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We Solve Murders

We Solve Murders #1

Richard Osman

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RICHARD OSMAN



Bestselling
author of
**The Thursday
Murder Club**

We Solve Murders

*** A BRAND NEW SERIES ***

Introducing an iconic new detective duo and a new murder – or two – to solve and a caper that spans the globe in this brand-new series from the bestselling author of *The Thursday Murder Club*.

Solving murders. It's a family business.

Steve Wheeler is enjoying retired life. He still does the odd bit of investigation work, but he prefers his familiar routines: the pub quiz, his favorite bench, his cat waiting for him at home. His days of adventure are over. Adrenaline is daughter-in-law Amy's job now.

Amy Wheeler thinks adrenaline is good for the soul. Working in private security, every day is dangerous. She's currently on a remote island protecting mega-bestselling author Rosie D'Antonio, until a dead body and a bag of money mean trouble in paradise. So she sends an SOS to the only person she trusts ...

As a thrilling race around the world begins, can Amy and Steve outrun and outsmart a killer?

Richard Osman is an author, producer and television presenter. He has worked as an executive producer on numerous shows including *8 Out of 10 Cats* and *10 O'Clock Kufe*

Osman's titles *The Thursday Murder Club*, *The Man Who Died Twice* and *The Bullet That Missed* were multi-million-copy record-breaking bestsellers around the world

'A top-class cozy infused with dry wit and charming characters who draw you in and leave you wanting more, please.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *The Thursday Murder Club*)

'Thrilling, moving, laugh-out-loud funny and packed with characters you will want to see a LOT more of.' – Mark Billingham, bestselling author of *Their Little Secret* (on *The Thursday Murder Club*)



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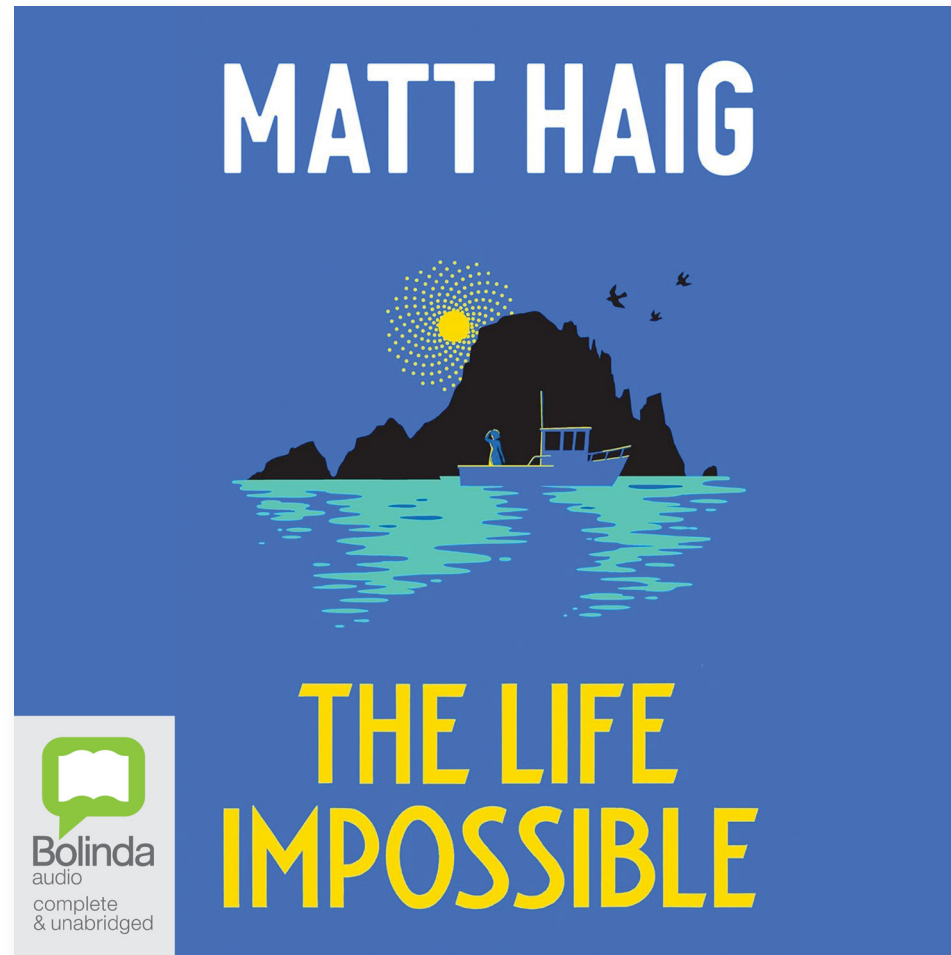
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The Life Impossible

Matt Haig

Narrator to Come



Filled with wonder and wild adventure, *The Life Impossible* is a story of hope and the life-changing power of a new beginning, from the author of the multimillion-selling international sensation *The Midnight Library*.

What looks like magic is simply a part of life we don't understand yet ...

When retired math teacher Grace Winters is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no guidebook and no plan.

Among the rugged hills and golden beaches of the island, Grace searches for answers about her friend's life, and how it ended. What she uncovers is stranger than she could have dreamed. But to dive into this impossible truth, Grace must first come to terms with her past.

Matt Haig is the author of *The Humans*, *How to Stop Time* and *The Midnight Library*, which has been a #1 *Sunday Times* bestseller and a #1 *New York Times* bestseller

Haig's memoir *Reasons to Stay Alive* was a number one bestseller, staying in the British top ten for 46 weeks

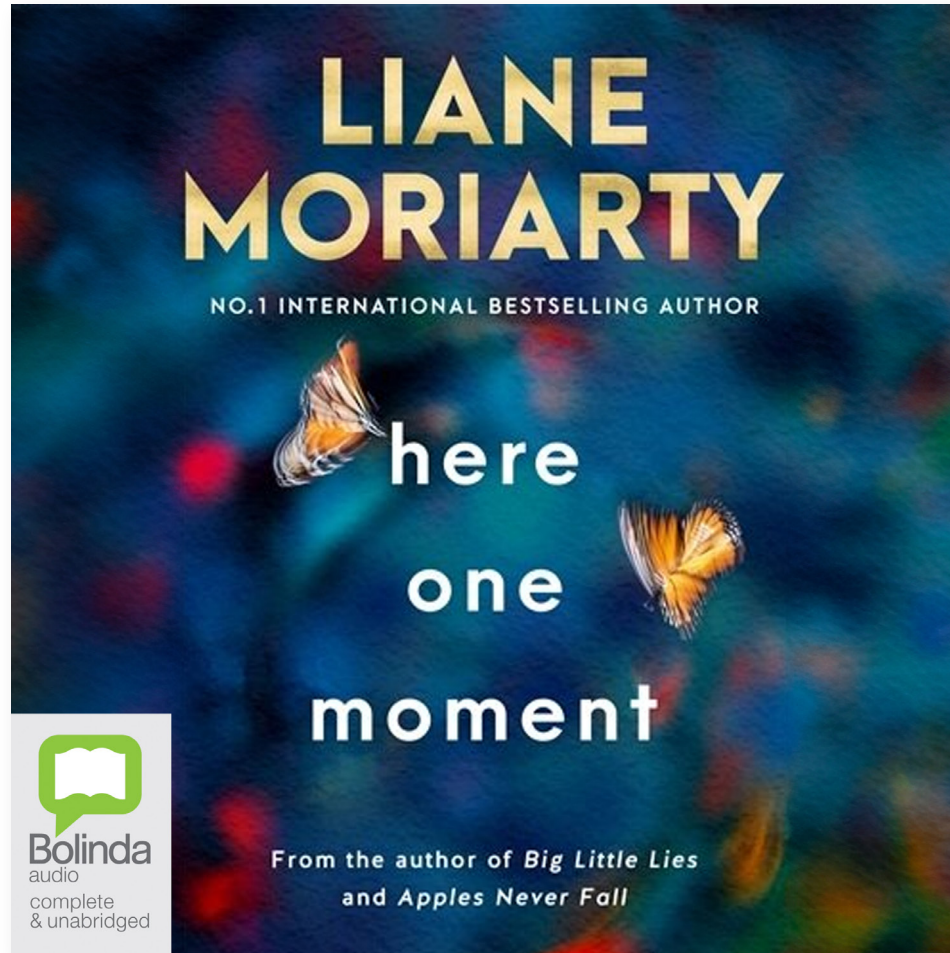
The Midnight Library has now sold over nine million copies worldwide

'A beautiful novel full of life-affirming wonder and imagination and, at its adventurous heart, a wry and tender love-letter to the best of being human.' – Benedict Cumberbatch

'Stunning. It's not only exquisitely written but has so much magic woven through it. A beautiful book for us all to get lost in.' – Fearne Cotton, bestselling author of *Cook Happy*, *Cook Healthy*

Here One Moment Liane Moriarty

Read by Caroline Lee and
Geraldine Hakewill



Adult New Release
Psychological Fiction | October 2024

From *New York Times* bestselling author Liane Moriarty comes a brilliantly constructed story that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world.

Aside from a delay, there will be no problems. The flight will be smooth, it will land safely. Everyone who gets on the plane will get off. But almost all of them will be forever changed.

Because on this ordinary, short, domestic flight, something extraordinary happens. People learn how and when they are going to die. How do they know this? There were ostensibly more interesting people on the flight (the bride and groom, the jittery, possibly famous woman, the giant Hemsworth-esque guy who looks like an off-duty superhero, the frazzled, gorgeous flight attendant) but none would become as famous as 'The Death Lady'.

Not a single passenger or crew member will later recall noticing her board the plane. But what she did on that flight was truly remarkable.

A few months later, one passenger dies exactly as she predicted. Then two more passengers die, again, as she said they would. Soon no one is thinking this is simply an entertaining story at a cocktail party.

If you were told you only had a certain amount of time left to live, would you do things differently? Would you try to dodge your destiny?

Liane Moriarty is the Australian author of internationally bestselling titles, including *Three Wishes*, *The Last Anniversary*, *What Alice Forgot* and *The Hypnotist's Love Story*

Moriarty is also the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestsellers *The Husband's Secret*, *Big Little Lies*, *Truly Madly Guilty*, *Nine Perfect Strangers* and *Apples Never Fall*

Moriarty's books have sold more than 20 million copies worldwide, including four million in Australia and New Zealand

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The Dark Wives

Vera Stanhope #11

Ann Cleeves

Read by Janine Birkett

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | October 2024

As *New York Times* bestseller Ann Cleeves's beloved Vera series has exploded in popularity in print and on TV, this stunning 11th instalment explores the web of secrets surrounding a young man's death.

The man's body is found in the early-morning light by a local dog walker on the common outside Rosebank, a care home for troubled teens. The victim is Josh, a staff member, who was due to work the previous night but never showed up.

DI Vera Stanhope is called out to investigate the death. Her only clue is the disappearance of one of the home's residents, fourteen-year-old Chloe Spence. Vera can't bring herself to believe that a teenager is responsible for the murder, but even she can't dismiss the possibility.

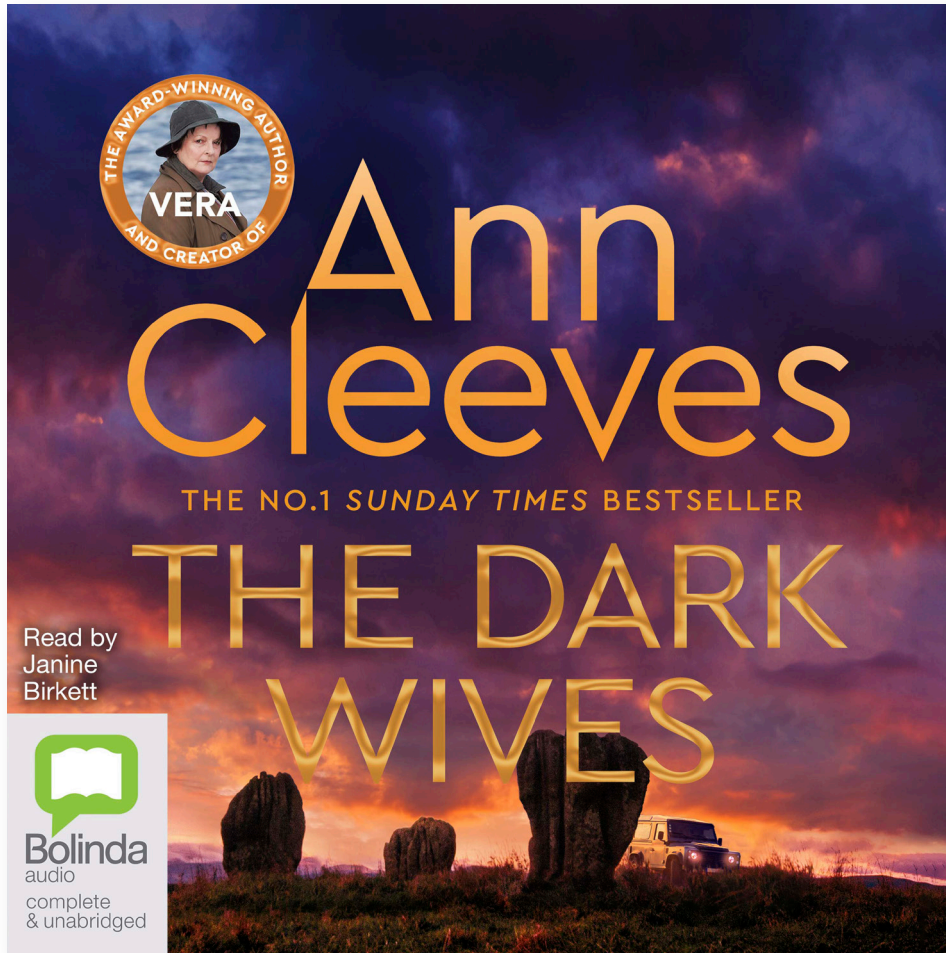
Vera, Joe and new team member Rosie Bell are soon embroiled in the case; and, when a second connected body is found near the Three Dark Wives monument in the wilds of the Northumbrian countryside, superstition and folklore begin to collide with fact.

Vera knows she has to find Chloe to get to the truth, but it seems that the dark secrets in their community may be far more dangerous than she could ever have believed possible.

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

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

'Multiple narrators and a core cast of keenly rendered characters lend the tale dimension while furthering the series arc. Cleeves's fans will be well satisfied.' – Publishers Weekly



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8 Months Left

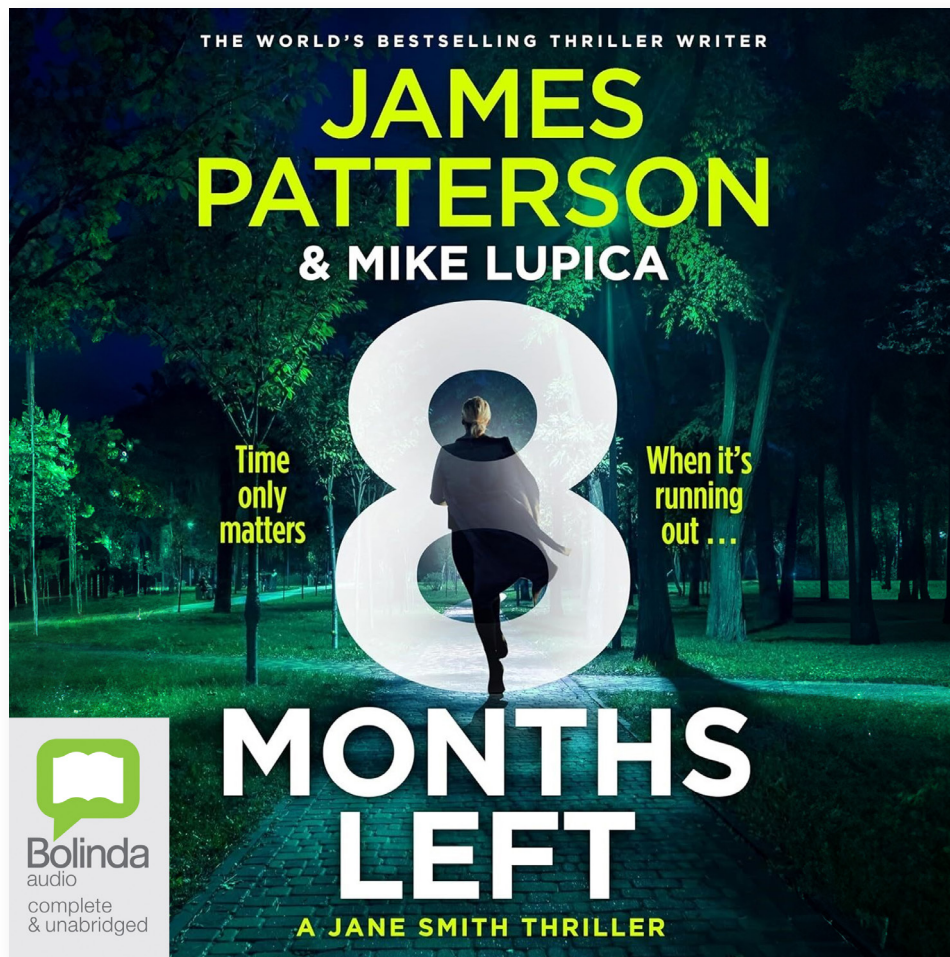
Jane Smith #2

James Patterson & Mike Lupica

Read by Eva Kaminsky

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | October 2024



The gripping second crime thriller in the Jane Smith series with an unforgettable heroine, from bestselling authors James Patterson and Mike Lupica.

Jane Smith is running out of time ...

Her repeat client, Rob Jacobson, is the unluckiest of the unlucky. No sooner is he accused of killing a family of three in the Hamptons than a second family is gunned down. He says he's being set up – again. Despite the odds, Jane believes him.

Now she must mount the most complex investigation of her career. But she's facing her own battle too. A terminal medical condition.

The defence may never rest.

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 Women's Murder Club, Detective Michael Bennett and Private

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

Mike Lupica is one of the most prominent sports writers in America. Today he is a syndicated columnist for the *New York Daily News*

'The phenomenal Patterson, one of the great storytellers of our time, does not often produce a new character, but he does here to stunning effect.' – Daily Mail (on *12 Months to Live*)

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Midnight and Blue

Inspector Rebus #25

Ian Rankin

Read by James MacPherson

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THE ICONIC NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER

IAN RANKIN MIDNIGHT & BLUE

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In this tense, gripping game of cat and mouse, The King of Crime returns to his much-loved creation, the inimitable John Rebus, as he faces a case unlike any other.

John Rebus spent his life as a detective putting Edinburgh's most deadly criminals behind bars. Now, he's joined them ...

As new allies and old enemies circle, and the days and nights bleed into each other, even the legendary detective struggles to keep his head. That is, until a murder at midnight in a locked cell presents a new mystery. They say old habits die hard ...

However, this is a case where the prisoners and the guards are all suspects, and everyone has something to hide.

With no badge, no authority and no safety net, Rebus walks a tightrope – with his life on the line.

But how do you find a killer in a place full of them?

Ian Rankin is the multimillion-copy worldwide bestseller of over 30 titles and creator of John Rebus. His works have been translated into 36 languages and have been adapted for radio, the stage and the screen

Rankin is the recipient of four Crime Writers' Association Dagger Awards, including the Diamond Dagger, the UK's most prestigious award for crime fiction. In the United States, he has won the celebrated Edgar Award and been shortlisted for the Anthony Award

'Magnificent ... utterly unputdownable and an immersive pleasure.' – Marian Keyes, international bestselling author (on *A Song for the Dark Times*)

'Phenomenal ... Everyone is going to be talking about this!' – Mick Herron, award-winning author of the Slough House series (on *A Heart Full of Headstones*)

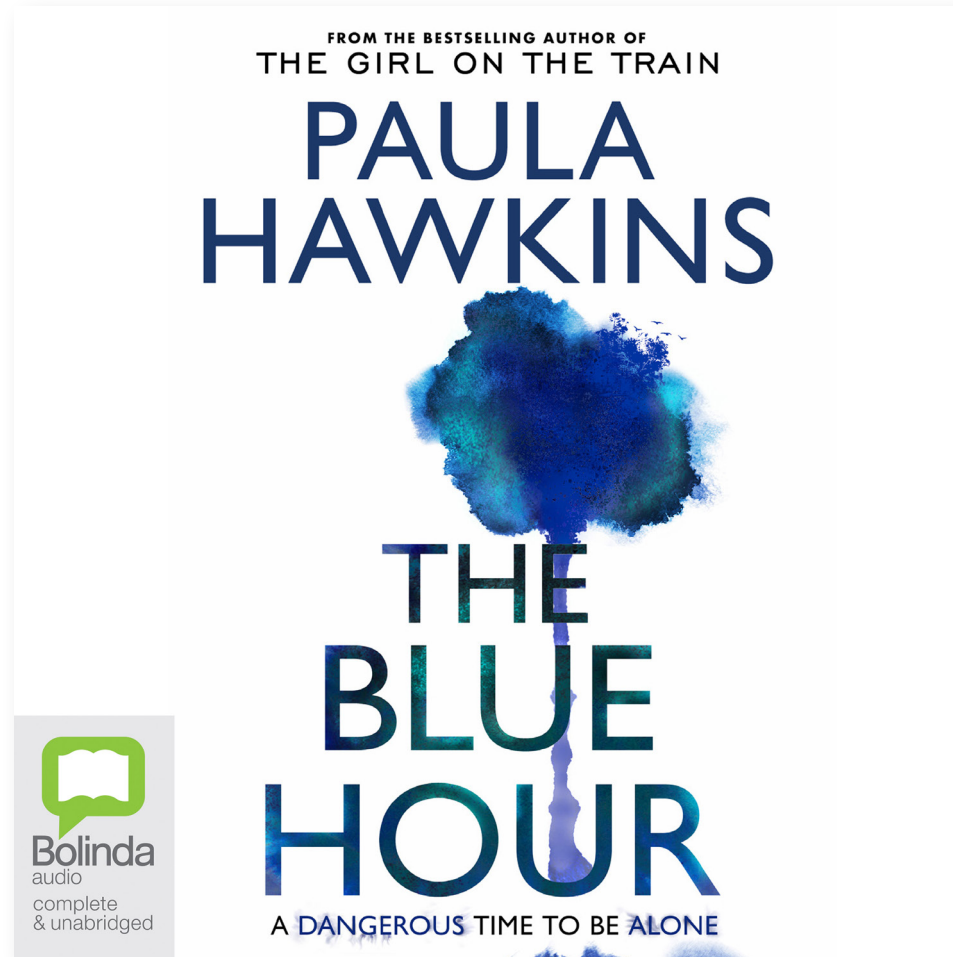
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The Blue Hour

Paula Hawkins
Narrator to Come



A stylish and immersive new thriller of ambition, legacy and betrayal from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Girl on the Train*.

An isolated Scottish island, accessible to the mainland only 12 hours a day. An infamous artist whose notoriously unfaithful husband disappeared after visiting her 20 years ago. A present-day discovery that intimately connects three people and threatens a carefully concealed secret.

A masterful and propulsive novel that asks searing questions of ambition, power, gender and perception, *The Blue Hour* recalls the very best of Shirley Jackson and Patricia Highsmith and cements Hawkins's place among the very best of our most nuanced, powerful and stylish storytellers.

Paula Hawkins is the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestselling novels *Into the Water* and *The Girl on the Train*

An international #1 bestseller, *The Girl on the Train* has sold 23 million copies worldwide and has been adapted into a major motion picture

Hawkins is also the bestselling author of *A Slow Fire Burning*

'The Blue Hour swept me along on a tide as unforgiving and irresistible as the one around the island of Eris.' – Val McDermid, bestselling author of the Lindsay Gordon series

'Beautifully written, intriguing and atmospheric, *The Blue Hour* cuts to the heart of the artist's visceral process, and the chillingly fine line between love and hate.' – Belinda Bauer, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Snap*

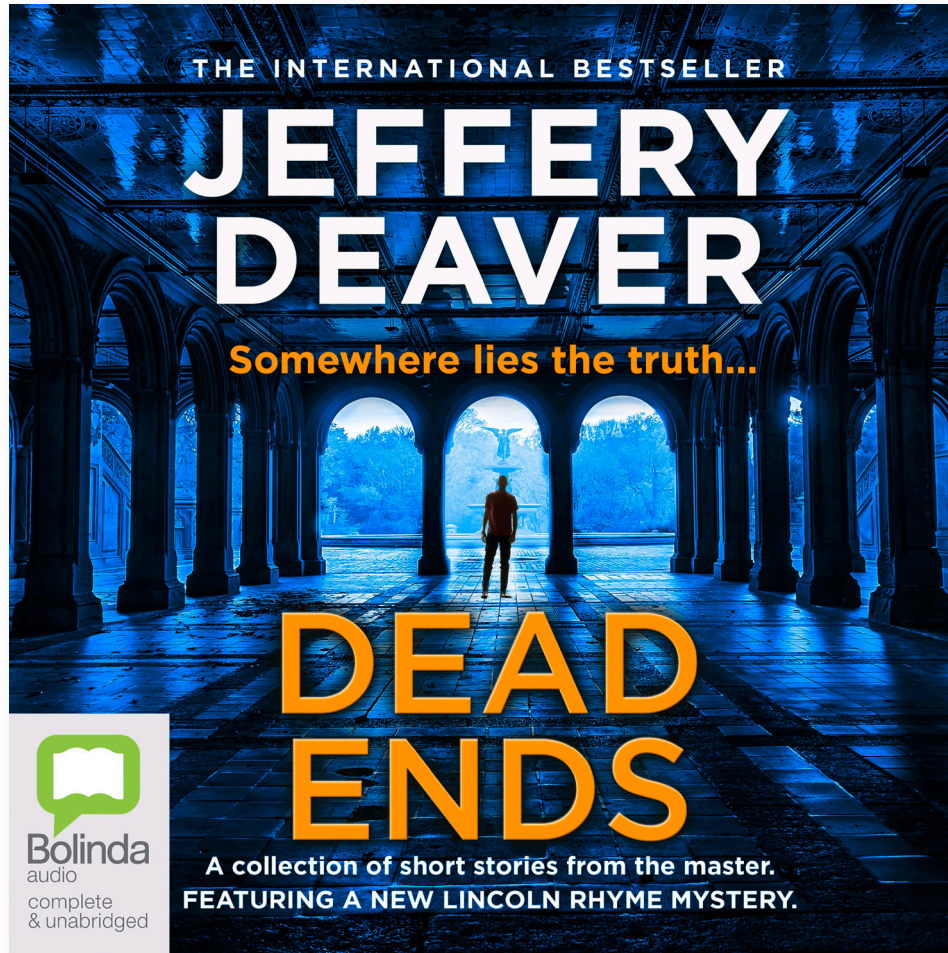
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Dead Ends

Jeffery Deaver

Read by Jeff Harding



A devious collection of short stories from the master of misdirection, featuring appearances from some of Deaver's beloved characters, including Lincoln Rhyme and Colter Shaw.

Amongst the dead ends ...

A murder at a crime writers' conference. The method is entirely literary, the motive seems obvious – but can the detective who was first on scene puzzle out what's between the lines?

Amongst the misdirections ...

An intelligence analyst has the chance to get out from behind the desk and do some real spy work. But as he enters the field, he begins to realise just how out of his depth he is ...

Somewhere lies the truth.

A brilliant sleuth, obsessed with Sherlock Holmes's mysteries, turns his attention to a serial killer targeting women in New York's Central Park. But as his deductions bring him closer to his prey he starts to wonder who is doing the hunting ...

