're reading this scary book in bed then it might be wise to leave the landing light on' – Paul O'Grady (on *The House in the Woods*)

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The Boy with the Biggest Head in the World

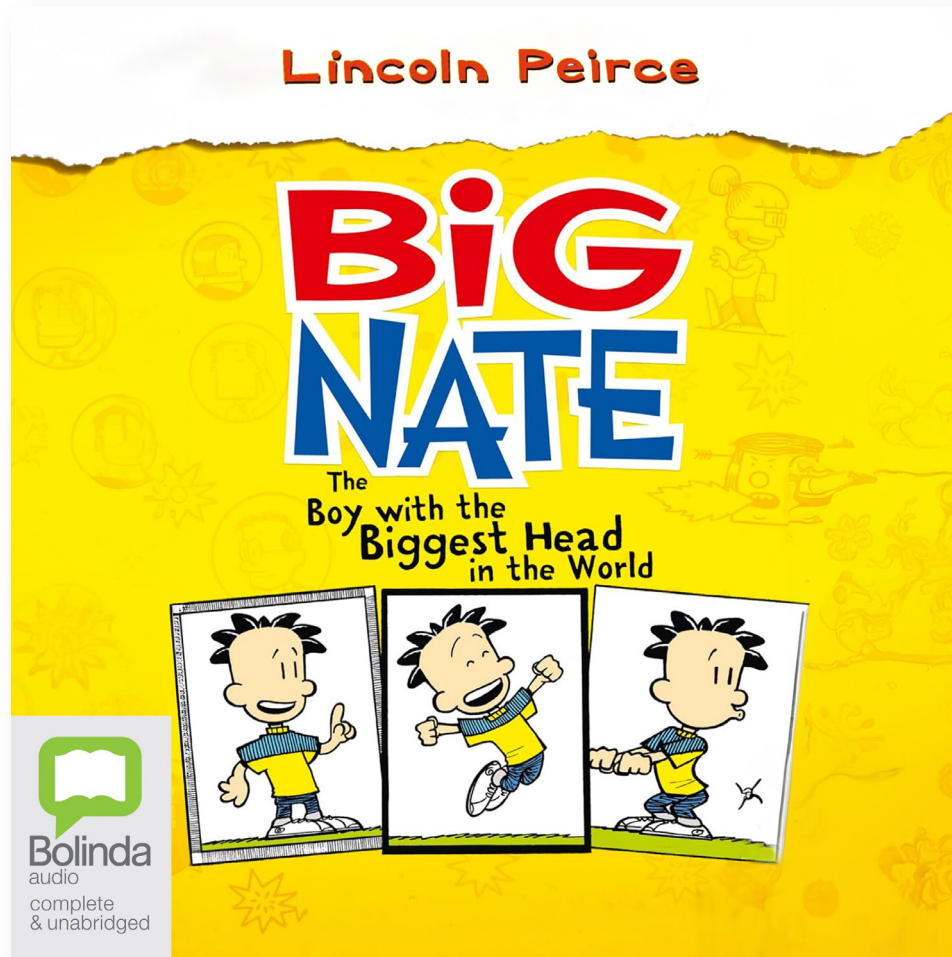
Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2024

Big Nate #1

Lincoln Peirce

Read by Ciaran Saward



Meet classic comic-strip character Big Nate – The Boy with the Biggest Head in the World – as he stars in his own super-funny series.

Big-head Nate Wright truly believes he is destined for greatness! He's a table tennis champ, a genius comic book artist and the self-proclaimed king of his class.

One school morning, Nate barely survives his dad's toxic porridge before rushing off to school, forgetting his lunch. He thinks he has a test and he hasn't studied for it! Nate's class notes are full of doodles but sadly lack any useful information! On the way to school, he accidentally body-slams his head teacher, and then, during his first lesson of the day, he manages to insult his least favourite teacher, Mrs Godfrey (aka Godzilla). But a little thing like having-the-worst-day-ever won't hold back The Boy with the Biggest Head in the World!

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Lincoln Peirce is a *New York Times* bestselling author and cartoonist. His comic strip *Big Nate* debuted in 1991 and appears daily in more than 400 newspapers worldwide and online at www.gocomics.com/big Nate

Peirce's *Big Nate* comic strips inspired Jeff Kinney, author of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

'Lincoln Peirce is one of my cartooning heroes, and Big Nate ranks as a comics classic. Year in and year out, Big Nate is among the best comics on the funny page.' – Jeff Kinney, author of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

'The jokes were very good and some of the situations Nate got into made me laugh as well ... I'm glad it was published and it reminded me of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.' – The Guardian

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Mirabelle and the Midnight Feast & Mirabelle and the Picnic Pranks

Mirabelle #10 & 11

Harriet Muncaster

Read by Emily Wheaton

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2024

Half witch, half fairy, totally naughty! Mirabelle is Isadora Moon's cousin, who we first meet in the author's famous Isadora Moon series.

Mirabelle and the Midnight Feast: Mirabelle is having a sleepover at her best friend Carlotta's house, and the pair have been told they are absolutely not allowed to go in big sister Edith's bedroom. Surely a little look can't hurt, so they decide to sneak in when Edith goes out. But while exploring, they accidentally break one of Edith's treasured possessions. Mirabelle and Carlotta are going to be in big trouble if Edith finds out.

Mirabelle and the Picnic Pranks: Mirabelle's parents' picnic party in the garden seems the perfect chance to play some pranks on her annoying brother, Wilbur. But when Mirabelle gets caught putting frogspawn in Wilbur's drink she's sent inside. It's so unfair! Why should she have to miss the party? Then a brilliant idea strikes. If she uses a shrinking potion on herself, she'll be too tiny for anyone to see, so she'll still be able to enjoy the party! But Mirabelle is about to discover that the garden feels a little more dangerous when you're no taller than a blade of grass.

