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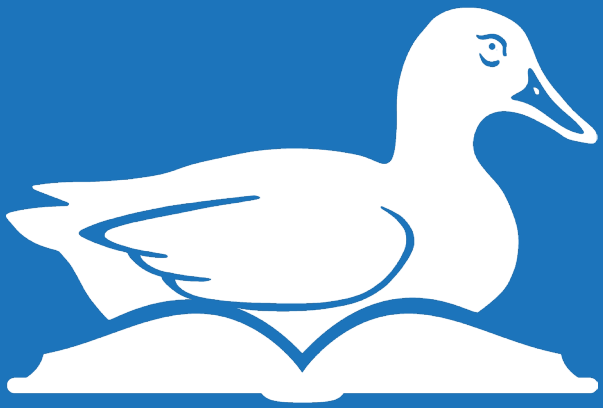
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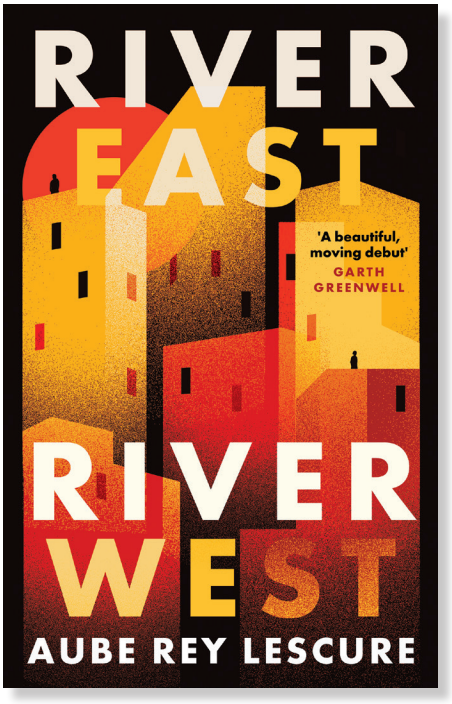
DUCKWORTH, founded in 1898, remains one of the oldest British imprints under independent ownership.

Through its history, Duckworth has published renowned authors including Virginia Woolf, D. H. Lawrence, Anthony Powell, Evelyn Waugh, Charlotte Mew, Oliver Sacks, Beryl Bainbridge and Penelope Fitzgerald.

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A darkly glittering literary debut set in developing modern China

Shanghai, 2007: feeling betrayed by her American mother's engagement to their rich landlord Lu Fang, fourteen-year-old Alva begins plotting her escape.

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River East, River West is a mesmerising exploration of race, identity and family, of capitalism's false promise and private dreams.

River East, River West

Aube Rey Lescure

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Literary fiction
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Territories: UKC ex Can

Aube Rey Lescure is a French-Chinese writer who grew up between Provence, northern China and Shanghai. She worked in foreign policy before turning to writing fulltime. Her work has appeared in *Guernica* and *Best American Essays*. *River East, River West* is her first novel.

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'*River East, River West* is a searing and intimate exploration of both China and the American Dream. Poignant and propulsive, thoughtful and moving. I loved this book'

Jean Kwok, author of *Searching for Sylvie Lee*

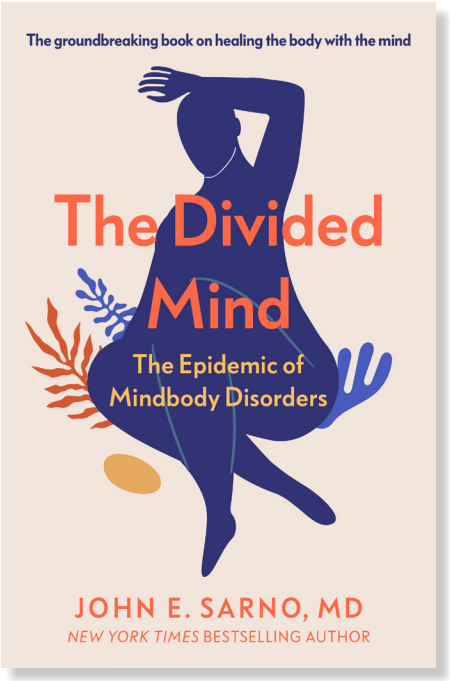
'A moving portrait of the love between a mother and daughter, *River East, River West* portrays, too, the powerlessness of our loves against the riptides of history'

Garth Greenwell, author of *Cleanness*

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In his groundbreaking and perennially popular book, Dr Sarno traces the history of psychosomatic (mindbody) disorders – which can include chronic pain, carpal tunnel, IBS and migraine – and describes their psychology, including how knowledge and awareness can have a restorative impact.

Paving the way for bestsellers like *The Body Keeps the Score*, Sarno was among the first to explore the interaction between the conscious mind and repressed emotional pain in the unconscious mind that can be at the root of such disorders.

The Divided Mind

The Epidemic of Mindbody Disorders

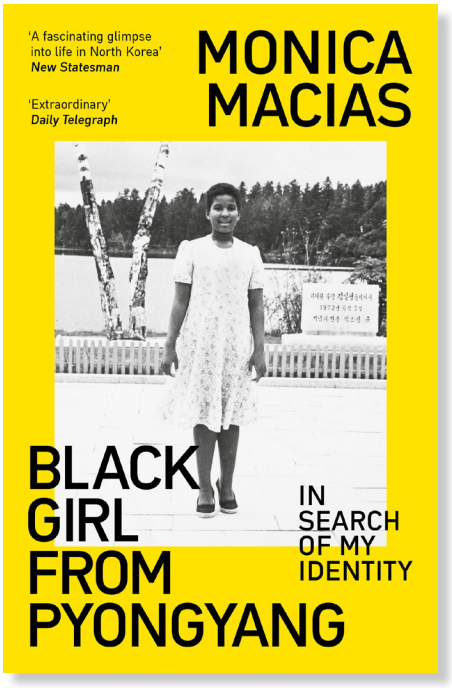
John E. Sarno

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Popular psychology
394 pages | £16.99
Royal trade paperback
Territories: UKC ex Can

'Groundbreaking'
Psychology Today

John E. Sarno, MD (1923–2017) was a physician and professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at the New York University School of Medicine, and had many notable patients. He was the acclaimed author of three earlier books on musculoskeletal pain.

