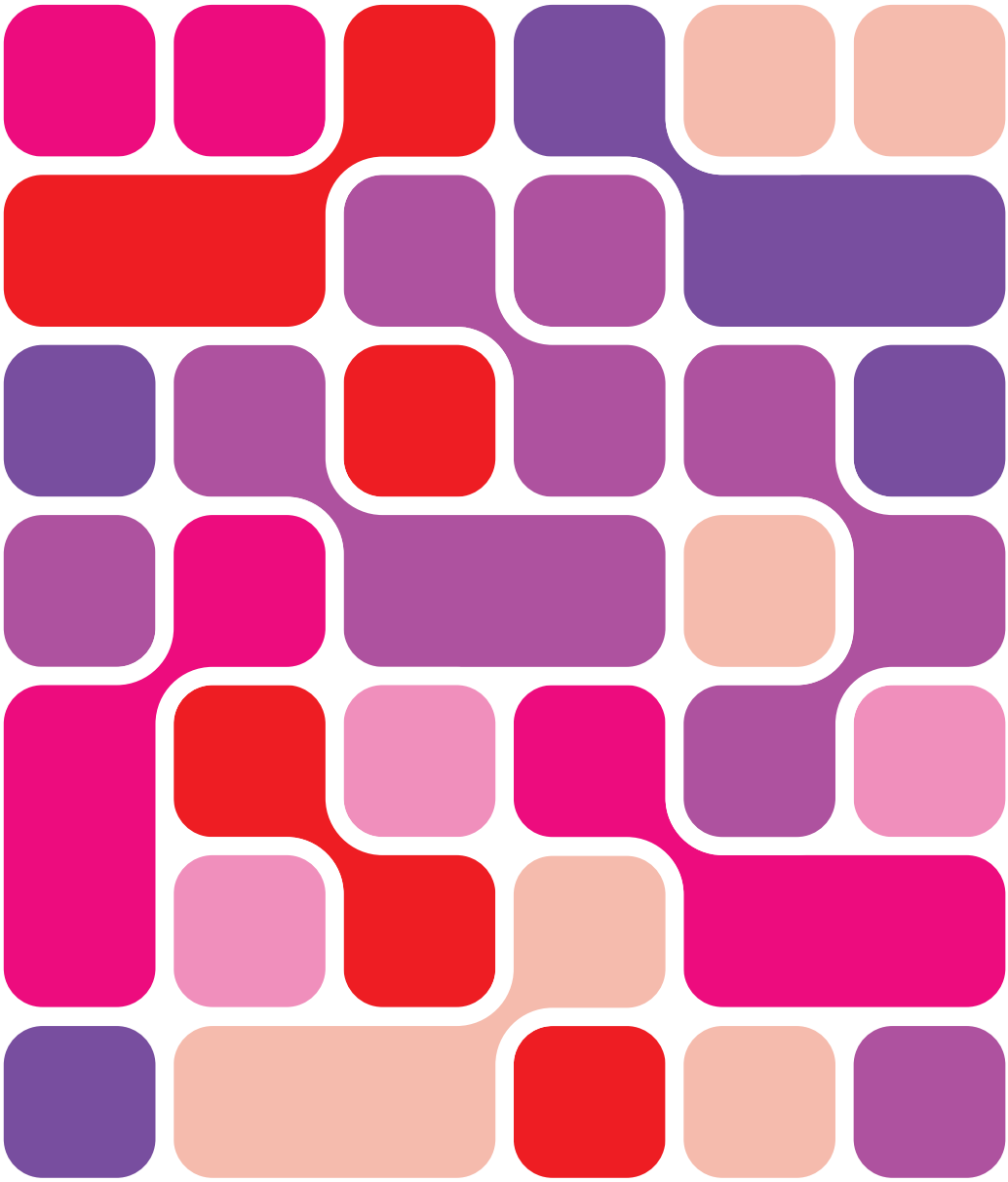
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Spring 2025



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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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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