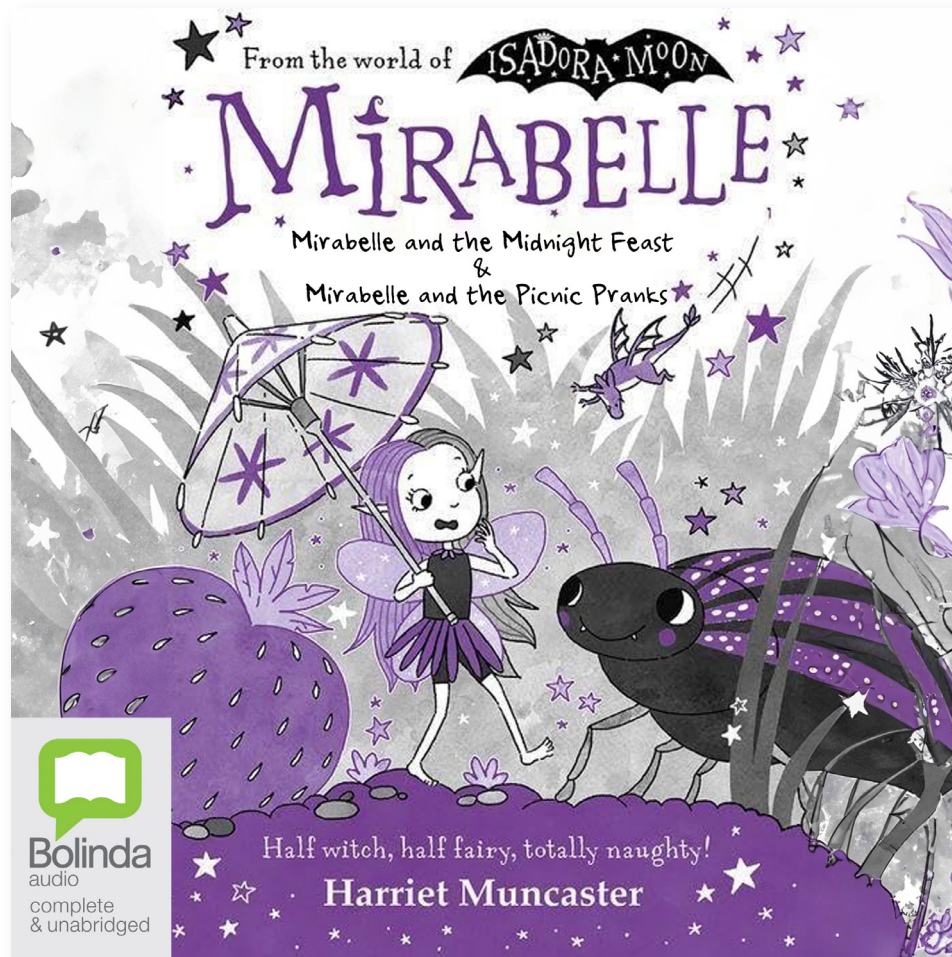
Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Harriet Muncaster is the author of the international bestselling Isadora Moon series, which won the El Corte Inglés Children's Book of the Year in 2019

Muncaster also won the Blue Hen Book Award for her title *I am a Witch's Cat* and was highly commended for the Macmillan Prize

'From the author of Isadora Moon comes an adorable story that will speak to every child with a naughty side as well as a nice one.' – BookTrust (on *Mirabelle Gets Up to Mischief*)

'Mirabelle's misadventures always leave youngsters eager for more!' – Lancashire Post (on *Mirabelle Breaks the Rules*)



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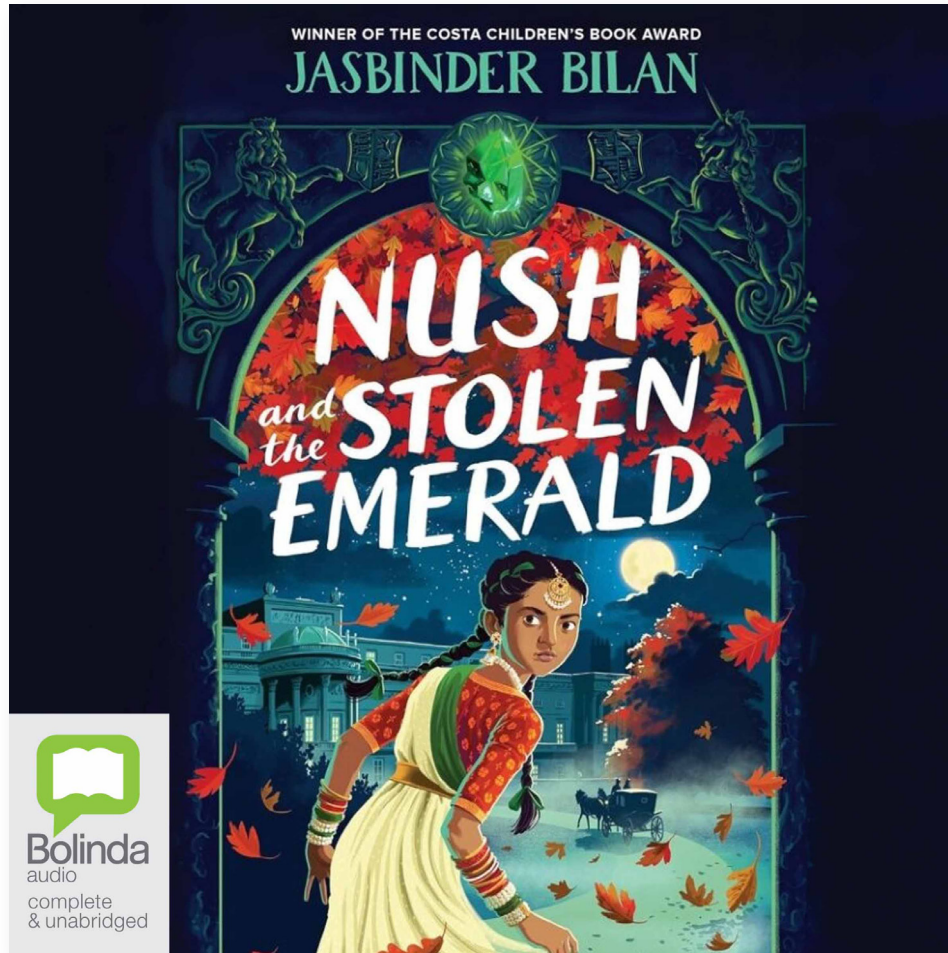
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Nush and the Stolen Emerald

Jasbinder Bilan

Read by Manjeet Mann



A stunning historical adventure from the Costa Award-winning author of *Asha & the Spirit Bird*, Jasbinder Bilan.