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The extraordinary true story of a West African girl's upbringing in North Korea

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Reaching adulthood, she spent time in Madrid, Malabo, then New York, Seoul and London, in search of her roots. Optimistic yet unflinching, Monica's astonishing story challenges us to see the world through different eyes.

Black Girl From Pyongyang

In Search of My Identity

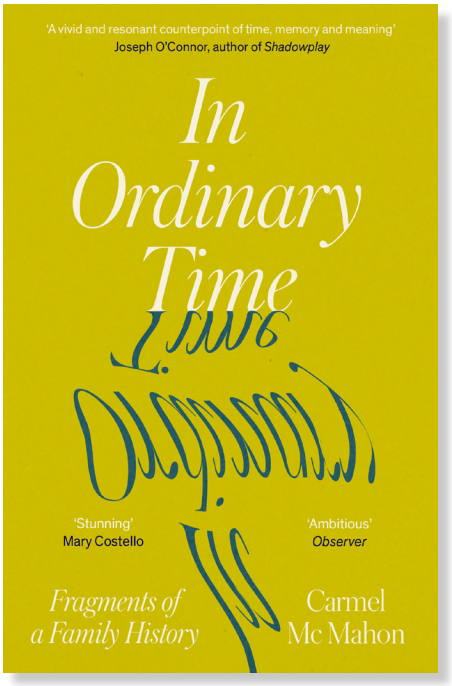
Monica Macias

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'Extraordinary'
Daily Telegraph

Monica Macias is the daughter of the late President of Equatorial Guinea, Francisco Macias. She now lives in south London. This is her first book to be published in English, and she will be the subject of a forthcoming documentary film.

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A highly acclaimed, multi-layered exploration of trauma, memory, grief and addiction

In 1993, aged twenty, Carmel Mc Mahon left Ireland for New York, carrying two suitcases and a ton of unseen baggage. It took years, and a bitter struggle with alcohol addiction, to unpick the intricate traumas of her past and present.

From tragically lost siblings to the broader social scars of the Famine and the Magdalene Laundries, Mc Mahon mines the ways that trauma reverberates through time and through individual lives, drawing connections to the events and rhythms of Ireland's long history.

In Ordinary Time

Fragments of a Family History

Carmel Mc Mahon

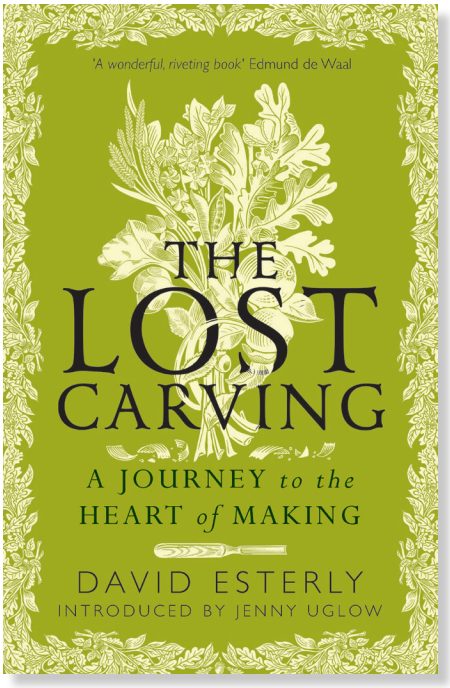
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'Vivid, evocative'
Joseph O'Connor

Carmel Mc Mahon grew up in County Meath, and lived in New York City 1993–2021, when she returned to Ireland's west coast. A graduate of CUNY, her writing has been published in the *Irish Times* and shortlisted for the Hennessy Literary Award.

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An inspiring reflection on creativity and mastery by a world-renowned artisan

On a chance visit to a London church, David Esterly was awestruck by master carver Grinling Gibbons' limewood decorations. He determined to devote himself to learning these lost techniques.

By the time a fire at Hampton Court Palace destroyed much of Gibbons' masterpiece, Esterly was the only candidate to restore his idol's work, over what would prove a testing year.

Highly acclaimed, moving and with a new introduction by celebrated biographer Jenny Uglow, *The Lost Carving* reveals the inspirational secrets of wood and craft.

The Lost Carving

A Journey to the Heart of Making

David Esterley

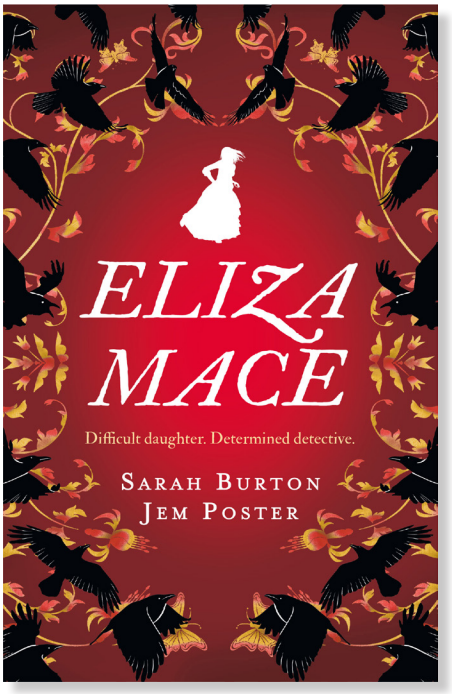
Introduced by Jenny Uglow

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'Wonderful, riveting'
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David Esterley (1944–2019) was considered one of the world's foremost craftsmen of our era. In addition to the carvings at Hampton Court Palace, he curated the V&A Gibbons exhibition in 1998. He has been profiled in the *Economist*, *Financial Times*, *New Yorker* and *New York Times*.

