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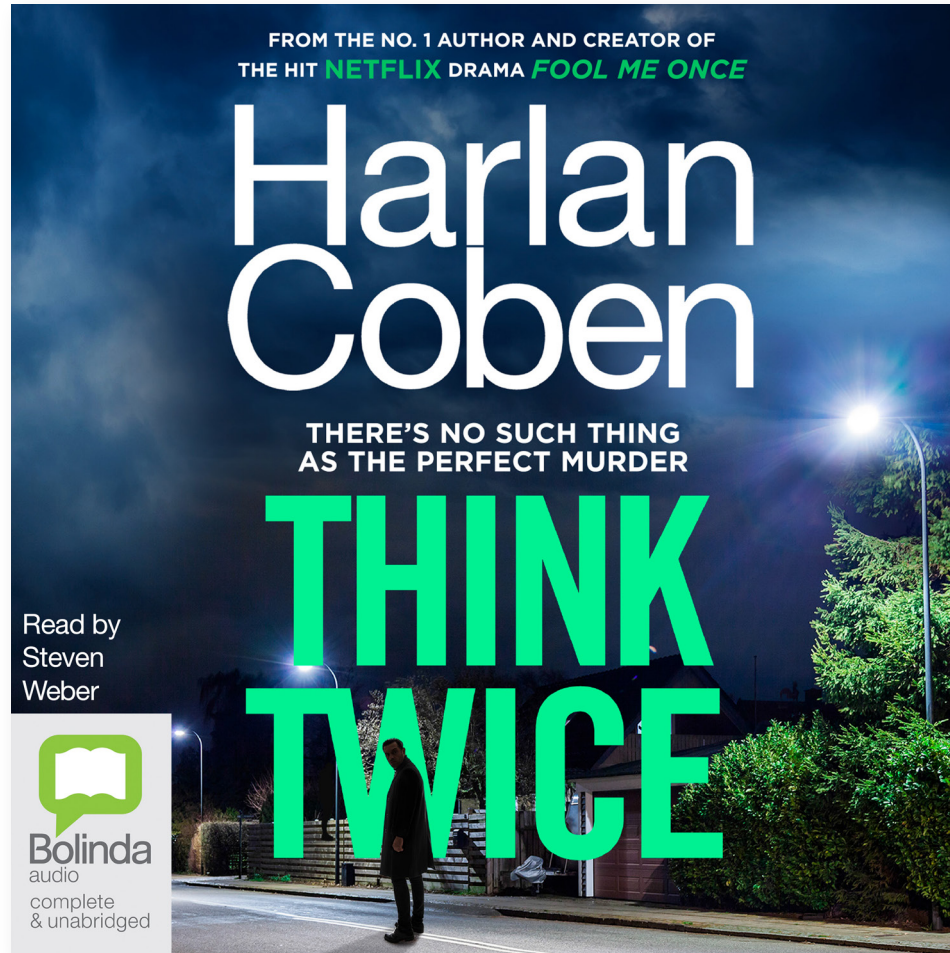
Myron Bolitar #12

Harlan Coben

Read by Steven Weber

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | December 2024



Secrets, lies and a murderous conspiracy that stretches back into the past lie at the heart of blistering new thriller, from the bestselling author and creator of the hit Netflix drama *Stay Close*.

How can a man who's already dead be wanted for murder? This is the question sports agent Myron Bolitar asks himself when two FBI agents come looking for his former client and rival, Greg Downing. Greg's DNA has been found at the scene of a recent high-profile double-murder, and he is now the FBI's main suspect.

But that's impossible. Greg died three years ago. Myron went to his funeral and gave the eulogy. But why would someone frame a dead man for murder? Or is Greg Downing still alive?

The more Myron digs into this mystery, the more dangerous his world becomes ...

Harlan Coben's suspense novels are published in 46 languages and have been number one bestsellers in more than a dozen countries, with 80 million books in print worldwide

Myron Bolitar series has earned the Edgar, Shamus and Anthony Awards

Several of Coben's books have been developed into Netflix original series, including the #1 global hit *Fool Me Once*, *The Stranger*, *The Innocent*, *Gone for Good*, *The Woods*, *Stay Close* and *Hold Tight*

'The world needs to discover Harlan Coben. He's smart, he's funny and he has something to say.' – Michael Connelly, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

'Compelling ... A fantastically breakneck prison break/fugitive adventure story.'  
– The Guardian

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# Murder Island

A Doc Savage Thriller #2

**James Patterson & Brian Sitts**

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

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Can Doc and Kira find each other before one of their many enemies catches them first? Don't miss the gripping new thriller from bestselling authors James Patterson and Brian Sitts.

*They thought they found heaven on earth. They discover a living hell.*

When Brandt 'Doc' Savage and his girlfriend Kira land on a desert island in the middle of the Atlantic, they think they've found a perfect utopia. An escape from their tumultuous pasts.

But they don't have long to enjoy their new-found peace before they are violently separated and dragged to opposite ends of the earth.

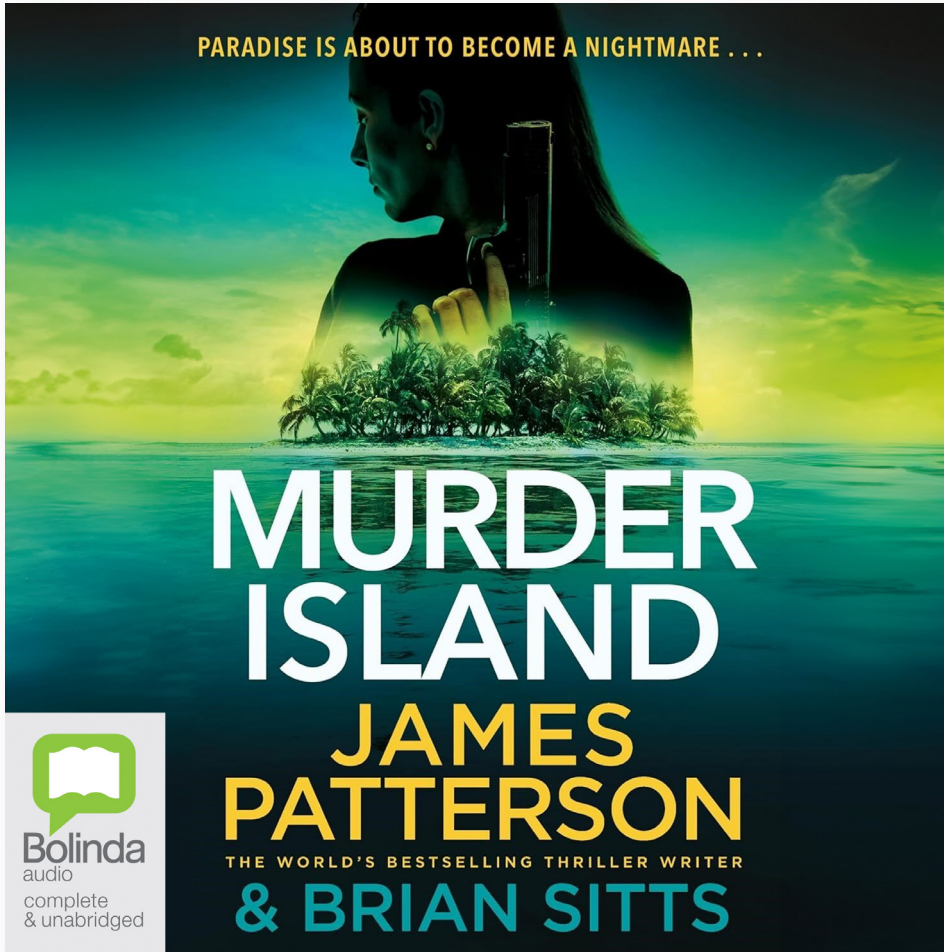
As Doc searches the seas and continents for Kira, he discovers they are entangled in a global conspiracy that is bigger than he ever could have imagined.

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

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

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

*'A perfect introduction to what may prove to be a top-notch series of thrillers. Whether it will succeed as a Doc Savage series will depend on what they do with the familiar conventions left out of this one. There's no doubt, though, that this debut has earned a sequel. More, please. Soon, please.'* – New York Journal of Books (on *The Perfect Assassin*)



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# The Mirror

The Lost Bride Trilogy #2

Nora Roberts

Read by Brittany Pressley

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#1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nora Roberts continues the hauntingly spectacular Lost Bride Trilogy with *The Mirror*.

In need of an escape from her ex-fiance's betrayal, and the lucky recipient of a surprise inheritance, Sonya MacTavish leaves behind her life in the city and moves to a Victorian mansion on the coast of Maine. The house is beautiful but comes with surprises – footsteps in the night, doors slamming, music playing – and in her dreams Sonya sees glimpses of the past and the brides who once lived there.

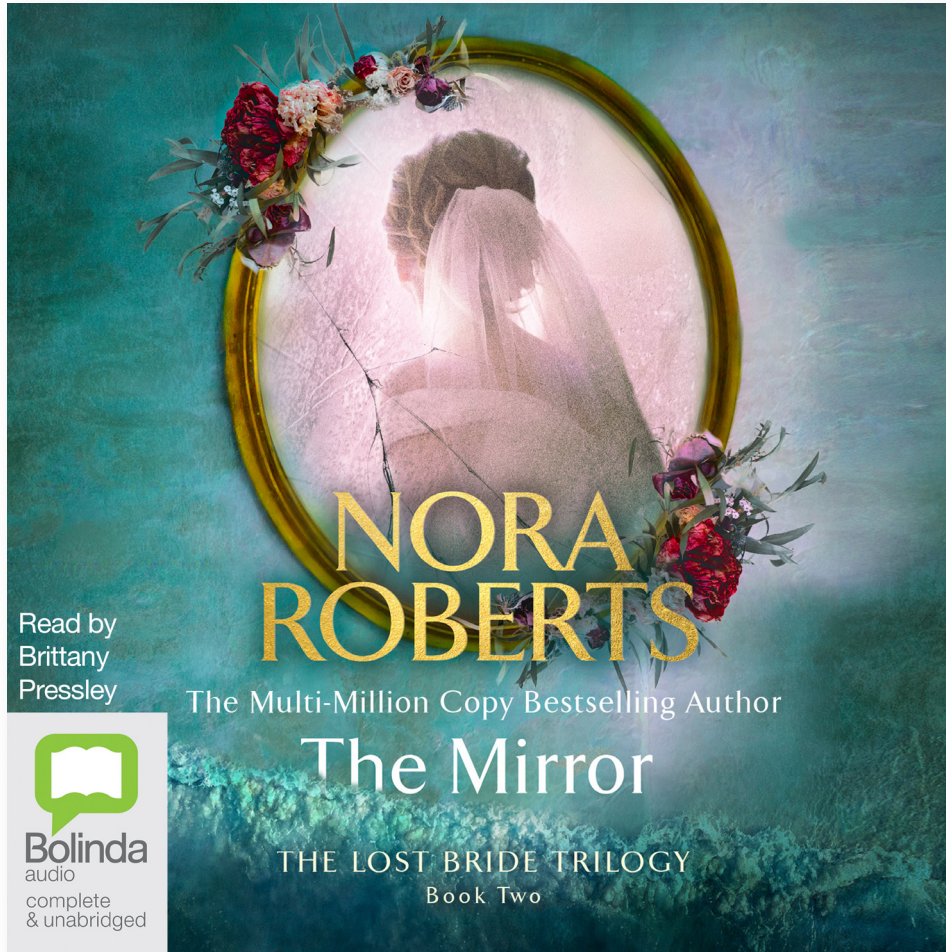
As the house reveals more of its history and the sad stories of the brides murdered there, Sonya discovers an antique mirror. She finds herself drawn to the mirror, sensing it holds dark secrets. What can the mirror tell her? Can it help her to understand how the seven brides died? Sonya will need the help of her friends and family if she has any chance of breaking the curse and making this house her home.

Nora Roberts is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 230 novels, including *Legacy*, *The Awakening*, *Hideaway*, *Under Currents*, *The Chronicles of The One* trilogy and many more

Roberts is also the author of the bestselling In Death series written under the pen name J.D. Robb

With over 500 million copies of her titles in print, Roberts is indisputably one of the most celebrated and popular authors in the world

*'Roberts takes all of the beloved elements of classic gothic romances, including a marvelously atmospheric old mansion as well as a spunky heroine starting over in life, then puts her own inventive spin on things ... an incisively etched cast of characters and a spooktacular plot that will keep readers up long past their regular bedtimes.'* – Booklist, starred (on *Inheritance*)



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# An Eye for an Eye

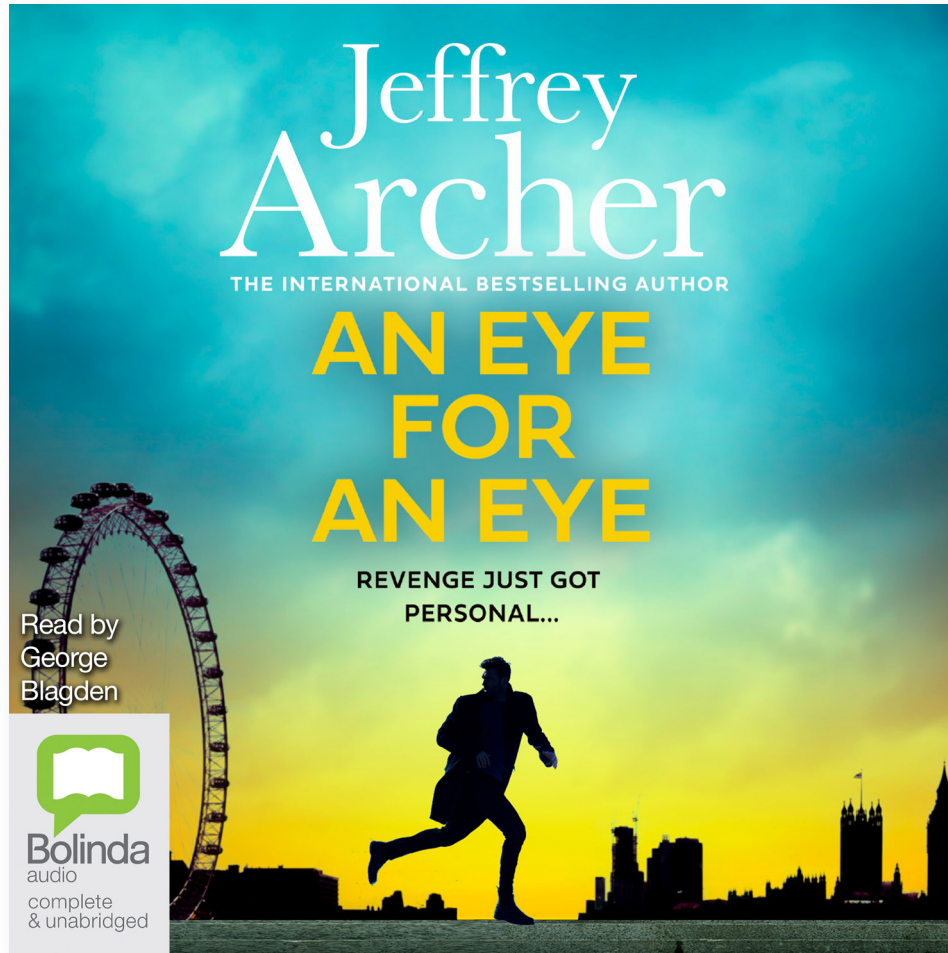
Detective William Warwick #7

## Jeffrey Archer

Read by George Blagden

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | December 2024



The world's most dangerous criminal. The detective who put him behind bars. But who will come out on top? The gripping new Detective William Warwick crime thriller from international bestselling author Jeffrey Archer.

In one of the most luxurious cities on earth ...

A billion-dollar deal is about to go badly wrong. A lavish night out is about to end in murder. And the British government is about to be plunged into crisis.

In the heart of the British establishment ...

Lord Hartley, the latest in a line of peers going back over two hundred years, lies dying. But his will triggers an inheritance with explosive consequences. Two deaths. Continents apart. No obvious connection. So why are they both at the centre of a master criminal's plot for revenge? And can Scotland Yard's William Warwick uncover the truth before it's too late ...

Jeffrey Archer, whose novels include the Clifton Chronicles, the William Warwick novels and *Kane and Abel*, is one of the world's bestselling authors, with sales of over 275 million copies around the world

Archer is published in 114 countries and more than 47 languages

Archer's thriller *Traitors Gate* has been a *Sunday Times* bestseller

'Two deaths thousands of miles apart spell the start of a rollercoaster investigation for Chief Superintendent William Warwick in this propulsive thriller from the master storyteller.' – Waterstones

'If there were a Nobel Prize for storytelling, Archer would win.' – Daily Telegraph

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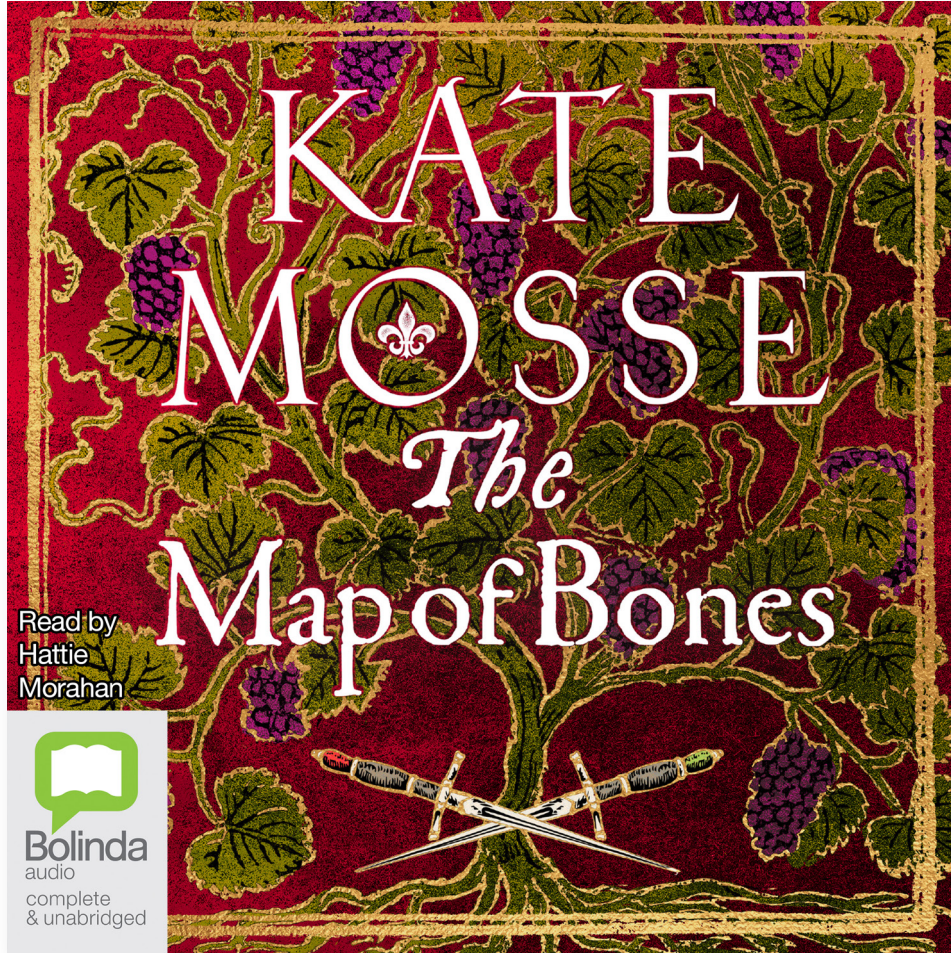


# The Map of Bones

The Joubert Family Chronicles #4

**Kate Mosse**

Read by Hattie Morahan



Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | December 2024

A sweeping story of love, adventure and adversity, *The Map of Bones* by Kate Mosse is an epic tale of courageous women battling to survive in a hostile land.

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*Olifantshoek, Southern Africa, 1688.* When the violent Cape wind blows from the south-east, they say the voices of the unquiet dead can be heard whispering through the deserted valley. Suzanne Joubert, a Huguenot refugee from war-torn France, arrives in search of her cousin – the notorious she-captain and pirate commander Louise Reydon-Joubert – who landed at the Cape of Good Hope more than 60 years before, then disappeared without a trace ...

*Franschhoek, Southern Africa, 1862.* Nearly 180 years after Suzanne's perilous journey, another intrepid and courageous woman of the Joubert family – Isabelle Leopard – has journeyed to the small frontier town once known as Olifantshoek in search of her long-lost relations. Intent on putting the women of her family back into the history books, she quickly discovers that the crimes and tragedies still shadow the present. And now, Isabelle faces a race against time if she is to discover the truth, and escape with her life ...

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Kate Mosse is the author of 11 novels and short story collections, and her books have been translated into 38 languages and published in more than 40 countries

A champion of women's creativity, Mosse is the Founder Director of the Women's Prize for Fiction and the Women's Prize for Non-Fiction – the largest annual celebration of women's writing in the world

Mosse is a Trustee of the British Library, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Authors

'Gripping, complex and intensely atmospheric.' – The Mail on Sunday (on *The Burning Chambers*)

'A historical epic.' – The Observer (on *The City of Tears*)

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# Traitor

## Chris Ryan

Read by Paul Thornley



The epic, bullet-fast thriller from #1 bestselling SAS hero, Chris Ryan.

A year after his older brother made the ultimate sacrifice, Sergeant Major Luke Carter, decorated hero of 22 SAS, is sent to Perth on a recruiting job. His orders: select two candidates from the SASR for a highly sensitive mission on foreign soil.

But when a sudden crisis threatens to derail the plan, Carter and his new colleagues find themselves forced into action on a high-stakes operation. One that has the potential to change the course of the war in Ukraine.

So begins a deadly game of predator and prey, moving from the streets of Minsk to the cliffs above the Black Sea. And a final showdown with the biggest target of all ...

Chris Ryan was in the SAS for ten years and was awarded the Military Medal. His personal experience enhances his writing to bestselling effect

Ryan has written over 50 titles, including *The One That Got Away*, which was adapted for screen

Ryan is also the author of many bestselling thrillers, including the Danny Black and Strike Back series

*'Chris Ryan's military thrillers are always good value. His own experiences in the SAS bring a level of authenticity that others struggle to match.'* – Crime Review (on *Head Hunters*)

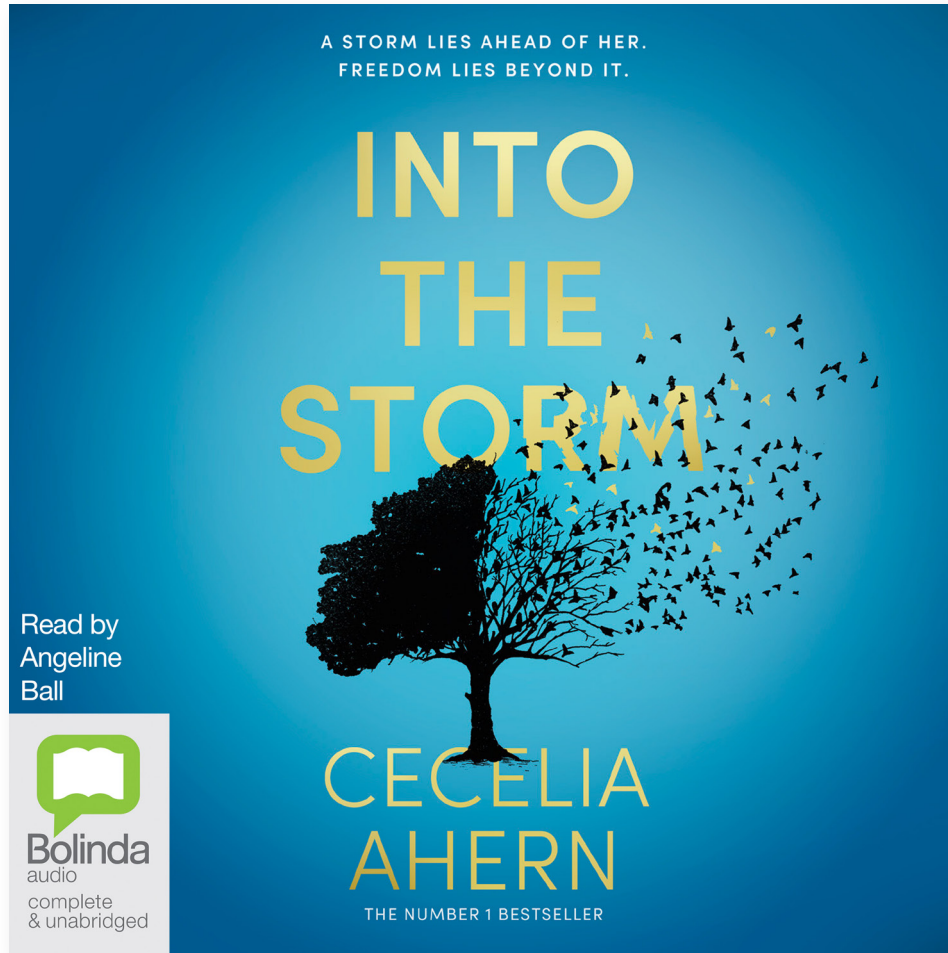
*'This Newcastle-born former SAS sergeant is firmly established as one of our most popular action authors.'* – Daily Mail (on *Masters of War*)



# Into the Storm

## Cecelia Ahern

Read by Angeline Ball



The unforgettable new story from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Cecelia Ahern.

#### ONE NIGHT

It is a wild night in the middle of December, and GP Enya is crouched over a teenage boy, performing CPR in the rain.

#### ONE MOMENT

The boy survives, but Enya's life splinters in two. Trapped in a loveless marriage, the storm propels her to break free.

#### ONE CHANCE TO BE FREE

But even in the remote country town that becomes her sanctuary, Enya is haunted by the night in the rain. Beneath the boughs of an ancient tree that tells a thousand stories, can she find the courage to face her own?

Cecelia Ahern's titles have been translated into 35 languages and have sold more than 25 million copies in over 50 countries

Ahern and her titles have won numerous awards, including the Irish Book Award for Popular Fiction for *The Year I Met You*

Along with writing novels, Ahern has created, produced and written original TV series including co-creating the US ABC Comedy *Samantha Who?*

*'A terrific story! It had me completely gripped from the very first page.'* – Karin Slaughter, *New York Times* and international bestselling author

*'Beautiful, moving and unexpected. This is Cecelia Ahern at her very best.'* – Louise O'Neill, author of *Almost Love* (on *In a Thousand Different Ways*)

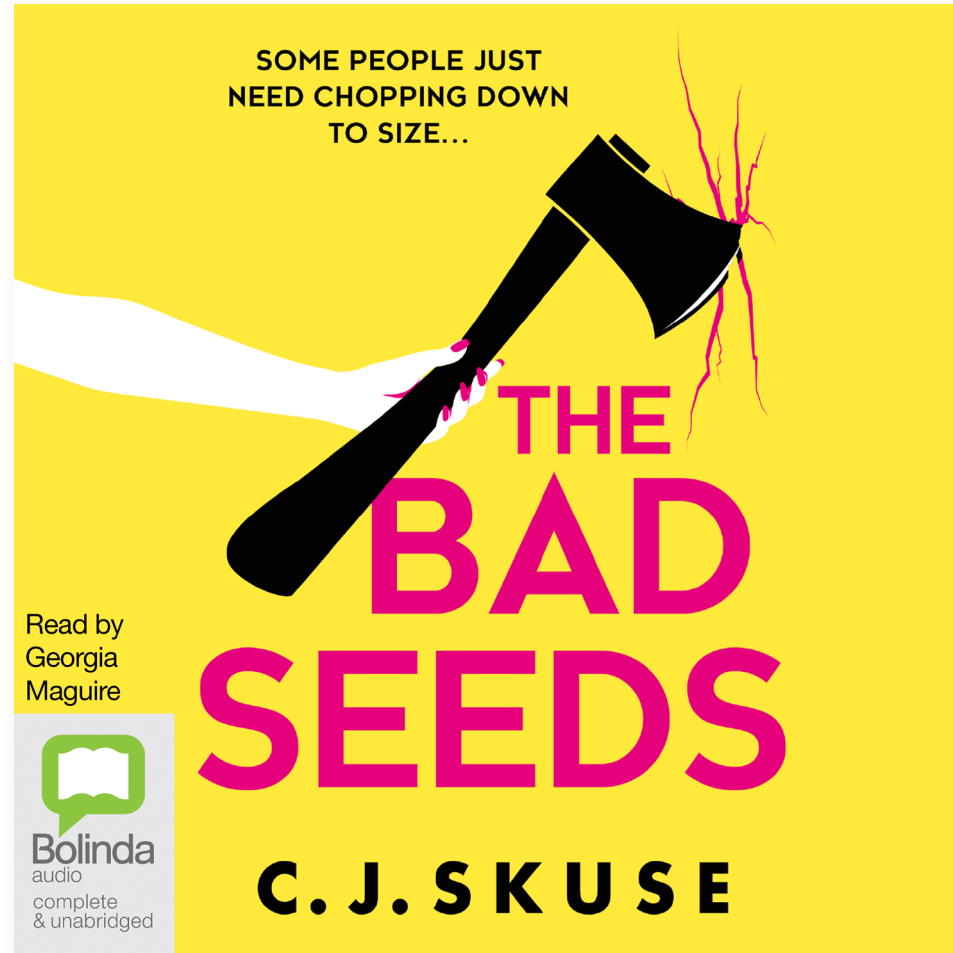
# The Bad Seeds

Sweetpea #5

**C.J. Skuse**

Read by Georgia Maguire

Adult New Release  
Psychological Fiction | December 2024



Soon to be a major TV adaptation, don't miss the fifth instalment in the darkly comic serial killer thriller series by C.J. Skuse.