'A must-read for anyone who cares about doing good in the world'

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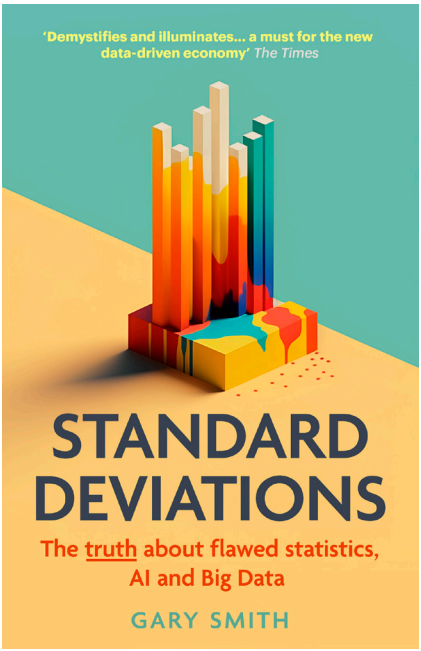
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Territories: UKC ex Can

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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Not only do researchers and even bad actors use statistical data to fool us, but we even fool ourselves. In this fully updated edition of his acclaimed and accessible book, economics expert Gary Smith demonstrates the tricks and traps we so often fall into, and how to avoid them.

Standard Deviations

The truth about flawed statistics, AI and Big Data

Gary Smith

'Demystifies and illuminates... a must for the new data-driven economy'

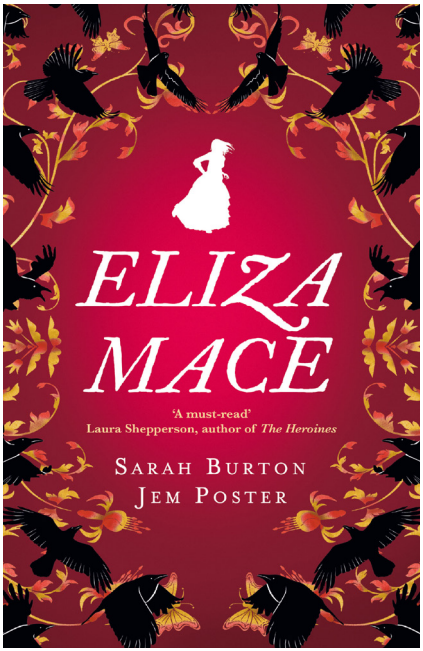
The Times

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Popular economics
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Territories: UKC ex Can

Gary Smith studied and taught at Yale and is now Professor of Economics at Pomona College, California. His research has appeared in the *New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Forbes* and *Wired.*

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A twisty Victorian mystery featuring quick-witted detective Eliza Mace

The Welsh borders, 1870s: on the cusp of adulthood and stuck in a small town, Eliza Mace is thwarted by those who 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

Sarah Burton, Jem Poster

'A detective you'll love and a mystery you'll want to solve'

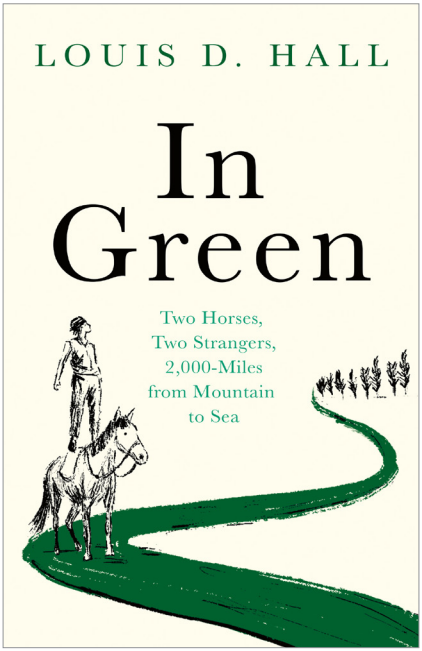
Louise Davidson, author of *The Fortunes of Olivia Richmond*

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Territories: World English

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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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In Green

Two Horses, Two Strangers,
2,000 Miles from Mountain to Sea

Louis D. Hall

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Memoir
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Territories: World

An exquisite coming-of-age jouney through the hills and mountains of Italy, France and Spain

Channelling Don Quixote, twenty-six-year-old Louis D. Hall decided that he needed to take a very long ride on an unknown horse on forgotten mountain paths.