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Enola Holmes meets the novels of Laura Purcell in this female-led Victorian mystery

The Welsh borders, 1870s: on the cusp of adulthood and stuck in a small town, Eliza Mace is thwarted by powers that conspire to protect, control and deceive her. But when her father goes missing in mysterious circumstances, Eliza's determination to uncover the truth is unstoppable.

Joining forces with the charismatic new police constable, Dafydd Pritchard, she sets out to solve the case, but as she searches for evidence, Eliza exposes dark secrets that threaten to tear her world apart...

Eliza Mace

An Eliza Mace Mystery, Book 1

Sarah Burton, Jem Poster

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Sarah Burton has published several books, including the HWA Debut Crown-shortlisted *The Strange Adventures of H.*

Jem Poster is the author of two acclaimed historical novels, *Courting Shadows* and *Rifling Paradise*, and co-author with Sarah of a guide for fiction writers. They live in the Welsh borders.

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A thought-provoking answer to the burning question: how should we act in the climate emergency?

In a globalised world hurtling towards environmental destruction, how do we determine the right actions? Do our individual efforts to avoid air travel or drive electric make any real difference?

We urgently need to expand our ethical toolkit to tackle such huge, collective problems. From small stuff like single-use plastics to major decisions like whether to have children, philosopher Travis Rieder defines exactly how we can change our thinking and lead a decent, meaningful life in a scary, complicated world.

Catastrophe Ethics

How to Be Good in a World Gone Bad

Travis Rieder

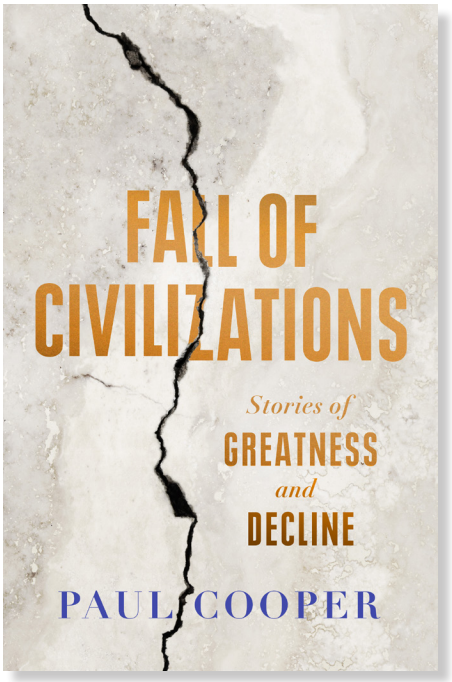
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Anna Lembke

Travis Rieder is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Bioethics at Johns Hopkins University, and has written for *Psychology Today* and the *New York Times*. His first book was *In Pain* and his TED Talk has been viewed 2.5m times. *Catastrophe Ethics* is his second book.

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Landmark ancient world history from the creator of the Top Ten podcast

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Fall of Civilizations

Stories of Greatness and Decline

Paul Cooper

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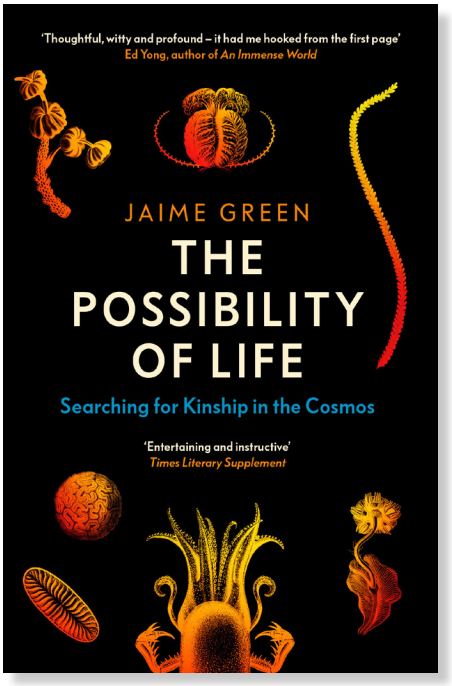
The Fall of Civilizations podcast has over 100 million downloads and over 1 million subscribers

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A dazzling scientific and cultural adventure in search of extraterrestrial life

One of the most potent questions we ask about the cosmos is: are we alone?

From astrobiology to exoplanets in the 'Goldilocks Zone', Jaime Green traces our scientific understanding of what and where life in the universe could be, drawing on the latest research and the long tradition of scientists, writers and artists who have stimulated research by extrapolating worlds.

The Possibility of Life delves into our evolving concepts of life and the cosmos to wonder what we might find... out there.

The Possibility of Life

Searching for Kinship in the Cosmos

Jaime Green

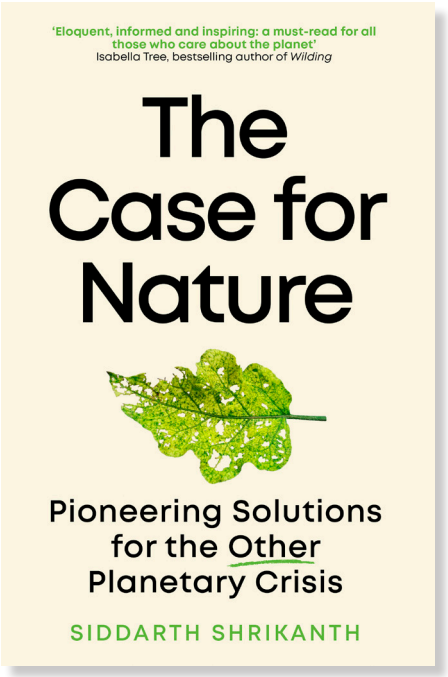
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'Thoughtful, witty and profound'
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Jaime Green is a science writer, essayist and series editor of *The Best American Science and Nature Writing*. She received her MFA in Creative Non-fiction from Columbia University, and her writing has appeared in *Slate*, *Popular Science*, *Astrobites* and the *New York Times Book Review*.