Jeffery Deaver is an international bestselling author – his books are sold in 150 countries and translated into over 25 languages

Deaver has served two terms as president of Mystery Writers of America, and was recently named a Grand Master of MWA, whose ranks include Agatha Christie, Ellery Queen, Mary Higgins Clark and Walter Mosely

Deaver has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention, the Strand Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Raymond Chandler Lifetime Achievement Award in Italy

'Deaver grips from the very first line.' – Peter James

'A master storyteller.' – Steve Cavanagh, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

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Fire on the Horizon

Courtney & Ballantyne #3

Wilbur Smith & Imogen Robertson

Read by Elliot Chapman

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | October 2024

The Courtneys and the Ballantynes come together once again in the sequel to the worldwide bestsellers *The Triumph of the Sun* and *King of Kings*.

South Africa, 1899. The smouldering hostility between the Boers of the Transvaal and Orange Free State and the British colonies of the Cape and Natal is about to burst into flame. War is coming and no one can prevent it. Colonel Penrod Ballantyne is sent to Mafeking, 'the place of stones', to recruit and train men for the fighting ahead. Amber, his wife, the successful novelist, accompanies him. But when war is declared, Amber must flee with their baby son and pray for her husband's survival against impossible odds.

Eight hundred miles to the south, in Cape Town, Ryder Courtney – adventurer, maverick, industrialist – is using his wealth and connections to bankroll the British war effort. His artist wife Saffron has joined him with their three children. There is peace in the Courtney household, or so Saffron believes, until their eldest son, Leon, stows away on a train to the front line, determined to join his distinguished uncle, Penrod Ballantyne, in changing the course of history. Leon is convinced that his parents are without honour and courage. Little does he realise that he has no chance of escaping the people they used to be.

Wilbur Smith became a full-time writer in 1964, following the success of *When the Lion Feeds*, and has since published over 50 global bestsellers

Smith is the bestselling author of the Ballantyne Series, the Hector Cross Series and many successful standalone titles, all meticulously researched on his numerous expeditions worldwide

'The extensive research and Smith's knowledge of the locations (which he normally visits) make this novel an interesting ...' – Historical Novel Society (on *Courtney's War*)



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Syndicate

Dick Francis Novels #13

Felix Francis

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

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The master of suspense and intrigue is back with the next addictive thriller in the Dick Francis series.

Chester Newton has built his fortune organising racehorse syndicates, where top horses are co-owned and managed by several parties. These joint enterprises are high risk and high reward – and for Chester, it's almost always been reward. The stakes only get higher as the syndicates grow larger, and every race means the possibility of complete failure – or ecstatic success.

After an anxious morning waiting for the results of the Epsom Derby, the premier flat race in the UK, Chester has an afternoon of explosive triumph and an evening of total terror. Someone tries to take over one of his syndicates by force – and by threats of serious harm to him and his family.

For the first time in Chester's life, it's not just a horse race or money at stake, it's his life and the lives of his loved ones.

This pulse-pounding dive into the dark and dangerous world of British racehorse syndicates will have listeners racing to the thrilling end.

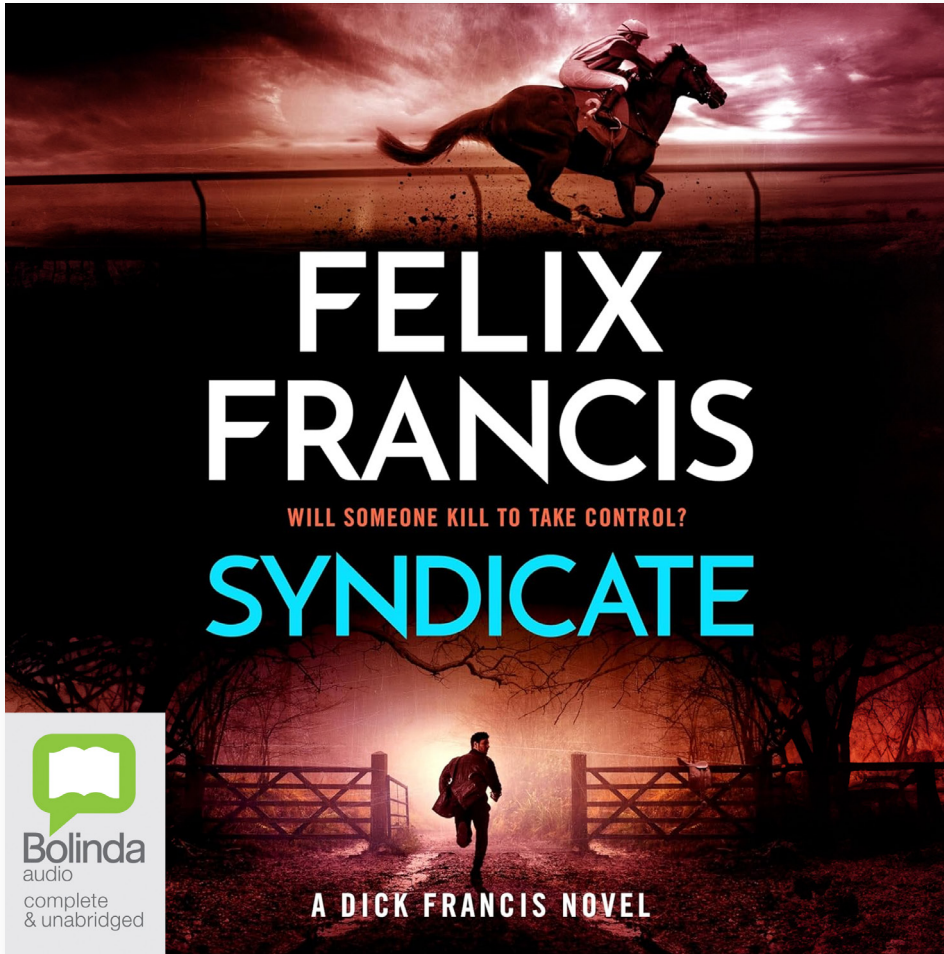
Felix Francis, a graduate of London University, is an accomplished outdoorsman, marksman and pilot who has assisted with the research of many of his father's novels

Francis is the co-author and author of numerous Dick Francis novels

Perfect for fans of Michael Connelly

'Excellent ... Francis nicely balances his lead's personal challenges with his sleuthing.' – Publishers Weekly, starred review (on *Hands Down*)

'Another solid, fun novel in this franchise. Fans of horse racing, and good old-fashioned thrillers, will enjoy this one.' – Red Carpet Crash (on *No Reserve*)



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A Case of Matricide

Georges Gorski #3

Graeme Macrae Burnet

Read by Geoffrey Breton

Adult New Release

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From the Booker–nominated author of *Case Study* and *His Bloody Project* comes the next adventure of Inspector Gorski.

‘A writer of great skill and authority.’

Financial Times

A CASE OF MATRICIDE

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From the author of Booker-listed novels

HIS BLOODY PROJECT and **CASE STUDY**

GRAEME MACRAE BURNET

In the unremarkable French town of Saint-Louis, the troubled Inspector Georges Gorski takes the case of a local woman who has called the to report that she suspects her son, a novelist named Robert, of plotting her death. Between the suspicious death of their dog, Robert’s callous disregard for his mother’s accusations, and her unreliable state of mind, Gorski decides to keep a close eye on their house. He visits with increasing frequency, trying to understand why – and how – a man might murder his mother. As Gorski’s closeness to the Duymanns swiftly slips from curious to dangerous, his grip on the case – and reality – irreversibly loosens.

In his unmistakably Nabokovian style, in which the line between fiction and reality blurs and narration and truth are questioned at every turn, Burnet constructs an elegant, bizarre and destabilising account of the ways guilt moves between mind and body, suspect and investigator, and writer and reader.

Graeme Macrae Burnet is the author of *Case Study*, which was longlisted for the 2022 Booker Prize and shortlisted for the Ned Kelly International Crime Prize and for the Gordon Burn Prize

Burnet was named Author of the Year in the Sunday Herald Culture Awards 2017 and has appeared at festivals and events in the UK, Korea, Canada, the US, Russia, Estonia, Spain, France, Germany, China and quite a few other places

Burnet’s debut novel *His Bloody Project* was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2016 and won the Saltire Fiction Book of the Year 2016 and the Vrij Nederland Thriller of the Year 2017

‘A Case of Matricide is insightful, clever, brilliantly original and funny, succeeding in simultaneously providing a fantastic standalone read and an ingenious tying up of the Gorski trilogy.’ – Sara Hunt, publisher at Saraband

‘With A Case of Matricide I found myself, gripped, surprised and moved.’ – Isobel Dixon, MD and Head of Books at the Blake Friedmann Literary Agency

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The Wilds

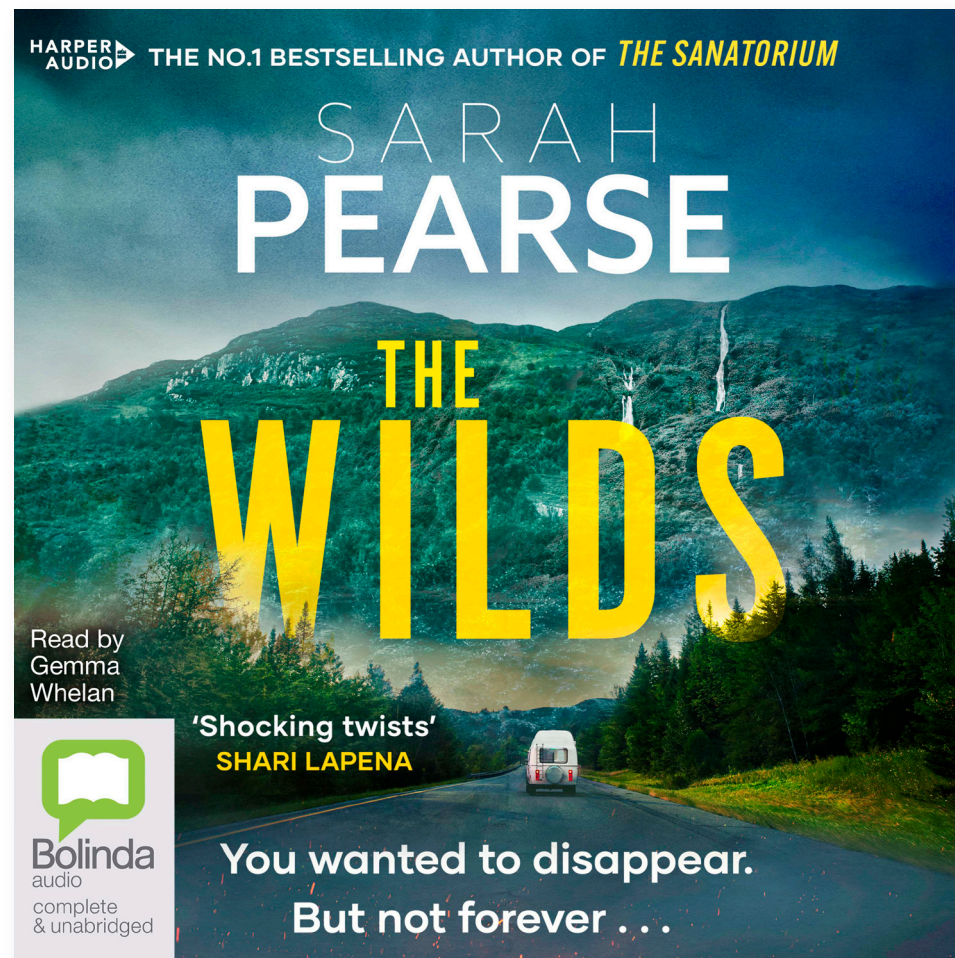
Detective Elin Warner #3

Sarah Pearse

Read by Gemma Whelan

Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | October 2024



Detective Elin Warner unravels the mystery behind the disappearance of a young woman in a propulsive new thriller from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Sanatorium*.

Since the dark events that scarred her childhood, Kier Templer escaped her hometown to live life on the road. She and her twin have never lost contact until, on a trip to a Portuguese national park, Kier vanishes without a trace.

Detective Elin Warner arrives in the same park ready to immerse herself in its vast wilderness – only to hear about Kier's disappearance, and discover a disturbing map she left behind. The few strangers at an isolated campsite close ranks against Elin's questions, and the park's wild beauty starts to turn sinister.

Elin must untangle the clues to find out what really happened to Kier. But when you follow a trail, you have to be careful to watch your back ...

Sarah Pearse is the author of *The Sanatorium*, which was an instant #1 *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* top-ten bestseller and a Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick

The Retreat, Pearse's second novel, was also a *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestseller

Over one million copies of Pearse's books have been sold in over 30 countries

'An atmospheric chiller with shocking twists.' – Shari Lapena, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Couple Next Door*

'An absolute winner! *The Wilds* gives us everything we crave in thriller writing: a rollercoaster of a plot, a strong and thoroughly appealing protagonist and an addictive literary voice painting rich portrayals of the characters and the ominous locale.' – Jeffery Deaver, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author

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Whispers of the Dead

Rhona MacLeod #18

Lin Anderson

Read by Sally Armstrong

Adult New Release

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When an actor goes missing in Glasgow, the clue to his whereabouts could be in the film script itself. *Whispers of the Dead* is a gripping thriller from bestselling author Lin Anderson.

In the dead of night, a man's body is found strapped to a chair in Glasgow's Elder Park, his identity unknown. As forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod examines the scene, the violence on display suggests a gangland feud could be the cause. At the post-mortem, a bullet engraved with a snake's head is found in the man's stomach, lending weight to the theory.

Elsewhere in the city, a major Hollywood movie is being filmed. But shooting comes to a standstill when its lead actor is reported missing. As the news spreads, Police Scotland believe the two cases may be connected.

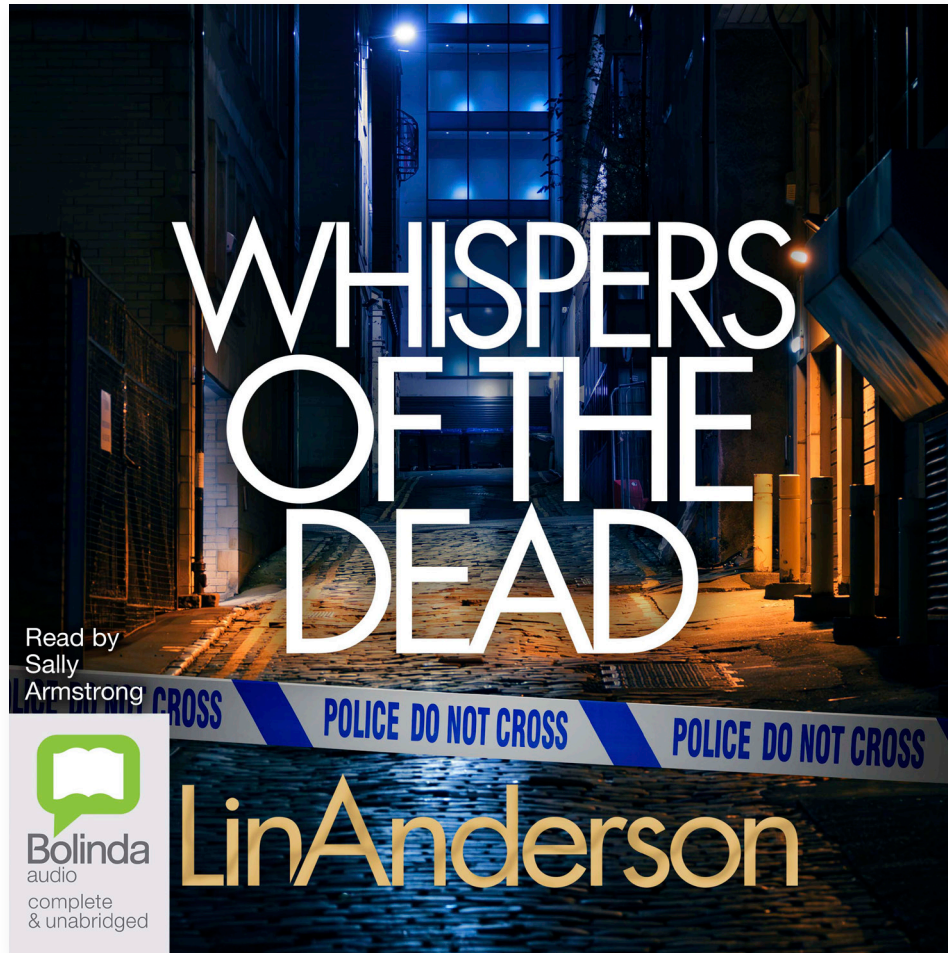
DS Michael McNab thinks the key to finding those responsible could be the film itself. A storyline playing out in real-life on the streets of Glasgow with a killer intent on revenge at any cost. A vendetta which must be paid in blood ...

Lin Anderson is a Scottish author and screenwriter known for her bestselling crime series featuring forensic scientist Dr Rhona MacLeod

Anderson is also the co-founder of the international crime writing festival Bloody Scotland, which takes place annually in Stirling

Four of Anderson's novels have been longlisted for the Scottish Crime Book of the Year, and in 2022 she was shortlisted for the Crime Writers Association Dagger in the Library Award

'Lin Anderson is one of Scotland's national treasures – don't be fooled by comparisons, her writing is unique, bringing warmth and depth to even the seediest parts of Glasgow.' – Stuart MacBride, author of *No Less the Devil*



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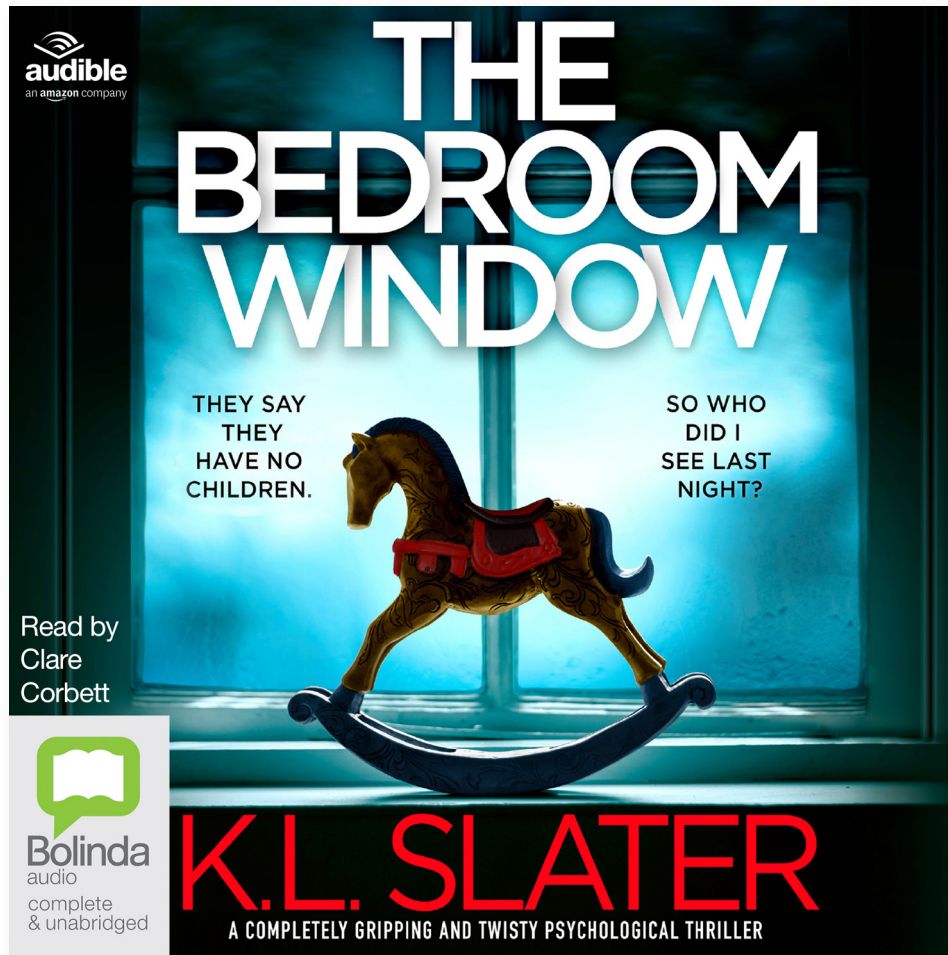
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The Bedroom Window

K.L. Slater

Read by Clare Corbett



An utterly gripping psychological thriller from the number one bestselling author of *The Marriage* and *The Girlfriend*, perfect for fans of *Gone Girl* and *The Housemaid*.

My darling little boy Albie adores playing at our new neighbours' house. And after the terrible year we've had, I feel so lucky that we can start over in this perfect place, with new friends who treat Albie like the son they never had. He can't stop talking about the tree house they're building him, and the cookies they bake together.

But as time passes, something starts to feel wrong. Why don't they ever open the front door more than a crack? They told me they had no children, so who does the small pink tricycle I saw in their hall belong to?

Then, one night, I see a small shadowy figure in their bedroom window ...

I thought I'd learned my lesson about trusting the wrong people, but now I'm forced to wonder what this perfect couple are hiding.

And if I try to save that little helpless figure in the window, will I do what I've always feared most, and put my beautiful boy's life in danger ...?

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

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

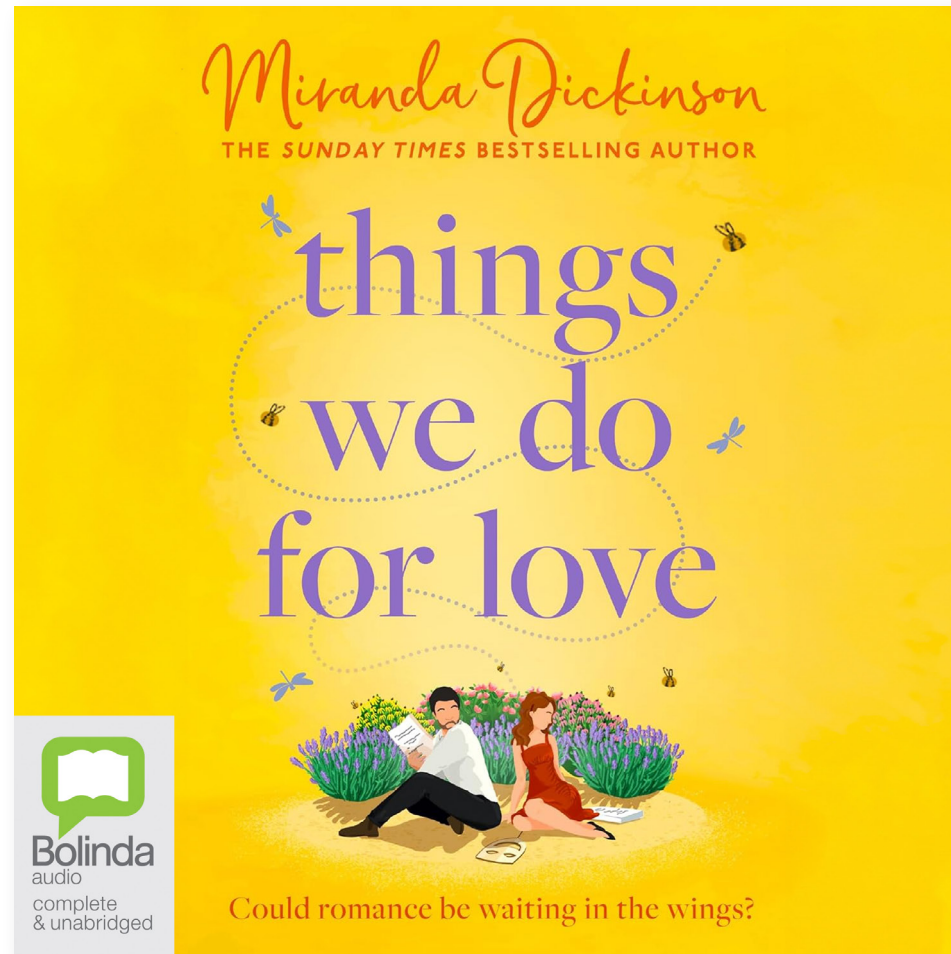
Slater is the bestselling author of the psychological crime thrillers *Safe with Me*, *Blink*, *Liar*, *The Mistake*, *The Visitor* and *The Secret*

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

Things We Do for Love

Miranda Dickinson

Read by Heather Long & Luke R. Francis



The brand new, heartwarming love story full of sparkling chemistry from bestselling author Miranda Dickinson, perfect for fans of Jill Mansell and Beth Moran.

Could romance be waiting in the wings ...?

Lucie Hart is a fledgling actress, her confidence having been shattered by her manipulative ex. Making ends meet by performing Shakespearean monologues full of romance she doesn't believe in, she can see her dreams getting further out of reach.

Theo Larkin has already taken Hollywood by storm and his next conquests are Shakespeare's greatest works – and his incensed leading lady.

Always short of money, Lucie can't afford to waste the opportunity to bring crowds to her shows. And when a well-publicised bust-up leaves Theo's reputation hanging by a thread, he is desperate to prove his worth by taking on the most challenging performance of his life.

As they put aside their differences to save their careers, can our star-crossed lovers take their relationship to the next stage, and find themselves along the way?

Miranda Dickinson is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author and has been shortlisted twice for RNA awards and for Contemporary Novel of the Year

Dickinson is the bestselling author of *Fairytale of New York*, *Welcome to My World*, *It Started with a Kiss*, *When I Fall in Love*, *Take a Look at Me Now* and *I'll Take New York*

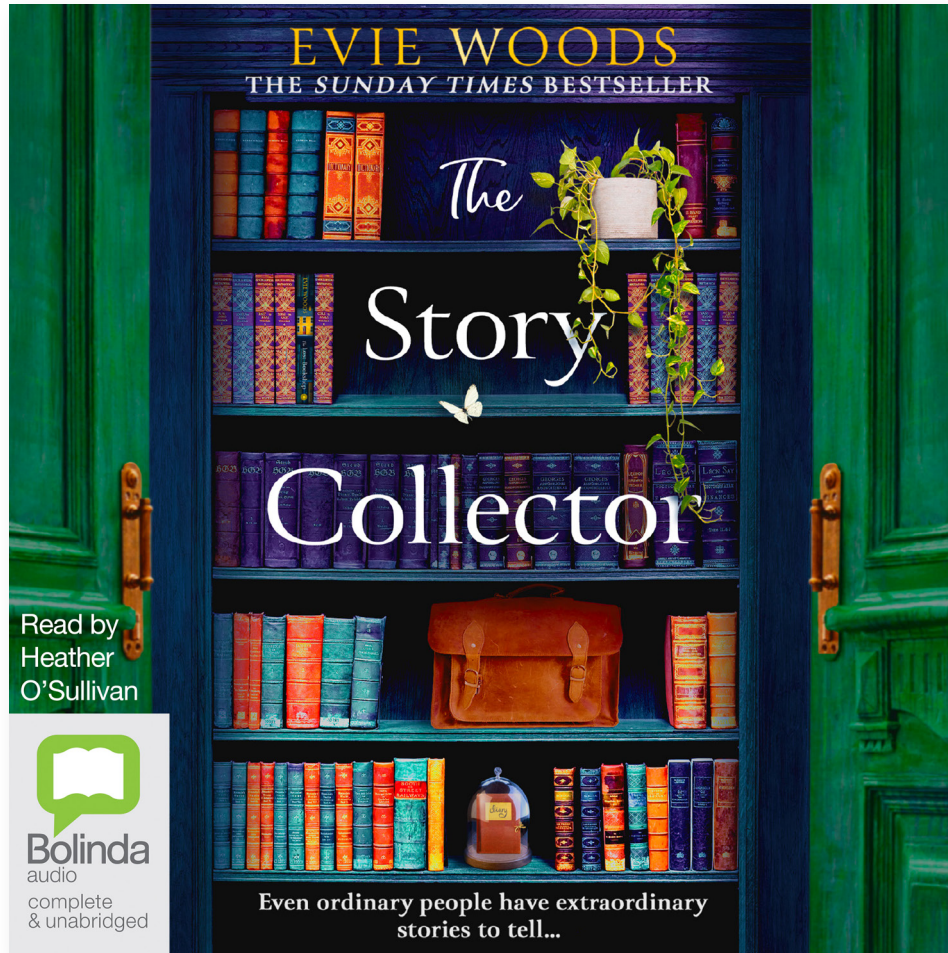
To date, Dickinson has sold over one million copies of books worldwide

'Heart-warming and believable. This is Miranda Dickinson at her very best.' – Sarah Morgan, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *The Start of Something*)

The Story Collector

Evie Woods

Read by Heather O'Sullivan



An evocative and charming tale full of secrets and mystery, from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Lost Bookshop*.