Nush is maharani of an Indian kingdom. The British East India Company has already taken land and their most divine jewel – an emerald the size of a small apple.

When the Maharajah decides to go to England to ask Queen Victoria for help, Nush stows away on her father's ship.

This is her moment to shine – and bring back the emerald that will heal the kingdom ...

Themes of colonialism and identity, mixed with an action-packed royal mystery

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

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

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

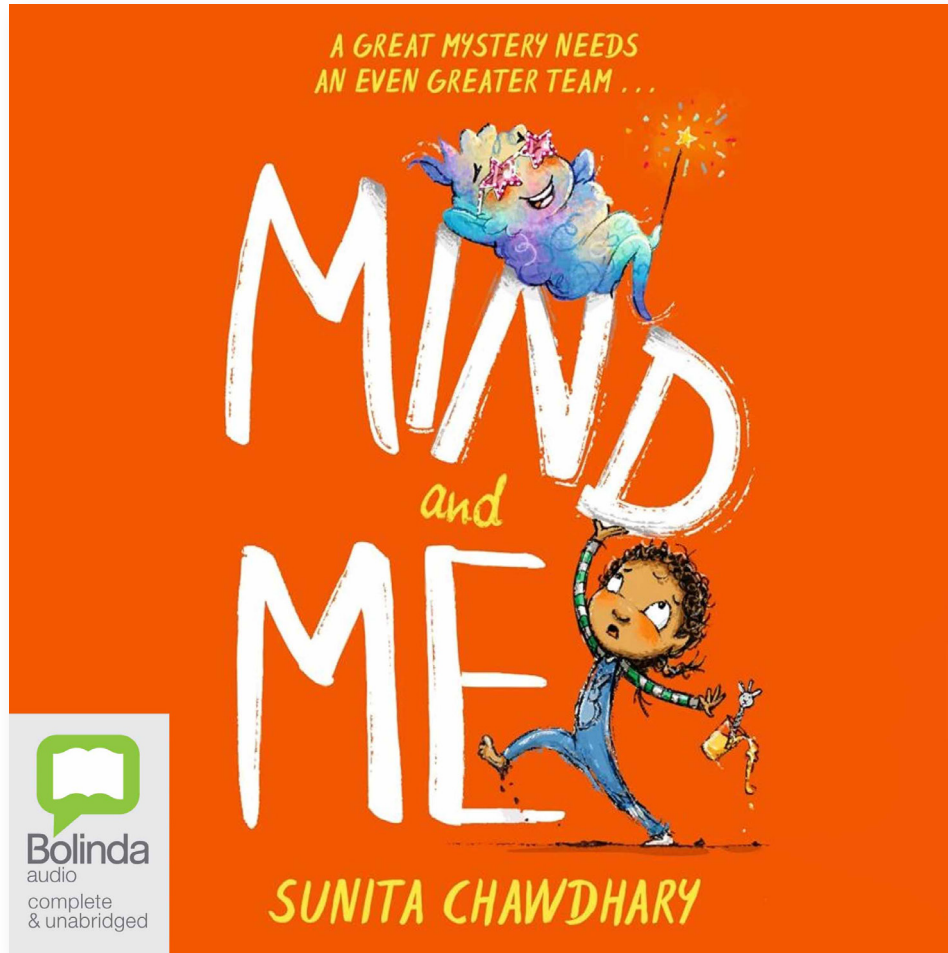
'A gorgeous sumptuous read from a master storyteller.' – Hannah Gold, author of *The Last Bear*

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

Mind and Me

Sunita Chawdhary

Read by Rachael Awonusi



From debut author Sunita Chawdhary comes a delightful, funny mystery, perfect for children aged five and up.

Maya's pet rabbit Poey is missing! She needs to find her quick, before anyone notices, and she's got some very special help from Mind ... but when things start to go wrong, can Maya and her Mind work together to save the day?

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Sunita Chawdhary was shortlisted for the Penguin Random House WriteNow mentorship programme in 2018 and commended for the Faber Andlyn BAME (FAB) prize in 2019

Chawdhary draws on her experience of growing up in Asia, America and Europe to create vibrant, multicultural worlds filled with diverse characters and stories

