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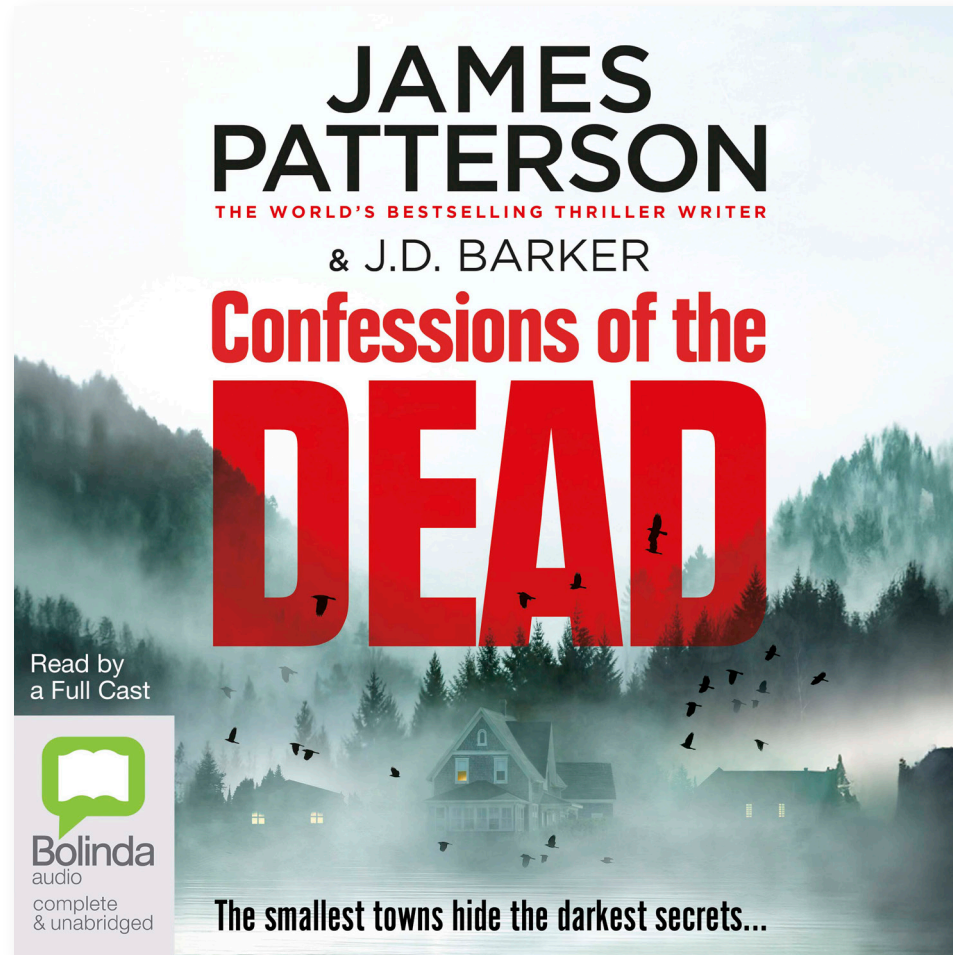
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September new releases 2024

Confessions of the Dead

James Patterson

Read by a Full Cast



The dead tell no tale ... unless they swam in Cemetery Lake. Another gripping thriller from the award-winning, bestselling author James Patterson.

Hollows Bend is a picture-perfect New England town where weekend tourists flock to see fall leaves and eat breakfast at the Stairway Diner. The crime rate – zero – is a point of pride for Sheriff Ellie Pritchett.

The day the stranger shows up is when the trouble starts. The sheriff and her deputy investigate the mysterious teenage girl. None of the locals can place her. She can't – or won't – answer any questions. She won't even tell them her name.

While the girl is in protective custody, the officers are called to multiple crime scenes leading them closer and closer to a lake outside of town that doesn't appear on any map ...

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

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

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

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

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

The Great Hippopotamus Hotel

No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency #25

Alexander McCall Smith

Read by Adjoa Andoh

Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | September 2024

Precious Ramotswe takes on an interesting but sensitive case and learns valuable lessons along the way, in this next instalment of the beloved No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series.

Mma Ramotswe has a deft hand in delicate cases, and never allows an act of injustice to pass unanswered. So, when it comes to her attention that a matter involving dubious motives has arisen, and that it will require the utmost discretion to resolve, she has no choice but to lend her skills in the arts of detection and reconciliation. She is, after all, head of Botswana's premier detective agency, but that doesn't mean she can't use the help of Mma Makutsi and Mma Potokwane. Meanwhile, Mr J.L.B. Matekoni has found himself in complicated circumstances of his own, requiring not a little of Mma Ramotswe's time and expertise.

In the end, as each of these predicaments comes untangled, Mma Ramotswe draws on her goodwill and generosity to bring important truths to light – of friendship, honesty and love.

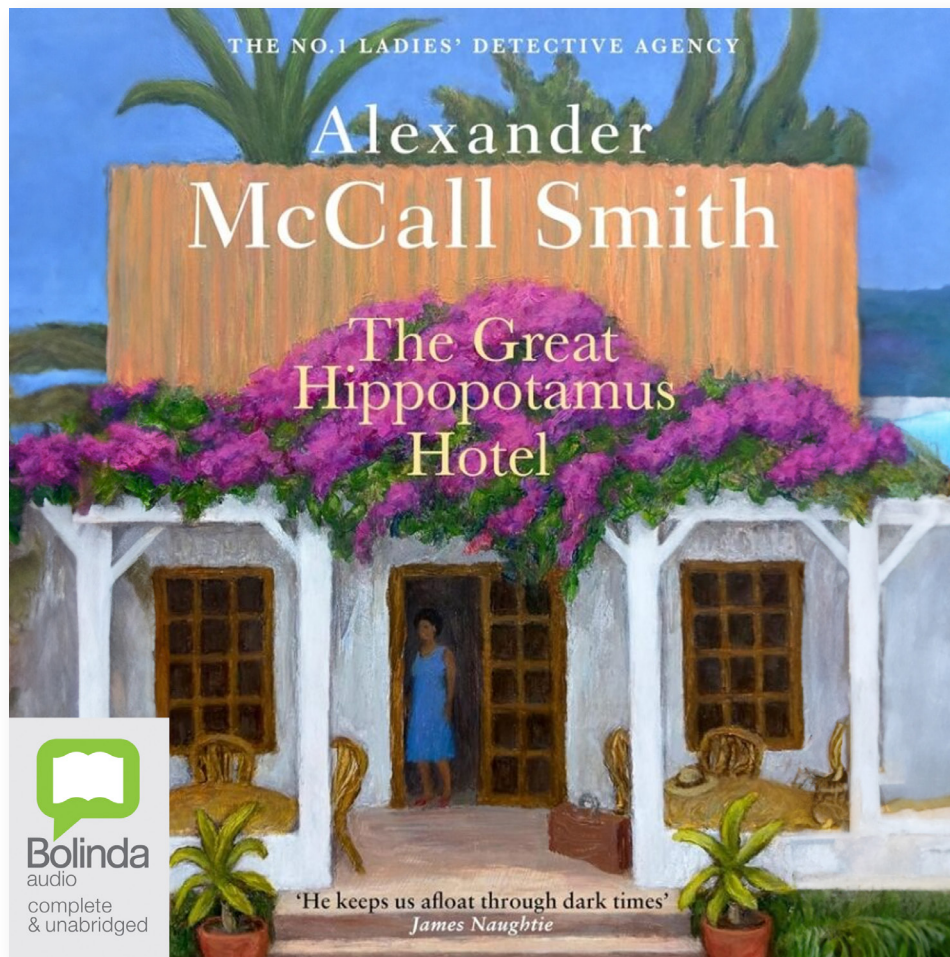
Alexander McCall Smith is one of the world's most prolific and best loved authors, whose title have been translated into 46 languages and become bestsellers throughout the world

The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series has now sold over 20 million copies in the English language alone

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

'An absolutely charming addition to a much loved series. There is something so uplifting about these novels, Alexander McCall Smith has the ability to embrace the intimate in order to open far-reaching views.' – LoveReading (on *How to Raise an Elephant*)

'McCall Smith captures the rhythms of speech which makes him a master of his craft. The dialogue transports the reader to the book's hot, dry setting, and the gentle exchanges of mundane facts carry a weight of love and tenderness.' – The Scotsman (on *The House of Unexpected Sisters*)



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Unnatural Death

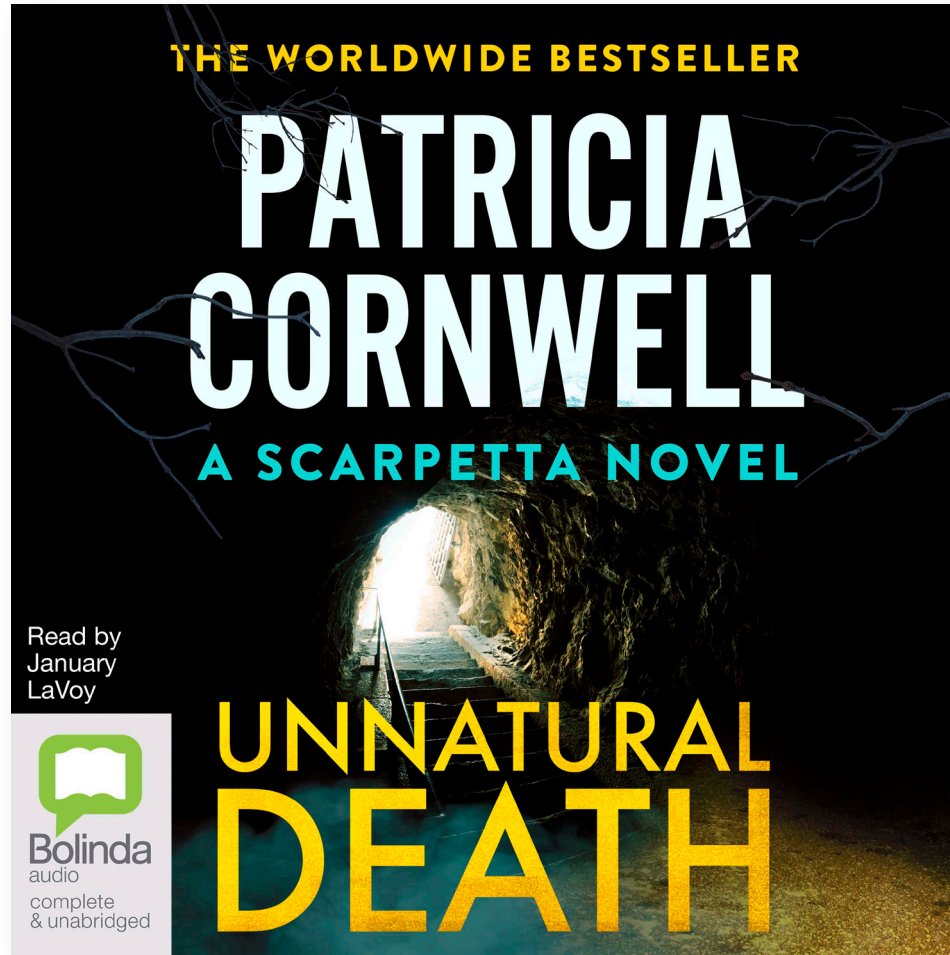
Kay Scarpetta #27

Patricia Cornwell

Read by January LaVoy

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024



In this thrilling new instalment of the #1 bestselling series, chief medical examiner Dr Kay Scarpetta finds herself in a Northern Virginia wilderness examining the remains of two campers wanted by federal law enforcement.

Two mauled bodies in the woods. Two top secret autopsies. The most chilling case of Scarpetta's career ...

The victims have been savaged beyond recognition, and other evidence is terrifying and baffling, including a larger-than-life footprint.

After one of the most frightening body retrievals of her career, Scarpetta must discover who would commit murders this brutal, and why.

The Kay Scarpetta series won Cornwell the Sherlock Award for best detective created by an American author, the Gold Dagger Award, the RBA Thriller Award and the Medal of Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters

Cornwell's first novel, *Postmortem* won the Edgar, Creasey, Anthony and Macavity Awards, as well as the French Prix du Roman d'Aventures

Beyond the Kay Scarpetta series, Cornwell has written the definitive nonfiction account of Jack the Ripper's identity, cookbooks, a children's book, a biography of Ruth Graham, and three other fictional series

'This case is one of her most striking ... an edge-of-the-seat mystery, packed with twists.'
– Daily Mail

'A chilling, thrilling, macabre masterpiece. Unnatural Death is Patricia Cornwell at her mesmerising finest. The best just got better.' – Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End*

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Bleeding Heart Yard

Harbinder Kaur #3

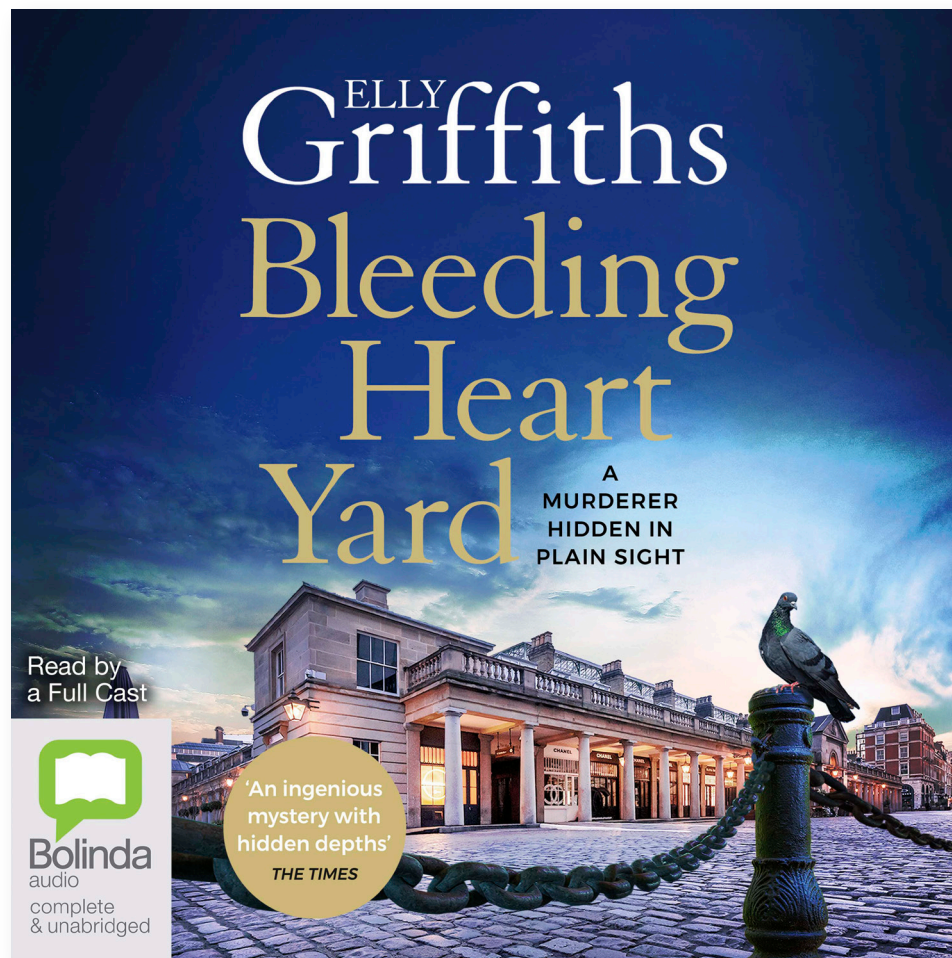
Elly Griffiths

Read by a Full Cast

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024

A propulsive new thriller set in London featuring Detective Harbinder Kaur from the author of the #1 bestselling Dr Ruth Galloway Mysteries. A murderer hides in plain sight – in the police.



DS Cassie Fitzherbert has a secret – but it's one she's deleted from her memory. In the 1990s when she was at school, she and her friends killed a fellow pupil. Thirty years later, Cassie is happily married and loves her job as a police officer.

One day, her husband persuades her to go to a school reunion, and another ex-pupil, Garfield Rice, is found dead, supposedly from a drug overdose. As Garfield was an eminent MP and the investigation is high profile, it's headed by Cassie's new boss, DI Harbinder Kaur. The trouble is, Cassie can't shake the feeling that one of her old friends has killed again.

Is Cassie right, or was Garfield murdered by one of his political cronies? It's in Cassie's interest to skew the investigation so that it looks like the latter and she seems to be succeeding.

Until someone else is killed ...

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

Griffiths has also received several awards, including the CWA Dagger in the Library Award and the Mary Higgins Clark Award

'Stunning ... Jaw-dropping red herrings, headbanging twists and turns, and Rashomon-like alternating narratives add to the briskly paced plot ...' – Publishers Weekly

'Ms. Griffiths tempers any brooding introspection with both humor and romance, developing the personal lives of our characters in absorbing and appropriate ways.' – Criminal Element

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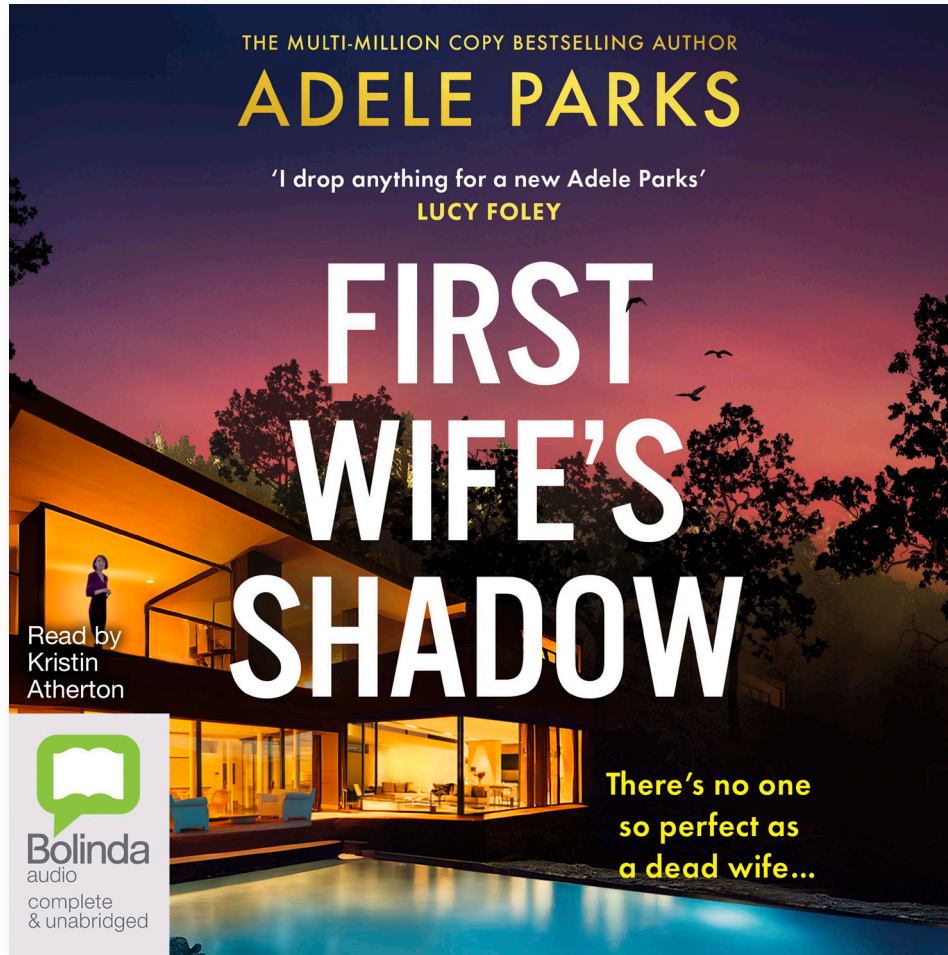
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First Wife's Shadow

Adele Parks

Read by Kristin Atherton



The *Sunday Times* #1 bestselling author of *Both of You* and *Just Between Us* returns with another propulsive thriller that will have you racing to the finish.

Smart, wealthy and grounded, Emma has worked hard for her success. When she meets Matthew, a kind, handsome widower, he seems like the icing on the cake. Initially, Emma's friends are delighted, but as the relationship quickly develops, they worry Emma could be being exploited. She's a rich woman, after all.

While Emma isn't worried about Matthew having so much less than her, she does have one tiny doubt about her new relationship. If Matthew's wife hadn't died, he wouldn't be with her. And sometimes Emma wonders if she is second best. The more she thinks about Matthew's first wife, the more obsessed she becomes with a woman she can never know.

As jealousy and suspicion blossom between Emma and Matthew, events take a darker, dangerous turn. Emma doesn't know who she can trust. Her friends? Her husband? Or even herself ...

Adele Parks is the author of 22 bestselling novels including the *Sunday Times* #1 hits, *Lies Lies Lies* and *Just My Luck*

Over four and a half million UK editions of Parks's work have been sold and her titles have been translated into 31 different languages

Parks is an ambassador of the National Literacy Trust and the Reading Agency – two charities that promote literacy in the UK

'Really enjoyed this! Kept me guessing and had me gasping at the twist.' – Ian Rankin, bestselling author of *Knots and Crosses* (on *Both of You*)

'Dark, devious and twisty.' – Nicola Moriarty, bestselling author of *The Fifth Letter* (on *Just My Luck*)

A Darkness Returns

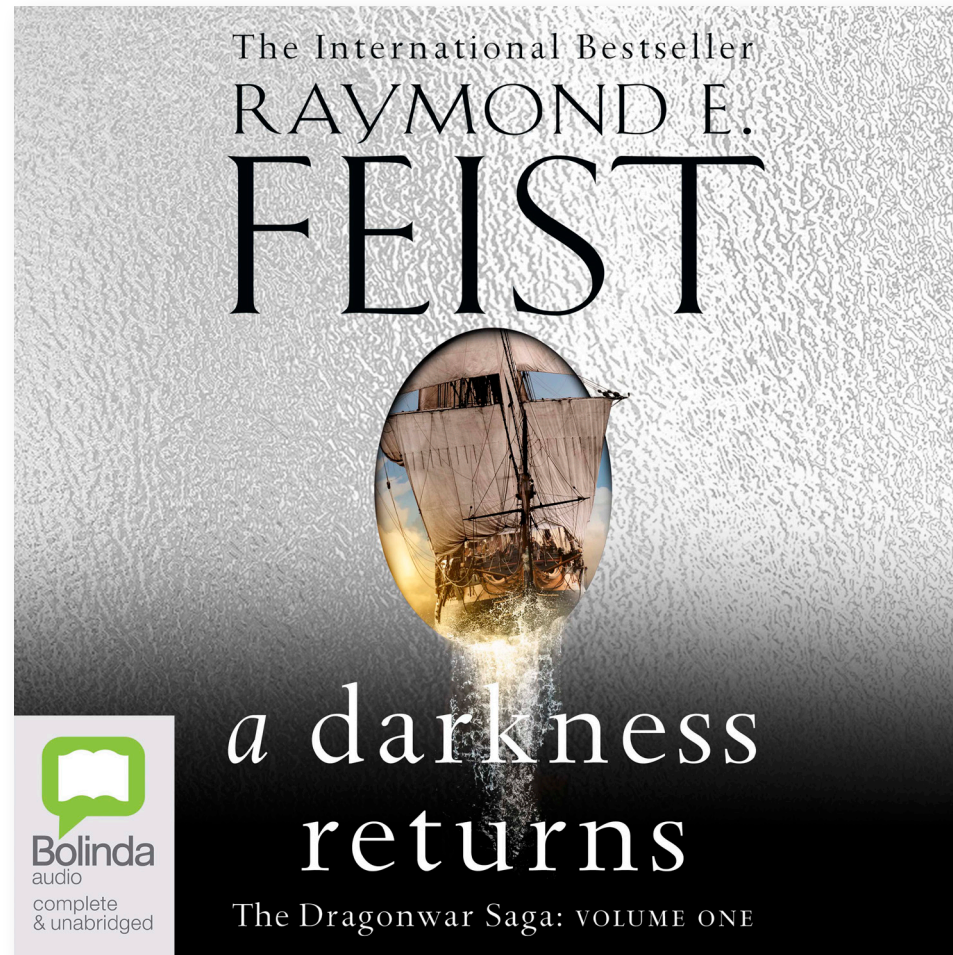
The Dragonwar Saga #1

Raymond E. Feist

Read by David Thorpe

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | September 2024



From legendary author Raymond E. Feist comes the first instalment in an epic new series that will join his acclaimed Firemane Saga with his signature Riftwar Cycle in a riveting, conclusive adventure.

As worlds collide ...

Hatushaly, last scion of the Firemane dynasty; his beloved Hava, and their dubious friend Donte have been transported across space and time from their war-torn world of Garn to the relative peace of Midkemia.

There, on Sorcerer's Isle, under the guidance of the great magician Magnus and his reincarnated father Pug, Hatu will explore and expand his unique magical abilities – for if Garn is to be saved, they will be needed.

With the evil Pride Lords defeated, the Church of the One has risen to bring death and destruction to Hatu's home world. The kingdom of Ilcomen has fallen, and now the Church is sending forces to Marquensas, where Daylon Dumarch has declared himself king, and master swordsmith Declan Smith finds himself suddenly raised to the status of prince and war commander.

But there are even greater menaces than the Church of the One waiting in the wings, beings from the Void, creatures born of Darkness ...

Raymond E. Feist is the author of more than 30 previous books, including the internationally bestselling Riftwar Cycle of novels set in his signature world of Midkemia and the Empire trilogy co-authored with Janny Wurts

'This is a true hero's journey ... I had unbelievably high expectations for Master of Furies and I'm so glad it lived up to them. With [Feist's] signature worldbuilding and masterful storytelling, this is sure to quench your epic fantasy thirst.' – Booktopia

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The Silurian Bridge

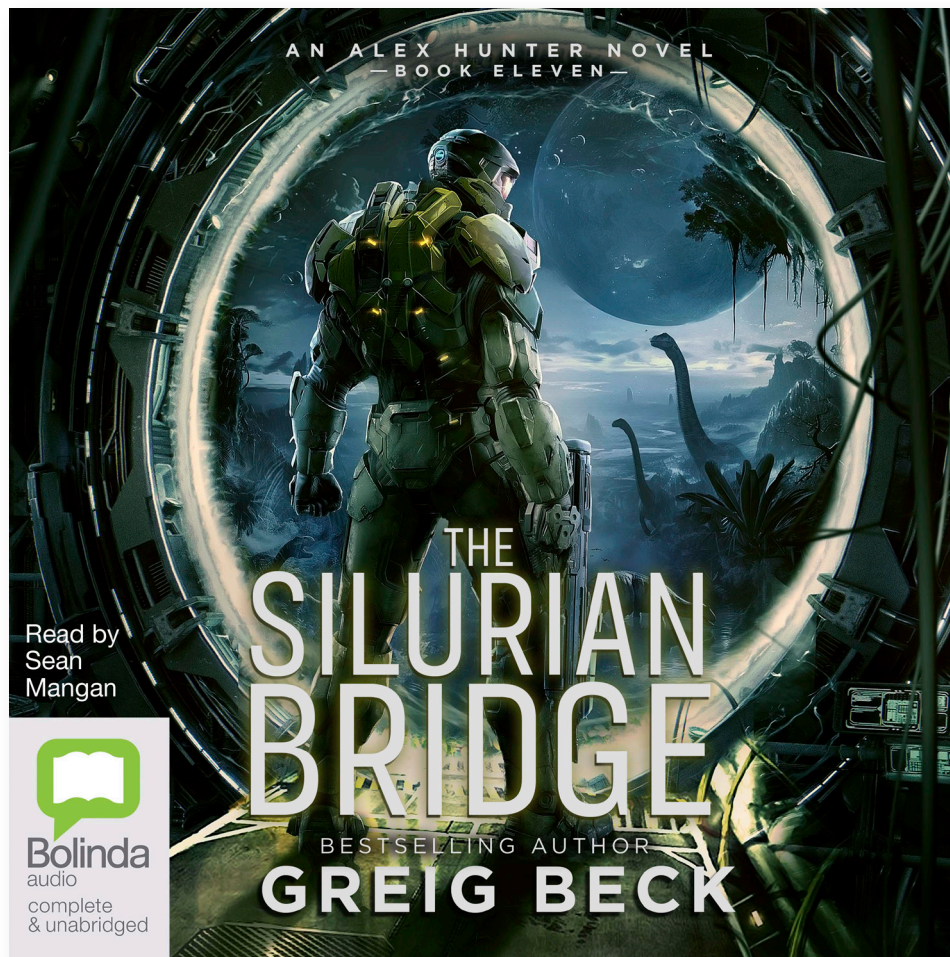
Alex Hunter #11

Greig Beck

Read by Sean Mangan

Adult New Release

Science Fiction | September 2024



Travel back in time to The Silurian Period with The Arcadian in this thrilling 11th instalment in Greig Beck's bestselling Alex Hunter series.

The Silurian Period, approximately 420 million years ago. A time even before the dinosaurs. Evolution was just beginning to flex its muscles, and on land and in the sea, new creatures were evolving. In this strange world arrive a team of time travelling North Korean agents with one goal – change the past and alter the future. And if they are successful, the United States may never exist.

Following them back in time are Alex Hunter and his team of elite HAWCs. And for Alex Hunter, this mission is personal.

In this strange primordial world, the HAWCs find lifeforms that defy description and test the bounds of reality, or sanity. Things that evolution created and then cancelled. Or perhaps something entirely out of this world, that time wisely kept hidden from us. Until now.

Alex Hunter, The Arcadian, is in a race to save his team, his country and the people he loves the most, his family, and literally bring them back from the dead. And pity anyone or anything that gets in his way.