Thornwood Village, 1910.

Anna, a young farm girl, volunteers to help an intriguing American visitor, Harold Griffin-Krauss, translate 'fairy stories' from Irish to English. But all is not as it seems, and Anna soon finds herself at the heart of a mystery that threatens the future of her community and her very way of life ...

New York, 2010.

Captivated by the land of myth, folklore and superstition, Sarah Harper boards a plane bound for the West Coast of Ireland and finds herself walking in the footsteps of Harold and Anna 100 years later. But once there, she finds she has unearthed dark secrets – secrets that tread the line between the everyday and the otherworldly, the seen and the unseen.

With a taste for the magical in everyday life, Evie Woods's latest novel is full of ordinary characters with extraordinary tales to tell.

Evie Woods is the author of *The Lost Bookshop*, the #1 *Wall Street Journal* and Amazon Kindle bestseller, which has now sold over half a million copies

Woods is also the author of *The Heirloom* and *The Mysterious Bakery On Rue De Paris* under her real name, Evie Gaughan

'Beautifully written and steeped in folklore – this suspenseful story is told with warmth, wit and charm.' – Niamh Boyce, bestselling author of *The Herballis*

'The Story Collector is an engaging modern love story ... this is an intriguing novel with its combination of Irish hardship and charm.' – Historical Novel Society

The Skeleton Army

The Oxford Mysteries #2

Alis Hawkins

Read by Ffion Aynsley & Iestyn Arwel

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | October 2024

From master crime author Alis Hawkins comes a compelling historical mystery that paints a fascinating portrait of Victorian Oxford.

The Salvation Army has come prancing and singing from the slums of London to the poorest quarters of Oxford, but along with its red-hot gospel preaching and music hall songs it brings a prohibition message which sparks immediate opposition and violence.

An Army soldier – an ex-drunk – is brutally killed and a note suggests that the Salvation Army's shadowy enemy, the Skeleton Army, is responsible.

With the police unwilling to come between the two forces, Non Vaughan, aspiring journalist and great hope of the Oxford women's college movement, and Basil Rice, Jesus College fellow and union-sanctioned guardian of the dead man's family, are compelled to investigate.

But as the threats from both sides escalate, resulting in a second death, Non and Basil realise that they must stop the fighting before it results in an outright war. For with the University's annual commemoration week fast approaching, the entire city could be engulfed in fire and blood ...

Perfect for fans of Andrew Taylor, C.J. Sansom and Antonia Hodgson

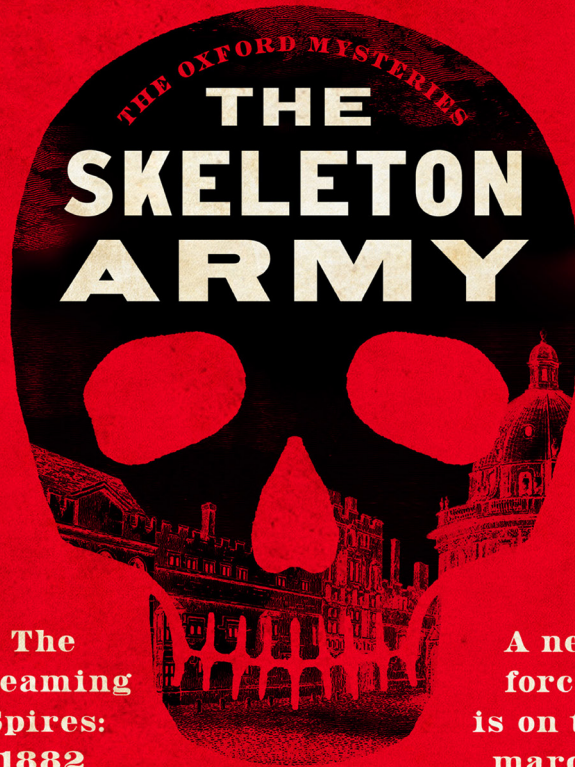
Alis Hawkins is a CWA Dagger shortlisted author of historical crime fiction and mysteries

A former speech and language therapist and current freelance writer and editor, Hawkins is a founder member of Welsh crime writers' collective, Crime Cymru, and a member of the Society of Authors and the Crime Writers' Association

'We have come to expect a cleverly plotted mystery from Hawkins, a story with more twists than the staircase of an Oxford College but in this second novel, she broadens her scope, bringing in Town as well as Gown to a greater extent.' – Nation.Cymru

'An excellent addition to the historical mystery canon. Marvellous!' – Vaseem Khan, author of the Baby Ganesh Detective Agency series (on *A Bitter Remedy*)

'Marvellous!' Vaseem Khan on *A Bitter Remedy*



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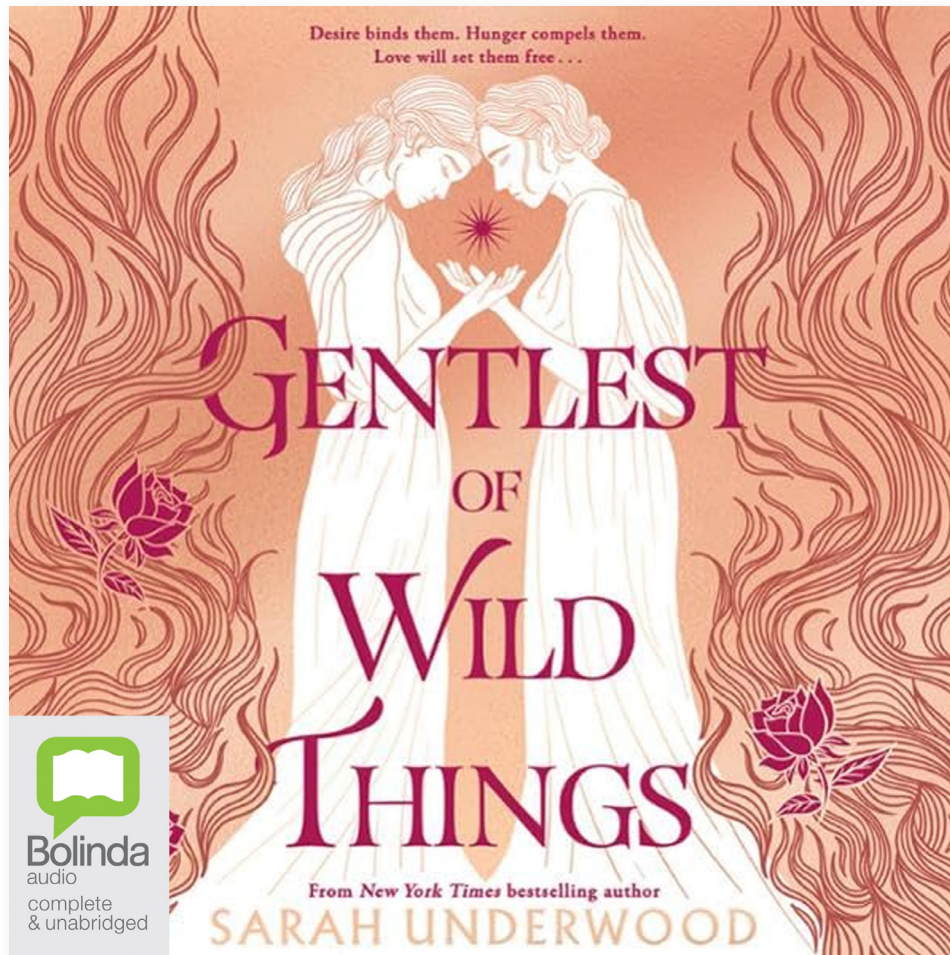
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Gentlest of Wild Things

Sarah Underwood

Read by Isabel Adomakoh Young & Fern Kay



A fantasy romance, by dazzling new talent Sarah Underwood, inspired by Greek mythology and the tale of Eros and Psyche. For fans of *The Song of Achilles* and *A Thousand Ships*.

On the island of Zakynthos, nothing is more powerful than Desire – love itself, bottled and sold to the highest bidder by Leandros, a power-hungry descendent of the god Eros.

Eirene and her beloved twin sister, Phoebe, have always managed to escape Desire's thrall. Until Leandros's wife dies mysteriously and he sets his sights on Phoebe. Determined to keep her sister safe, Eirene strikes a bargain with Leandros – if she can complete the four elaborate tasks he sets her, he will find another bride. But it soon becomes clear that the tasks are part of something bigger; something related to Desire and Lamia, the strange, neglected daughter Leandros keeps locked away.

Lamia knows her father hides her for her own protection, though as she and Eirene grow closer, she finds herself longing for the outside world. But the price of freedom is high, and with something deadly – something hungry – stalking the night, that price must be paid in blood ...

Sarah Underwood is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lies We Sing to the Sea*

'A thoughtful, tender meditation on love and how it can shape us into better versions of ourselves, Gentlest of Wild Things is both an intricate character study and an inevitable, joyous, ultimately hopeful love story. Wondrous and healing.' – Grace Li, #1 bestselling author of *Portrait of a Thief*

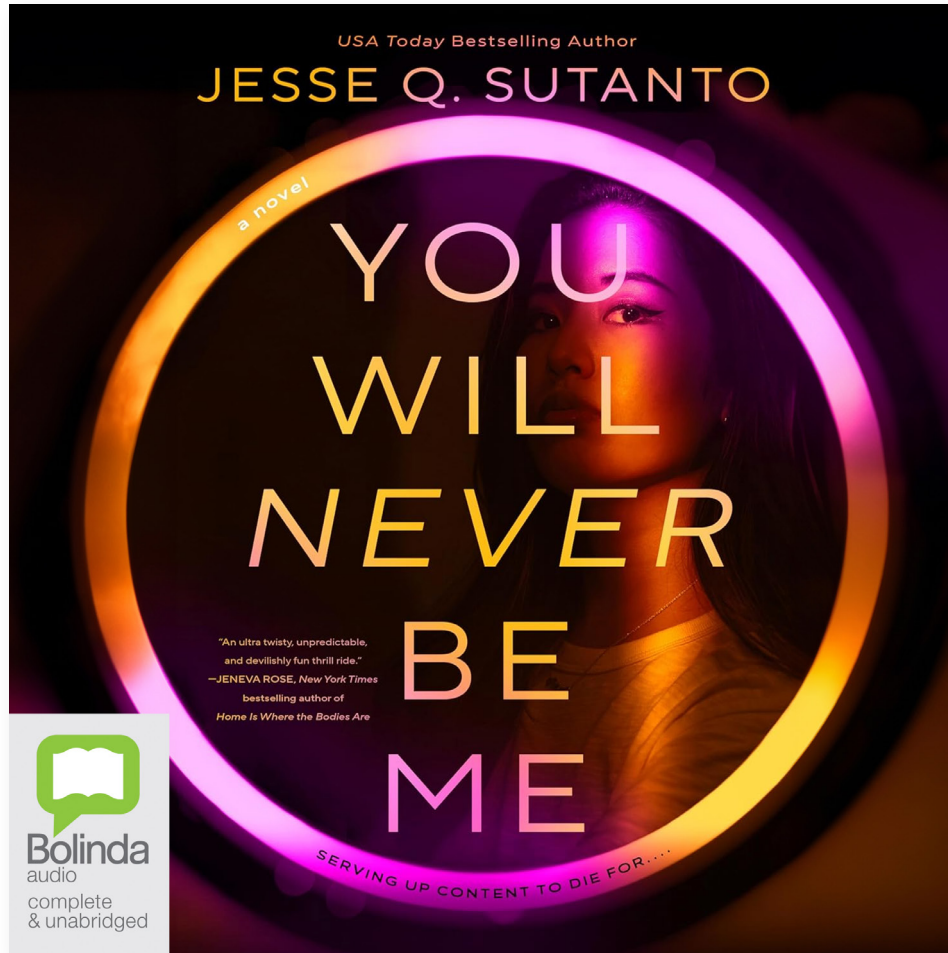


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You Will Never Be Me

Jesse Sutanto

Read by Eunice Wong & Risa Mei



When cracks start forming in an influencer's curated life, she finds out that jealousy is just as viral as a video in this riveting suspense novel from bestselling author Jesse Sutanto.

Best friends make the worst enemies.

I'm stalking my best friend. There's no use denying it. Aspen Palmer, with her millions of followers and beautiful family, has everything I want. The worst thing is, I showed her how to get it. And now I'm dead to her.

But I've found a way to get revenge. If Aspen's world starts to crumble and I'm there to pick up the pieces with her brands and sponsors, then I'm just getting what I deserve. What my son deserves.

Aspen won't go down without a fight. Nothing gets in the way of her perfect life. But I made Aspen, and I know exactly how to break her ...

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

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

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

'You Will Never Be Me is an ultra twisty, unpredictable, and devilishly fun thrill ride, exploring the dark side of influencer culture. Prepare to be shocked and wildly entertained by this gripping and addictive thriller. Jesse Sutanto is a true talent!' – Jeneva Rose, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Home is Where the Bodies Are*

Vengeance

The Khan #2

Saima Mir

Read by Mina Anwar

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | October 2024

Jia Khan must fight to stay on top when secrets from the past are revealed, in this brilliant, tension-filled follow-up to the bestselling *Times* and *Guardian* Crime Novel of the Year.

For two years, Jia Khan has been running her late father's organised crime business in the north of England. So far, her authority has remained unchallenged, but now things are beginning to unravel.

When she finds her father's notebook recounting his arrival from Pakistan in the 1970s, it awakes an old family feud that could have devastating repercussions for Jia. And worst of all, one of her staff lies brutally slain, his corpse displayed provocatively in her garden despite her sophisticated security.

Someone is getting dangerously close. Could there be a traitor in Jia Khan's trusted inner circle?

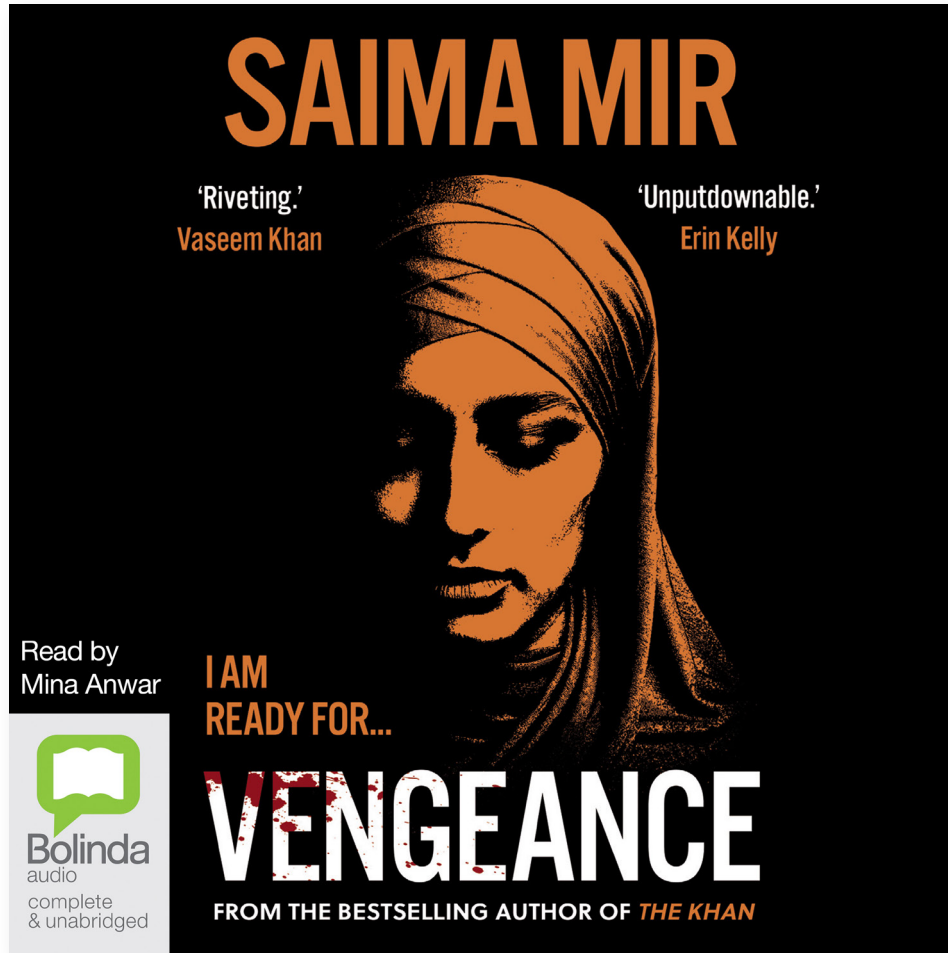
Saima Mir is an award-winning journalist and writer – she has written for *The Guardian*, *The Times*, *The Independent* and *The Daily Telegraph*, and worked for the BBC

Mir's novel *The Khan* has been a *Times* bestseller, a *Times* and *Sunday Times* Best Crime Books and a Waterstones Thriller of the Month

Mir is a recipient of The Commonwealth Broadcast Association World View Award and The K Blundell Trust Award. Her work has been longlisted for The SI Leeds Literary Prize and The Bath Novel Award

'Propulsive ... A riveting second outing for the Khan.' – Vaseem Khan, author of the Baby Ganesh Detective Agency series

'The explosive return of Jia Khan. Vengeance gives you everything you want in a thriller. A riveting, complex and tension filled sequel.' – Nadine Matheson, author of *The Jigsaw Man*



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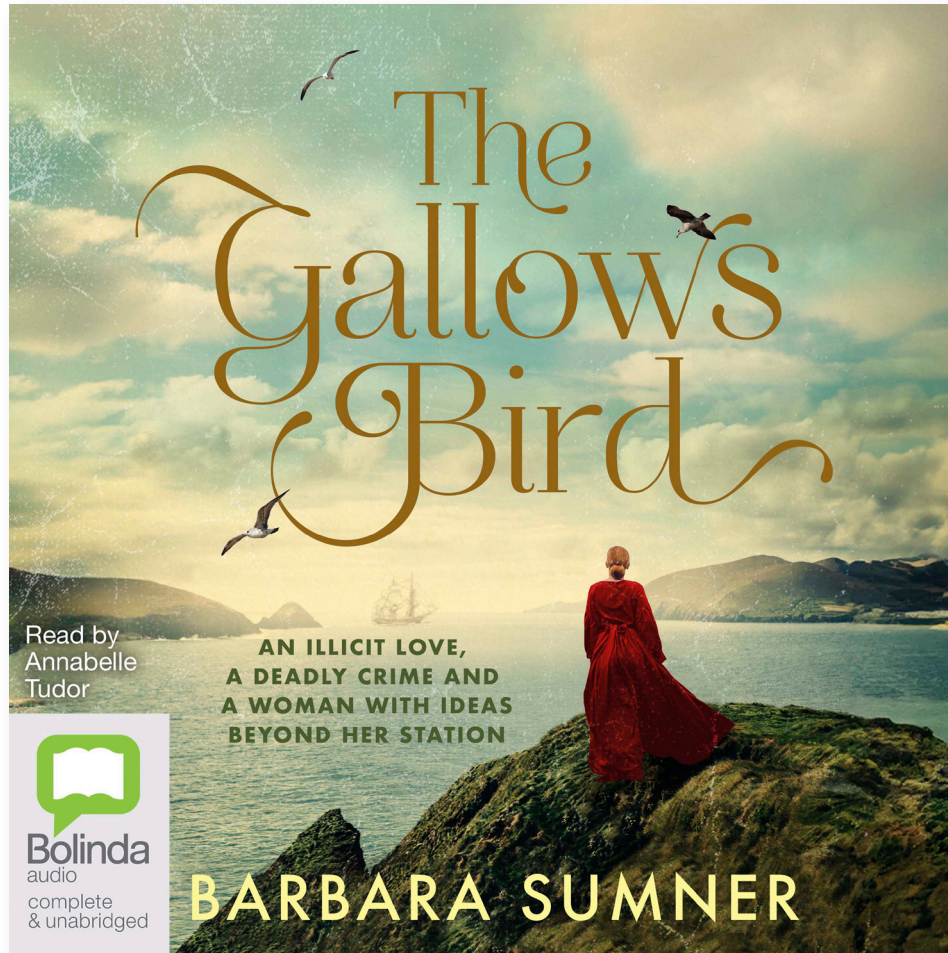
Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | October 2024

The Gallows Bird

Barbara Sumner

Read by Annabelle Tudor



Downton Abbey meets *The Secret River* in this rich, engaging tale of a woman caught between two worlds, determined to own her freedom, no matter the cost.

London 1833. The cast-out child of an aristocratic mother, Hannah 'Birdie' Bird is a laundry maid with a hidden past and a suspicion that the wealthy family she serves is hers.

Longing for beauty and liberation, Birdie risks everything to change her circumstances. She falls into love and crime, committing an audacious heist. When she is betrayed, she finds herself swept into a wave of female convicts, transported to the ends of her known world.

The journey to the early Australian settlement drives the women to deepest despair. Birdie finds wonder in even this darkest hour, and forms deep bonds with her fellow prisoners. But greater than even the trials onboard is the fear of what awaits them in Sydney Cove.

What chance does Birdie have of beating the odds? Can she fight her way to freedom?

Drawn from the rarely celebrated true stories of female convicts, this striking debut vividly evokes a far-off time.

Barbara Sumner is an author and filmmaker. Her catalogue of achievements includes producing three highly acclaimed feature documentaries, a career in journalism, event production, television and being accepted into a Masters program at the tender age of 60

Sumner is the author of *Tree of Strangers* – a compelling memoir of adoption, loss and discovery

Sumner co-manages Cloud South Pictures, which produced the internationally acclaimed documentary *This Way of Life*, and is a graduate of the International Institute of Modern Letters

'A rich historical adventure that says as much about the women of the nineteenth century as it does about women today.' – Gigi Fenster, author of *A Good Winter*

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Living on Earth

Life, Consciousness and the Making of the Natural World

Peter Godfrey-Smith

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Science & Technology | October 2024

The eagerly anticipated conclusion to Peter Godfrey-Smith's three-part exploration of the origins of intelligence on Earth, which began with the bestselling *Other Minds* in 2018 and continued with *Metazoa* in 2020.

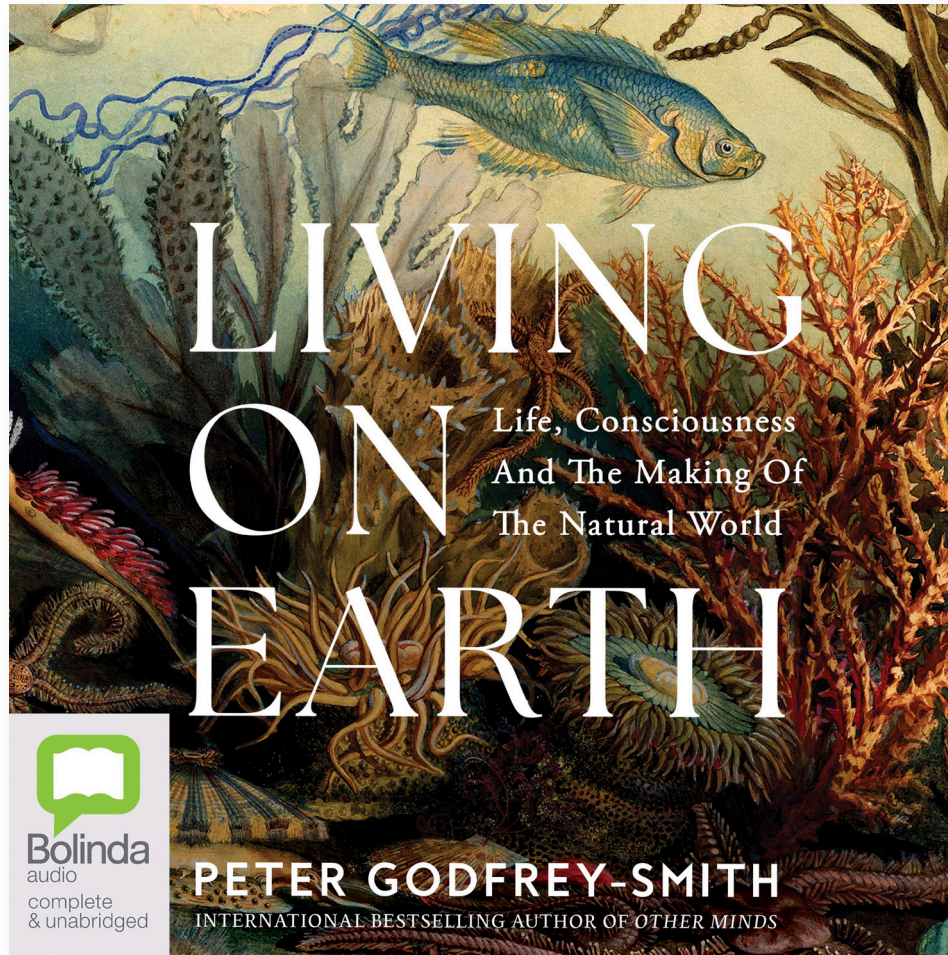
Peter Godfrey-Smith, the scuba-diving philosopher, examined the evolution of sentience in *Other Minds*. In *Metazoa* he asked how that consciousness shaped and was shaped by animal bodies. Now, in *Living on Earth*, he takes that line of questioning a step further, asking, how has life shaped and been shaped by our planet?

He explores the last living stromatolite fields, examples of how cyanobacteria from the sea first began colonising the land and belching oxygen into the atmosphere as they photosynthesised the sun's light. Oxygen meant life, and so began a riotous tangle of coevolution between plants and new animals. And then, in our own evolutionary line, an initially unremarkable mammal changed in new ways, forming societies and technologies. This led eventually to change to the atmosphere itself, as carbon that was buried and transformed to oil was deliberately burned with life-derived oxygen, to power the elaborate world of humanity.

Humans belong to the infinitely complex system that is the Earth, and our minds are products of that system, but they are also an acting force within it. We are creatures of Earth, and we hold Earth's future in our hands.