Newly married, with a loving family surrounding her, everything's coming up roses for ex-serial killer Rhiannon Lewis, right?

Her husband has just been shot, and the daughter she left behind in the UK is desperately ill. She's got no choice but to flee the States and return home, back to her roots, where she's in danger of being recognised and arrested at any moment.

With a series of bad choices in front of her, and the authorities right behind, Rhiannon's in a hell of a hole and she needs to dig herself out of it pronto. But help can come from the most unlikely places. And even more unlikely people ...

C.J. Skuse is the author of *Sweet Pea*, *Pretty Bad Things*, *Rockaholic*, *Dead Romantic*, *Monster* and *The Deviants*, amongst others

Skuse has first-class degrees in creative writing and, aside from writing novels, she is a Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University

'Dark, depraved and devilishly delicious. A full throttle savage and satirical thriller.' – John Marrs, bestselling author of *The Good Samaritan*

'This darkly comic novel ... has the potential to become a cult classic.' – Daily Mail (on *In Bloom*)

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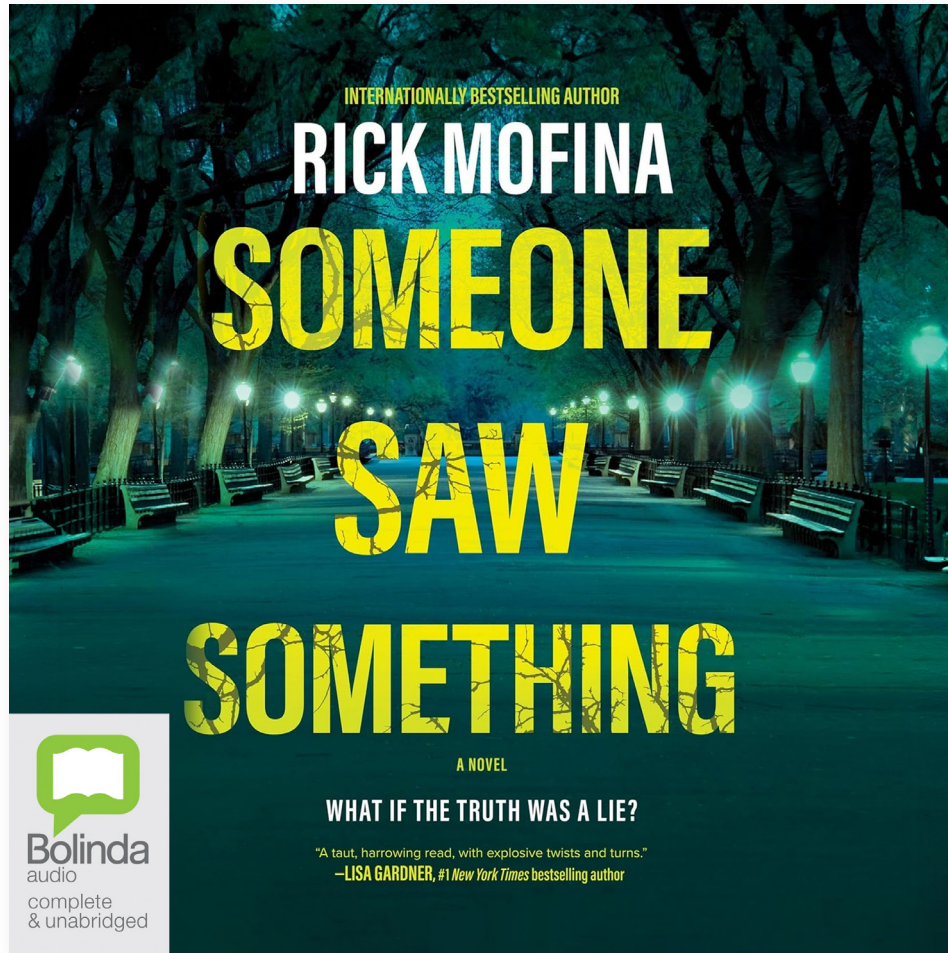
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# Someone Saw Something

Rick Mofina

Read by Jennifer Jill Araya



A missing child is every parent's worst nightmare. For journalist Corina Corado, it's a terrifying reality.

When six-year-old Gabriel vanishes from Central Park, his mother, news anchor Corina Corado, is desperate for answers. Who would take her son – and why?

Detectives suspect there's a connection to the barrage of hate mail Corina's received over the years. In her line of work, it's not unusual for agitated conspiracy theorists to send messages that threaten violence ... or worse. But as the investigation deepens, the secrets that Corina, her husband, Robert, and her stepdaughter, Charlotte, have kept start to unravel.

As the truth behind Gabriel's disappearance emerges, Corina must race the clock to track down her missing child ... before she pays the ultimate price.

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

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

*The Library Journal* calls Mofina, 'one of the best thriller writers in the business'

'Mofina expertly weaves together an anguishing story of a family's trauma with a propulsive, twisty thriller that pays off to the very last page.' – Alafair Burke, author of *Judgment Calls*

'A taut, harrowing read, with explosive twists and turns combining with genuine, heartfelt moments of one family confronting their worst nightmare and fighting back.' – Lisa Gardner, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

# I Will Find the Key

The Key #1

Alex Ahndoril

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | December 2024

The runaway crime fiction bestseller from author Alex Ahndoril.

Private investigator Julia Stark receives an unannounced visit at the office. The man at the door is one of the owners of a successful family business. The day before, he was present at a board meeting and dinner at his estate in the north-western part of Sweden. The following morning, he finds a photograph in his phone of a bloody man, tied up with a bag over his head.

Due to alcohol-related amnesia, the man has no idea where the picture comes from and wants to hire Stark Detective Agency to clear his name before the police get involved. Julia asks her ex-husband Sidney Mendelson to take time off from the City Police and assist her in the investigation. There is still a glimmer of hope left in Julia that this might be her chance to win him back.

Welcomed as guests at the opulent estate, Julia and Sidney begin to search for the truth while dining and socialising with each of the family members who could theoretically be involved in the murder.

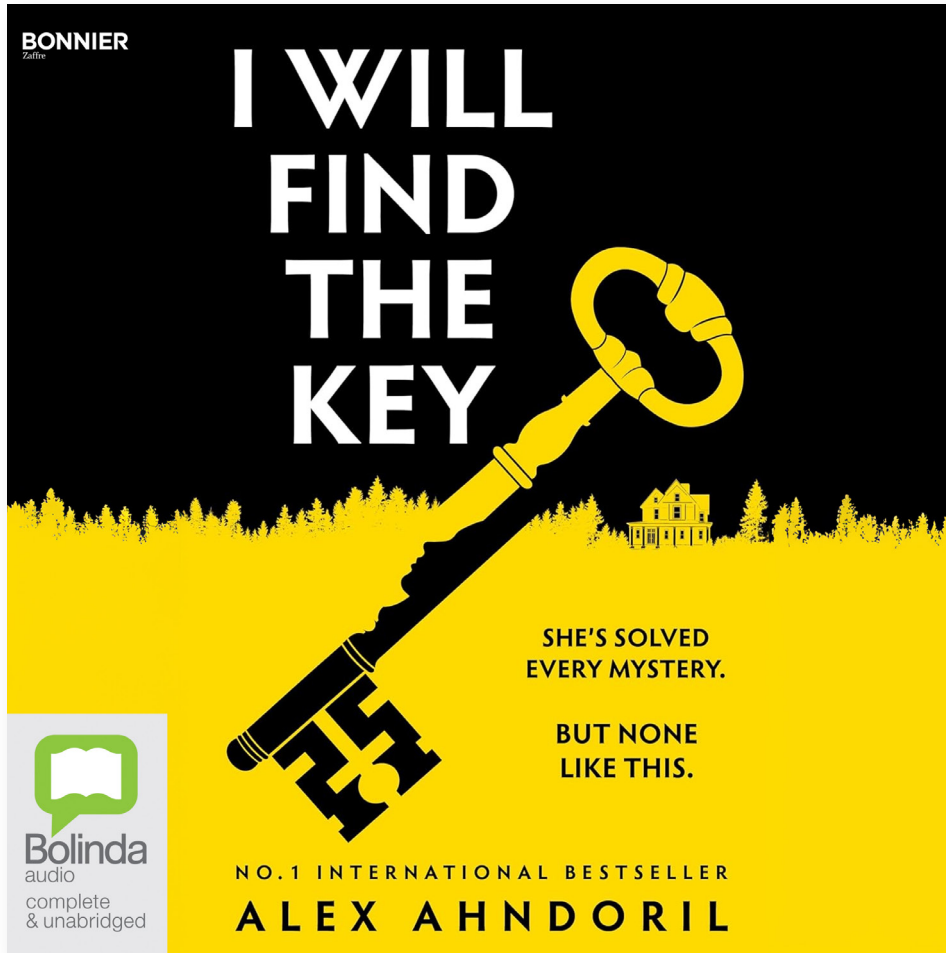
The pseudonym Alex Ahndoril is a new collaboration between Alexandra Coelho Ahndoril and Alexander Ahndoril, the authors behind international bestseller Lars Kepler

*I Will Find the Key* is the first instalment in the The Key Series – a modern take on the classic whodunnit mystery

The Ahndorils were both established authors before they adopted the pen name Lars Kepler and have each published several acclaimed titles

*'The authors' stylistic skill is immediately apparent when they introduce the main character, the 33-year-old Julia Stark. [I Will Find the Key] is written with enthusiasm and humor. What more can I say? Enjoy the binge-read.'* – Sydsvenskan

*'Astonishingly well written ... Such poetic and well-functioning language is unusual in crime fiction.'* – Dagbladet



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# The Group

## Sigge Eklund

Read by Alix Dunmore



Feverish, seductive and intoxicating, *The Group* offers a blend of suspense and indulgence reminiscent of Donna Tartt's *The Secret History* and Patricia Highsmith's *Rebecca*.

*How far would you go to become one of them?*

When Hanna moves to Spain for an internship at the prestigious Prado gallery, she finds herself spending her days buried in the museum's stifling archives, and her nights alone in a tiny rented flat.

Then one day she sees them – Tom, Samuel and Leah. Glamorous and elegant, they are also foreigners in the city. But unlike her they are fabulously wealthy, their lives an endless whirl of creativity and hedonism. And when Hanna discovers an uncatalogued 17th century etching in the archive, she makes a decision which changes everything ...

From the sultry streets of Madrid to the gleaming world of Mediterranean luxury villas and exclusive art world parties, as Hanna gets closer to her deepest desire, the stakes mount ever higher.

Intoxicating and unputdownable, *The Group* is a timeless story of hidden identity and obsession.

Perfect for fans of *Saltburn* and *The Talented Mr Ripley*

Sigge Eklund is a Swedish screenwriter, director and author of several novels, and his books have been translated into 16 languages

Eklund also co-presents one of Scandinavia's most popular podcasts, drawing in 300,000 listeners a week

Eklund is currently directing his feature film debut, *A Part of You*, starring Zara Larsson, for Netflix

*'Truly grips you ... The Group becomes harder and harder to put down, and the outcome is refreshingly uncertain right up to the end.'* – Borås Tidning

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# Run

## Blake Crouch

Read by Scott Brick

A gripping apocalyptic thriller about a man and his family running for their lives in an America gone mad, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dark Matter* and *Recursion*.

Five days ago, the epidemic of rage began.

Four days ago, the rash of senseless murders swept the nation.

Three days ago, the President addressed the country and begged for peace – even as the murders increased tenfold.

Two days ago, the killers began to mobilise.

One day ago, the power went out.

And tonight, the killers are reading the names of those to be killed on the Emergency Broadcast System.

Jack Colclough is listening over the battery-powered radio on his kitchen table in Albuquerque, and he just heard his name. People are coming to his house to kill him, his wife, his daughter, his son. He doesn't know why, but he doesn't have time to think about that anymore. He only has time to run.

Blake Crouch is the author of a dozen novels, including *Dark Matter*, *Recursion* and *Upgrade*, for which he is also writing the movie for Steven Spielberg's Amblin Partners

Crouch's international bestselling Wayward Pines trilogy was adapted into a television series for FOX, executive produced by M. Night Shyamalan, which was Summer 2015's #1 show

Crouch's novels have been translated into 40 languages and his short fiction has appeared in numerous publications including *Ellery Queen*, *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine* and *Cemetery Dance*

'Crouch has invested [sci-fi motifs] with scientific plausibility, and more unusually, with emotional depth.' – Wall Street Journal (on *Dark Matter*)

'Brilliant. Crouch's innovative novels never fail to grip!' – Sarah Pekkanen, author of *The Wife Between Us* (on *Recursion*)



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# Thin Ice

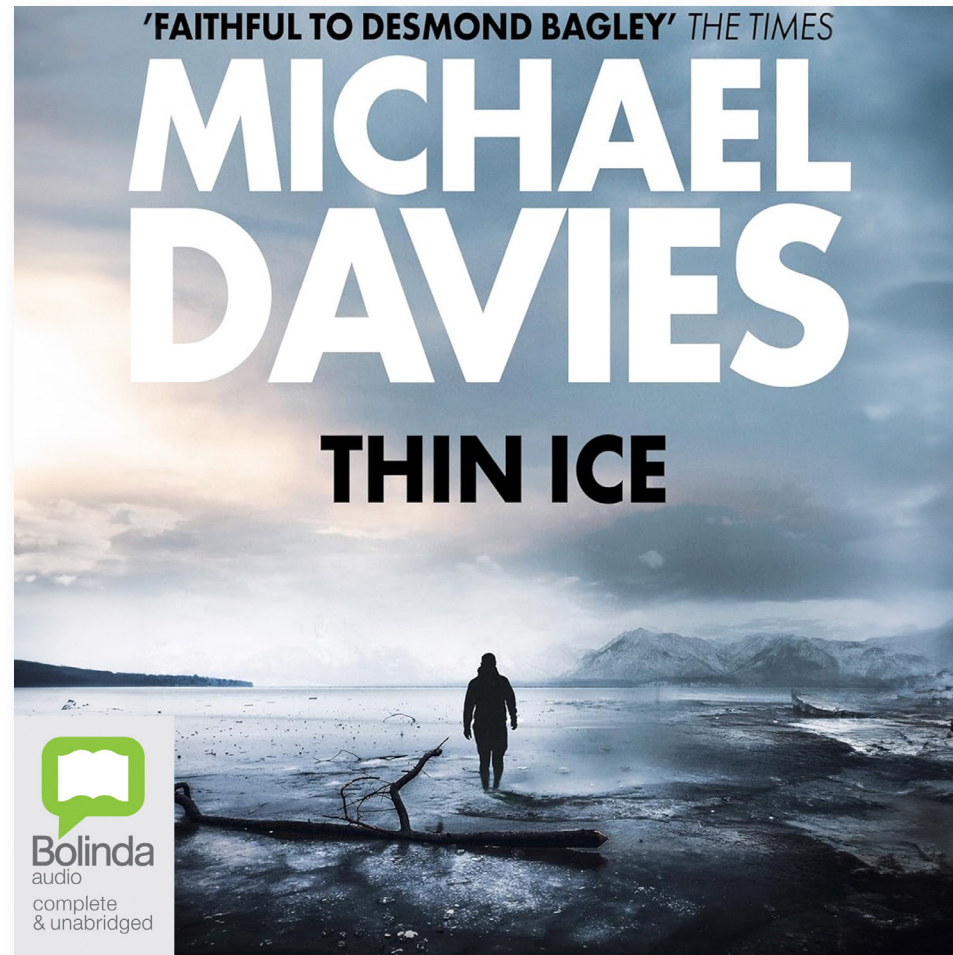
Bill Kemp #3

**Michael Davies**

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | December 2024



The gripping third instalment in the Bill Kemp series by Michael Davies.

It was a simple errand. Collect a package. Save the world.

But when Bill Kemp's contact washes up dead on the frozen banks of the Danube, where the Iron Curtain falls across the map of Europe, he's thrown into the heart of a dangerous conspiracy that threatens to destabilise the continent.

With winter closing in and enemies on all sides, Kemp must risk a daring expedition across the Austrian Alps to Switzerland.

His introduction to the dark world of espionage will prove as deadly as those bleak, beautiful mountains.

Michael Davies began his career as a newspaper journalist and editor and a professional theatre critic. Since moving into fiction, his writing has appeared on stage, screen, radio, the printed page and online

Davies's debut play won a national competition, and subsequent work includes *Tess – The Musical*, an adaptation of Thomas Hardy's classic novel *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*

Davies has written narrative non-fiction for television including the chart-topping Netflix series *Meet, Marry, Murder*

*'What a wonderful book! And a protagonist for all time, Bill Kemp – part James Bond, part Philip Marlowe, and all hero. A brilliant and timeless novel.'* – Jeffery Deaver, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *Domino Island*)

*'Unbeatable for sheer gripping excitement.'* – The Daily Telegraph (on *Domino Island*)

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# Eden Undone

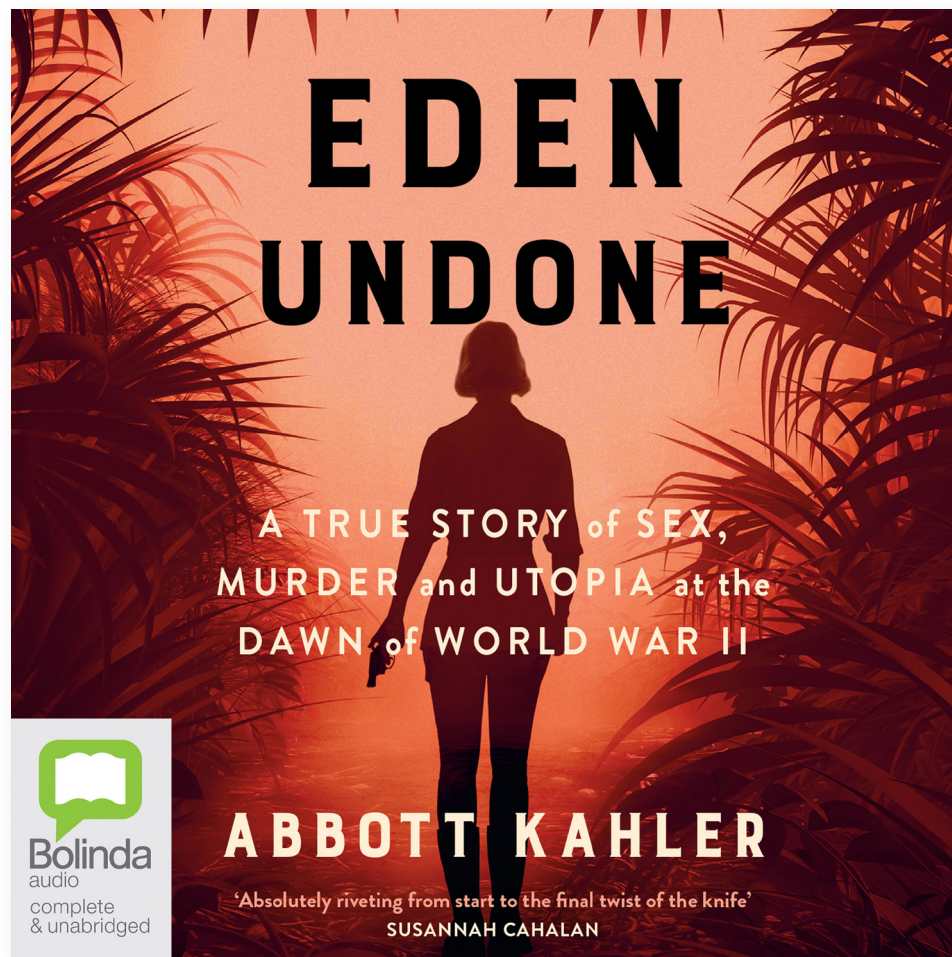
A True Story of Sex, Murder, and Utopia at the Dawn of World War II

Abbott Kahler

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

History | December 2024



An incredible true story of murder, romance and a fateful search for utopia in the Galápagos, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Ghosts of Eden Park*.

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*Amsterdam, July 1929.* At nine o'clock in the evening, the SS Boskoop set sail carrying Friedrich, a Berlin doctor, his lover Dore and fifteen other third-class passengers, all crammed inside five dank cabins. Fleeing Europe's political and economic unrest, their final destination was the Galápagos Islands, where they hoped to create a utopian paradise.

*Los Angeles, November 1934.* The wire reports travelled 3,000 miles across the Pacific and described a gruesome scene: on Marchena Island, a bleak and barren speck of land in the northern Galápagos, two mummified bodies are discovered – a man and a woman – both lying on their backs and barely recognisable from their long exposure to the elements.

Set against the backdrop of the Great Depression and the march to worldwide conflict, this compelling and haunting true story of adventure, obsession and murder uncovers the mystery of how they got there and who killed them.

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Abbott Kahler, formerly writing as Karen Abbott, is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Sin in the Second City*; *American Rose*; *Liar*; *Temptress*; *Soldier*; *Spy*; and *The Ghosts of Eden Park*

Kahler has also been a finalist for the Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime, the Goodreads book award for history and the Ohioana Book Awards, the second oldest state literary prize in the country

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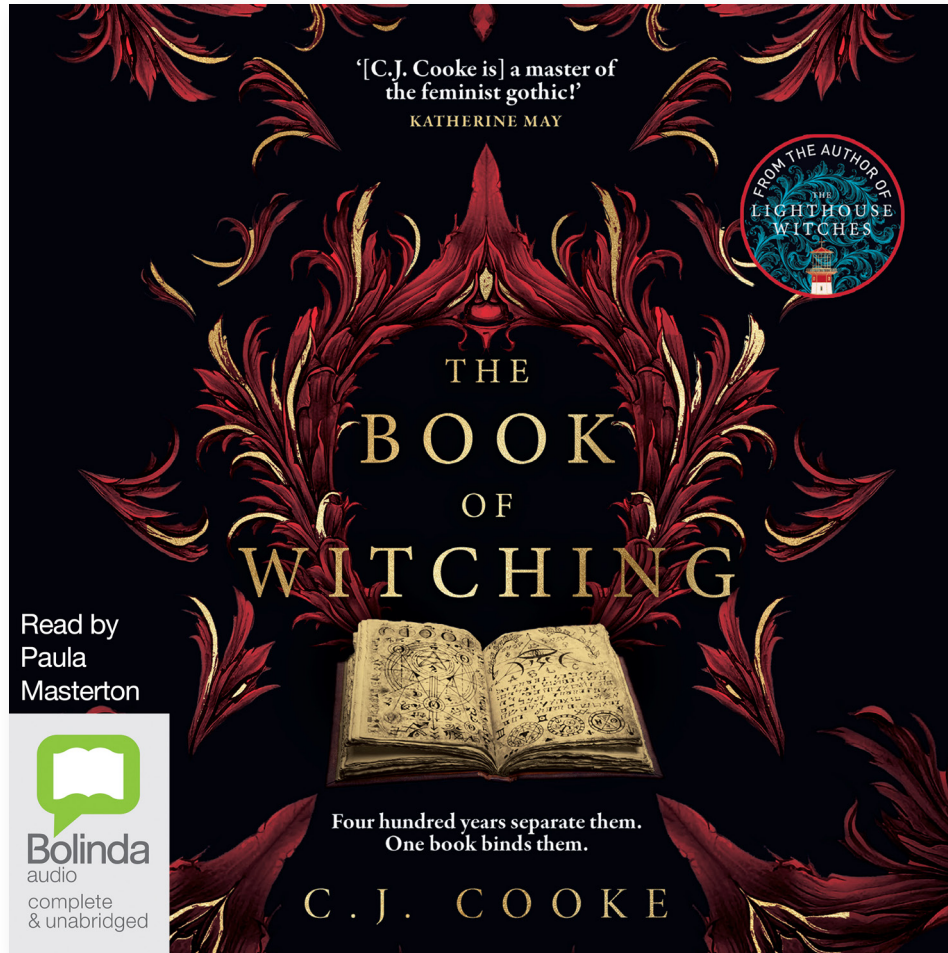
  
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# The Book of Witching

## C.J. Cooke

Read by Paula Masterton



A mother must fight for her daughter's life in this fierce and haunting tale of witchcraft and revenge, from the bestselling author of *The Lighthouse Witches* and *The Ghost Woods*.

*Glasgow 2024*: Clem waits by her daughter's hospital bed. Erin was found on an idyllic beach in Fynhallow Bay, Orkney with catastrophic burns and only one memory: her name is Nyx. But how did she get these burns? And how did her boyfriend end up burned alive?

*Orkney 1594*: accused of witchcraft, Alison Balfour awaits trial. The punishment? To be burned alive.

Separated by four hundred years but bound by the Book of Witching, two women stand imperilled. Can they unlock a centuries-old mystery? And will Fynhallow Bay give up its secrets before someone else dies?

C.J. Cooke is an acclaimed, award-winning poet, novelist and academic with numerous other publications written under the name of Carolyn Jess-Cooke

Cooke's work has been published in 23 languages and won numerous awards, including an Eric Gregory Award, a Tyrone Guthrie Prize and a K. Blundell Award

Cooke's title *The Lighthouse Witches* was an Indigo Book of the Month, an international bestseller, a New York Public Library Book of the Year and nominated for both an Edgar Award and an ITW Thriller Award in 2022

'Rich, chilling and gorgeously gothic ... the kind of enchanting, terrifying mystery I just adore.'  
– Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End* (on *A Haunting in the Arctic*)

'Cooke fuses mystery with horror in this atmospheric thriller ... [B]reathless pacing, evocative prose, and a hopeful denouement leave readers feeling gratified. Supernatural suspense fans will be well pleased.'  
– Publishers Weekly (on *The Lighthouse Witches*)

Read by  
Paula  
Masterton



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# A Backstage Betrayal

The Empire #2

**Michael Ball**

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | December 2024

Musical theatre legend Michael Ball brings his trademark warmth, wit and glamour to this sparkling new Empire Theatre novel.

1926. Running a theatre may appear to be all about the showbiz, but times are hard at The Empire. Following a turbulent period, Jack Treadwell, erstwhile proprietor, his mother Lillian and his playwright wife Grace, know they need to get things back on track – and how better than with the annual pantomime, a new venture, and an all-singing all-dancing talent contest, showcasing the best performers around.

But could Lillian's new admirer, Grand Duke Nikolai Kuznetsov, be bringing disaster in his wake? Will The Empire be caught up in the scandal surrounding West End star, Stella Stanmore? And what are their enemies in Highbridge planning?

While Jack and Grace fight to ensure the show does go on, a royal visitor raises the stakes and a young widow, Sally Blow, dares to dream that the talent contest might be her big break.

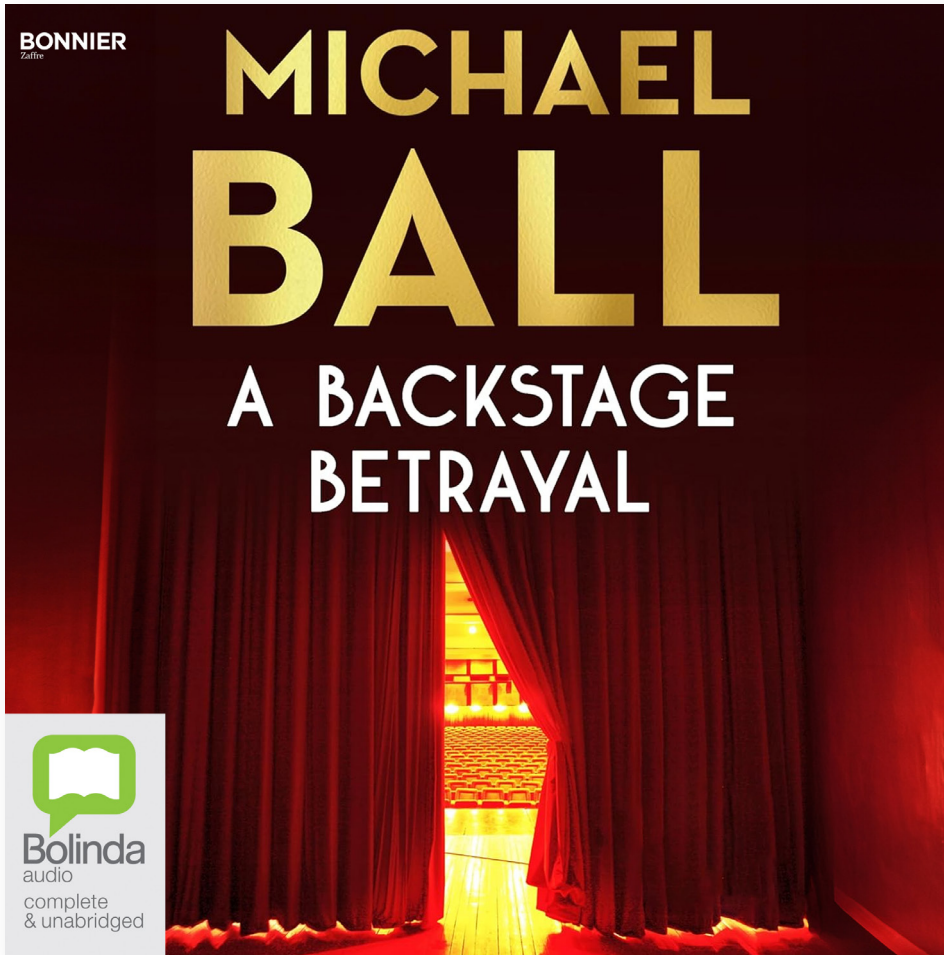
As the talent contest draws closer, tragedy strikes. Amid the glitz and glamour there are strange goings on and a plot afoot. Is everything Jack and Grace have worked so hard for about to come crashing down? And could this be curtains for The Empire?