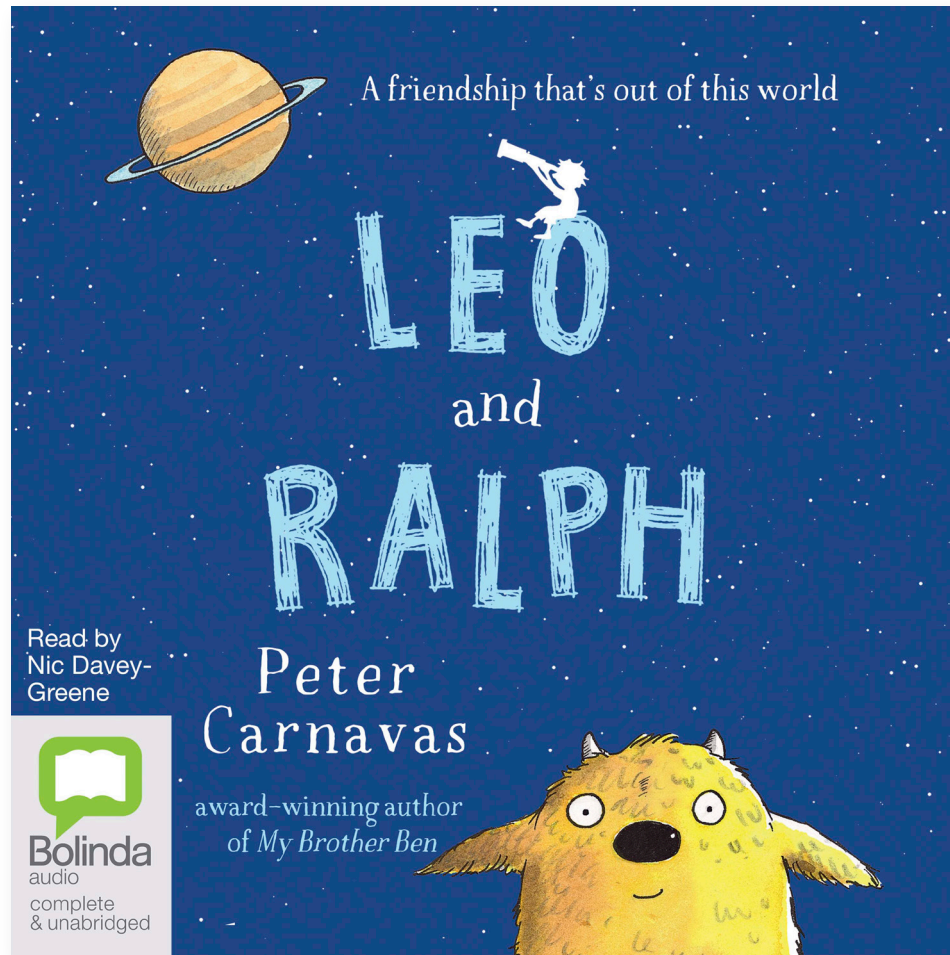
'Funny and charming, it is perfect ... giving adults and children opportunities to chat about emotions, how we talk to ourselves and how we listen to our own Minds too.' – Scope For Imagination

'The story is warm and funny, rooted in real family life, while the role played by Mind offers a chance for children to think about the mind and the way it works ...' – LoveReading4Kids

Leo and Ralph

Peter Carnavas

Read by Nic Davey-Greene



From award-winning storyteller Peter Carnavas comes this stellar story about space, starting over and the best friend you could ever imagine.

Ralph sat up. His voice was croaky. 'If a shooting star zoomed past right now, what would you wish for?'

'To find another friend like you.'

Leo and Ralph have been best friends ever since Ralph flew down from one of Jupiter's moons. But now Leo's older, and Mum and Dad think it's time to say goodbye to Ralph. When the family moves to a small country town, they hope Leo might finally make a real friend. But someone like Ralph is hard to leave behind ...

Perfect for kids who enjoy gentle, thoughtful stories like the Polly and Buster series by Sally Rippin

Peter Carnavas has created over 20 books. His work has been translated into many languages across the world and he has presented at many festivals and schools around Australia

Carnavas is the author of *The Elephant*, which won a Queensland Literary Award, and *My Brother Ben*, which won a NSW Premier's Literary Award and a Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year Award

'Achingly beautiful and life-affirming.' – Your Kid's Next Read

'The writing is deceptively simple, each scene a masterpiece of understatement and restraint, but suffused with warmth and humour.' – StoryLinks