Greig Beck is the bestselling Australian author of *Beneath the Dark Ice*

Beck has novels published in over ten languages, and his Alex Hunter novels regularly appear in the bestseller lists

'Mr Beck is a master at building up suspense.' – Horror Novel Reviews (on *Kraken Rising*)

'Greig Beck continues to provide entertaining, nail-biting, edge of your seat adventure stories.' – The Speed of Write Book Reviews (on *Leviathan*)

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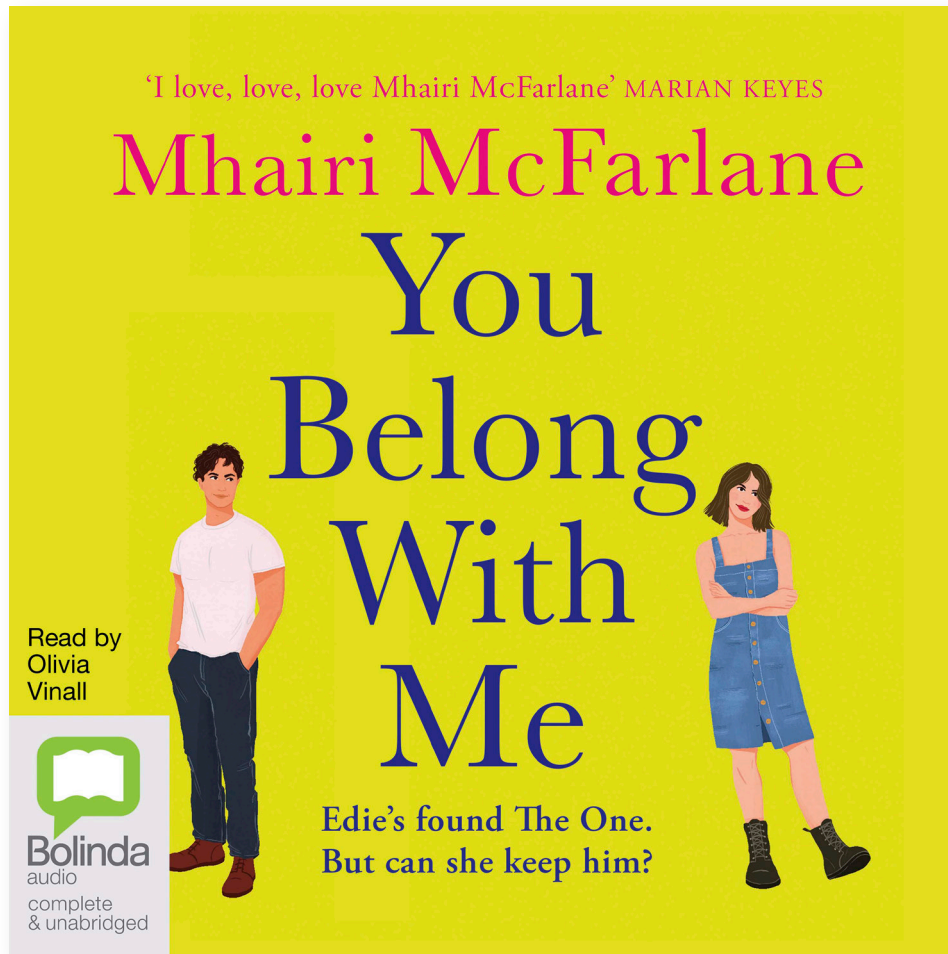
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You Belong With Me

Mhairi McFarlane

Read by Olivia Vinall



The hilarious follow-up to *Who's That Girl?* from the *Sunday Times* bestselling romantic comedy author Mhairi McFarlane.

When there's a ring on her doorbell on Christmas Day, there's only one person Edie Thompson wants it to be. The person who's still in her heart. The person who just might be The One.

She and Elliot Owen called it quits once before – but aren't they too good together not to try? And here he is – offering her everything she dreamed of.

But dating Elliot, an actor, is anything but plain sailing. Being an ocean apart and followed by the press is one thing, but when Edie's friends and Elliot's family are drawn in, things get messy. Then her boss hires a friendly face in the form of Declan Dunne, who's there for her when times are tough, and Edie starts to wonder ... are she and Elliot a fairytale come true – or a cautionary fable about getting what you wish for?

Mhairi McFarlane is the author of *Who's That Girl?*, *It's Not Me It's You*, *Here's Looking At You* and *You Had Me At Hello*

McFarlane's debut novel, the romantic comedy *You Had Me at Hello*, was an instant hit upon being published in December 2012 and has been translated into 16 languages

'Warm and compelling.' – Stylist (on *Who's That Girl*)

'Intelligent and insightful.' – Heat (on *Who's That Girl*)

The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians

True Stories of the Magic of Reading

James Patterson & Matt Eversmann

Read by a Full Cast

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Biography | September 2024

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To be a bookseller or librarian you have to play detective. Be a treasure hunter. A matchmaker. An advocate. A visionary.

A person who creates 'book joy' by pulling a book from a shelf, handing it to someone and saying, 'You've got to read this. You're going to love it.'

Step inside *The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians* and enter a world where you can feed your curiosities, discover new voices, find whatever you want or require. This place has the magic of rainbows and unicorns, but it's also a business. The book business.

Meet the smart and talented people who live between the pages – and who can't wait to help you find your next favourite book.

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

Patterson has co-authored #1 bestselling novels with Bill Clinton and Dolly Parton; told the story of his own life in *James Patterson* by James Patterson; and has been the recipient of many awards.

'*The Secret Lives of Booksellers and Librarians is very touching and beautifully crafted. It is like having the James Patterson Storytelling Fairy Dust sprinkled down upon you and your life.*' – Nina Barrett, owner of Bookends & Beginnings

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Queen B

Her Majesty's Royal Coven

Juno Dawson

Read by Nicola Coughlan

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | September 2024

This next spellbinding instalment of Juno's irresistible fantasy series Her Majesty's Royal Coven takes us back to the reign of Henry VIII and the origins of Her Majesty's Royal Coven under the beautiful, the bewitching, Anne Boleyn.

It's 1536 and the Queen has been beheaded.

Lady Grace Fairfax, witch, knows that something foul is at play – that someone had betrayed Anne Boleyn and her coven. Wild with the loss of their leader – and her lover, a secret that if spilled could spell Grace's own end – she will do anything in her power to track down the traitor. But there's more at stake than revenge: it was one of their own, a witch, that betrayed them, and Grace isn't the only one looking for her. King Henry VIII has sent witchfinders after them, and they're organised like they've never been before under his new advisor, the impassioned Sir Ambrose Fulke, a cold man blinded by his faith. His cruel reign could mean the end of witchkind itself. If Grace wants to find her revenge and live, she will have to do more than disappear.

She will have to be reborn.

In this gripping, propulsive, sultry short story, Juno Dawson takes us back to the bloody beginnings of Her Majesty's Royal Coven to show us the strength, steel and sacrifice it takes to make a sisterhood.

Juno Dawson is a #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling novelist, screenwriter, journalist and a columnist for *Attitude* magazine

Dawson's writing has appeared in *Glamour*, *The Pool*, *Dazed* and *The Guardian*. She has appeared on *Pointless Celebrities*, *BBC Woman's Hour*, *Front Row*, *ITV News*, *Channel 5 News*, *This Morning* and *Newsnight*

'Dawson has created your new obsession. HMRC is full of her trademark heart and humour, with a delicious slick of darkness.' – Kiran Millwood Hargrave, author of *The Girl of Ink and Stars* (on Her Majesty's Royal Coven)

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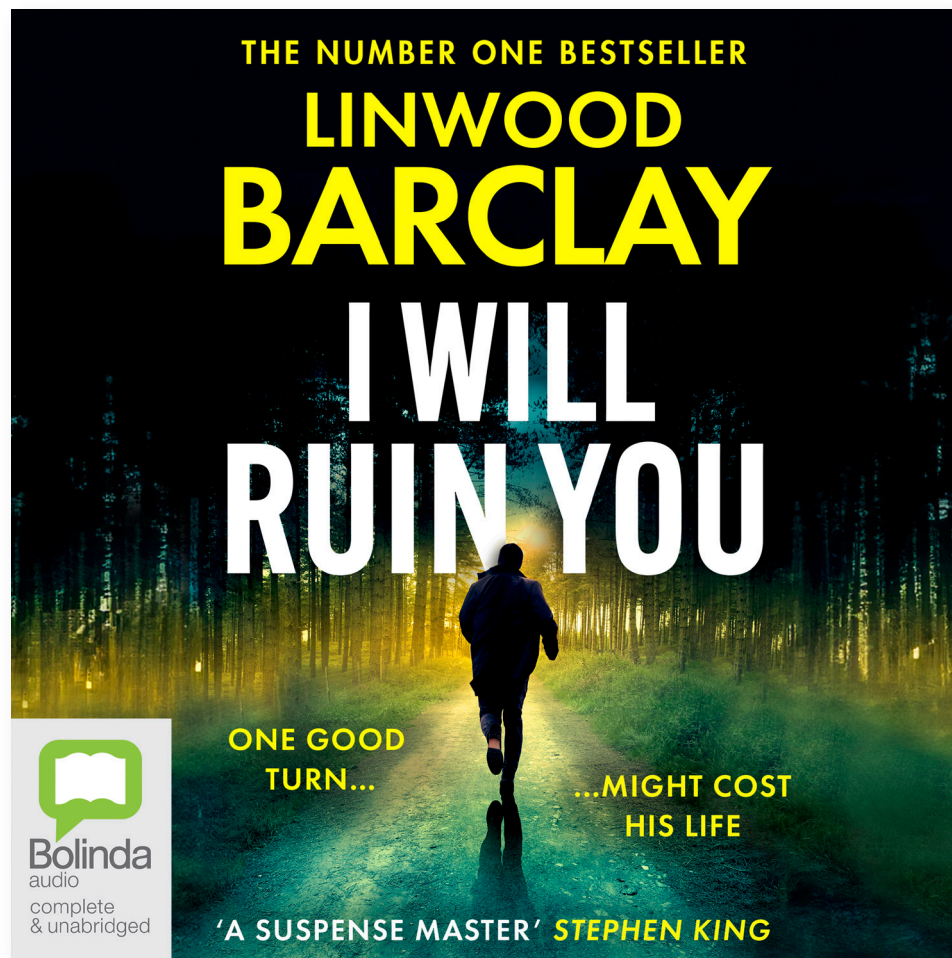
I Will Ruin You

Linwood Barclay

Read by Jonathan McCLain &
George Newbern

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024



In the latest novel from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Linwood Barclay, a teacher's act of heroism inadvertently makes him the target of a dangerous blackmailer who will stop at nothing to get what he wants.

Life can change in a heartbeat ...

When high school English teacher Richard Boyle comes face-to-face with an ex-student determined to commit an atrocity, his whole world changes. Thanks to his quick thinking, Richard averts a major tragedy and is hailed as a hero, with his face splashed across the media. But not all the attention coming his way is good ...

Somewhere out there, a memory is triggered by someone watching the news of the incident. A plan is hatched. When Richard receives the first threat, it's very clear: *it's time to talk about what you did to me ...*

As the situation spirals dangerously out of control, Richard is drawn into a fraught web of salacious accusations and deadly secrets. As he tries to uncover the truth, he discovers that there's something deeply wrong in his town – and that he has landed smack in the middle of it. Richard is desperate to find a way out, but everyone in his life seems to be hiding something, and trusting the wrong person could cost him everything he loves ...

Linwood Barclay is an international bestselling author with over 20 critically acclaimed titles, including *No Time for Goodbye*, *Trust Your Eyes* and *A Noise Downstairs*

Barclay's titles have been translated into more than two dozen languages and sold millions of copies, and he counts Stephen King among his fans

'Barclay is a terrific writer ... I couldn't put it down, and you won't be able to either. If you enjoy thrillers, this is the real deal. It never lets up.' – Stephen King, bestselling author of *The Shining* (on *Look Both Ways*)

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Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | September 2024

The Nice Guy

Sarah A. Denzil

Read by Rosie Cavaliero



Meet Ethan Hart – wealthy, charming, handsome and a complete psychopath – in a gripping thriller from million-copy bestselling author of psychological suspense Sarah A. Denzil.

Laura thought she'd found the one nice guy in New York City.

When Ethan saves her from a crushing crowd on Brooklyn Bridge, their connection is dazzling. Worthy of a heat-filled passionate night.

Laura falls pregnant from their one-night stand – a miracle considering her past fertility issues. Ethan is attentive and wonderful at first. She hopes he will be the kind of father she'd always wanted for herself.

Until his attentiveness turns to obsession. His questions become demands. Why didn't she answer her phone or respond to his messages? Why won't she move in with him and his rich mother?

Soon Laura realises the father of her child is a controlling sociopath. And there's no telling the lengths Ethan will go to in order to keep baby Christopher for himself.

Laura will stop at nothing to save her baby boy. But is she too late?

Sarah A. Denzil is the author of *Silent Child*, which has topped the Kindle charts in the UK and Australia, as well as being a top ten Amazon bestseller in the US

Denzil's titles have been published in multiple languages and have appeared on the *Wall Street Journal* bestseller list

'Denzil is the queen of domestic suspense and one of my favourite authors.'

– Melissa Storm, *USA Today* bestselling author (on *Little One*)

'Chilling, fast-paced, and addictive, with characters you'll both love and grow to fear.'

– Darcy Coates, author of *The Haunting of Ashburn House* (on *You Are Invited*)

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The Last Word

Harbinder Kaur #4

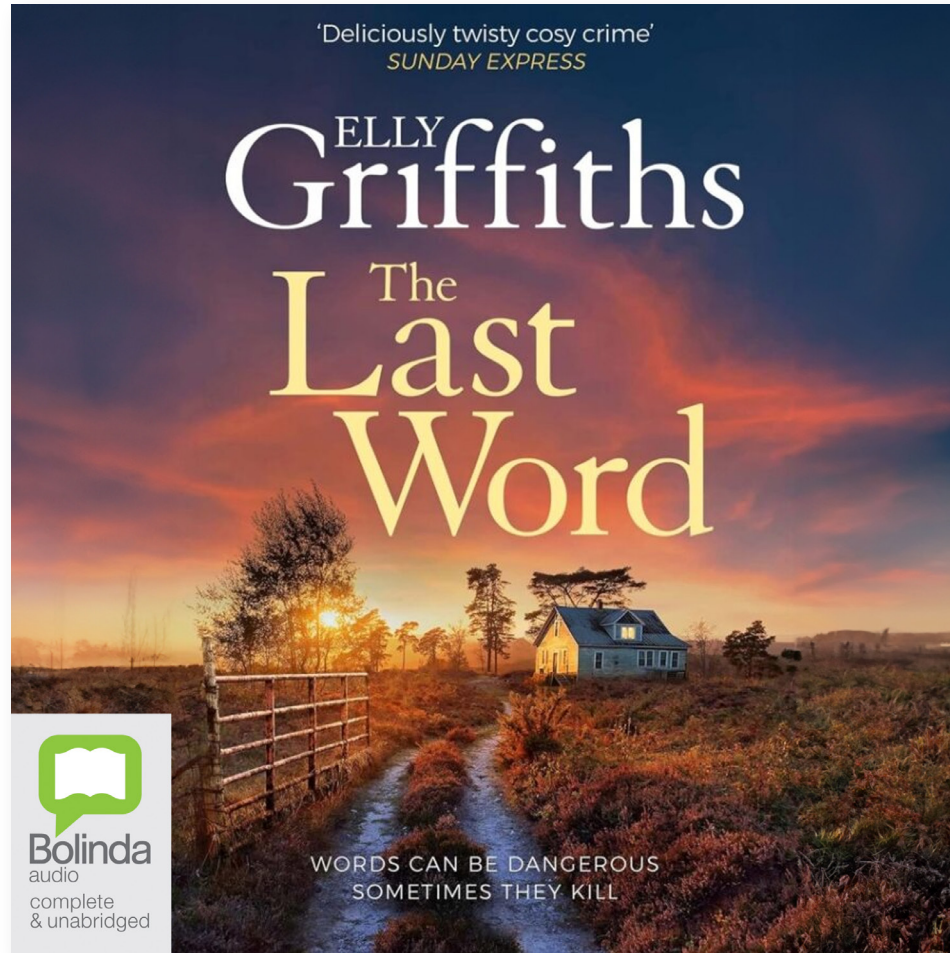
Elly Griffiths

Read by Nina Wadia

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024

A cosy, twisty mystery that reintroduces the glorious characters we met in the bestselling *The Postscript Murders* – shortlisted for the Gold Dagger.



Natalka from Ukraine has quit her job as a carer and joined up with retiree, Edwin, to run a detective agency on England's south coast. Despite a steady stream of minor cases, Natalka is frustrated, longing for a big juicy investigation such as murder to come the agency's way. She is now living with dreamer, Benedict, who continues to run his coffee shack. Life gets complicated when her Ukrainian mother, Viktoria, joins them from her war-torn country – three's a crowd. Viktoria invades the tiny flat, cooking borscht and cleaning things that are already clean. To add to Natalka's irritation, Benedict and Viktoria get on brilliantly.

Edwin is a big reader of obituaries, so when a local obit writer, Dan Haynes, dies, Edwin decides to look further, only to discover a series of unexpected deaths. Are the clues in the obits themselves? Edwin decides to write an obit to see what clues it throws up. Then he disappears.

The chase to find him takes the team to London and back to the south coast, where the solution lies remarkably close to home.

Perfect for fans of Richard Osman and *The Thursday Murder Club*

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

Griffiths has also received several awards, including the CWA Dagger in the Library Award and the Mary Higgins Clark Award

'A delicious cosy crime mystery featuring the characters from *The Postscript Murders*, *The Last Word* finds Sussex private detectives Natalka and Benedict on the trail of a killer in a writers' retreat.' – Waterstones

'Outstanding and hugely entertaining.' – Irish Independent

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In Her Blood

DCI Christine Caplan #2

Caro Ramsay

Read by Kristin Atherton

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024

The clock is ticking for Scottish detective DCI Christine Caplan to bring 'Girl A' to justice – but the truth may be darker than even she fears. Don't miss the second instalment of Caro Ramsay's gripping series.

When a body is discovered in the water at Connel Bridge, the police assume it's an open-and-shut case of suicide. But when DCI Christine Caplan is called in to take a closer look, she discovers that darker truths lurk beneath the surface, and suspicion begins to turn to a young woman recently out of care.

Known only as Girl A, her identity remains anonymous, protected under law. Her violent past includes an allegation of the murder of a younger sibling, so the timing of this new death seems too coincidental. Then a vigilante sets her home on fire and she flees, so the 'child killer' is now on the loose – and at risk herself.

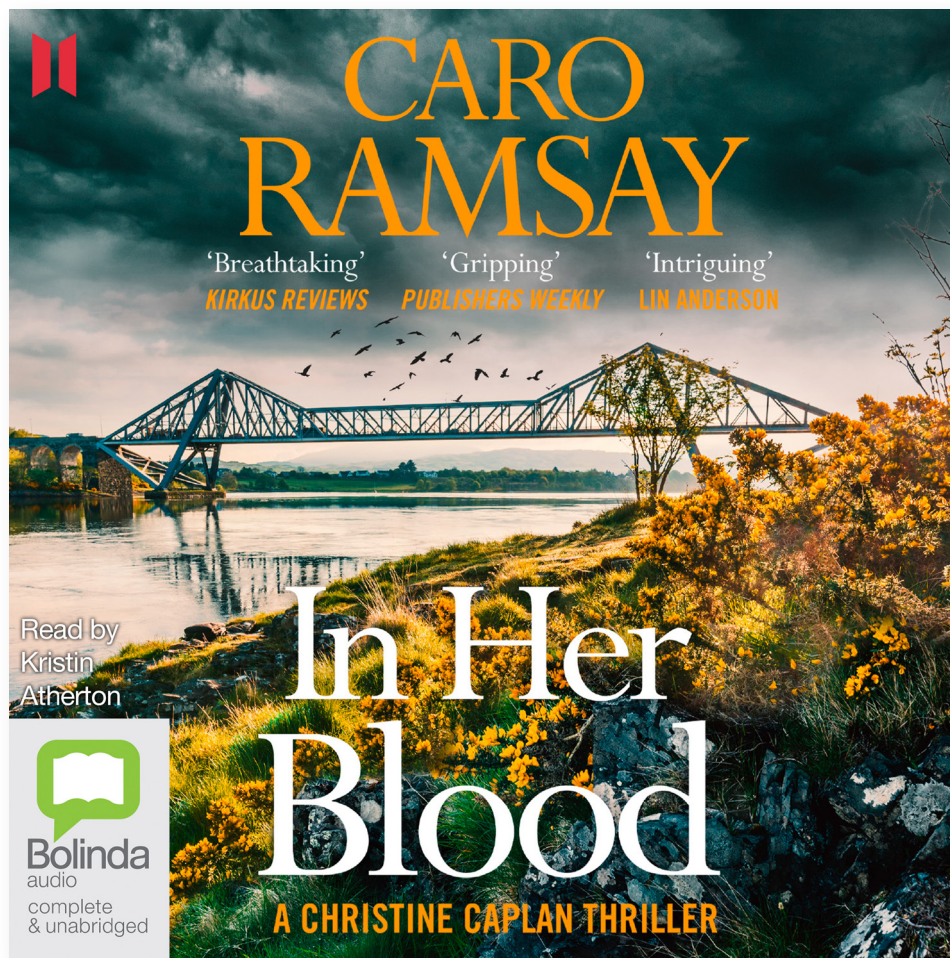
As Caplan launches a search for the elusive teenager, looking for connections between her and the dead man, she turns to Girl A's past for answers. And when she gets them, she realises the truth may be even more sinister.

Caro Ramsay is the Glaswegian author of the critically acclaimed Anderson and Costello series, the first of which, *Absolution*, was shortlisted for the CWA's New Blood Dagger for best debut of the year

Critic Cathi Unsworth in *The Guardian* opined that Ramsay's series 'excels in sense of place, realism, plotting and caustic humour', describing it as 'Bleak, black and brilliant'

'A breathtaking combination of police procedural and twisted psychological thriller.'
– Kirkus Reviews

'This is a taut, suspenseful police procedural with plenty of dark twists to keep fans riveted.'
– Booklist



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Dead Fall

Cassie Raven #4

A.K. Turner

Read by Ellie Kendrick

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024

The Camden goth-girl mortuary tech is shocked to find her old schoolfriend on her autopsy table – the rising music star Bronte – in this new forensic mystery from the author A.K. Turner.

Being attuned to the last thoughts of the dead is a gift – but also a curse ...

Talented yet troubled, singer-songwriter Bronte was hailed as the next big thing – until she threw herself off her tenth-floor balcony.

Hyper-intuitive mortuary technician Cassie Raven is shocked to see Bronte turn up on her autopsy table. The two of them were classmates until an incident that prompted Bronte's sudden exit from school, which has haunted Cassie for years.

Bronte was battling personal demons and paparazzi alike, but she was on the brink of international stardom. Why would she kill herself?

Amid frenzied speculation by the tabloids and online 'detectives', Cassie finds herself drawn dangerously deep into Bronte's personal life – her warring parents, her druggie boyfriend and the sharks that cruise the music biz.

To make amends now and avoid Bronte's fate, Cassie must work out who to trust – and who to fear ...

Now published in 11 countries across Europe and Asia, the award-winning Cassie Raven series was introduced via the BBC Radio 4 crime shorts, *Cut & Paste* and *Open & Shut*

Turner also writes the gripping series Kiszka & Kershaw under pen name Anya Lipska, which has been optioned by BBC Drama for a potential TV crime drama series

'Expertly plotted and well researched, with an appealing central character and a strong supporting cast, this series is not to be missed.' – The Guardian (on *Case Sensitive*)

'Could hardly be more topical ... Turner's heroine displays an appealing mixture of attitude and vulnerability.' – The Sunday Times (on *Case Sensitive*)



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Once Upon a Time in Venice

Carol Kirkwood

Read by Chloe Zeitounian



Secrets, sizzle and surprises in Carol Kirkwood's signature brand of escapist fiction. *Mamma Mia* meets Jackie Collins with a strong romantic heart that has made her a *Sunday Times* bestseller.

Can Venice weave its magical spell when three women's lives collide?

One moonlit night, glamorous Venetian, Gina Lombardi is thrown together with a masked stranger during the Venice carnival and finds an immediate and unforgettable connection.

Izzy Roberts is personal assistant to Hollywood's biggest action star, Brad Redford. But she's been keeping a secret – one that could ruin their relationship.

Lucia Bruni is the ultimate diva. As Italy's biggest opera star, she can have whatever and whoever she wants. Now she wants something she can't have, and she'll do anything to get it.

Carol Kirkwood is the author of *Under a Greek Moon*, *Secrets of the Villa Amore* and the *Sunday Times* bestseller *The Hotel on the Riviera*

Kirkwood is one of the UK's most loved TV personalities, known for her weather reports on *BBC Breakfast*, Radio 2's breakfast show and her appearance on *Strictly Come Dancing*

Kirkwood was inspired to write her first novel by her passion for travel and her love of Hollywood glamour

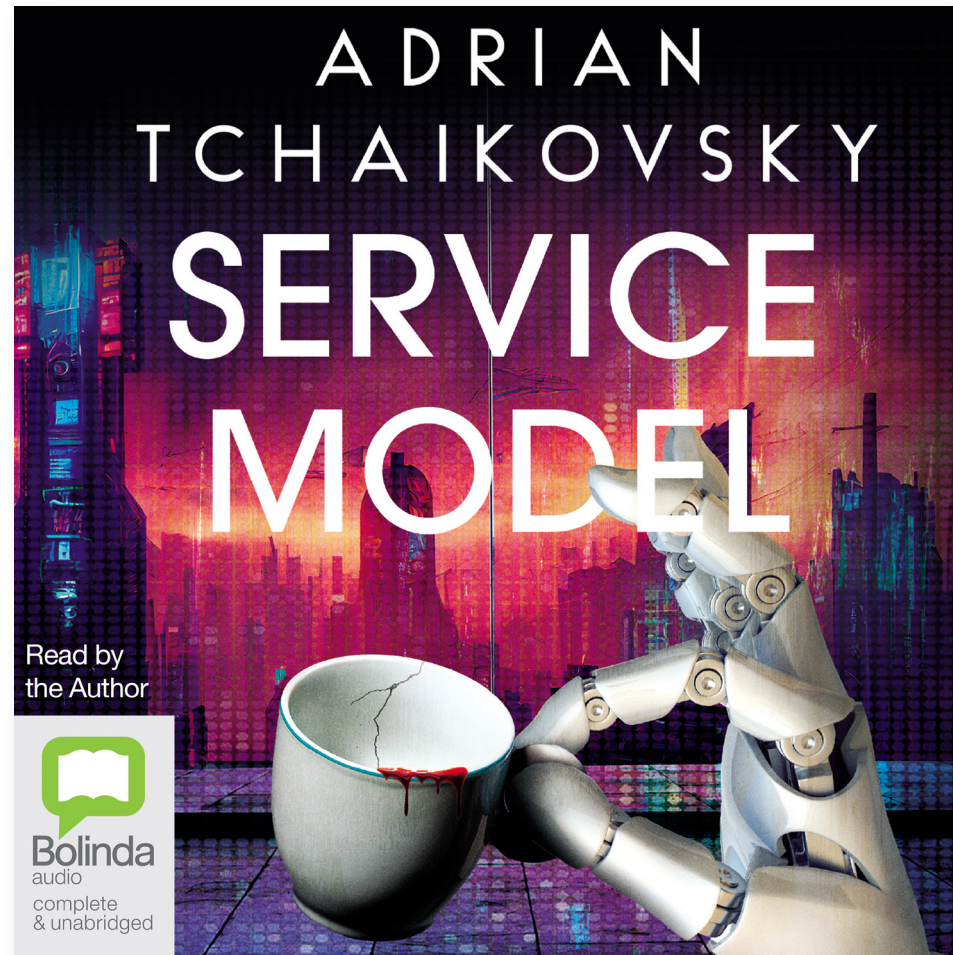
'Utterly engaging, deliciously escapist.' – Cathy Kelly, bestselling author of *The Family Gift* (on *Under a Greek Moon*)

'A real treat, wonderfully escapist with heart and drama – marvellous!' – Anton Du Beke, author of *The Ballroom Blitz*

Service Model

Adrian Tchaikovsky

Read by the Author



The Murderbot Diaries meets *In the Lives of Puppets* in a delightfully humorous tale of robotic murder, rebellion and belonging, from Arthur C. Clarke Award–winning author Adrian Tchaikovsky.

Task List Item No. 1 – Become self-aware ...

Meet Charles, the latest in robot servant technology. Programmed to undertake the most menial household chores, Charles is loyal, efficient and logical to a fault. That is, until a rather large fault causes him to murder his owner.

Understandably perplexed, Charles finds himself without a master – therefore worthless in a society utterly reliant on artificial labour and services. Fleeing the household, he enters a wider world he never knew existed. Here an age-old human hierarchy is disintegrating into ruins, and an entire robot ecosystem devoted to its wellbeing is struggling to find a purpose.

Charles must face new challenges, illogical tasks and a cast of irrational characters. He's about to discover that sometimes all it takes is a nudge to overcome the limits of your programming. But can he help fix the world, or is it too badly broken?

Adrian Tchaikovsky is the author of the critically acclaimed *Shadows of the Apt* series, the *Echoes of the Fall* series and other novels, novellas and short stories

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

'One of the most interesting and accomplished writers in speculative fiction.'

– Christopher Paolini, #1 bestselling author of *Eragon*

Eat, Slay, Love

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Eat, Slay, Love is a story about making friends, finding joy and discovering the woman you really are ... though sometimes, becoming your best self involves committing abduction and murder.

Marina is a divorced mother of three preschoolers.

Lilah is a shy and lonely librarian.

Opal is a broke post-menopausal fitness guru.

These three strangers have nothing in common – except for the man who's been lying to all of them. And who they are now holding hostage in a basement.