Michael Ball has been a star of musical theatre for over three decades, winning the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Actor in a Musical twice; he's also won two BRIT awards and has been nominated for a Grammy

Ball regularly sells out both his solo tours and his *Ball & Boe* shows with Alfie Boe and has multiple platinum albums

'Takes you to the magical world of theatre.' – Rosie Goodwin, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *The Empire*)

'A love letter to the theatre.' – The Reverend Richard Coles (on *The Empire*)



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# The Whispering Night

The Luminaries #3

Susan Dennard

Read by Caitlin Davies

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | December 2024

The forest is more dangerous than ever as secrets are revealed in this highly-anticipated, swoon-worthy conclusion to the bestselling Luminaries trilogy.

Winnie Wednesday's future is looking bright. Hemlock Falls is no longer hunting the werewolf, she and Erica Thursday are tentative friends, and Winnie finally knows exactly where she stands with Jay Friday.

With everything finally on track, Winnie is looking forward to the Nightmare Masquerade, a week-long celebration of all things Luminary. But as Luminaries from across the world flock to the small town, uninvited guests also arrive.

Winnie is confronted by a masked Diana and charged with an impossible task – one that threatens everything and everyone Winnie loves.

As Winnie fights to stop new enemies before time runs out, old mysteries won't stop intruding. Her missing father is somehow entangled with her search for hidden witches, and as Winnie digs deeper into the long-standing war between the Luminaries and the Dianas, she discovers rifts within her own family she never could have imagined.

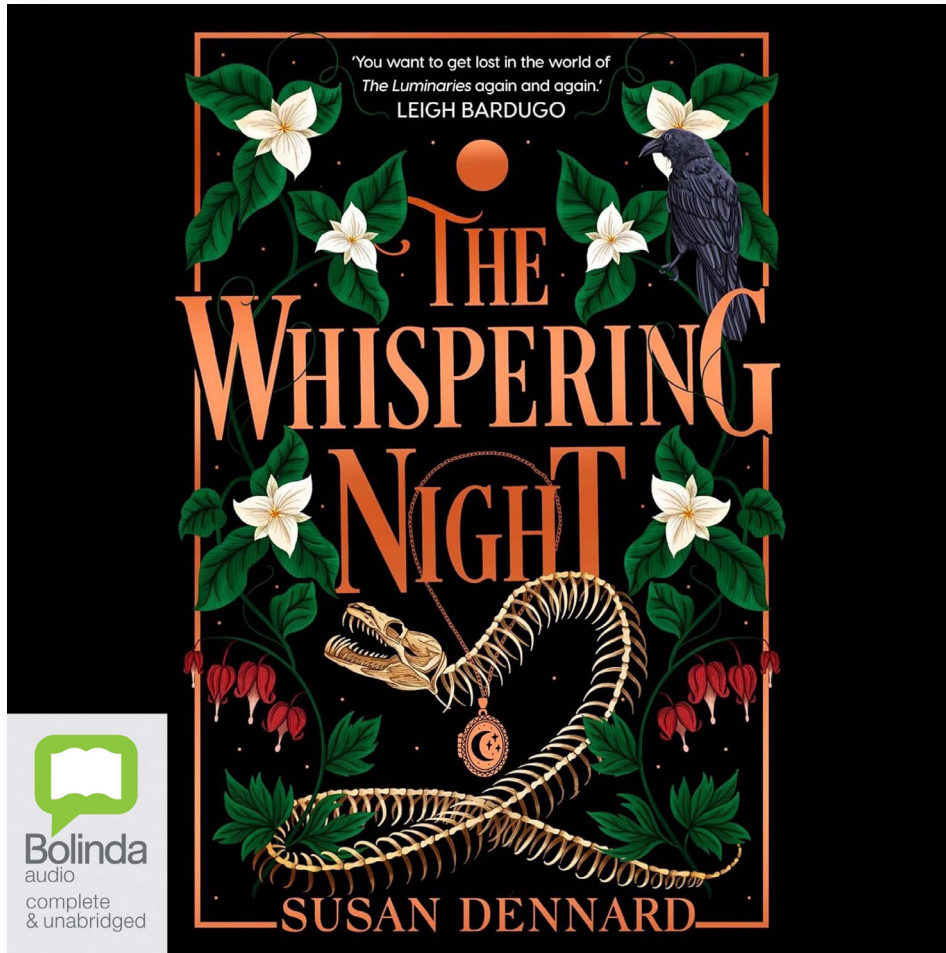
What does loyalty mean when family and enemies look the same?

Susan Dennard is the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Witchlands series and the Something Strange and Deadly series

Dennard also runs the popular newsletter for writers, *The Misfits & Daydreamers*

'Winnie Wednesday is the sort of outcast-turned-monster-hunter you can't help loving and rooting for.' – Marissa Meyer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lunar Chronicles* (on *The Luminaries*)

'Prepare yourself accordingly – I devoured this in a single sitting.' – Marie Lu, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Warcross* and *The Young Elites* (on *The Luminaries*)



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# Skysong

C.A. Wright

Read by Olivia Darnley

A beautiful lyrical retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Nightingale* about what some will do for power ... and what others will do for love.

Oriane is the skylark, and the sun only rises if she wills it.

Every morning, she transforms from woman to bird, calling the dawn with her song. Seclusion has kept her safe her whole life – but it has also left her lonely, and craving freedom. When Oriane finally succumbs to the lure of the wild unknown, she is discovered in the gardens of the royal palace, where she is taken in by the king and treated like a goddess – and a prisoner.

Embroiled in a battle of faith and politics, Oriane yearns to return to her safe, simple life. A growing danger surrounds the palace, and the skylark and her gift are at its centre. But within the whispers, Oriane learns something she never expected: she may not be as alone as she thought. There may be another like her. The nightingale.

C.A. Wright is an author and freelance editor. She lives and breathes books – working with authors to polish their manuscripts, writing her own fiction and devouring as many stories as she can in between

'[Skysong is] a beautifully crafted reimagining of an old tale, skilfully told and rich in heart.'  
– Juliet Marillier, author of the Sevenwaters series

'A feather-bright and sweetly-sung re-telling. Beautiful!' – Kell Woods, author of *After the Forest*



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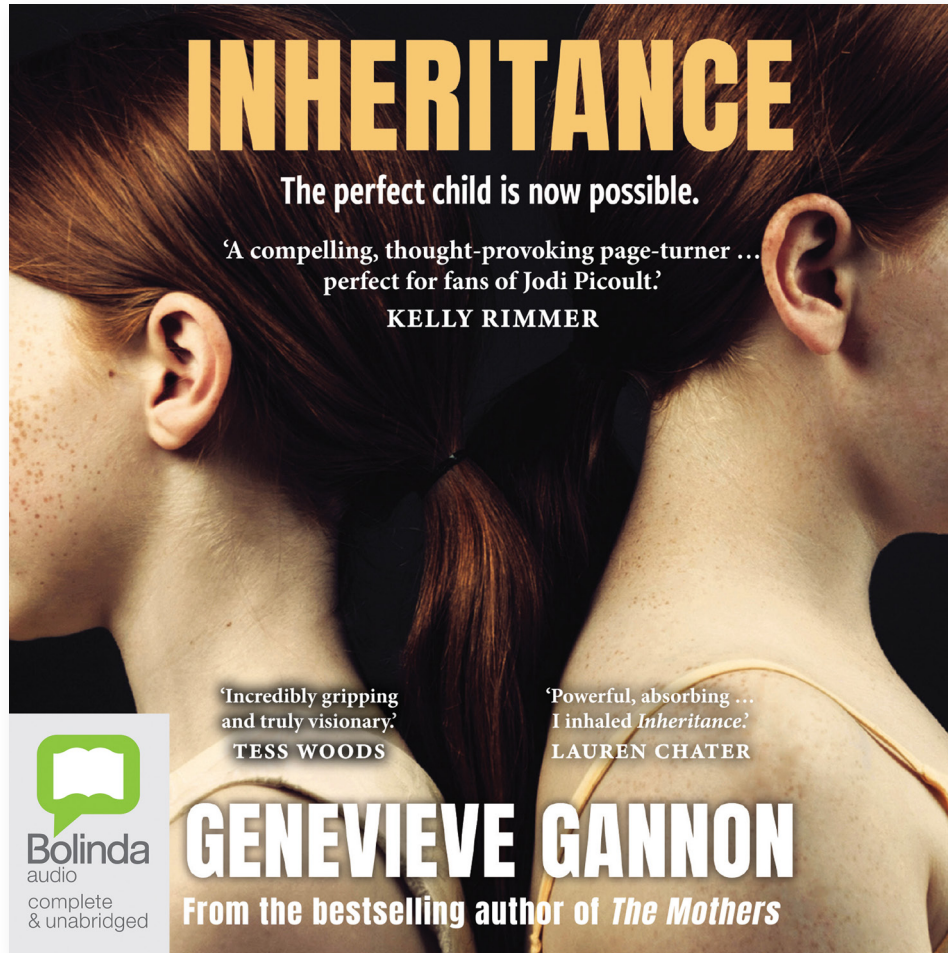
The lyrical  
reimagining  
of Hans Christian  
Andersen's  
*The Nightingale*

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# Inheritance

## Genevieve Gannon

Read by Hannah Fredericksen



From the author of *The Mothers* comes a propulsive family drama that explores the possibilities and dangers of designing the perfect child.

In 2027, Emily is deciding whether to take advantage of a new health service that promises a healthier, stronger baby through gene editing. There's plenty in her family tree that she would like to protect her unborn child against.

But not everybody loves the so-called designer baby technology.

Decades later, Adelaide is an ambitious political staffer trying to make a difference. Adelaide and her husband are working towards a goal they've called The Cyprus Project, but their plans risk being derailed when an unexpected threat looms.

Told across two generations, and two continents, *Inheritance* is about the legacies we leave our children, the bonds between mothers and daughters, and how it's never too late to fix our mistakes.

Genevieve Gannon is the author of *The Mothers* and *The Gifted Son*

Gannon was the lead court reporter for Australian Associated Press and has been published in most major Australian newspapers

Gannon is presently the senior journalist at *The Australian Women's Weekly* where she is known for in-depth articles on issues relating to the health, rights and safety of women

'Emotionally powerful, incredibly gripping and truly visionary.' – Tess Woods, author of *Love and Other Battles*

'Inheritance is a compelling, thought-provoking page-turner, set in a near future where the intersection between family, fertility and technology have grown ever-more complex. I read this book in a day and I'm still thinking about it weeks later. Perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult.'

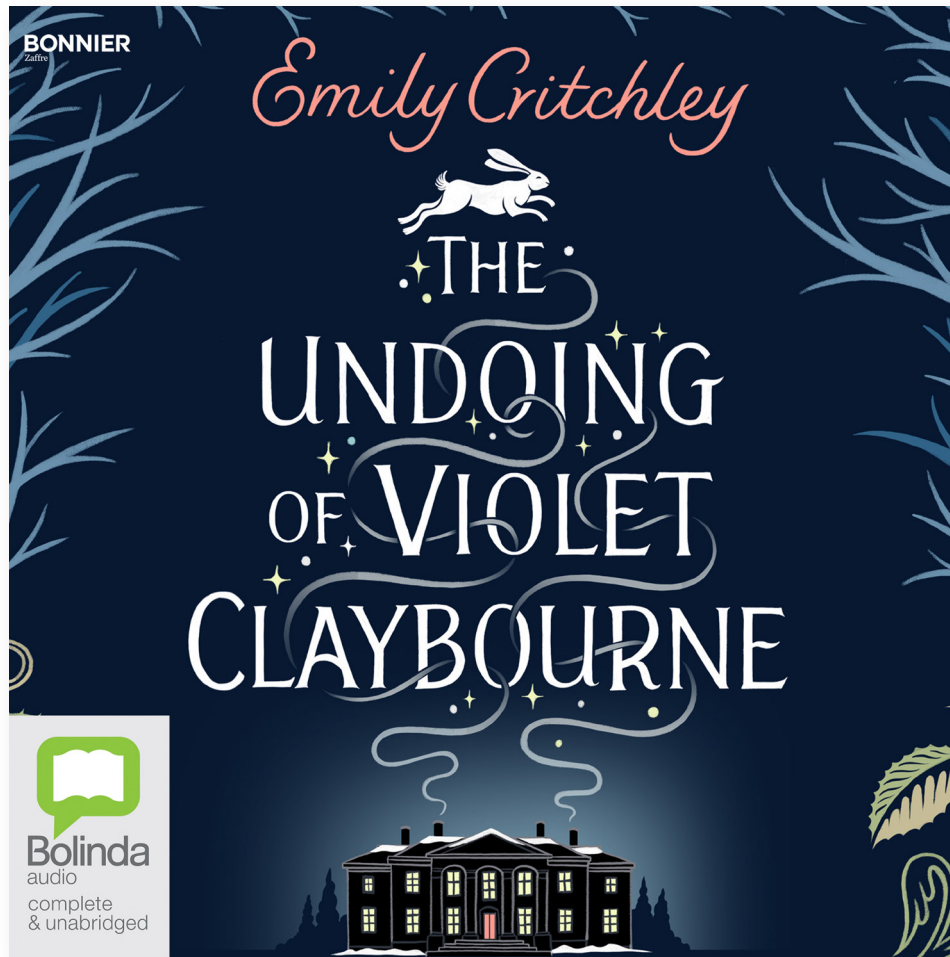
– Kelly Rimmer, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Things We Cannot Say*



# The Undoing of Violet Claybourne

Emily Critchley

Narrator to Come



Set against the winter of 1938, *The Undoing of Violet Claybourne* is a dark, captivating novel of family secrets, desperate ambition and the deepest betrayal.

*To be one of them, she will do whatever it takes ...*

1938. Gillian Larking is used to blending in and going unnoticed, until she is befriended by her new roommate at boarding school, the vibrant and spirited Violet Claybourne. As the Christmas holidays approach, Gilly can't believe her luck when Violet invites her to spend them at her home, the crumbling Thornleigh Hall.

At Thornleigh, Gilly is dazzled by the family's faded grandeur, and above all by Violet's beguiling older sisters who seem to accept her as one of their own. But following a terrible incident in the house's grounds, Gilly begins to realise the Claybourne sisters aren't quite what she thought they were. And if she's to survive in their world, she may have to become just like them ...

Perfect for fans of Sarah Penner and *The Foundling*

Emily Critchley is the author of *One Puzzling Afternoon*, which has been selected as an Indie Fiction Book of the Month

Critchley has an MA in Creative Writing from Birkbeck, University of London

*'A spellbinding novel that enchants and unnerves in equal measure.'* – Inga Vesper, author of *The Long, Long Afternoon* (on *One Puzzling Afternoon*)

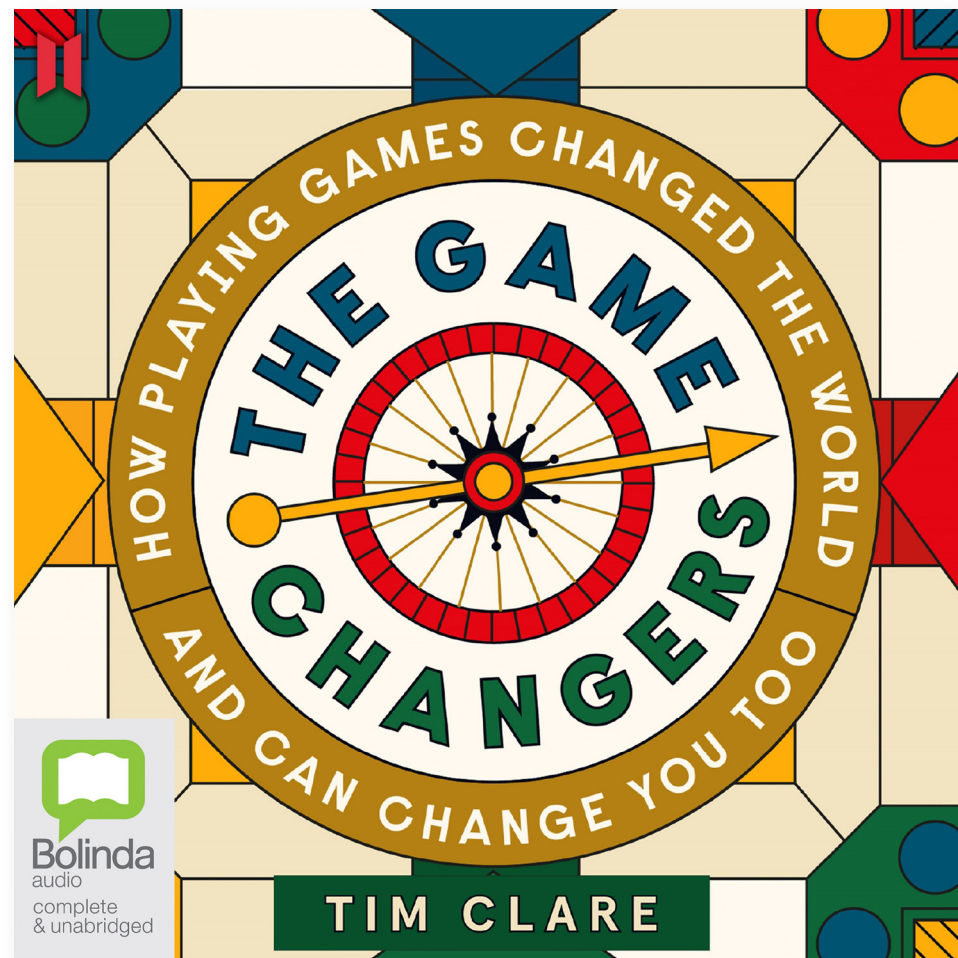
*'A captivating and poignant book, I was completely hooked.'* – Marianne Cronin, author of *One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* (on *One Puzzling Afternoon*)

# The Game Changers

How Playing Games Changed the World and Can Change You Too

Tim Clare

Narrator to Come



Adult New Release

History | December 2024

Filled with humour, thrill and insight, *The Game Changers* explores the world of games, showing how they have shaped human history and why we should play them.

*Why is playing games a universal human instinct?*

*Why did the same games evolve across wildly different civilisations?*

*And how can those games make your life happier, healthier and more fulfilled?*

The history of board games is really the history of human civilisation. Through it we see how our species has learned to live with one another, make deals, take on different roles and manage the ups and downs of luck.

In this entertaining and thought-provoking look at games through the ages, Tim Clare explores the legal highs of a good dice roll, the thrills of a predatory race game and the tactile pleasures of the games that age with us through our lives to discover how, through play, we become fully ourselves.

Drawing on Roman anti-cheating devices, organised crime card syndicates and the combative domestic bonding ritual of Monopoly, *The Game Changers* explains why games are more popular now than ever, and how playing them helps us learn to be better losers, make smarter decisions and become more human.

Tim Clare won Best Biography/Memoir at the East Anglian Book Awards for his first book, *We Can't All Be Astronauts*, while his fiction debut, *The Honours*, was longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize

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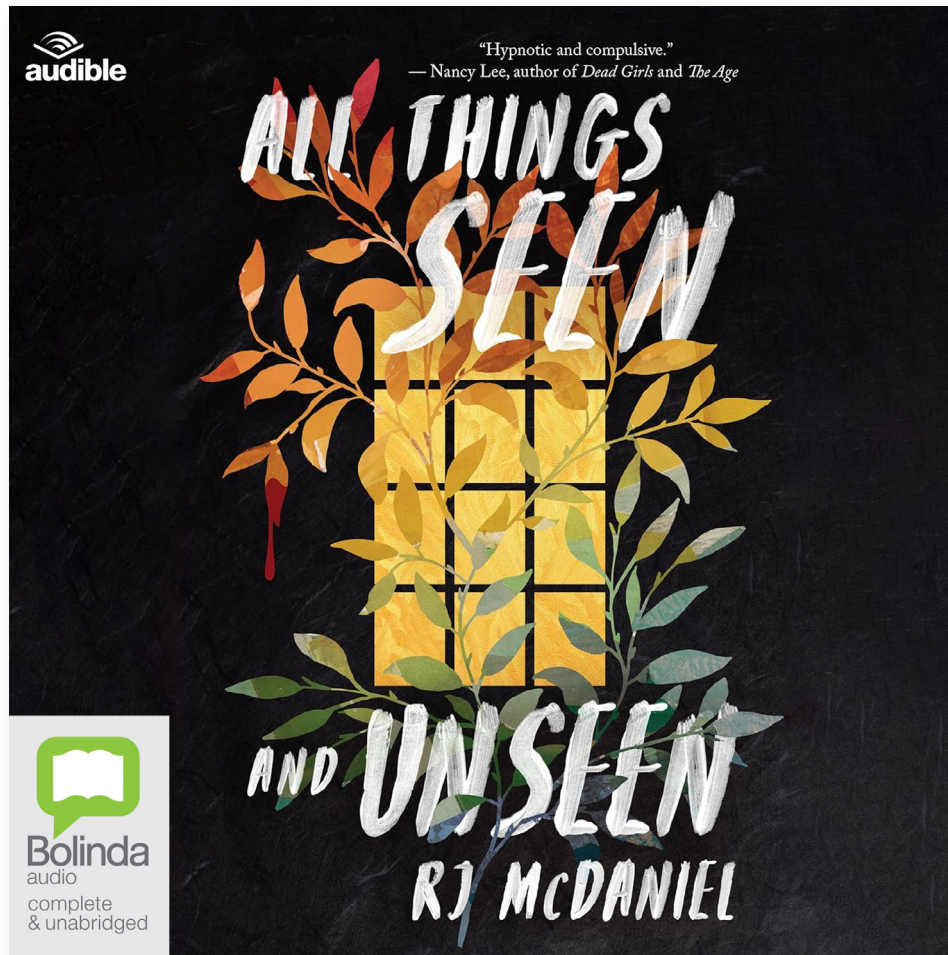
Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | December 2024

# All Things Seen and Unseen

R.J. McDaniel

Read by Janet-Rose Nguyen



An incisive reflection on identity and wealth, and a refreshing racial queer story of survival.

*All Things Seen and Unseen* follows Alex Nguyen, an isolated, chronically ill university student in her early 20s. After a suicide attempt and subsequent lengthy hospitalisation, she finds herself without a job, kicked out of campus housing, unable to afford school and still struggling in the aftermath of a relationship's dissolution. Hope comes in the form of a rich high school friend who offers Alex a job housesitting at her family's empty summer mansion on a gulf island.

Surrounded by dense forest and ocean, in the increasingly oppressive heat of a 2010s summer, Alex must try to survive as an outsider in a remote, insular community; to navigate the awkward, unexpected beginnings of a possible new romance; and to live through the trauma she has repressed to survive, even as the memories – and a series of increasingly unnerving events – threaten to pull her back under the surface.

R.J. McDaniel is a writer whose essays on baseball and other topics have been featured in *Catapult*, *PRISM* and *VICE Sports*, among others

*'McDaniel ably captures Alex's creeping dread, whipping the thin narrative into something like a fever dream. While the heavily ambiguous action may frustrate some mystery fans, the atmosphere is undeniably immersive. McDaniel makes a promising first impression.'*  
– Publishers Weekly

*'A fever dream of a novel, All Things Seen and Unseen is hypnotic, compulsive and perfectly tuned to the horrors of being alive.'* – Nancy Lee, author of *Dead Girls* and *The Age*

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# Stakeknife

Britain's Secret Agents in Ireland

**Greg Harkin & Martin Ingram**

Read by Phillip Sacramento

Adult New Release

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An explosive exposé of how British military intelligence really works, from the inside.

The stories of two undercover agents – Brian Nelson, who worked for the Force Research Unit (FRU), aiding loyalist terrorists and murderers in their bloody work; and the man known as Stakeknife, deputy head of the IRA's infamous 'Nutting Squad', the internal security force which tortured and killed suspected informers.

Greg Harkin, an award-winning Belfast journalist for the *People* newspaper, is the journalist who first broke the story on the Stakeknife affair.

Harkin was awarded the 2003 Scoop of the Year award for his work on the story

Martin Ingram is the pseudonym of an ex-British Army intelligence officer turned whistleblower

Since deciding to become a whistleblower, Ingram has written articles for many newspapers, including the *Sunday Times*, the *Guardian*, the *Irish News* and *Andersonstown News*

*'A sequence worthy of Catch-22 has the same agency employing agents on both sides, knocking off each other, so that one is left wondering who was really running the war, and for whose benefit. But then, Catch-22 was farce – this is serious business, and murder.'*

– Irish Independent

*'Sensational. [A] Remarkable and disturbing story about the British army's dirty war in Northern Ireland.'* – The Guardian



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# Molly

## Rosalie Ham

Read by Hannah Fredericksen



The prequel to the international bestseller *The Dressmaker* – an unforgettable story of hopes lost, love found and corsets loosened.

It's 1914 and Molly Dunnage wants to see change – at home, at work and in underwear.

Her burgeoning corsetry business is starting to take off, thanks to some high-profile supporters. She's marching with Melbourne's suffragists for better conditions for women everywhere. And her family – her eccentric, confounding, adored father and aunt – are turning their minds to country retirement.

But as the clouds of war gather and an ominous figure starts skulking in the shadows of her life, Molly's dreams start to falter. Then, when true love drops out of the sky and into her arms, her hopes for her life and the world are entirely upended ...

Rosalie Ham is the author of *The Dressmaker*, *Summer at Mount Hope*, *There Should be More Dancing*, *The Year of the Farmer* and *The Dressmaker's Secret*

*The Dressmaker* was brought to life on screen in 2015. The film won five AACTA awards including Best Actress for Kate Winslet and Best Supporting Actress for Judy Davis

Ham's novels have now sold over 300,000 copies in Australia and internationally

'A true original. Astringently unsentimental ... memorably eccentric ... and mischievous.' – The Sydney Morning Herald (on *The Dressmaker's Secret*)

'A writer with strong visual gifts and a pleasingly sour sense of humour.' – The Age (on *The Dressmaker*)

# Endgame

Lexi Winter #4

**Sarah Barrie**

Read by Cecelia Ramsdale

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | December 2024

Vigilante turned cop Lexi Winter is drawn into the investigation of a chain of apparently random murders, in this breathtakingly fast-paced and compulsively gripping crime thriller from bestselling Australian author Sarah Barrie.

Lexi Winter is studying for her detective exams, but her nemesis Vaughn is out there somewhere, and her concentration is fractured. Just as she's wondering if her hypervigilance is tipping over into madness, Vaughn resurfaces and issues a challenge. Five people will be dead by the end of the month. If Lexi can identify and save the last one before the deadline, he'll turn himself in.

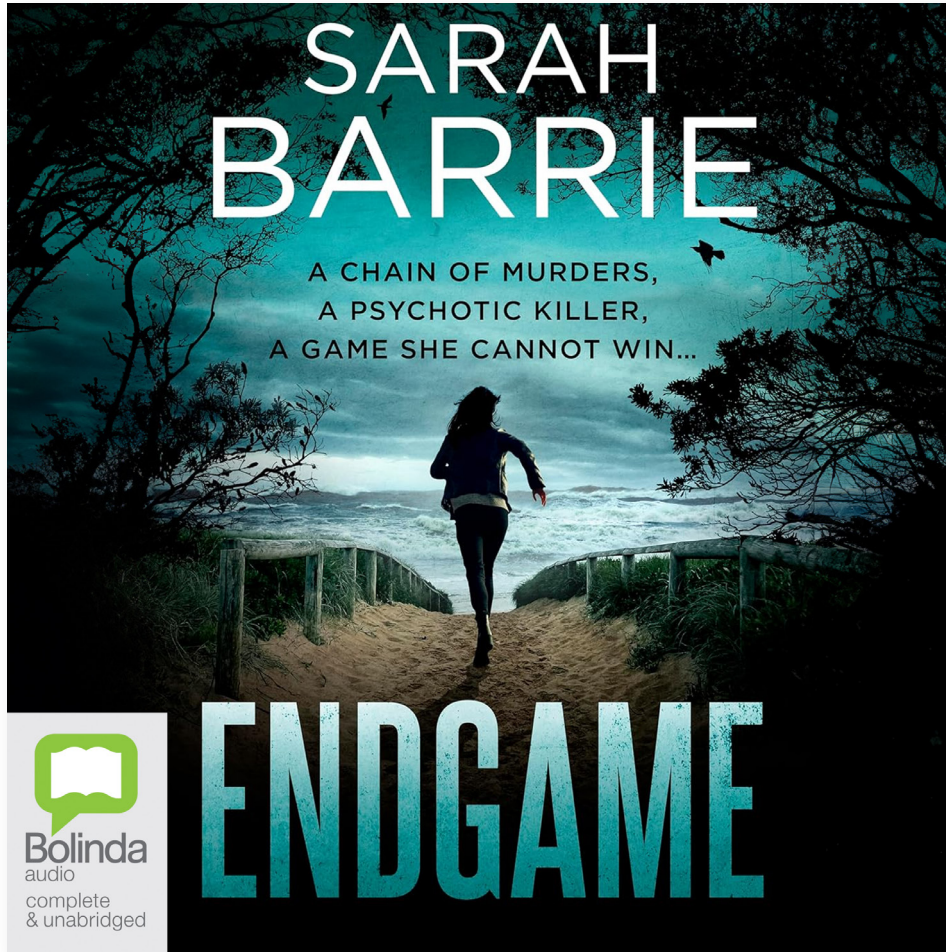
As Lexi's colleagues scramble to untangle what it all means, Lexi is implicated deeper and deeper into the murders. On top of this, she begins to see a strange figure everywhere she goes. Branded as suffering from PTSD, Lexi's credibility is in tatters with her colleagues, but Lexi knows it isn't her mind that is the problem. A wicked game is afoot, and Lexi is just a chess piece in play – and she suspects that checkmate will mean her death. There is only one thing that Lexi can do – play along, wait for the chance to strike back and bring about the endgame ...