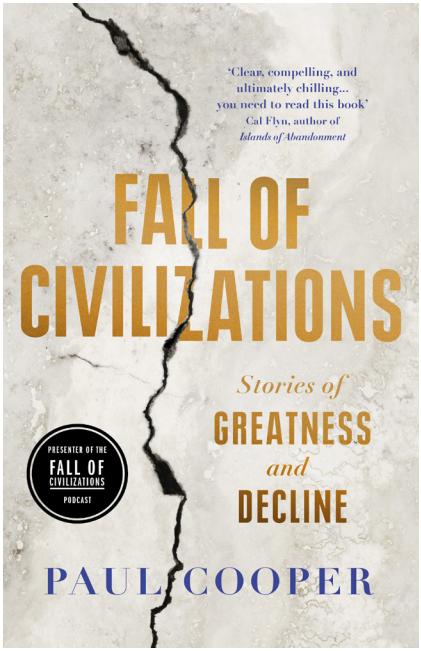
The result is this glorious piece of rich, romantic travel writing, which takes the reader along old paths into ancient villages, sharing rural homes and stables of farmers and shepherds in the Ligurian Alps, Pyrenees, Basque Country and Galician coast.

In Green is an incredible account from a brilliant new talent, written in lush, comic prose that evokes classic writers such as Cervantes, Laurie Lee and Bruce Chatwin.

Louis D. Hall first encountered the connecting powers of the horse on a trip to northern Mongolia, aged eighteen. Since, he as laid the foundation for The Big Hoof, a mental health charity that creates long distance rides. Louis grew up in Scotland and now lives between Kyiv, Oxford and Amsterdam. He has been working for NGOInsulate Ukraine.

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We journey from the great empires of Mesopotamia to those of Vijayanagara in Asia and Songhai in West Africa; from Byzantium to Central America; from Roman Britain to Rapa Nui.

With meticulous research and breathtaking storytelling, Paul Cooper evokes their majesty and jeopardy, and asks what it might have felt like for those alive at the time to witness the end of their world...

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 1.2 million subscribers

Fall of Civilizations podcast

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Territories: World ex US/Can

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'Cooper is a phenomenon... a gifted collector of historical jigsaw pieces. [He] addresses a new public in new ways, through a mastery of anecdotage and accessible storytelling'

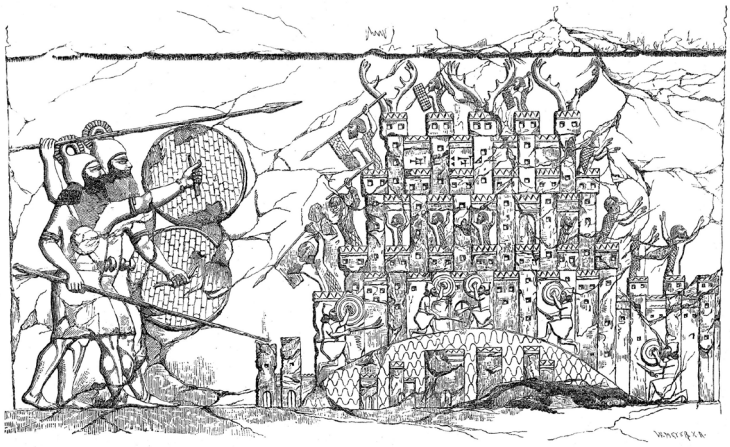
Max Hastings, *Sunday Times*

'Eminently readable... one can almost hear the spoken word as one reads. Yet Cooper has built his narrative out of close reading of the original sources'