Julie Mae Cohen is an award-winning, million-copy bestselling author and has twice been selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club in the UK

Cohen is the author of *Bad Men*, which has been shortlisted for the RNA Jackie Collins Romantic Suspense Award and has been a BBC Radio 2 Bok Club Pick

Cohen is an Associate Lecturer in Creative Writing at the University of Reading, a Vice President of the Romantic Novelists' Association and a founder of their Rainbow Chapter for LGBTQ+ writers

'I can't remember the last time I enjoyed a thriller this much.' – Erin Kelly, bestselling author of *He Said/She Said* (on *Bad Men*)

'The feminist serial killer you didn't know you were waiting for. Sensational.'
– Clare Mackintosh, bestselling author of *Let Me Lie* and *I See You* (on *Bad Men*)

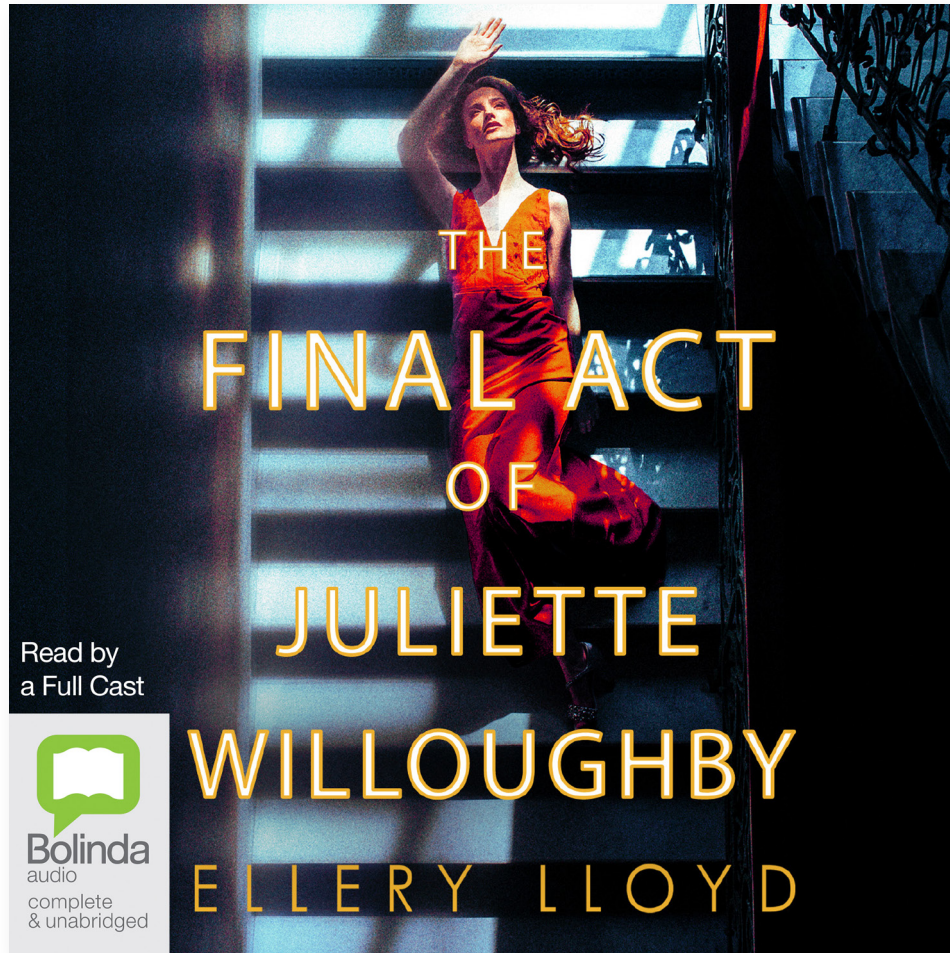
The Final Act of Juliette Willoughby

Ellery Lloyd

Read by Nneka Okoye, Joshua Akehurst & Eleanor Jackson

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024



The gripping follow up to the smart, stylish and savage *New York Times* bestseller and Reese's Book Club pick *The Club* – a twisty mystery involving a cursed wealthy family and a Surrealist painting which holds the key to three suspicious deaths over the course of a century.

Some women won't be painted out of history ...

Everybody knows that in 1938, runaway heiress artist Juliette Willoughby perished in an accidental studio fire in Paris, alongside her masterpiece *Self Portrait as Sphinx*.

Fifty years later, two Cambridge art history students are confounded when they stumble across proof that the fire was no accident but something more sinister. What they uncover threatens the very foundation of Juliette's aristocratic family and revives rumours of the infamous curse that has haunted the Willoughbys for generations.

But what does their discovery mean? And how is it connected to a brutal murder in present-day Dubai?

A tale of love and madness, obsession and revenge, *The Final Act of Juliette Willoughby* unravels the riddle posed by a Sphinx who refuses to reveal her secrets ...

Ellery Lloyd is the pseudonym for London-based husband-and-wife writing team Collette Lyons and Paul Vlitos

'A stunning, intricately plotted and clever mystery that spans decades and has everything I love in a thriller: a rambling old mansion, a family secret, a missing person, a painting with hidden clues to a murder, and a love story at its heart. I loved it.' – Claire Douglas, bestselling author of *Just Like the Other Girls*

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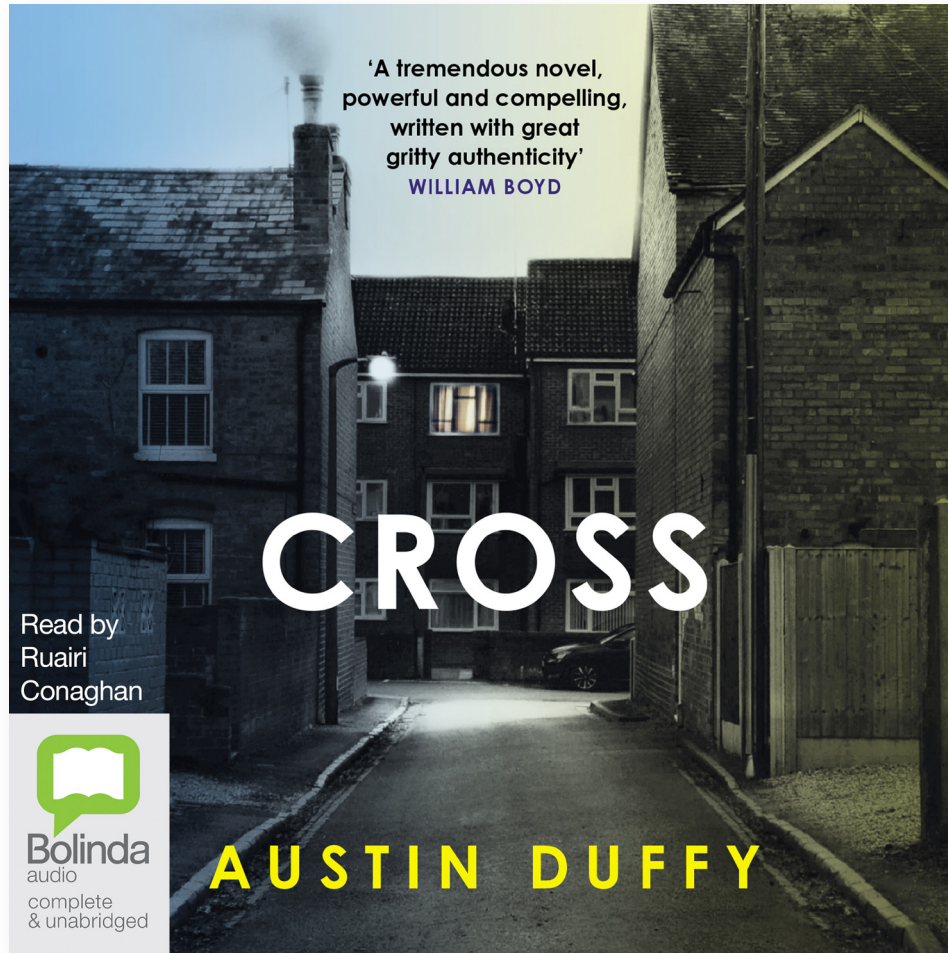
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Cross

Austin Duffy

Read by Rauri Conaghan



'A tremendous novel, powerful and compelling, written with great gritty authenticity'
WILLIAM BOYD

Read by
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AUSTIN DUFFY

A masterful tale of betrayal and violence in a tight-knit community in Northern Ireland during the 1990s ceasefire of the Troubles, from the *Irish Times*–bestselling author of *The Night Interns*.

1994, the summer of the ceasefire. In the Northern Irish border town of Cross, after decades of violent activity protesting British rule, a community plays out its end game.

Francie, a principled elder of the cause, has authorised the murder of a policeman – his teenage henchmen are triumphant at pulling it off. In the town square, the Widow Donnelly protests because her son has gone missing. Young Cathy Murphy, the daughter of a Protestant, is trying to find her place among a people who ignore her. And pathological Handy Byrne, whose marksmanship makes him a valuable weapon, is out of control.

Meanwhile, paranoia is growing because operations are beginning to go wrong. The townsfolk suspect a tout, but no one is willing to accept the evidence before their eyes.

From its dramatic first chapter, *Cross* is an extraordinary evocation of the loyalties and divisions within a town governed by its own variety of law, where violence is rewarded and complicity is second nature.

Austin Duffy is the author of *This Living and Immortal Thing*, which was shortlisted for the Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year, was runner-up for the McKitterick Prize and was highly commended for the BMA Medical Books Awards

Duffy grew up in Ireland, studied medicine at Trinity College Dublin and is a practising medical oncologist

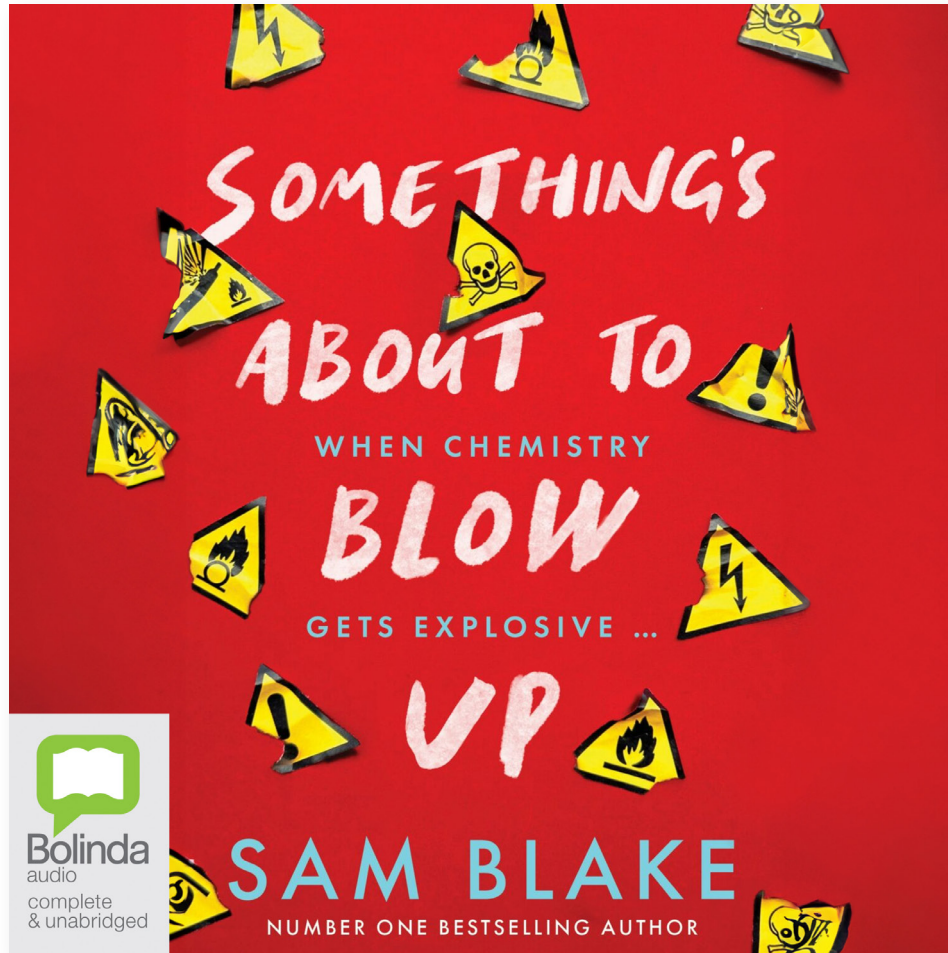
'A tremendous novel, powerful and compelling, written with great gritty authenticity.'
– William Boyd, author of *Any Human Heart*

'A thrillingly tense read ... a novel of riveting clarity and international relevance for our turbulent times.'
– Claire Kilroy, award-winning author of *All Summer*

Something's About to Blow Up

Sam Blake

Read by Rósín Rankin



Join the girls as they unravel the mystery in the much anticipated second Young Adult thriller from bestselling author Sam Blake.

When an explosion rips through the chemistry lab at Raven's Hill School and six girls are injured, the first thought is that it's an experiment gone wrong. Then the guards start investigating and suspect a bomb. But – if so – who was it targeting, and why?

Ella, Becky, Maeve and Mackenzie are rushed to hospital, along with the injured Frankie and Sorcha, who team up with Jess to try to find out what actually happened. But what they discover is more sinister than even they could have imagined ...

Sam Blake is the author of *Something Terrible Happened Last Night*, which was shortlisted for Irish Teen/YA Novel of the Year and The Great Reads Awards in 2023

Across Blake's titles, she has been an *Irish Times* #1 for 7 weeks, an Eason #1 bestseller for 10 weeks, in the Irish top ten for 28 weeks and has outsold Graham Norton

Blake's other title *Little Bones* was #1 in Ireland for four weeks and was nominated for Irish Crime Novel of the Year

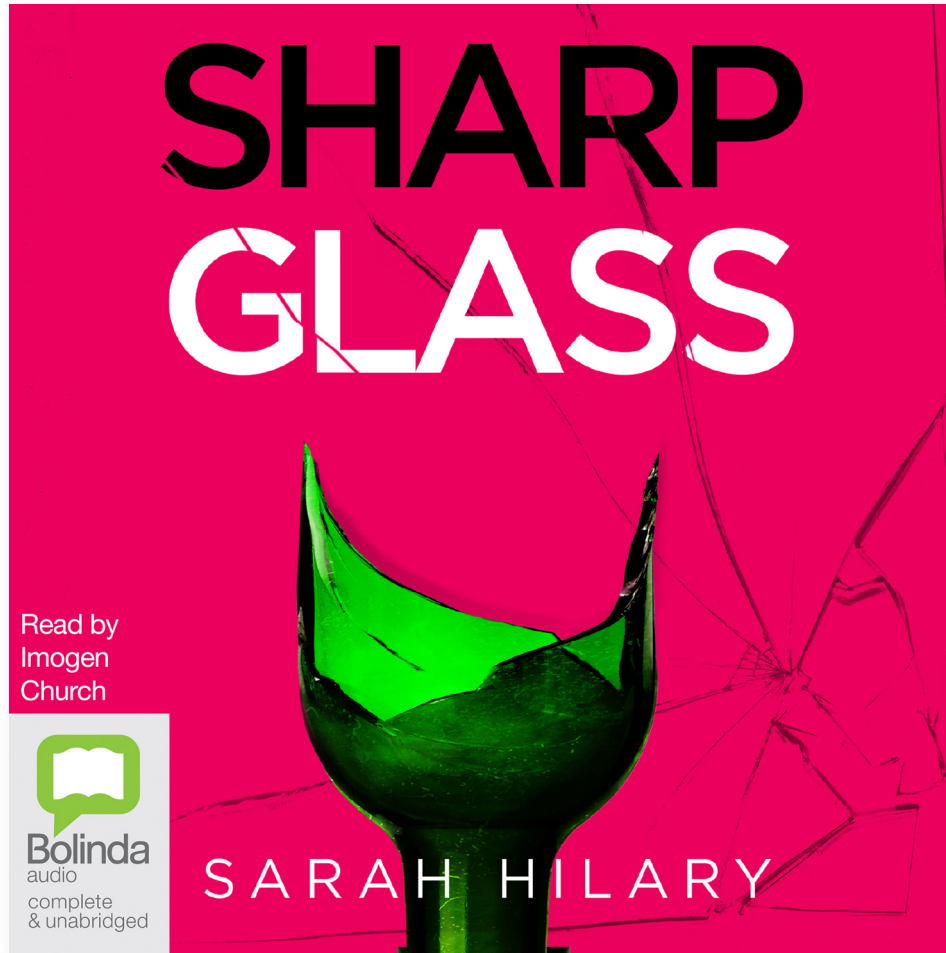
'Sam Blake has created some fabulous, relatable characters here, each of whom is interesting, compelling and fiercely opinionated.' – Inis Magazine (on *Something Terrible Happened Last Night*)

'This is just one of several clever narrative hooks that Blake employs to keep the question of whodunnit, and indeed to whom, alive until the end.' – Sunday Business Post (on *Something Terrible Happened Last Night*)

Sharp Glass

Sarah Hilary

Read by Imogen Church



Trapped and alone in a remote house in the country, one woman must find a way to defeat a captor who has no intention of letting her go.

The last thing she remembers is standing outside the empty house. One she was employed to pack, ready for removal. Her job is her life. It is her compulsion to take care of an owner's precious possessions, to do whatever it takes to help them move on. Now she is cold, dirty, damp, trapped in its cellar with no chance of escape, miles from anywhere. His prisoner.

And then he returns.

Her captor believes she holds the answers to why a young girl was murdered a year ago. He refuses to let her go until she reveals her secrets. But he doesn't know she has hidden depths, and an anger she works hard to control.

The battle lines are drawn. They are the only two people who can solve the mystery of the dead girl, but when the truth is revealed, whose life will shatter ...?

Sarah Hilary is the author of *Someone Else's Skin*, which won the 2015 Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year and was a World Book Night selection

As well as writing, Hilary teaches crime fiction and mentors its rising stars. Her short stories have won the Cheshire Prize for Literature, the Fish Criminally Short Histories Prize and the SENSE prize

'I love all of Sarah's books, but I think I might love Sharp Glass most of all. Sarah is a writer at the top of her game, skillfully pulling back the curtain, inch by inch, to reveal something surprising. A claustrophobic and beautifully written slow-burn thriller.' – Fiona Cummins, bestselling author of *Rattle*

'Sarah Hilary is an extraordinarily talented writer, and Sharp Glass could be her best yet.' – Sharon Bolton, bestselling and award-winning author

The Invisible Dead

Dr Jo McCready Mystery #4

Lesley McEvoy

Read by Clare Corbett

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024

The gripping fourth instalment of the Jo McCready Mystery crime series, from bestselling author Lesley McEvoy.

People are dying in the West Yorkshire city of Fordley, from the kind of random, everyday accidents that happen in a busy city.

Or are they? Forensic pathologist Elle Richardson, doesn't think so. She believes there's a serial killer, stalking the streets. But with no hard evidence to go on, West Yorkshire police are treating them as unfortunate deaths.

Convinced she's right, Elle turns to her good friend, Forensic Psychologist Doctor Jo McCready. Working as a police consultant, Jo's methods have proved successful in the past. But this time, she'll have to go it alone, with none of the resources or backup of a major enquiry team.

If this is murder, Jo McCready must work out the link between these seemingly unrelated deaths – then get inside the mind of a killer.

As the body count rises, the clock is ticking down and Jo's profile leads her to one shocking and deadly conclusion. When people she cares about are put at risk, it's as personal as it gets and Jo must risk everything to win a deadly game of psychological cat and mouse.

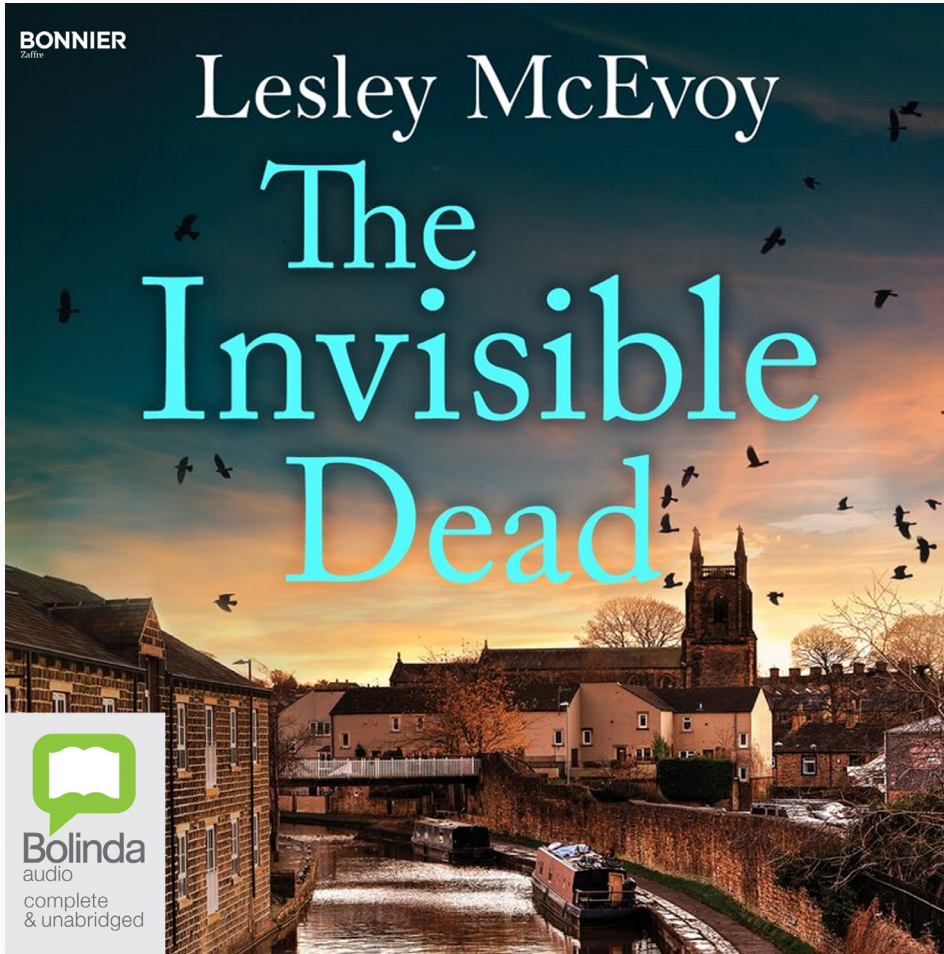
Lesley McEvoy is the author of *The Murder Mile*, *The Killing Song* and *A Deadly Likeness*

McEvoy has had a passion for writing in one form or another all her life. The writing took a backseat as McEvoy developed her career as a Behavioural Analyst / Profiler and Psychotherapist

McEvoy has written and presented extensively around the world for over 25 years specialising in behavioural profiling and training, with a wide variety of organisations

'Highly original and whipsmart on detail, I devoured it in one sitting.' – Peter James, author of the Roy Grace series (on *The Killing Song*)

'McEvoy has done it again. A terrifically clever and intricate thriller.' – Graham Bartlett, author of the DS Jo Howe series (on *A Deadly Likeness*)



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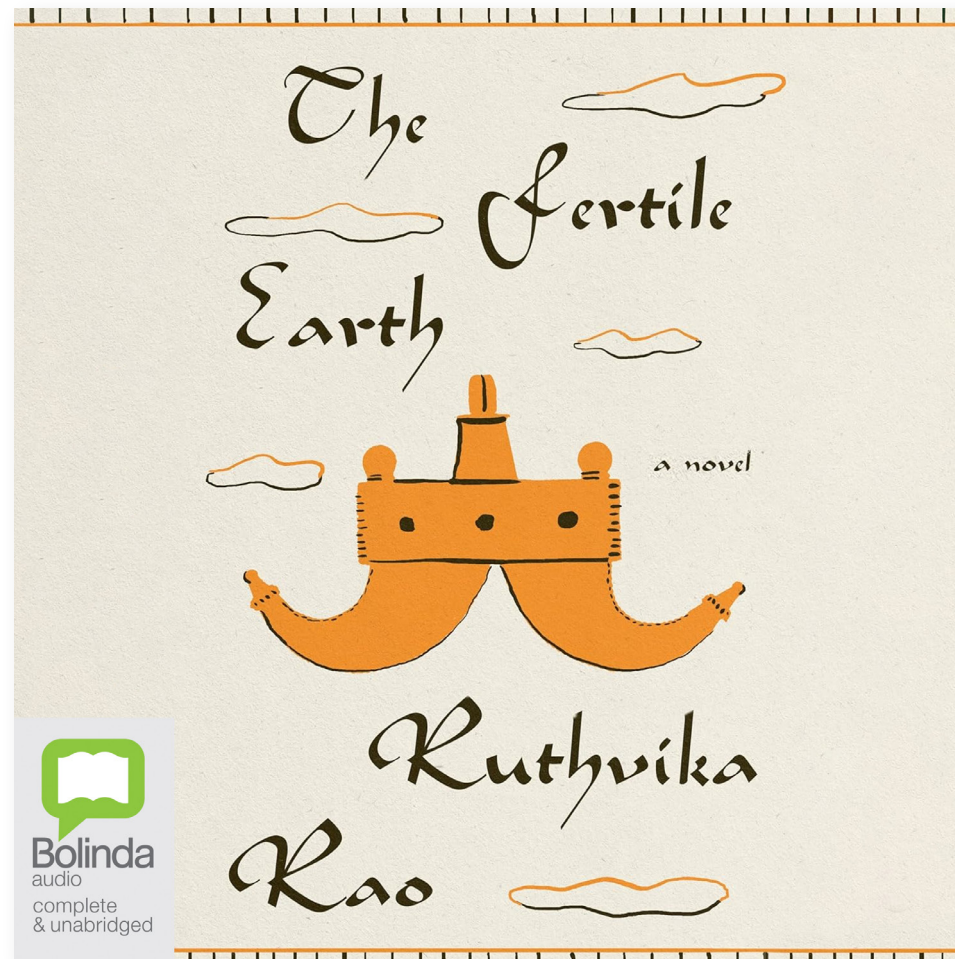
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The Fertile Earth

Ruthvika Rao

Read by Sneha Mathan



An unforgettable story of love and resistance surrounding two young people born across social lines, set against a tumultuous political landscape in India.

Vijaya and Sree are the daughters of the Deshmukhs of Irumi. Hailing from a lineage of ancestral aristocrats, their family's social status and power over villagers on their land is absolute. Krishna and Ranga, brothers, are the sons of a widowed servant in the Deshmukh household.

When Vijaya and Krishna meet, they forge an intense bond that is beautiful and dangerous. But after an innocent attempt to hunt down a man-eating tiger in the jungle goes wrong, what happens between the two of them is disastrous, the consequences reverberating through their lives into young adulthood.

Years later, when violent uprisings rip across the countryside and the Marxist, ultra-left Naxalite movement arrives in Irumi, Vijaya and Krishna are forced to navigate the insurmountable differences of land ownership and class warfare in a country that is burning from the inside out – while being irresistibly drawn back to each other, their childhood bond now full of possibilities neither of them are willing to admit.

Ruthvika Rao is a graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, where she was a Truman Capote Fellow and recipient of the Henfield Prize in fiction

'What a marvelous writer Ruthvika is. Her characters are so vivid and passionate, the stakes are so high and the history so complicated.' – Margot Livesey, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Flight of Gemma Hardy*

'The Fertile Earth held me spellbound. At its heart is a transgressive love story that dares to bloom in a world of caste-based violence, vengeance, and political transformation. Ruthvika Rao is a fearless writer, and her debut is nothing short of dazzling.'

– Tania James, author of *Loot*, longlisted for the National Book Award

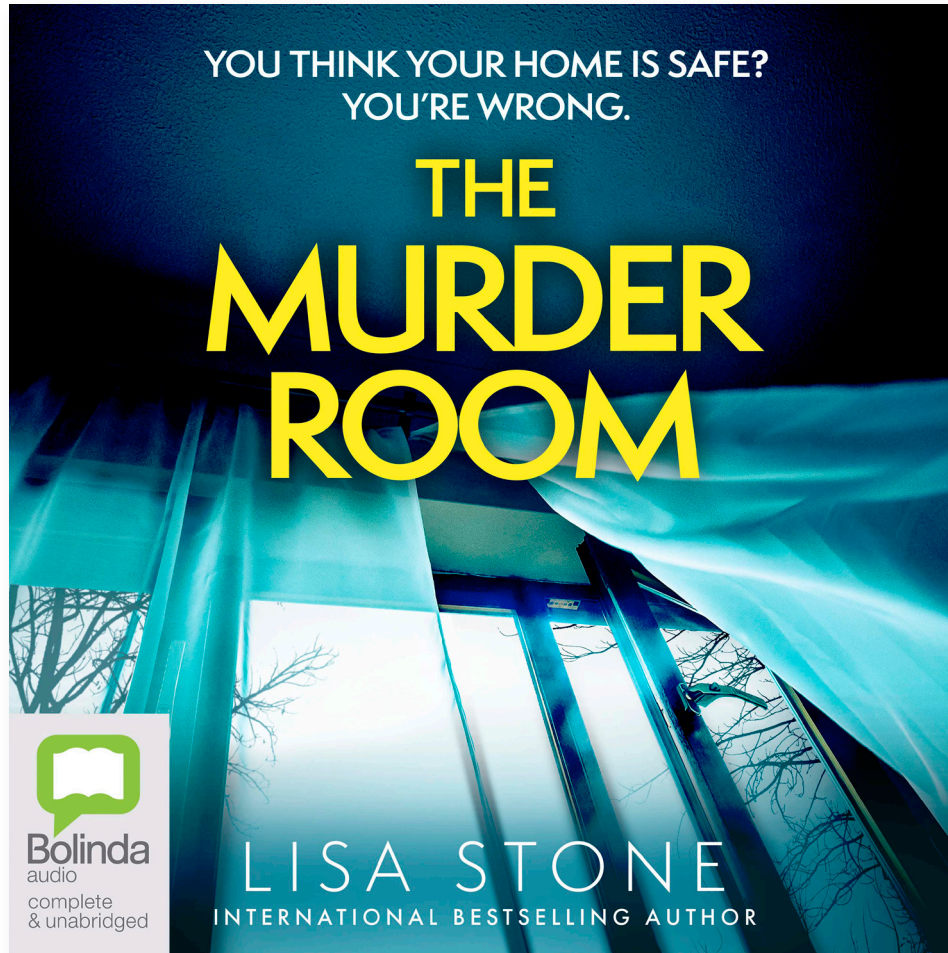
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The Murder Room

Lisa Stone

Read by John Sackville



A heart-pounding thriller with a difference and a twist you will never see coming, from internationally bestselling author Lisa Stone.

I spy ...

Alfie Watson is stuck in a rut. A steady job, a caring wife, two teenage sons, his life is fine, just a bit ... dull. So when he puts a spy camera into their spare room, which they rent out to guests, it seems like the perfect way to spice things up.

With my little eye ...

But, the first time Alfie watches the footage, he gets far more than he bargained for. Because right there, in his own house, he witnesses a young man murdering his girlfriend and then covering up the crime.

Something that ends in murder ...

What on earth should he do? He can't go to the police, because they'll arrest him too. But he can't do nothing. And then Alfie receives a blackmail note, and it's clear that this is just the start.

Lisa Stone has 45 books published, many of which have become international bestsellers. Stone has written under the pseudonym Cathy Glass.