Sarah Barrie is the bestselling author of *Secrets of Whitewater Creek*, the Hunters Ridge trilogy and the Calico Mountain trilogy

Barrie has finaled in several major awards: twice in the RUBY, the Romance Writers of Australia's Premier Award and three times in The Australian Romance Readers Award for Favourite Romantic Suspense

*'Phenomenal. Lexi Winter is the gritty hero I didn't know I needed ... I'm now desperate for more.'* – Nicola Moriarty, bestselling author of *The Fifth Letter* (on *Unforgiven*)

*'Barrie has delivered yet another dark, propulsive thriller which her fans are sure to devour.'* – Better Reading (on *Unforgiven*)



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# Finding Joy in Oyster Bay

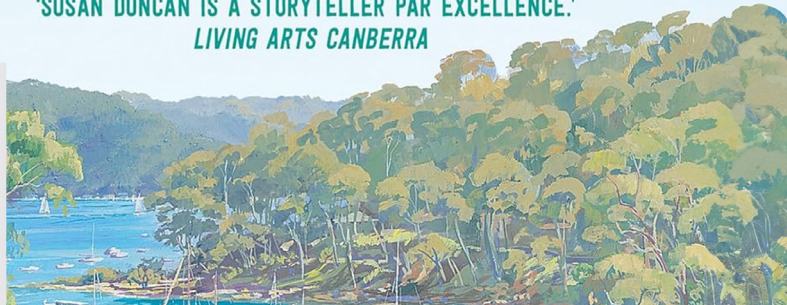
Susan Duncan  
Read by Caroline Lee

## SUSAN DUNCAN FINDING JOY IN OYSTER BAY

'SUSAN DUNCAN IS A STORYTELLER PAR EXCELLENCE.'  
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From the author of the bestselling *Sleepless in Stringybark Bay*, this story celebrates life, love, community and the power of forgiveness.

When former journalist turned café owner Kate Jackson abandons her six-month-old baby and disappears without a word, the quirky offshore community of Cook's Basin quickly steps in to salvage a delicate and difficult situation.

But even the best intentions can go horribly awry.

Relationships are tested, loyalties divided and the future of the beloved Briny Café, the beating heart of the community, comes under threat.

It takes a group of bossy retirees to navigate the brittle twists and turns of the grim past and point the way towards a hopeful future.

Susan Duncan enjoyed a 25-year career spanning radio, newspaper and magazine journalism, including editing two of Australia's top selling women's magazines: *The Australian Women's Weekly* and *New Idea*

Duncan has published two bestselling memoirs, *Salvation Creek* and its sequel, *The House at Salvation Creek*, and three novels, *The Briny Cafe*, *Gone Fishing* and *Sleepless in Stringybark Bay*

'I didn't want to leave! ... charming and irresistible.' – Joanna Nell, bestselling author of *The Single Ladies of Jacaranda Retirement Village* (on *Sleepless in Stringybark Bay*)

'Charming ... it provides the perfect escapism to welcoming place where we feel like we know everyone and everybody knows our name. This is a real treat.' – Better Reading (on *Sleepless in Stringybark Bay*)

# A Periodic Tale

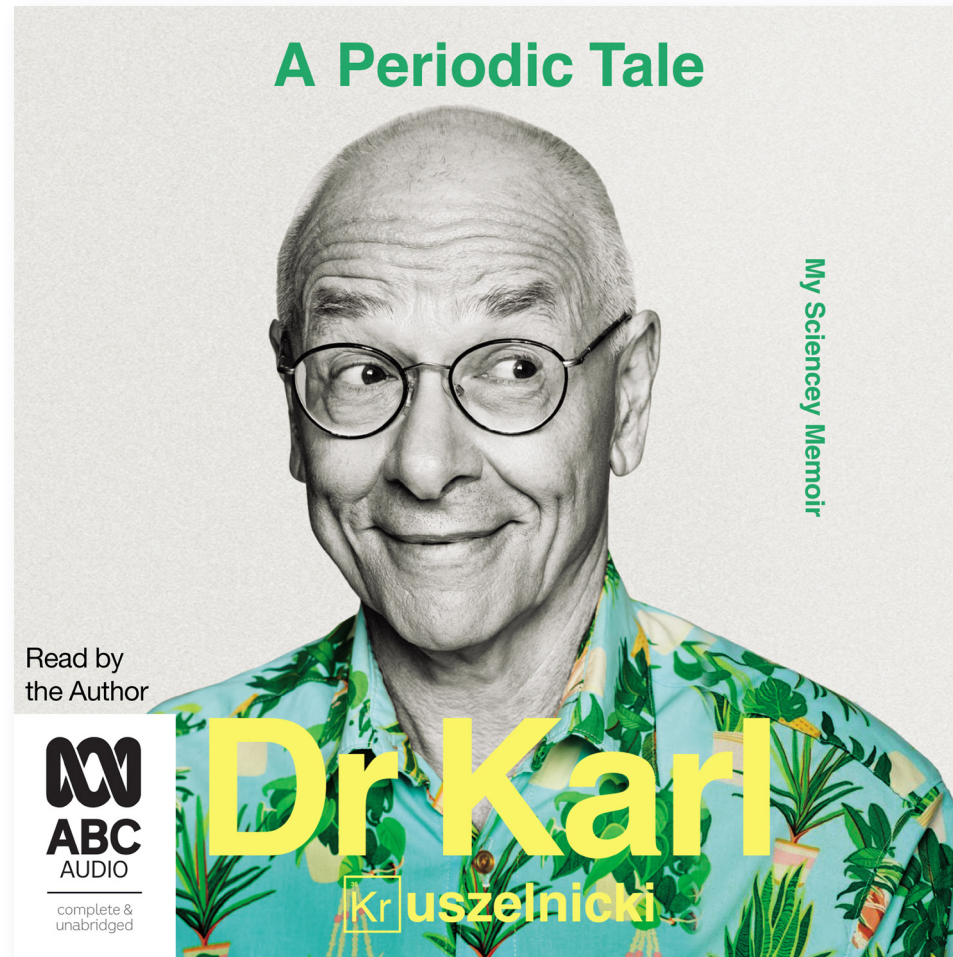
My Sciencey Memoir

**Dr Karl Kruszelnicki**

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | December 2024



How did a shy Polish immigrant kid – Karl Sven Woytek Sas Konkovitch Matthew Kruszelnicki – evolve into the fabulously eccentric Dr Karl? The life-long experiment of Australia’s favourite science champion.

The only child of Holocaust survivors who fled to Australia in 1950, Karl has always forged his own destiny in an idiosyncratic way. Before he became one of the world’s favourite scientific storytellers, he ambled through a convoluted cacophony of a career.

In the 1960s, he got his start as a physicist at the Port Kembla Steelworks and promptly joined the Steel Industries Auto Club, racing modified rally cars on Wollongong’s deserted back roads. In the 1970s, he entered his self-described ‘drug-crazed hippie years’, making a living as a taxi driver. After he applied to be a NASA astronaut in the 1980s and ‘failed’, he ended up live broadcasting the first space shuttle launch on Triple J. Unexpectedly, that blasted off his media career, and from there it was a stratospheric rise from radio to TV, books, newspapers, speaking, podcasts and the internet.

In this long-awaited memoir, you will learn that it’s okay to not take a linear path through life, and that by following our curiosities and our passions, we can bend the universe to our liking.

Perfect for fans of David Attenborough, Adam Spencer and Brian Cox

In March 2012 Dr Karl Kruszelnicki was named as a National Living Treasure by the National Trust of Australia (NSW), and in 2016 Dr Kruszelnicki was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Sunshine Coast

In 2019 Dr Kruszelnicki was awarded the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularisation of Science, of which previous recipients include Margaret Mead, David Attenborough, Bertrand Russell and David Suzuki

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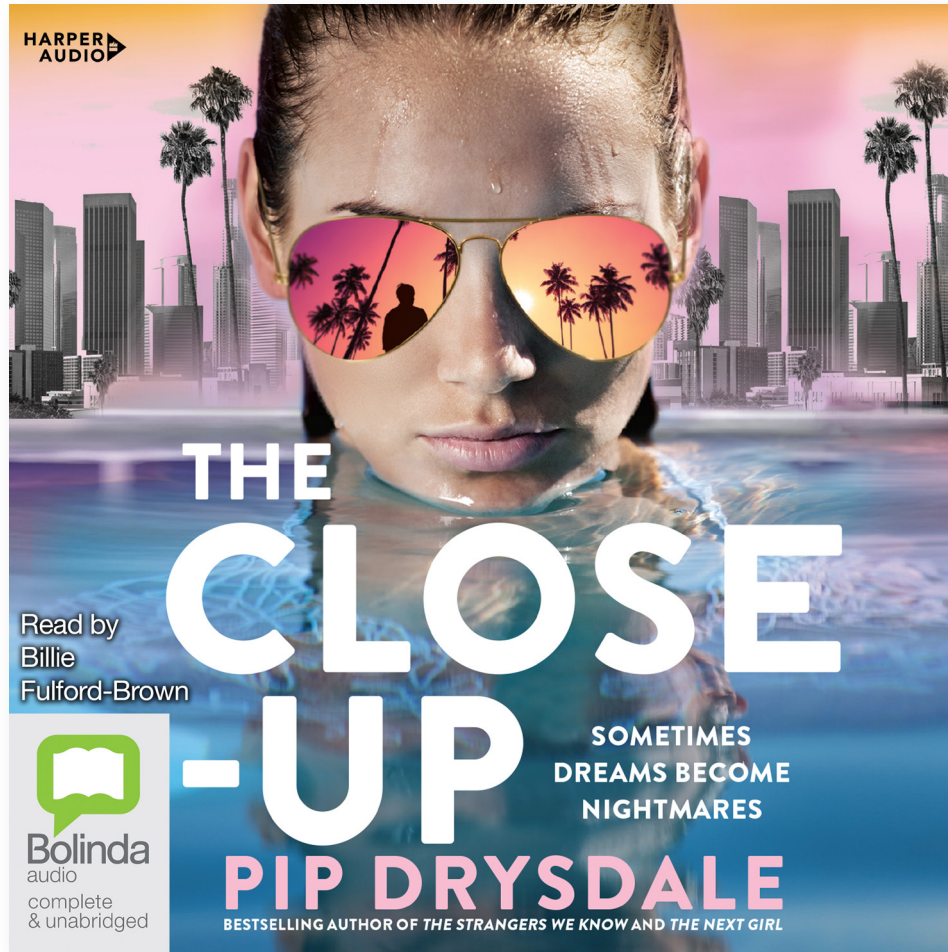
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Crime & Thriller | December 2024

# The Close-Up

## Pip Drysdale

Read by Billie Fulford-Brown



A struggling author discovers the dark side of fame when a stalker begins re-enacting violent events from her thriller, in this electrifying and twisty new novel from bestselling author Pip Drysdale.

Things have not been going well for Zoe Ann Weiss. Once a young novelist full of promise, now she has a failed debut under her belt, a mountain of debt, a dead-end job, and an agent who's about to drop her if she doesn't write something new and brilliant soon.

Worst of all, she's blocked. Can't-write-a-word blocked. But all that changes one night when she runs into her old flame, Zach Hamilton. It's like no time has passed at all. They start casually dating, and Zach makes her feel like anything is possible. Like the stars have finally realigned themselves in her favour.

Best of all, her writer's block has disappeared.

The only issue is Zach isn't just some hot guy with a dream anymore. Now he's a movie star with billboards and PR people and fans and paparazzi ... and even though they're dating in secret, Zoe soon finds herself splashed all over the press. Now everyone seems to know her name.

But the problem with everyone knowing your name is that everyone knows your name ... including the stalker who's obsessed with Zach.

Pip Drysdale is the bestselling author of *The Sunday Girl*, *The Strangers We Know*, *The Paris Affair* and *The Next Girl*

Drysdale's title *The Strangers We Know* has been shortlisted for The Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction

'Pip Drysdale is one of the brightest new stars in the realm of first person psychological suspense.' – Canberra Times (on *The Next Girl*)

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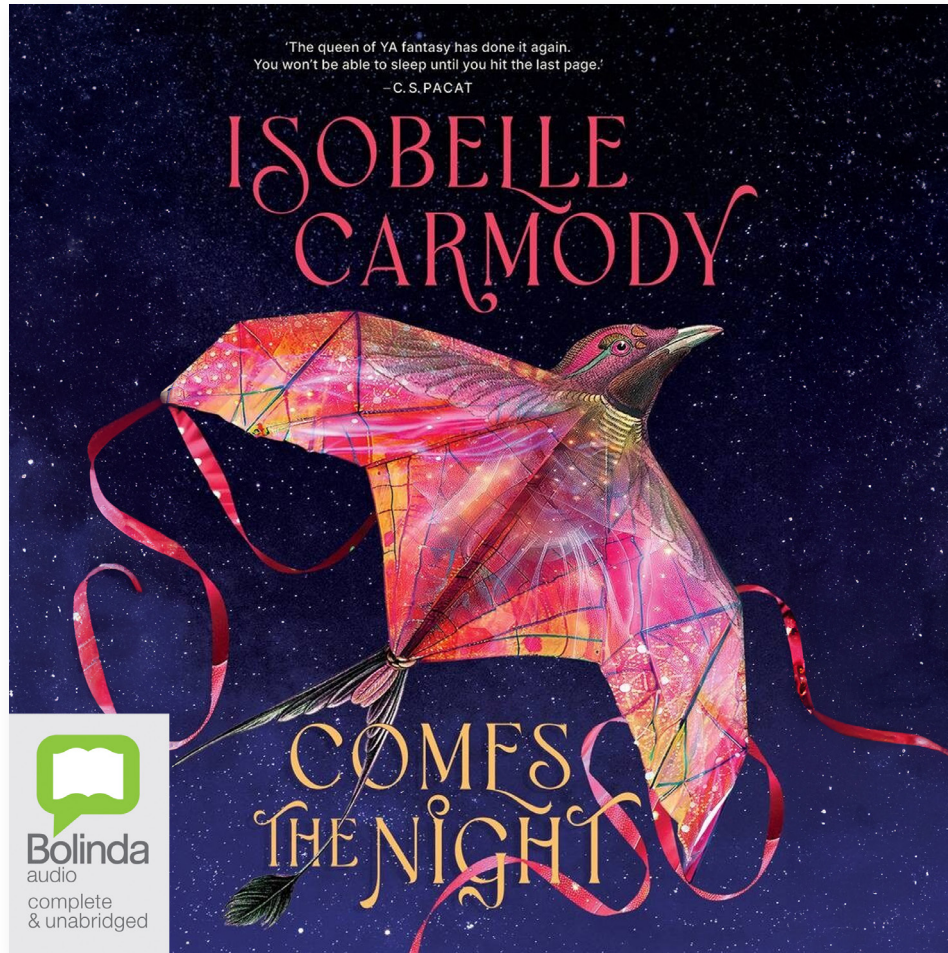
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# Comes the Night

## Isobelle Carmody

Read by the Author



A superb Young Adult fantasy set in the near future, full of secrets, high stakes, peril, deceptions and dreamwalkers, from the internationally acclaimed and bestselling author of the Obernewtyn Chronicles.

Will Helloran is 16 years old and lives with his father in the Canberra dome complex that protects its inhabitants from the corrosive atmosphere outside.

At night his dreams are haunted by his beloved uncle Adam, who unexpectedly died in his sleep almost a year ago. As the nightmares grow increasingly disturbing, Will comes to believe that his uncle's death may have been suspicious – and he begins investigating.

Meanwhile, his best friend Ender is becoming concerned about her brilliant, troubled twin Magda, who has a top-secret intelligence role. When Magda disappears, Will is drawn into a web bigger than he can imagine. If he and his friends are to survive, he must navigate his way out of the treacherous dreamscape while staying safe in the waking world.

Featuring a reluctant hero in a near-future city on an epic quest into an alternative dream world, *Comes the Night* is a thrilling new tale from Australia's queen of YA fantasy.

Isobelle Carmody has written over 40 books, who's genres range through fantasy, science fiction and horror, with a variety of formats

Carmody's novel *The Gathering* won the 1993 Children's Literature Peace Prize and was joint winner of the 1994 CBCA Book of the Year Award

Carmody's title *Greylands* was joint winner of the 1997 Aurealis Award for Excellence in Speculative Fiction (Young Adult category), and was named a White Raven at the 1998 Bologna Children's Book Fair

'The suspense never slackens, and the resolutions of the many conflicts are powerfully wrought. Utterly riveting.' – Publishers Weekly (on *The Gathering*)



# The Nervous System Reset

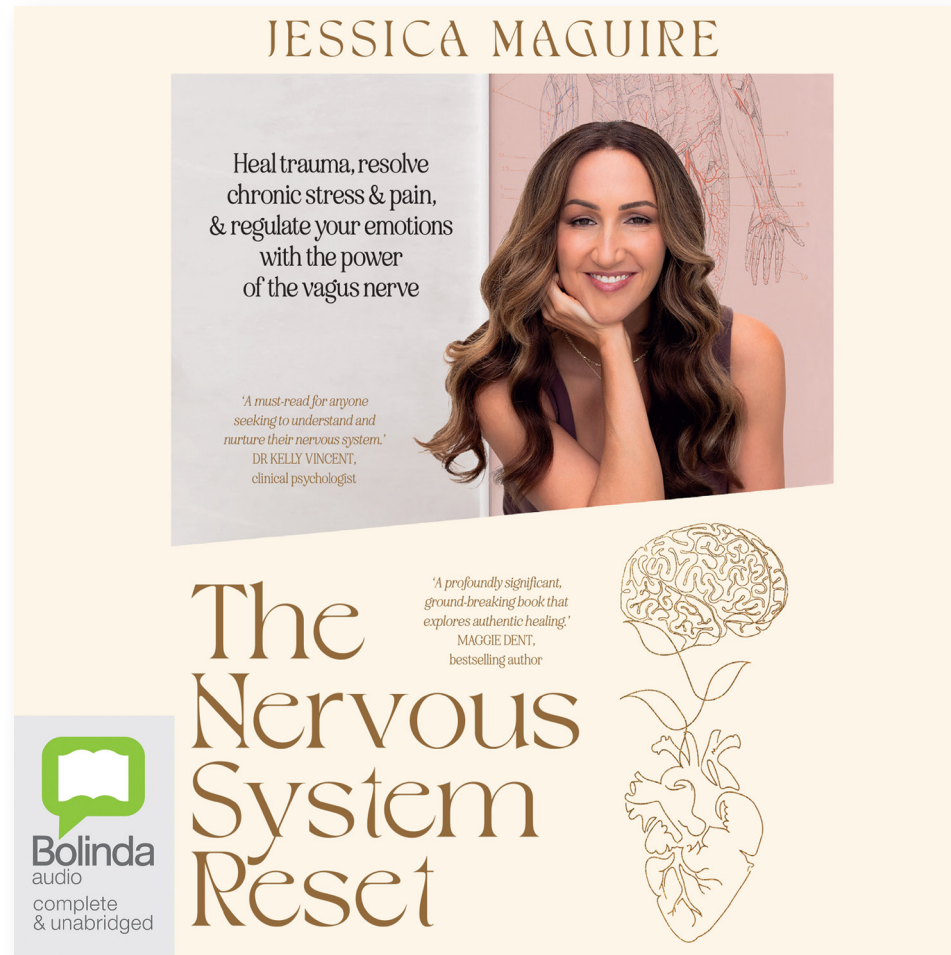
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Lifestyle – Wellbeing | December 2024

Heal Trauma, Resolve Chronic Stress and Pain, and Regulate Your Emotions with the Power of the Vagus Nerve

## Jessica Maguire

### Narrator to Come



From vagus nerve expert comes a cutting-edge program to heal your nervous system – essential listening for anyone struggling with anxiety, chronic pain, burnout, depression, IBS, PTSD, rheumatoid arthritis and more.

In *The Nervous System Reset*, Jessica Maguire shares the wisdom of her popular Nervous System School masterclasses and shows listeners how to unlock the power of their vagus nerve.

Drawing on the science of polyvagal theory and decades of her own study and coaching experience, Maguire teaches listeners neural exercises, breathwork and somatic practices to widen their window of tolerance in order to:

- Regulate their emotions
- Resolve trauma and PTSD symptoms
- Overcome mental health challenges like anxiety, depression or burnout
- Improve symptoms of chronic pain, fatigue and autoimmune conditions
- Heal digestive disorders like IBS and SIBO

Smart, accessible and revolutionary *The Nervous System Reset* is a practical, science-backed program to heal your nervous system for good.

Jessica Maguire holds a Bachelor of Health Science degree and a Master of Physiotherapy – her post-graduate study includes the fields of neuroscience, neuroplasticity, brain-heart biofeedback, brain-body medicine and transcutaneous vagus nerve stimulation

Maguire is the founder of Nervous System School, where she teaches a long-term, sustainable, transformative methodology of nervous system repair, empowering students to step into the driver's seat of their own health and wellbeing

'The Nervous System Reset fills in the blanks left by typical methods of healing.' – Rebecca Ray, clinical psychologist and bestselling author

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# Together We Fall Apart

Sophie Matthiesson  
Read by Eva Seymour



A beautifully crafted and deeply affecting portrait of a dysfunctional family from a compelling new voice in Australian fiction.

For the past seven years, Clare has been living in London. She works for a judge on child protection cases. Her partner, Miriam, is devoted to raising their young son, Rupert – their days are dominated by nap times, laundry and hiding from each other.

When Clare returns to Melbourne to visit her ailing father, another family crisis looms – her brother Max's long-term drug addiction. She turns her efforts towards helping Max into rehab, but is this at the expense of her family back in London?

Moving, heartbreaking and devastatingly insightful, *Together We Fall Apart* is a story about running away and coming home.

Sophie Matthiesson is a lawyer and holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne, a Bachelor of Laws from Monash University and a Masters of Law from Cambridge University

Matthiesson's short story *Dead Heifers* won the 2021 Boroondara Literary Award

'Explores the intricate dynamics of power, desire, motherhood and belonging with nuance, complexity and empathy.' – Emily Bitto, author of *The Strays* and *Wild Abandon*

'A meditation on love and loss ... Through richly drawn characters with deeply relatable flaws, Matthiesson expertly navigates the universal tension between the families we are born into and those which we create, capturing the very essence of what it is to be human.' – Nadine J. Cohen, author of *Everyone and Everything*



# Fire Country

How Indigenous Fire Management Could Help Save Australia

Victor Steffensen

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Science & Technology | December 2024

A powerful account from Indigenous land management expert Victor Steffensen on how the revival of cultural burning practices, and improved 'reading' of country, could help to restore our land.

From a young age, Victor Steffensen has had a passion for traditional cultural and ecological knowledge. This was further developed after meeting two Elders, who were to become his mentors and teach him the importance of cultural burning. Developed over many generations, this knowledge shows clearly that Australia actually needs fire. Moreover, fire is an important part of a holistic approach to the environment, and when burning is done in a carefully considered manner, this ensures proper land care and healing.

Steffensen's story is unassuming and honest, while demonstrating the incredibly sophisticated and complex cultural knowledge that has been passed down to him, which he wants to share with others. As global warming sees more parts of our planet burning, this audiobook emphasises the value of Indigenous knowledge systems. There is much evidence that, if adopted, it could greatly benefit the land here in Australia and around the world.

Steffensen is the co-founder of the National Indigenous Fire Workshops, which have so far been hosted in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria

Steffensen has also connected with First Nations communities in California, Canada and the Sami people of Scandinavia, sharing cultural knowledge practices related to caring for country

*'Victor Steffensen has a strong love of country and an important way of interpreting it that Australians need to know about, now more than ever.'* – Tim Low, author of *Where Song Began*



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Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | December 2024

# The Last Illusion of Paige White

Vanessa McCausland

Read by a Full Cast

The haunting new mystery from the popular author of *Dreaming in French* and *The Beautiful Words*.

Paige White kayaked across the lake each morning at dawn. Someone was watching her. Many someones watched her online. But was anyone with her the day she was found?

Paige White's beautiful life is documented closely for her thousands of followers: lakeside picnics breakfasts with her daughter, sunny afternoons in the family van and romantic dinners with her husband. So when she posts an ominous, brooding image, and her body is shortly after discovered drowned, everyone immediately wonders – suicide or foul play?

Paige finds herself suspended in a strange, idyllic place that resembles her most 'liked' Instagram post, forced to watch as life continues without her.

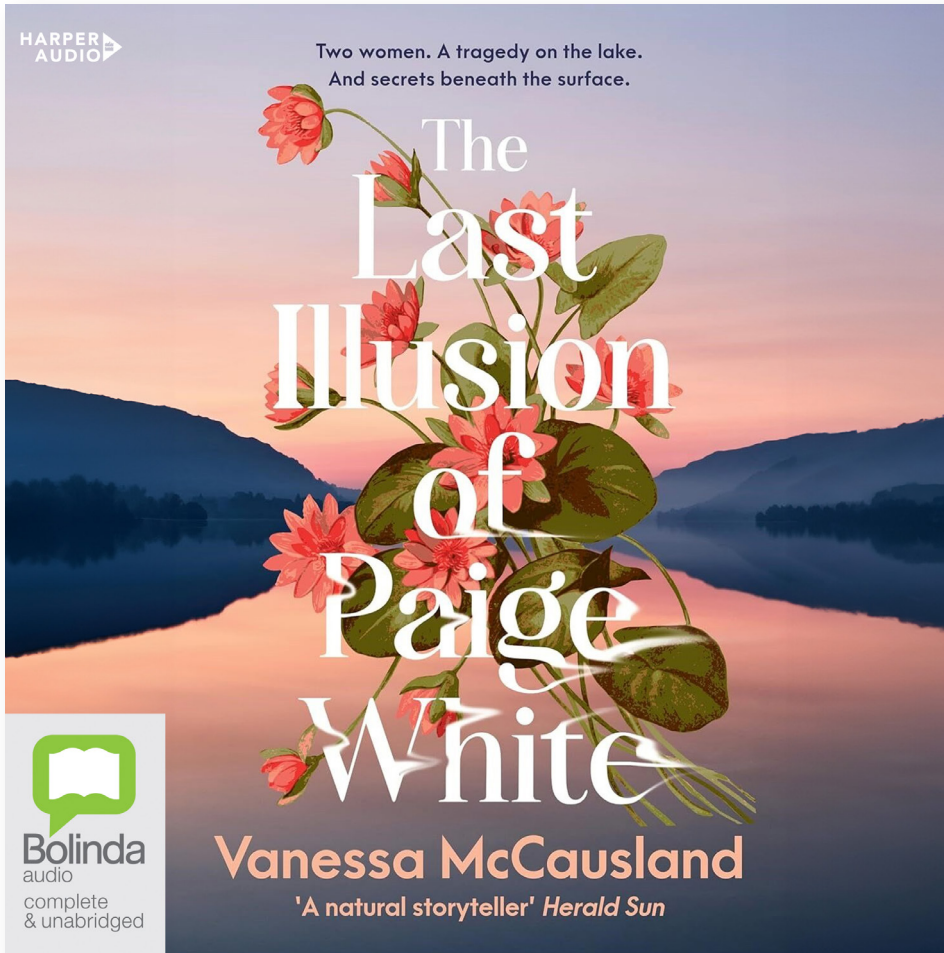
When Paige's death makes national news, Jane Masters, a journalist who was close to Paige in childhood, reluctantly travels home. Struggling with the morality of covering her friend's death, Jane will confront the town she left behind and the dark undercurrents that she's always known run underneath.