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A positive manifesto for protecting our planet through the power of natural capital

The climate movement has gathered pace, but what about the other crisis, in biodiversity, which is in fact inseparable from the climate challenge?

The Case for Nature sets out with expert clarity how we can use groundbreaking natural capital frameworks – ways of valuing the services that nature provides – to make our economies work with, not against, our living planet; and, taking a cue from many indigenous worldviews, argues that nature must be woven into our societies, not set apart.

The Case for Nature

Pioneering Solutions for the Other Planetary Crisis

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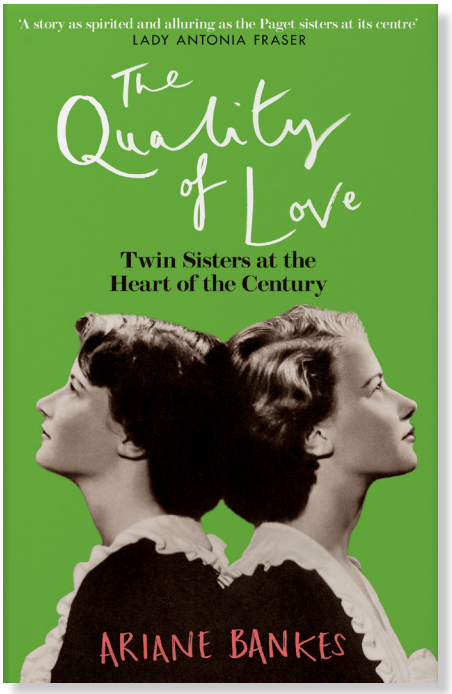
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'Eloquent, informed and inspiring'
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Siddarth Shrikanth holds a BA in Biological Sciences from Oxford, an MBA from Stanford and an MPA from Harvard. He previously worked in corporate sustainability for McKinsey and environmental policy for the World Bank, and was a writer at the *Financial Times*. Siddarth is now based in London and works in climate and nature investing.

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An unseen family archive reveals the charismatic twin sisters who captivated Europe's intelligentsia

When her mother Celia Paget died, Ariane Bankes inherited a battered trunk stuffed with photographs and letters. This correspondence charted the remarkable lives of the Paget girls, Celia and her identical twin Mamaine, and their friends and lovers, including Arthur Koestler, George Orwell, Sartre and de Beauvoir, and Albert Camus.

The Quality of Love weaves the story of these beautiful sisters who took 1930s London society by storm and then moved among Europe's foremost intellectuals during the century's most dramatic decades.

The Quality of Love

Twin Sisters at the Heart of the Century

Ariane Bankes

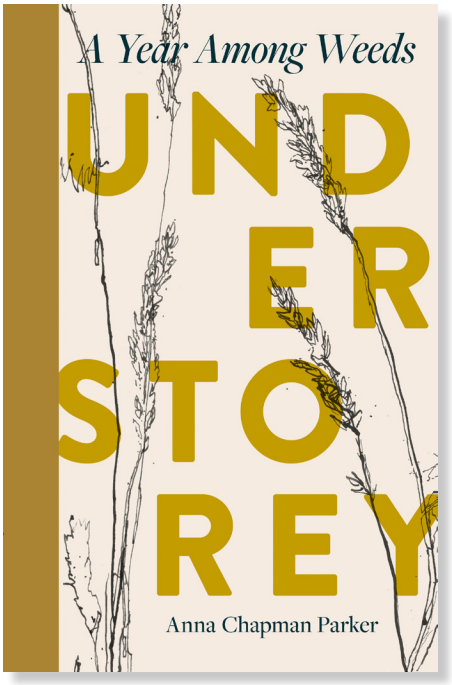
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'A treasure trove of characters'
Virginia Nicholson

Ariane Bankes worked in publishing, including at John Murray and V&A, before becoming a writer, critic and curator. Her writing has appeared in the *Spectator*, *TLS*, *Financial Times* and *Country Life*. For the Biographers' Club, she runs the Slightly Foxed and Tony Lothian prizes. *The Quality of Love* is her first book.

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A beautiful and highly original artist's diary of wild plants

Weeds are ubiquitous. Sprouting in gardens, clustered on verges, they offer a spectacle of wildlife. But what exactly are these vaguely familiar shapes that accompany our every step yet pass beneath our notice? And what would it mean to notice them?

Anna Chapman Parker records in words and stunning original line drawings a year spent down among the weeds, and – from a bramble in a sixth-century Byzantine manuscript to a kudzu vine installation in modern Berlin – explores the art of paying attention even to the smallest things.

Understorey

A Year Among Weeds

Anna Chapman Parker

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Nature
304 pages | £18.99
Non-standard hardback (211 x 148 mm)
Territories: UKC ex Can

Anna Chapman Parker is a writer, teacher and artist specialising in drawing. She trained at the University of Edinburgh and Wimbledon College of Art. Recent collaborations include Edinburgh Festival of Art, National Galleries of Scotland and the National Trust. She lives in Berwick-on-Tweed. *Understorey* is her first book.

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Germany seems familiar territory: a footballing behemoth with clubs as famous as its beer and its cars. But, if you look closer, the beautiful game can offer a deeper understanding of the Euro 2024 hosts.