Peter Godfrey-Smith is the author of the bestselling *Other Minds: The Octopus, the Sea, and the Deep Origins of Consciousness*, which has been published in more than 20 languages, and *Metazoa: Animal Life and the Birth of the Mind*

Godfrey-Smith's other books include *Theory and Reality: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science* and *Darwinian Populations and Natural Selection*, which won the 2010 Lakatos Award



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A Swarm of Butterflies

Nell Ward #6

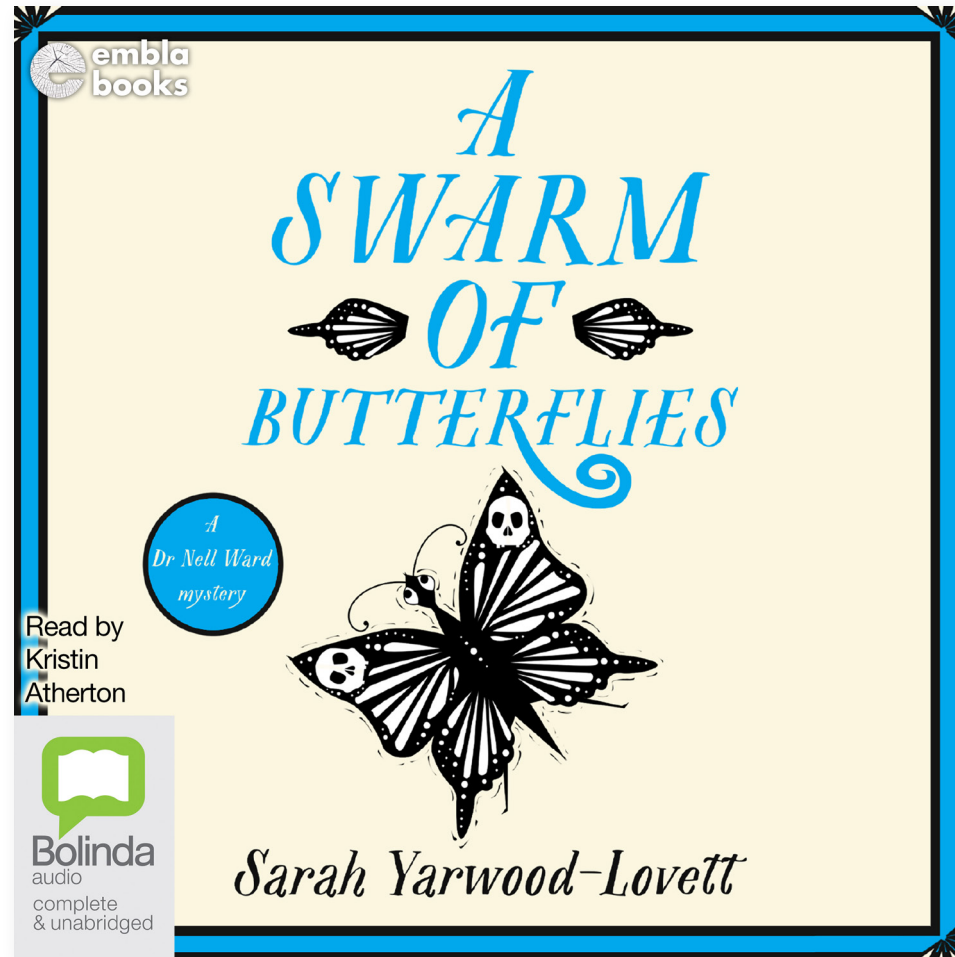
Sarah Yarwood-Lovett

Read by Kristin Atherton

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | October 2024

DI James Clark's and Nell's powers of observation are put to the test to detect the camouflaged predator. With everyone as a suspect, who can Nell really trust when those she loves are in danger?



When Finchmere's first summer fete turns fatal, Nell has more than just a killer to net ...

Since their YouTube channel, Following Finchmere, has taken flight, showcasing Dr Nell Ward's sustainability transformation at her family's Finchmere estate, it's her partner and colleague, Rav, who's become the star.

Amongst Rav's fan mail and gifts, Nell makes the chilling discovery that one person's obsession with him has metamorphosed into a deadly threat.

Just as Finchmere flings open its gates to welcome swarms of visitors to their idyllic summer fete – celebrating rewilding, artisan produce and local crafts – Nell realises the disguised peril has already wormed its way into the heart of Finchmere itself, and the path of destruction soon leads to murder.

Perfect for fans of Richard Osman, Robert Thorogood and Janice Hallett

After spending 16 years as an ecologist crawling through undergrowth and studying the nocturnal habits of animals (and people), Dr Sarah Yarwood-Lovett naturally turned her mind to murder mysteries

Forensically studying clues for animal activity has seen Yarwood-Lovett surveying sites all over the UK and around the world. She re-discovered a British species thought to be extinct during her PhD and updated London's Natural History Museum

Yarwood-Lovett's unusual career has provided the perfect inspiration for a series of murder mysteries with an ecological twist

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In Sunshine or in Shadow

Molly Murphy #20

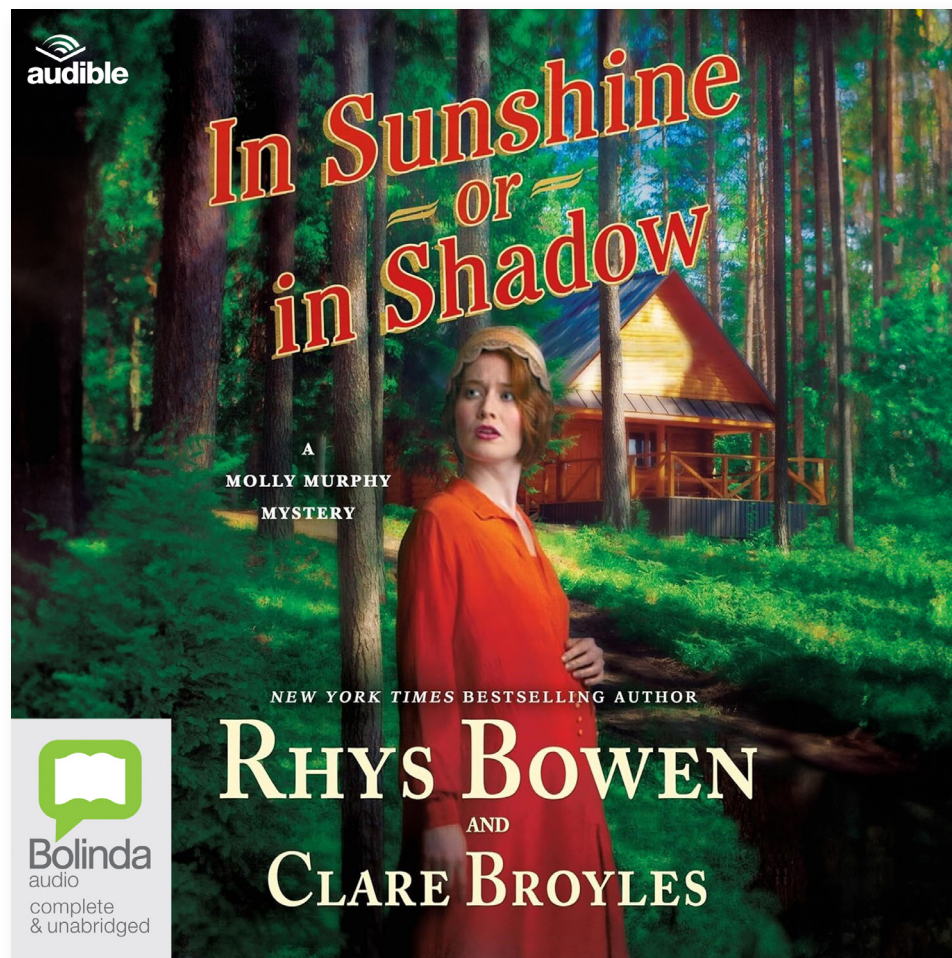
Rhys Bowen & Clare Broyles

Read by Nicola Barber

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | October 2024

Retired Detective Molly Murphy Sullivan is back with *In Sunshine or in Shadow*, the next instalment in this beloved series by bestselling author Rhys Bowen and Clare Broyles.



New York, 1908. The days are getting longer – and warmer – in Manhattan. Molly Murphy Sullivan doesn't want to leave her home in the city, but typhoid is back, and she's expecting. So she heads north with the children to summer with her mother-in-law in Westchester County. Molly tells herself it won't be so bad, after all the countryside is pretty, and she's determined to make the best of it. Even if she's leaving her husband, Daniel, behind. And at least she's not the only one heading north. Her great friends, Sid and Gus, are headed to the Catskills to visit Sid's family.

Though her mother-in-law is a surprisingly excellent host, Molly quickly grows bored. And when Sid and Gus invite her to visit, Molly jumps at the chance to stay with them at an artist's community. What a pleasant time they'll have, so far from the city, although Sid isn't so enthusiastic about having to visit her family in the nearby Jewish bungalow community. But deep in the Catskills, tensions are running high, and it's not long before a body delays Molly's return to Westchester.

Rhys Bowen, a *New York Times* bestselling author, has been nominated for every major award in mystery writing and has won many, including both the Agatha Anthony and Macavity awards

Bowen's work has sold close to ten million copies, in over 30 languages

Clare Broyles, who is Rhys Bowen's daughter, is a teacher and musician – she began collaborating with her mother on the Molly Murphy mystery series with *Wild Irish Rose*

'In Sunshine or in Shadow is an excellent addition to this long-running series. The final reveal is surprising and suspenseful, and Molly proves yet again that she is an effective and resourceful detective. This is a very enjoyable and entertaining mystery.' – Fresh Fiction

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Guilty by Definition

Susie Dent

Read by Louise Brealey & Jack Edwards

Agatha Christie meets *Countdown* in the debut mystery from the genius of Dictionary Corner, Susie Dent.

She'd known there would be ghosts in Oxford. Martha wasn't afraid of any headless horsemen, or nuns haunting the local ruins – it was Charlie, always Charlie she was afraid would find her.

When an anonymous letter is delivered to the Clarendon English Dictionary, it is rapidly clear that this is not the usual lexicographical enquiry. Instead, the letter hints at secrets and lies linked to a particular year.

For Martha Thornhill, the new senior editor, the date can mean only one thing – the summer her brilliant older sister Charlie went missing.

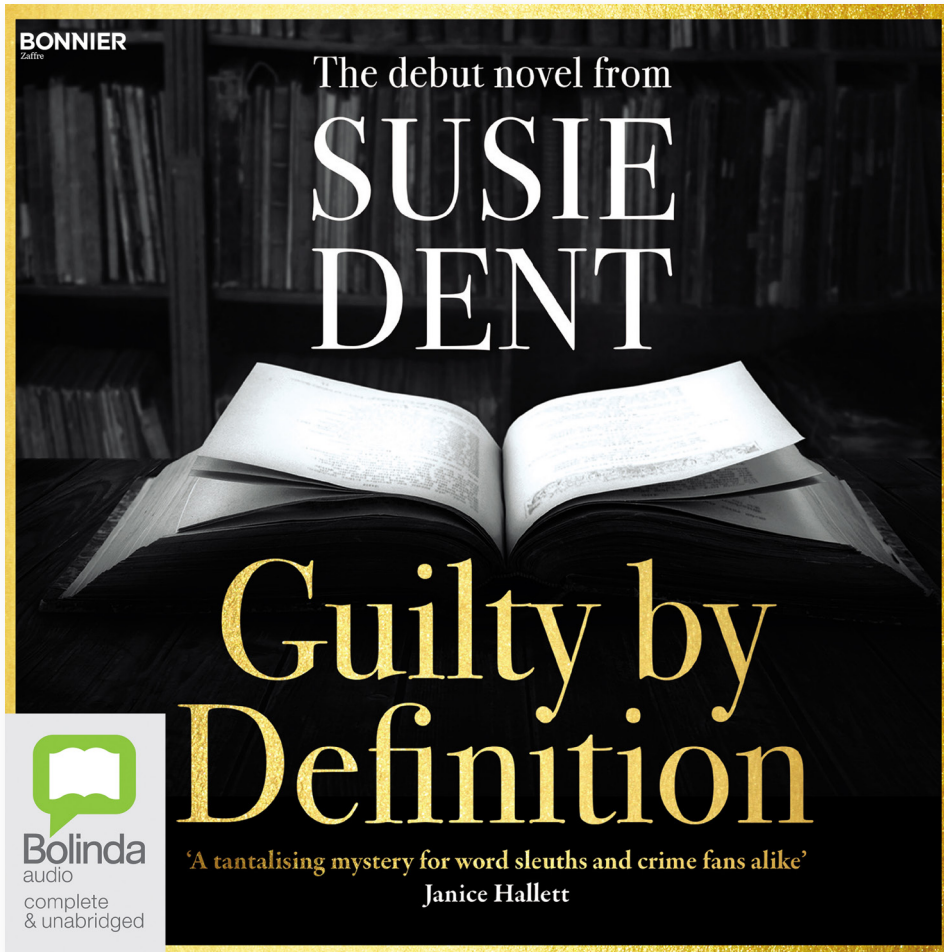
After a decade abroad, Martha has returned home to the city whose ancient institutions have long defined her family. Have the ghosts she left behind her been waiting for her return?

When more letters arrive, and Martha and her team pull apart the complex clues within them, the mystery becomes ever more insistent and troubling. It seems Charlie had been keeping a powerful secret, and someone is trying to lead the lexicographers towards the truth. But other forces are no less desperate to keep it well and truly buried.

Susie Dent recently celebrated 30 years as a co-presenter and the resident word expert on C4's *Countdown*, and also appears on the show's comedy sister *8 out of 10 Cats Does Countdown*

Dent has contributed to discussions on Radio 4's *Woman's Hour*, *Word of Mouth*, *Saturday Live*, *More or Less*, *Today* and on Radio 5 Live's *Breakfast* and *Drive* programmes

Dent has written for the *Independent on Sunday*, *The Telegraph* and *The Times*, and is the author of several books, including *An Emotional Dictionary: Real Words for How You Feel, from Angst to Zwodder*



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October new releases 2024

Three Wild Dogs and the Truth

Markus Zusak

Read by the Author



Three Wild Dogs is an ode to the pound-hardened dogs who have shared the Zusak family home and an exquisitely written memoir about love and rage, violence and beauty.

There's a madman dog beside me, and the hounds of memory ahead of us. It's love and beasts and wild mistakes, and regret, but never to change things ...

What happens when the Zusaks open their family home to three big, wild, pound-hardened dogs – Reuben, a wolf at your door with a hacksaw; Archer, blond, beautiful, deadly; and the rancorously smiling Frosty, who walks like a rolling thunderstorm?

The answer can only be chaos – there are street fights, park fights, public shaming, property trashing, bodily injuries, stomach pumping, purest comedy, shocking tragedy and carnage that needs to be seen to be believed ... not to mention the odd police visit at some ungodly hour of the morning.

There is a reckoning of shortcomings and failure, a strengthening of will, but most important of all, an explosion of love – and the joy and recognition of family.

Markus Zusak is the international bestselling author of six titles, including *The Book Thief* and *Bridge of Clay*

Zusak's work is translated into more than 40 languages, and has spent more than a decade on the *New York Times* bestseller list, establishing Zusak as one of the most successful authors to come out of Australia

All of Zusak's books – including earlier titles, *The Underdog*, *Fighting Ruben Wolfe*, *When Dogs Cry*, *The Messenger* – have been awarded numerous honours around the world, ranging from literary prizes to readers choice awards to prizes voted on by booksellers

High Wire

Candice Fox

Read by Dorje Swallow & Taylor Owynns

Award-winning author Candice Fox's breathtaking new thriller is quite literally the bomb! A high-octane race through outback Australia.

You only take the High Wire if you're desperate – or up to no good.

A notorious unmarked track through outback Australia, the 'Wire' crosses slabs of lawless land, body dumping grounds and mobile phone blackspots.

Harvey Buck is certainly desperate. Racing to be with his dying girlfriend, he encounters Clare Holland, whose car has broken down. He offers the hapless traveller a ride ... and then their nightmare begins.

The pair are ambushed by a vengeful crew – and strapped into bomb vests. As part of a deadly game, Harvey and Clare are forced to commit a series of increasingly murderous missions, or else be blown to smithereens.

Senior Sergeant Edna Norris is dealing with a runaway teenager; not an unusual job in a place where people go to disappear. But an unfolding crime spree turns this outback cop's night into a fight for survival. Hot on Harvey and Clare's trail, Edna finds a burnt-out car, a missing woman, a bank robbery and a bullet-riddled body.

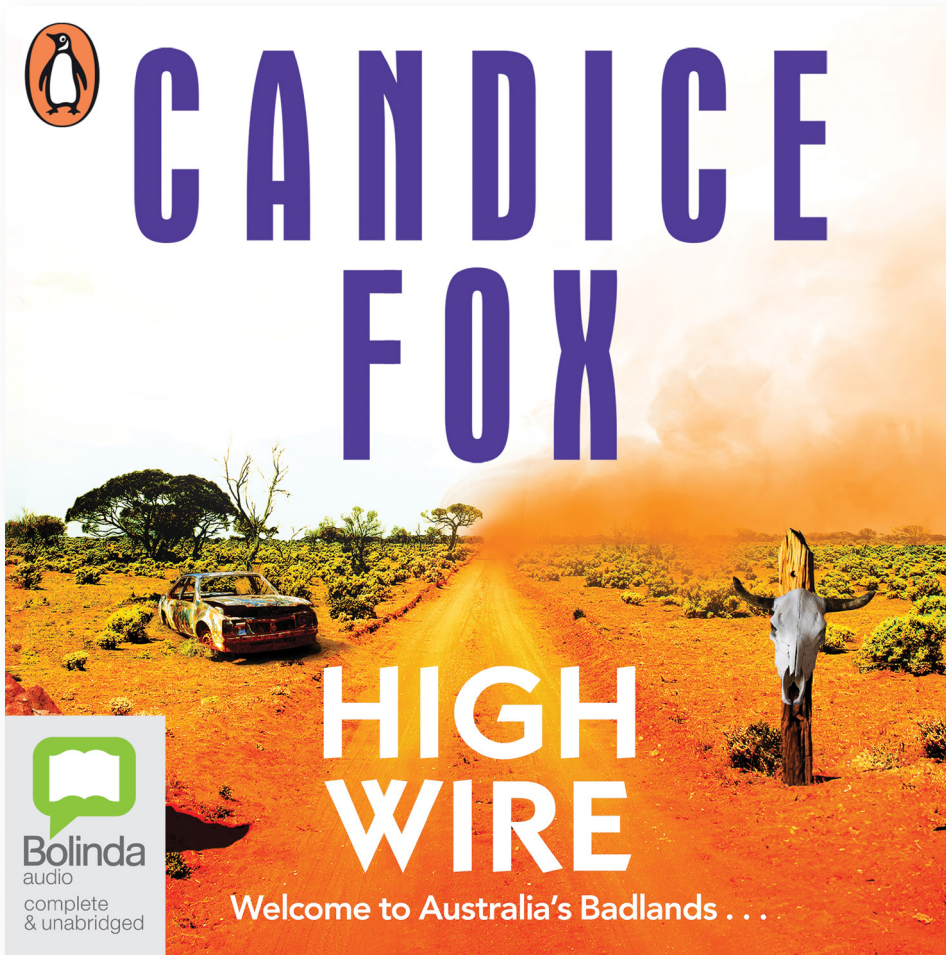
And this road trip from hell has only just begun ...

Candice Fox is the author of 12 crime novels and the winner of three prestigious Ned Kelly Awards

Fox is also co-author, with James Patterson, of *New York Times* bestsellers *Never Never*, *Fifty Fifty*, *Liar Liar* and *The Inn*

Fox is the only author to have been shortlisted for the Ned Kelly award for every single novel

'High Wire is yet more proof, as if we needed it, that Candice Fox is the queen of Aussie crime.' – Hayley Scrivenor, bestselling author of *Dirt Town*



River Song

Di Morrissey

Narrator to Come

COVER COMING SOON

River Song

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Four women and a life-changing lottery – but for better or worse? Celebrating over 30 years as Australia’s favourite storyteller, Di Morrissey’s latest story about friendship and what happens when dreams come true.

The arrival of a hotshot New York composer brings a rare touch of glamour and excitement to the peaceful country town of Fig Tree River. For Leonie, Madison, Sarita and Chrissie, four women involved in the local musical theatre, it’s a welcome distraction from the pressures of daily life.

Then a lottery ticket, bought together on impulse, changes everything. With the winnings come amazing opportunities – to travel in luxury, reconnect with family, pursue new careers and protect the town’s unique heritage.

But fulfilling your dreams can have unintended consequences. And when their new lives start to fall apart, will the women have the strength to find the song inside their hearts once more?

River Song is based on a real-life group lottery win in Perth

Di Morrissey is one of the most successful and prolific authors Australia has ever produced, publishing 29 bestselling novels

In 2017, in recognition of her achievements, Morrissey was inducted into the Australian Book Industry Awards Hall of Fame with the prestigious Lloyd O’Neil Award

In 2019, Morrissey was made a Member of the Order of Australia

‘Morrissey is the nation’s favourite female fiction-writer ... Her fans impatiently await each new title she brings forth.’ – The Age (on *Arcadia*)

‘There’s no denying the beauty and opulence of Morrissey’s rendering of place ... She is a master of the genre.’ – The Weekend Australian (on *Before the Storm*)

Human?

A Lie That's Been Killing Us since 1788

Ziggy Ramo

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Current Affairs & Politics | October 2024

A powerful and thought-provoking analysis of Australian society from singer-songwriter Ziggy Ramo.

So-called Australia is built upon a lie: that 97% of the population are human, and the others simply 'Indigenous', devoid of the same basic rights.

Human? is the story of acclaimed Wik artist Ziggy Ramo's experience growing up under the weight of this lie. We've had 236 years of continued destruction in the name of 'civilised progress', under an oppressive colonial system that punches down on almost everyone. We all deserve more. But to move forward we have to be honest about the past.

Written on the precipice of becoming a parent, this is Ziggy's offering for the future – an attempt to bridge a nation-wide knowledge gap, and start a new conversation. Prerequisite reading for anyone searching for a way forward, together.

Human? is a book, an album and an exhibition by one of the most exciting voices of this generation. With his powerful debut, Ziggy asks: Would you still fight for human rights if it meant giving up your privilege?

A groundbreaking, provocative call-to-arms.

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Ziggy Ramo is a singer and songwriter known for his lyricism and story-telling ability. The son of an Aboriginal and Solomon Islander father and a mother of Scottish heritage, Ziggy's experiences with racism in Australia have led him towards activism, both in his music and in the wider world

Through his music, Ziggy aims to tell the story of Australia's true race history, so that we can move forward and find answers that will help us improve

Ziggy captured the attention of the Australian public with his single *Little Things*, a heartfelt update of Paul Kelly's 'From Little Things Big Things Grow' which put forward a First Nations perspective on invasion, intergenerational trauma and deaths in custody

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Power of Balance

A Life of Changemaking

Dr Kerryn Phelps

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | October 2024

Power of Balance is the landmark memoir from Dr Kerryn Phelps AM that explores the events and ideas that have inspired her to create change throughout her lifetime.

One of Australia's first 'TV doctors', Dr Kerryn Phelps served as President of the Australian Medical Association, Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney and a key leader of Australia's LGBT+ community. Little did she know, as she celebrated the historic Marriage Equality win in 2017, that she would be back just one year later as a Member of Parliament, having been elected as an independent by the people of Wentworth after a leadership coup ousted Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

In her memoir, Dr Phelps candidly explores her struggles and achievements, in medicine, media and politics – from her advocacy around Medevac and COVID-19 management, to the fallout of her public 'outing' in the Australian media and her inspirational role in the Teal movement of the 2022 elections. She also reflects on the ideas and passions that have motivated and sustained her during these times, including her philosophies of leadership and equality, and her love of nature.

Power of Balance is a compelling and thought-provoking listen that will inspire others to become leaders and changemakers.

Professor Kerryn Phelps AM is a doctor, public health, human rights advocate, President of the Australasian Integrative Medicine Association and past President of AMA

Phelps is Australia's most respected and trusted GP, a prominent spokeswoman on social issues and a regular commentator on medical issues across the Australian media

In 2003 Phelps was awarded the Centenary Medal for services to Health and Medicine and in 2011 she was named a Member of the Order of Australia for service to medicine

Phelps is an ambassador for the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and a patron of ACON's Pride in Health+Wellbeing program

A life of changemaking

'As fascinating, brave and inspiring as the woman who wrote it.'

MAGDA SZUBANSKI

'Kerryn is defined by her leadership. She challenges the status quo to make sensible and evidence-based change for the better.'

DR JOHN HEWSON

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Dark City

True Stories of Crimes, Cock-Ups, Crooks and Cops

John Silvester

Read by Silas Aiton

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Travel the dark depths of Australia's criminal underworld with our most formidable crime reporter and an icon of Australian true crime, John Silvester.

John Silvester has been reporting on crime from the cop stations, courthouses, back alleys and gangster mansions of Melbourne for 40 years. His contact book is a who's who of both sides of criminal justice, and the shadowy worlds between. He is the trusted confidant of cops, criminals, lawyers and judges. He knows where the cash is stashed and where the bodies are buried.

Dark City is the second riotous collection of Silvester's best stories – all impeccably sourced, wry, wise and witty.

John Silvester has won several awards and has been elevated to The Australian Media Hall of Fame

Silvester has written or co-authored over 30 books including the Chopper and Underbelly series, later adapted to film and television

Silvester writes the award-winning 'Naked City' column for *The Age*, presents the true crime podcast of the same name, and appears weekly on the top-rating 3AW breakfast program as 'Sly of the Underworld'

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Dropping the Mask

Noni Hazlehurst

Read by the Author



One of the most iconic Australians who has graced our screen and theatres for over 40 years – Noni Hazlehurst is finally telling her story.

Noni Hazlehurst is an icon. A household name, our best-loved actor, she's graced our screens and theatres with her presence for over 40 years – and won our hearts and our respect in the process. From hosting *Playschool* for more than two decades to acting in films such as *Ladies in Black*, *June Again*, *Monkey Grip*, *Candy* and *Little Fish*; serving as host on *Better Homes and Gardens*, a starring role in fan favourite *A Place to Call Home*; most recently hosting the SBS miniseries *Every Family Has a Secret*; all that of course in addition to her theatre work.

In some ways, she is an ordinary woman – a single mother to two boys, she knows about sacrifice, stretching thin and juggling. Yet she is clearly also an extraordinary woman – only the second woman to be inducted into the Logies Hall of Fame in 32 years.

She is ordinary, she is extraordinary. She is all class.

And like Hazlehurst herself, this will be no ordinary memoir. A natural-born storyteller, Hazlehurst is funny, fierce, truthful. She's thoughtful and clear-eyed about the world.

Noni Hazlehurst played the role of Miss Cartwright in the feature film *Ladies in Black* for which she received a nomination for Best Supporting Actress at the 2018 ACCTA Awards

Hazlehurst has earned ARIA nominations for her recordings for children and won Best Supporting Actress Logies for her work in *Ride on Stranger* and *Waterfront*

Offscreen, Hazlehurst is an Ambassador for the children's charity Barnardos and has served on the boards of Film Australia and Belvoir St Theatre

She was awarded an honorary doctorate from Flinders University in 2007, and in 1995 she was named a Member of the Order of Australia

Adult New Release

Romance | October 2024

Silverton Shores

Mandy Magro

Read by Alicia Banit



Will they get a second chance or will it be goodbye forever? An emotional and heartfelt rural romance from bestselling Australian author Mandy Magro.

Jessica Sabatini had everything she ever wanted until a tragic accident only hours before her wedding sent her world spinning out of control. In a haze of grief, she ran as far from Silverton Shores as she could.

It took her a long time to put the pieces of her world back together, but now she's a devoted mum to her young daughter, Chiara, and adores her job at her grandfather's renowned restaurant, Sabatini's, in Florence. But the secret that's gnawed at her all these years refuses to leave her alone. When her best friend and brother ask her to return for their wedding, Jessica is torn. Has enough time passed so she can find the strength to face the truth? She knows the heart of it lies in Silverton Shores, along with Morgan Savage, the man she once loved so deeply ...