Perfect for fans of *The Lovely Bones*, *Before You Knew My Name* and *Everything I Never Told You*

Vanessa McCausland is the author of four contemporary fiction novels *The Lost Summers of Driftwood*, *The Valley of Lost Stories*, *The Beautiful Words* and *Dreaming in French*

McCausland worked as a journalist for nearly 20 years, including as a news and arts journalist for the *Daily Telegraph*, and her writing has appeared in numerous other publications

'Compelling, haunting and beautifully written, *The Last Illusion of Paige White* is a clever, page-turning modern mystery as well as a thoughtful exploration of female friendship, family dynamics and the complex impact of social media on self identity. You'll be thinking about it long after you turn the last page!' – Liane Moriarty, bestselling author of *Big Little Lies*



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# Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence

First Nations Classics

## Doris (Nugi Garimara) Pilkington

Read by Rachael Maza

Adult New Release

Biography | December 2024



A Stolen Generations story of astounding courage – three Aboriginal girls, taken from their mothers, escape barefoot back to their beloved homeland in East Pilbara.

This is the true account of Nugi Garimara's mother, Molly, made legendary by the film *Rabbit-Proof Fence*.

In 1931 Molly led her two sisters on an extraordinary 1600-kilometre walk across remote Western Australia. Aged eight, eleven and fourteen, they escaped the confinement of a government institution for Aboriginal children removed from their families. Barefoot, without provisions or maps, tracked by Native Police and search planes, the girls followed the rabbit-proof fence, knowing it would lead them home.

Their journey – longer than many of the celebrated treks of recognised explorers – reveals a past more cruel than we could ever imagine.

*Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* was first published in 1996, and was released internationally in 2002 as the film *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, directed by Phillip Noyce

The First Nations Classics series is a gathering of our most prominent Indigenous voices who continuously, as they have always done, revive the literary landscape of this continent

Nugi Garimara studied journalism and worked in film and video production. *Caprice: A Stockman's Daughter*, originally published in 1991, was her first book and won the 1990 David Unaipon Award

Garimara's own story is told in *Under the Wintamarra Tree*

'This is a marvellous adventure story and thriller, celebrating courage and the resilience of the human heart.' – Phillip Noyce, director of the film *Rabbit-Proof Fence*

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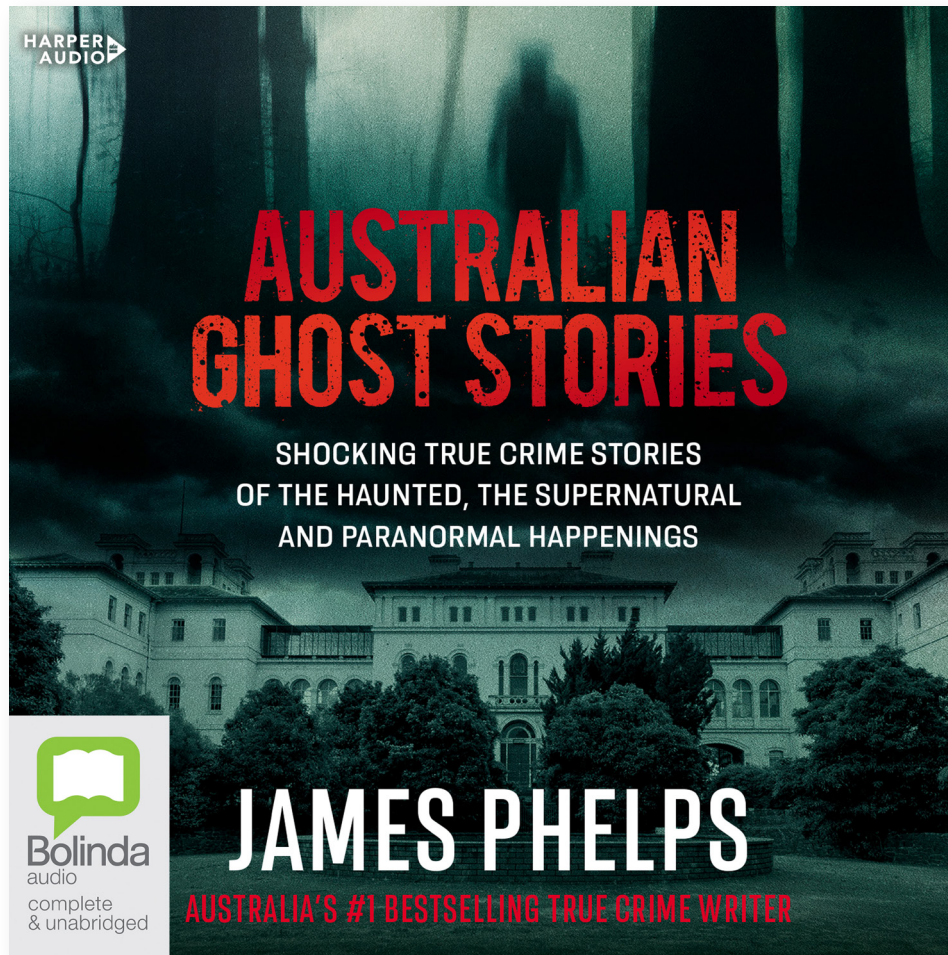
  
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# Australian Ghost Stories

James Phelps

Narrator to Come



New haunting true crime stories of the supernatural and paranormal from the bestselling author of *Australia's Most Infamous Jail* and *Australian Heist*.

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*The most haunted home that world-famous ghost hunter Lorraine Warren ever stepped foot in was a three-bedroom brick home in suburban Sydney.*

Forget the horrors of Amityville and delve into Australia's most haunted places.

*Australian Ghost Stories* is a spine-tingling collection of true crime tales that will leave you feeling haunted long after you've turned the last page. From the ghostly apparitions that haunt historic landmarks to diabolical presences in everyday suburban houses, these are stories of ordinary Australians and their encounters with the unexplainable. This thrilling blend of true crime and supernatural encounters will leave you questioning everything you know about this world ... and the next.

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James Phelps is an award-winning senior reporter for *Sydney's The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph*

Phelps established himself as Australia's number-one true crime writer with his bestselling prison series, including *Australia's Hardest Prison*, *Australia's Most Murderous Prison* and *Australia's Toughest Prisons*

Phelps is also the author of *Australian Heist*, a dramatic retelling of the true story behind Australia's largest gold robbery, and *Australian Code Breakers*

# The Window Seat

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Archie Weller

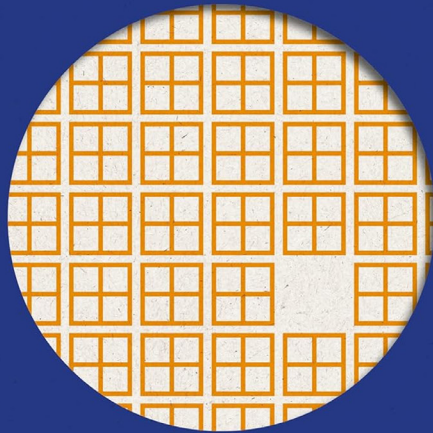
Read by Greg Fryer

Adult New Release

Literary Fiction | December 2024

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## THE WINDOW SEAT



complete & unabridged

ARCHIE WELLER

Introduction by Ernie Dingo

Runner-up for the inaugural Vogel Award in 1980, Archie Weller is a master storyteller who, in these short stories, rethinks what it means to be Australian.

Since Archie Weller was runner-up for the first Vogel Award in 1980 for his novel *The Day of the Dog*, he has become an important voice in contemporary Indigenous writing. *The Window Seat* is a collection of his best fiction and a tribute to his contribution to Australian literature.

These stories are honest, brutal and moving. In 'The Window Seat', we witness an old woman's final journey home through the eyes of the disgruntled white traveller who sits beside her; in 'Stolen Car', a young Aboriginal man learns his first lesson in rough justice; and in 'Dead Dingo', we see another rallying against what his friends, life and fate offer him. Together these powerful stories present a rich and rewarding listening experience.

Archie Weller is the author *The Day of the Dog*, which was runner-up in the inaugural Vogel Award and was made into the film *Blackfellas*, and *Land of the Golden Clouds*, which won the Human Rights Award in 1998.

Weller's stories have been widely anthologised and collected in *Going Home*.

Weller has published a volume of poetry, *The Unknown Soldier and Other Poems*, and he has written a number of plays and a film script.

'Weller has a knack for capturing dialogue and fleshing out characters.' – Newcastle Herald

'Weller has a keen eye for arresting imagery and he draws emotive power from both natural and urban landscapes.' – The Age

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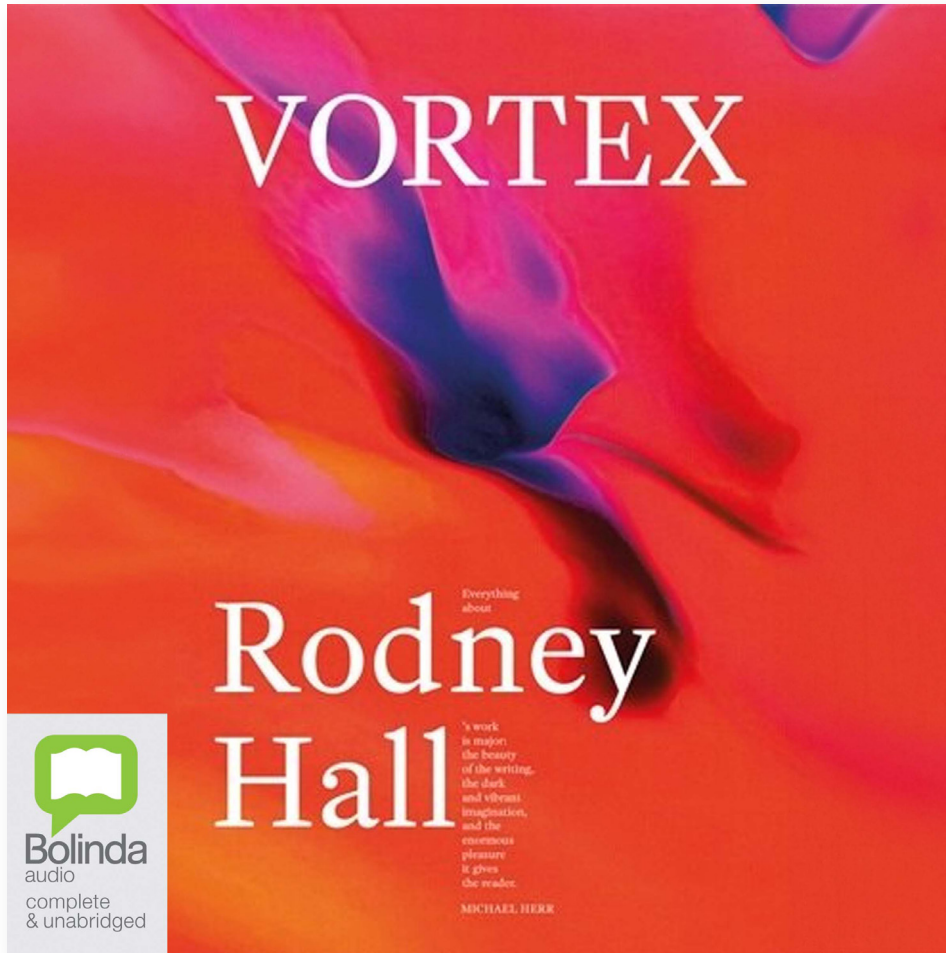
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# Vortex

## Rodney Hall

Read by Jack Twelvetree



A magisterial tale, set in 1954 Brisbane and resonant with contemporary concerns, from the two-times Miles Franklin winner.

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*We only need to tease out the first stray thread, such as the lingering wake left by a white ship forging through grey light to where a thousand seabirds disappear from the collapsing sky ... and we've begun.*

It is 1954, but not the same way the history books would have it. Events and characters swirl in a vortex of fragments and chance connections.

Brisbane celebrates the young Queen Elizabeth II's arrival on her first royal tour of the commonwealth. Meanwhile the future is being shaped behind closed doors, laying the foundations for the 21st century ...

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The Copyright Agency's Cultural Fund has awarded fellowship to Rodney Hall for his work *Vortex*

Rodney Hall has won two Miles Franklin Awards; his novels have been widely published and translated into many languages

Hall has been twice presented with the gold medal of the Australian Literature Society

*'Rodney Hall writes the world as if it were lit by stormlight, a genius that recognises each facet for its singularity as well as its inherent interconnectedness.'* – Josephine Rowe, author of *A Loving, Faithful Animal*

*'Vortex is many mighty things. Above all, it is generous.'* – Beejay Silcox, Canberra-based writer and critic



# Birds Aren't Real

Adult New Release

Comedy | December 2024

The True Story of Mass Avian Murder and the Largest Surveillance Campaign in U.S. History

## Peter McIndoe & Connor Gaydos

Read by the Authors

The true story of the greatest conspiracy in US history – and how to fight back.

Have you ever seen a baby pigeon? You haven't, have you? No one has, not in many, many years. That's because they come out of the factory as adults.

In the 1970s, the United States government killed off the entire bird population and replaced them with robotic bird replicas that are used for mass surveillance. Birdwatching now goes both ways.

In *Birds Aren't Real*, whistleblowers Peter McIndoe and Connor Gaydos trace the roots of a political conspiracy so vast and well-hidden that it almost seems like an elaborate hoax. These hero Bird Truthers have risked life and limb to spread the word.

In Australia, we must save our kookaburras, our cockatoos and our bin chickens from turning into spies for the politicians in Canberra. The truth is out there – will you stand and fight before it's too late?

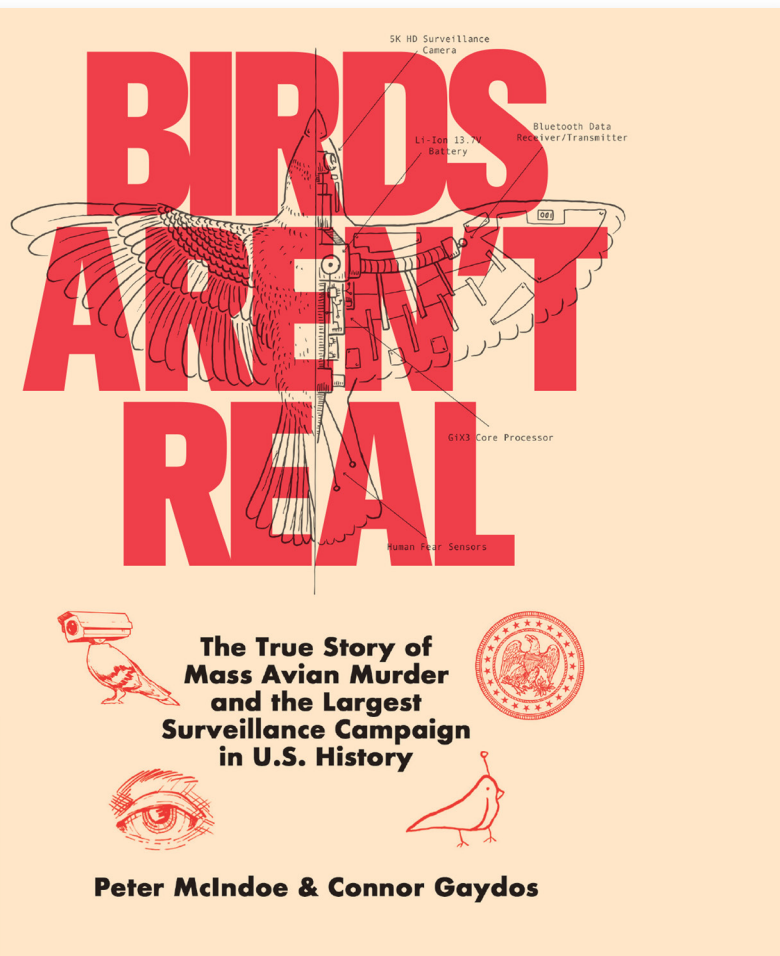
Peter McIndoe is the brains behind *Birds Aren't Real*, the theory that birds are actually drones created by the US government to spy on Americans

Home-schooled in a deeply conservative religious community in rural Arkansas, McIndoe wants to explore the 'us-versus-them' mentality implicit in conspiracy theories (and currently pervasive in global society)

McIndoe's work has been featured everywhere from *The Guardian* to *60 Minutes*, and he has been profiled in *Vice* and on *60 Minutes*

'This is Gen Z's attempt to upend the rabbit hole with absurdism.' – New York Times

'More than a million people have become followers of a conspiracy theory that birds aren't real ... [the movement] mirrors some of the absurdity that has taken flight across the country.' – 60 Minutes



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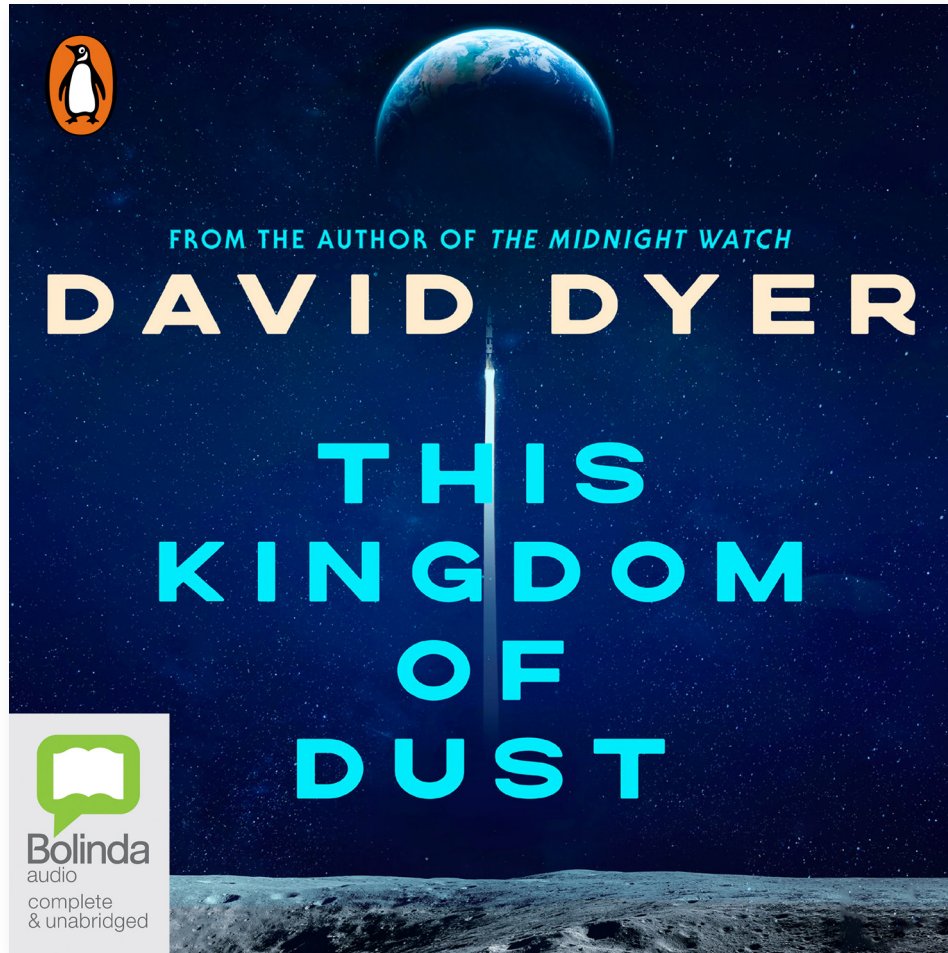
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Historical Fiction | December 2024

# This Kingdom of Dust

David Dyer

Narrator to Come



Like the moon landing itself, a feat of enormous ingenuity imagining the lives of the Apollo mission heroes, and those on planet earth in the tumultuous 1960s.

The whole world has just watched Neil and Buzz walk on the Moon. Now they are struck by terror – the lunar module's engine has failed. There is no back-up, no other way off the surface. If the astronauts can't fix the problem, they'll slowly run out of oxygen and die.

*This Kingdom of Dust* explores this harrowing scenario through the intertwined narratives of three distinct voices: Buzz on the Moon, his wife Joan back on Earth and Aquarius, the journalist compelled to craft a story he doesn't want to write.

Marooned, Buzz confronts his fate with a mix of dread and awe. On Earth, Joan wrestles with grief and sacrifice against the backdrop of 1960s America – a nation riven by war and seismic social change.

Caught between professional duty and personal turmoil, Aquarius soon discovers that he will need all his skill to capture this unfolding drama, and all his courage to follow it through to its breathtaking conclusion.

In 2013, David Dyer was awarded a doctorate in creative arts, and in 2016 published *The Midnight Watch*

Dyer pursued an eclectic career that included studying medicine, travelling the world in merchant ships, and working as a lawyer in Sydney and London

Upon his return to Australia, Dyer decided to embrace his lifelong love of literature, and so became an English teacher and writer

*'Insightful, compassionate and deeply moving from start to finish.'* – Debra Adelaide, author of *The Household Guide to Dying* (on *The Midnight Watch*)

*'Clever, gripping and utterly compelling. Historical fiction at its very best.'* – Hazel Gaynor, bestselling author of *The Bird in the Bamboo Cage* (on *The Midnight Watch*)

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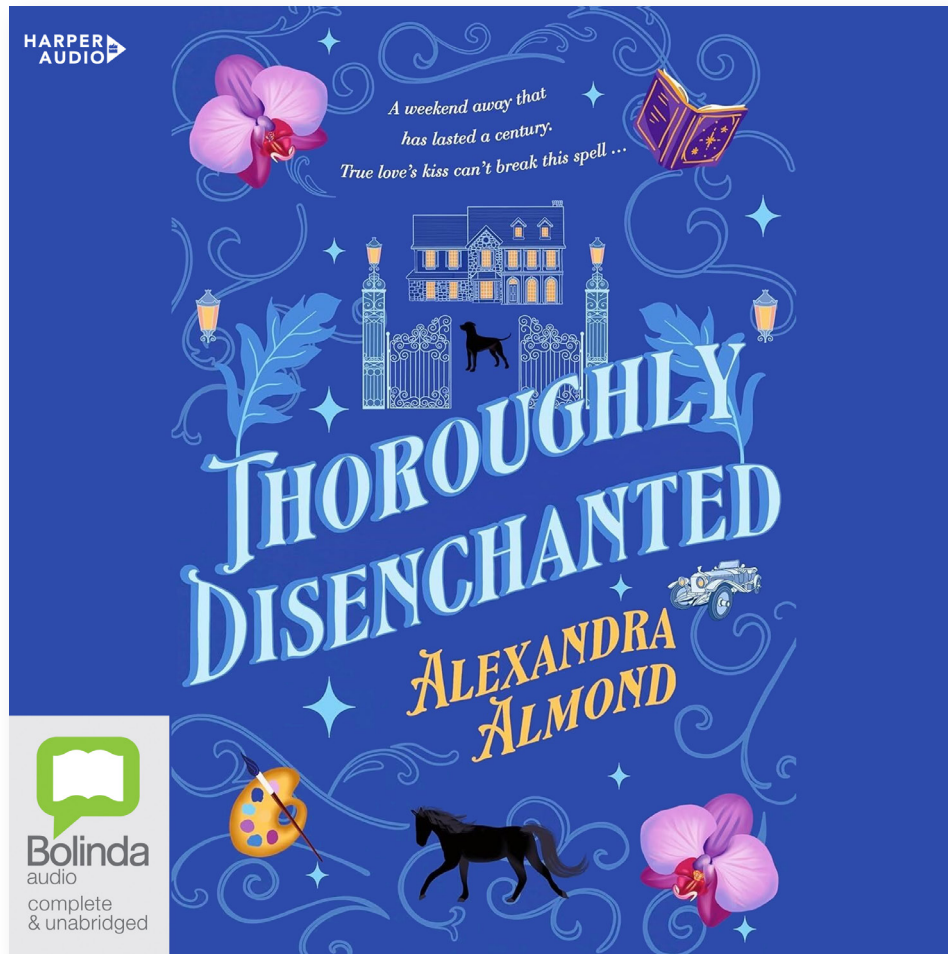
Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | December 2024

# Thoroughly Disenchanted

Alexandra Almond

Read by Jesse Vasiliadis



A cosy, romantic fantasy mystery from debut author Alexandra Almond.

A hundred years ago, Genevieve and Oliver spent an amazing weekend together in Riverswood manor. They wished they could stay there forever ... and then something made their wish come true.

Blessed with immortality but trapped for eternity, the two former lovers are now completely tired of one another's company. Then, one dark and stormy night, a stranger called Ella arrives with a cheery disposition and a secret that could be the key to their salvation. With the help of Ella and the return of their best friend, Fionn, Genevieve and Oliver learn more about Riverswood's tangled history.

If they can come to terms with their own feelings, and the truth that has kept them locked away, they might stand a chance at breaking this curse. True love certainly hasn't worked.

Perfect for fans of Rebecca Ross, Travis Baldree and Ashley Poston

Alexandra Almond lives and works on Bunurong land in Melbourne (Naarm) – her previous roles included stable hand, clown, HR assistant, flower buyer, procurement manager, cleaner and human-centred designer, which is her current day job

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December new releases 2024

# Wild Creature Mind

Adult New Release

Lifestyle – Wellbeing | December 2024

The Neuroscience Breakthrough That Helps You Transform Anxiety and Live a Fierce and Loving Life

**Steve Biddulph**

Read by Silas Aiton

Unlock the untapped power within you – discover the profound wisdom of your animal mind.

Bestselling psychologist Steve Biddulph reveals a groundbreaking insight: we possess not just one, but two minds. While our familiar, analytical mind dominates in today's busy, modern world, our primal, instinctual 'wild creature' mind lies dormant, waiting to guide us with its innate intuition and compassion.

In a world grappling with unprecedented mental health challenges, Biddulph offers a lifeline. Drawing on cutting-edge therapy and cognitive science research, he shows you how to awaken your dormant mind through poignant anecdotes and practical exercises. You will learn to embrace your body's wisdom, trust your instincts, heal trauma, navigate life's complexities with newfound clarity and embark on a journey of profound transformation.

There's a million years of animal intelligence, lying silent, wanting to help you. This is absolute science, yet incredibly simple, and about to change your world.

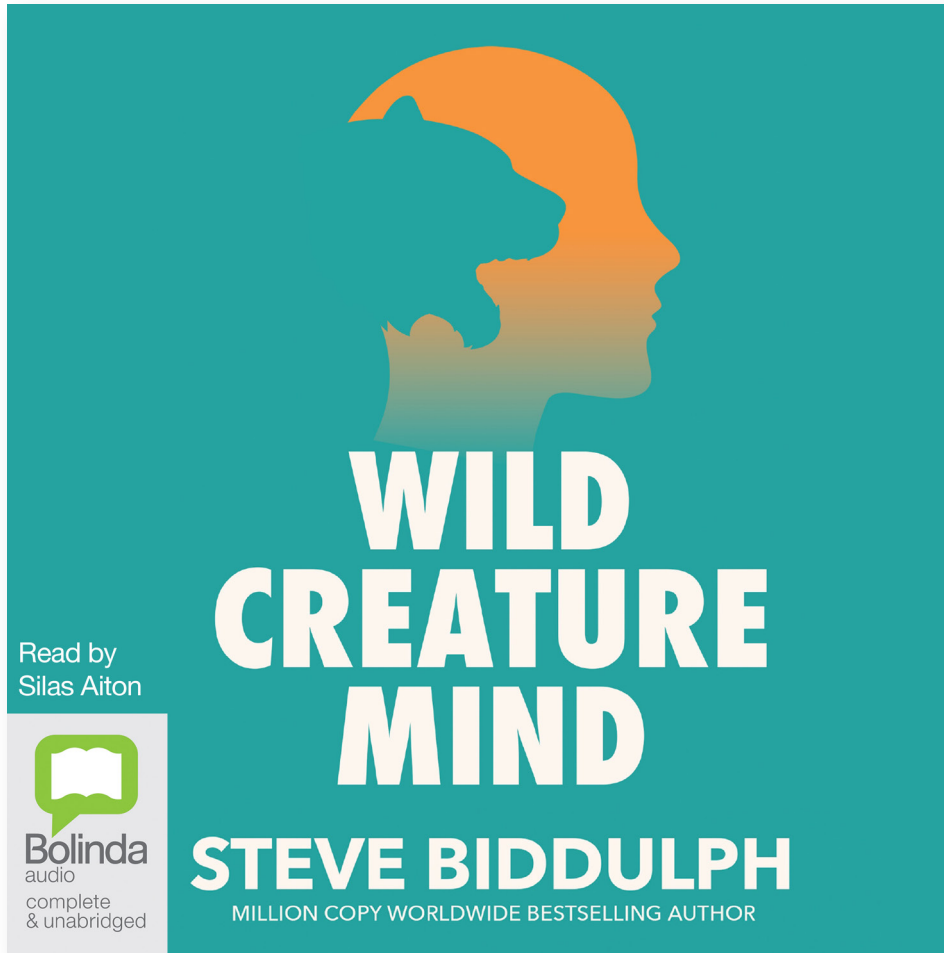
*Wild Creature Mind* combines the ideas of British neuroscientist Iain McGilchrist, with the cutting edge of somatic psychotherapy – Eugene Gendlin and the 'felt sense' methods of dialoguing with our silent right hemisphere

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

Biddulph has been a psychologist and educator for over 40 years and is the author of *Raising Boys*, *Stories of Manhood*, *The New Manhood*, *The Secret of Happy Children* and *The Making of Love*

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

'Steve is back, to help us do better at being in this world.' – Rachel Ward AM, English-Australian actress, film and television director and screenwriter (on *Fully Human*)



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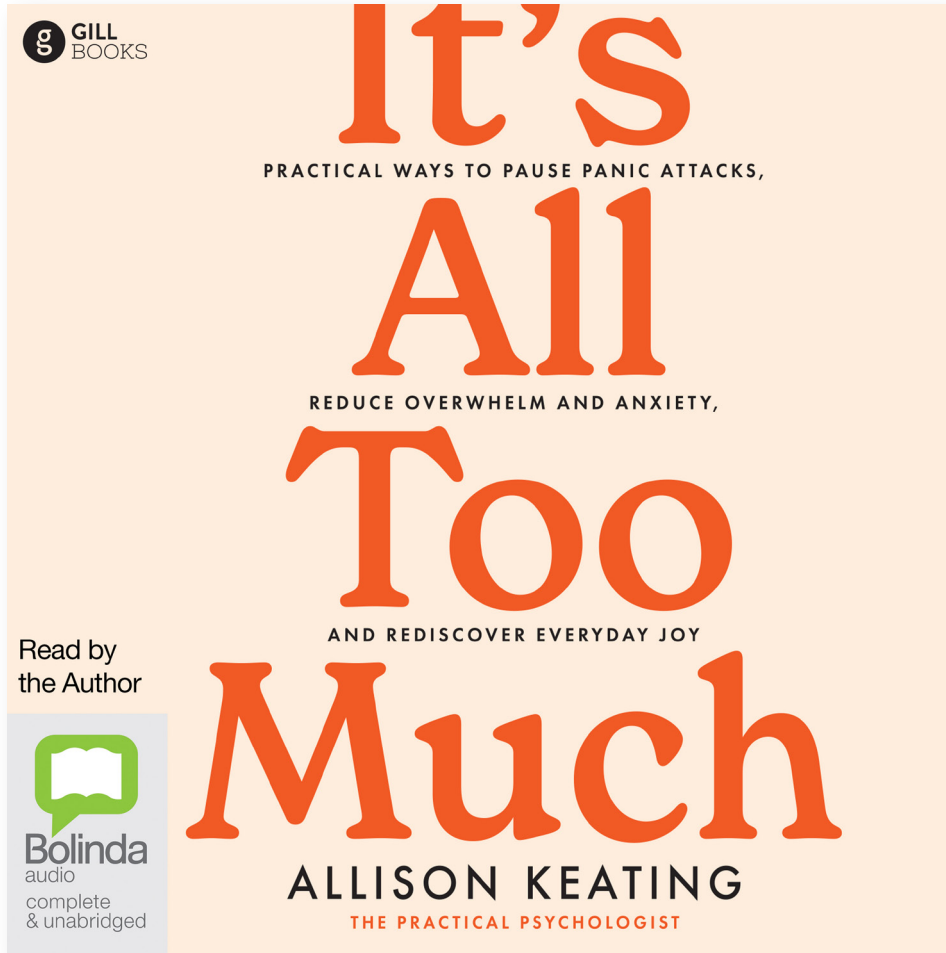
# It's All Too Much

Adult New Release  
Lifestyle – Wellbeing | December 2024

Practical Ways to Pause Panic Attacks and Overwhelm, Reduce Anxiety, and Rediscover Everyday Joy

## Allison Keating

Read by the Author



In this practical audiobook, Allison Keating encourages you to transform your experience into a more peaceful and authentic life.