The Door of No Return

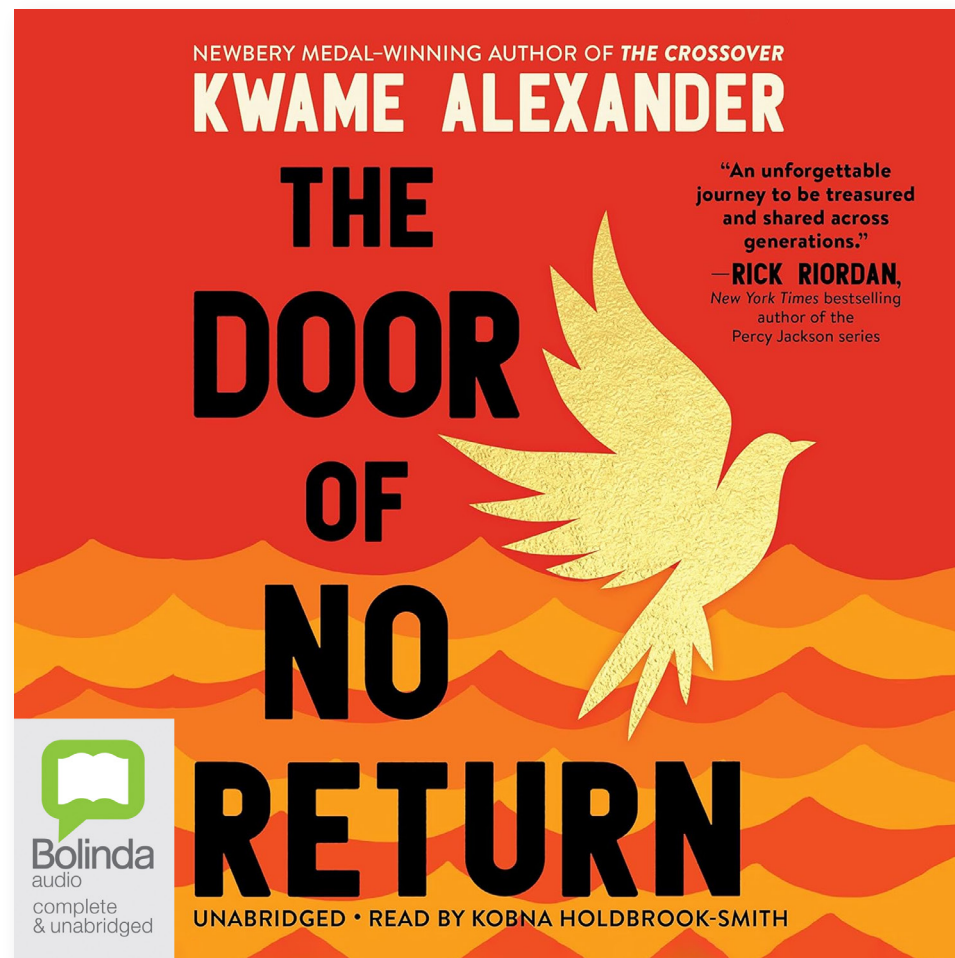
The Door of No Return #1

Kwame Alexander

Read by Kobna Holdbrook-Smith

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2024



From the Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award–winning author Kwame Alexander comes the first in a breathtaking trilogy that tells the story of a boy, a village and the epic odyssey of an African family.

Dreams are today's answers for tomorrow's questions.

Eleven-year-old Kofi Offin has dreams of water, of its urgent whisper that beckons with promises and secrets. He has heard the call on the banks of Upper Kwanta, West Africa, where he lives. He loves these things above all else: his family, the fireside tales of his father's father, a girl named Ama, and, of course, swimming.

But when the unthinkable – a sudden death – occurs during a festival between rival villages, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life. What happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves. Yet Kofi's dreams may be the key to his freedom ...

Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, publisher, Emmy Award–winning producer and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of 40 books

Alexander is also the executive producer, showrunner and writer of the Emmy Award–winning series *The Crossover*, based on his Newbery Medal–winning novel of the same name, which premiered on Disney+ in April 2023

The Door of No Return is shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2024

The Door of No Return has also been labelled #1 Amazon Best Book of the Year, a #1 Indie Next List Pick, a Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2022 Pick, a Shelf Awareness Best Book of 2022 Pick, a Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature Best Book Pick and a Horn Book Best Book of 2022 Pick

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Trouble at Sea

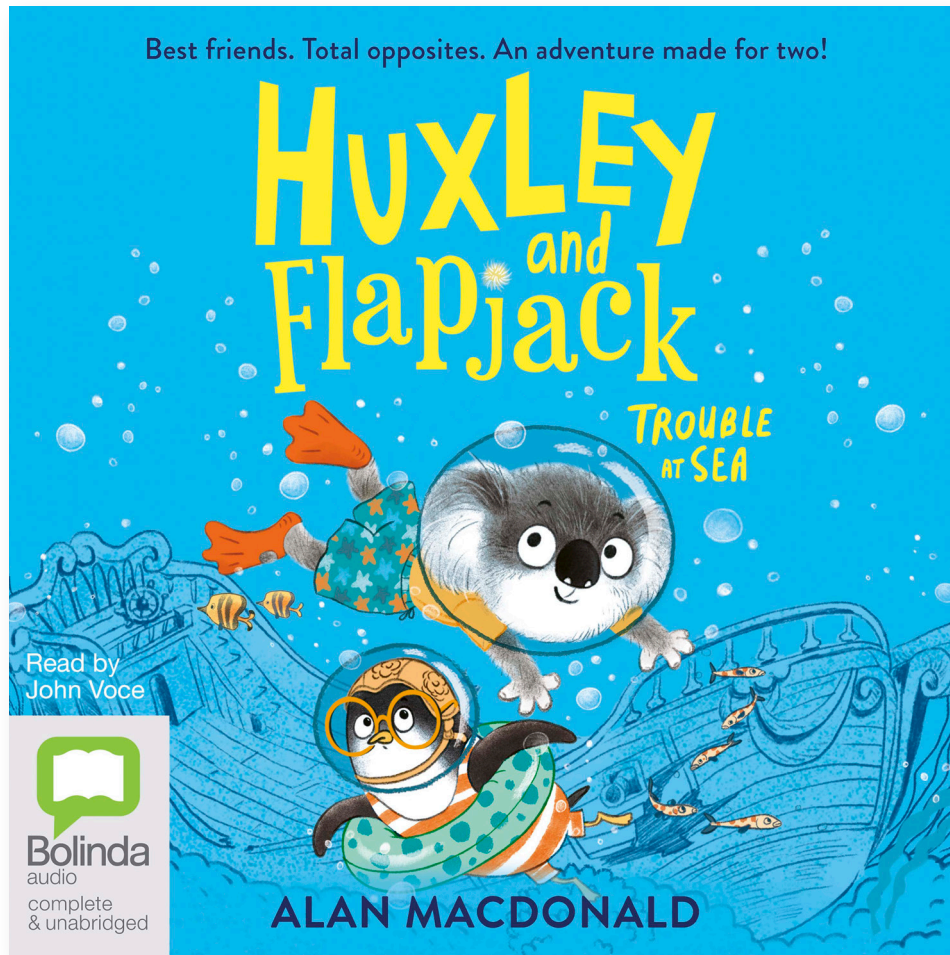
Huxley & Flapjack #2

Alan MacDonald

Read by John Voce

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2024



Meet Huxley, an irrepressible koala with BIG ideas, and his best friend, Flapjack, a rather jumpy penguin. Flapjack would rather stay at home, but for Huxley, each new day sparkles with possibility and the chance of adventure.

Huxley and Flapjack are enjoying a trip to the seaside when they meet Whizz, who invites them aboard his submarine to search for the shipwreck of the *Isabella*.

Huxley's excited to go deep-sea diving – he's sure there'll be treasure to find – but Flapjack can't help worrying. What if something BIG and FISHY finds them first ...