When Jess left him behind, Morgan thought he'd never get over her. The only way he could move on was to completely cut her from his life. Until now. He's honoured to be the best man at his best mate's wedding but with Jessica as maid of honour, how is he going to face her?

When the wedding brings them into one another's lives once more, will it be the final chance to lay their broken hearts to rest? Or will it reignite all the passion, as well as reveal the secrets that have stood between them for all these years?

Mandy Magro is a bestselling Australian romance author who loves writing about soul-deep love, the Australian rural way of life and the wonderful characters who call the country home

Magro is the author of *Savannah's Secret*, *Walking The Line*, *A Country Mile*, *Jacaranda*, *Country at Heart*, *Flame Tree Hill*, *Jillaroo from Jacaranda*, *Secrets of Silvergum*, *Gum Tree Gully*, *Secrets of Riverside* and *The Wildwood Sisters*

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Don't Take Your Love to Town

First Nations Classics

Ruby Langford Ginibi

Read by Paula Nazarski

Adult New Release

Autobiography | October 2024



Don't Take Your Love to Town is a brilliant memoir that will open your eyes and heart to an extraordinary woman's story.

Don't Take Your Love to Town is a story of courage in the face of poverty and tragedy. Ruby recounts losing her mother when she was six, growing up in a mission in northern New South Wales and leaving home when she was 15. She lived in tin huts and tents in the bush and picked up work on the land while raising nine children virtually single-handedly. Later she struggled to make ends meet in the Koori areas of Sydney.

Ruby Langford Ginibi's remarkable talent for storytelling grabbed the attention of both black and white Australians when she released *Don't Take Your Love to Town*, which has gone on to become a bestseller and is now a seminal work of Indigenous memoir.

Don't Take Your Love to Town won the 1988 Human Rights Literary Award

Ruby Langford Ginibi has also published *My Bundjalung People*, *Haunted by the Past* and *All My Mob*

Recognised as a spokesperson for and educator of Koori culture, Ginibi travelled and lectured in Australia and abroad, and her essays were widely published

'If you pick up this book, you pick up a life. It is as simple and as difficult as that. The life Langford [Ginibi] has lived in Australia is as close to the eyes and ears as print on the page makes it.' – The Australian

'Don't Take Your Love to Town proved the catalyst for Langford Ginibi achieving recognition as one of Australia's premier storytellers of urban and rural Indigenous life during the last half century.' – Tara June Winch, author of the award-winning novel *Swallow the Air*

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Fragile Creatures

A Memoir

Khin Myint

Read by the Author & Max Brown

Adult New Release

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FRAGILE CREATURES

A MEMOIR

A powerful debut from an extraordinary voice,
gentle in the face of extremity.

Khin's sister Theda has a strange illness and a euthanasia drug locked in a box under her bed. Her doctor thinks her problem is purely physical, and so does she, but Khin is not so sure. He knows what they both went through growing up in Perth – it wasn't welcoming back then for a Burmese-Australian family.

With Theda's condition getting worse, Khin heads off to the United States. He needs to sort things out with his ex-partner. Once there, events take a very odd turn, and he finds himself in court.

This is a family story told with humour, wonderment and complete honesty. It's about care, truth and the hardest choices – and what happens when realities clash. How do we balance responsibility for others with what we owe ourselves? *Fragile Creatures* will sweep you up and leave you stunned at its power.

Khin is an award-winning singer-songwriter, and in the 2010s he won the Perth Poetry Slam and began publishing on masculinity and race

Khin started working on a memoir after his sister euthanised herself in 2013, following a protracted illness. His sister's diagnosis polarised medical institutions and communities

Khin explores identity formation, and how the boundaries drawn in race, gender and illness echo through life. His writing uses personal events to traverse polarised territories, without offering easy answers

'The miracle of this book is the writer's tone: calm, patient and searching, steadfast in the face of unthinkable suffering' – Helen Garner, award-winning author of *The Spare Room*

'Compelling and compassionate. Your heart will ache as you read Khin Myint's beautiful, poetic prose. Such wisdom and grace in these pages – an extraordinary story I will keep thinking about for a long time to come.' – Alice Pung, author of *Unpolished Gem*

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Head for the Hills

Tricia Stringer

Read by Rebecca Macauley



Bestselling author Tricia Stringer asks whether age necessarily brings wisdom when the sale of a deceased estate pits sister against sister, divides a community and wreaks havoc in a small country town.

Margot and her sister Roslyn have lived side by side in a little town in the Adelaide Hills most of their lives, supporting each other through thick and thin.

Then their neighbour Gunter dies. Surprisingly, his will asks that his house and vineyard be sold and that Roslyn donate the money to a charity of her choice. When a developer wants to buy the land and create a hotel just over Margot's fence, Margot is outraged and decides to stand for Mayor and fight the development. But Roslyn feels differently. Her awareness of family violence and homelessness is sparked by the arrival in town of a young pregnant woman, who is escaping abuse and sleeping in her car. Determined to do some good, Roslyn supports the sale.

Suddenly the sisters are on opposite sides of the fence, literally and figuratively. As the row heats up, their local community is divided between those pro-development and those against, and battle lines are drawn. As vandalism erupts, bitter words are hurled, and pots are stirred. Will the town – and the sisters – ever recover their community spirit?

Tricia Stringer is a bestselling and multiple award-winning author of women's fiction, rural romances and a historical saga set in South Australia's Flinders Ranges

Stringer is the author of five women's fiction titles, *Table for Eight*, *The Model Wife*, *The Family Inheritance*, *Birds of a Feather* and *Keeping Up Appearances*

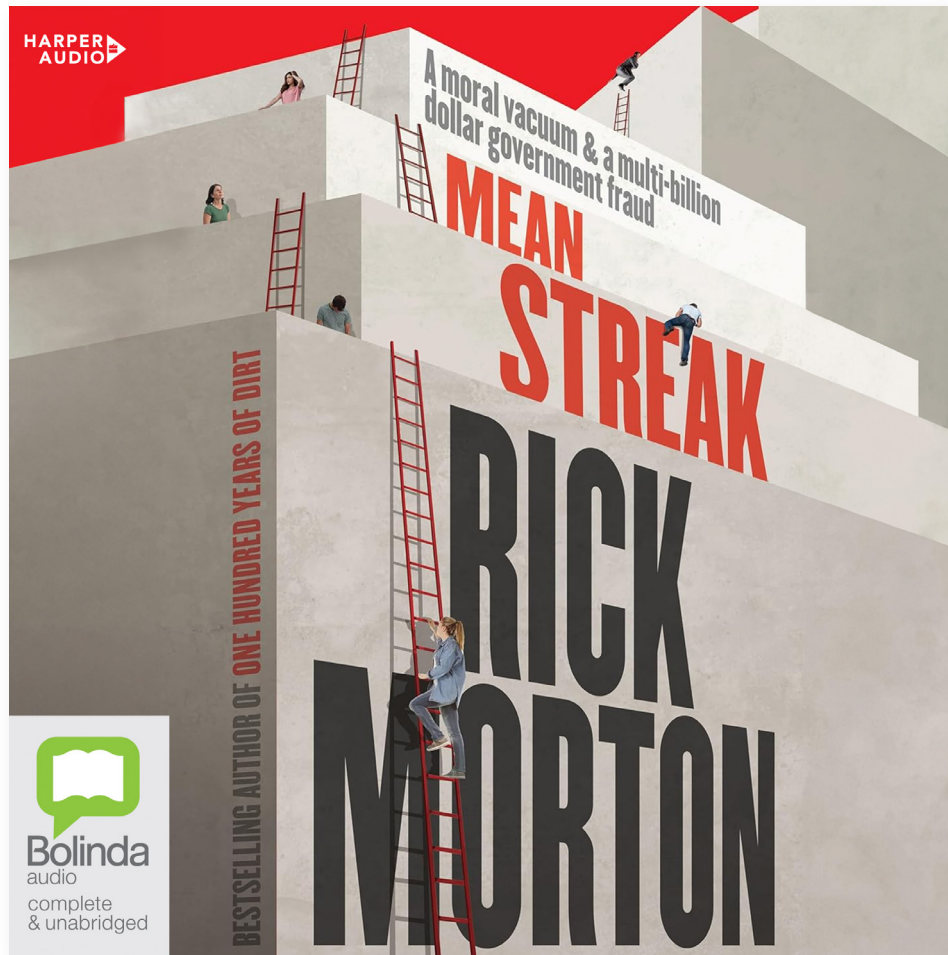
'This book is the equivalent of a hot bath or a box of chocolates, an absolute pleasure to immerse yourself in.' – Better Reading (on *The Model Wife*)

'A good warm-hearted read with relatable and empathetic characters.' – Canberra Weekly (on *Birds of a Feather*)

Mean Streak

Rick Morton

Read by the Author



From award-winning journalist and writer Rick Morton comes *Mean Streak*, the gripping, utterly compelling and horrifying story of how, over the course of four and a half years, Australia's government turned on its most vulnerable citizens.

Robodebt was the automated debt recovery system, in which close to half a million Australian welfare recipients were illegally pursued over false debts. It was described by the Royal Commission's report as a 'massive failure of public administration' caused by 'venality, incompetence and cowardice'. Essentially, Australia was gaslit by its own government. From ministers to public servants – they backed something that was illegal, just to shake down innocent people for money, then they lied about it for four and a half years.

In the tradition of Chloe Hooper (*The Tall Man*) and Helen Garner (*This House of Grief* and *Joe Cinque's Consolation*), Rick Morton tells a powerful and emotionally compelling story of one of the most shocking, large-scale failures of the Australian government, a historic and appalling political tragedy, which clearly displayed the wide-reaching and systematic contempt that a government had for its most vulnerable citizens.

The saga of robodebt tells us deeply disturbing things about the country we are, the people we are, the bureaucrats we have (both good and bad) and the government that was.

Rick Morton is the winner of the 2013 Kennedy Award for Young Journalist of the Year and the 2017 Kennedy Award for Outstanding Columnist

Morton is the author of *One Hundred Years of Dirt*, which was shortlisted for the 2019 Victorian Premier's Literary Awards and the 2019 National Biography Award and longlisted for the 2018 Walkley Book of the Year

Morton's second book was the bestselling and critically acclaimed *My Year of Living Vulnerably*

Tom Hawkins

An Autobiography

Tom Hawkins

Read by Silas Aiton

Adult New Release

Autobiography | October 2024

COVER COMING SOON

Tom Hawkins

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Celebrating the amazing career of AFL star Tom Hawkins, from his family background, through to his contribution to Geelong's ongoing success on the football field, we learn what has made Tom a star.

From a scholarship in 2006 as an under-18, Tom Hawkins's career has been full of accolades, including three times being part of a winning premiership team for Geelong, four McClelland trophies, five all Australian team selections, a Coleman medal in 2020, 11 times being the leading goal-kicker for Geelong and many many other accolades.

In *Tom Hawkins* you will discover what has made him the star player he is, and meet all of the people who have been part of his journey including players, coaches and family. Tom's story is rich with events, people and the development of a winning attitude that has been his mainstay.

Tom Hawkins is an Australian rules footballer for the Geelong Football Club in the Australian Football League and the eldest son of former Geelong champion 'Jumpin' Jack Hawkins

Hawkins is set for his 18th season with the Cats, and has shown no signs of slowing down after booting a career-high eight goals in the round-seven win over Essendon last year

The star forward is set to break a number of records in 2024, with his 350th game and the Cats all-time games record well within reach, while also looking likely to surpass 800 career goals

'Tom is a team-first player who looks to bring his teammates into the game and create opportunities for others as well as himself. He is a leader both on and off the field and cares deeply about his teammates and all at the club.' – Simon Lloyd, former Geelong General Manager of Football

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Journey's End

The Wild Australia Stories #5

Jennifer Scoullar

Read by Maryanne Fonceca

Adult New Release

Romance | October 2024

From the author of *Currawong Creek* and *Turtle Reef* comes a beautiful story of family, friendship and the healing power of love.

When Sydney botanist Kim Sullivan and her husband inherit Journey's End, a rundown farm high on the Great Eastern Escarpment, they dream of one day restoring it to its natural state. Ten years later, however, Kim is tragically widowed. Selling up is the only practical option, so she and her children head to the mountains to organise the sale. The last thing Kim expects is for Journey's End to cast its wild spell on them all.

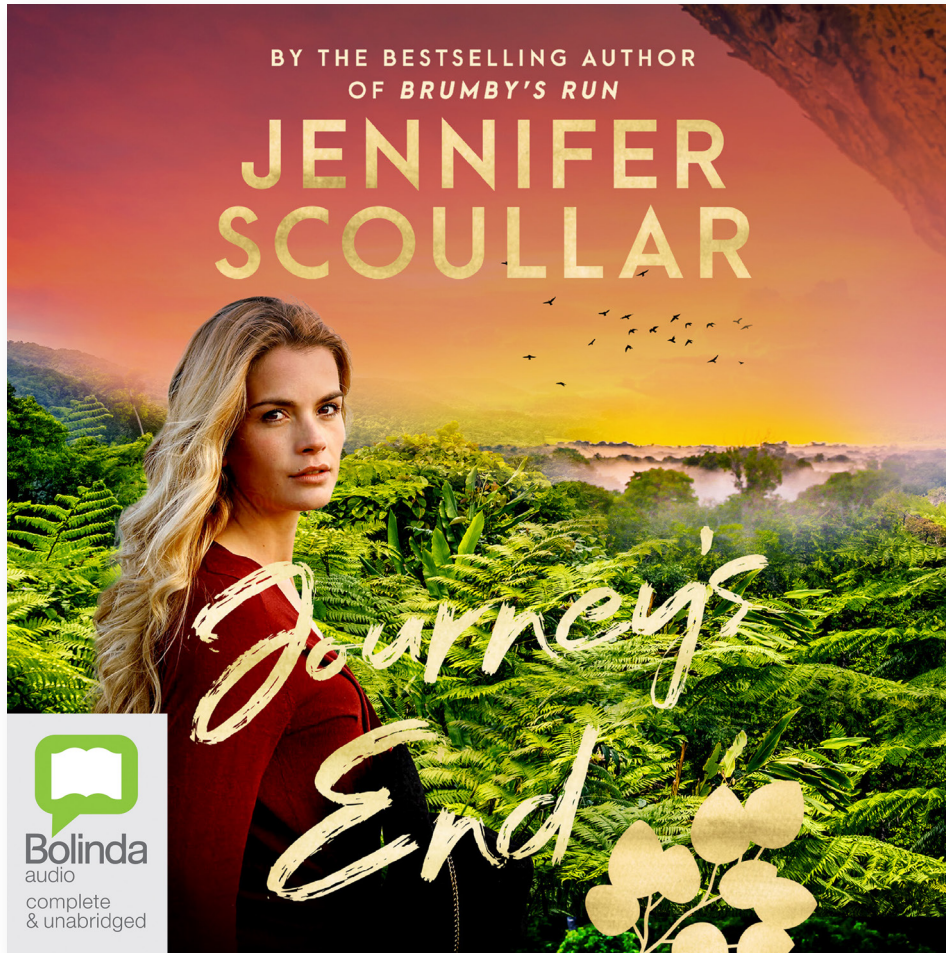
The family decides to stay, and Kim forges on with plans to rewild the property, propagating plants and acquiring a menagerie of native animals. But wayward wildlife, hostile farmers and her own lingering grief make the task seem hopeless. That is, until she meets the mysterious Taj, a man who has a way with animals. Kim begins to feel that she might find love again. But Taj has his own tragic past – one that could drive a wedge between them that cannot be overcome ...

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*, *Currawong Creek*, *Turtle Reef*, *Fortune's Son* and *The Lost Valley*

'If you are a fan of crime fiction (as I am) then this ... will convert you to the genre of Australian Rural Fiction! Or maybe just to Jennifer Scoullar's work.' – Reading, Writing and Riesling

'Journey's End has a little bit of everything, it's a little bit suspense, a little bit romance, a lot of regeneration and a great deal of environmental awareness. Love, learning to laugh again, friendship, family and living with loss are all major players in this engaging new Scoullar novel.' – Beauty and Lace



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Nikki Gemmell

Read by Fiona Macleod

An explosive, contemporary literary thriller from international bestselling author Nikki Gemmell – *Lord of the Flies* meets *Picnic at Hanging Rock* meets *Promising Young Woman*.

A class of teenage girls from an elite private girls' school go on a camping trip into the Australian bush. Four of the girls – a group of best friends dubbed 'The Cins' by the teachers – become separated from the main group. A male teacher volunteers to look for them.

None of the five come back.

A major search immediately gets underway. Days crawl past, agonisingly, with no sign of the girls or their teacher. The Principal of the school, godmother to one of the missing students, is desperately trying to hold the parents, the school community – and herself – together. She needs to find out what happened before the police do. Finally, separated and traumatised, the four girls reappear. But the male teacher does not.

And The Cins aren't talking.

A story about the fault lines in female friendships. Between mothers and daughters. Between older and younger generations. And of course, between men and women. It is a story that meets its times head on, with great power, honesty and urgency.

Nikki Gemmell is the international bestselling author of several novels, including *The Bride Stripped Bare*, and four works of non-fiction

Gemmell's distinctive writing has gained her critical acclaim in France, where she's been described as a 'female Jack Kerouac'

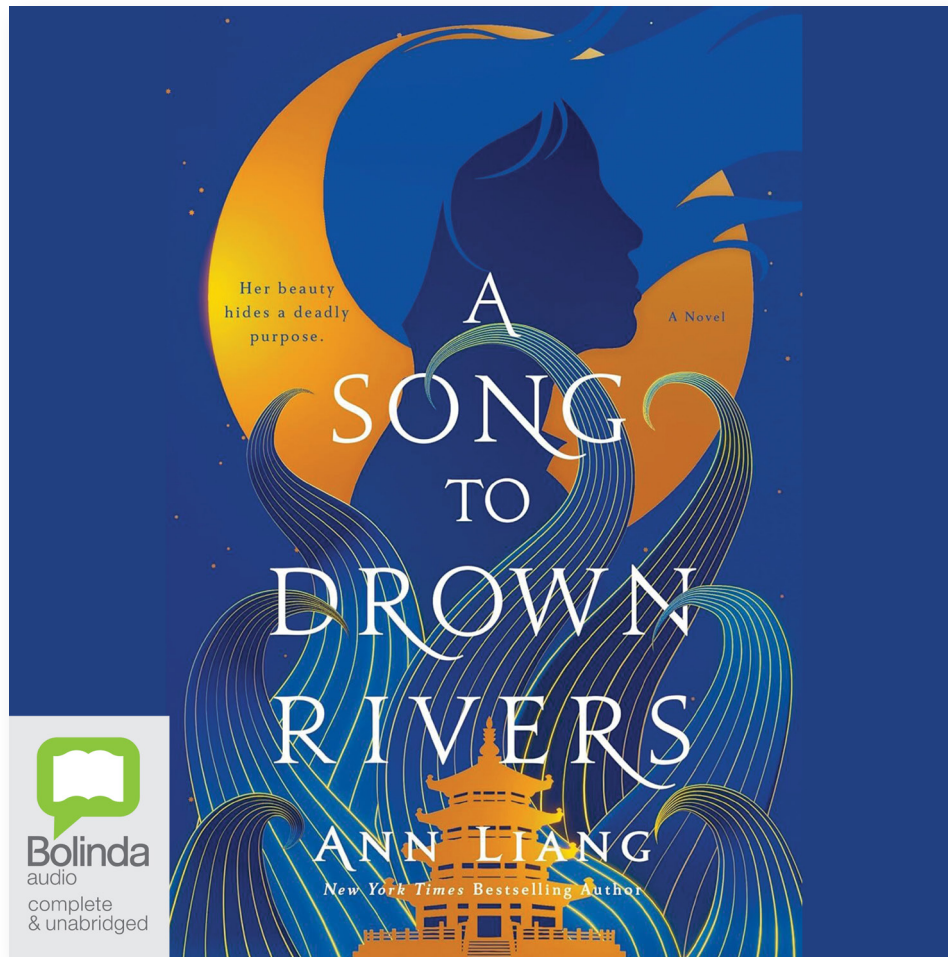
The French literary magazine *Lire* has included Gemmell in its list of 'the 50 most important writers in the world – those the magazine believes will have a significant influence on the literature of the 21st-century



A Song to Drown Rivers

Ann Liang

Read by Natalie Naudus



Inspired by the legend of Xishi, one of the famous Four Beauties of Ancient China, an epic historical fantasy about womanhood, war, sacrifice and love against all odds as the fate of two kingdoms hangs in a delicate balance.

Born in the blood-soaked Spring and Autumn period of Chinese history, Xishi's beauty is a blessing. When she captures the attention of the famous young military advisor, Fanli, he presents her with a rare opportunity. It's then that Xishi realises her beauty is a weapon. One that could topple the rival neighbouring kingdom of Wu and improve the lives of her people. One that could avenge her sister's murder. All she has to do is infiltrate the enemy palace as a spy, seduce the immoral King and weaken the enemy from within.

Xishi reaches the enemy palace and works to dismantle the court. But the longer she stays, the harder her task becomes. The enemy King Fuchai's advisors watch her hungrily, while Fuchai himself is kind to her. Xishi knows she is a pawn who must play by both sides' rules to survive. The higher she climbs in the tangled web of the Wu court, the farther she and Fanli have to fall. And if she is unmasked as a traitor, she will bring down both kingdoms.

Perfect for fans of *She Who Became the Sun* by Shelley Parker-Chan and *Ariadne* by Jennifer Saint

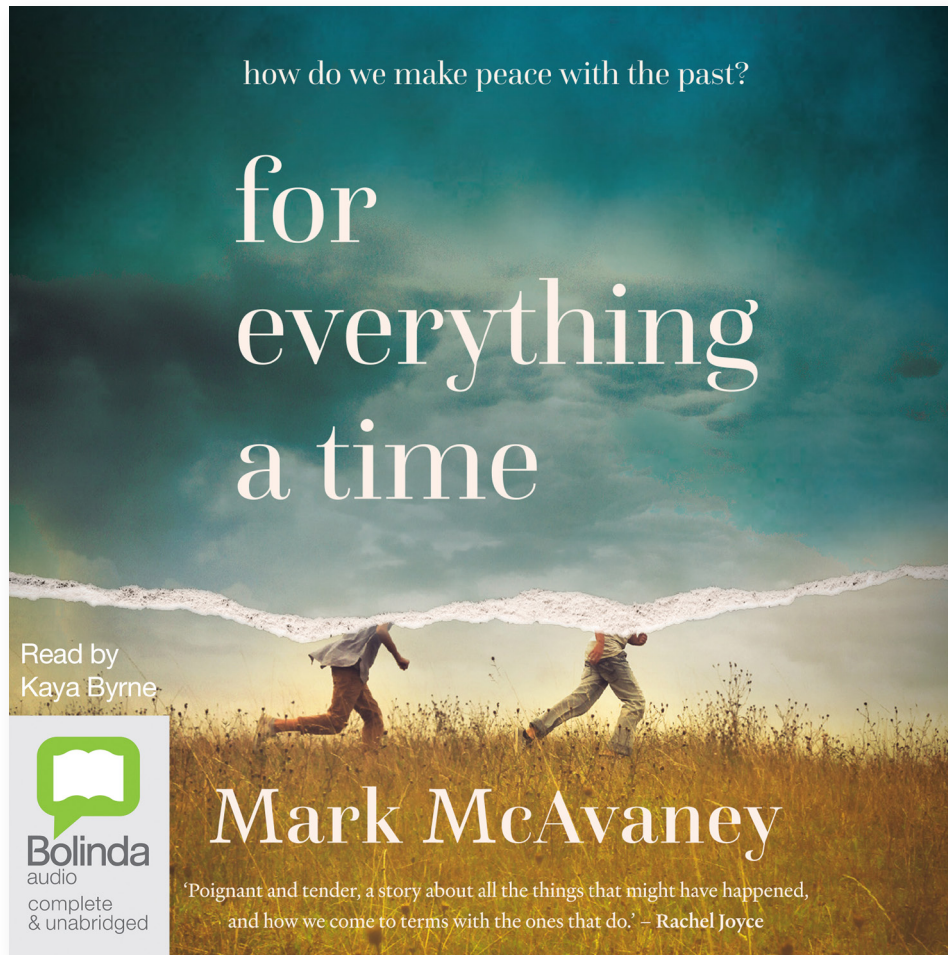
A Song to Drown Rivers is award-winning Young Adult author Ann Liang's first adult fiction novel

Ann Liang is the *New York Times* and Indie bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Young Adult novels *This Time It's Real*, *If You Could See the Sun* and *I Hope This Doesn't Find You*

'Liang has given us a new classic that achingly captures the will of kings, the intelligence of women and the heartbreak of war. Exquisite and devastating. It won't fail to move you.' – Shelley Parker-Chan, number one bestselling author of *She Who Became the Sun*

For Everything a Time

Mark McAvaney
Read by Kaya Byrne



Can once-close friends and their town still divided by tragedy find a time for peace? Find out in this heartfelt story from new Australian author Mark McAvaney.

For everything there is an appointed time, even a time for every affair under the heavens.

After 13 years it's time for Mac to return home to face a past he's been running from. A past his best friend Dave has been unable to escape.

It was 1990, their final year of school and with an INXS soundtrack, life was moving on. Bus stops, homework and football were giving way to payslips and beer, to first cars and first loves.

Until one night changed it all. As the story of that evening unravels, so too do the binds that cross generations of family. The pride of fathers. The love of mothers and a sister. The love of a mate; the prejudices that run deep. Testing them, and the strong social ties that small towns have, Mac searches for honesty and for the precious words never said, while Dave fights for his story to be heard.

Mark McAvaney is a debut Australian author, originally from Clare, South Australia, who's lived in London for many years, working in film, TV and publishing

'Along with a poignant, tender story and beautiful writing, you will be left to wonder about the past you cannot change, and the future you can.' – The Australian

'A gently thoughtful meditation on reckoning with, not repressing, the past. Of learning to let go and move on, in our different ways, without forgetting what has mattered most – in all the lives we've led, or might have.' – INreview

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October new releases 2024

How To Be the Love You Seek

Break Cycles, Find Peace + Heal Your Relationships

Dr Nicole LePera

Read by Courtney Patterson

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | October 2024

From the author of the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *How to Do the Work* comes this paradigm-shifting guide to healing your relationships, beginning with the one you have with yourself.

Why are our closest relationships so often a source of more stress than solace? Whether the relationship is with a romantic partner, a parent, child, friend or colleague, the dynamic is frequently the same – you'd like the relationship to change for the better, yet nothing you try seems to work.

Dr Nicole LePera has heard these frustrating patterns of loneliness, disconnection and resentment described time and again, both from patients in her clinical practice and from her global online community @the.holistic.psychologist. In this ground-breaking audiobook she offers a new path to healing our relationships by tapping into the power of the heart.