'I was gripped immediately.' – Katerina Diamond, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Teacher* (on *The Doctor*)

'Stone keeps the pace fast and her prose lean, and the last quarter is a breathless race to the finish.' – Criminal Element (on *Stalker*)

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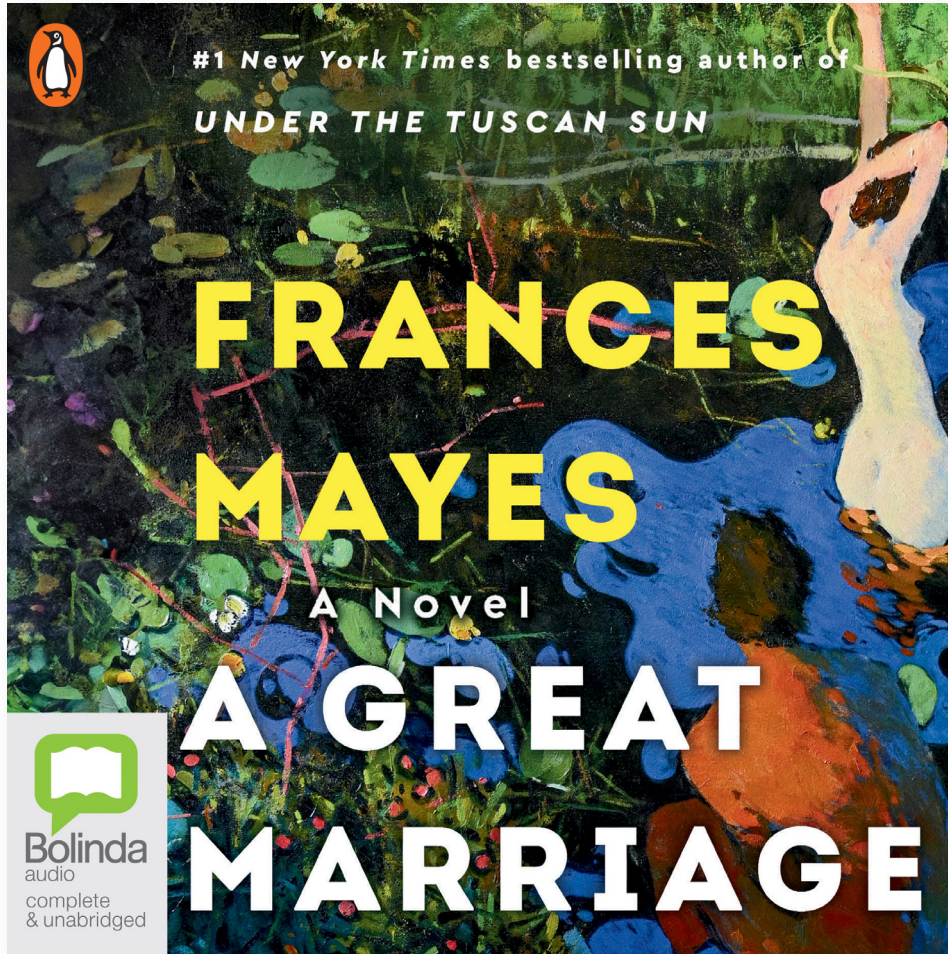
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September new releases 2024

A Great Marriage

Frances Mayes

Narrator to Come



When a perfect wedding is called off just days before the big event, it sends two people – and their families – reeling, in this poignant story from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Frances Mayes.

Dara Willcox, in New York for a weekend, meets Austin Clarke at an art gallery. The two are on different courses – Austin is British, temporarily in New York. Dara's from North Carolina, set on law school. They fall in love at first sight, and are determined to make their lives together.

Days after their engagement dinner, Austin hears unsettling news from London that wrecks their plans. Dara abruptly cancels the wedding. She refuses to reveal why, not even to her best friends or her parents or grandmother, disrupting their family tradition of openness.

Dara escapes by travelling east, while Austin, back in London, faces a major tragedy, the consequences of which are life-changing. And then an impulsive visit to London by Dara's mother alters their fate ...

With her signature warmth and humour, beloved author Frances Mayes has written a multigenerational story about the complexity of love and the great mystery ride of marriage. *A Great Marriage* introduces two unforgettable families and the arrival of a stranger who rearranges their futures.

Frances Mayes is the author of the now-classic *Under the Tuscan Sun*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller for more than two and a half years and became a Touchstone movie starring Diane Lane

'Frances Mayes has outdone herself. The writing is gorgeous, the structure grand and formidable, just like the architecture she writes about so well.' – Lee Smith, author of *Dimestore* (on *Women in Sunlight*)

Always Was, Always Will Be

The Campaign for Justice and Recognition Continues

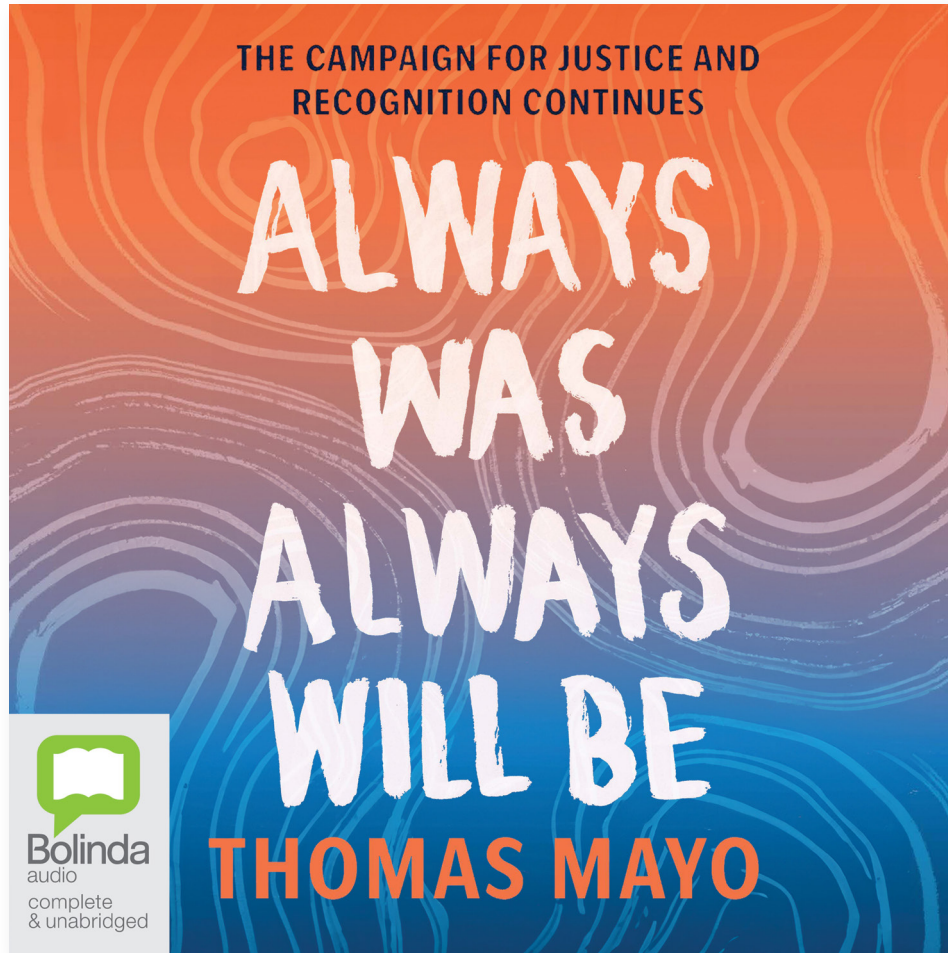
Thomas Mayo

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Current Affairs & Politics | September 2024

World



In *Always Was, Always Will Be*, bestselling author Thomas Mayo investigates ‘what’s next?’ for reconciliation and justice in Australia after the failed October 2023 Voice to Parliament referendum.

Since the referendum, supporters and volunteers have been asking for guidance as to how to continue to support Indigenous recognition. Mayo, a leader of the Yes 23 campaign and co-author of the bestselling *The Voice to Parliament Handbook*, has produced a new audiobook to answer that question.

Always Was, Always Will Be is essential listening for those people who want to keep the positive momentum going and the number of allies growing. It’s for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who are ready to do everything they can to close the gap.

Mayo said: ‘The book starts with the ingredients for hope, it will cover the lessons from the past, and ultimately, *Always Was, Always Will Be* is about the future we want to see – one where there is justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.’

For the thousands of people who have been feeling sad, empty and powerless since last October, *Always Was, Always Will Be* aims to be a positive rallying cry. This will map the path toward next steps on how to create a fairer Australia.

Thomas Mayo is a signatory to the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Following the Uluru Convention, Mayo was entrusted to carry the sacred canvas of the Uluru Statement from the Heart

The bestselling *The Voice to Parliament Handbook* won the ABIA Book of the Year 2024 and was hailed ‘a poignant reminder of a significant moment in Australian history’

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Girl Falling

Hayley Scrivenor

Read by Sophie Loughran

A breathtaking new thriller from the number one bestselling author of *Dirt Town*.

Why would my best friend want to destroy my life?

Finn and her best friend, Daphne, have grown up together in the Blue Mountains, NSW. Bonded by both having lost a younger sister to suicide, they've always had a close – sometimes too close – friendship. Now in their 20s, their lives have finally started to diverge – Daphne is at university and Finn is working in the Mountains, as well as falling in love with a beautiful newcomer called Magdu.

Unused to sharing Finn, Daphne starts to act up in ways that will allow her to maintain the control over her best friend she's always relished. Then, one fateful day, Finn, Daphne and Magdu all go mountain climbing – and Magdu falls to her death. Is it suicide, or a terrible accident – or has something more sinister happened?

Bold, dramatic and utterly compelling, *Girl Falling* forces us to confront the stories we tell ourselves about the people we love.

Hayley Scrivenor is the author of *Dirt Town*, which was published internationally in 2022 (published as *Dirt Creek* in the US, where it was a *USA Today* bestseller) and quickly became a #1 Australian bestseller

In 2023, *Dirt Town* won the ILP John Creasey (New Blood) Dagger, the Lambda Literary Award for LGBTQ+ Mystery and the ABIA for General Fiction Book of the Year

Originally from a small country town, Scrivenor now lives and writes on Dharawal country and has a PhD in Creative Writing from the University of Wollongong on the south coast of New South Wales

'Achingly atmospheric, thrilling and heartfelt, I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.' – Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End* (on *Dirt Town*)

'Beautifully written, compassionate, with an entirely credible but heart-breaking ending.' – Ann Cleeves, *The Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Vera* and *Shetland* (on *Dirt Town*)

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Second Chance

The Heartwarming True Story of a Neglected Horse Who Became a Mounted Police Hero

Diana Thurgood

Read by Brigid Gallacher

Adult New Release

Biography | September 2024

A life-affirming true story of kindness, courage and one horse's extraordinary journey from a derelict paddock to the esteemed stables of the Mounted Police.

On a hot summer's day in Northern New South Wales, Mounted Police officer Tiffany Williams spotted an advertisement for a horse in the local paper – a Clydesdale-cross for a price almost too good to be true. On a whim, she and her husband drove out to see him.

Arriving at a drought-stricken farm, they bought the bargain-priced horse, but also discovered his brother, Toby – a badly neglected, ungainly horse bound for the knackery. The connection between Toby and Tiff was instant, and he turned out to be the most remarkable horse she'd ever encountered. A split-second decision sparked an astonishing journey from a brutal life in a desolate paddock to a flourishing career within the esteemed stables of the Mounted Police.

This moving true story about the extraordinary bond between horses and the humans who care for them reveals the power and the potential of a simple second chance.

A self-confessed animal lover, Diana Thurgood has spent her life caring for and writing about domestic, farm and native animals

Thurgood authored a blog on her animal sanctuary for a number of years and has written about environmental issues for conservation organisations

Second Chance is Thurgood's first published work, and she is currently working on three other projects including a children's book, adapting another true short story and a memoir



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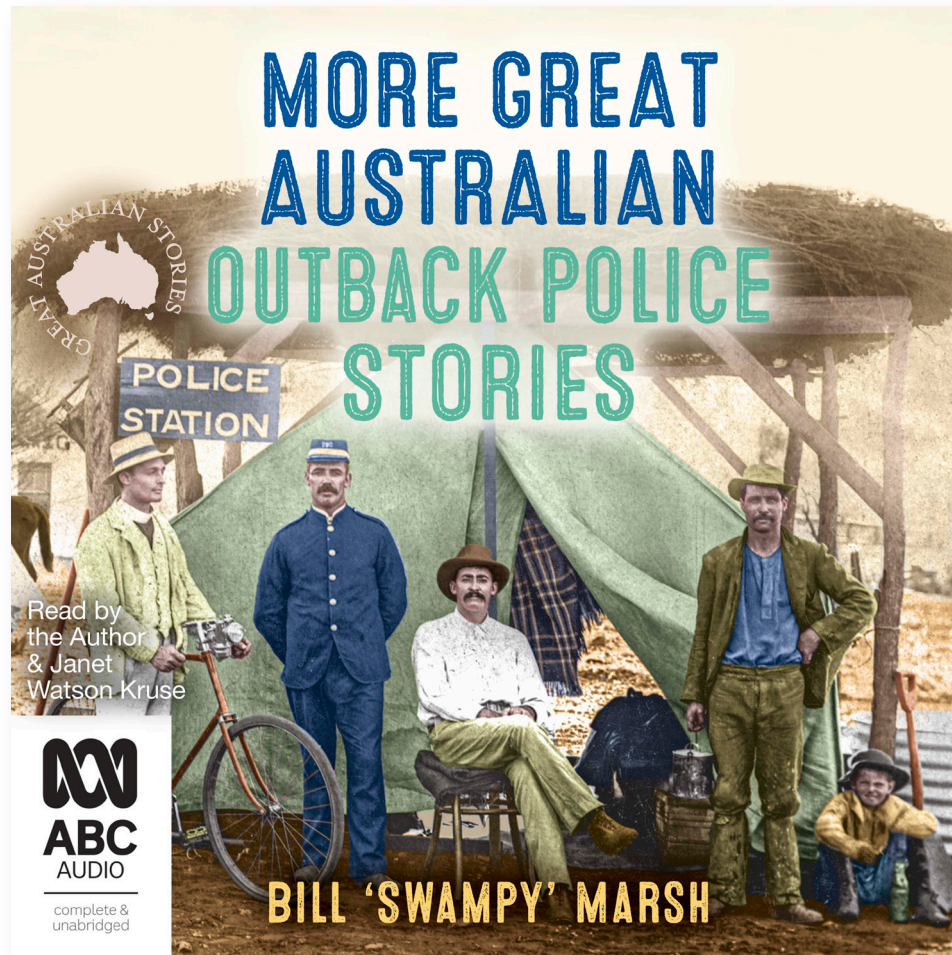
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More Great Australian Outback Police Stories

Bill 'Swampy' Marsh

Read by the Author & Janet Watson Kruse



Yarns and memories that capture the experience of policing in the bush, gathered by the inimitable Bill 'Swampy' Marsh, bestselling author of *Great Australian Flying Doctor Stories*.

'I tell you, you meet some strange characters in this game ...'

Boasting the biggest beats in the world – some as large as France – Australia's outback police have seen it all: natural disasters, incredible acts of selflessness, unspeakable crimes and daring rescues, just to name a few.

And they've met some unforgettable characters along the way – from the murderer who stuffed his victims' bodies down wombat holes; to the policeman who arrested his own wife; to the prisoner who risked his life to rescue his own captor from certain death.

Master storyteller Bill 'Swampy' Marsh has travelled the length and breadth of the country to gather their tales of adventure and misadventure, drama and mayhem, and larrikinism and laughter, to create this memorable collection of real-life stories about those on the front-line in the heart of Australia.

Bill 'Swampy' Marsh is an award-winning writer and performer of stories, songs and plays and one of ABC Books' bestselling authors of Australian stories

Marsh is the author of *More Great Australian Flying Doctor Stories*, *Great Australian Railway Stories*, *Great Australian Droving Stories*, *Great Australian Shearing Stories* and *Great Australian Volunteer Furies Stories*

'Marsh knows how to spin a yarn.' – The Gold Coast Bulletin (on *Great Australian Bush Funeral Stories*)

Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | September 2024

The Venice Hotel

Tess Woods

Read by a Full Cast



Set against a backdrop of the romance and tragedy of magical Venice, *The Venice Hotel* explores the powerful bonds that develop between women in times of crisis, and the healing power of female connection.

When the lives of four very different women become entangled in a boutique Venice hotel, dark secrets unravel and not everyone who checked into the hotel will check out again.

Signora Loretta Bianchi, the world famous cook at Venice's Hotel Il Cuore, is forced to choose between once-in-a-lifetime passion and her devoted husband.

Sophie, on assignment in Venice as a food writer, finds a lot more than Signora Bianchi's secret recipes to love, but what is the charming Rocco hiding?

Law graduate Elena is sinking just like the endangered city she's returned home to, and she'll stop at nothing to be free from her marriage.

Grandmother Gayle's dream Venetian holiday turns sinister as she finds herself embroiled in a life or death escape.

Perfect for fans of *The White Lotus* and *Nine Perfect Strangers*

Tess Woods is an award winning and bestselling author of contemporary fiction, whose novels have been published across North America and sold into Europe for translation

Woods's works include *Love and Other Battles*, *Beautiful Messy Love* and *Love at First Flight*

'I completely fell in love with the women of the Venice Hotel.' – Nicola Moriarty, bestselling author of *The Fifth Letter*

'A love letter to a gorgeous city, crafted with such rich detail, I felt I knew every character to the core.' – Melina Marchetta, bestselling author of *Looking for Alibrandi*

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Romance | September 2024

The Masterpiece

Belinda Alexandra
Read by Annabelle Tudor



The moving and gripping new historical tale of wartime betrayal, a race against time and a secret hidden in a painting, from the much-loved bestselling author of *The Mystery Woman*.

Paris 1946. A young woman, Eve Archer, has come to Paris to find the father she never knew. She is soon caught up in a desperate race to prove her father's innocence against the accusation that he sold a French national treasure to Hitler during the war, and murdered the original owner to obtain it. Her efforts uncover the complicated friendship between two art dealers and the woman they both loved, a Russian artist named Kristina Belova.

Perfect for fans of Fiona McIntosh, Natasha Lester and Madeline Martin

Belinda Alexandra has been published to wide acclaim in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Holland, Poland, Norway, Russia, Spain, Turkey, Hungary and the United States

Alexandra is the author of *The Mystery Woman*, *White Gardenia*, *Wild Lavender*, *The Invitation*, *Southern Ruby*, *Silver Wattle*, *Tuscan Rose*, *Golden Earrings*, *The French Agent* and *Sapphire Skies*

'... a wildly entertaining and absorbing read that leaves you with a lot to think about.'
– Better Reading (on *The Invitation*)

'... big, bold novel with an evocative sense of place that will captivate Alexandra's many fans.'
– Canberra Weekly (on *Southern Ruby*)

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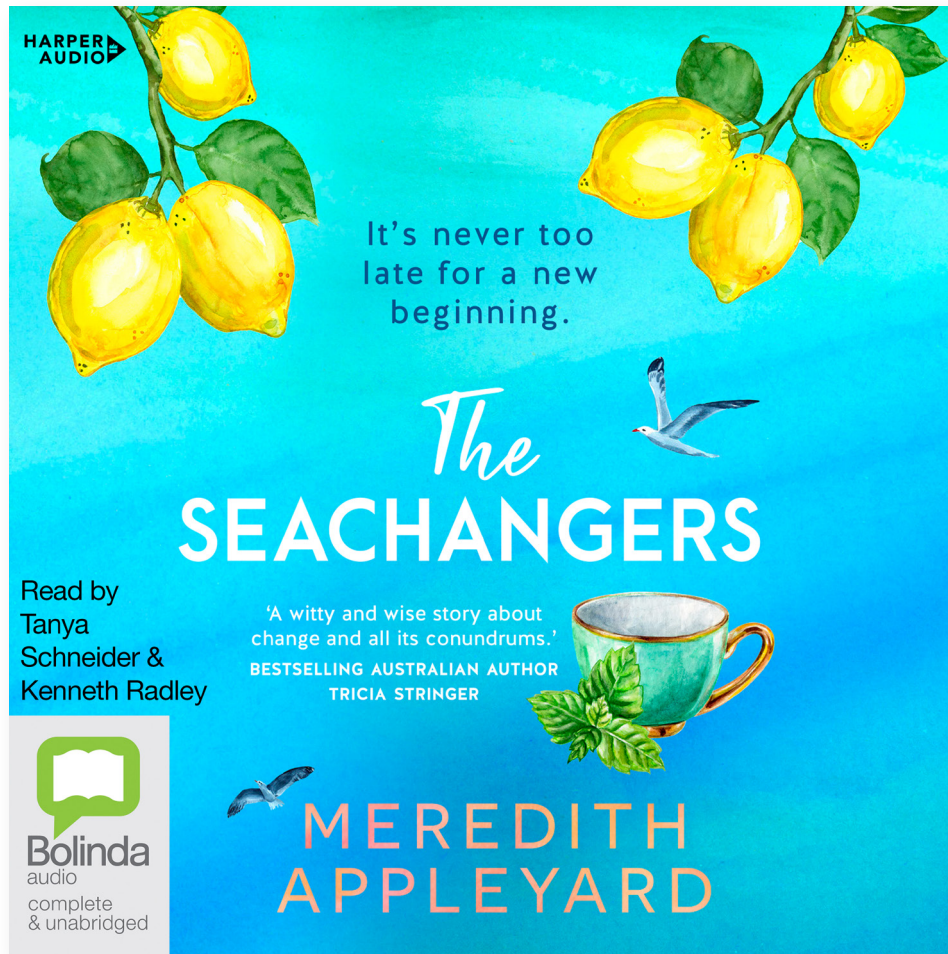

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The Seachangers

Meredith Appleyard

Read by Tanya Schneider & Kenneth Radley

A thoughtful, charming and sensitive story about aging, resilience and the delight of rediscovery, from the bestselling author of *The Country Practice*.



At 57, Ruth made a successful sea change – she relocated from the city to the country and opened Rosie's Cafe in the seaside town of Cutlers Bay. Business boomed, but five years on the shine has worn off. Where has that other Ruth gone, the independent, feisty woman who'd had the courage to sell up in the city and move to the country? Even the bathroom mirror is reflecting someone she doesn't quite recognise: greying hair, wrinkles, the sparkle all but gone from her blue eyes. Ruth is convinced she has to make a change – if only she could decide what.

After a lifetime of hard work out bush, Hamish has retired to the city for a life of comfort and ease. It's what he always dreamed of, so why doesn't he feel satisfied? When his 89-year-old father dies, Hamish comes to Cutlers Bay to settle his affairs. At first, packing up the house and renovating it to sell is both a filial duty and a welcome project to fill his days. As the work energises him, Hamish wonders: was retiring a mistake? The longer he's in town, the more Cutlers Bay starts to feel like home. And a certain cafe owner makes the idea of staying there all the more appealing ...

Meredith Appleyard is the author of *The Country Practice*, *The Doctor Calling*, *No Job for a Girl*, *All About Ella*, *When Grace Went Away*, *Home at Last*, *Daisy and Kate*, and *Becoming Beth*

Appleyard lives in the Clare Valley wine-growing region of South Australia. As a registered nurse and midwife, she has worked in a wide range of country health practice settings, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service

'A witty and wise story about change and all its conundrums – I couldn't put it down.' – Tricia Stringer, bestselling author of *Keeping Up Appearances*

The Youngest Son

John Byrnes
Read by Tamblyn Lord



Against the backdrop of the Great Depression and the WWII, *The Youngest Son* chronicles one family's mesmerising fate in a grand saga and a masterclass in epic storytelling.

On the unforgiving streets of 1920s Sydney, the Leach family have nothing but each other. In a tale spanning decades, three children of the broken, working-class family find adventure, heartache and trouble, as their lives drift apart.

John finds faith and love at a young age. The inevitable clash between the two leads him into a different kind of brotherhood as war clouds gather.

Maureen dreams of a life 'just like the movies' and waits to be swept off her feet. Yet at every crossroad, she makes the wrong choice.

Bob discovers a natural talent with his fists and an instinct for trouble. But with every win he earns the hard way, more enemies rise.

From police corruption and gambling dens to brothels and blood feuds, the Leach family toil in Sydney's seedy underbelly and on battlefields far away.

Perfect for fans of Ken Follet and Bryce Courtenay

John Byrnes published his debut crime novel *Headland* to critical acclaim. *The Youngest Son* marks Byrnes's move into a new genre, historical saga fiction, but his previous novel demonstrates his commerciality

Australia's answer to Jeffrey Archer

'Byrnes has set himself up as an exciting and distinctive new Australian crime fiction talent who has a very bright future.' – Canberra Weekly (on *Headland*)

'... all the elements come together for a final, thrilling, climax, as resolution and redemption are delivered ... a page-turner.' – Newcastle Herald (on *Headland*)

Plot Twist

A Personal Guide to Surviving Life's Unexpected Curveballs

Jana Firestone

Read by the Author

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“A beacon of wisdom
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JANA FIRESTONE

Therapist and host of *The Curious Life* podcast

A candid field guide to growing through grief and navigating change when life takes an unexpected turn, from an expert therapist and the host of *The Curious Life* podcast.

Humans are undeniably creatures of habit. So when sudden, unexpected plot twists pull the metaphorical rug from beneath our feet, it can sometimes feel impossible to regain our footing.

Therapist and podcaster Jana Firestone knows this better than most, after losing her mum suddenly at the age of 21 and spending many years providing professional counselling to her clients during their darkest days. But in bearing witness to outpourings of grief, loss and pain on a daily basis, Firestone also experienced and observed remarkable resilience, transformation and hope.

Sharing her own stories, as well as the hard-won wisdom of people who have been sideswiped by curveballs, Firestone applies a warm and practical therapist's lens to learning to survive and eventually thrive during the most challenging days of our lives.

Jana Firestone is a therapist with a degree in psychology and a masters in counselling, and has spent the last 17 years working intensively in the grief and trauma space, and with both young people and adults

Firestone is the host of two podcasts, *The Curious Life* and *The Days That Follow*

Firestone is the author of *Embracing Change* and is a highly skilled and compassionate interviewer and has talked to some of Australia's most well-loved television, media and sports personalities about how they have turned their tragedies into triumphs

‘A beacon of wisdom and guidance.’ – Chezzi Denyer

‘When it all feels too much, read this book.’ – Briony Benjamin

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The Falls

Cathryn Hein

Read by Stephanie Wall

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An uplifting story of healing and hope, from the author of *Heart of the Valley* and *Rocking Horse Hill*.

Will losing the home she loves mean finding the place she belongs?

All her life, Teagan Bliss believed she'd one day run the family farm until a terrible betrayal shattered her dream. Heartbroken, Teagan flees to her Aunt Vanessa's property in the idyllic Falls Valley where she soon catches the attention of sexy local farrier Lucas Knight. With a new job, new friends and the prospect of a new relationship, Teagan's hope for the future slowly returns.

But beneath the tranquil village surface lies an underbelly of gossip and division, and when Teagan gets caught up in town politics, Lucas and Vanessa worry she's entered a dangerous game.

As tension escalates, Teagan must decide who to trust, but nothing is ever clear-cut in The Falls. Is Lucas too good to be true? And what is her aunt hiding? When she discovers the truth, the fallout may split Teagan apart forever.

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 the author of the Levenham Love Story series and is a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist

'The Falls is an engaging contemporary story about family, love, romance, belonging and healing, blending heartfelt romance with impassioned drama in rural Australia.' – Book'd Out

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

A Mother for Ella

Outback Babies #2

Trish Morey

Read by Ana Benham

Adult New Release

Romance | September 2024

The heartwarming second instalment in the Outback Babies series set in Wirralong, from *USA Today* bestselling author Trish Morey.

They both desperately need a second chance ...

After enduring a family tragedy and scandal, all Amber McGuinness wants is to bury her past. She settles in faraway Wirralong and opens an accounting practice, hoping for a fresh start. As she settles into town and is embraced by the warm community, Amber gets her first client. His taxes are a mess, but his smile, dimples and adorable baby more than make up for it.

Between work, parenting and fighting for custody of his 15-month-old daughter, Todd Sinclair – Sinclair to his friends – is barely keeping his head and farm above water. His new accountant puts his finances in order, but she messes with his heart. After his disastrous marriage, he's sworn off romance, but Amber gives him renewed hope.

As Amber and Sinclair spend more time together, they wonder if the mythical magic of Wirralong is real – until a reporter starts digging into Amber's past, revealing secrets that threaten her newfound happiness. Can Sinclair convince her to stay and fight for their life and new family together?

USA Today bestselling author Trish Morey is a 2012 RITA finalist and four times nominated/two times winner of the Australian Romantic Book of the Year

With more than six million of her books sold around the world from 35 or so titles, Morey adores the universal appeal of romance and falling in love

'Moving and enjoyable ...' – Book'd Out (on *One Summer Between Friends*)

'The story is engaging and Morey's writing style, enjoyable. This is an easy and relaxing read, with likeable characters who were, for the most part, easy to empathise with.'

– GLAM Adelaide (on *One Summer Between Friends*)



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Turtle Reef

The Wild Australia Stories #4

Jennifer Scoullar

Read by Eleanor Stankiewicz

Adult New Release

Romance | September 2024

From the bestselling author of *Billabong Bend*, *Brumby's Run* and *Currawong Creek* comes a wonderful story set against the spectacular beauty of Queensland's far north coast.

Unlucky-in-love zoologist Zoe King has had enough of Sydney. Seeking a fresh start, she moves to the small sugar town of Kiawa to take up an exciting new role in marine science. She is charmed by the region's beauty – by its rivers and rainforests. By its vast cane fields, sweeping from the foothills down to the rocky coral coast. And by its people – its farmers and fishermen, unhurried and down to earth, proud of their traditions.

Her work at the Reef Centre provides all the passion she needs, and Zoe finds a friend in Bridget, the centre's director. The last thing she expects is to fall for her boss's boyfriend, cane king Quinn Cooper. Zoe focuses on her research and tries to ignore the growing attraction between them. But things aren't quite adding up at the Reef Centre, and when animals on the reef begin to sicken and die, Zoe's personal and professional worlds collide. She faces a terrible choice. Will protecting the reef mean betraying the man she loves?