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Played in Germany

A Footballing Journey Through a Nation's Soul

Kit Holden

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Kit Holden is a British-German author and journalist based in Berlin. He writes for Agence France-Presse, *The Athletic* and *Der Tagesspiegel*. His first book, *Scheisse! We're Going Up!*, was shortlisted for the 2023 *Sunday Times* Sports Book Awards.

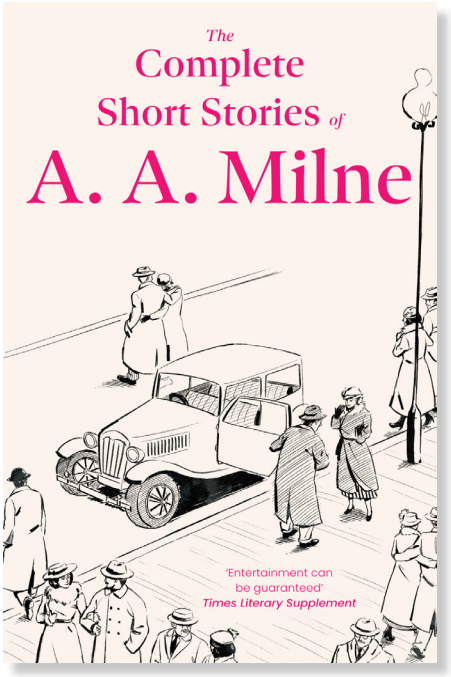
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The Complete Short Stories of A. A. Milne

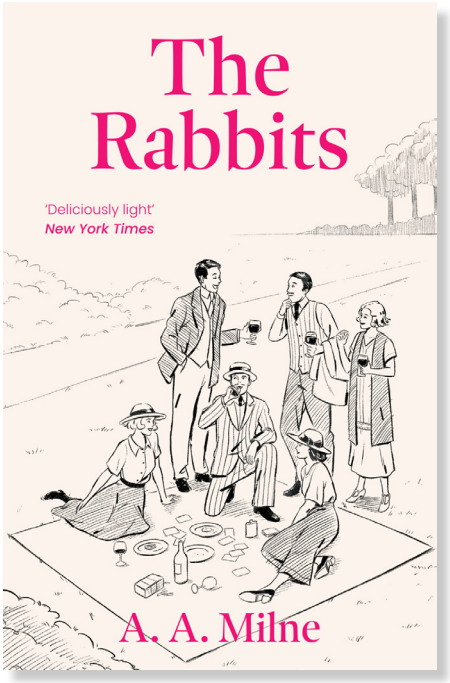
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'Entertainment can be guaranteed'
TLS

Alan Alexander Milne (1882–1956) was born in London. He regularly contributed to *Punch* before World War I. Milne then went on to become a hugely successful playwright, as well as an essayist, poet, novelist and – most famously – children's author, as the creator of Winnie-the-Pooh.

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Comic sketches about a group of friends during pre-war days

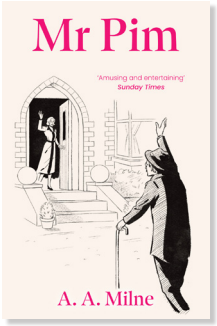
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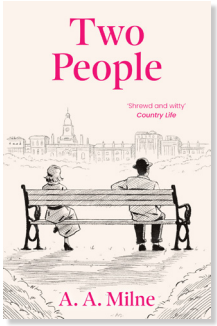
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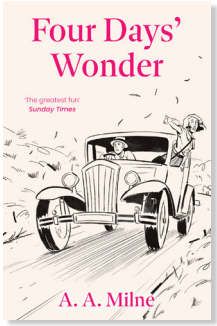
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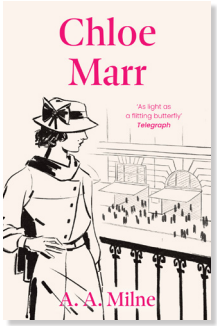
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A group of theatrical misfits goes on tour in post-war America

The Red Lion production of *Love and Miss Harris* is booked to tour America, opening in Manhattan.

On arrival the group finds that it's not the Manhattan with the Great White Way of Broadway at its glittering heart, but a vaudeville venue owned by a local mobster. And when members of a rival gang decide to disrupt the play, the action shifts from the theatre's state to its auditorium... No matter where they go, trouble always seems to follow them.

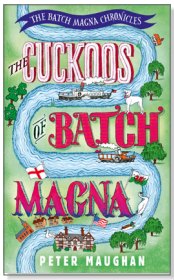
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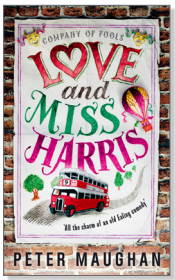
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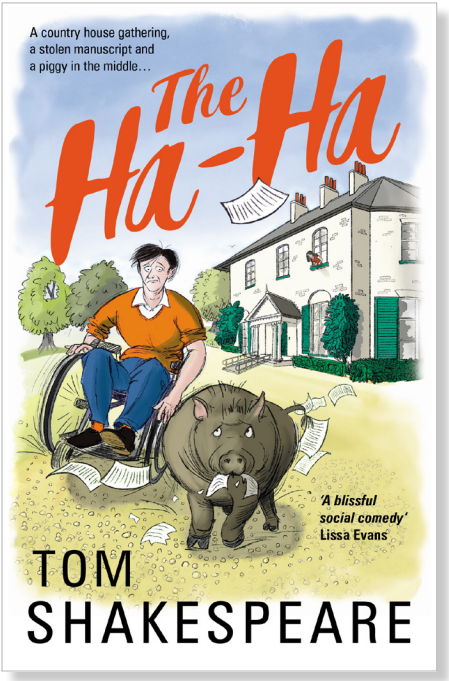
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The Company of Fools
Book 1

Peter Maughan studied at the Actor's Workshop in London and worked as an actor in the UK and Ireland, subsequently founding a fringe theatre in Barnes, London. He is the author of the beloved Batch Magna series.