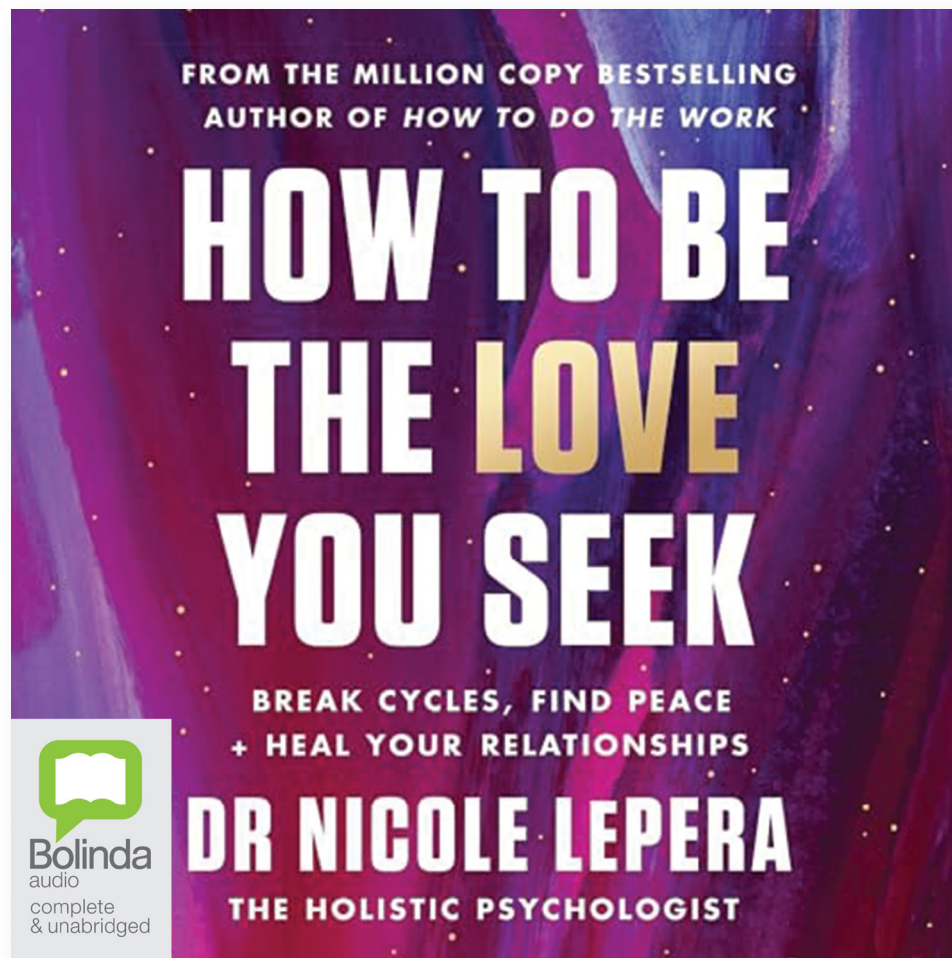
How to Be the Love You Seek harnesses the latest scientific research to teach us how to recognise our dysfunctional patterns, identify their roots in our earliest relationships, break painful cycles, build security and share compassion with ourselves and others.

Through stories, exercises, journal prompts and other practical tools, Dr LePera empowers us first to strengthen our foundation of self-love, paving the way for deeper, more harmonious connections with those around us.

Dr Nicole LePera is the creator of the #SelfHealers movement, an international community of people joining together to take healing into their own hands

LePera was trained in clinical psychology at Cornell University and The New School for Social Research and also studied at the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis

'A practical, reader-friendly, and inspiring primer on how to extend true connection and love to others ...' – Gabor Maté MD, author of *In the Realm of Hungry Ghosts*



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Exhausted

An A-Z for the Weary

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Lifestyle – Wellbeing | October 2024

A burnout coach's transformative insights on exhaustion, from ancient wisdom to modern life.

Burnout is said to be the defining feeling of the post-pandemic world – but why are we all so exhausted? Some of us struggle with perfectionism, while others are simply overwhelmed by the demands of modern life. But whatever you're feeling, you are not alone – and this liberating, enlightening guide to exhaustion in all its forms will help you find the energy to beat burnout and weariness.

From confronting our inner critics to how our desire to be productive stops us from being free, Anna Katharina Schaffner, cultural historian and burnout coach, brings together science, medicine, literature and philosophy to explore the causes and history of exhaustion and burnout, revealing new ways to combat stress and negativity.

Inventive and freewheeling, full of comfort, solace and practical advice, *Exhausted* is an inspiring guide to getting control of your own exhaustion – and rediscovering happiness along the way.

Anna Katharina Schaffner is cultural historian and burnout coach, and is the author of *The Art of Self-Improvement: Ten Timeless Truths*, and a novel, *The Truth About Julia*

Schaffner has written for the *Times Literary Supplement*, the *Guardian*, *Psychology Today*, *PositivePsychology*, *AEON* and *PSYCHE*

Schaffner's research has featured on *BBC Radio 4* and in *Vogue*, *Atlantic*, *National Geographic* and on *Buzzfeed*

'Sensible wisdom for finding emotional support, combating stress and embracing rest - allowing you to find the energy and ability to handle your life and the world's bigger worries' – *Stylist*

'Antidotes to our exhausting modern life.' – *Sunday Times*

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Our Dear Daisy

Flower Girls #2

Rosie Goodwin

Read by Charlie Sanderson

Adult New Release

Sagas | October 2024

Can Daisy ever find her way back to Nuneaton and to the happiness that she so desperately deserves? Find out in the second instalment of the Flower Girls series from one of Britain's best-loved Saga authors, Rosie Goodwin.

Nuneaton, 1880.

Twenty-year-old Daisy Armstrong lives a happy life with her loving father, Jed. They have a special bond, particularly after losing her beloved Irish mother and younger brother. But when Jed falls in love with a local widow, everything is set to change for them both.

With expensive tastes and a lavish lifestyle, moving into Daisy and Jed's humble forge is not what the widow or her spoiled son, Gilbert, expected – and they make that very clear. Worked to the bone trying to look after their busy home, Daisy is exhausted. But the one glimmer of hope is Lewis, the widow's other son, a gentle and hard-working young man.

When one fateful day something terrible happens to Daisy, she finds herself sent away from home and the chance at love slips through her fingers. After unbearable suffering, but finding incredible strength within, Daisy might finally have a chance at the life she wants.

Rosie Goodwin is the four-million-copy bestselling author of more than 40 titles

Goodwin is the first author in the world to be allowed to follow three of Catherine Cookson's trilogies with her own sequels. She is one of the top 50 most borrowed authors in UK libraries

'An emotional rollercoaster full of the wisdom, warmth and wonderful storytelling that we have come to expect from this much-loved writer.' – Lancashire Post (on *A Precious Gift*)

'Goodwin is a fabulous writer. She reels the reader in surprisingly quickly and her style involves lots of twists and turns that are in no way predictable.' – Worcester Evening News (on *A Maiden's Voyage*)



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Shadows in the Moonlight

Santa Montefiore

Read by Genevieve Gaunt



Don't miss the first instalment in the sensational new series following the character Pixie Tate, from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Santa Montefiore.

When Pixie Tate is summoned to the wild Cornish coast to unravel a curious mystery at the stately St Sidwell Manor, she knows that something quite extraordinary must be hiding in its shadows.

Over 100 years ago, in the dark of night, a child vanished from his bed never to be seen again – and Pixie must now discover the truth of those final moonlit hours.

As she loses herself in the past, secrets are revealed, love affairs exposed and, ultimately, Pixie will be forced to make a devastating choice that will change her life forever ...

Santa Montefiore is the number one bestselling author of over 30 novels and has sold over six million copies worldwide

Montefiore is the author of *Wait for Me*, *An Italian Girl in Brooklyn*, *The Temptation of Gracie*, *Here and Now*, *The Beekeeper's Daughter*, *The Affair*, *Meet Me Under the Ombu Tree*, *Secrets of the Lighthouse* and the *The Deverill Chronicles*

Montefiore's books have been translated into 25 languages and she won an RNA Award for *The Temptation of Gracie* in 2019, which is currently in development for film

'The characters were fantastic, the romance so moving and the mystery compelling. It was beautifully written and full of heart and altogether a massive treat.' – Tracy Rees, author of *Any Snow*

'Gripping and evocative with a love story to break your heart! I loved it.' – Liz Fenwick, author of *One Cornish Summer*

Christmas for the Bomber Girls

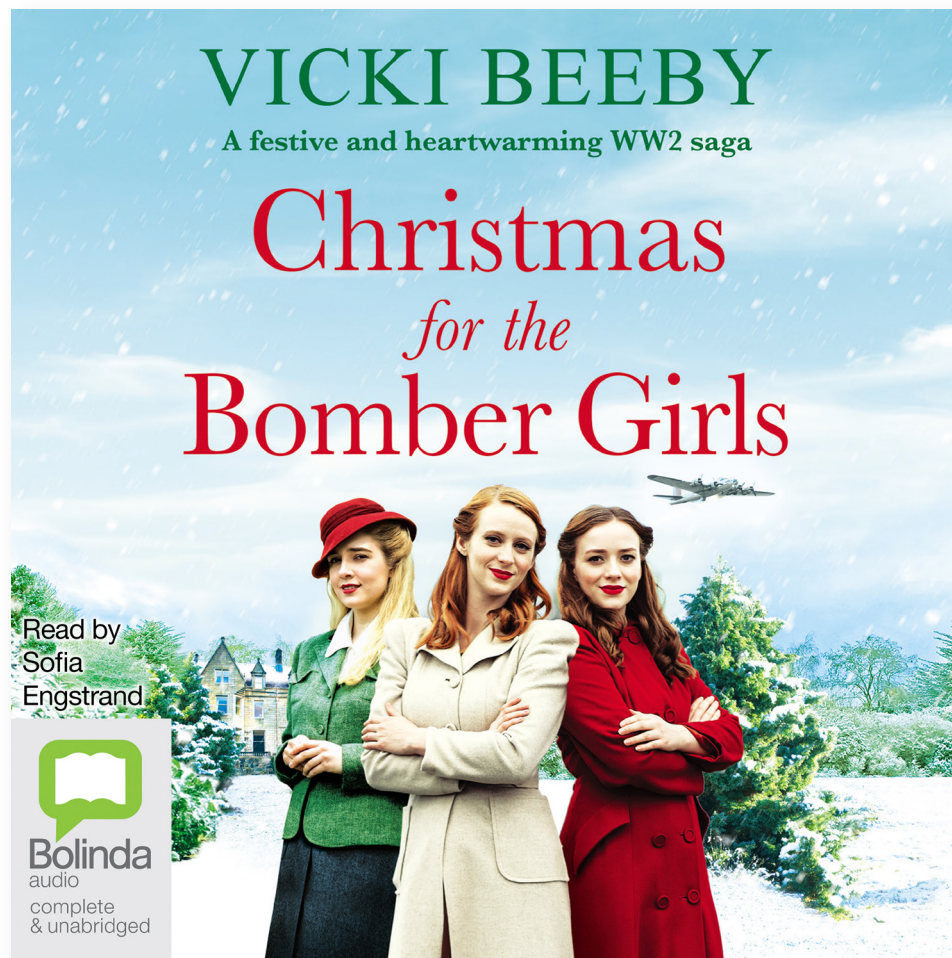
Bomber Command Girls #3

Vicki Beeby

Read by Sofia Engstrand

Adult New Release

Sagas | October 2024



With the men missing in action, can the Bomber Girls find a way to bring them home? It's never too late to fall in love in Vicki Beeby's festive and heartwarming WWII saga.

Pearl, Thea and Jenny fling themselves into making Fenthorpe as festive as it can be, hoping they will be able to celebrate the end of C-Charlie's tour. Disaster strikes when the squadron has to make a forced landing behind enemy lines and all the crewmen are reported missing.

Pearl and Thea's grandmother, Edith, immediately travels to Lincoln to support her granddaughters. But Edith has history at Fenthorpe – can the girls uncover her secrets to help their grandmother find new romance? And can C-Charlie evade capture and survive in enemy-occupied Holland to make it home for Christmas?

Perfect for fans of Soraya Lane, Kate Thompson and Lizzie Page

Vicki Beeby writes historical fiction about the friendships and loves of service women brought together by the Second World War

Beeby is the author of The Women's Auxiliary Air Force series and The Wrens

'A wonderful mix of love, loss, friendship, action and romance. There were parts of the book that had me on the edge of my seat for all kinds of reasons!' – Johanna Bell, author of the Blitz Girls series (on *The Girls of Bomber Command*)

'Fast-paced, exciting and superbly researched, this story brings World War II to life.'
– Lesley Eames, author of The Wartime Bookshop series (on *The Girls of Bomber Command*)

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The Lost Lover

Wild Isle #3

Karen Swan

Read by Lesley Harcourt

Adult New Release

Romance | October 2024

One secret threatens to change the course of life for Flora MacQueen as she hopes for love and dreams of a life beyond island life, in the third instalment in the Wild Isles series from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Karen Swan.

Young Flora MacQueen has always dreamt of more than life on the small Scottish island of St Kilda. So, when she catches the eye of visiting adventurer and wealthy businessman James Callaghan, her future seems brighter.

Winter seas separate the lovers but the island's evacuation the following summer promises to reunite them – until tragedy strikes.

Heartbroken and needing to support her family on the mainland, a chance meeting offers hope. Soon Flora is the toast of glamorous Paris – fame and fortune are hers for the taking. But at a high price.

When a scandal erupts back home, she is implicated, along with her friends, Effie and Mhairi. But then a deception comes to light that will change everything ...

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

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

Swan's titles are known for their evocative locations and deep, complicated love stories, set within twisting plots

'A lovely novel which I hugely enjoyed. I envy Karen Swan's skill to evoke a landscape and a very different past so effortlessly. The love story was all that one would wish and the characters are terrific.' – Elizabeth Buchan, author of *Two Women in Rome*

'The Lost Lover, Flora's story, is another epic installment of the Wild Isle series, superbly written and heartbreaking.' – The Burgeoning Bookshelf




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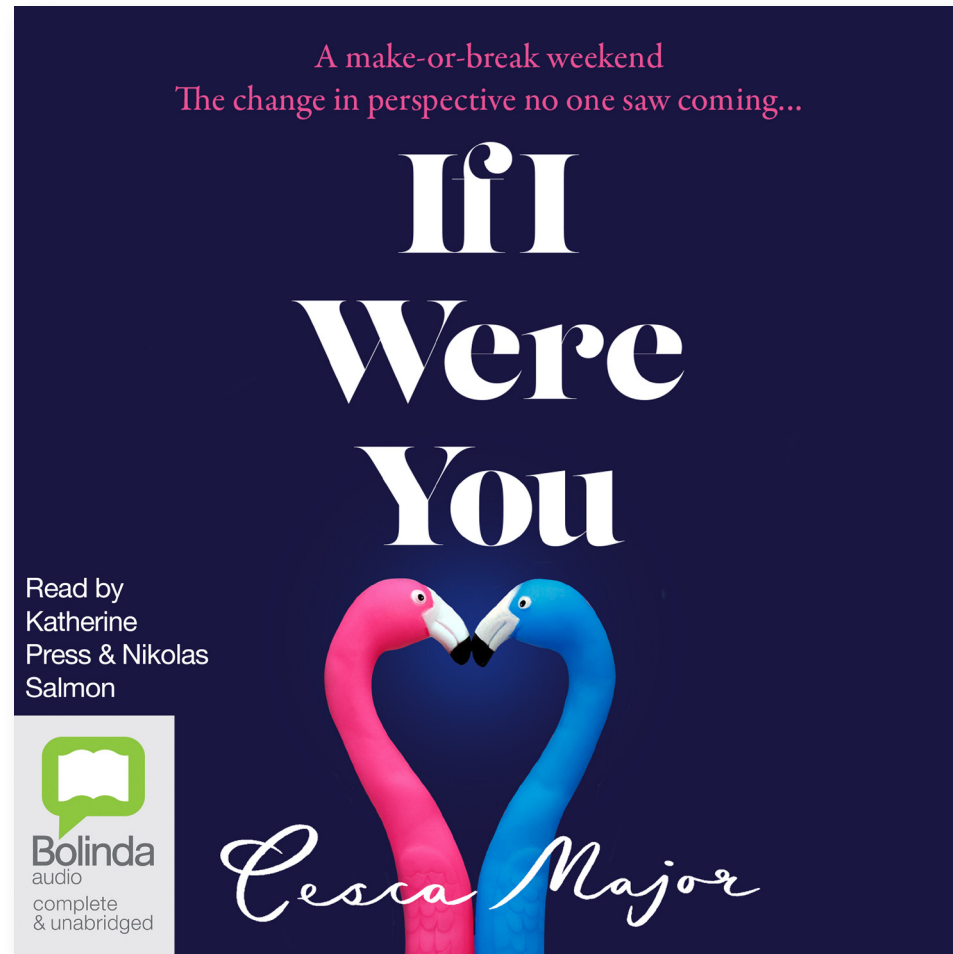
Adult New Release

Romance | October 2024

If I Were You

Cesca Major

Read by Katherine Press & Nikolas Salmon



From the author of *Maybe Next Time* comes a funny and emotional story about a couple struggling in their relationship, who accidentally swap bodies on their way to a family wedding weekend.

Amy and Flynn have been dating for two years. And they love each other. Don't they? Only Amy can't read Flynn's mind and Flynn can't read Amy's. Little do they know this weekend is make or break.

Amy's nervous older sister is getting married at the world's swankiest wedding venue in rural Devon and is relying on her younger sister to be the perfect Chief Bridesmaid. Frustrations on the way to the wedding escalate until both Amy and Flynn are shouting at each other in a country lane during a thunderstorm. Why can't they see things from the other's point of view? When lightning strikes, Flynn and Amy are thrown to the ground, and when they stand back up they realise they've switched bodies.

Forced to attend the glamorous wedding weekend as each other is surely an impossible task. With spa mornings, exes, flash mob rehearsals, speeches and more, getting through this swap will test their relationship to breaking point. And when they each discover big secrets in the other's past, it seems that switching bodies could be the least of their problems. Even if they do manage to swap back, can their relationship survive?

Cesca Major is a novelist and screenwriter who has written 13 novels under different names, and her books have been published in more than ten different countries

Major has been nominated for both the RNA's Romantic Comedy Award and the CWA Gold Dagger Award, and she has an original TV series in development with the BBC

'If I Were You is full to bursting with Cesca's unique sparkiness, hearty emotional depth and genuinely laugh out loud moments!' – Kirsty Greenwood, author of *The Love of My Afterlife*

'Cesca is the queen of high concept, heart-rending love stories. It's a phenomenal premise, delivered with the perfect blending of humour and heartbreak, I loved every minute.'

– Sophie Cousens, *New York Times* bestselling author

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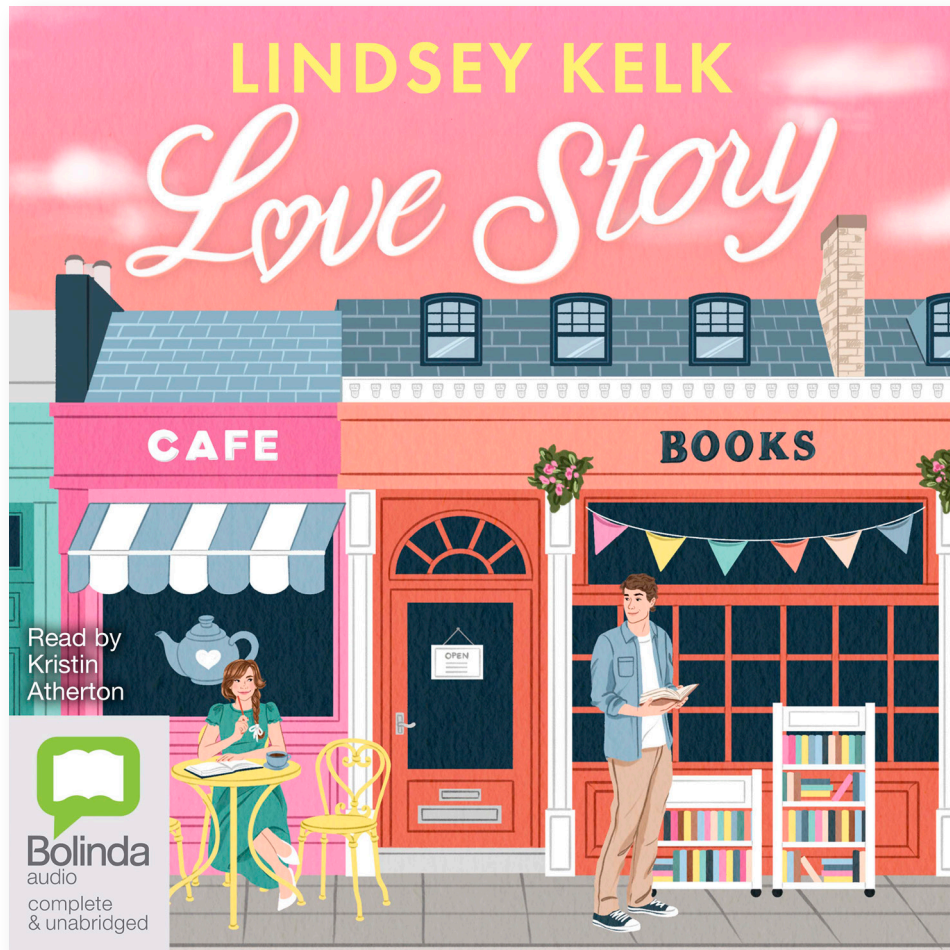
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Love Story

Lindsey Kelk

Read by Kristin Atherton



The new enemies-to-lovers romcom from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Lindsey Kelk.

She's a small-town schoolteacher. He's a hotshot marketing director. Together, it's hate at first sight.

Sophie Taylor has a secret and Joe Walsh thinks he knows it (all). He's devilishly handsome, incredibly hot – and far too sure of himself. Unfortunately, Sophie desperately needs his help. She has lost her laptop – and her sequel to the sensational, spicy romance that everybody's talking about.

Because Sophie is not just hiding something small. She is Este Cox, the mysterious romance author the entire world is desperate to unmask.

When a trip to Sophie's hometown leads to the disgruntled pair sharing a one-bed cottage, it's a short step to sharing a whole lot more besides. Can Sophie trust Joe with the truth – and be herself?

Lindsey Kelk is the internationally bestselling author of *I Heart New York*, *On A Night Like This*, *The Christmas Wish* and *One in a Million*

As well as writing books, Kelk co-hosts *Tights and Fights*, a pro-wrestling podcast on the Maximum Fun network

Kelk also hosts and produces the award-winning beauty podcast, *Full Coverage*

'Love Story might just be [Lindsey's] best yet. It has everything I could possibly ask for in a romcom – belly laughs, relatable, real and sexy characters, and the most compelling story.' – Lucy Vine, bestselling author of *Hot Mess*

'Love Story is Lindsey Kelk's best novel yet – impossibly funny, wildly romantic and extremely hot – I could not have loved it more.' – Rosie Walsh, author of *The Man Who Didn't Call*

Given Our History

Kristyn J. Miller

Narrator to Come



In this sparkling romance from the author of *Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts*, two professors with a complicated past get a second chance to prove history won't repeat itself.

Assistant professor Clara Fernsby is nothing if not driven. She's wanted to teach history since she was 14, and she hasn't let anything stand in her way – not even the love of her life. And it all paid off in the end, because she landed a well-paid position at a private liberal arts college fresh out of grad school, and this year, she's finally up for tenure.

When Theodore Harrison is brought on for the fall semester as a visiting scholar, it's an unexpected blast from Clara's past. She hasn't spoken to Teddy since rejecting him over a phone call ten years ago. Now that he's here, she's reminded of their time together at every turn – autumns spent at a sleepaway camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains, trading battered history books and burned CDs with the quiet, dark-haired boy she once fell in love with.

That boy might've been her best friend, but the man teaching HIST-322 is a total stranger – or so she thinks. As they spend evenings working on a shared project and brainstorming over drinks at a college bar, Clara realises she's at risk of falling all over again.

Kristyn J. Miller is the author of *Seven Rules for Breaking Hearts*

A freelance editor with a background in marketing and museum work, Miller earned her M.A. in History and Museum Studies at the University of New Hampshire in 2023

'Sweet and sweeping, Miller's Given Our History is the perfect study in how our longest held feelings can lead us into life's loveliest surprises. A masterclass in nostalgia and second-chances crafted into an emotional and charming romance.' – Emily Wibberley and Austin Siegemund-Broka, bestselling authors of *The Roughest Draft*

'... filled with delicious nostalgia, laugh-out-loud nerdiness and sizzling romance.'
– N.S. Perkins, bestselling author of *The Infinity Between*

Her Big Sky Cowboy

Wildflower Ranch #2

Alissa Callen

Read by Jessica Preddy

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Her Big Sky Cowboy

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USA Today bestselling author Alissa Callen delivers another gorgeous romance in the Wildflower Ranch series

Sometimes Mr Wrong is Mr Right.

Speech therapist, Trinity Redfern, knows her perfect match is out there somewhere. And when she finds him he'll be articulate, well-dressed and most of all he will let her call the shots.

Reclusive rancher, Zane Nash, has heeded life's lessons. Never trust anyone, especially a woman. But when he becomes an instant father to five-year-old Finn, he must trust the sassy speech therapist who takes over his ranch for the summer. Trinity is Finn's last hope to learn to speak again.

But when the summer ends has time run out not only for Finn but also for Zane? Can the reserved cowboy find the words to make strong-willed Trinity stay ... forever.

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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Fear the Flames

Fear the Flames #1

Olivia Rose Darling

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Romance | October 2024

An exiled princess teams up with the last man she thought she could trust in the start of an immersive debut fantasy series filled with a sizzling reluctant allies-to-lovers romance, dangerous quests and dragon bonds.

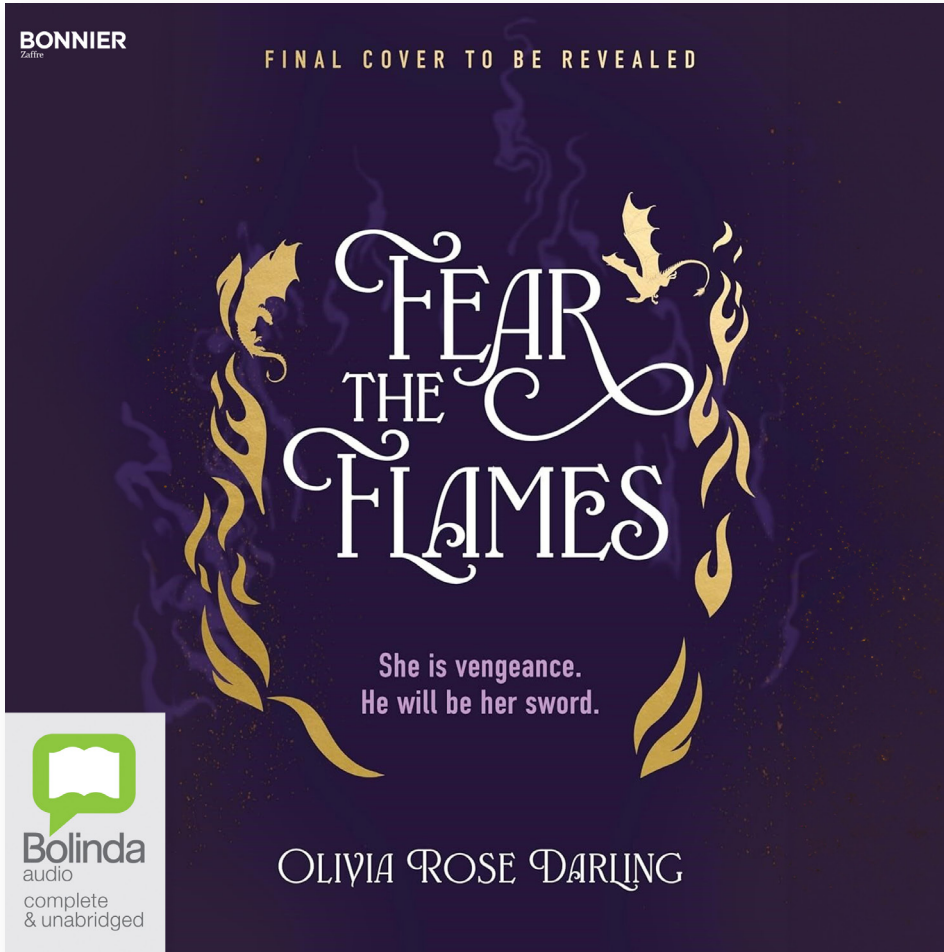
No one in Imirath had ever seen a dragon, until five eggs long thought fossils hatched in the presence of their young princess, Elowen Atarah. Fearing the power his daughter would wield through her soul-bond with the creatures, King Garrick imprisoned her for many years, desperately trying to break the bond that united them, until a daring rescue saved Elowen from his clutches – but left her five precious dragons at his mercy.