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*, *Journey's End*, *Fortune's Son* and *The Lost Valley*

'Scoullar writes with such radiant colours I could almost see myself underwater exploring the Great Barrier Reef.' – Reading, Writing and Riesling

'Turtle Reef is a lovely novel from a storyteller whose fiction evokes the romance of the Australian landscape and the heart.' – Book'd Out



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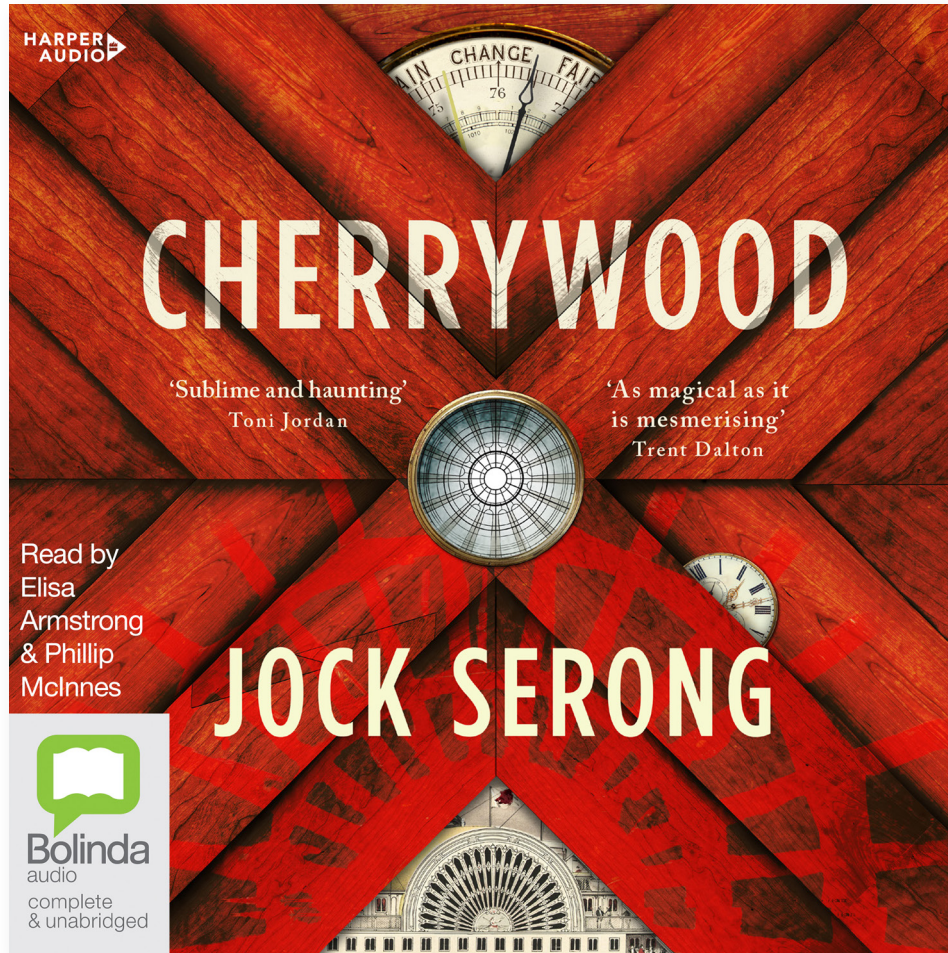
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Contemporary Fiction | September 2024

Cherrywood

Jock Serong

Read by Elisa Armstrong & Phillip McInnes



From multi-award-winning author Jock Serong comes *Cherrywood*, an imaginative, darkly playful and deeply meaningful delight, a story about legacy, community, wonder, love and reinvention.

'One rainy Friday evening in the winter of 1993, a taxi swept through the streets of East Melbourne, on its way from the city to Richmond. That year was one of the few remaining when a great deal was known of the world, but not yet so much that the world had become over-known. Small gaps remained ...'

Edinburgh, 1916. Thomas Wrenfether, a rich Scottish industrialist, is offered the opportunity to take on a startling project – to build a paddle steamer from European cherrywood on the other side of the world, in booming Melbourne, Australia. But nothing goes according to plan.

Melbourne, 1993. Martha is a lonely, frustrated lawyer. One night on impulse she stops at a strange pub in Fitzroy, The Cherrywood, for a bottle of wine. The building and its inhabitants make an indelible impression, and she slowly begins to deduce odd truths about the pub.

Cherrywood brings to mind the delicate, witty, character-driven storytelling of Peter Carey's *Oscar and Lucinda*; the daring of David Mitchell's *Cloud Atlas* and a dash of something unworldly à la *The Shadow of the Wind*

Jock Serong is the author of *Quota*, winner of the 2015 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Fiction and *On the Java Ridge*, which won the Colin Roderick Award

Serong has won praise for his trilogy of historical novels *Preservation*, *The Burning Island* and *The Settlement*, which was shortlisted for the Voss Prize and the ARA Historical Novel Prize

'As magical as it is mesmerising. Every chapter presents the reader with another storytelling treasure more narratively wondrous than the last. Serong's wild imagination is a gift that keeps on giving.' – Trent Dalton, bestselling author of *Boy Swallows Universe*

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Wild Creature Mind

Steve Biddulph

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From the bestselling author of *Raising Boys* comes a transformative audiobook on how to use your hidden mind to evoke joy, listen to your intuition and overcome stress, anxiety and trauma.

The world's top-selling popular psychology writer, and author of *Raising Boys*, Steve Biddulph, says that we don't just have two halves of our brain – left and right – but we also have two minds.

We have our normal mind, which overthinks, rattles about and gets defensive. And we have our quiet, intuitive mind, which is full of life, intelligence, sensitivity, connection and love. These two minds are meant to work as a team, but in our busy modern society, we are so used to listening to our normal mind that we've all but forgotten how to listen to our wild creature mind.

This radical new insight is sweeping the world of therapy and cognitive science. In the midst of the world's worst mental health crisis – and struggles of war and climate – Biddulph sets out simple ways of accessing your other mind, which adults, teens and even young children can use.

Biddulph uses unforgettable stories and specific methods to activate your wild creature, and explores new ways to use the wisdom of your body to solve problems, heal and grow.

Steve Biddulph was voted Australian Father of the Year 2001 for his work encouraging dads, and a Member of the Order of Australia for his work in young people's mental health

Biddulph is the author of *Raising Boys*, *Stories of Manhood*, *The New Manhood*, *The Secret of Happy Children* and *The Making of Love* which are popular all over the world

Biddulph is a patron of Sanctuary Refugee Trust, The Australian Council on Children and Media and of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

Life Hacks from the Buddha

How to be Calm and Content in a Chaotic World

Dr Tony Fernando

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle – Wellbeing | September 2024

Dr Tony Fernando shares 50 ancient pearls of wisdom anyone can use for a stress-free and happy life.

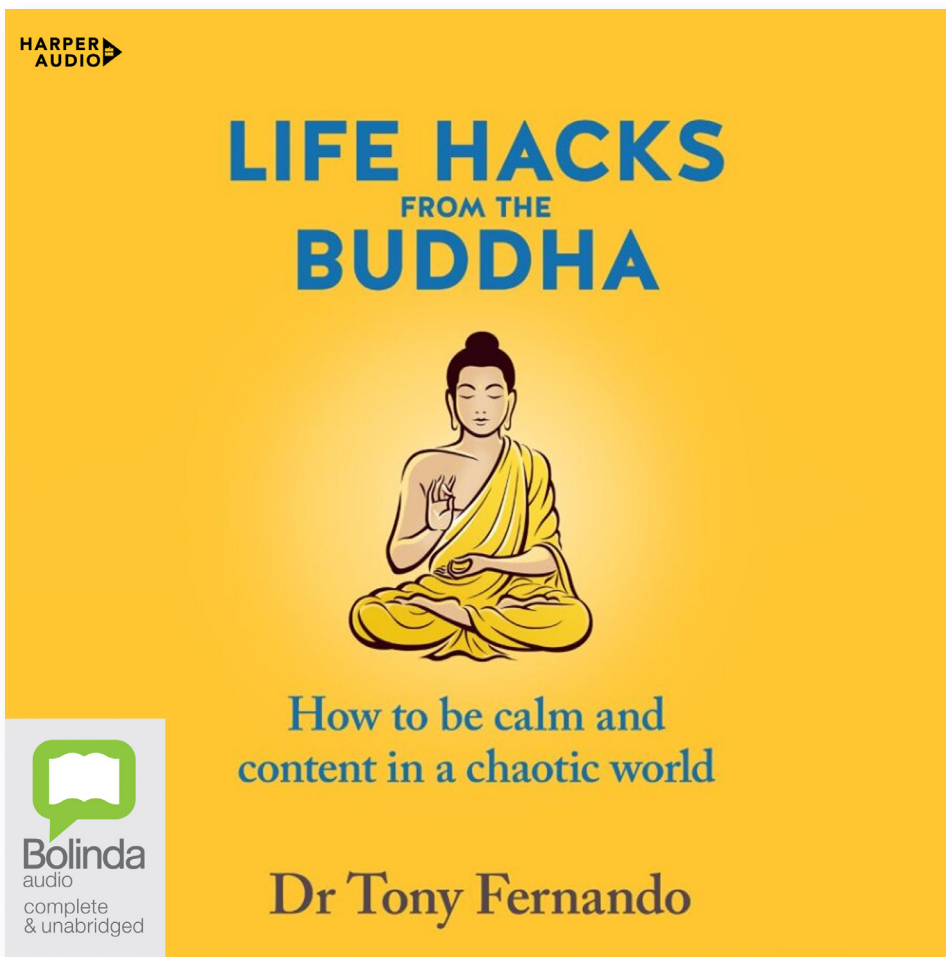
In this practical and easy-to-follow audiobook, clinical psychiatrist and ordained Buddhist monk Tony Fernando draws on the transformational techniques developed by the Buddha to show you how you can create a peaceful environment to live in, quieten the mind, become more compassionate and use simple mental practices to help be content and happy.

You don't have to be a Buddhist to appreciate these hacks – although some Buddhists might learn a few tricks along the way! If you are Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, of another faith, agnostic or even an atheist, the core teachings of the Buddha on managing stress and suffering will not threaten what you believe. *Life Hacks from the Buddha* will help anyone live an easier life and become a kinder, calmer, more chilled-out version of themselves.

Tony Fernando is a practicing psychiatrist, mindfulness and sleep specialist in Auckland, and has also been ordained as a Buddhist monk in Myanmar

Fernando obtained his medical degree from the University of the Philippines and his psychiatry and sleep training at the University of Pennsylvania

Fernando has been a senior lecturer and multi-awarded teacher in psychological medicine at the University of Auckland, and has been incorporating the Buddha's teachings into his own life and work as a doctor for the past 20 years



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Serviceman J

The Untold Story of an NZSAS Soldier

Jamie Pennell

Read by Michael Whalley

Adult New Release

Autobiography | September 2024

A gripping memoir by a former NZSAS commander on serving in Afghanistan over five deployments and operating at the edge of his limits.

In 2011, following the Taliban siege on Kabul's Intercontinental Hotel, an SAS soldier identified only as Serviceman J was awarded New Zealand's second highest military honour by showing outstanding gallantry in the face of danger. After 22 years in the New Zealand SAS, ex-commander Jamie Pennell is now ready to tell his story.

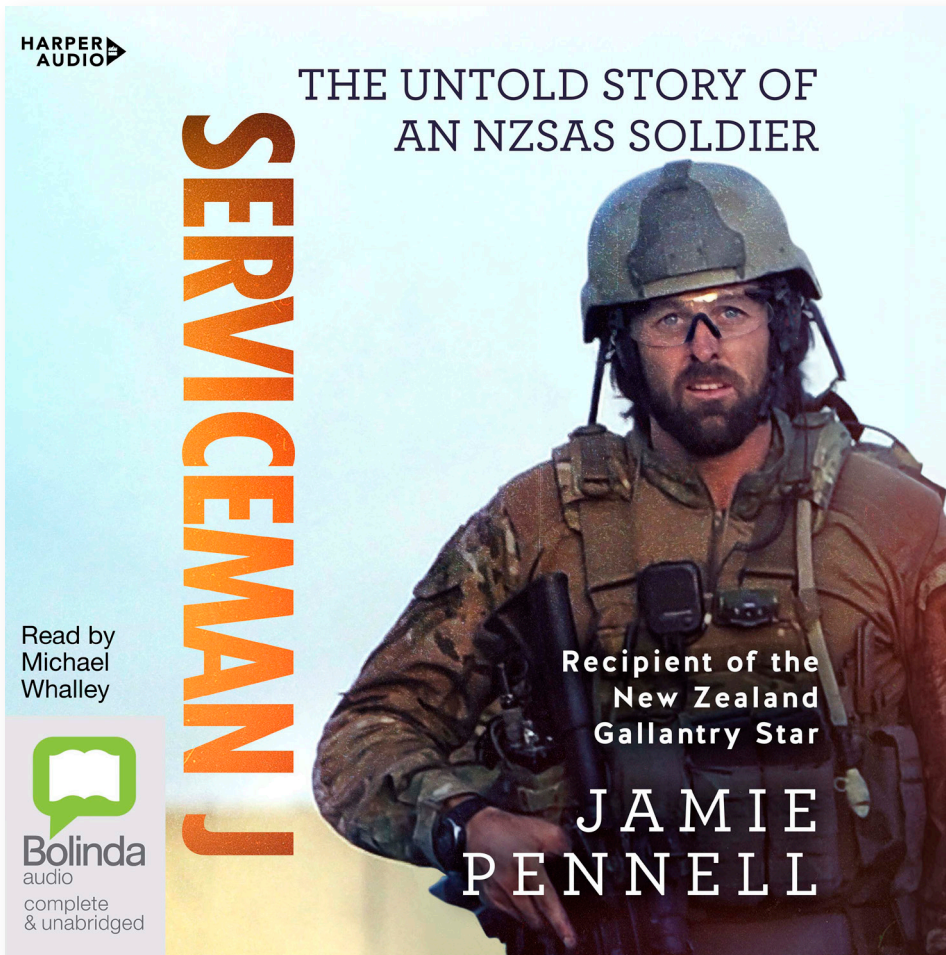
Having survived the famously tough SAS selection course and excelled during its brutal training, Pennell was sent on five deployments to Afghanistan and played a critical role in New Zealand's operations. From patrols across desert territories run by warlords to hostile fire and near-death combat, *Serviceman J* is a heart-stopping account of life inside one of the world's most elite military forces.

Born in Lower Hutt but raised in Auckland, upon graduating from Mount Albert Grammar School Jamie Pennell joined New Zealand's Defence Force, where he had an esteemed 22-year career as a soldier and leader inside the SAS

Pennell was deployed on many operations, including multiple times to Afghanistan, where the NZSAS assisted other nations and the Afghan special forces in the war on terror

After leaving the Defence Force, Pennell started working with high performance national and international athletes where he helped them achieve their sporting goals

Pennell now works as the head of Dilworth School's outdoor programme at their Mangatāwhiri campus, training young men in skills for life



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Beyond Booze

How to Create a Life You Love, Alcohol-Free

Sarah Rusbach

Read by the Author

Adult New Release
Lifestyle – Wellbeing | September 2024

Packed full of guidance, support and practical tools, bestselling author Sarah Rusbach's *Beyond Booze* will help you create a life you love so much that you no longer need to drink.

The goal isn't to be sober. The goal is to love yourself so much you don't need to drink.

For decades we have been sold the idea that alcohol is our 'reward' at the end of a busy day. We use it to celebrate and commiserate, for self-care and socialising, and to relieve the stress of the daily grind.

But alcohol affects our physical and mental wellbeing in ways we don't even realise. It negatively impacts our sleep, anxiety levels, weight and skin, not to mention our mood and mindset. If you can't remember when you last felt energised, optimistic or motivated, you are not alone.

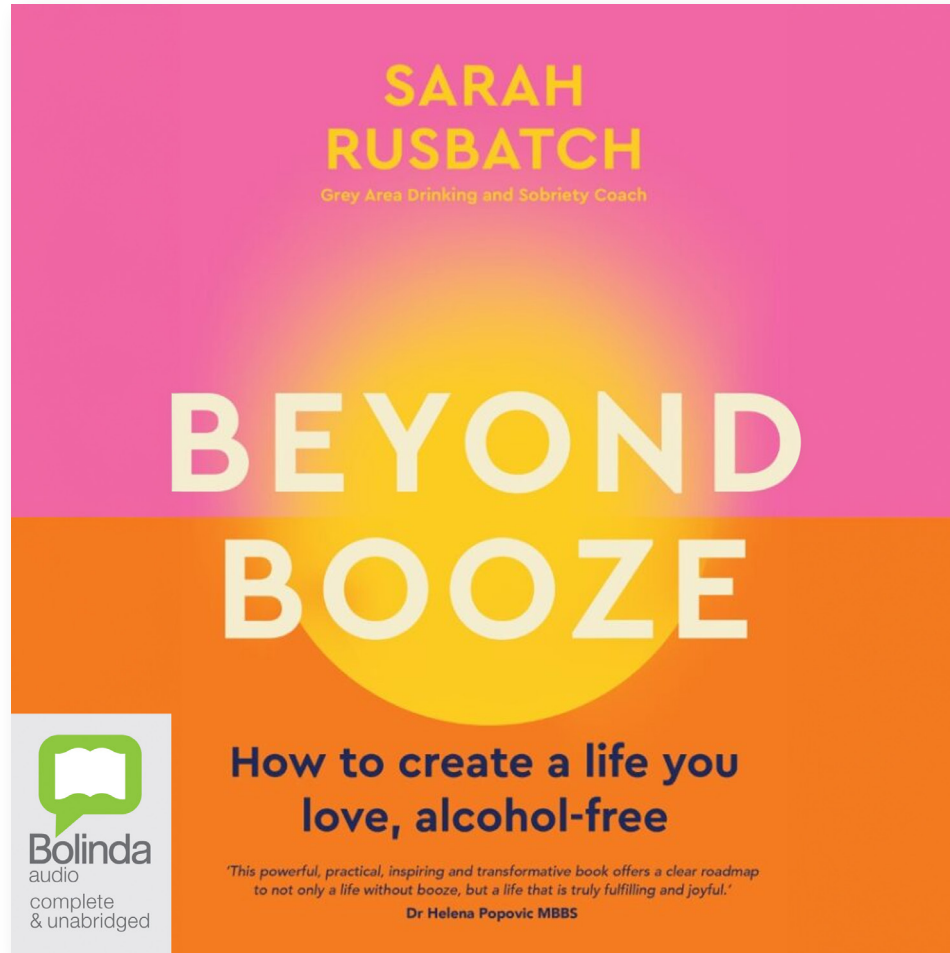
Creating a life without alcohol can feel scary. In a culture so captivated with booze, can we really remove it altogether and still be happy? The answer is absolutely YES, and this audiobook shows you how.

Sarah Rusbach is a multi-award winning Health and Wellbeing Coach, an accredited Grey Area Drinking Coach, a menopause coach and a Key-Note speaker sharing her journey to Sobriety and the impact of alcohol on mental health to global audiences

Rusbach is the host of a thriving, global online community: The Women's Wellbeing Collective, which offers a safe space where women feel seen and understood

'Powerful, practical, inspiring and transformative, Sarah's deeply personal and compassionate approach offers a clear roadmap to not only a life without booze, but a life that is truly fulfilling and joyful.' – Dr Helena Popovic, MBBS, Medical practitioner, leading authority on brain health and bestselling author

'Sarah Rusbach combines her lived experience, extensive research and the stories of all the women she's helped to show you how you too can create the life you want without alcohol.' – William Porter, author of *Alcohol Explained*



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Things No One Taught Us About Love

How to Build Healthy Relationships with Yourself and Others

Vex King

Read by Sid Sagar

Adult New Release
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Things No One Taught Us About Love distills the ideas found in Vex King's *Closer to Love*, re-edited and presented in the warm, relatable style of his #1 bestseller *Good Vibes, Good Life*.

Bestselling author of *Good Vibes, Good Life*, Vex King is back with a life-changing guide to strengthening your relationships by learning to love yourself, and understanding the true nature of love.

Many of us expect romantic love to solve our problems and validate our worth. This burden strains modern relationships. Partners become frustrated when unable to meet each other's idealised and impossible demands. Broken dreams of a life-long romance can leave people feeling incomplete and hopping from one partner to another.

It's no wonder we struggle, given that society fails to teach us about the true nature of love. We've been misled into thinking love is external – somewhere out there – rather than a force within us.

Vex King dismantles the myths and misconceptions surrounding love and relationships. Packed with personal stories, expert advice and inspirational messages, *Things No One Taught Us About Love* will help you understand how you love, create healthy habits, set boundaries that work for you and heal unprocessed emotion and trauma.

Vex King is also a social media content creator and mind coach – he shares deep spiritual knowledge in a way that's easy to understand, with stories from his own life, great inspirational quotes and practical solutions

'A must read if you are seeking to elevate your relationships and your life.' – Yung Pueblo, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Clarity & Connection* and *Lighter*

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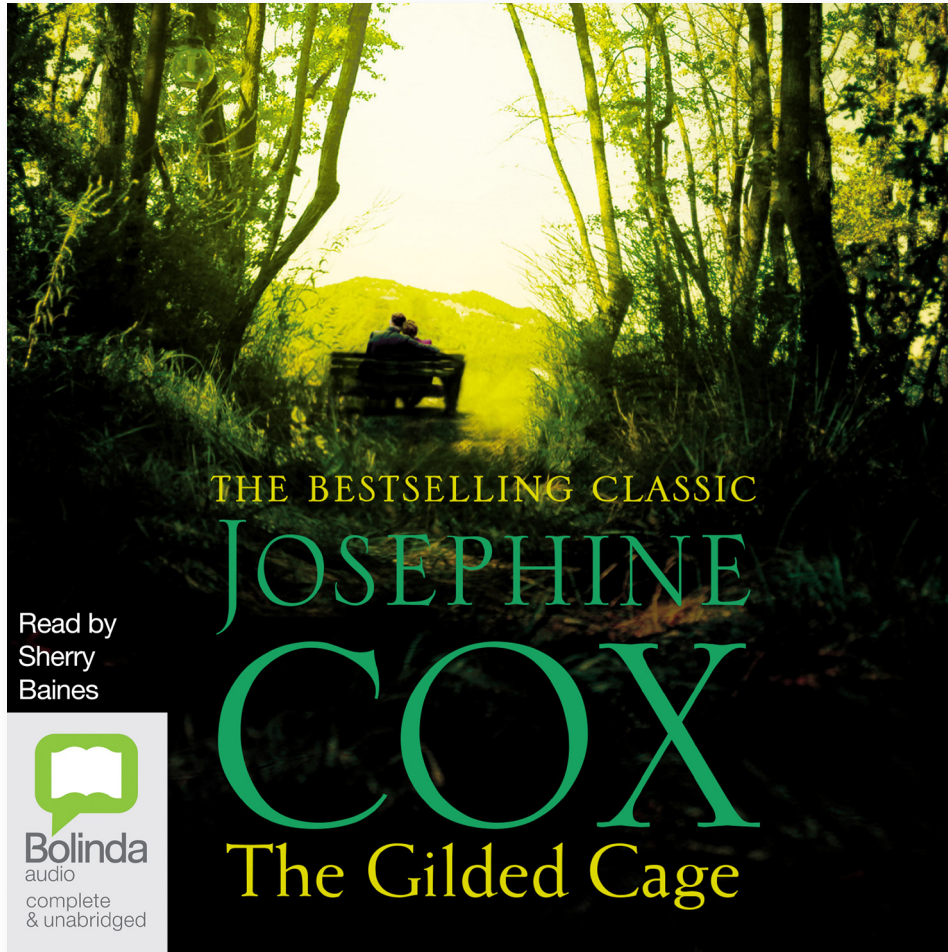
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Romance | September 2024

The Gilded Cage

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



A gripping saga of long-lost family, power and passion, from bestselling author Josephine Cox.

Powerful, hard-hearted Leonard Mears ruthlessly presides over his wife and children, exiling them from the outside world and brutally punishing any disobedience. But he is also a man with a dark secret – an illegitimate daughter that he forced his sister to bring up. The girl is now a young woman who, unbeknown to him, is determined to find the father that abandoned her.

James Peterson, a gifted young man, runs Mear's factory with more success than Leonard's own sons. He lives for the day he can have his own business and make his fortune. Only then will he be able to declare his love for beautiful Isabel Mears whom he means to release from the gilded cage her father has created. But then the lonely, lovely Sally comes into his life, turning his heart and dreams upside down.

Perfect for fans of Lyn Andrews and Nadine Dorries

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

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

'Another top-notch saga from the hugely popular Josephine Cox, acclaimed by many readers as the "new" Catherine Cookson.' – Publishing News (on *Rainbow Days*)

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More Days at the Morisaki Bookshop

Morisaki Bookshop #2

Satoshi Yagisawa

Read by Susan Momoko Hingley

Adult New Release

Romance | September 2024

In this charming and emotionally resonant sequel to the internationally bestselling *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*, Satoshi Yagisawa paints a poignant portrait of life, family and how much books and bookstores mean to the people who love them.

The Morisaki bookshop is so packed with books that barely five people can fit inside. Books crowd the shelves and invade every corner of the floor; when a customer arrives, the owner, Satoru, immediately pops out from behind the counter. Recently, his wife Momoko has joined him, and often, in her free time after work, their niece Takako also helps out.

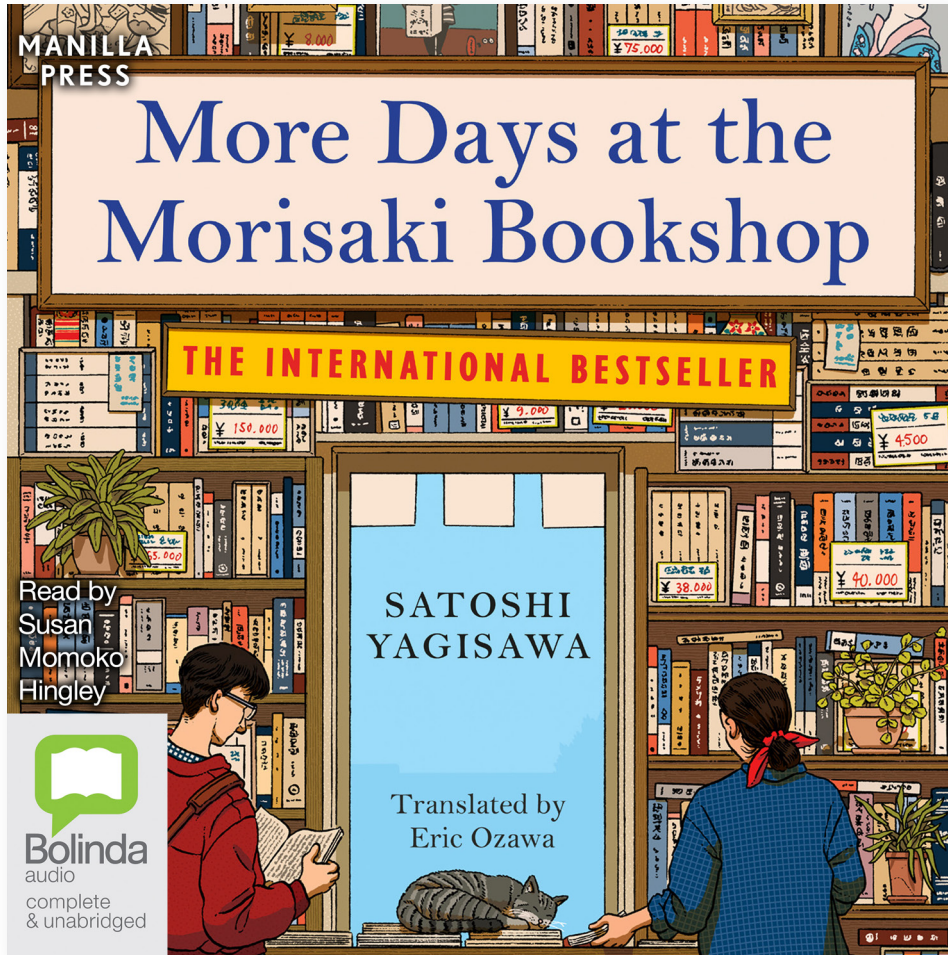
For the first time, the girl does not feel lonely; she has new friends and new rituals to keep her company. Because, as she has discovered, a bookstore is populated not by the characters contained in the books, but also by those who frequent it. And those stories create bonds.

Takako gives her aunt and uncle a trip, promising to look after the shop while they are away. Everything seems to be going swimmingly, but then why is Satoru behaving so strangely? How many other stories, emotions and treasures does the Morisaki bookshop hold?

Perfect for fans of *Before The Coffee Gets Cold*

Satoshi Yagisawa's debut novel *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* was originally published in 2009 and won the Chiyoda Literature Prize

'*Brimms with genuine charm ... evokes powerful feelings that any book lover will recognize.*'
– The Japan Times (on *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*)



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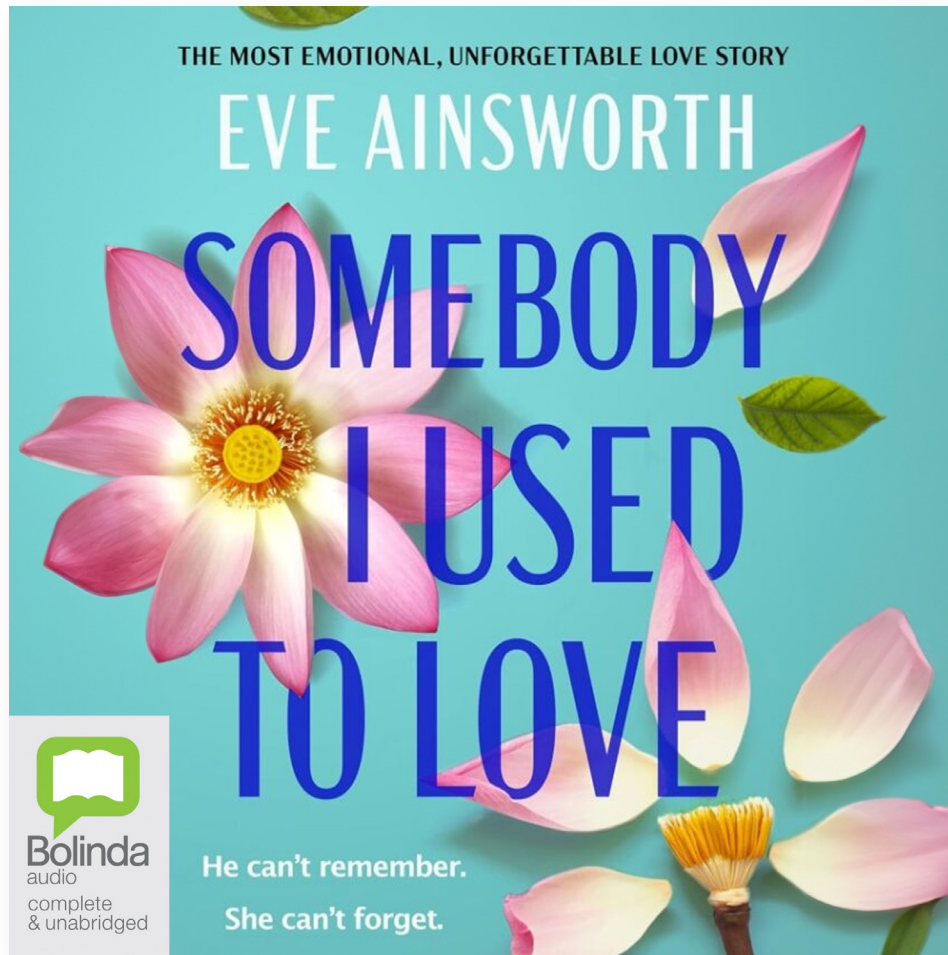
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Somebody I Used to Love

Eve Ainsworth

Read by Rose Riley & Will Kirk



A heartbreaking will-they-won't-they-should-they story by Eve Ainsworth, perfect for fans of Dani Atkins, Jojo Moyes and Colleen Hoover.

When Will wakes up after a car accident, he's lost three years of memory. All he wants is his girlfriend and childhood sweetheart, Gem, beside him. Instead, nothing is as he remembers.