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Alan MacDonald is the author of the hugely popular Dirty Bertie series

MacDonald has written over 80 children's titles, which have been translated into many languages and won several awards

'Sure to become firm favourites, Huxley and Flapjack are highly appealing characters ... Great fun!' – Reading Zone (on *Huxley and Flapjack: Race to the Rescue*)

'... filled with laughs, thrills and adventure.' – Children's Books Ireland (on *Huxley and Flapjack: Race to the Rescue*)

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Nora and the Map of Mayhem

Joseph Elliott

Read by Ella Kenion



An outrageously funny new children's audiobook from award-winning author Joseph Elliott, star of CBeebies' *Swashbuckle* and CBBC's *Big Fat Like*.

When Atticus and Autumn's dads leave them with their eccentric great-grandmother Nora for the weekend, they're hoping for a few days scoffing biscuits and playing video games. But when Nora's around, nothing ever goes quite to plan ...

After a stranger from Nora's past leaves a menacing note pinned to her front door, Atticus and Autumn are swept away on a hair-raising adventure dodging snot-flinging sea monsters, battling thunderous electrosquibs and trying to escape from a very flappy goose!

Joseph Elliott has worked as an actor, predominantly in comedy and children's television

Elliott's debut novel, *The Good Hawk* was nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Award, longlisted for The Highland Book Prize and won Best Middle Grade at the 2021 Audie Awards

Elliott is also part of the scriptwriting team for *The Amelia Gething Complex*, *Class Dismissed* and *Horrible Histories*

'Riotously funny, utterly unique – an absolute gem ... I really REALLY loved it!' – Jenny Pearson, author of *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates*

'Endearing and funny, with an unforgettable and anarchic central character.' – Sam Copeland, bestselling author of *Charlie Changes into a Chicken*

Additional Releases (Not Included in SOP)

July new releases 2024

My Life and Other Failed Experiments

Tom Weekly #6

Tristan Bancks

Read by Stig Wemyss

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2024

Australia's favourite kid, Tom Weekly, is back with a new audiobook of all disastrous, all preposterous and definitely all hilarious adventures.

Discover what happens when you mix one kid with nine attack possums. Observe the result of a guinea pig hostage situation. Learn from my get-rich-quick scheme to put Australia's angriest ice-cream man out of business. Get ready to judge the world's deadliest fruitcake competition. And if I survive it all, let's call the experiment a success.

More handy stuff inside:

1. Tips on avoiding household chores
2. Weird facts about guinea pigs
3. How to eat a car

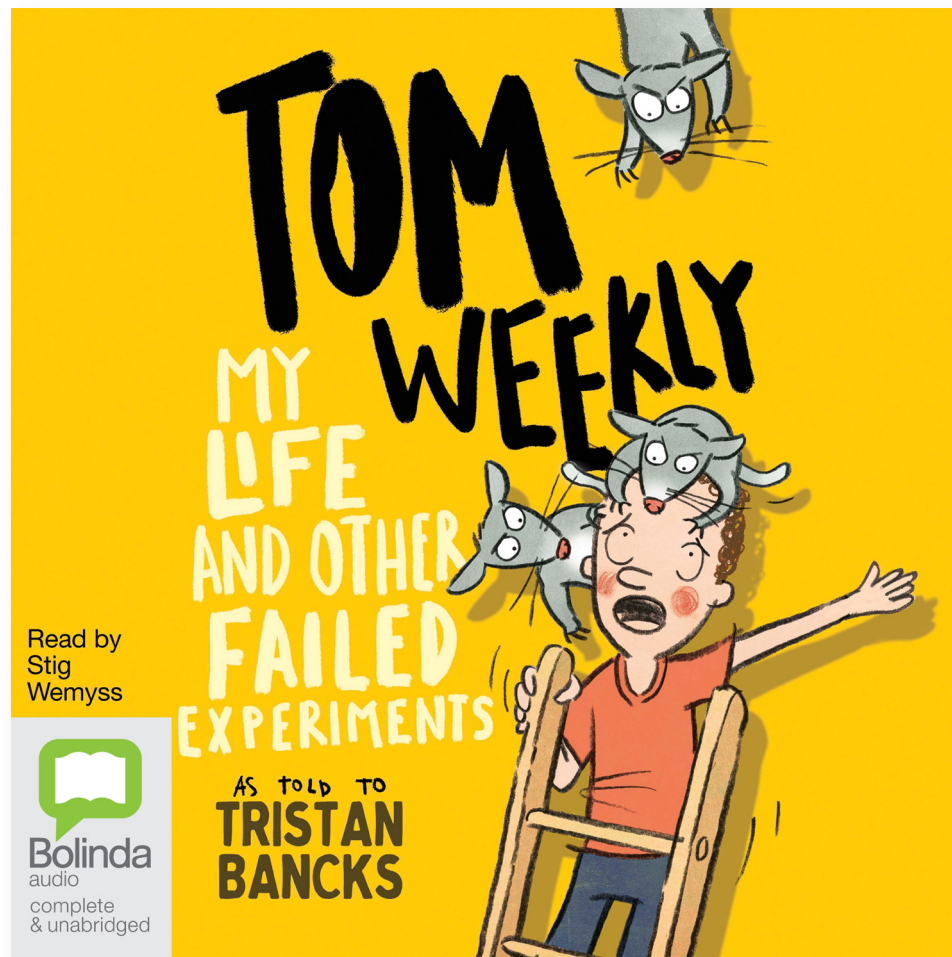
Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

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

'Bancks dishes up ten easily digested stories – ranging from a hostage situation involving a guinea pig to the improvised Buttfresh spray for those inopportune 'trouser coughs' – each served with a healthy serve of gross-out humour, useful tips and life lessons from the wise, wacky and wonderful Tom.' – Reading Time

'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*)



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Tess

Outback Brides of Wirralong #2

Victoria Purman

Read by Jennifer Vuletic

Adult New Release

Romance | July 2024

Can a town known for 'I do' change a woman's 'I don't'? Find out what happens in this glamorous romance from *USA Today* bestselling author Victoria Purman.