Are you one of the many people who appear to be coping but are secretly struggling as you juggle endless WhatsApp groups and to-do lists? Are you feeling the pressure to be productive at work, be perfect at home and keep up in your social life? In those rare moments when you come up for air, do you find yourself wondering, 'Who am I?, What am I doing?' and 'Why am I living like this?'

This practical audiobook will guide you and your nervous system out of 'fight and flight' and back to feeling connected and calmer. Learn how to stop muttering an exasperated 'It's all too much' and start feeling in control.

Allison Keating is a psychologist who has worked in private practice for over 20 years

Keating has a regular slot on the *Ray D'Arcy Show* on RTÉ Radio 1 and a column in the *Irish Independent*

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# Summer and the Groomsman

A Levenham Love Story #2

**Cathryn Hein**

Read by Ayesha Tansey

Adult New Release

Romance | December 2024

It's Levenham's wedding of the year but unlucky-in-love Harry Argyle has more on his mind on than being groomsman.

After yet again nearly colliding with an escaped horse while driving home to the family farm, Harry Argyle comes face-to-face with its pretty owner, and doesn't hold back his disapproval.

Confronted by a bad-tempered giant on a dark country road, beautician and new arrival in town, Summer Taylor, doesn't know who to be more afraid for: herself or her darling horse Binky. It's not her fault Binky keeps escaping. The alcoholic owner of the paddock she rents won't fix the fence and Binky can be sneaky when it comes to filling his stomach. But no matter how big and muscled the bully, she refuses to be intimidated.

When Harry's wedding party book a session at the day spa where Summer works, both she and Harry are horrified to be paired together. Grudgingly, they agree to make the most of it – only for the session to spiral into disaster. Realising he's made an idiot of himself in front of sweet Summer yet again, Harry vows to set things right.

Summer isn't about to easily forgive the man who called her horse stupid, no matter how brave and kind, but with everyone on Harry's side, even fate, resistance is hard.

Cathryn Hein is a bestselling author of rural romance and romantic adventure novels.

She is a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist, and was a Romance Writers of Australia Romantic Book of the Year finalist for her novel *Santa and the Saddler*

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

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



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# The Rose Arbor

Rhys Bowen

Read by Nicola Barber



An investigation into a girl's disappearance uncovers a mystery dating back to World War II in a haunting novel of suspense by the bestselling author of *The Venice Sketchbook* and *The Paris Assignment*.

*London, 1968.* Liz Houghton is languishing as an obituary writer at a London newspaper when a young girl's disappearance captivates the city. If Liz can break the story, it's her way into the newsroom. She already has a scoop – her best friend, Marisa, is a police officer assigned to the case.

Liz follows Marisa to Dorset, where they make another disturbing discovery. Over two decades earlier, three girls disappeared while evacuating from London. One was found murdered in the woods near a train line. The other two were never seen again.

As Liz digs deeper, she finds herself drawn to the village of Tydeham, which was requisitioned by the military during the war and left in ruins. After all these years, what could possibly link the missing girls to this abandoned village? And why does a place Liz has never seen before seem so strangely familiar?

Rhys Bowen is the *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 60 novels, including *The Paris Assignment*, *Where the Sky Begins*, *The Venice Sketchbook*, *Above the Bay of Angels*, *The Victory Garden* and *The Tuscan Child*

Bowen's work has won 16 honours to date, including multiple Agatha, Anthony and Macavity Awards

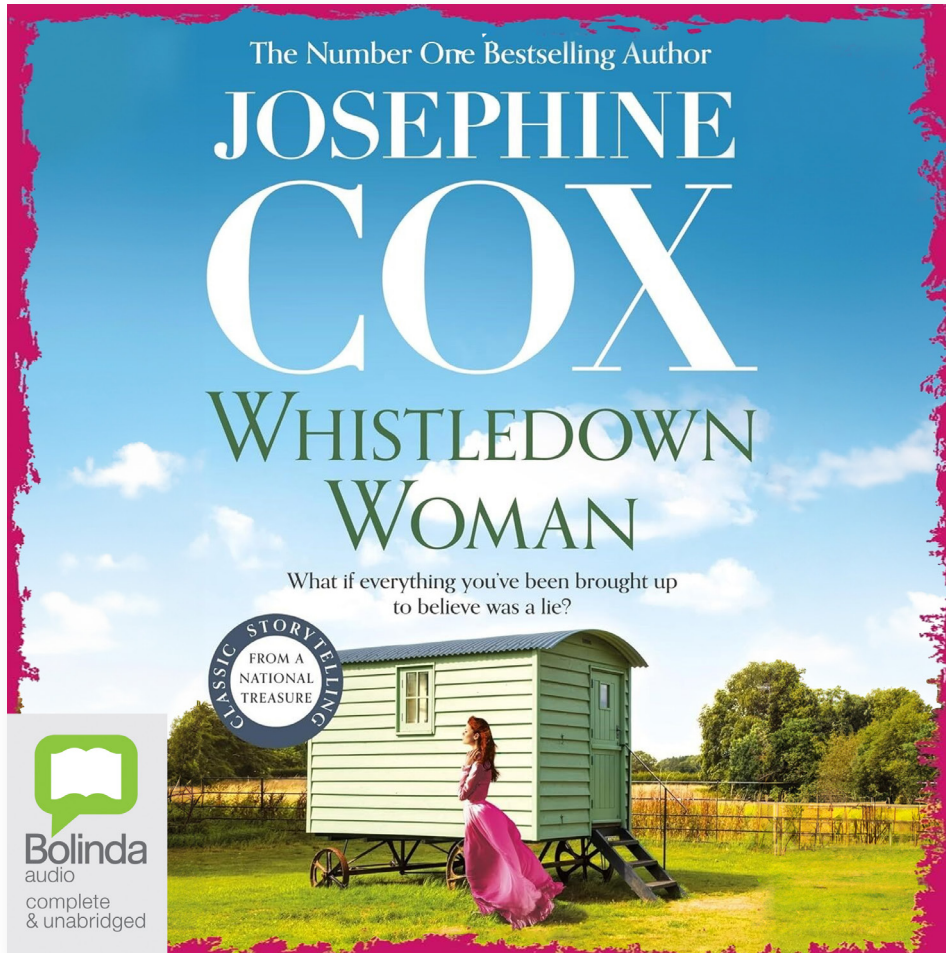
'*The Rose Arbor* is a complex and intriguing mystery that dares the reader to unravel the clues before the protagonist, London reporter Liz Houghton, with plenty of intrigue for any seasoned mystery reader, and smart, exquisite prose for those who luxuriate in the beauty of the written word. Take it on your vacation, but be prepared for late nights.' – Robert Dugoni, *New York Times* bestselling author



# Whistledown Woman

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



A moving story of a beautiful girl growing up unaware of her true inheritance, from bestselling author Josephine Cox.

On a moonlit night in 1898, Kathleen Wyman lies in labour at Bessington Hall. Her husband, Edward, is sure that she has been unfaithful to him. In his blind, jealous rage he later gives away the baby to gypsy Rona Parrish, summoned to help with the delivery. Kathleen, frenzied with grief, is soon after locked away in an asylum.

Rejected by her father, the little girl begins her new life with only a valuable brooch pinned to her shawl as a clue to her true origins. Named after Rona's own mother, the lovely raven-haired Starlena grows up in ignorance of her true parentage and vast inheritance, believing her birthplace to be the beautiful Whistledown Valley. And Rona, always afraid, stays watchful over the years for any sign that someone might track Starlena down – someone who wishes her harm ...

Perfect for fans of Kitty Neale and Lindsey Hutchinson

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

The author of more than 60 titles, written over a career which spanned three decades, Cox sold over 20 million copies of her family sagas, which combined romance and tragedy to dramatic, bestselling effect

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

*'Cox's talent as storyteller never lets you escape the spell.'* – Daily Mail (on *Born Bad*)

# Hold Me, Cowboy

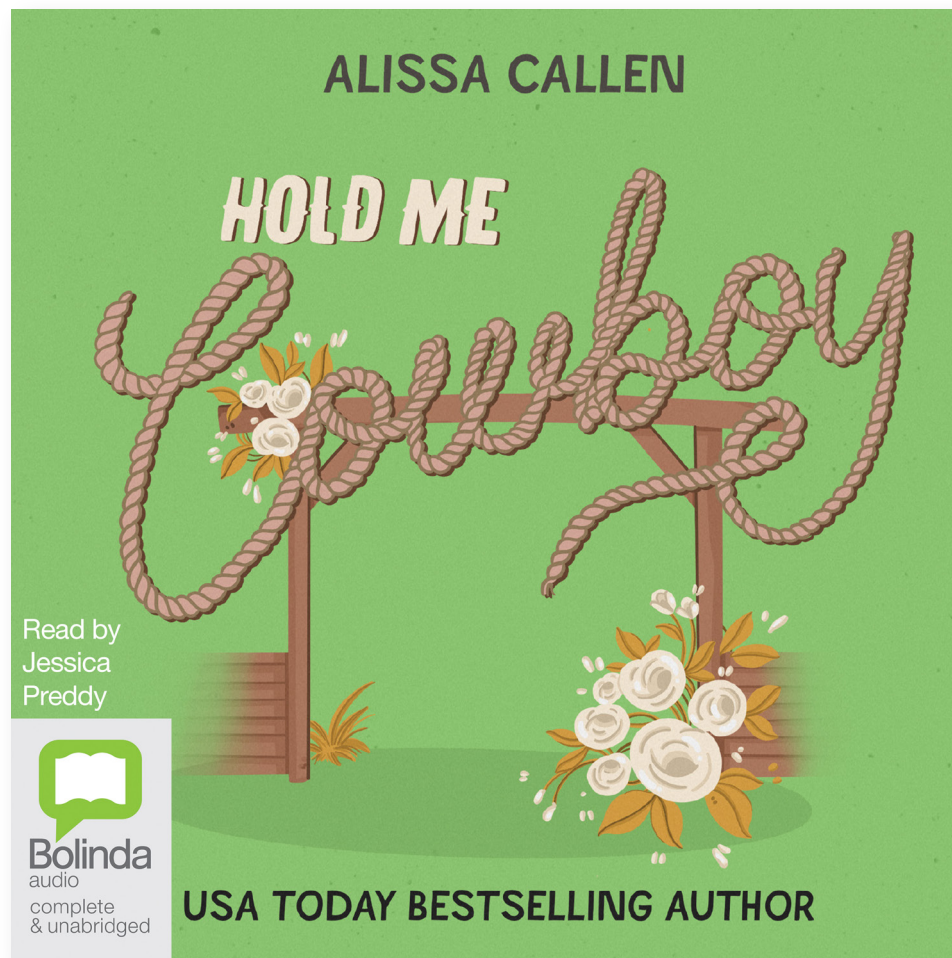
Wildflower Ranch

**Alissa Callen**

Read by Jessica Preddy

Adult New Release

Romance | December 2024



In this sweet romance from *USA Today* bestselling author Alissa Callen, the Copper Mountain Rodeo has returned to Marietta and cowboy reputations aren't the only thing at stake.

Marietta home town girl Kendall Dixon knows who she is and what she wants, even if the stubborn and slow-smiling cowboy who owns her heart is long gone from Montana.

Rancher Brent Ashton returns to Marietta to care for his sick mother. Haunted by the death of his father, he is determined to save his derelict home and resist rekindling the romance with the only girl he's ever loved so that she doesn't sacrifice her dreams for him.

But the shy and sweet Kendall he left behind has become a strong and determined woman. A woman who won't let her cowboy walk away for a second time.

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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Adult New Release

Sagas | December 2024

# The Snow Angel

## Dilly Court

Read by Annie Aldington



Don't miss the new heartwarming festive novel from #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author Dilly Court.

As snow falls outside Abbotsford vicarage on Christmas Eve, Rose Northwood finds a child lying destitute in the manger of the town's nativity display. Reminded of her younger brother, who died at Christmas time, she is determined to nurse the young boy back to health. But the child has lost his memory and can't recall where he came from ...

Will Rose discover the boy's true identity, and reunite him with his lost family this winter?

Dilly Court is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author of over 40 novels

Court is the author of The River Maid series and The Village Secrets series

Court also writes popular historical fiction and family saga novels under the pseudonym of Lily Baxter

'Compelling vivid drama.' – My Weekly (on *The Best of Daughters*)

'Perfect for *Downton Abbey* fans ... heart-tugging.' – Peterborough Telegraph (on *A Loving Family*)

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# Always and Only You

Fiona Lucas

Narrator to Come



A beautiful, deeply emotional story of love, secrets and second chances, from award-winning author Fiona Lucas.

Erin is about to marry the love of her life. She and Simon have been together for eight years so it feels right that they're finally tying the knot. It's been stressful balancing the demands of friends and family – not to mention Simon's difficult best man, Gil – but Erin couldn't be happier.

Couldn't be happier, that is, until she walks down the aisle and finds the wrong man waiting for her. But is the universe playing a cruel trick on Erin, or could it be that her perfect life isn't quite what she imagined ...?

Perfect for fans of Colleen Hoover and Lucy Score

Fiona Lucas is an award-winning author of contemporary women's fiction, and has written heartwarming love stories and feel-good women's fiction under the pseudonym Fiona Harper for more than a decade

Lucas has won numerous awards, including a Romantic Novel Award in 2018, and chalked up a #1 Kindle bestseller

*'A gorgeous book about second-chances, brimming with love and overflowing with hope.'*  
– Milly Johnson, bestselling author of *The Teashop on the Corner* (on *The Last Goodbye*)

*'Beautifully told and full of hope, this love story will touch your heart.'* – Helen Rolfe, author of *The Little Village Library* (on *The Last Goodbye*)

# The Supper Club

## Sophie King

Read by Helen Keeley



A fun, uplifting and relatable story about family, relationships and love from author Sophie King.

Lucy's infamous dinner parties were always the talk of the town, but after her husband's death, they've become few and far between. When she gets engaged to her new fiancé, Mike, she decides what better way to introduce him to her friends than by reinstating their supper club.

But a lot has changed in the last six years.

Lucy's best friend, Maggie, must face sitting at the dinner table with her husband's new model girlfriend in tow.

Now a mother, so much of Chrissie's life revolves around changing nappies and mindless baby TV that she worries if she'll still be good company.

The only single one of the group, Jenny is not interested in finding a man and wishes her older sister would stop trying to set her up with the handsome new neighbour.

Perhaps Lucy has bitten off more than she can chew with these dinner parties, but what's a little wine among old friends anyway?

Perfect for fans of Fiona Gibson, Carmen Reid and Tracy Bloom

Sophie King is author of *It's a Mum's Life*, *The School Run*, *The House Share* and *The Wedding Party*

King also writes under the name of Janey Fraser

*'The characters are sympathetic, and readers will cheer them to the last course.'*

– Publishers Weekly

*'With lots of well drawn characters to keep your interest this is a charming and amusing novel of gossip scandal in the suburbs. Great fun.'* – LoveReading

# Wishing Water

Luckpenny Land #3

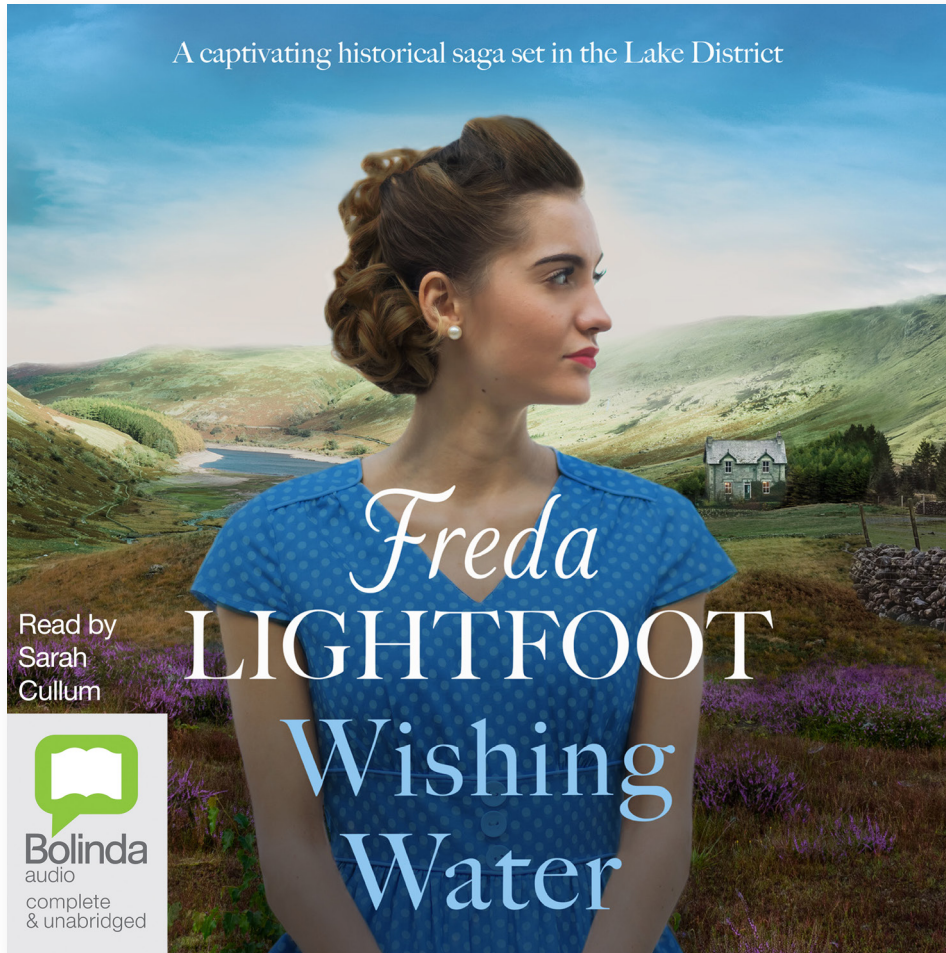
Freda Lightfoot

Read by Sarah Cullum

Adult New Release

Sagas | December 2024

A captivating historical saga set in the Lake District



A captivating historical saga set in the Lake District, from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Freda Lightfoot.

*Her desire for love will have disastrous consequences ...*

Lissa Turner has everything a girl could wish for. She's beautiful, intelligent and has a wonderful family in the picturesque Lake District. But despite her good fortune, Lissa is unhappy. Her mother abandoned her as a baby, and ever since, she's been wracked with insecurity, fearing everyone else will leave her too.

As soon as she is old enough, she takes up a job in Carreckwater, a lively village in the heart of the Lake District. She makes many friends, but Lissa's need to be loved and cherished leads her to rush into marriage. Can she make the relationship work, or will she live to regret her decision?

Perfect for fans of Ruth Hamilton and Rosie Goodwin

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

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

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

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

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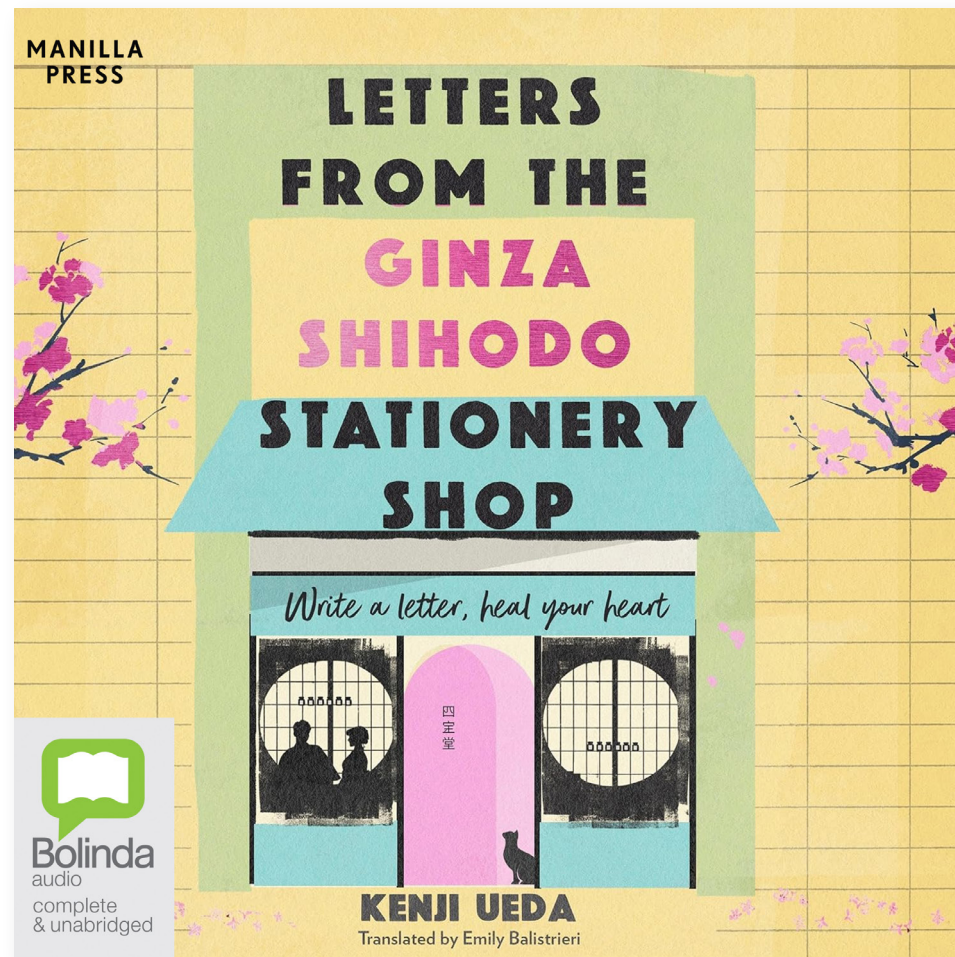
# Letters from the Ginza Shihodo Stationery Shop

Kenji Ueda

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Romance | December 2024



For lovers of *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* and *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop*, a story about the beauty of humble objects, the power of writing and reconnecting with those you have lost.

*Write your story, heal your heart ...*

Hidden away in a corner of the Ginza neighbourhood is a venerable stationery shop. To venture inside is to find everything your stationery-loving heart desires, from the most delicate paper to fountain pens that fit exactly to the shape of your hand to gorgeously coloured inks. The shop owner intuits your every need, inviting you to take a seat at a small wooden table on the top floor, where you'll find the words flowing, helping you unlock repressed memories, secret longings and your own mysteries.

To this shop comes a young company employee, uncertain in his career and needing a connection back to his past, the hostess of an elegant club, the vice-captain of a high-school archery team, an ageing businessman and a formerly homeless sushi chef. With impeccable manners and a warm demeanour, the shop owner helps each of them with more than just their stationery needs.

Kenji Ueda is a Japanese novelist known for blending fantasy with the charm of everyday life

Born in Tokyo in 1969, Ueda made his debut as a writer in 2021 with *Teppan (The Iron Griddle)*, the revised version of a work he wrote in 2019 for the 1st Japan Delicious Fiction Award

*'Author Kenji Ueda dispenses information in a clever way that keeps the pages turning and has a keen eye for the interpersonal relationships that make up not only people's lives but community and contemporary society in Japan.'* – Emily Books Agency

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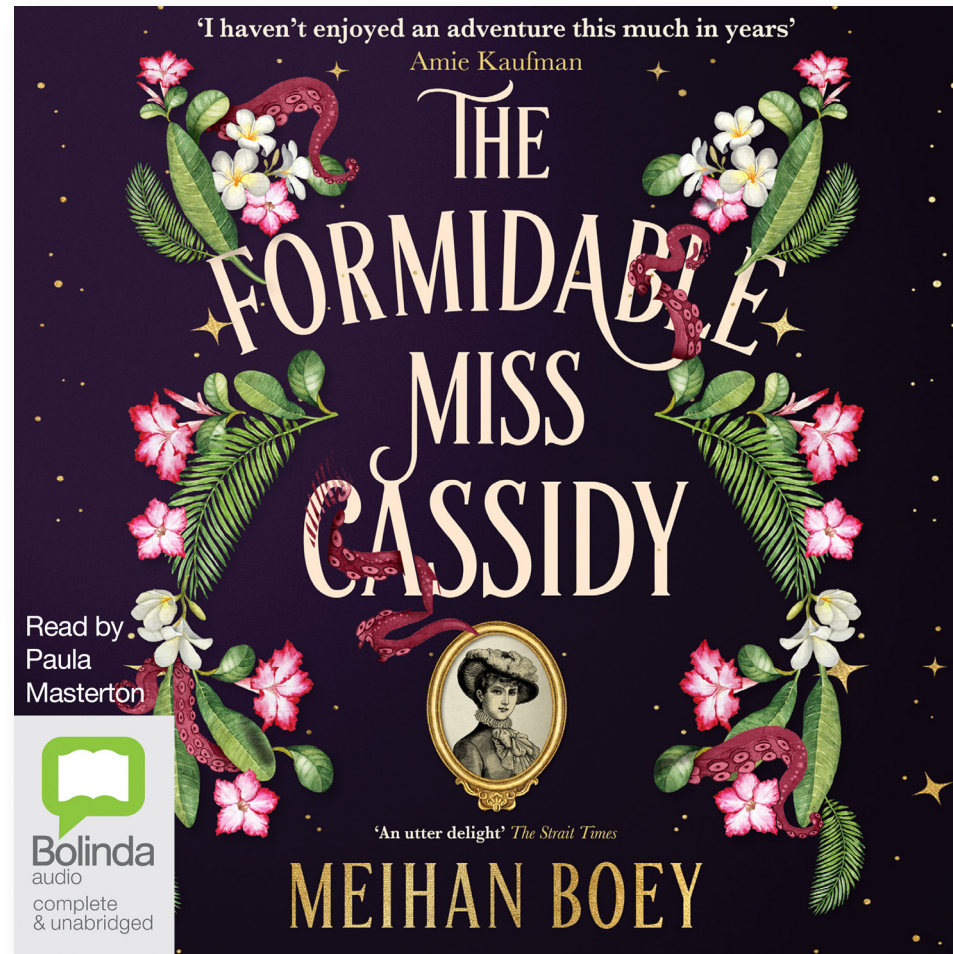
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# The Formidable Miss Cassidy

Meihan Boey

Read by Paula Masterton



An enchanting historical fantasy, in which an enigmatic Scottish governess attempts to solve a series of supernatural mysteries in 19th-Century Singapore.