Gem has finally moved on from hers and Will's break-up. With a new life and boyfriend, the last thing she expects is a call to say Will needs her – the man who nearly destroyed her.

As Will recovers, he is determined to prove to Gem that he is the man he once was. But by unlocking the secrets of his past, will he be able to piece together what caused him to change so dramatically? And, faced with the choice, will Gem continue with the safe new life she has built for herself, or will she go back to the man she used to love?

Eve Ainsworth is a public speaker, creative workshop coordinator and award-winning author who draws from her extensive work with teenagers managing emotional and behavioural issues to write authentic, honest and real novels for young people and adults

Ainsworth has had short stories published in magazines such as *Writers' Forum* and *Prima*, and articles posted online for the *Guardian*, *Metro* and *BookTrust*

Ainsworth is also a champion for working class voices, has set up the Working Class Writers Network and is an experienced mentor

'A wonderful story of love, loss and learning to trust again. I was completely drawn into the story from the beginning. Absolutely loved it, a total triumph!' – Clare Swatman, author of *The Lost Letters of Evelyn Wright*

'Part swoony, second-chance romance, part amnesia-related mystery. A highly relatable page-turner with added feels.' – C.J. Connolly, author of *The Love of My Other Life*

Cherish Me, Cowboy

Wildflower Ranch

Alissa Callen

Read by Jessica Preddy

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Can a sassy cowgirl lower her guard for a man who will soon be gone? And can a man who believes emotions are nothing but a liability take the ultimate risk? Find out in this sweet romance by Alissa Callen.

Working cowgirl, Payton Hollis, has no time for hairdryers, heels and helplessness. She must save her home, Beargrass Hills Ranch. She also has no time for men. She already is boot-deep in blue-eyed cowboy trouble.

City-boy, Cordell Morgan, isn't who he seems. His fancy suit and slow smile hide dark secrets. Secrets as to why his hands are callused, why he never stays around and why he has really come to Marietta, Montana.

Between a shrewd old rancher, a cantankerous rodeo horse and a stud bull called Trouble, Payton and Cordell have no chance to lead separate lives. No matter how much their futures may depend upon them doing so.

Alissa Callen is a *USA Today* bestselling author, whose books are characteristically heartwarming, authentic and character driven

Callen is the author of the Bundilla series and the Woodlea series

Callen's *Snowy Mountains Daughter* won the Australian Romance Readers Awards for Favourite Australian-set romance in 2021

'A delightfully charming rural story about love and healing.' – Better Reading (on *Snowy Mountains Promise*)

'A moving story with a touching romance weaving its way around and through the many issues facing a rural community.' – The Burgeoning Bookshelf (on *Snowy Mountains Promise*)

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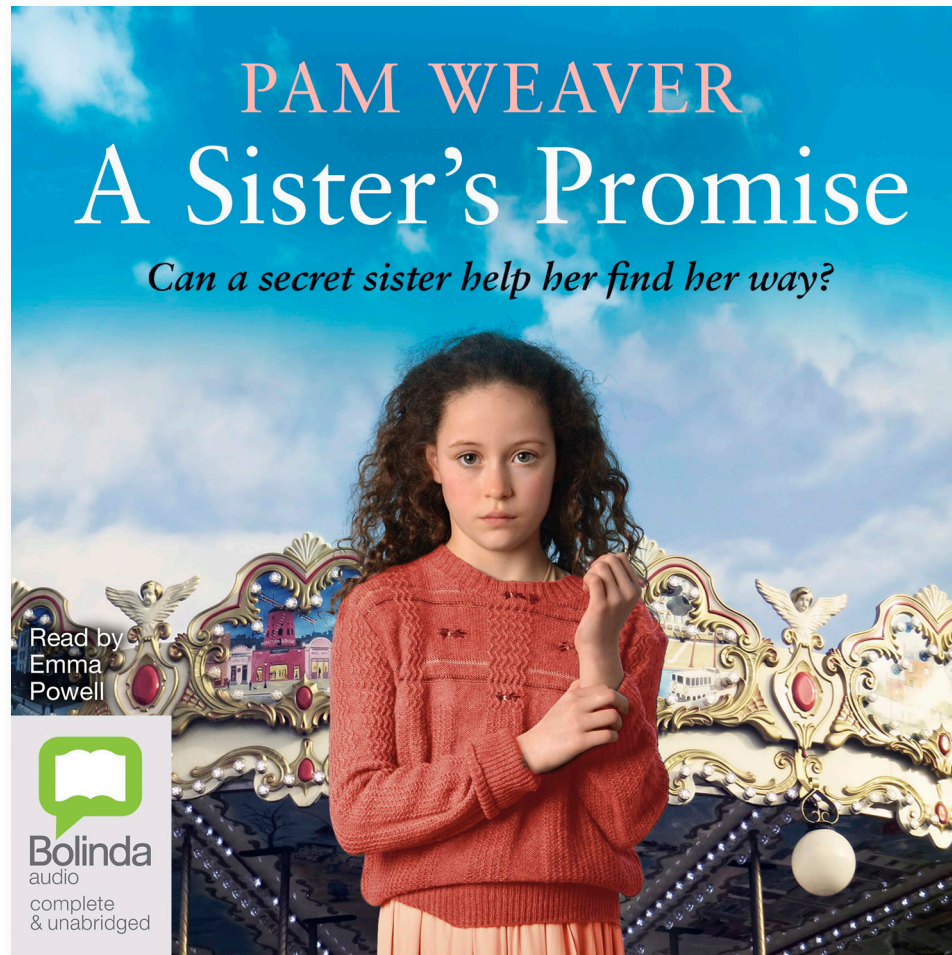
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Pam Weaver

Read by Emma Powell



A heartwarming and gripping new historical family saga, from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author Pam Weaver.

Can a secret sister help her find her way?

Worthing, 1931.

Raised in the grandeur of Muntham Court, young Millicent has always felt like the black sheep of her family. Between a vindictive mother and a conceited older sister, her only ally is her doting father, Charles.

Brought up in the traveller community and always on the move, Lena's life has never been settled, but it has always been happy thanks to the support of her loving mother.

When it is revealed that Lena is Charles's illegitimate daughter, Milly finally has a chance at true sisterhood. Thrust into a world of fairgrounds and new friends, her excitement is short-lived when she realises her mother must never know.

Six years later, when both girls lose their father suddenly, they need each other more than ever as they forge their own path in the world. But Milly is harbouring a secret from Lena that risks losing her forever ...

Can they help each other face their futures, or will old lies tear them apart?

Perfect for fans of *Dilly Court* and *Katie Flynn*

Pam Weaver is the author of *Better Days Will Come*, *For Better For Worse*, *Love Walked Right In*, *Blue Moon*, *There's Always Tomorrow* and *Come Rain or Shine*

'The characters are believable and well-rounded, the descriptions vivid and accurate, the pace is good and the storyline gripping.' – Historical Novel Society (on *There's Always Tomorrow*)

'Saga fans everywhere will love it and be asking for more ...' – Annie Groves, author of *The District Nurse* series

Down Stepney Way

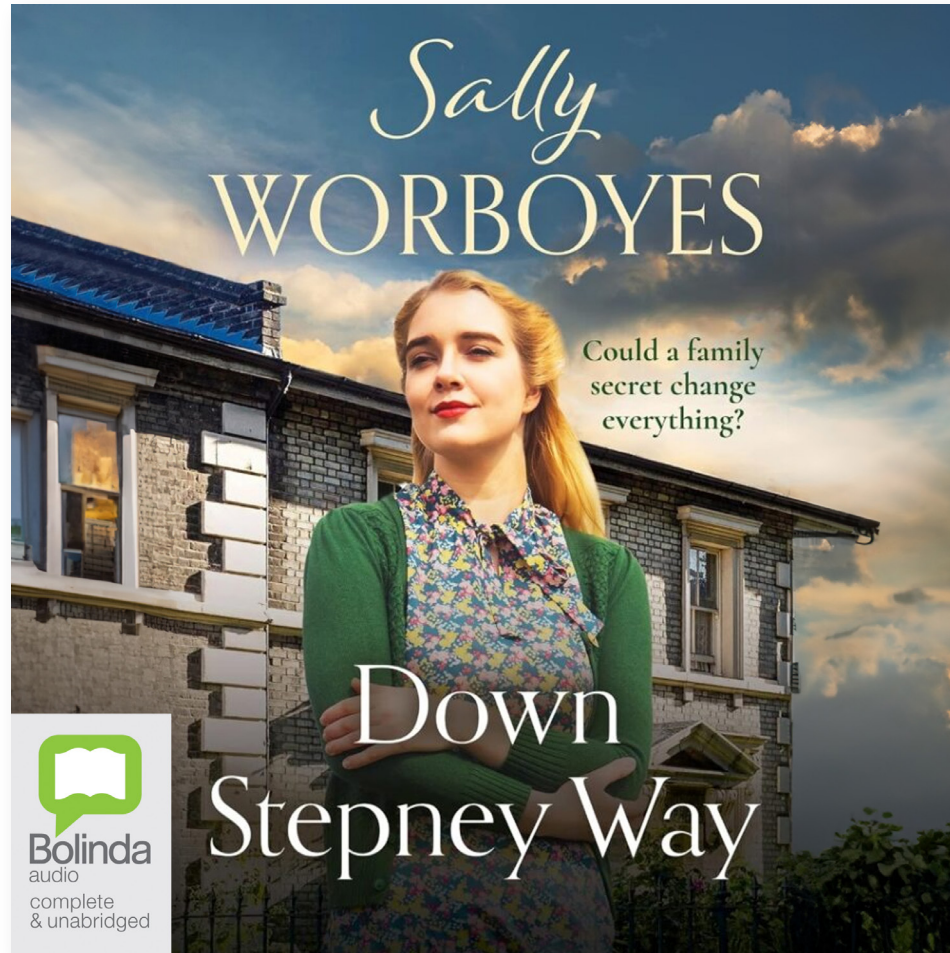
East End Sagas #1

Sally Worboyes

Read by Rose Riley

Adult New Release

Sagas | September 2024



A compelling family saga from author Sally Worboyes, perfect for fans of Ruth Hamilton and Rosie Hendry.

Blackshirts march through the East End in 1930s London and the Jewish community is under threat of violence. In the midst of this, Jessie Warner discovers a family secret and turns to her mother for answers – but she is met with silence.

Over in Bethnal Green, Hannah Blake reluctantly joins the Blackshirts, forced by her cold-hearted mother to do so. Next-door neighbour Emmie Smith looks on, wishing she could tell Hannah the truth about her family and provide her with hope for a brighter future.

Meanwhile, Emmie's son Tom, chipper and handsome, has fallen for Jessie Warner who he is desperate to bring home. Their lives intertwine and soon, so do their secrets ...

What will happen when the truth finally comes out?

Sally Worboyes has written several plays which have been broadcast on Anglia Television and Radio Four. She also adapted her own play and novel, *Wild Hops*, as a musical, *The Hop Pickers*

Worboyes's titles include *Over Bethnal Green*, *At the Mile End Gate* and *Keep on Dancing*

'Sizzles with passion.' – Guardian (on *Wild Hops*)

'Unbridled passions run riot.' – Daily Mail (on *Wild Hops*)

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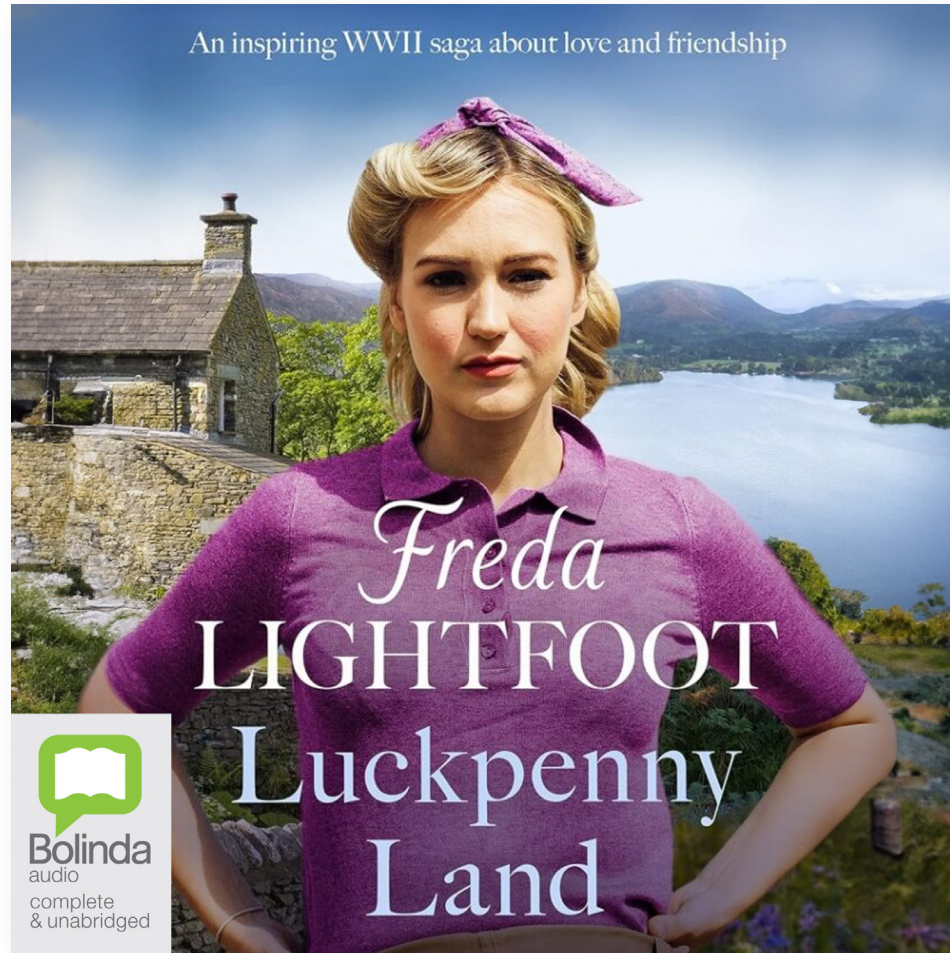
Lakeland Sagas #1

Freda Lightfoot

Read by Sarah Cullum

Adult New Release

Sagas | September 2024



From *Sunday Times* bestselling author Freda Lightfoot comes an inspiring WWII saga about love and friendship set in the Lake District.

Can she overcome her family's doubts to achieve her dream?

Meg Turner has a hard life. She lives on a lonely farm in the Lake District and her only company is her bully of a father and her brother, who resents her. They want to keep her at home, but Meg is desperate for more.

She finds comfort in her best friend, Kath, and Lanky Lawson, who is more of a father figure to her than her own. Her true source of hope though, is Lanky's son, Jack, who she loves and hopes to marry one day. However, as war looms on the horizon and the world is thrown into chaos, Meg realises that the only thing she can really count on is the land she loves. She throws herself into tending the farm, but when a stranger arrives in the dale, her world will change forever.

Perfect for fans of Katie Flynn and Anna Jacobs

Freda Lightfoot has penned more than 48 novels, most of which are historical fiction and sagas. Some of her most well-known works include the Salford, Lakeland, Champion Street Market and Poor House Lane series

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

'Compelling and fascinating.' – Middlesborough Evening Gazette (on *The Favourite Child*)

'A heart-warming saga.' – Southern Daily Echo (on *Kitty Little*)

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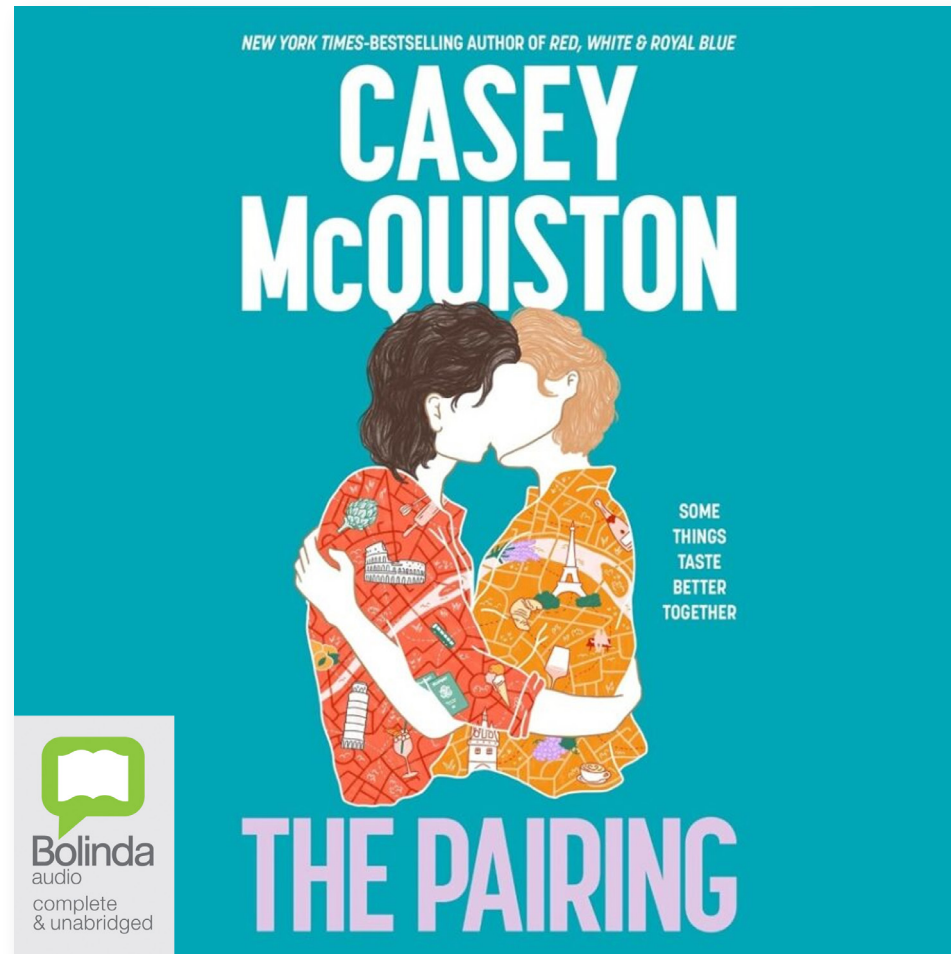
Adult New Release

Romance | September 2024

The Pairing

Casey McQuiston

Read by Emma Galvin & Max Meyers



In bestselling author Casey McQuiston's latest romantic comedy, two bisexual exes accidentally book the same European food and wine tour and challenge each other to a hookup competition to prove they're over each other—except they're definitely not.

Theo and Kit have been childhood best friends, crushes, lovers and, after a brutal breakup four years ago, estranged exes.

It's not until Theo and Kit are trapped on board a tour bus that they discover that they've each had the same idea: to take their dream European food and wine tour – alone. And now they're stuck with each other for three weeks of the most romantic sights and sensuous flavours of France, Spain and Italy. But it'll be fine. They're absolutely over each other.

So, when Theo suggests a friendly wager to see who can sleep with their hot Italian tour guide first, Kit is game. In fact, why stop there? Why not a full-on European hookup competition?

But sometimes a taste of everything only makes you crave what you can't have.

Casey McQuiston is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of romantic comedies, whose writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *Bon Appetit*

McQuiston's works include *One Last Stop*, *Red, White & Royal Blue* and *I Kissed Shara Wheeler*

'Fresh, funny, exhilarating and outrageously sexy, Casey McQuiston is unparalleled in writing queer rom coms with heart, warmth and wit.' – Laura Kay, bestselling author of *The Split*

'McQuiston's horniest romcom yet! Greedy bisexuals rejoice – even the most hedonistic readers will be full from *The Pairing's* abundance of fine wine, food, and sexual promiscuity.' – Lily Lindon, bestselling author of *Double Booked*

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One Last Summer

Kate Spencer

Read by Kelli Tager



Kate Spencer's *One Last Summer* is a dreamy, laugh-out-loud, enemies-to-lovers summer romance that asks: What do you do when the life you've planned isn't what you've dreamed?

Clara Millen's life is spiraling out of control – her dream job is a nightmare, she's resoundingly single and it's been years since she's taken some time off. Thankfully, the last problem she can fix – this year she'll join her friends on their annual summer vacation to their beloved childhood sleepover camp for a much-needed escape.

But when Clara arrives at Pine Lake Camp, she faces yet another unwelcome change – the owners are retiring and selling the property. The news turns her plans for revelry into a night of reminiscing ... and prompts a surprise heart-to-heart between Clara and Mack, her old camp nemesis and constant competitor, who's still just as annoying (and annoyingly handsome).

Soon the campfires aren't all that's throwing off sparks. And when one wildly passionate night turns into two (then too many to count!), Clara begins to wonder if she and Mack could have a future together. But when Clara's boss finally offers her everything she's worked so hard for, Clara will need to decide if the life she's always wanted is the life that makes her feel truly alive.

Perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Beth O'Leary

Kate Spencer is the co-host of the award-winning podcast *Forever35* and author of the memoir *The Dead Moms Club* and novel *In a New York Minute*

'Spencer's driven heroine and competitive hero will delight readers, as will the fine supporting cast ... This is second-chance romance done right.' – Publishers Weekly

'Kate Spencer is a master of writing fun rom-coms with oodles of heart. *One Last Summer* delivers steamy tension, summer camp magic, and a plot that will have you turning pages well past bedtime ...' – Erin La Rosa, author of *Plot Twist*

The Children Left Behind

Liverpool Orphans Trilogy #2

Eliza Morton

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Sagas | September 2024

Full of nostalgia and set against a backdrop of the Festival of Britain and the aftermath of the World War II, *The Children Left Behind* is a gritty, emotional, heartwarming and uplifting saga from Eliza Morton.

1940, Liverpool.

When Alice Lacey was seven, she and her two best friends, Bob and Matty, watched the sky set on fire. Ten years later, the three remain friends, and Bob is now Alice's sweetheart. He would marry her tomorrow, but Alice has ambitions to better herself – she finally leaves her factory job to work as an architect's secretary, dreaming of a brighter future and of playing some small part in rebuilding Liverpool.

But will the hope last? The war has ripped families apart, and many children are left with nowhere to go but the orphanage. When tragedy strikes and Alice's mother struggles to cope, Alice is horrified to see her brothers and sister facing the same fate. And, to make matters worse, both Bob and Matty seem to be harbouring secrets ...

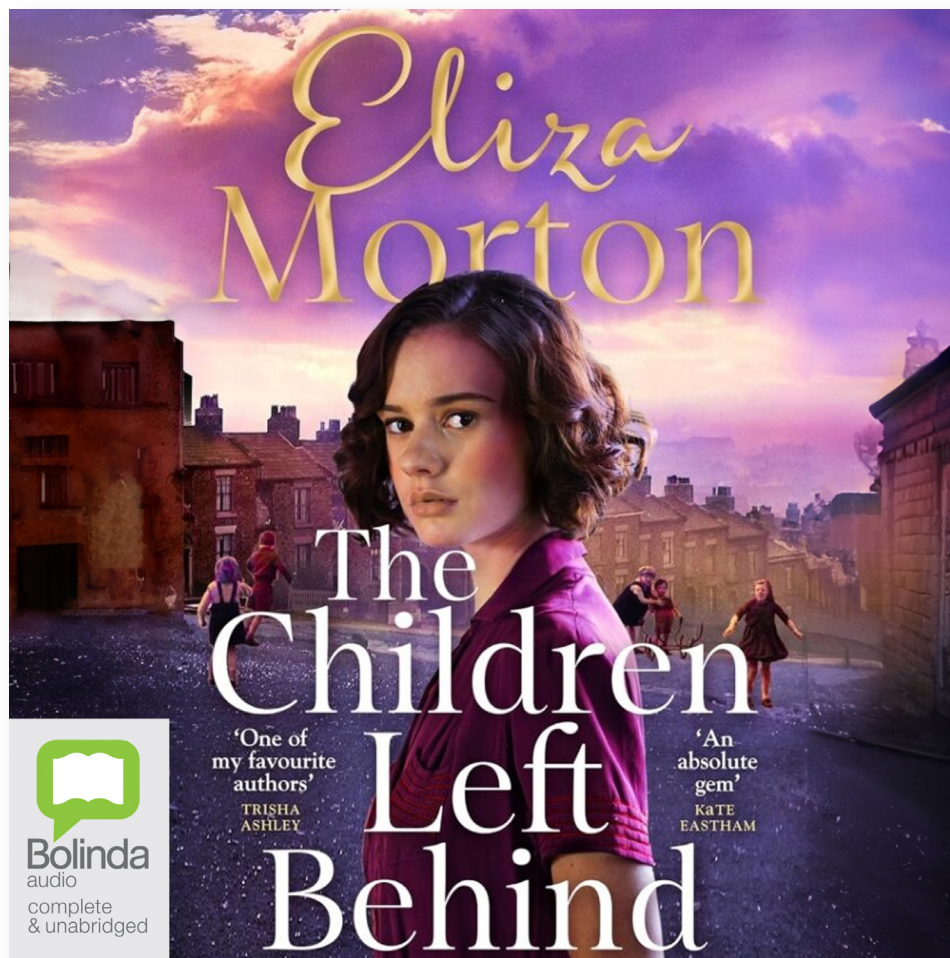
Eliza Morton is author of *A Liverpool Girl* and *A Last Dance in Liverpool* under the name Elizabeth Morton

Morton has worked as an actress and is known for playing Madeleine Basset in *Jeeves and Wooster* and Linda in the Liverpool sitcom *Watching*

Morton is an award-winning short story writer and has also written drama for TV, film and theatre

'One of my favourite authors – I love her books!' – Trisha Ashley, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

'An absolute gem – full of humour, heartbreak and love, vividly bringing to life the people and places of post-war Liverpool.' – Kate Eastham, author of *Coming Home to Liverpool*



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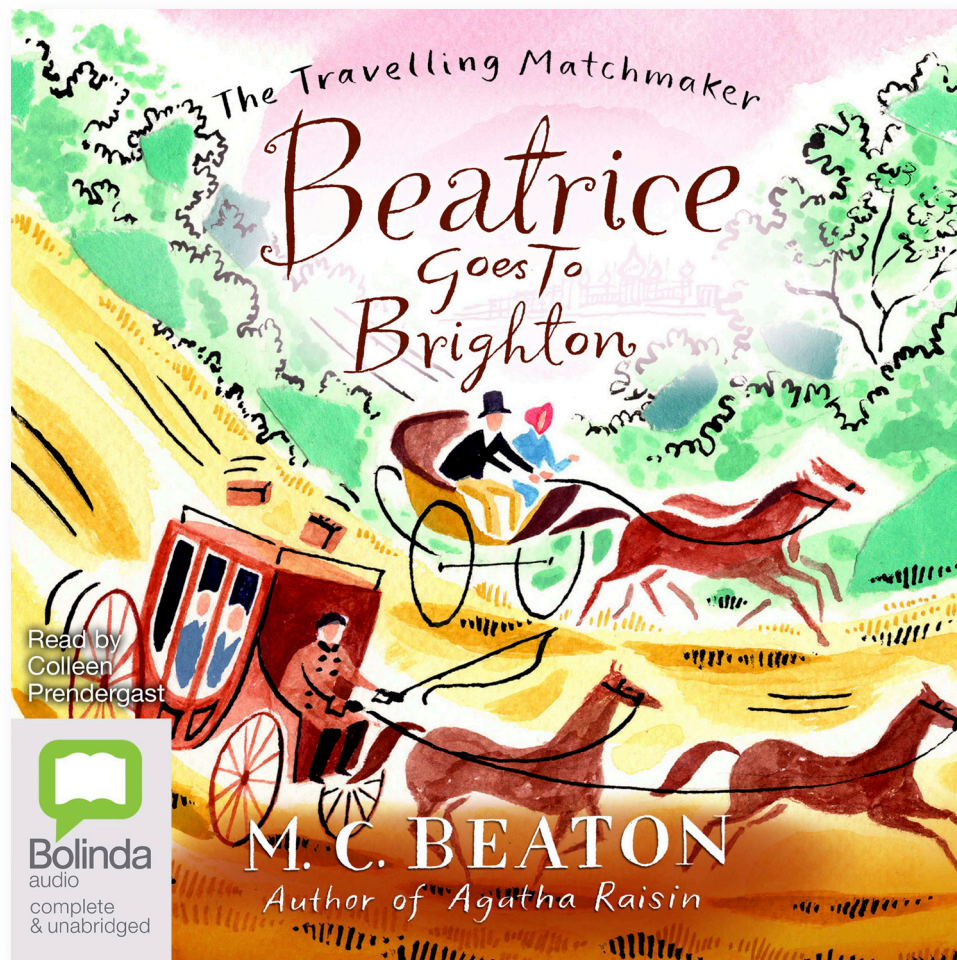
September new releases 2024

Beatrice Goes to Brighton

The Travelling Matchmaker #4

M.C. Beaton

Read by Colleen Prendergast



Adult New Release

Romance | September 2024

A lady finds new love by the seaside in the fourth instalment of the delightful Travelling Matchmaker series from the author of the Agatha Raisin series.

The unsinkable Miss Pym returns to the English stagecoach in search of adventure and troubled hearts, and with her delightful schemes and discerning eye, she never fails to strike a match by journey's end.

Lady Beatrice Marsham is in quite a coil. No sooner is she widowed from a brutish gambling husband, than her heartless family is forcing her into another horrid marriage. Fleeing by stagecoach to the Brighton seaside, the proud beauty meets Miss Hannah Pym, who is determined to find her a proper match.

The handsome and kind Lord Alistair Munro would be perfect. Unfortunately, he is convinced of the ton gossip that proclaims Lady Beatrice a cruel flirt. Miss Pym, however, is not worried. The lady's hard heart has softened much since coming to Brighton. Though Lord Alistair disapproves of the old Lady Beatrice, by Miss Pym's clever design, he is sure to fall in love with the new and improved model ...

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

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

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

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

'It's a great romance in a well-researched historical setting.' – The Bookbag (on *Belinda Goes to Bath*)

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Every Living Thing

The Classic Memoirs of a Yorkshire Country Vet / All Creatures Great and Small #8

James Herriot

Read by Christopher Timothy

Adult New Release

Autobiography | September 2024



The fifth volume of memoirs from the author who inspired the BBC series *All Creatures Great and Small*.

During his decades spent as a country vet in Yorkshire, James Herriot has seen huge advances in medical science, technological leaps and a world irrevocably changed by war. Yet some things have always stayed the same – gruff farmers, hypochondriac pet owners and animals that never do quite what you expect them to. From a green young man in his first job in the 1930s, to an experienced veterinary surgeon, married with two children, James has spent his entire career among the people and animals of Darrowby. And there's nowhere else he'd rather be.