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A modern country house farce with a diverse cast of characters

Gathering with his friends to celebrate his fortieth birthday at a rented stately home, Fred Twistleton hopes to finally get together with his college crush, Heather. But Fred is also keen to publish his memoirs, and Heather realises the revelations they contain could threaten her career.

When the manuscript mysteriously goes missing, Fred's at a loss. Could someone have stolen it? Where has the resident pig gone? And will the group remain friends by the end of the weekend?

The Ha-Ha

Tom Shakespeare

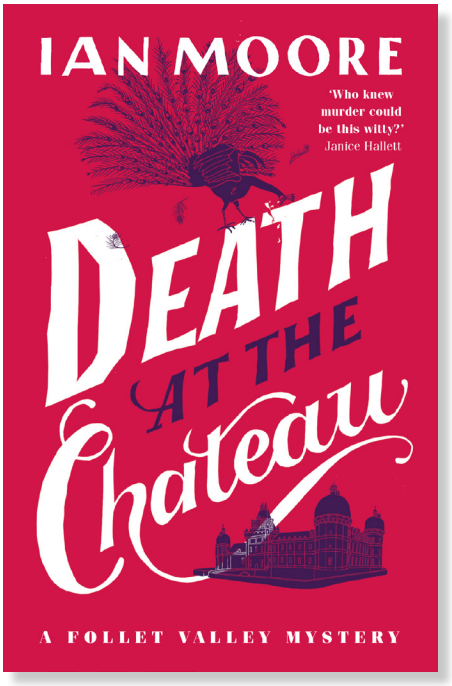
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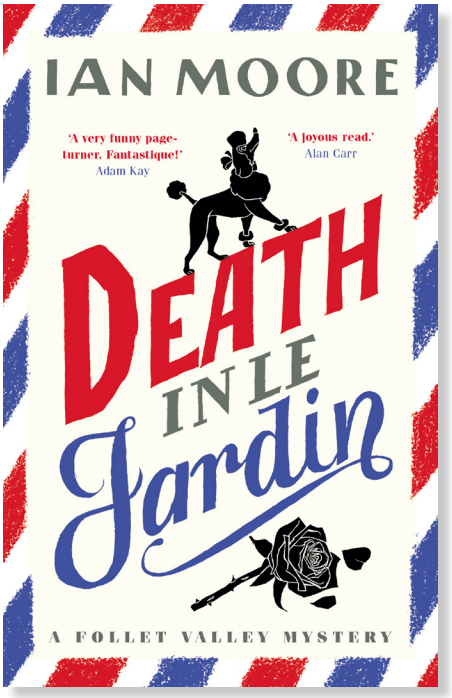
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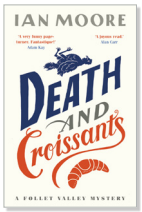
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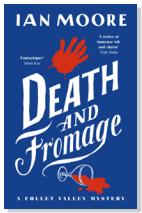
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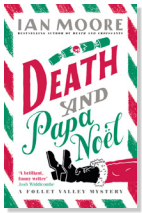
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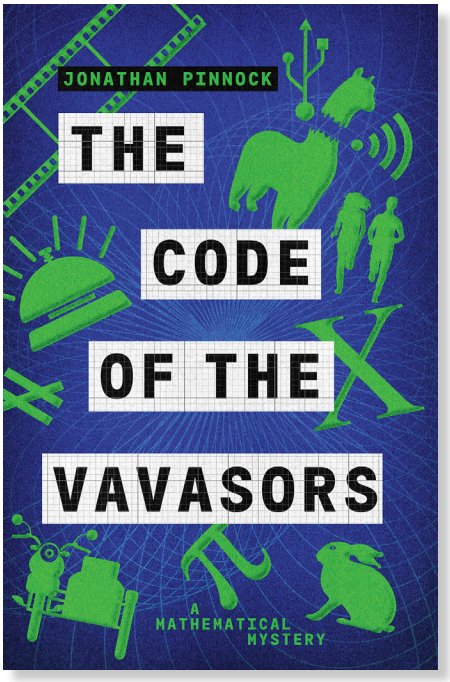