Years later, Elowen is now a woman determined to free her dragons. Having established a queendom of her own, she is ready to do whatever is necessary to save her people from starvation and seek vengeance against her father. Even if that means leaving the home she built for herself. Or having to align herself with the Commander of Vareveth, Cayden Veles, the most feared and dangerous man in all the kingdoms of Ravaryn and her father's sworn enemy.

Despite their contrasting motives, Elowen can't ignore their undeniable attraction as together they plot to infiltrate her father's impenetrable castle to steal back her dragons and seek revenge on their common enemy.

Olivia Rose Darling split her time growing up between New York and Manchester, Vermont, and developed a passion for writing from a very young age. Darling graduated from Pace University and attained a degree in English with a concentration in Creative Writing

'Fourth Wing meets A Game of Thrones in this sweeping romantasy debut, as an exiled princess resolves to rescue her imprisoned dragons – even if it means teaming up with the brooding archenemy of her kingdom.' – Waterstones



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October new releases 2024

The Ask and the Answer & The Wide, Wide Sea

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | October 2024

Chaos Walking #2 & 2.5

Patrick Ness

Read by Humphrey Bower

A tense, shocking and deeply moving tale from bestselling and award-winning author Patrick Ness.

The Ask and the Answer

Fleeing before a relentless army, Todd has carried a desperately wounded Viola right into the hands of their worst enemy, Mayor Prentiss. Immediately separated from Viola and imprisoned, Todd is forced to learn the ways of the Mayor's new order. But what secrets are hiding just outside of town? And where is Viola? Is she even still alive? And who are the mysterious Answer? And then, one day, the bombs begin to explode ...

The Wide, Wide Sea

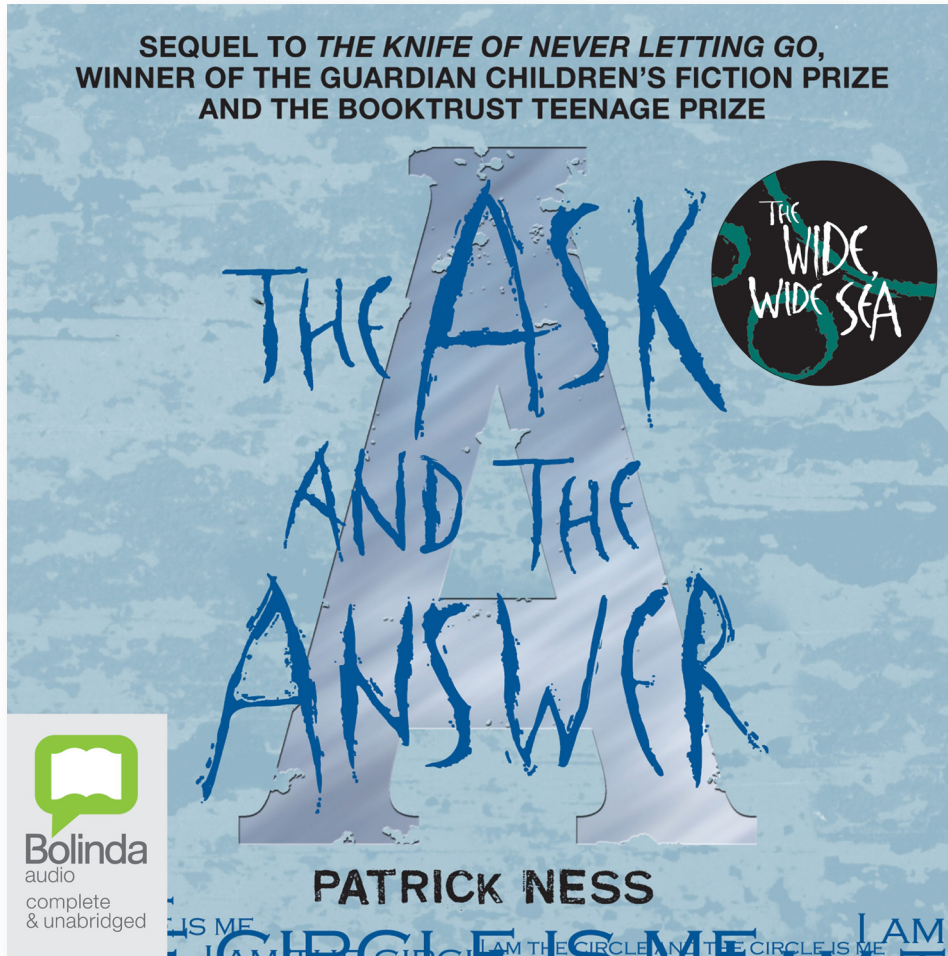
A Chaos Walking short story to listen to with *The Ask and the Answer*. Set before the Spackle War in a small fishing village by the sea, this is a heartbreaking tale of love and loyalty in a divided world. Best listened to immediately after *The Ask and the Answer*, it features familiar characters such as Mistress Coyle, but will give a new perspective on the shocking events in the award-winning trilogy.

Patrick Ness is the award-winning and bestselling author of the Chaos Walking trilogy, *A Monster Calls*, *More Than This* and *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*

Ness has won the Carnegie Medal twice, the Costa Children's Book Award, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Red House Book Award, the Jugendliteratur Preis, the UKLA Award and the Booktrust Teenage Prize

'It's grim, yes, but so well written that it's acceptable. I would recommend this to all teenagers. Five stars – I couldn't give it less.' – The Guardian

'Grim and beautifully written ... uses a brilliant cast of well-developed characters and its singular setting and premise to present a provocative examination of the nature of evil and humanity. This is among the best YA science fiction novels of the year.' – Publishers Weekly, starred review (on *The Ask and the Answer*)



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Daphne

The Six Sisters #4

M.C. Beaton

Read by Charlotte Anne Dore

Adult New Release

Romance | October 2024



A breathtaking beauty falls prey to a marriage trap, as the *New York Times* bestselling author's The Six Sisters series continues.

Daphne Armitage embarked on her first Season with secret dread. For though she had long since learned the power of her flawless beauty, she shrank from the open competition of the marriage mart. Better to marry her first suitor, the fastidious Cyril Archer, and be done with it.

But when Simon Garfield, notable and wealthy Corinthian, falls in love with the lively girl bubbling beneath the veneer of her beauty, Daphne's resolve is tested ... that is, until the vain Mr Archer threatens to reveal a family scandal so horrible that marriage seems a small price to pay for Daphne to keep the secret.

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 is also the author of the Hamish Macbeth series and the Edwardian Murder Mysteries featuring Lady Rose Summer

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

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

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Managing Expectations

Minnie Driver

Read by the Author

A dazzling 'tell-most' memoir – poignant and laugh-out-loud funny scenes from the life of actor Minnie Driver.

Managing Expectations is a collection of delicately crafted, hilarious and heartfelt essays, described as a 'tell-most', in which Minnie Driver uses her formidable storytelling skills to examine and understand her less-than-ordinary life. Suffused with warmth and humour, Driver shares poignant, candid and honest stories of her unconventional childhood, the shock of fame, motherhood, love, success, failure, the power of sisterly love and the loss of her beloved mother.

In her own words, it's about how things not working out actually worked out in the end, and how reaching for the dream is easily more interesting, expansive, sad and funny than the dream itself coming true.

When I was six, I wrote my first short essay, about how when I grew up, I wanted to be a farmer's daughter. My dad worked in insurance. Now, though, I realise how apt that ambition was. It set up a template in my life of wanting something impossible to become true. How in trying to make something impossible happen, and failing repeatedly, other things happened. Things that became my life. A life I love, because it was made with so many holes that I enjoy filling in.

Winner of the IPG Zebralution Audio Award 2023 and shortlisted for Best Narrator at the Audio Production Awards 2022

Minnie Driver is best known for her breakout role in *Circle of Friends* and the 1997 film *Good Will Hunting*, which reaped nominations for both the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress and a Screen Actors Guild Award

Driver has appeared in numerous TV programmes, including *The Riches*, starring opposite Eddie Izzard, for which she was nominated for an Emmy and a Golden Globe

'She writes powerfully and without any self-pity about fame and the unpredictable life of an actor, openly acknowledging the failures and difficult times.' – The Irish Times



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October new releases 2024

Funny Kid Spookytime

Funny Kid #13

Matt Stanton

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024



The new instalment in the hilarious, laugh-out-loud children's series from million-copy mega-bestselling author Matt Stanton.

Every kid wants to laugh, but Max is the boy who can make it happen.

When everyone starts talking about a new scary movie, Max realises his friends don't just want to laugh ... they also want to scream!

Max is the funny kid, but does he know how to make his own scary movie?

An oversupply of slime, a bumbling babysitter, ghastly ghosts, melodramatic mummies and a terrifying beast called Duckenstein are just some of the things in store for Max and his friends in this brand-new Funny Kid adventure.

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Matt Stanton is a bestselling children's author and illustrator who has sold more than one million books

Funny Kid, which debuted as the #1 Australian kids book, launched the mega-bestselling series that has everyone laughing

Funny Kid Prank Wars won the 2023 YABBA Award for Fiction for Older Readers. The same year, *Funny Kid Catastrophe* was shortlisted for the Russell Prize for Humour Writing for Young People

'Humour is injected into every page ...' – Children's Book Council of Australia's Reading Time (on *Funny Kid for President*)

'I liked the surprises and exciting parts. It is a great book for anyone to enjoy. It's funny, exciting, awesome and nerve-wracking. There is a lot of suspense which kept me turning the pages. I couldn't put it down.' – Kids Book Review (on *Funny Kid Stand Up*)

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Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody

Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody #1

Patrick Ness

Read by Robert G. Slade

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024

Master storyteller Patrick Ness turns to middle grade in a hilarious adventure about a mismatched group of animals attending school together.

Zeke and Daniel have just been made hall monitors by Principal Wombat. This has nothing to do with the fact that they are monitor lizards. And never mind the fact Alicia, the only other monitor lizard in the school, is also a hall monitor.

Somehow, the three hall monitors must impose order on arrogant lions, excitable seals and super-relaxed pandas. And worst of all, there is Pelicarnassus! A pompous giant pelican and the son of a major supervillain, who inexplicably has it out for the lizards. Can the hall monitor lizards and their new friend, a blind, fearsome red-tailed hawk, protect their school from all manner of outlandish threats?

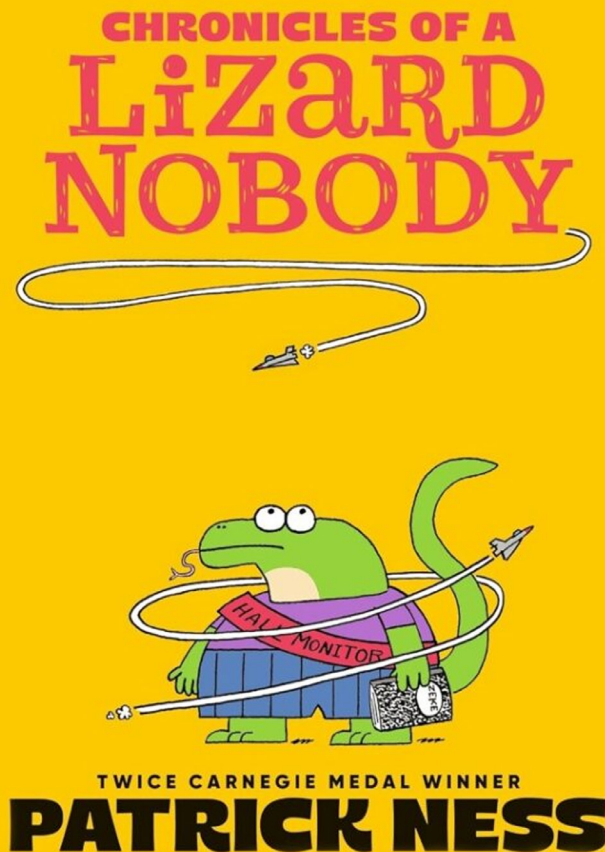
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Ness has won the Carnegie Medal twice, the Costa Children's Book Award, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Red House Book Award, the Jugendliteratur Preis, the UKLA Award and the Booktrust Teenage Prize

Ness writes screenplays as well, including for the movie version of *A Monster Calls* starring Liam Neeson, Sigourney Weaver and Felicity Jones

'Absolutely bananas and perfectly sweet – this world formed from Patrick Ness's wild imagination and populated by Tim Miller's huggable animals is one you will want to return to, for laughs and for the deeper themes of grief, bullying, and true friendship.' – Isabel Roxas, creator of the graphic novel series *The Adventures of Team Pom*



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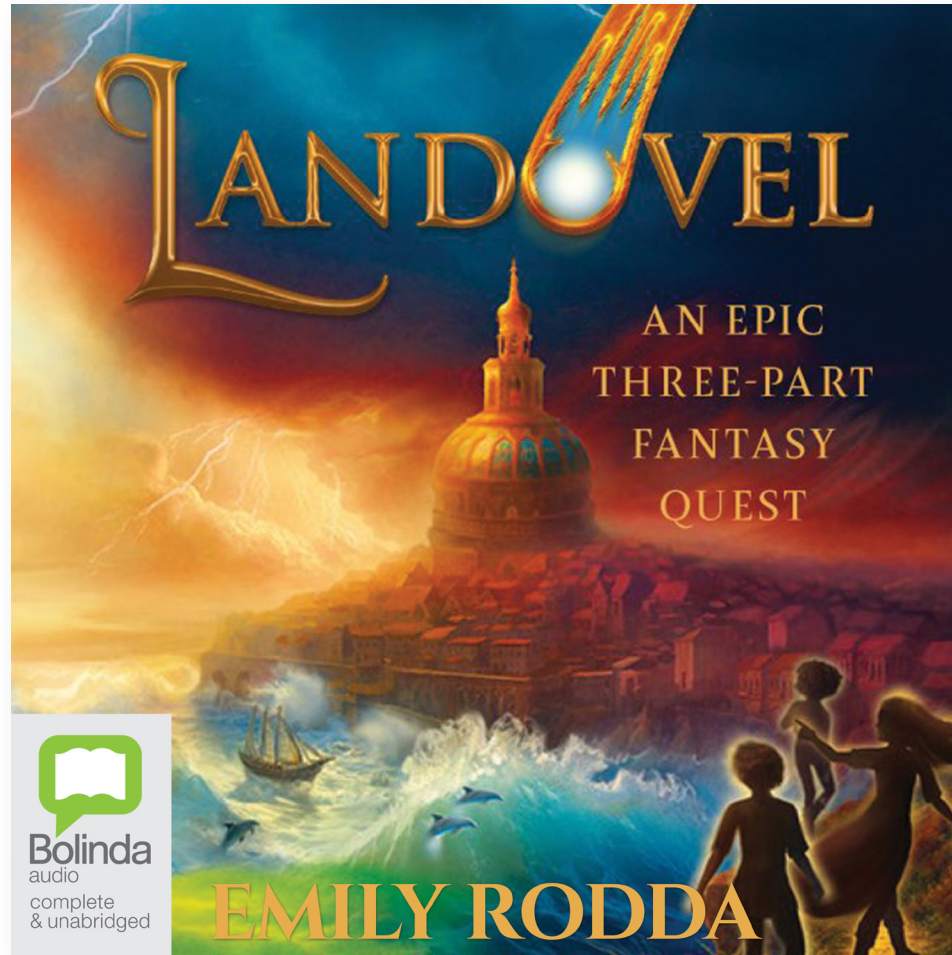
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Landovel

Landovel

Emily Rodda

Read by Tanya Schneider



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024

An epic 'three parts in one' fantasy quest from the author of one of the most successful children's fantasy series ever published, Deltora Quest.

*A hero fights against the tide,
Companions battle by his side.
Danger, magic, secrets, lies,
A tyrant King who never dies,
A Prophecy that must be cheated,
Evil that must be defeated,
The menace of the fabled El ...
This is the tale of Landovel.*

Derry knows no other life than that of a captive on Cram's Rock, shunned by the other young prisoners for being Cram's poison taster. Until the day everything changes, when a traveller arrives, on the run from the sinister El executioners. She leaves Derry with a magical notebook full of secrets – secrets that might hold the key to Derry's destiny and his past.

Emily Rodda is one of Australia's best-known children's authors, who has written over 100 books for children, including the award-winning Rowan of Rin series and the outstandingly successful Deltora Quest series, which has been translated into 30 languages

Rodda's books have received many Children's Choice awards, and she has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year (Younger Readers) Award a record six times

In 2019 Rodda was awarded the highest honour in the Australia Day Honours list, Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)

'It's everything you would want from fantasy adventure fiction, and everything you have come to love about Emily Rodda ... a sure-fire hit with anyone who liked (or loved) her other fantasy series.' – Kids Book Review (on *The Golden Door*)

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Nina Peanut: Mega Mystery Solver

Nina Peanut #2

Sarah Bowie

Read by Pam Ferris

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024



The second laugh-out-loud story starring Nina Peanut – top choice for Class Captain, ghost hunter, detective extraordinaire and creative genius. The funniest new friend for all kids, everywhere.

Guess who is a GHOST and is living RIGHT HERE in this school? It's Lady Deborah from our HISTORY LESSON, and she is stuck in her OWN SHOE. Watch as Brian and I film our investigations to find out WHAT she's doing there and how we can set her free. I'm also battling Megan Dunne to become class captain – vote for me, because who is more of a GHOST EXPERT than I am? Answer: HARDLY ANYONE!

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

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

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

Narrated by Welsh actress, Pamela Ferris known for starring in *Matilda*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* and *Call the Midwife*

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

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

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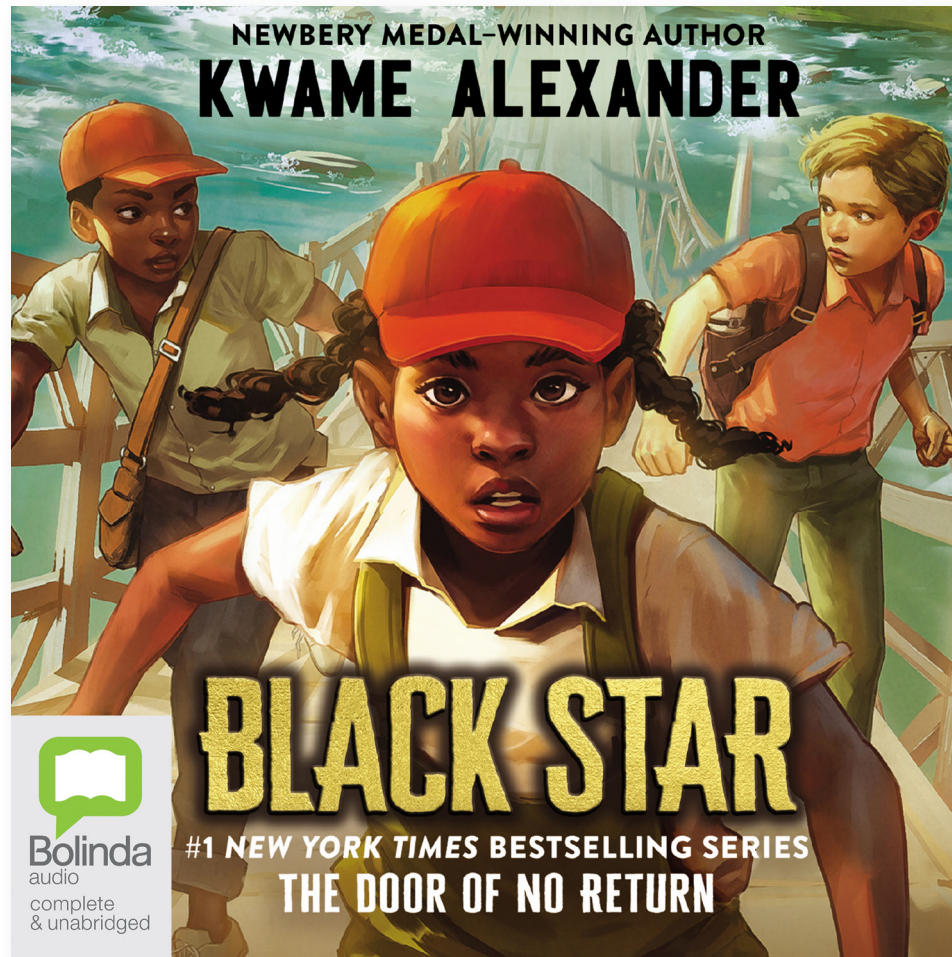
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Black Star

The Door of No Return #2

Kwame Alexander

Read by a Full Cast



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024

Set during the turbulent segregation era and the beginning of The Great Migration, *New York Times* bestselling author Kwame Alexander weaves a spellbinding story of struggle, determination and the unflappable faith of an American family.

Twelve-year old Charley Cuffey is many things: a granddaughter, a best friend, and probably the best pitcher in all of Lee's Mill. Set on becoming the first female pitcher to play professional ball, Charley doesn't need reminders from her best friend Cool Willie Green to know that she has lofty dreams for a Black girl in the American South.

Even so, Nana Kofi's thrilling stories about courageous ancestors and epic journeys make it impossible not to dream big. She knows he has so many more to tell, but according to her parents, she isn't old enough to know about certain things like what happened to Booker Preston that one night in Great Bridge and why she can never play on the brand-new real deal baseball field on the other side of town.

When Charley challenges a neighbourhood bully to a game at the church picnic, she knows she can win, even with her ragtag team. But when the picnic spills over onto their ball field, she makes a fateful decision.

A child cannot protect herself if she does not know her history, and Charley's choice brings consequences she never could have imagined.

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

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

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

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Bunny vs Monkey

Bunny vs Monkey

Jamie Smart

Read by Ciaran Saward

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024

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

When Monkey is sent into space by a team of scientists, he thinks everything will be smooth sailing. But not everything goes according to plan, and soon Monkey's spaceship crash-lands in a forest, disrupting the peaceful atmosphere. Convinced that he has discovered a new world, power-mad (but mostly incompetent) Monkey claims the forest as his own and determines that all other animals must be banished, including his soon-to-be nemesis, Bunny. As Bunny gathers reinforcements and goes head-to-head with the gadget-obsessed Monkey, hilarious hijinks ensue.

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

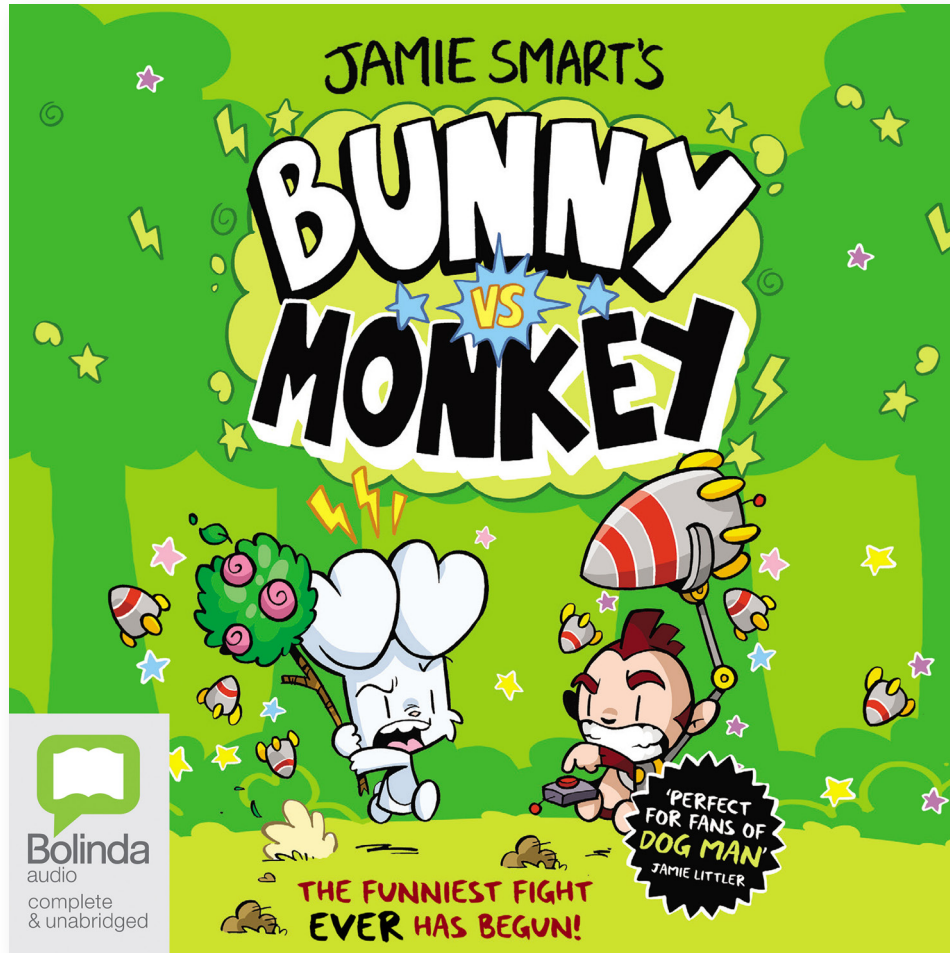
Bunny vs Monkey has appeared weekly in a comics magazine called *The Phoenix*

Jamie Smart has worked extensively for *The Dandy*, *The Beano*, *The DFC*, *The Phoenix*, as well as *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Times*, *Mega*, *Toxic*, *Doctor Who Adventures* and others

Smart's *Fish-Head Steve* has been shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize

'Recommend this to fans of James Kolchalka's quirky brand of humor. More fun – and silliness ...' – Kirkus Reviews

'It's madcap fun, full of gags, wonderfully insane characters, and written and drawn by someone with a seemingly unending imagination for giving you gag after gag after gag – clever, silly, manic, weird, off-the-wall comedy that just gets better and better.' – Comicon.com (on *Bunny vs Monkey* and the *Supersonic Aye-Aye!*)



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Most Haunted Castles

Most Haunted #2

Yvette Fielding

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024

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

Ghost hunter Yvette Fielding has been investigating spooky places for over 20 years. This time she is uncovering the ghostly histories of Britain's castles.

From Oxford Castle to Bamburgh, these castles are filled with hauntings and spooky histories, brought to life by Yvette and the Most Haunted team's investigations.

Dare to discover poltergeist and paranormal activity including the ghost of Anne Boleyn, dastardly poisoners and even Vlad the Impaler!