Up and coming American winemaker Tess Harrison is temporarily working at an Australian vineyard where her family now has a financial stake. She's excited to make her mark away from her dominant family and the outback's premier organic winery seems like the perfect training ground. One problem: no one told her the small town Wirralong was a premier wedding destination. When a new hire upends Tess's careful plans for her life and her career, she finds herself reluctantly rethinking her dislike for the M word.

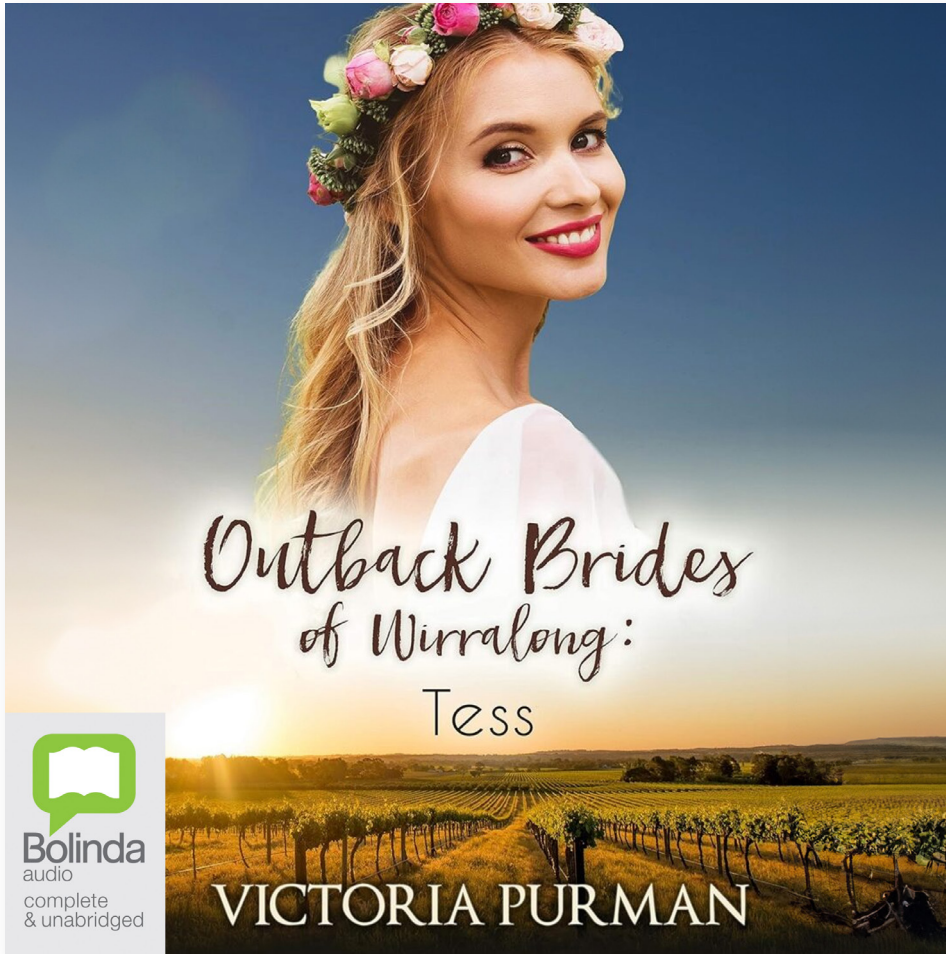
Tall, dark and rugged-looking Australian Connor Hawker has just been hired as the new Irrigation Manager at an organic vineyard. This new job was meant to be a fresh start, far away from South Australia and the small church where he was dumped at the altar by his French fiancée. He wants nothing more than to be laser-focused on his new job, except he finds himself distracted by the talented, cheerful and ambitious blonde winemaker from California. Soon their no-strings fling becomes far more complicated, and Connor wonders if another woman – with life plans across an ocean – will again leave him alone.

Victoria Purman is an Australian top ten and *USA Today* bestselling fiction author. Her titles include *The Nurses' War*, *The Women's Pages*, *The Land Girls*, *The Three Miss Allens* and *The Last of the Bonegilla Girls*

Purman is a regular guest at writers festivals, a mentor and workshop presenter and was a judge in the fiction category for the 2018 Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature

'Heart-achingly raw yet filled with the beauty of the human spirit ... a triumph that will linger in the heart and psyche.' – Karen Brooks, author of *The Good Wife of Bath* (on *The Nurses' War*)

'Its rich Australian history, multi-dimensional characters and a story of love, ambition and resilience will sweep you away ...' – Mamamia (on *The Women's Pages*)



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Breath

A Triumphant Story of Hope and Survival

Carly-Jay Metcalfe

Read by Elisa Armstrong

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**'Brilliant, funny,
visceral – and real.'**

Inga Simpson
author of *Understory:
a life with trees*

Breath is a stunningly frank and darkly funny memoir about living, dying and trying to breathe.

I am dying. I know that I'm dying, despite not having been told by my doctors that I am dying. I know I am dying because I'm in the dying room.

Carly-Jay Metcalfe was born with cystic fibrosis, survived a double-lung transplant at the age of 21 and faced a rare cancer at the age of 30. What she has endured should have killed her, but her humour, courage and optimism became her best survival skills.

From her hospitalised childhood to her many friendships, loves and losses, Metcalfe shares the fickle nature of life with candour and warmth. She writes with compelling insight about organ donation, opioid addiction and survivor's guilt, while still managing to find joy amongst the wreckage.