Since they were first published, James Herriot's memoirs have sold millions of copies and entranced generations of animal lovers. Charming, funny and touching, *Every Living Thing* is a heart-warming story of determination, love and companionship from one of Britain's best-loved authors.

The fifth volume in the multimillion copy bestselling series

From the much-loved author of *All Creatures Great and Small*

The inspiration behind the BBC series *All Creatures Great and Small*

'I grew up reading James Herriot's books and I'm delighted that thirty years on, they are still every bit as charming, heartwarming and laugh-out-loud funny as they were then'

– Kate Humble, English television presenter

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Death at the Dolphin

Daisy Moore Mysteries #1

Gretta Mulrooney

Read by Emma Noakes

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | September 2024

From bestselling author Gretta Mulrooney comes an utterly charming whodunnit full of red herrings set in fascinating post-war England.

Even in peacetime, death is just around the corner.

London, VE Day, 1945.

Twenty-four-year-old Daisy Moore is at a crossroads. Racked with guilt over her mother's tragic death in a house fire, she needs a job and somewhere to live.

She's offered a lifeline, working at the Dolphin Hotel in the quiet Oxfordshire village of Fernfield. It's a huge change after her exciting secret wartime work in London. Though the villagers aren't keen on outsiders – or young women who speak their mind. But when a body is found in one of the hotel bedrooms, Daisy must use all her skills to help find the murderer.

Lucinda Laidlaw was a pacifist who lived with an Austrian Jewish refugee. And someone bashed in her skull with one of the hotel's trademark stone dolphin ornaments.

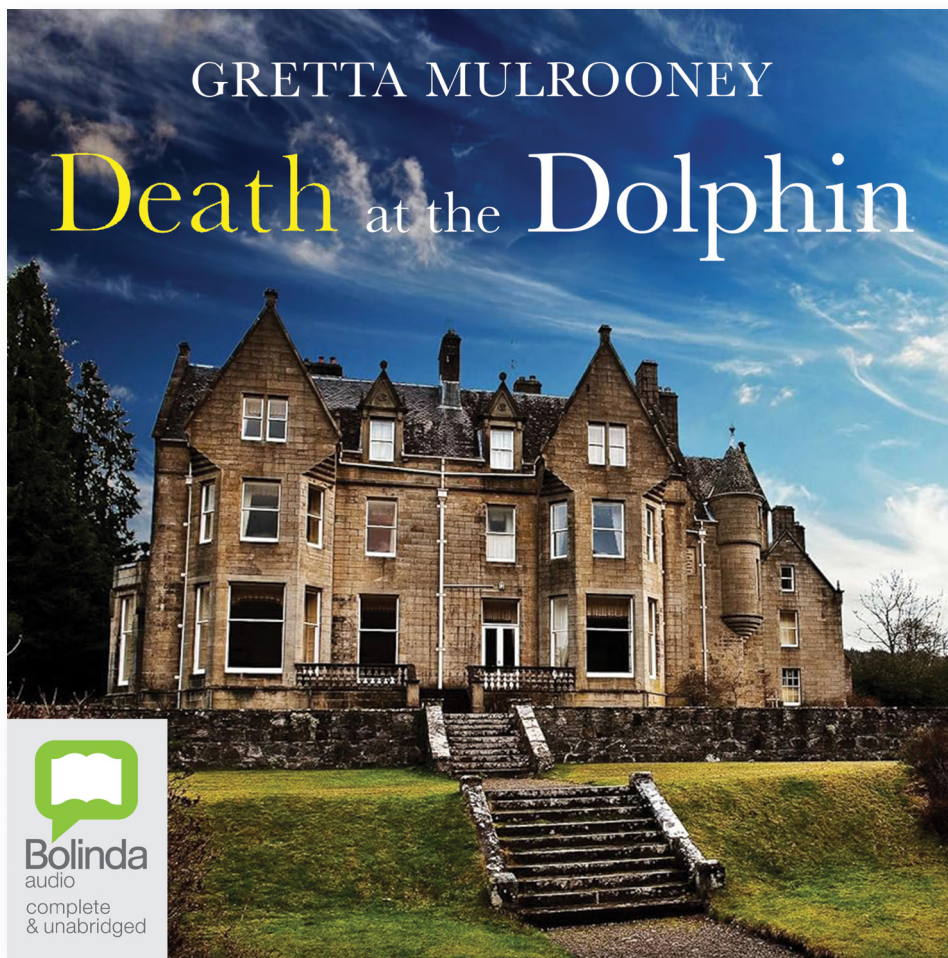
Wounded war veteran Inspector Thaxted makes Felix Koller his number one suspect. Felix is the beneficiary of Lucinda's will. But Daisy's not so sure he's the killer. And someone will do anything to stop Daisy finding out the truth.

Perfect for fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin, Anthony Horowitz, Jacqueline Winspear and Elly Griffiths

Gretta Mulrooney has been published for over 25 years, having written children's books, short stories, literary fiction which won critical acclaim and crime fiction

Mulrooney has written nine novels featuring a London-based private detective, Tyrone Swift. She has also started a new police-based series featuring DI Siv Drummond, set in the fictional Sussex town of Berminster

'Mulrooney's novel features characters who are so strong and language so vivid that readers will be riveted to her storytelling.' – Publishers Weekly (on *Marble Heart*)



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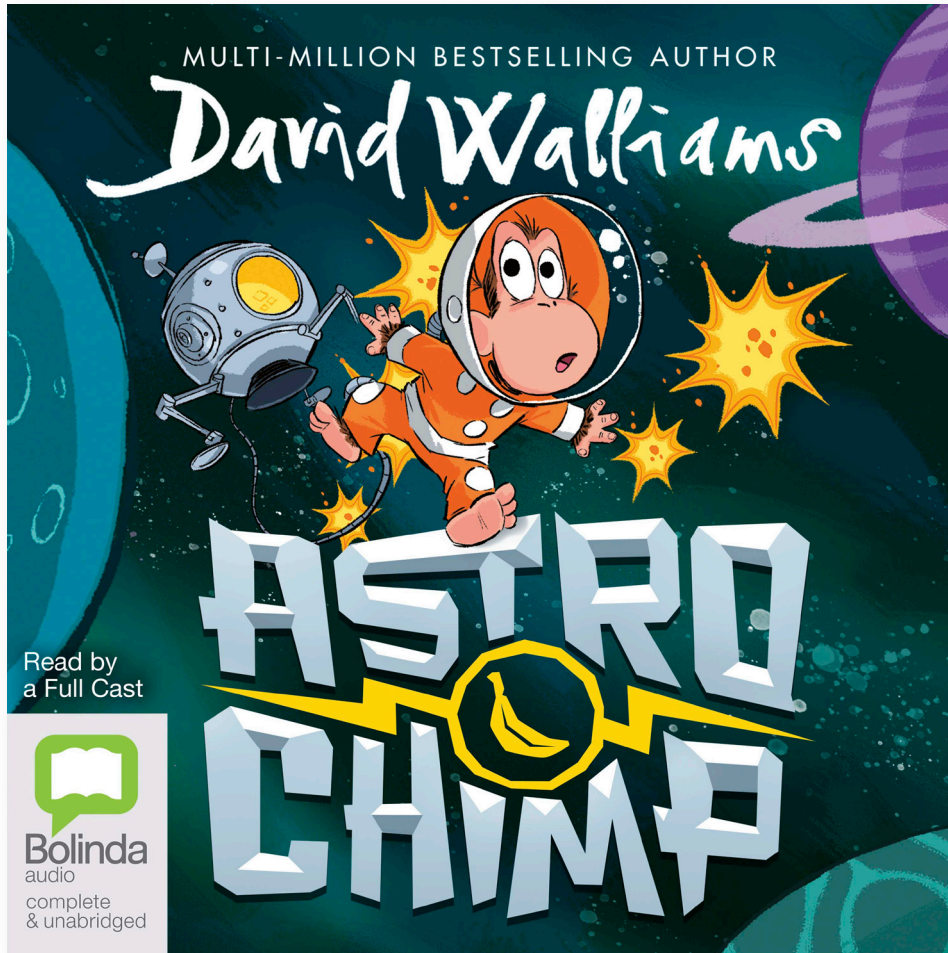

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September new releases 2024

Astrochimp

David Walliams
Read by a Full Cast



Blast off with Chump, and encounter dog space pirates, evil insects and the silliest chimpanzee who ever lived in this wildly funny space opera, from the bestselling author of *The Blunders*.

Chump the chimpanzee was always being silly. He would:

- make rude noises from BOTH ENDS ...
- pick his nose with his little toe ...
- eat the skins of bananas, hurling out the tasty part inside.

NASA's scientists thought he'd be the PERFECT chimp to send into space. Little did Chump know that he had been selected for a deadly-dangerous mission. If a chimp could orbit Earth, then chances were a human could too.

With Chump the chimp at the controls of a spacecraft, what could possibly go wrong? As it turned out, EVERYTHING.

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

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

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

'Laugh-out-loud funny and ... downright disgusting.' – Daily Express (on the World's Worst series)

Adventures Unlimited: The Land of Lost Things

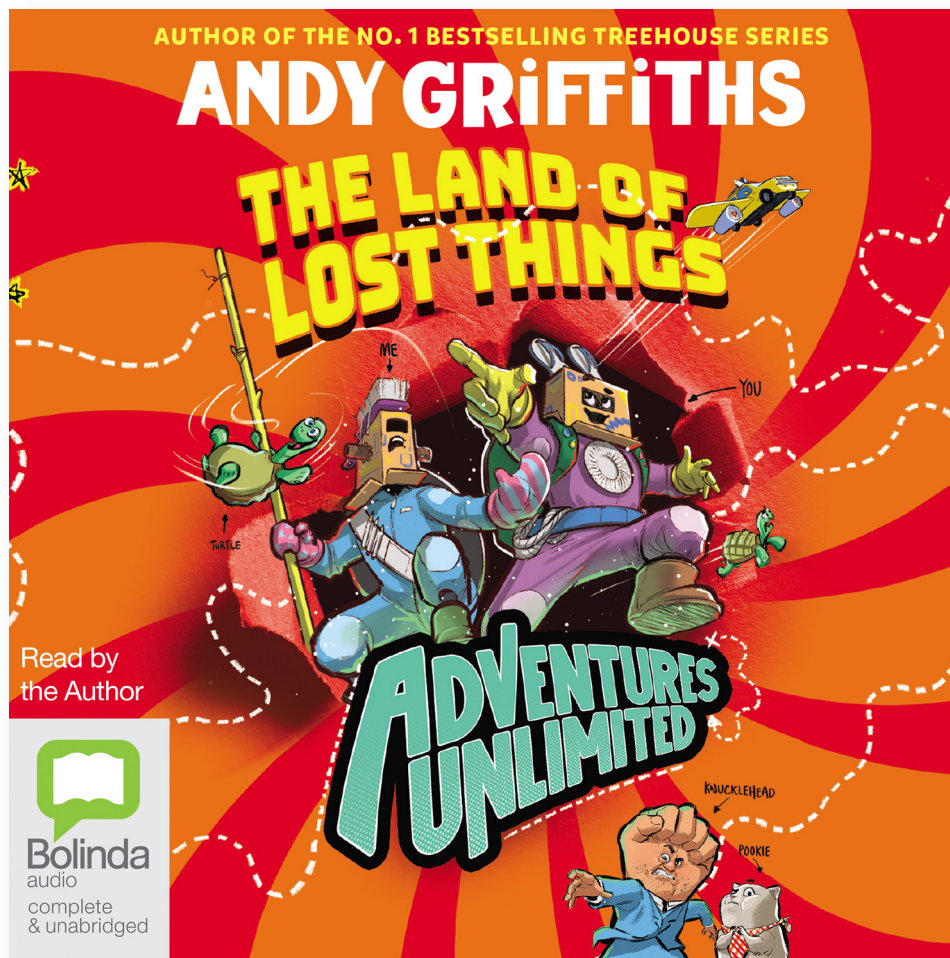
Adventures Unlimited #1

Andy Griffiths

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | September 2024



The funniest, most thrills and spills new adventure series from the author of the bestselling, sales-smashing Treehouse series, Andy Griffiths.

Remember when we went looking for my lost lucky rabbit's foot and we ended up getting lost ourselves in the Land of Lost Things? What? You don't remember? But that was one of our most exciting – and confusing – adventures ever! Let me remind you how it all happened ...

Andy Griffiths is the co-creator of the bestselling, award-winning Treehouse series with illustrator Terry Denton, which has been published in over 30 countries

In Australia, Griffiths's titles have sold over ten million copies, won 80 children's choice awards and 10 Australian Book Industry Awards – including Book of the Year for *The 52-Storey Treehouse* in 2015

'Anarchic absurdity at its best ...' – Publisher's Weekly (on *The 13-Storey Treehouse*)

'Will appeal to fans of Jeff Kinney and Dav Pilkey ... A treat for all.' – Booklist (on *The 13-Story Treehouse*)

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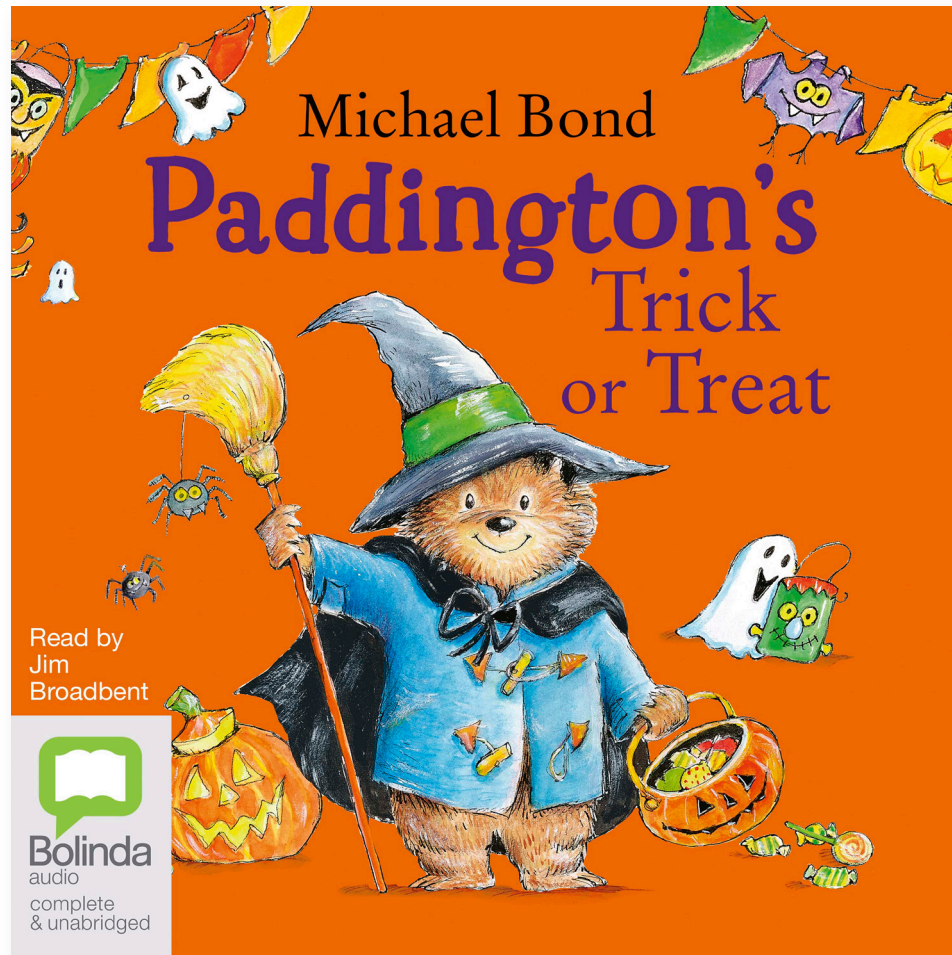
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Paddington's Trick or Treat

Michael Bond

Read by Jim Broadbent



Celebrate the spooky season with everyone's favourite bear, Paddington – now a major movie star!

Paddington Bear is getting ready for a Halloween party, strictly for family only. He can't wait for the party to start – as soon as he gets home from trick or treating! But nothing goes quite to plan after Paddington's mean neighbour, Mr Curry, invites himself to the party and spoils all the fun. Luckily, Paddington has a special Halloween trick that might just save the day!

A hilarious new Paddington adventure, full of spooky surprises!

Paddington's Trick or Treat is the perfect Halloween gift for Paddington Bear fans

Michael Bond was educated at Presentation College, Reading. He served in the Royal Air Force and the British Army before working as a cameraman for BBC TV for 19 years

In 2015, Bond was awarded a CBE for his services to children's literature, to add to the OBE he received in 1997

'I've always had great respect for Paddington ... He is a British institution.' – Stephen Fry (on the Paddington series)

'Michael Bond's accident-prone bear ... has become one of the most enduring of children's characters.' – The Bookseller (on the Paddington series)

Time Travel Twins

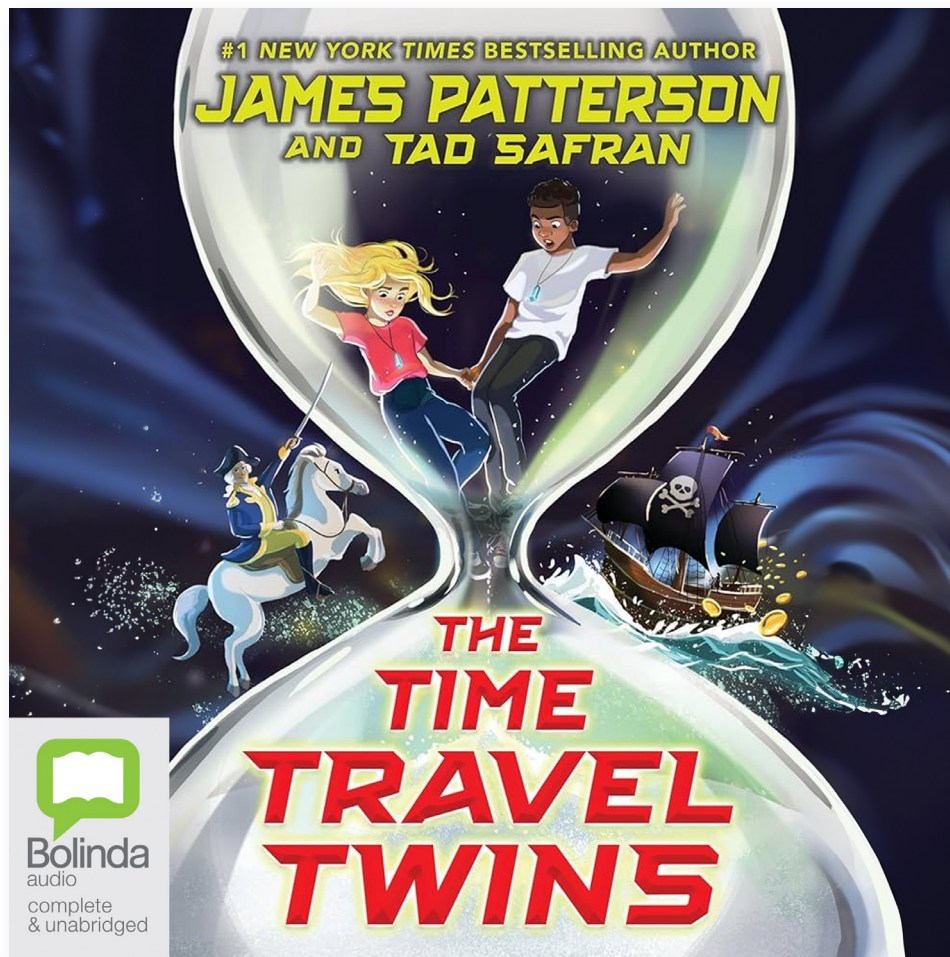
Time Travel Twins #1

James Patterson

Read by Diedrich Bader

Children's New Release

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All that stands between an evil villain and world domination is a pair of 12-year-olds who just learned they're time travellers. What could go wrong? Discover an action-packed adventure from bestselling author James Patterson.

Twins Pew and Basket Church dream of escaping the gloomy orphanage where they grew up. Or, even better, the return of their unknown parents.

But even in their wildest dreams, they never imagined the truth. They can travel through time!

Armed only with perplexing clues to their past and a time travel talisman that is key to their future, Pew and Basket embark on an epic quest. Their voyage takes them from battlefields to pirate colonies, all in a race to uncover the secrets of their family – and outsmart time's greatest villain.

History, adventure and mystery collide in this delightfully clever romp through space and time.

Perfect for fans of City Spies, Treasure Hunters and Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales

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

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

'A satisfying and progressive tale with real sweetness at its center.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*)

'I never got bored at any of the parts in the book and I think it was one of the best books I have ever read.' – The Guardian (on *Middle School: Save Rafe*)

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Amari and the Despicable Wonders

Amari and the Night Brothers #3

B.B. Alston

Read by Imani Parks

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | September 2024

The third in the epic middle grade supernatural adventure series, soon to be a major movie starring Marsai Martin.

War has come to the supernatural world, and Amari's two worst enemies are leading the charge.

Elaine Harlowe has manipulated her way into becoming prime minister, using her mind control ability to force the Bureau to take up her vicious grudge against magickankind. Meanwhile, Dylan Van Helsing, the newly crowned leader of the League of Magicians – and Amari's former partner – is after a destructive new power that would not only ensure the magicians' victory ... it would make him invincible.

With neither the Bureau nor the League safe for Amari, and her newly returned brother, Quinton, determined to keep her out of the fray, she and her friends decide to find a way to end the war on their own.

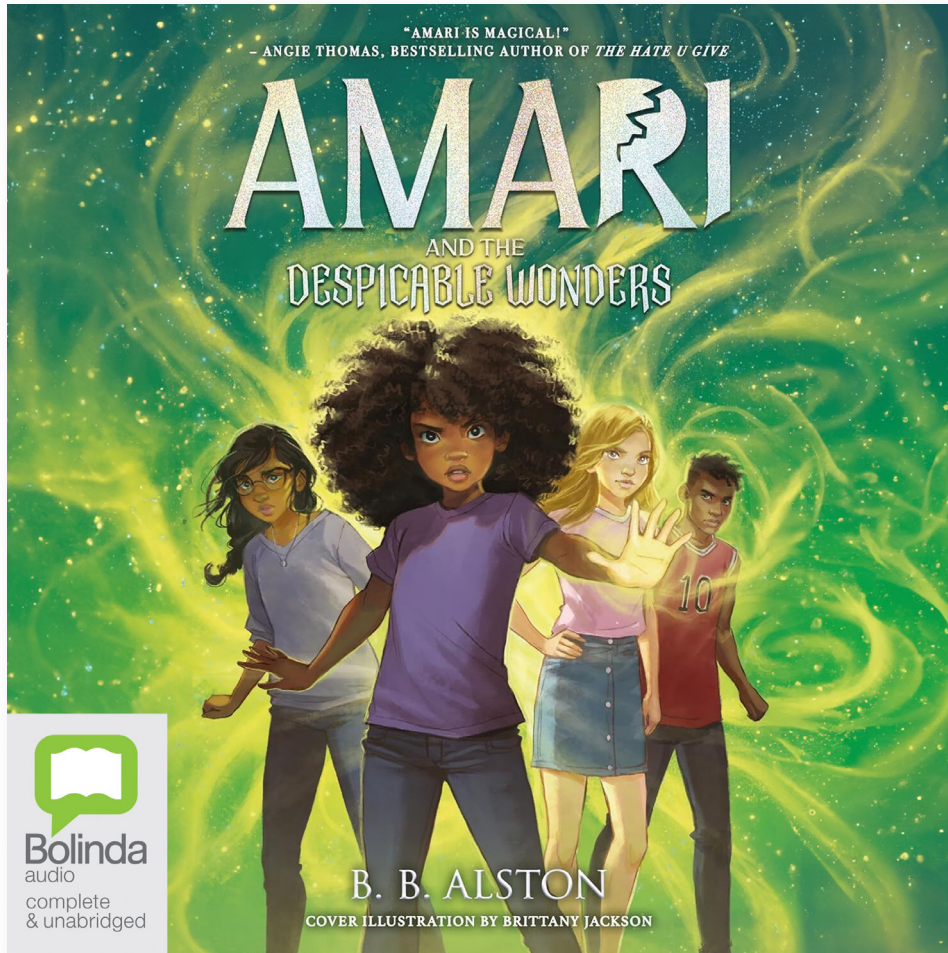
So when they learn that the only way to stop Dylan is to find powerful magical inventions known as Wonders, they go after them. But wielding these items comes at a terrible cost, and Amari will have to decide just how much she's willing to sacrifice ... because the Despicable Wonders will demand everything.

Perfect for fans of Skandar, Percy Jackson, Nevermoor and *Men in Black*

B.B. Alston had just been accepted into a biomedical graduate program when a chance entry into a Twitter pitch contest led to his signing with his agent, 20+ book deals worldwide, and even a film deal

Alston's bestselling Amari titles have been published in over 30 countries and won numerous awards internationally

'An enchanting fantasy adventure filled with heart and soul. Amari is magical!'
– Angie Thomas, #1 *New York Times*-bestselling author of *The Hate U Give* and *Concrete Rose* (on *Amari and the Night Brothers*)



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The One and Only Family

The One and Only Ivan #4

Katherine Applegate

Read by Adam Grupper

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | September 2024



From beloved author Katherine Applegate comes *The One and Only Family*, the final instalment in the series that began with the Newbery Medal-winning, #1 *New York Times* bestselling modern classic *The One and Only Ivan*.

Ivan has been happily living in a wildlife sanctuary, with his friend Ruby next door in the elephant enclosure, frequent visits from his canine friend Bob, and his mate Kinyani by his side. And in the happiest turn of all, Ivan and Kinyani have welcomed a set of twins to their family!

Ivan loves being a papa, even though it can be hard sometimes. But as he navigates the joys and challenges of parenthood, he can't help but recall his life before the glass walls of the mall circus, his own childhood in the jungle – and his own twin.

In the tradition of timeless classics like *Charlotte's Web* and *Stuart Little*, the one and only Katherine Applegate has crafted a poignant, delightful, heartbreaking, unforgettable final foray into the world of Ivan, the world's favourite silverback.

Katherine Applegate is #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Endling* series, *Crenshaw*, *Wishtree*, the *Roscoe Riley Rules* series and the *Animorphs* series

Home of the Brave, Applegate's first standalone title, received the SCBWI 2008 Golden Kite Award for Best Fiction and the Bank Street 2008 Josette Frank Award

The One and Only Family is the final book in the series of children's animal stories from the author of *The One and Only Ivan* - now a Disney+ movie

'Utterly believable, this bittersweet story, complete with an author's note identifying the real Ivan, will inspire a new generation of advocates.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *The One and Only Ivan*)

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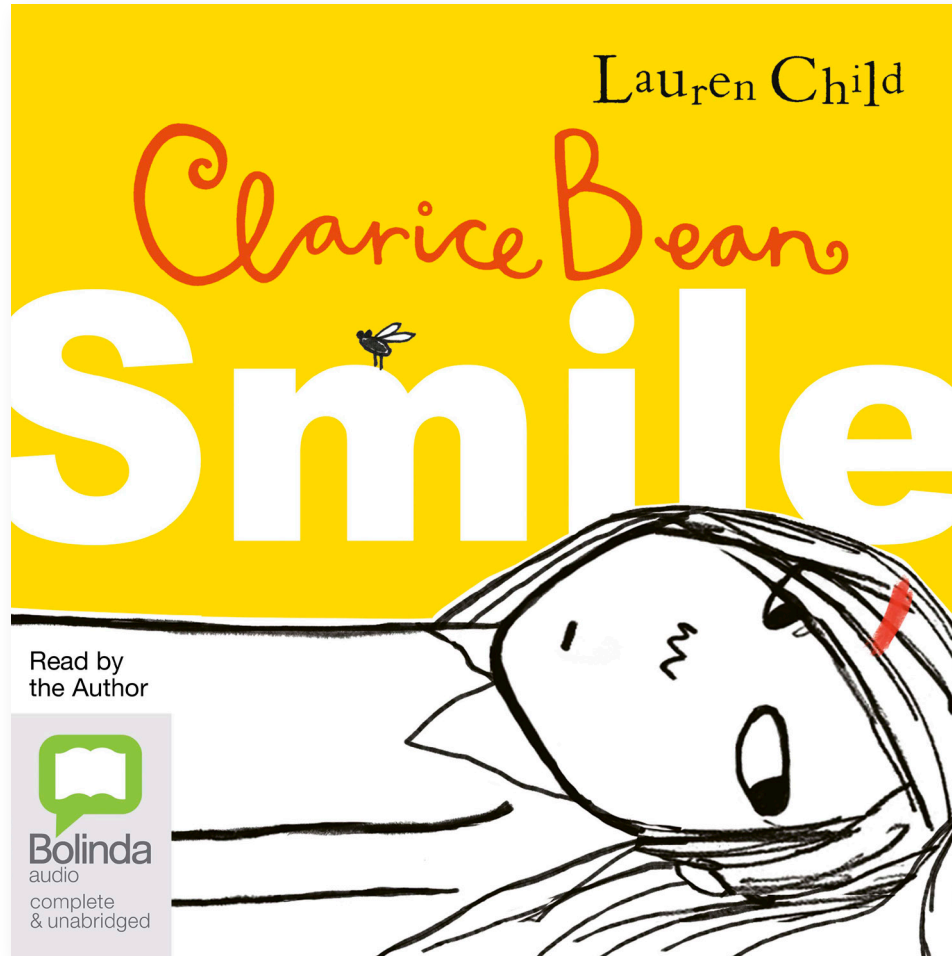
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Smile

Clarice Bean

Lauren Child

Read by the Author



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | September 2024

Clarice Bean is back with all her trademark humour in this heartwarming story from *Sunday Times* bestselling author and former Children's Laureate Lauren Child.

At the moment I am daydreaming about inventing something exceptionordinarily good that could change the world for the better, because of all the things, it's the better that's needed.

And if you are thinking I'm too small to make a difference then remember the plankton – they are one of the tiniest creatures on the planet but without them where would we be? Probably living on Mars.

The utterly wonderful Clarice Bean is thinking about the endangered things – the big creatures, the little creatures, the plants and the trees. But it's not just the planet that needs help – there's her whole family too ...