Miss Cassidy is no ordinary governess.

She can tutor the most wayward child, tell stories in multiple languages and fix any household crisis. But she also deals with problems of a far more dark and dangerous kind.

Arriving in 1890s Singapore, this formidable, flame-haired Scotswoman soon finds herself (among other things) ridding a house of a bloodthirsty demon and raising a spirit from the dead. But when she is hired by the wealthy Chinese widower Mr Kay, whose family is suffering from a terrible curse, she must battle forces far more ancient and powerful than any she has encountered – not to mention the unexpected impulses of her own heart ...

An irresistible brew of magic, romance and mystery, *The Formidable Miss Cassidy* invites you to embark on a thrilling supernatural adventure alongside an unforgettable heroine.

*The Formidable Miss Cassidy* won the Singapore Books Award and was co-winner of the Epigram Books Fiction Prize

Meihan Boey is a Singaporean novelist and vice president of the Association of Comic Artists of Singapore

Boey came up with the character of Miss Cassidy while writing a short story pitting a familiar Victorian British governess figure against one of Southeast Asia's most terrifying ghouls, the pontianak

*'What a delight – I haven't enjoyed an adventure this much in years. Great fun, completely immersive and bursting with characters who leap off the page. A debut as impressive as Miss Cassidy herself!' – Amie Kaufman, New York Times bestselling co-author of the Aurora Cycle*

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December new releases 2024



# Monsters of Men & Snowscape

Chaos Walking #3 & 3.5

Patrick Ness

Read by Humphrey Bower

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | December 2024



A heart-stopping tale from bestselling and award-winning author Patrick Ness featuring a Chaos Walking short story *Snowscape* set shortly after the events of *Monsters of Men*.

*Monsters of Men*: Three armies march on New Prentisstown, each one intent on destroying the others. Todd and Viola are caught in the middle, with no chance of escape. As the battles commence, how can they hope to stop the fighting? How can there ever be peace when they're so hopelessly outnumbered? And if war makes monsters of men, what terrible choices await? But then a third voice breaks into the battle, one bent on revenge ...

*Snowscape*: Set shortly after the events of *Monsters of Men*, this gripping story tells of a scout ship that discovers a monstrous creature lurking in the arctic wastes of the New World's final frontier. As the crew, including two much loved characters from the trilogy, face up to the monster, sensational new truths about Todd and Viola's world are revealed.

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

The first title in the Chaos Walking series, *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, is now a major motion picture starring Tom Holland and Daisy Ridley

'A fantastic sum-up to the trilogy and it is the best one yet.' – The Guardian (on *Monsters of Men*)

'This is science fiction at its best, and is a singular fusion of brutality and idealism that is, at last, perfectly human.' – Booklist (on *Monsters of Men*)

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# Deborah Goes to Dover

The Travelling Matchmaker #5

**M.C. Beaton**

Read by Colleen Prendergast

Adult New Release

Romance | December 2024

The engaging Miss Hannah Pym delights all as she resumes her matchmaking adventures aboard the English stage – when lonely hearts chance across her intrepid path they're sure to find themselves en route for romance.

Destined for Dover, Miss Pym has her matchmaking work cut out for her when she encounters the pretty but hoydenish Lady Deborah Western! Encouraged by an unruly twin brother, the spirited, golden-haired Deborah seems set on dressing and acting the tomboy, much to the dismay of her handsome neighbour, the Earl of Ashton ...

To Deb, the earl is a dull stick, always lecturing on the behaviour of a proper lady. But her desire to fish, hunt and ride astride is quickly replaced with more romantic notions when the tall, green-eyed earl challenges her to a horse race and wins himself an unforgettable kiss.

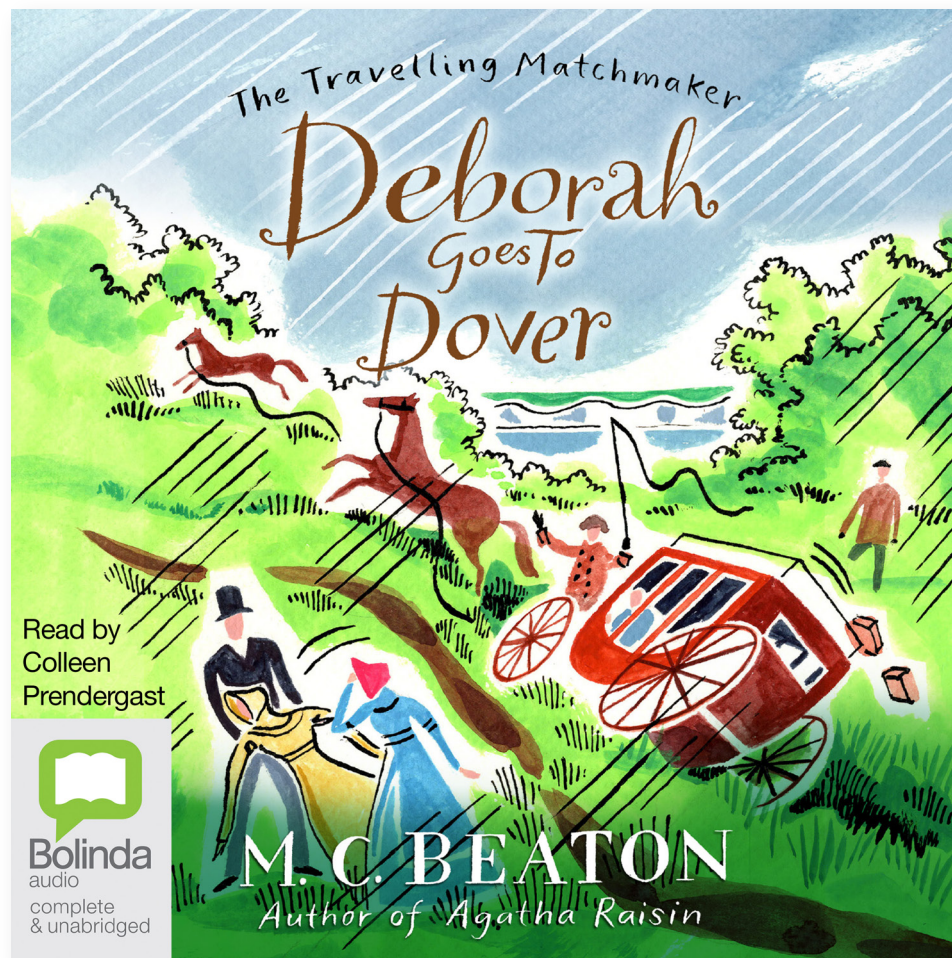
Miss Pym can't resist the opportunity to match-make, and with the help of her clever manoeuvrings, Lady Deborah will soon be well and truly matched – perhaps even to the earl himself!

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

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

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

*'Lady Deborah's transition to womanhood and the reappearance of an old enemy of Miss Pym's liven up the proceedings before all ends well. As always, Chesney's story is frothily entertaining.'* – Publishers Weekly



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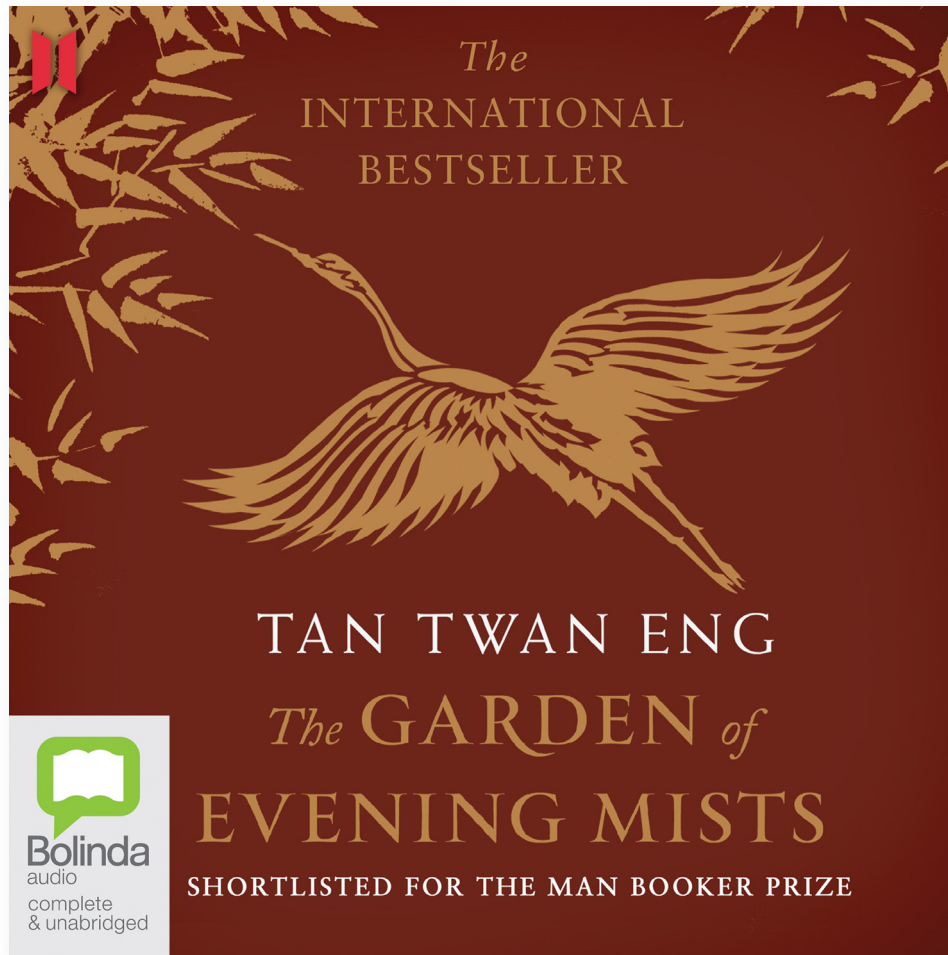
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# The Garden of Evening Mists

Tan Twan Eng

Narrator to Come



A story of art, war, love and memory, *The Garden of Evening Mists* captures a dark moment in history with richness, power and incredible beauty.

Teoh Yun Ling was seventeen years old when she first heard about Aritomo and the garden. But a war would come to Malaya, and a decade pass before she would travel to see him. A man of extraordinary skill and reputation, Aritomo was once the gardener for the Emperor of Japan, and now Yun Ling needs him. She needs him to help her build a memorial to her beloved sister, killed at the hands of the Japanese. She wants to learn everything Aritomo can teach her, and do her sister proud, but to do so she must also begin a journey into her own past, a past inextricably linked with the secrets of her troubled country.

*The Garden of Evening Mists* was shortlisted for the 2012 Man Booker Prize and for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award 2014

*The Garden of Evening Mists* won the Man Asian Literary Prize and the Walter Scott Prize in 2013

It was adapted into an award-winning film in 2019, starring Sylvia Chang, Angelica Lee Sinje, Hiroshi Abe, Tan Kheng Hua, John Hannah, David Oakes, Julian Sands, and was directed by notable Taiwanese director Tom Lin

*'Complex and powerful ... sophisticated and satisfying.'* – Sunday Times

*'An elegant and haunting novel of war, art and memory ... its beauty never comes to rest.'* – The Independent



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December new releases 2024

# Super Sleuth

## David Walliams

Narrator to Come

From million-copy bestselling author David Walliams comes his first ever murder mystery – with thrills, spills and laughs galore.

Dilly loved a good murder. Not a REAL murder. A made-up murder. One you would find in a murder mystery novel.

Sherlock Holmes was her favourite detective, so much so that she had named her dog Watson after his faithful companion. Dilly had trained her Watson to sniff out clues and follow scent trails. Something he would happily do for a dog biscuit. Or two.

So far, Dilly and Watson hadn't had much luck cracking cases – beyond lost cats, or missing biscuits that turned out to have been eaten all along. But now the detective duo found themselves on a luxury ocean liner bound for London. A thousand passengers. A thousand nautical miles of ocean around them. It was the perfect place for a murder ...

Or two. Or three. Or four. Or MORE!

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

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

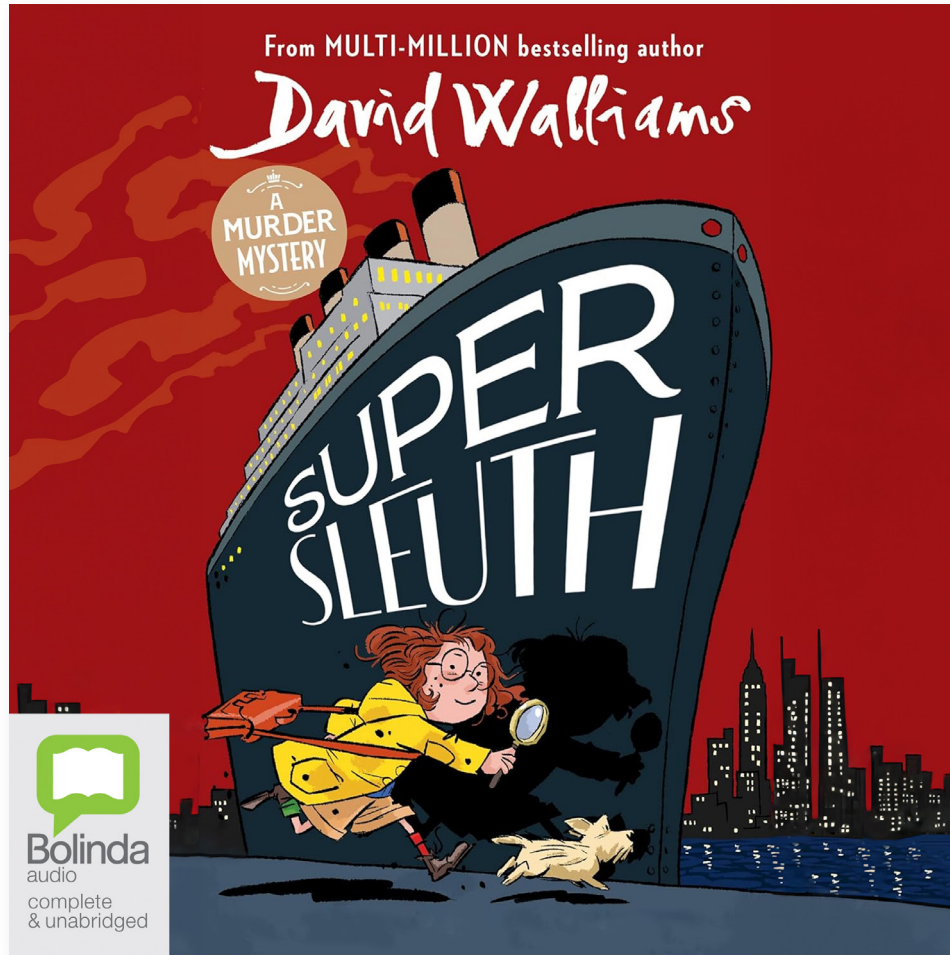
Walliams's other titles, *Ratburger*, *Demon Dentist* and *Awful Auntie*, have all won the National Book Awards Children's Book of the Year

'Budding junior detective Dilly finds herself at the centre of a real-life murder mystery aboard an ocean liner in this gripping and very funny page-turner from the bestselling duo.'

– Waterstones

'For kids who would normally look at you as if you're mad to suggest reading for pleasure.'

– The Independent (on the World's Worst series)



# Fluff, Unstoppable!

Fluff #3

**Matt Stanton**

Read by the Author

COVER COMING SOON

# Fluff, Unstoppable!

Matt Stanton



complete &  
unabridged

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | December 2024

The third in the hilarious and unmissable new series about Gilbert, a boy whose best friend is an imaginary giant fluffy bunny called Fluff, from the creator of series like *The Odds*, *Funny Kid* and *Bored*.

Gilbert is determined to win the local surfing competition and he will do anything to make it happen.

To be a real winner, maybe he needs ...

A BUNNY TO BEND THE RULES!

A hilarious story full of heart and packed with disguises, octopuses, lawn bowls and boxing grandpas!

From the creator of *Funny Kid* and *The Odds* comes ... the best friend you could ever imagine ... Fluff!

**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

Stanton is the author of the middle-grade series, *Funny Kid*, which debuted as the #1 Australian kids' book and has fans all around the world

Stanton has 20 picture books to his name, including the award-winning *Books That Drive Kids Crazy!* and *Fart Monster* series, and is the creator of the immensely popular graphic novel series, *The Odds*, and the *Bored* novels

*'Fluff is entertaining and laugh-out-loud funny, expertly mixing humour and heart.'* – Books+Publishing (on *Fluff, Bullies Beware*)

*'I can see Fluff quickly gaining a fanship to rival Funny Kid, and I can't wait to see where this dynamic duo takes us next.'* – Better Reading (on *Fluff, Bullies Beware*)

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# The Scorpion's Sting

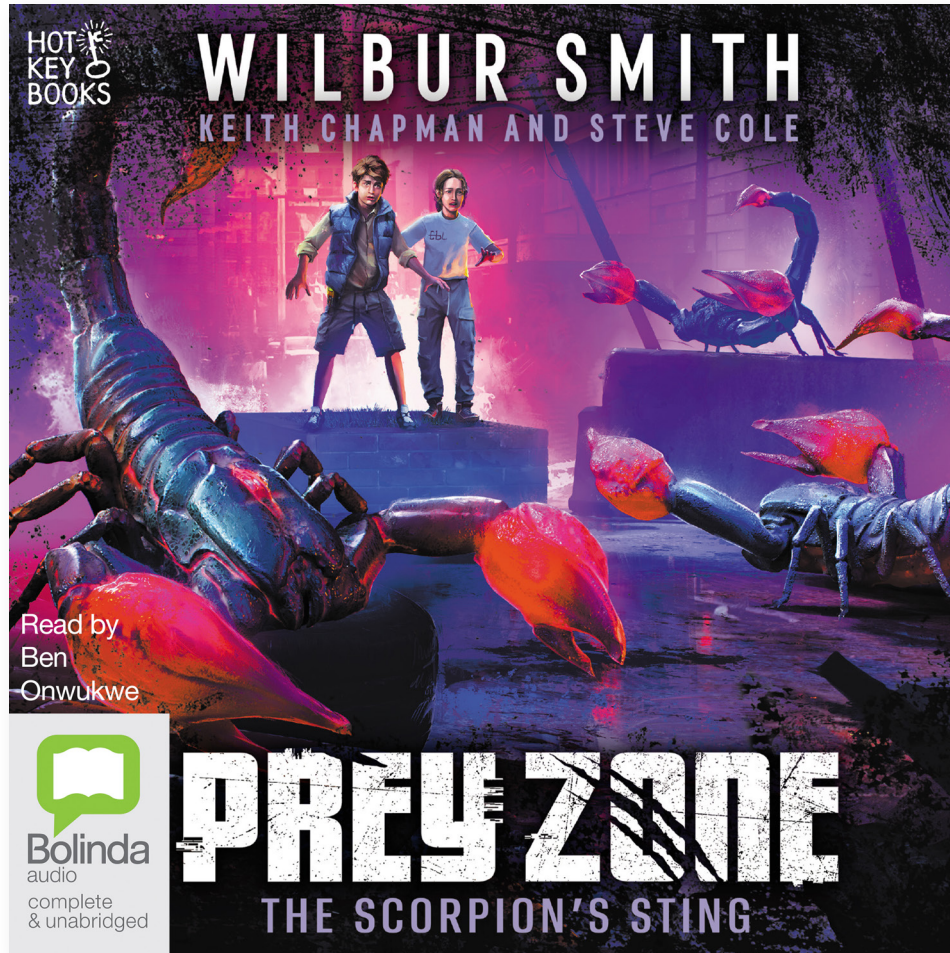
Prey Zone #3

Wilbur Smith, Steve Cole & Keith Chapman

Read by Ben Onwukwe

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | December 2024



The explosive finale to the Prey Zone series from global bestseller Wilbur Smith – starring teen protagonists Ralph and Robyn Ballantyne.

In the remote South African bush, the Ballantynes have captured the villainous Josef Gerhard and made him their prisoner. After his monstrous preda-saur unleashed a deadly virus on the world, and he framed the Ballantynes for it, he deserves to pay.

But Robyn and Ralph are also racing to get the newly-created vaccine for the disease out before it's too late, and stop Gerhard's partner in crime, President Mbato, from snatching power once again.

It's time to leave the wilderness and head to the city for the final showdown. But predators stalk the streets there too, and this time they've got a killer sting ...

Wilbur Smith has published over 50 global bestsellers, including the Courtney Series, the Ballantyne Series, the Egyptian Series, the Hector Cross Series and many successful standalone novels

Keith Chapman is a television writer and producer, best known as the creator of children's television programmes *Bob the Builder* and *PAW Patrol*

Steve Cole is the bestselling author of over 150 books of which sales exceed three million copies

*'Nail-biting and adventure-packed. It demonstrates why Smith is hailed as the master of adventure fiction.'* – Better Reading (on *Thunderbolt*)

*'Every bit as edge-of-your-seat-entertaining.'* – LoveReading 4 Kids (on *Thunderbolt*)

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# Cobweb

## Michael Morpurgo

Read by Iestyn Arwel

A heartwarming new story of bravery, friendship and an incredible journey, for children and adults everywhere from the bestselling author of *War Horse*.

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*Britain. 1815.* After years of loss and sacrifice, the end of the war with Napoleon is approaching.

Cobweb knows nothing of the war – he loves being a young puppy and playing with his owner, Bethan, exploring the countryside and chasing rabbits. But when he is taken away from Bethan and sold, Cobweb must learn to become a Drover's Dog – herding sheep and cattle for hundreds of miles on the long, treacherous journey to London.

And after the Napoleonic wars finally come to an end with the Battle of Waterloo, Cobweb meets an unexpected stranger with an incredible tale to tell on his journey home ...

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*Cobweb* is a powerful, moving adventure inspired by the extraordinary true story of the French Drummer Boy of Waterloo

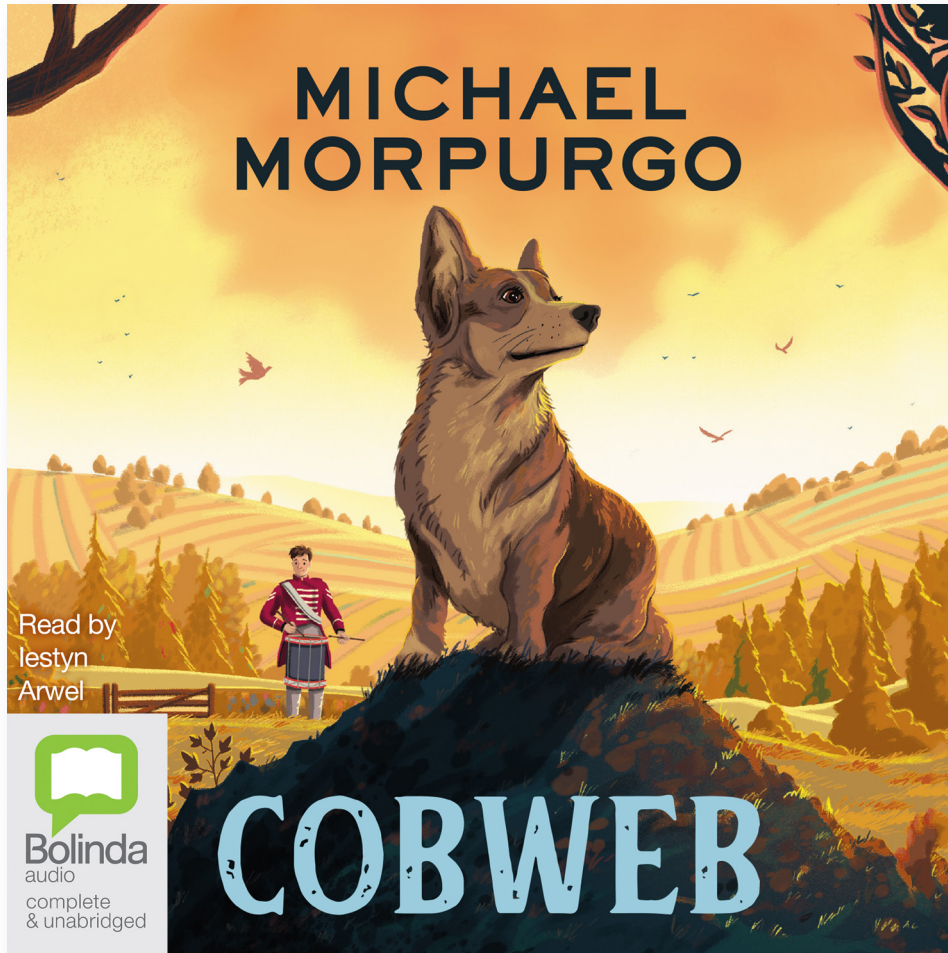
Michael Morpurgo OBE is one of Britain's best loved authors for children, with sales of over 35 million copies

Morpurgo has written over 150 titles and has served as Children's Laureate

Morpurgo has won many prizes, including the Smarties Prize, the Writers Guild Award, the Whitbread Award, the Blue Peter Book Award and the Eleanor Farjeon Lifetime Achievement Award

*'Moving, unique and utterly charming. This is why Michael Morpurgo is the nation's favourite storyteller.'* – Hannah Gold, author of *The Last Bear*

*'A truly wonderful story of courage and loyalty, adventure and purpose, and how opening our hearts to people – and dogs – can make us better human beings. No one tells an animal tale like Michael Morpurgo.'* – Emma Carroll, bestselling award-winning author of *Letters to the Lighthouse*





# Isadora Moon Collection 9

Isadora Moon #19 & 20

## Harriet Muncaster

Read by Katy Sobey



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | December 2024

Join Isadora Moon in these enchanting new stories filled with laughter, mishaps, and unexpected surprises, perfect for listeners who want their magic and sparkle with a bit of bite.

### *Isadora Moon Helps Out*

When Isadora's mum comes down with the fairy flu, Isadora wants to be the best nurse that she can be. Determined to make her mum feel better, she sets off on a series of helpful gestures. But when Isadora's attempts at magic go awry, she accidentally causes baby sister Honeyblossom to grow to giant proportions! Can she find a cure before the situation gets even bigger?

### *Isadora Moon Makes a Wish*

Isadora loves the night, bats and her black tutu, but she also loves the sunshine, her magic wand and Pink Rabbit. She is proud to be different, but with parents like hers, everyday activities don't always go to plan! When Isadora discovers a wishing well, the mischievous nymph who lives inside grants her the wish of constant happiness. But being happy all the time isn't quite as enjoyable as Isadora expects. Can Isadora convince the nymph to undo the wish, and allow her to feel all of her feelings again?

The Isadora Moon titles have sold over five million copies worldwide and are available in more than 30 languages, including Spanish, Italian, Romanian and Korean

The Isadora Moon series won the El Corte Inglés Children's Book of the Year in 2019

An animated series based on Isadora Moon and developed by Kelebek Media is available to watch and stream now on Sky Kids in the UK

*'My rating for this book is 5/5 because it is a little bit silly, a lot of fun and full of magic!'* – Books Up North (on *Isadora Moon meets the Tooth Fairy*)

*'Isadora Moon is a unique heroine with an out-of-this-world family!'* – LoveReading 4 Kids (on *Isadora Moon gets the Magic Pox*)

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# The Magic Moment and Other Stories

Mindful Stories to Help Children Deal with Difficult Emotions

**Niall Breslin**

Read by Emma Lowe

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | December 2024

A collection of stories that helps children explore difficult emotions from bestselling author and mental health advocate Niall Breslin.

*The Magic Moment:* Freddie is excited about his first trip to the swimming pool. But when he gets there, he finds it scary. Later that evening, Nana teaches him a secret trick. It's called the Magic Moment Trick and it gives you superpowers when you're facing something scary.

*Take Five:* When Freddie sees all the presents his friend Ben gets for his birthday, he feels a bit sad. Nana teaches Freddie how to be thankful for everything he has – together they count all the wonderful things in their lives.

*The Chill Skill:* When Sam's mum takes her phone back, Sam begins to feel cross. So, Grandad teaches her a breathing technique, which puts out the angry flames that are making her feel hot and bothered.

*Follow My Lead:* Sam has so much going on in her life that she sometimes gets quite overwhelmed. But a walk in the park and Dad's special breathing exercise soon calm her busy mind down!

*The Sleep Scan:* Freddie wakes up grumpy after a bad night's sleep. When Nana tries to help him at dinner time, he snaps at her. She explains that being tired makes everything feel worse, but she knows just the trick to help him get to sleep.

Niall Breslin is one of Ireland's most formidable and inspiring mental health advocates and public speakers

An active polymath, Breslin is also a bestselling author, podcaster, musician, philanthropist and a former professional athlete

As founder and Creative Director of the mental health advocacy charity A Lust for Life, Breslin has further contributed significantly to his standing as a key figure in the evolving conversation around mental health in Ireland



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# The Lost Book of Magic

The Grandest Bookshop in the World #3

Amelia Mellor

Read by Meg Dunn

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | December 2024

Reunite with old friends, solve fiendish puzzles and find lost treasures from across the globe in the sweeping conclusion to *The Grandest Bookshop in the World*.