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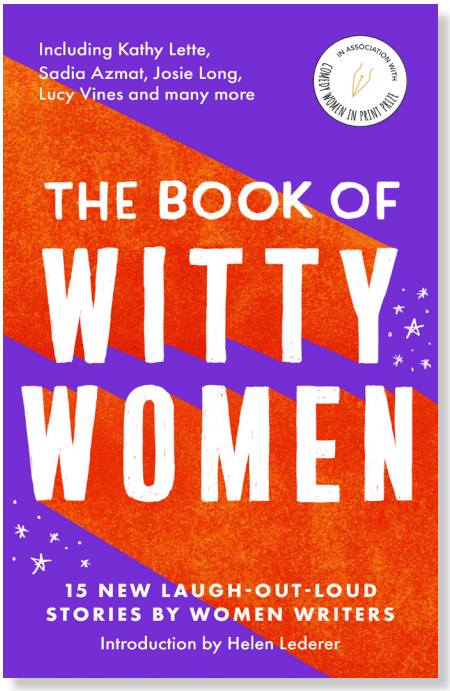
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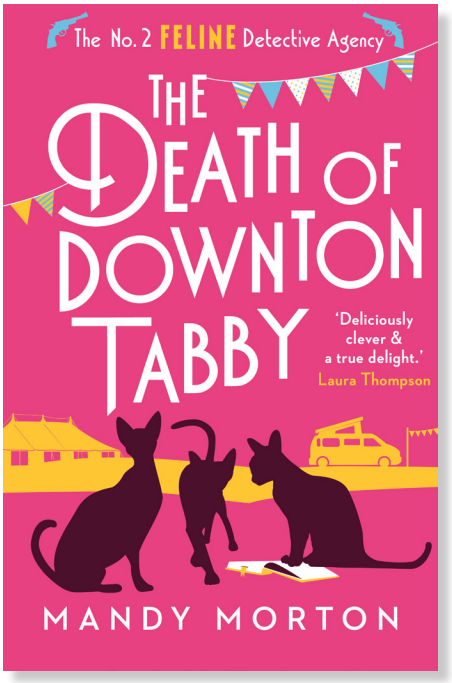
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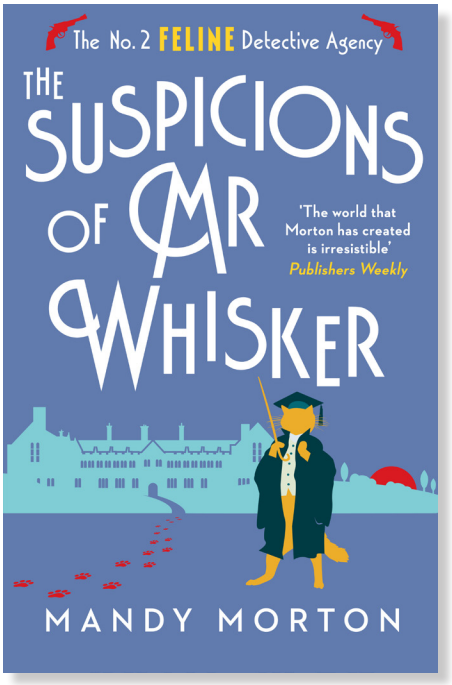
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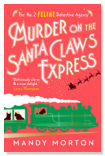
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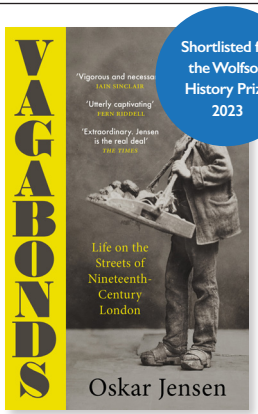
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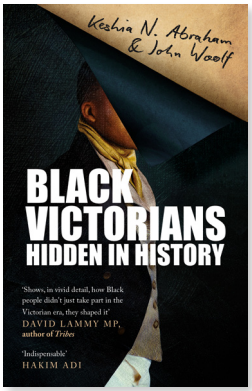
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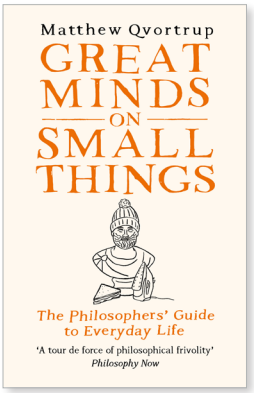
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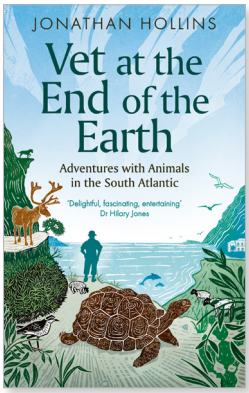
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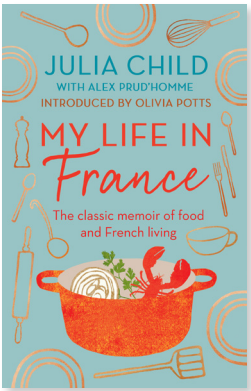
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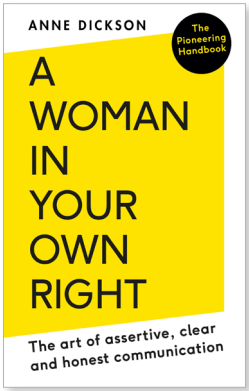
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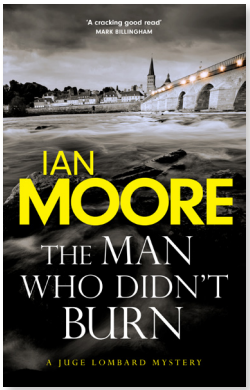
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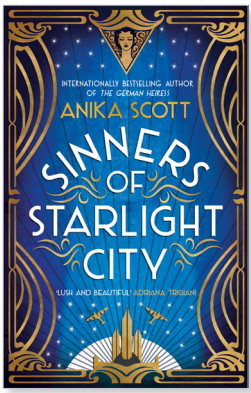
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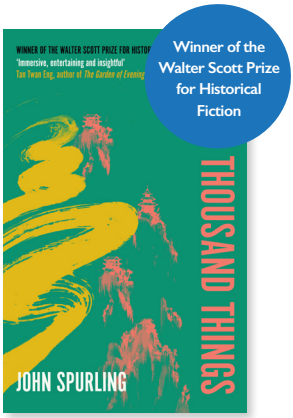
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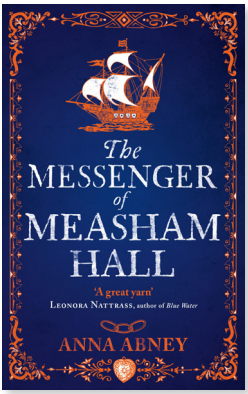
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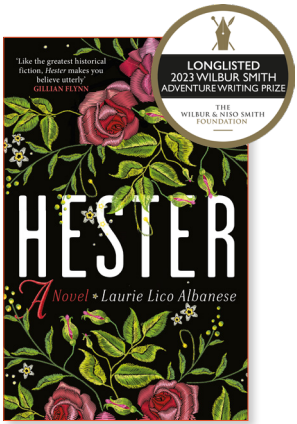
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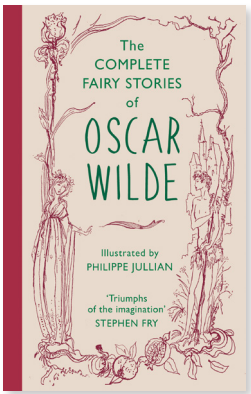