Carly-Jay Metcalfe is a Queensland-based writer, whose work has been published in *Kill Your Darlings*, *The Guardian* and *TEXT Journal*

Metcalfe is passionate advocate for organ donation after becoming a double lung transplant recipient in 1998 due to cystic fibrosis

Metcalfe was a contributor to the anthology, *Growing Up Disabled in Australia*

'Brilliant, funny, visceral – and real. Those who live close to death really know what it is to be alive. Breath is more than memoir; it's a conversation we should all be having.' – Inga Simpson, author of *Understory: A Life With Trees*

'The only thing more remarkable than Carly-Jay Metcalfe's story, is the way she tells it. Breath captures the privileges and pains of living in our transitory bodies. The absurdities. The cruelties. The bone-deep joys.' – Beejay Silcox, Canberra-based writer and critic

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Currawong Creek

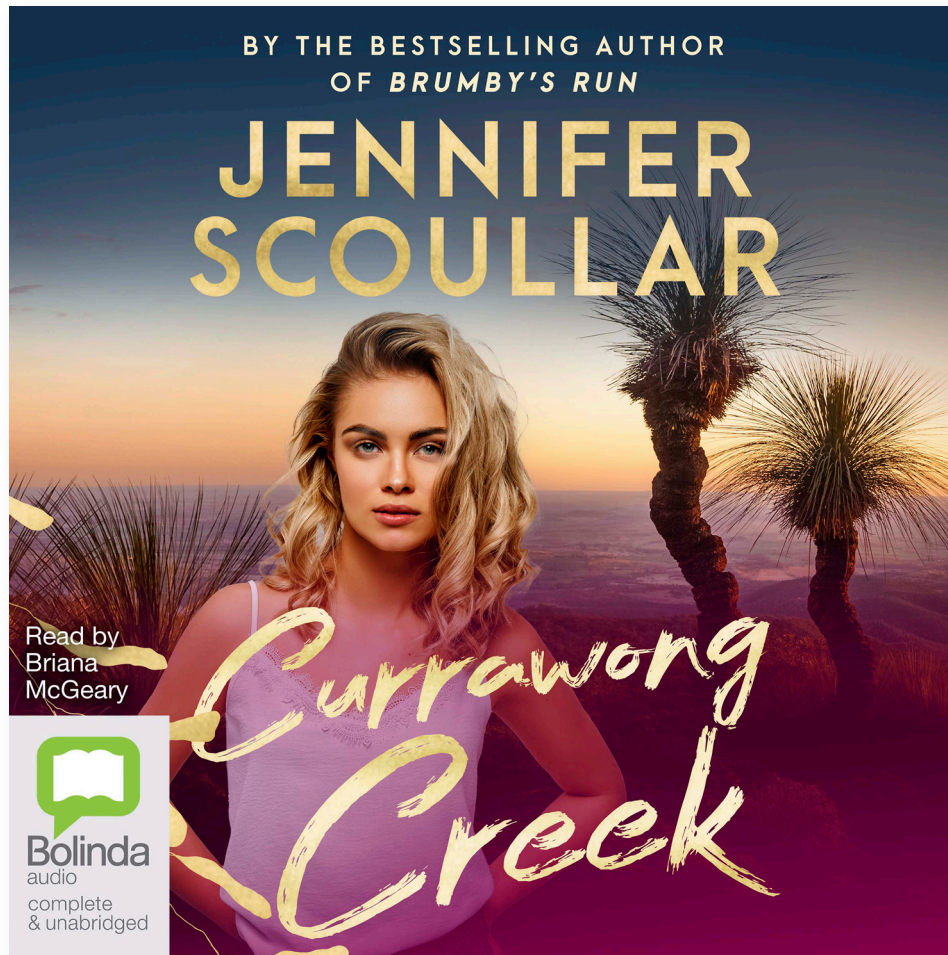
The Wild Australia Stories #2

Jennifer Scoullar

Read by Briana McGeary

Adult New Release

Romance | July 2024



From the bestselling author of *Brumby's Run* comes a heartwarming story of hope, sacrifice and the ultimate triumph of love.

Brisbane lawyer Clare Mitchell leads a structured, orderly life. That is until she finds herself the unlikely guardian of a small, troubled boy. In desperation, Clare takes Jack to stay at Currawong Creek, her grandfather's horse stud in the foothills of the beautiful Bunya Mountains.

Here, life moves at a different pace and for Clare, it feels like coming home. Her granddad adores having them there, Jack loves the animals, and Clare finds herself falling hard for the handsome local vet.

But trouble is coming. The Pyramid Mining Company threatens to destroy the land Clare loves – and with it, her newfound happiness.

Finalist in the RWA Romantic Book of the Year Award

Bestselling Australian author Jennifer Scoullar writes page-turning fiction about the land, people and wildlife that she loves

Scoullar is the author of *Wasp Season*, *Brumby's Run*, *Billabong Bend*, *Turtle Reef*, *Journey's End*, *Fortune's Son* and *The Lost Valley*

'Jennifer Scoullar touched me with *Currawong Creek* and I look forward to seeing what comes next.' – Beauty and Lace

'*Currawong Creek* is a delightful, thoughtful and heartwarming story. I really enjoyed this well written novel and I am already looking forward to the next from Jennifer Scoullar.'

– Book'd Out

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Heartland

Cathryn Hein

Read by Briana McGeary

COVER COMING SOON

Heartland

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From the rivers and beaches of Victoria's spectacular south-west comes this moving love story about family, passion and where our hearts truly lie, from bestselling author Cathryn Hein.

When Callie Reynolds arrives at Glenmore, the property she's recently inherited, the last thing she wants is to be saddled with a warty horse, an injured neighbour and a mad goose. Haunted by her sister's death and her fractured family, all she wants is freedom.

But Callie hasn't counted on falling for Matt Hawkins, an ex-soldier determined to fulfil his own dream of land and family. Nor could she predict the way the land, animals and people of Glenmore will capture her heart.

Callie is faced with impossible choices. But she must find the courage to decide where her future lies, even if it costs her everything she holds dear.

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

'Cathryn so skillfully combines atmosphere with location, creating a world which offers authenticity and a full range of sensory stimuli.' – Book Muster Down Under

'With Heartland, Cathryn Hein has written a wonderful, moving story exploring the themes of grief, guilt, family and love ... I am happy to recommend it.' – Book'd Out