It's 1895, Melbourne is in crisis, and Pearl and Vally Cole's father has suggested the unthinkable – it might be time to close the grandest bookshop in the world.

When a ghostly visitor offers Pearl magic that could save her home, she seizes her chance. But her new friend is not what he seems, and the unstoppable magic in the palm of her hand comes at a terrible cost.

Vally can see just one way to save Pearl before she is lost forever. He must call upon the sinister magician who nearly destroyed the Cole family two years ago. But the Obscurosmith only performs the impossible for a price ...

Amelia Mellor's debut novel, *The Grandest Bookshop in the World*, has won an Australian Book Industry Award, an Indie Book Award, a NSW Premier's Literary Award and a Booksellers' Choice Award

*The Grandest Bookshop in the World* was awarded the 2018 Ian Wilson Memorial Fellowship from the May Gibbs Children's Literature Trust

Mellor's other writing credits include a 2018 ASA Award Mentorship and a finalist place in the 2016 Grace Marion Wilson Emerging Writers' Contest

'Amelia Mellor has crafted a fine piece of social history as well as a riveting adventure story for readers 10+.' – Better Reading (on *The Grandest Bookshop in the World*)

'A wonder ... [It] has wizardry, absurdism, and magic to boot, and the reader is ushered along a pacey narrative structured by bizarre challenges, puzzles, and ordeals.' – The Book Bird (on *The Grandest Bookshop in the World*)



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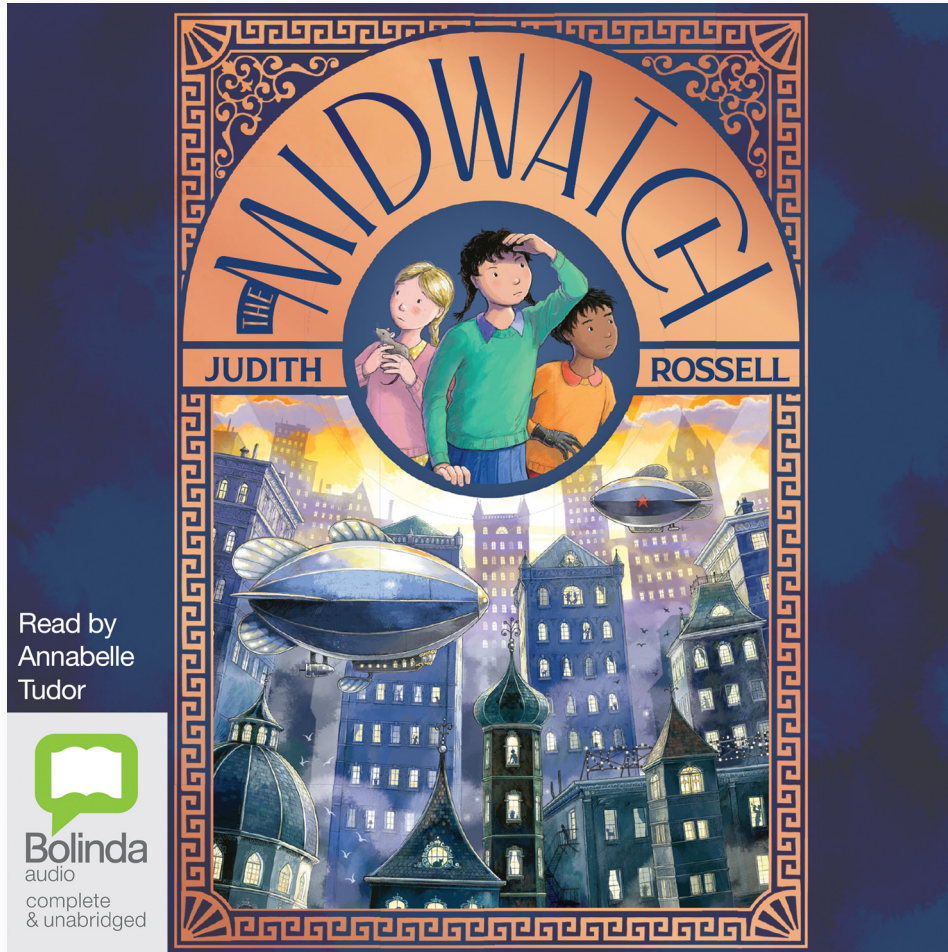
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# The Midwatch

Judith Rossell

Read by Annabelle Tudor



Read by  
Annabelle  
Tudor



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Prepare to be drawn into a world, brimming with mystery, unlikely heroines and an adventure as big as the sky in this long-awaited new middle-grade tale from internationally bestselling author Judith Rossell.

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*The city was stuffed full of wickedness, everyone knew that ...*

Banished to the Midwatch Institute for Orphans, Runaways and Unwanted Girls, Maggie Fishbone is sure she's in for a life of drudgery. But she quickly discovers there's more to the Midwatch than meets the eye ...

The city shimmers with jewels and secrets, and soon Maggie is thrust into an adventure that takes her deep underground, high above the clouds and face to face with danger itself.

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Judith Rossell is the multi-award-winning author-illustrator of the bestselling Stella Montgomery series

Rossell has written 16 books and illustrated more than 80 – her books have been published in the UK, the USA and have been translated into nearly 20 languages

Rossell has been a Writer in Residence in Heidelberg, Germany, and run illustration workshops with children around the world

*'Gasp-out-loud brilliant! An absolute treasure of a book.'* – Katrina Nannestad, award-winning author of *We Are Wolves*

*'I was hooked from the beginning ... Move over Lemony Snicket!'* – Karen Foxlee, author of *Lenny's Book of Everything*



# Bunny vs Monkey and the Human Invasion!

Bunny vs Monkey

Jamie Smart

Read by Ciaran Saward

Children's New Release

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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.

Since he crash-landed to Earth in a rocket, Monkey has been causing absolute mayhem! Bunny and the gang (Squirrel, Pig, Action Beaver and Skunky the Inventor) have almost had enough.

In this rollicking comic extravaganza, the pint-sized friends must tackle a helliphant, rocket-powered hot air balloons and the most mind-boggling creatures of all ... hew-mans ...

#### Produced with Sound Design and Music for an immersive listening experience

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

'Smart is a comics genius and every one of these strip adventures is full of characters readers will love and packed with gleeful absurdities. No wonder the stories are so popular, there's nothing like them and hardly anything that comes even near their levels of frenetic fun.' – LoveReading4Kids

'Recommend this to fans of James Kolchalka's quirky brand of humor. More fun – and silliness – than a barrel of monkeys.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *Bunny vs Monkey*)

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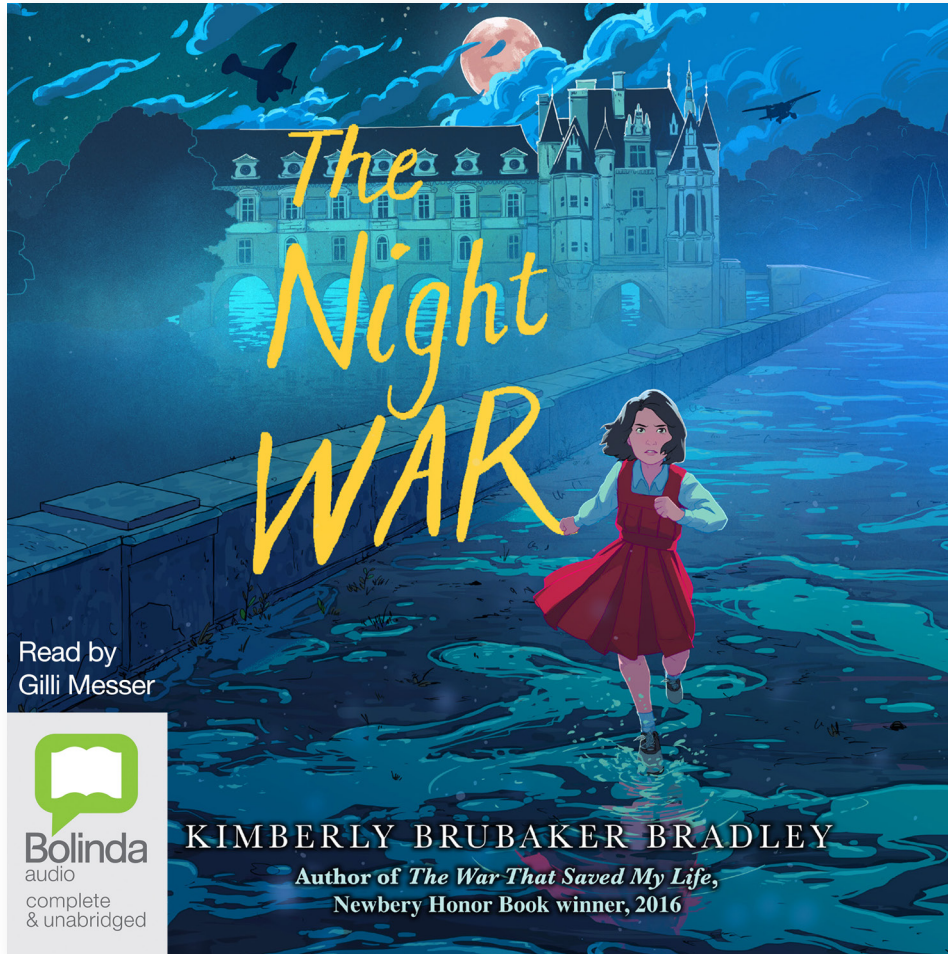
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# The Night War

## Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Read by Gilli Messer



From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The War That Saved My Life* comes a new middle-grade story, in which a girl who has lost everything must decide whether to risk her life to bring others to freedom.

*We don't choose how we feel, but we choose how we act.*

It's 1942. German Nazis occupy much of France. And 12-year-old Miriam, who is Jewish, is not safe. With help and quick thinking, Miri is saved from the roundup that takes her entire Jewish neighbourhood. She escapes Paris, landing in a small French village, where the spires of the famous Chateau de Chenonceau rise high into the sky, its bridge across the River Cher like a promise, a fairy tale.

But Miri's life is no fairy tale. Her parents are gone – maybe alive, maybe not. Taken in at the boarding school near the chateau, pretending to be Catholic to escape Nazi capture, Miri volunteers one night to undertake a deadly task, one that spans the castle grounds, its bridge and the very border to freedom. Here is her chance to escape – hopefully to find her parents. But will she take it? One thing is certain – the person Miri meets that night will save her life. And the person Miri becomes that night could save the lives of many more.

Kimberly Brubaker Bradley is the two-time Newbery Honor-winning and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of several acclaimed middle-grade novels

Bradley's titles include *Fighting Words*, *The War That Saved My Life*, *The War I Finally Won* and *Jefferson's Sons*

*The Night War* is a captivating and often funny story that explores history, moral dilemmas and friendships

*'Historical fiction at its finest. Two-time Newbery honoree Bradley is at her best here; this is a novel that brings layers of the past to life [and showcases] the author's expertise as a gifted storyteller.'* – School Library Journal



# The Age of Enchantment

Chronicles of Whetherwhy #1

Anna James

Read by Mike Grady

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First in a brand-new fantasy series from the author of the acclaimed Pages & Co series, Anna James, filled with seasonal magic and exciting adventure.

In Whetherwhy, everyone has magic inside them – grown from the changing seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter. But a rare few are Enchanters – people born with magic in their bones, who can wield all four seasons of magic.

When Juniper discovers she is an Enchanter, she must leave behind everything she knows to begin studying at the Thistledown Academy of Enchantment. Unwilling to be left behind, her twin brother, Rafferty, decides to follow her to the capital city of Stormgrove and takes up an apprenticeship at a nearby bookbinder.

As Juniper makes new friends and learns how to wield enchantment, Rafferty becomes involved with a mysterious secret society that meet after dark. Monsters are creeping out of the shadows and dangers lurk in unexpected places. Amid night markets and magic lessons, they both realise there is more to enchantment – and life in Whetherwhy – than they could ever have imagined.

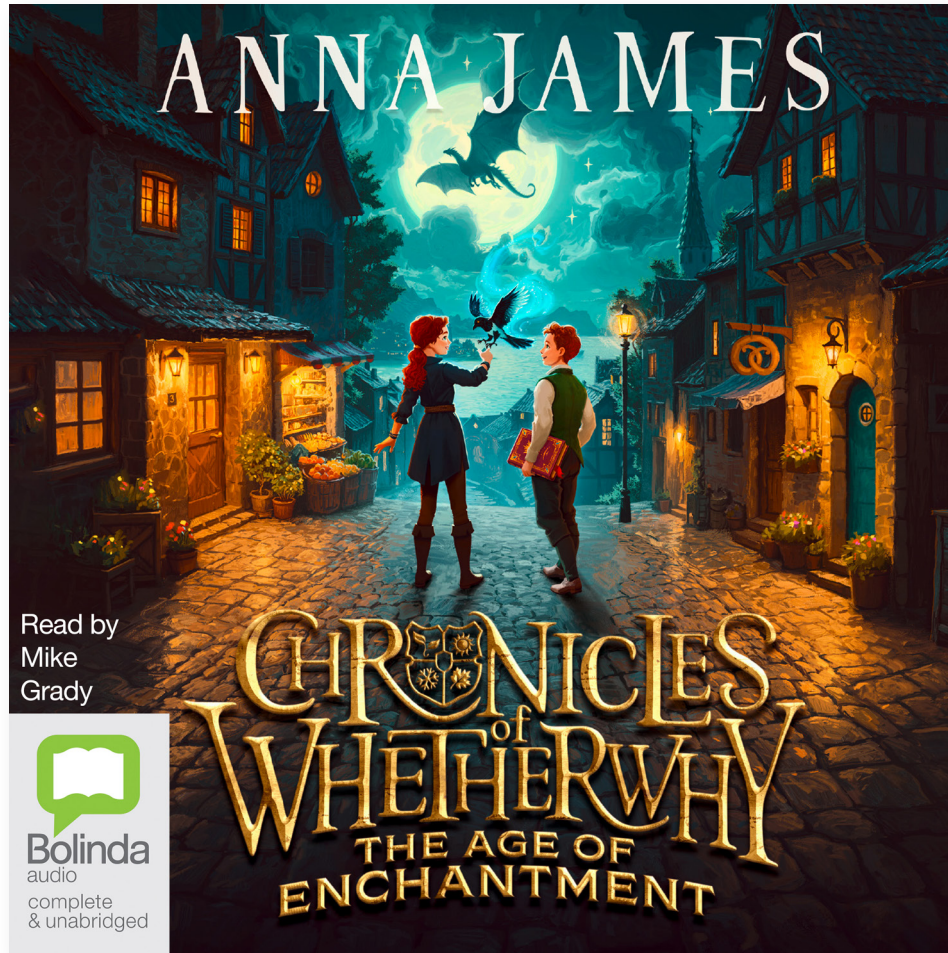
Anna James was the book news editor at *The Bookseller* and literary editor of *Elle UK*

James has written for *The Pool*, *The LA Times*, *The Financial Times* and *The Independent*, as well as making YouTube videos as *A Case for Books*

James was shortlisted for the Kim Scott Walwyn Award for Women in Publishing in 2015, and the London Book Fair Trailblazers Award in 2016

'*Joyously imaginative.*' – Cressida Cowell, international bestselling author of *How to Train Your Dragon* series

'*A warm tribute to the joy of stories ... a thoroughly entertaining magical adventure which will chime with anyone who can't resist just one more chapter.*' – BookTrust (on *Tilly and the Bookwanderers*)



Read by  
Mike  
Grady



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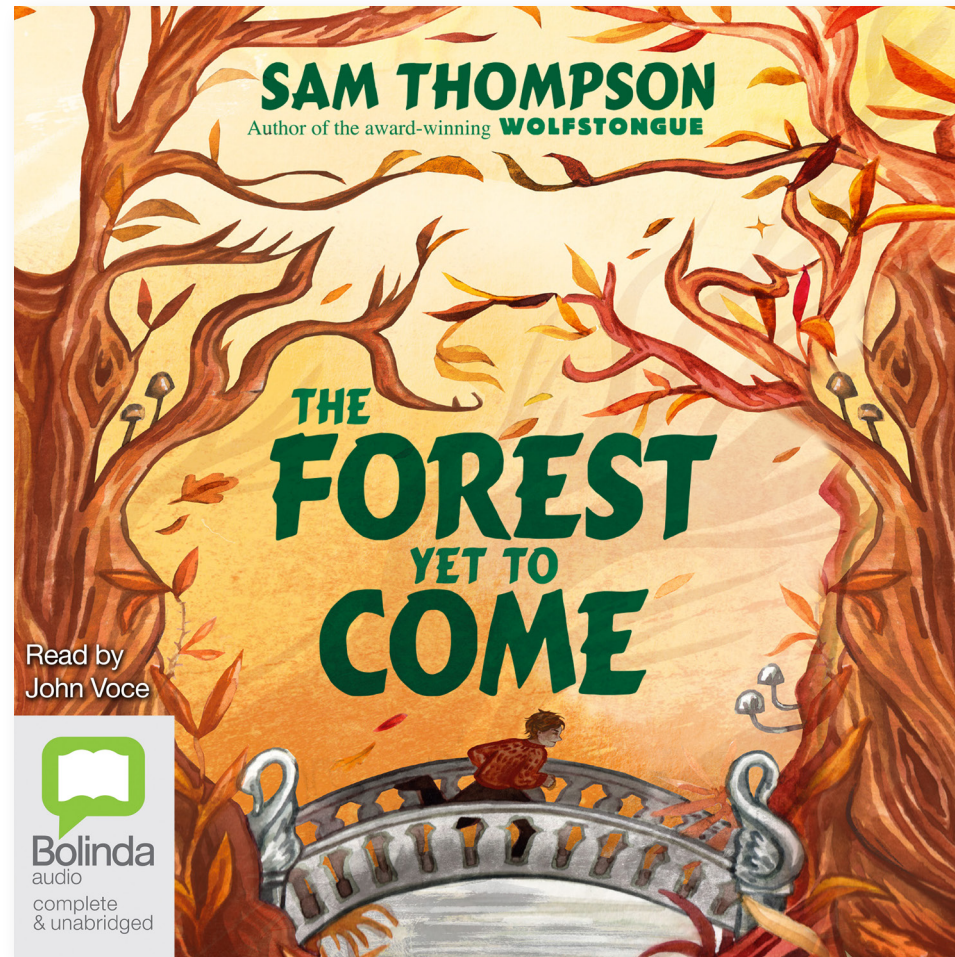


# The Forest Yet to Come

Wolfstongue #3

Sam Thompson

Read by John Voce



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The third instalment of the Wolfstongue saga by Booker Prize longlisted author Sam Thompson.

Faolan and Sally have no memory of their lives before they arrived at the Land ten years ago. In this self-sufficient community, good fortune comes from mysterious beings known as the shapes, and no one is to venture into the Forest – a dangerous place full of fearsome wolves.

When a strange gentleman named Reynard emerges from the Forest, he quickly befriends Faolan and Sally. But the community are both suspicious and enthralled by his storytelling.

In the wake of a terrible attack, the shapes seem to abandon their people. Faolan flees into the Forest seeking the wolves that have always fascinated him, and Reynard and Sally are banished. Their pursuit of Faolan leads them to uncover many mysteries. As they are drawn further in, the community they once knew begins to fracture.

There is no keeping the Forest out any longer, and nothing will ever be the same again.

Sam Thompson's *Wolfstongue* won a 2022 Spark School Book Award and was chosen as an Outstanding International Book 2023 by the US Board on Books for Young People

Thompson's other title *The Fox's Tower* was longlisted for a 2022 British Science Fiction Association Award

'Startlingly original. Sam Thompson is a visionary genius.' – Piers Torday, author of *The Last Wild* trilogy (on *The Fox's Tower*)

'An absolute delight. Warm and thoughtful, full of insight.' – Kelly McCaughrain, author of *Flying Tips for Flightless Birds* (on *Wolfstongue*)

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December new releases 2024

# Superstar

Tennis Camp Diaries #2

Ash Barty & Jasmin McGaughey

Read by Ella Ferris

Children's New Release

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Welcome to the secret diary of future tennis star Ash Barty and her adventures at Tennis Camp, by Ash Barty and Jasmin McGaughey – the team behind the bestselling Little Ash series.

*TOP SECRET! This is the PRIVATE diary of Ash Barty, future tennis SUPERSTAR! So don't tell anyone what I'm about to tell you ... okay?!*

Ash is back at TENNIS CAMP and so HAPPY to see her friends again. When they all find out that they will COMPETE at the end of camp in a singles tournament and the WINNERS will get to be a ball kid at the local grown-ups tournament, they all get SUPER EXCITED! Especially when there's a chance they'll get to meet their tennis heroes AND go on TV!

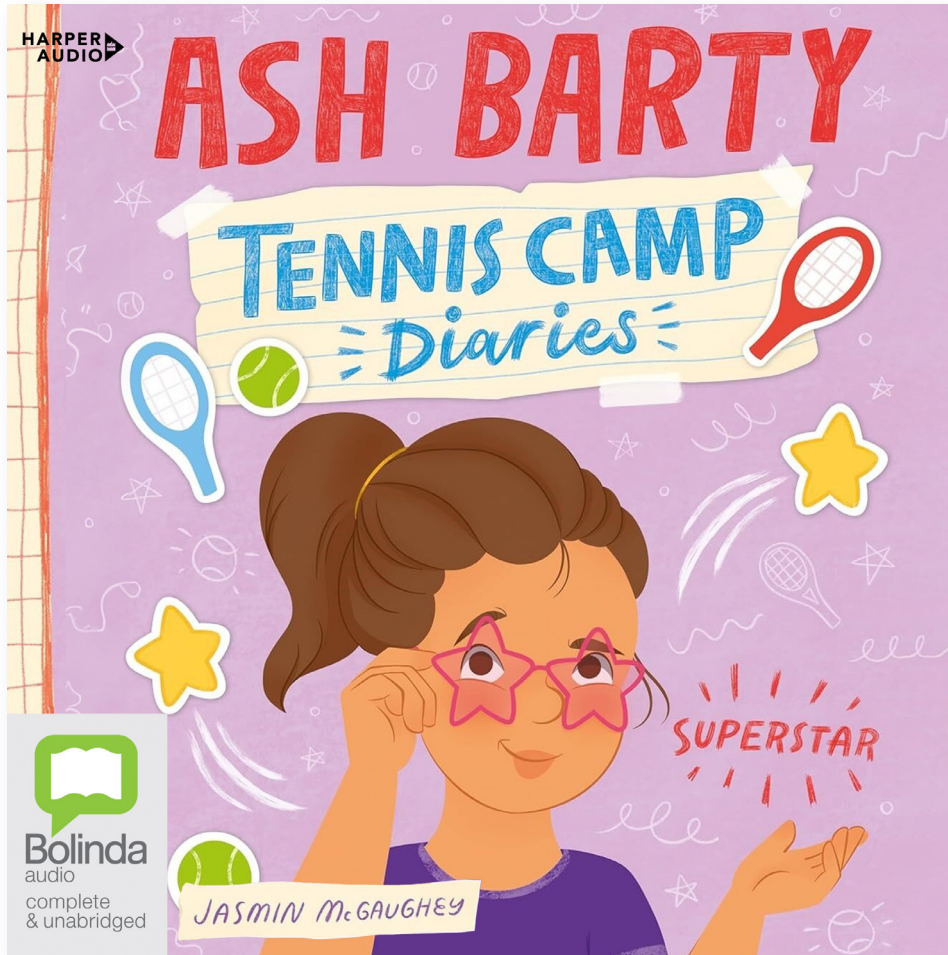
Will Ash get to meet her HEROES and be a BALL KID to the STARS?!"

Ash Barty is an Australian professional tennis player and cricketer, who retired from the sport in 2022, at the age of 25

Barty was the second Australian tennis player to be ranked #1 in the world in singles by the Women's Tennis Association after fellow Indigenous Australian Evonne Goolagong Cawley, holding the ranking for 121 weeks overall

A passionate reader and advocate for children's literacy, Barty has published the bestselling Little Ash series for ages five and up

*'Ash Barty's new series is a wonderful and inspiring look at a young girl discovering her love of sports and doing what she loves. Perfect for those aspiring sports stars, the series is a stellar set of stories ... with heartfelt themes of determination and resilience.'* – Better Reading (on the Little Ash series)



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# Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger

Jackie French

Read by Edwina Wren



The year is 1859 and the goldfields are filled with diggers – and danger.

Orphaned 12-year-old Tigg is the Bandicoot Bushranger, the youngest bushranger on the Ballarat goldfields in 1859.

When a robbery goes wrong, Tigg must flee in disguise as one of the tens of thousands of Chinese men and boys braving heat, thirst, starvation and murderous attacks on the long road from Robe in South Australia to the goldfields in Victoria.

But even further danger threatens. Who has offered a large sum of money for Tigg's capture? And is the mysterious Henry Lau a friend or enemy?

To be safe, Tigg must solve the greatest mystery of all.

Who is Tigg?

Jackie French AM is an award-winning author, the 2014–2015 Australian Children's Laureate and the 2015 Senior Australian of the Year

In 2016, French became a member of the Order of Australia for her contribution to children's literature and her advocacy for youth literacy

*'Jackie French's writing style in Tigg and the Bandicoot Bushranger is a harmonious blend of historical accuracy and vivid storytelling. Her descriptive language paints the Australian landscape in rich detail, immersing readers in the setting without overwhelming them with excessive exposition.'* – Medium

*'French writes in such an enjoyable, humorous style. Ming is a wonderful protagonist, whose journey to discover the girls who changed history is sure to take her to some fascinating places.'* – Better Reading (on Ming and Flo Fight for the Future)

# Eternal

The Dragonrider Heritage #8

**Nicole Conway**

Read by Kristine Hvam & Josh Hurley

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The enthralling conclusion to the bestselling Dragonrider Heritage series you won't be able to stop listening to.

*The dragonriders unite to make their final stand ...*

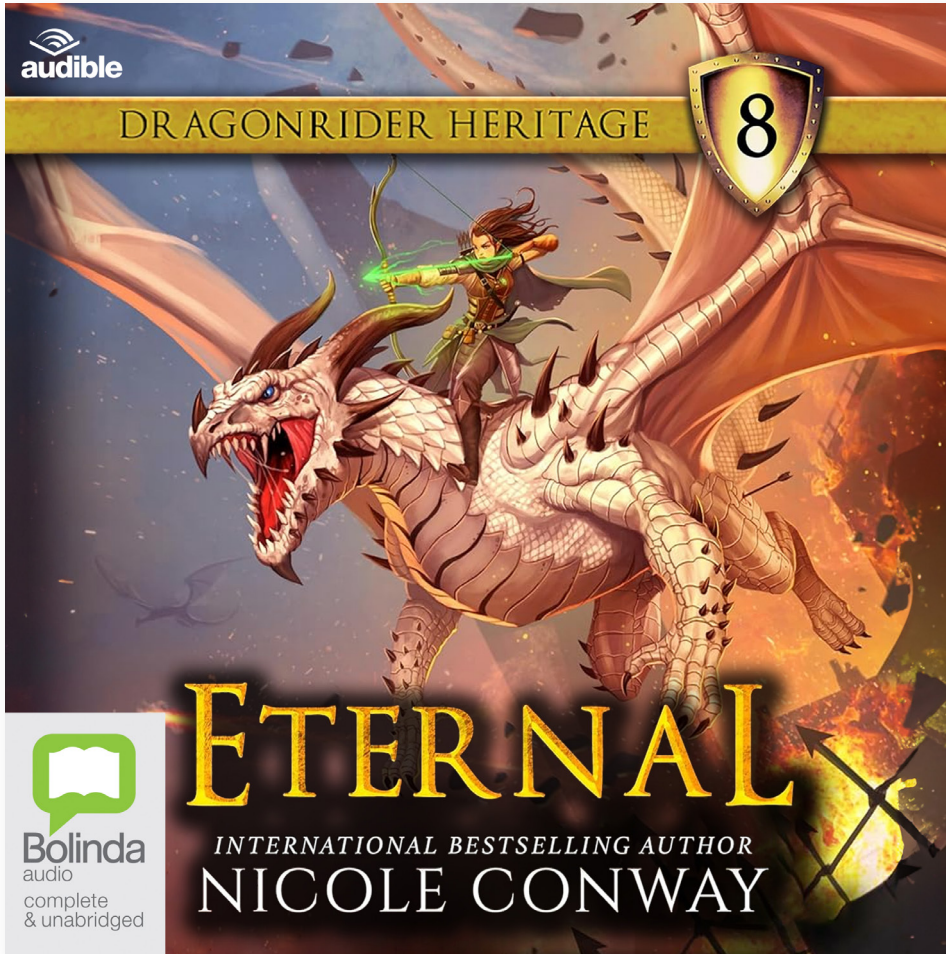
The champions have been chosen. The enemy is on the march. With an all-out battle looming close on the horizon, the fate of their world now rests in the hands of the finest heroes Maldobar can muster – and some new, unexpected allies. Will their divinely gifted powers be enough to thwart the plans of an ancient sorceress bent on destroying everything they love? Or will the dragonriders' final stand demand an ultimate sacrifice from those sworn to the saddle and sword?

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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