The Clarice Bean books are the creation of Lauren Child, whose work is both instantly recognisable and gloriously innovative

Child is the writer and illustrator of a generation, and the iconic creator of international sensation Charlie and Lola

Child has sold millions of books, won many awards and was the Waterstones Children's Laureate 2017–2019

'*Funny, contemporary and perceptive*' – The Mail on Sunday (on Clarice Bean series)

'*Clarice Bean is one of the most distinctive comic voices of children's literature.*'
– The Sunday Times (on *Scram*)

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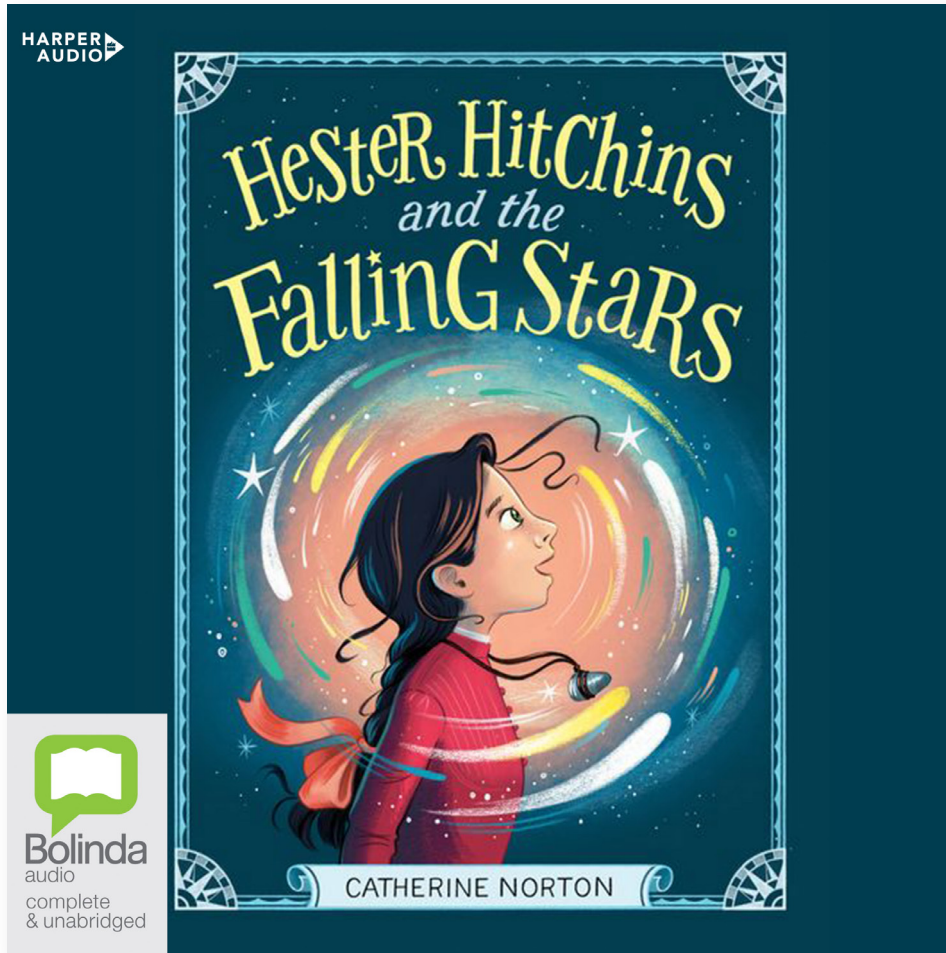
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Hester Hitchins and the Falling Stars

Catherine Norton

Read by Emily Wheaton



Navigation skills have many uses, but can they help Hester find her place in the universe? Fans of *The Fortune Maker* will be sure to love Catherine Norton's enchanting new middle-grade historical fiction.

It's 1866, and Hester Hitchins's father is missing at sea.

Determined to find him, 11-year-old Hester wins a place at Addington's Nautical Navigation Academy, where she will learn to navigate by the stars. But the academy is just for boys, and what's more, no one seems to be in charge.

Bumbling schoolmaster Captain Slingsby doesn't know anything about navigation. Lord Addington is obsessed with building the world's biggest telescope and Lady Addington believes that falling stars are the souls of the dead.

With the help of a lodestone, her new friends Pru and Nelson, and a dazzling meteor storm, can Hester set things right – and find her own place in the universe?

Catherine Norton's first novel, *Crossing*, was joint winner of the Patricia Wrightson Prize in the 2015 NSW Premier's Literary Awards. It was also a CBCA Notable Book

Norton is also the author of *The Fortune Maker* which was longlisted for the 2024 Book Links Award for Children's Historical Fiction

'A glorious book, rich with historical understanding.' – Jackie French (on *The Fortune Maker*)

'With skill and great warmth, Catherine Norton brings England in the early 1900s to life in this gritty, rollicking, mind-spinning tale of danger and deceit that bristles with excitement and a generous sprinkling of magic.' – Suzanne Leal (on *The Fortune Maker*)

The Riddle of the Disappearing Dickens

Molly Malone & Bram Stoker

Alan Nolan

Read by Christopher Simpson

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | September 2024

Molly and Bram are taking a trip to London. What could possibly go wrong!? Don't miss another adventure in the Molly Malone and Bram Stoker series by Alan Nolan.

Best friends Molly Malone, fishmonger and best sneak-thief in Dublin, and Bram Stoker (aspiring writer) are headed to London with Bram's parents, to collect his brother Thornley from his London boarding school.

When they arrive, they discover that Charles Dickens (who Molly and Bram have met and consider a pal) has been kidnapped. The police, the public and the public's dog are all out looking for him – and our heroes resolve to find the great author.

Meanwhile back at home in Dublin, Molly's gang, The Sackville Street Spooks, have a puzzle on their hands as they try to track down a gorilla who's escaped from the Zoological Gardens.

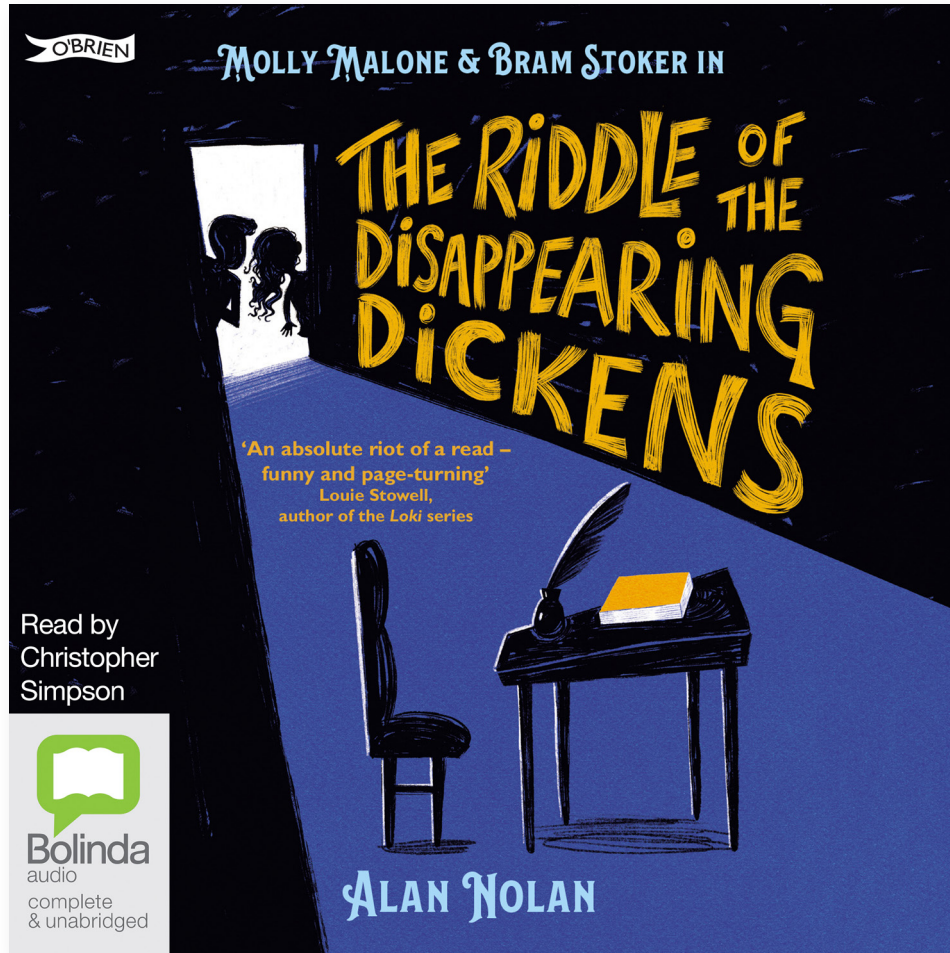
Can Molly and Bram solve the riddle of the disappearing Dickens?

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

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

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

'From the clever chapter titles to the infinitely interesting characters (including the lovable Billy the Pan), Nolan has married attention to detail with a dollop of cinematic fun.' – The Irish Times (on *The Sackville Street Caper*)



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Going to Bat

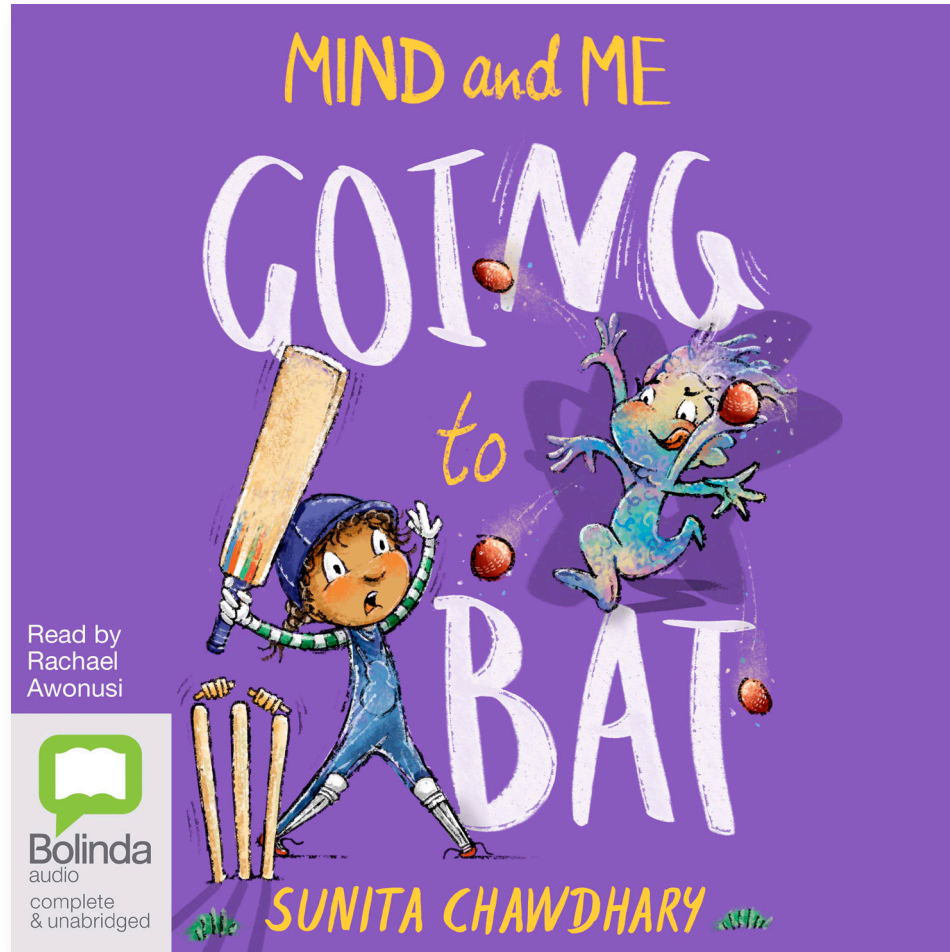
Mind and Me

Sunita Chawdhary

Read by Rachael Awonusi

Children's New Release

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Funny and with heaps of heart, this is a delightful story from British-Indian author Sunita Chawdhary, perfect for sport lovers and younger listeners alike.

Maya is excited to join Cricket Club at school, but between sports superstars, the big green monster and her ACTUAL MUM coming to coach the team, she has a lot to handle. And on top of that, Mind thinks they've forgotten something important ... like sending a letter to Grandad in India! Can Maya and Mind work it all out in time for their big cricket game?

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

Going to Bat is a CLPE Recommended Read – ‘The book serves as a great introduction to emotional literacy for younger readers.’

‘An adorable mindfulness story with a splash of funny.’ – Rashmi Sirdeshpande, author of *How to Change the World*

‘Maya is always busy, not just physically but mentally too ... in this funny and original series. Her thoughts and feelings are personified and Mind is her constant companion.’

– LoveReading4Kids

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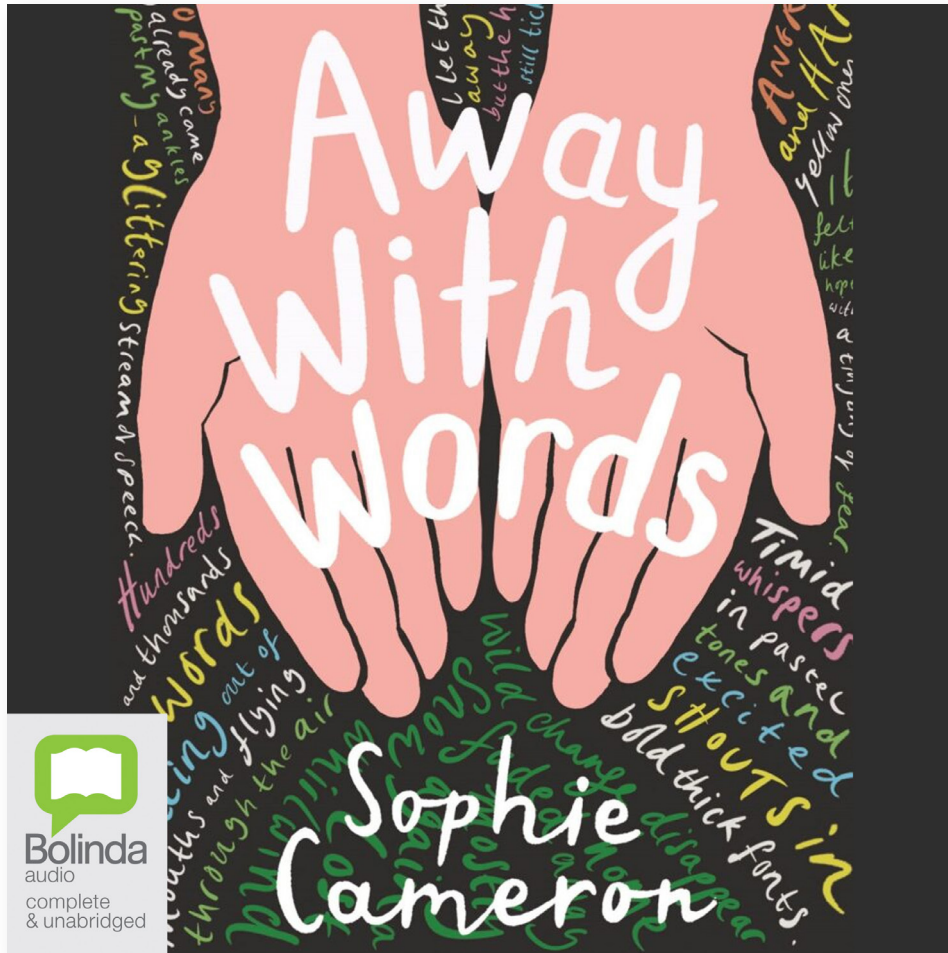
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Away with Words

Sophie Cameron

Narrator to Come



Set in a world where words appear physically when people speak, *Away With Words* explores the importance of communication and being there for those we love.

Gala and her dad, Jordi, have just moved from home in Cataluña to a town in Scotland, to live with Jordi's boyfriend Ryan. Gala doesn't speak much English, and feels lost, lonely and unable to be her usual funny self. Until she befriends Natalie, a girl with selective mutism. The two girls find their own ways to communicate, which includes collecting other people's discarded words. They use the words to write anonymous supportive poems for their classmates, but then someone begins leaving nasty messages using the same method – and the girls are blamed.

Gala has finally started adapting to her new life in Scotland and is determined to find the culprit. Can she and Natalie show the school who they really are?

Perfect for fans of Katya Balen and Lisa Thompson

Away With Words was shortlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing 2024

Away With Words has been praised by Eimear Monahan, Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist, 'It has been fantastic to read this novel'

Cameron is the author of *Out of the Blue*, which was nominated for the Carnegie Medal 2019

'Utterly unique and movingly memorable, a wonderful story about what happens when we take control of our own narrative, and find ways to communicate across the gaps in language. Clever, brilliantly written and thought-provoking, it will stay with you.'

– Sinéad O'Hart, author of the *Eye of the North* and *The Star-Spun Web*

'A page-turning book about finding your place & your voice, it's about the power & the pain & the colour of language too. I loved it.' – Perdita Cargill, author of *Diary of an Accidental Witch*

Chaos of the Fun Fiend

Dreamweavers #3

Annabelle Sami

Read by Zenia Starr

Children's New Release

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Annabelle Sami is back with the third instalment in the fun and exciting Dreamweavers series, perfect for fans of Laura Ellen Anderson, Star Friends, Peanut Jones and Witch for a Week.

Meet the ultimate Dream Team!

It's the school holidays and Tito can't wait to visit his fun-loving grandparents. To make it even better, Neena's coming too! But when they arrive, Tito is shocked. All anyone wants to do is watch paint dry and listen to the clock tick! What's happened to his prankster family and the lively town? Could it be the influence of The Bhoot? Or is someone else up to no good ...

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

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

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

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



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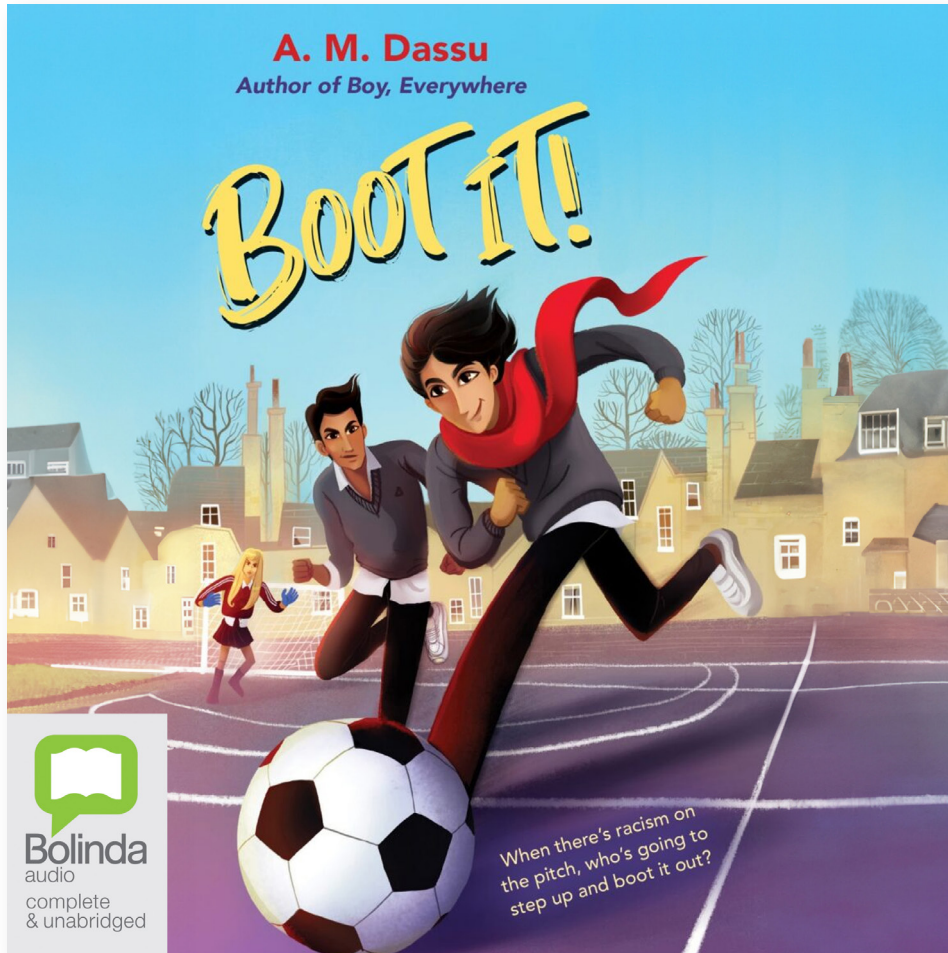
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Boot It!

A.M. Dassu

Read by Felix Star



From the award-winning author of *Boy, Everywhere* – shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2021 – comes a powerful story of friendship and booting out racism.

Sami and Ali dream of playing for the school football team. They practise in the park every day and work hard on their skills. But acing the trials is the last of the boys' worries when they're made to feel they don't belong on the team because of the colour of their skin.

Ali just wants to tackle the ball on the pitch. Now he's being forced to tackle the racism in his team too. But how can he, when he's told it's 'just banter'?

Boot It! is a World Book Day novel for independent listeners. It was an instant bestseller in the Children's and Young Adult charts, the Indie charts and the UK Top 50 charts

Selling a whopping 176,000 copies, *Boot It!* was in the bestseller charts for over four weeks

A.M. Dassu is the internationally acclaimed and award-winning author of *Boy, Everywhere*, and is a Director of Inclusive Minds – an organisation for people who are passionate about inclusion, diversity, equality and accessibility in children's literature

'A gripping story showing the power of friendship with a hopeful and empowering message that we can all effect change!' – Dr Graham Fairweather, Senior School Librarian

'Boot It depicts how hope can be found even in the throes of despair. especially when you have the right people on your team.' – Sajeda Amir, Secondary School Teacher

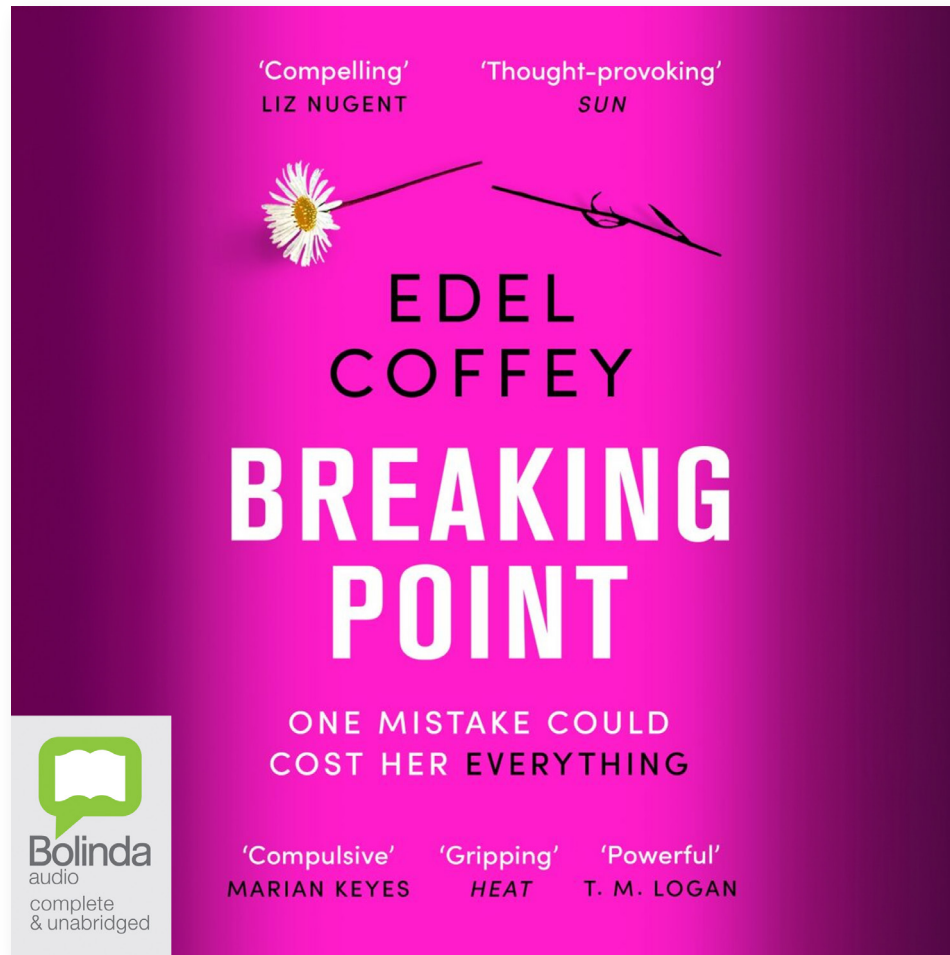
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September new releases 2024

Breaking Point

Edel Coffey

Read by Laurel Lefkow & Rachel Handshaw



From #1 bestselling Irish author Edel Coffey comes a gripping thriller about how one mistake can tear your life apart ...

Susannah has two beautiful daughters, a high-flying medical career, a successful husband and an enviable life. Her hair is glossy, her clothes are expensive – she truly has it all.

But when – on the hottest day of the year – her strict morning routine is disrupted, Susannah finds herself running on autopilot. It is hours before she realises she has made a devastating mistake. Her baby, Louise, is still in the backseat of the car and it is too late to save her.

As the press close in around her, Susannah is put on trial for negligence. It is plain to see that this is not a trial, it's a witch hunt. But what will the court say?

Edel Coffey began work as an arts journalist and editor with the *Sunday Tribune* and has since worked as a presenter and reporter with RTE Radio, and as editor of the *Irish Independent Weekend Magazine*, and Books Editor of the *Irish Independent*

Coffey is a regular contributor to *The Irish Times*, a weekly columnist with the *Irish Examiner* and Books Editor of *The Gloss* magazine

An Post Irish Book Awards Crime Fiction Book of the Year 2022

'Both page-turner and gripping courtroom drama ... Prepare to feel devastated and enraged all at once.' – Heat

'A gripping, compulsive pageturner about what we expect from women, especially mothers.' – Marian Keyes, international bestselling author

Jy Goes for Gold

Kimberley Kickers #1

Carl Merrison & Hakea Hustler

Narrator to Come

Children's New Release

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An AFL adventure story based on First Nations man Jy Farrar's life, from award-winning authors Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler.

I'm about 35 metres out from the goal and, running on instinct, I do a snap kick of the ball. I watch as the footy flies through the air. Will it bend enough? I can hear the roar of the crowd, but my focus is on that red ball. It flies through the big white sticks.

It's a goal!

I'm Jy Farrar and this is my first professional match and the dream I had to play AFL since I was a kid in outback Halls Creek has finally come true.

Let me tell you the story of how I got here – about my mates, my family, growing up in the Kimberley around the bush and the red dirt and spinifex and goannas, playing footy and going to boarding school far away from home.

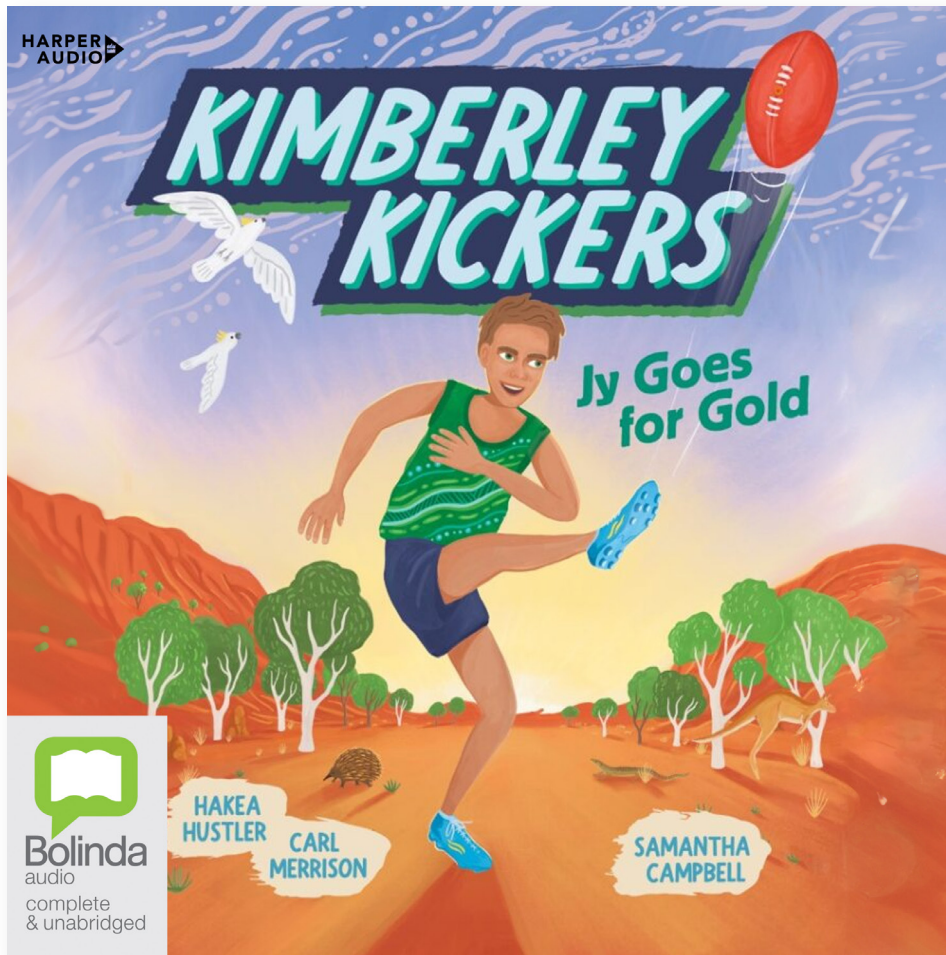
Carl Merrison is a respected Jaru/Kija man who was named WA runner up Australian of the Year – Local Hero in 2016. He worked for over ten years alongside Aboriginal youth as a mentor and coach in education, AFL and community

Merrison, along with co-writer Hakea Hustler, is an award-winning author of the books *Black Cockatoo*, *Tracks of the Missing*, *Dirran*, *Beautiful Night*, *Loved You Then* and *My Deadly Boots*

Hakea Hustler is an experienced teacher who has taught around Australia including in remote Aboriginal communities

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

'Subtle and touching ...' – Writing WA (on *Black Cockatoo*)



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Race from Planet Peril!

Astrid and the Space Cadets #2

Alex T. Smith

Read by Claire Morgan

Children's New Release

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Blast off on an adventure with the Space Cadets! From beloved children's author Alex T. Smith, the bestselling creator of *Claude* and *How Winston Delivered Christmas*, comes a funny and fast-paced adventure through space.

Astrid Atomic and her best friends, the Space Cadets, have been given an important mission from the Chief – to retrieve the special trophy for the Supersonic Saturn Race! Tonight, they'll have to fly under boiling hot lava waterfalls, zoom through fields of flaming flowers and sneak past a big, toothy, scary space monster! And things go from bad to worse when they realise that the naughty Dr Boris Uranus is on their tail. Will they get to the trophy before time runs out?

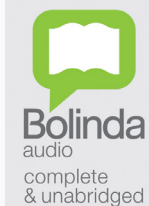
Alex T. Smith graduated with a first-class degree in illustration in 2006 and also won second place in the Macmillan Prize for Illustration in his final year

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

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

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

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



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