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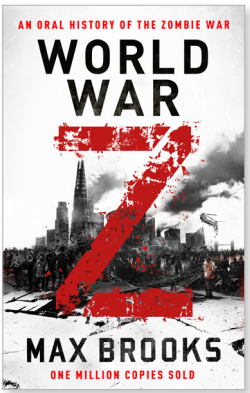
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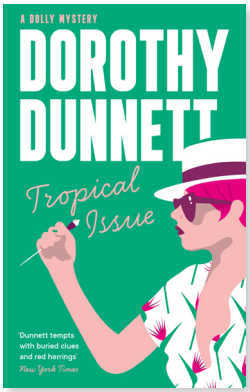
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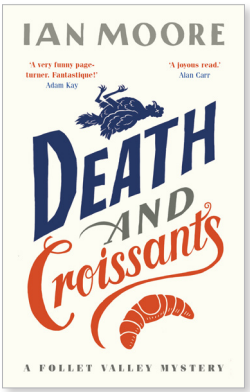
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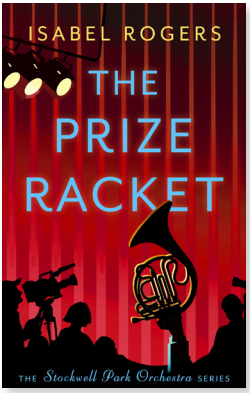
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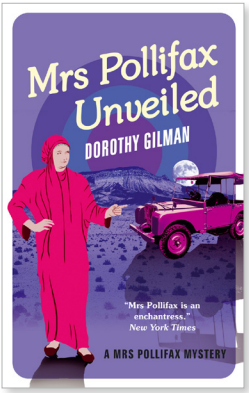
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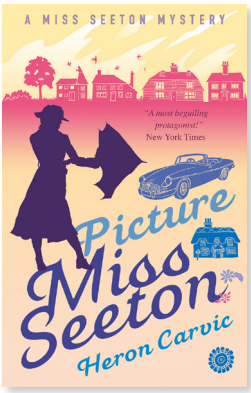
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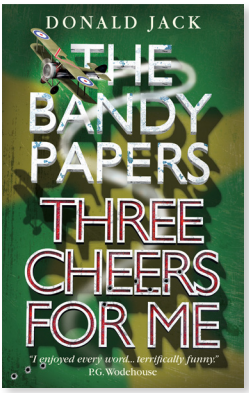
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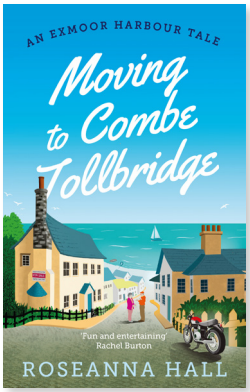
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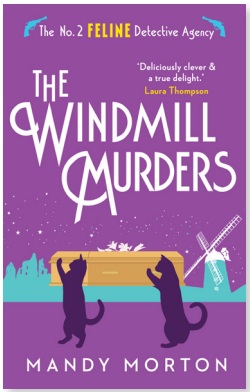
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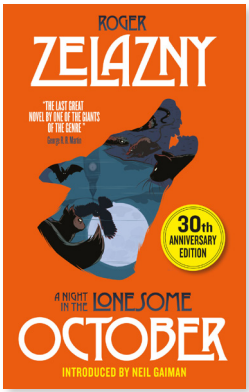
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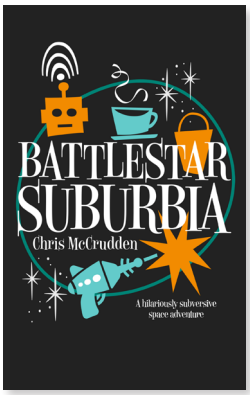
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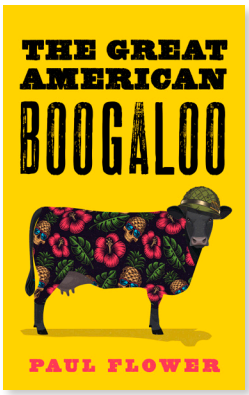
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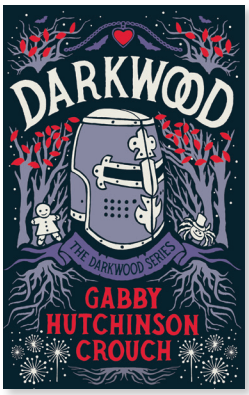
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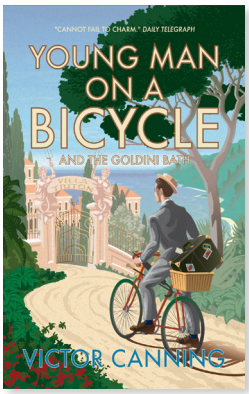
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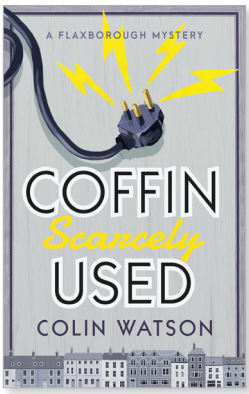
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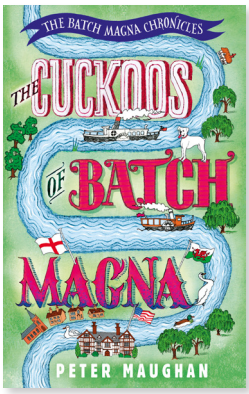
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