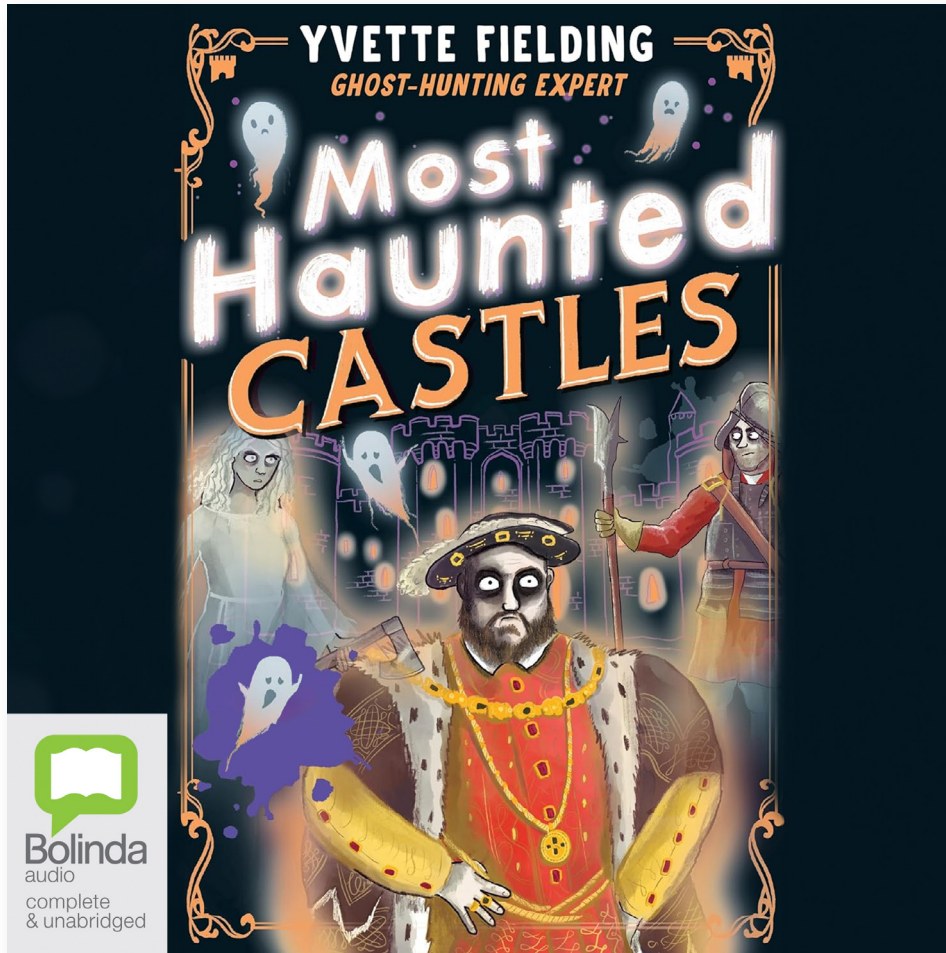
Yvette Fielding burst onto our screens in *Seaview* at the age of 13, and shortly after the producers of *Blue Peter* snapped her up to become their youngest ever presenter at just 17 years of age


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

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

'Fearsome theatrical thrills abound in this spook-tacular account of real-life investigations into ghostly going-ons in British theatres.' – LoveReading 4 Kids (on *Most Haunted Theatres*)

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




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Mouse & His Dog

A Dogtown Book #2

Katherine Applegate & Gennifer Choldenko

Read by Daniel Henning

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | October 2024

Full of heart and humour, *Mouse & His Dog* is an upbeat story about friendship and finding home, from bestselling and award-winning authors Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko.

Mouse lives in Dogtown, a shelter for real dogs and robot dogs, where the kibble is plentiful, and the rafters hide a secret community of mice. His unlikely best friend is Buster, a big-hearted real dog who attracts trouble like a burr to fur.

Determined to help Buster find his forever home, even if means losing his best pal, Mouse embarks on a bold quest with three of Dogtown's 'unadoptables' Buster, Stewie – a huge, lovable dog whose ex-owner said he was mean, and Smokey – a robot dog hardwired with a smoke alarm he can't control.

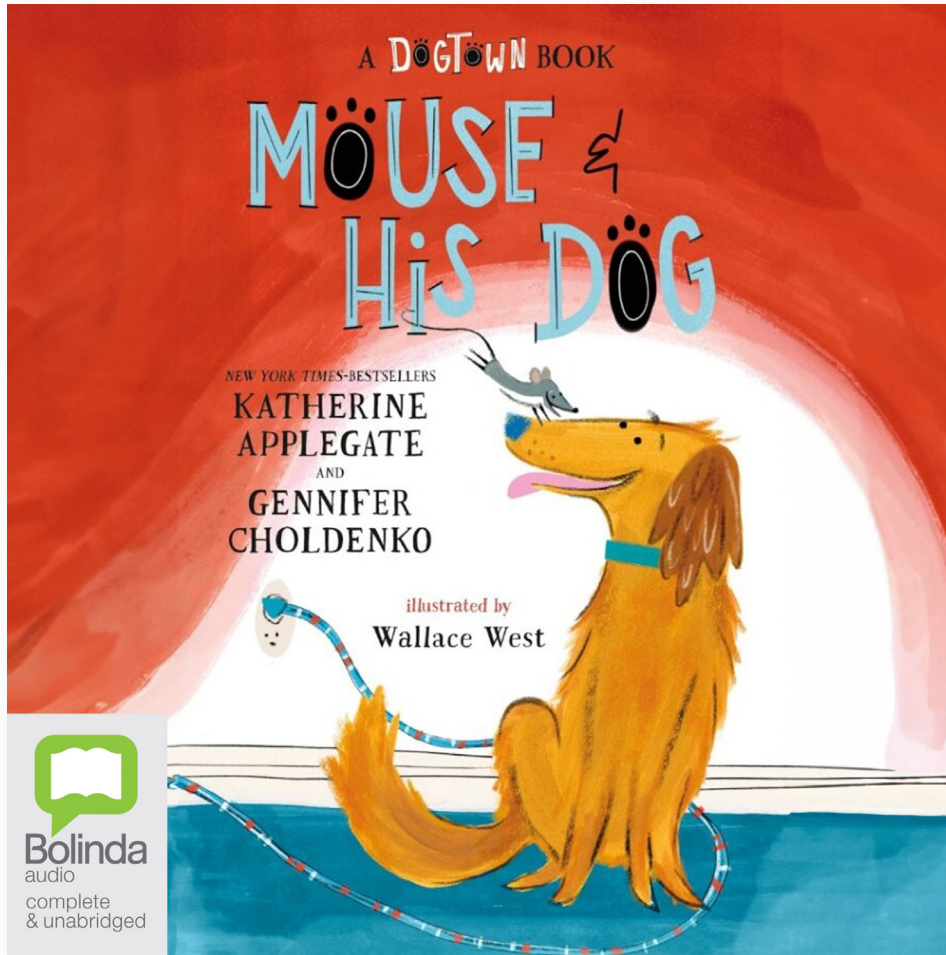
But Mouse is just a mouse, and the world is big and complicated. How's a little guy supposed to find homes for the dogs he loves?

Katherine Applegate is the Newbery Medal-winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The One and Only Ivan*, the *Ending* 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

Gennifer Choldenko's best known *Tales from Alcatraz* series has been called 'A cornerstone series in contemporary children's literature'

'Newbery Medalist Applegate and Newbery Honoree Choldenko team up for this uplifting escape novel ...' – Publishers Weekly (on *Dogtown*)



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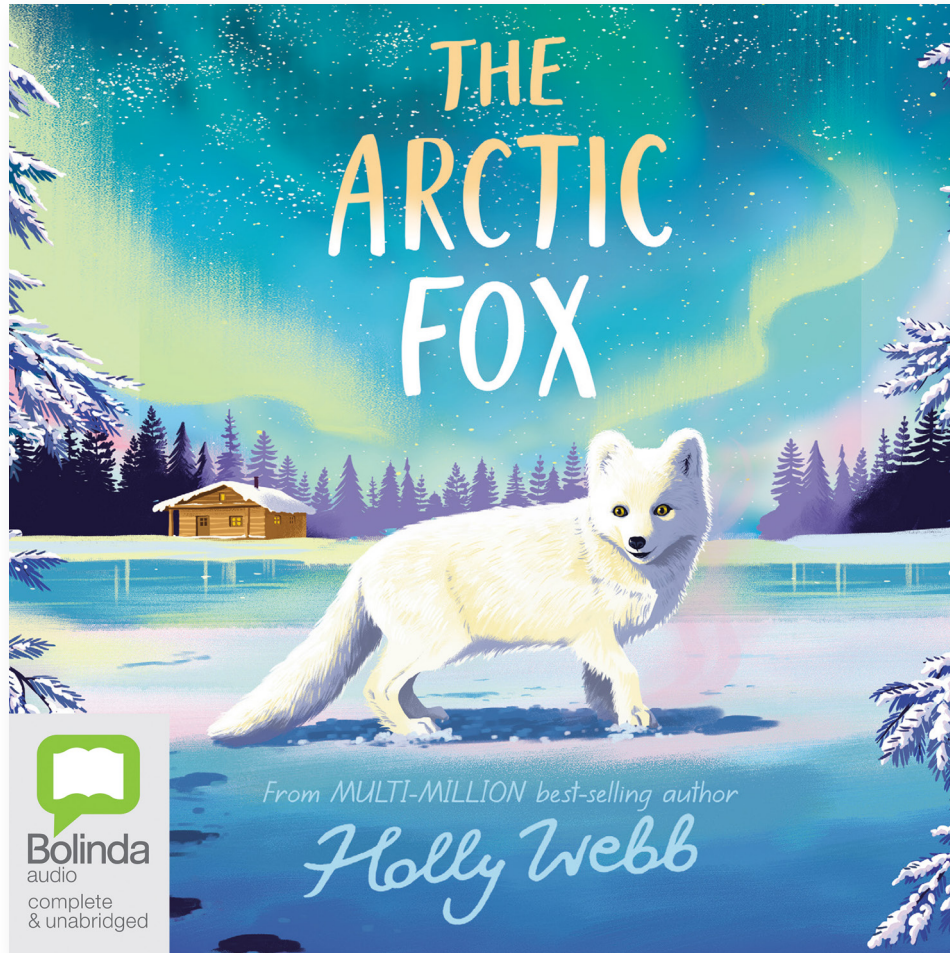
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The Arctic Fox

Holly Webb

Read by Sofia Engstrand



A magical wintry tale from bestselling author Holly Webb. For fans of Michael Morpurgo and *The Snow Foal*, this is the perfect audiobook to snuggle up with and enjoy this winter.

Evie is so excited to spend her Christmas holiday in Lapland – they're going to visit Santa, go on a reindeer sleigh ride and watch the Northern Lights. She's even dreamed about seeing her favourite animal – the arctic fox.

Evie's parents say this is unlikely, though, as hunting has left the species endangered. But when she hears a strange whining noise in the middle of the night, she follows the sounds and discovers a little arctic fox caught in a trap. Can Evie rescue him in time?

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

Perfect for animal-loving children

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

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

Sally and the Lost Photograph

Sally in the City of Dreams #2

Judi Curtin

Read by Caroline Lennon

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Life in New York is exciting for newly settled Sally and her sister Bridget. When the girls discover an old photograph they are determined to find Miss Cameron's lost love, and maybe help their sick friend Betty too.

Sally and her sister Bridget are New Yorkers now – they've settled in and feel at home in the bustling city.

Life in New York is exciting enough that the girls can rise above life with Catherine, their mean cousin.

At work one day, Bridget finds a photograph of a young man between the pages of a book. She shows it to her employer Miss Cameron who dismisses it, but her blush and flustered manner intrigue Bridget. She soon discovers he was a suitor, but not allowed by Miss Cameron's family as he came from a poor background.

Meanwhile, the girls' friend Betty is sick. When she visited a free clinic the doctor suggested she move to a warmer part of the country, a prospect unimaginable to Betty, who can barely afford to feed and clothe herself. When poor Betty commits a crime out of poverty and desperation, the girls don't know how to help. But can both stories have a happy ending?

Judi Curtin is the bestselling author of the Alice and Megan series, the Eva series, the Lissadell series and the Time After Time series

Curtin won the Children's Book of the Year (Senior) at the Irish Book Awards in 2017 for *Stand by Me*

Sally in the City of Dreams was shortlisted for the An Post Irish Book Awards 2023

'Really good historical fiction brings the period alive through the characters, and that's exactly the case here.' – Books for Keeps (on *Sally in the City of Dreams*)

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Pizza Pete and the Missing Magic

Pizza Pete #2

Carrie Sellon

Read by Brenock O'Connor

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Pizza Pete is back in another adventure with a story filled with magic, flying, friendship and of course ... pizza! When the potions are stolen, Pete, Anna and Useless the dog must find them before all chaos ensues.

Pizza Pete is back! But he's worried about seeing his friends after a long summer holiday selling pizzas from his van with Dad.

He's also in great danger. Someone wants the magical potions and will stop at nothing to get them. When they go missing, Pete has to summon all his courage to save the day.

The hilarious sequel to *Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions* is perfect for fans of Sam Copeland and Roald Dahl

Carrie Sellon used to travel the world making wildlife films for the BBC

'It has all the reckless fun of George's Marvellous Medicine ... a lively upbeat story that is as enjoyable as a Sloppy Giuseppe with all the toppings.' – The Times (on *Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions*)

'Perfect ingredients for comedy chaos.' – The Sunday Express (on *Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions*)

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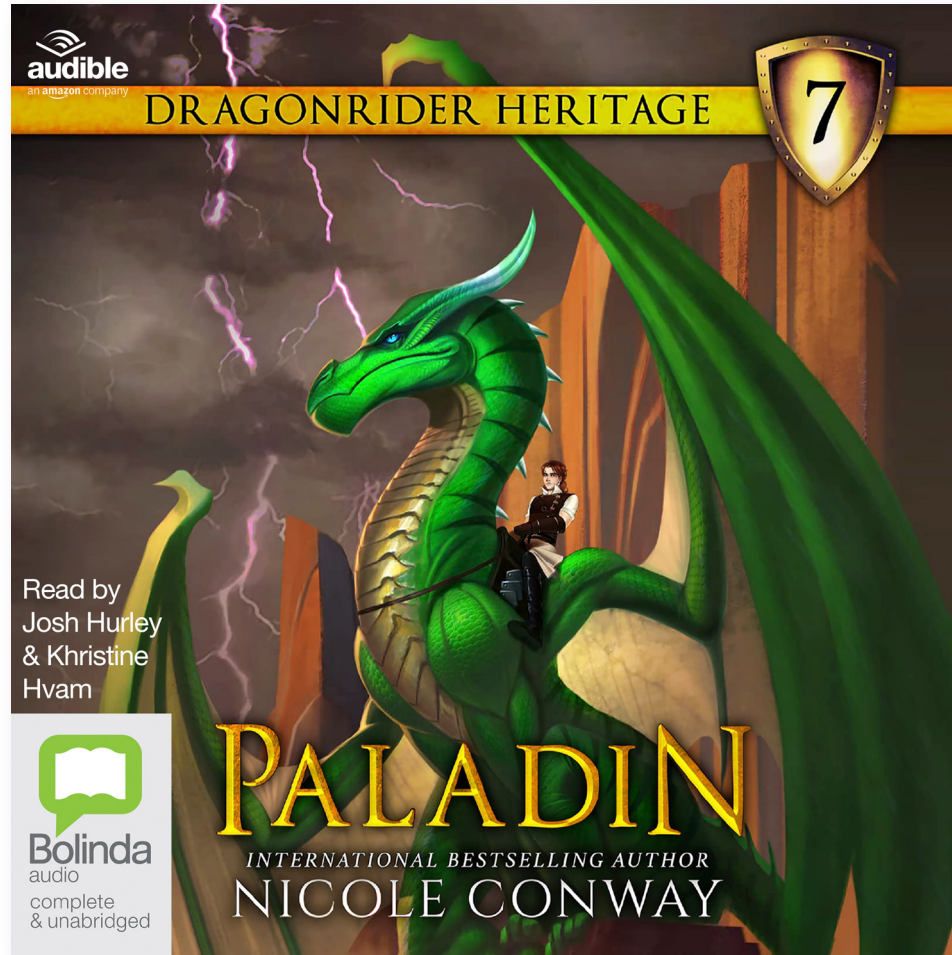
October new releases 2024

Paladin

The Dragonrider Heritage #7

Nicole Conway

Read by Khristine Hvam & Josh Hurley



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Fight or fall – the heroes of Maldobar will have to choose their side and face the coming storm of war that threatens to tear their world apart. Don't miss the exciting seventh instalment of The Dragonrider Heritage series.

Reigh knows time to complete his mission is running out. With Ronan trapped in the clutches of the evil sorceress, Sadeera, and the codex lost in the ashes of the destroyed Compendium Library – the odds are now stacked against him. But when Nar'Haleen's powerful warships arrive in the island kingdom of Rienka, determined to take it by force, Reigh realises their situation may be far more dangerous than he anticipated. In order to save his friends and continue on their quest, Reigh will have to broker a deal with a mysterious order of mercenaries, the Zenith's Call ... and pray they keep their word.

Murdoc has never doubted his strength before. But when Arlan the Kinslayer warns that peril is coming at the hands of his sister and the ruthless emperor of Nar'Haleen, he quickly realises that taking up his blades again will mean stepping into a battle he has little chance of surviving. With Jaevid, Garnett and Isandri at his side, Murdoc knows all hope now rests in their ability to call upon Proleus, the long-silent God of War. But divine power always comes with a price, and Murdoc may not have what it takes to prove himself worthy of Proleus's favour.

Nicole Conway is also the international bestselling author of the Dragonrider Chronicles series

Conway's other published works include The Dragonrider Legacy series, the Spirits of Chaos series and the Mad Magic Saga

'This fantasy delivers a bright tsunami of hormones and heroism.' – Kirkus Reviews (on Scales)

'A worthy follow-up to its predecessor, with a cliffhanger of an ending that will leave readers eager for more.' – Kirkus Reviews (on Harbinger)

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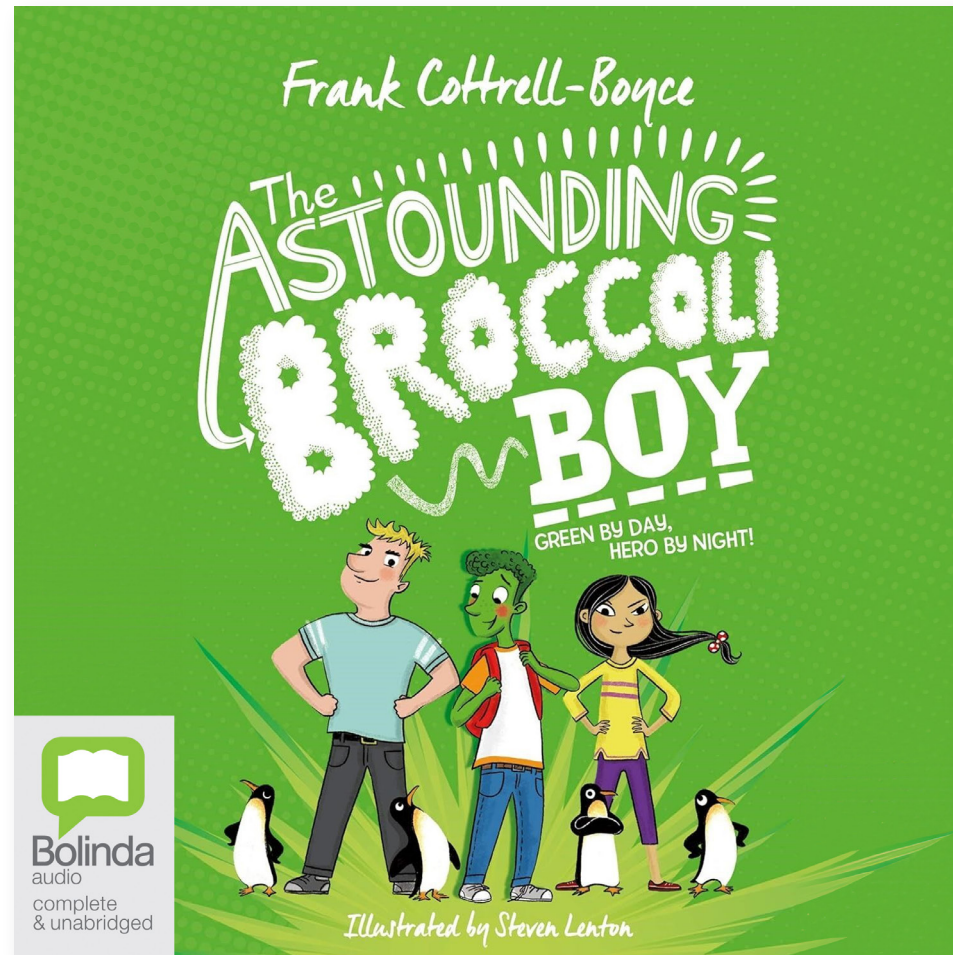
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The Astounding Broccoli Boy

Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Read by Ewan Goddard



From Frank Cottrell Boyce – the beloved, award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Millions* and *Cosmic* – comes a hilarious, heartbreaking and completely original middle-grade story about a young boy who turns ... green.

Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for anything. That sort of planning pays off when you're the smallest kid in your class. Rory is even prepared (mostly) for Tommy-Lee, his nemesis, who starts most days by throwing Rory out of the back of the school bus. Don't be scared, his favourite book says, be prepared. And Rory aims to be. What's more heroic than that?

But Rory isn't prepared when he suddenly and inexplicably turns green and finds himself stuck in an experimental hospital ward. The doctors are just as baffled as Rory is, and that's when he begins to wonder: what if this isn't caused by his genes, or a virus, or something he ate? What if it's something even more extraordinary? After all, more than a few superheroes' careers began when they turned green. Could this be a sign that he's meant for something greater? Rory is going to find out – and that's going to start with escaping from the hospital.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce is the author of *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth*, *Cosmic*, *Framed* and *Millions* – the last of which was a *New York Times* bestseller and was made into a movie by Oscar-winning director Danny Boyle

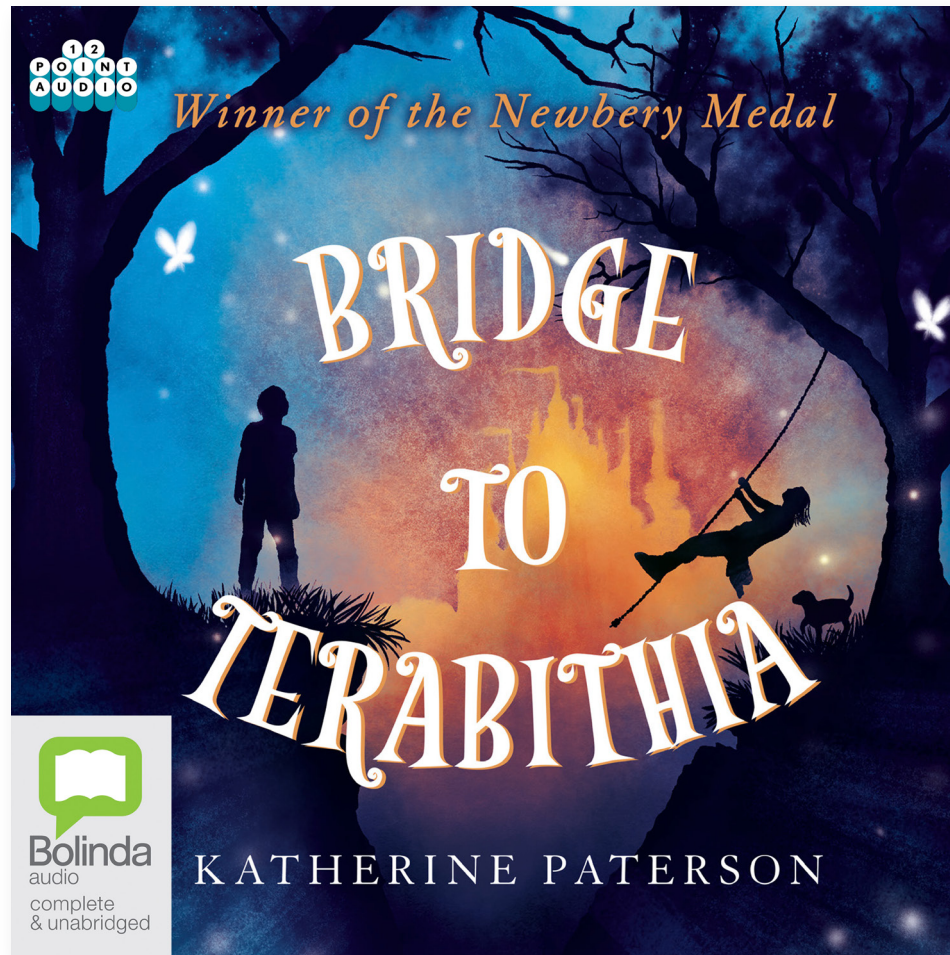
Cottrell-Boyce was announced as the 2024 Children's Laureate, succeeding Joseph Coelho

Cottrell-Boyce's books have won or been nominated for numerous awards, including the Carnegie Medal, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and the Whitbread Children's Book Award

Bridge to Terabithia

Katherine Paterson

Read by Richard Armitage



The 40th anniversary edition of the classic Newbery Medal-winning title by beloved author Katherine Paterson, with brand-new bonus material including an author's note and a foreword by *New York Times* bestselling author Kate DiCamillo.

Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia.

One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief.

Bridge to Terabithia was named an ALA Notable Children's Book and has become a touchstone of children's literature, as have many of Katherine Paterson's other novels, including *The Great Gilly Hopkins* and *Jacob Have I Loved*

In 2007, *Bridge to Terabithia* was adapted into a major motion picture from Walt Disney Pictures, starring Josh Hutcherson, AnnaSophia Robb, Robert Patrick, Bailee Madison and Zoey Deschanel

Paterson was named a 'Living Legend' by the Library of Congress, and has been published in more than 22 languages in a variety of formats, from picture books to historical novels

'Set in contemporary rural America, the story is one of remarkable richness and depth, beautifully written.' – The Horn Book

The Lion Above the Door

Onjali Q. Raúf

Read by Chris Lew Kum Hoi



From Onjali Q. Rauf, the award-winning and bestselling author of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, comes an incredible story about missing histories and the concept of a universal family, told with humour and heart.

Ever since I can remember, people have stared at me and my family. Dad tells me it's because we're 'special'. But if we're so special, how come nobody ever looks like us in the books at school? Not even the books about world wars ...

As the only Singaporean boy not just in his school, but in the tiny English he calls home too, Leo witnesses – and feels – the impacts of racism every day. But on a class trip to a nearby cathedral, Leo's attention is drawn to a marble slab high above the doors of the hall. Right there, bang in the middle of a list of WWII war heroes, Leo finds himself staring at something incredible: his own name.

Desperate to know who this other Leo was, and with Sangeeta asking why women are missing from the history books too, the two friends embark on an epic search.

One that will help uncover missing s/heroes from the past, who each deserve to take their rightful place in the pages of history.

Onjali Q Raúf's first title *The Boy at the Back of the Class* won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019 and was shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize

Raúf's second title, *The Star Outside My Window*, went on to win the Diversity Book Award for Children's Fiction (UK) 2020

In 2022, Raúf was recognised for her services to Literature and Women's Rights in the New Year Honours

'The Lion Above the Door is another sensitive, thoughtful book from Onjali Q Raúf that highlights racism and bullying in children's lives today, as well as the way that people of colour's stories have often been ignored from history.' – BookTrust