David Abulafia, *Spectator*

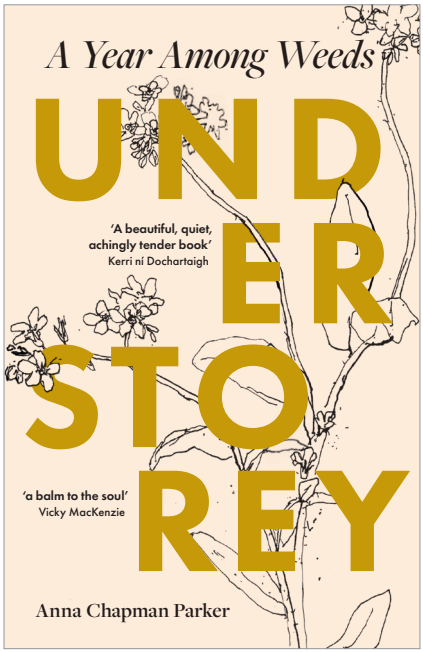
'Paul Cooper's histories of fallen civilizations are brilliantly written: clear, compelling, and ultimately chilling... Full of fascinating detail and nuanced findings, you need to read this book'

Cal Flyn, author of *Islands of Abandonment*



A typical Assyrian carving, showing the destruction of a rival city.

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A stunning account of a year spent observing weeds

In *Understorey*, artist and writer Anna Chapman Parker records in prose and stunning original line drawings a year spent looking closely at weeds. In gardens or on verges, weeds offer a year-round spectacle of wildlife.

The benefits of being among greenery are well known, but what exactly are these vaguely familiar shapes that accompany our every step, yet pass beneath our notice? How and when do they emerge, bloom and subside, and what would it mean to notice them?

Understorey

A Year Among Weeds

Anna Chapman Parker

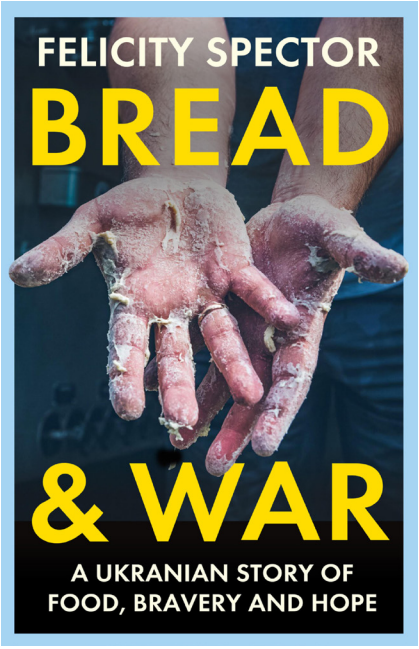
'A beautiful, quiet, achingly tender book'
Kerri ní Dochartaigh

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Territories: UKC ex Can

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HARDBACK | NON-FICTION



Powerfully moving reportage about the volunteers and professionals who keep a country at war fed

In *Bread and War*, Felicity Spector has created acompelling account of feeding, eating and resistance in wartime Ukraine.

From the military kitchens which cook for soldiers and volunteers, to the chefs who shifted from fine dining to turning out hot meals and loaves of bread for families in need – food has become a central part of Ukraine's war effort.

Food is a weapon, a lifeline, a means of survival. For the millions of people who've been forced from their homes, it's also a powerful symbol of national identity and memory.

Bread and War

A Ukrainian Story of Food, Bravery and Hope

Felicity Spector

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The gripping true story of the Olympic champion who was unjustly imprisoned in Russia

From the nine-time women's basketball icon and three-time Olympic gold medallist, a uniquely compelling story of resilience, forgiveness and strength.

On 17 February 2022, Brittney Griner arrived in Moscow ready to spend the WNBA offseason playing for the Russian women's basketball team. Instead, a security checkpoint became her gateway to hell when she was arrested for mistakenly carrying medically prescribed hash oil.

Brittney's world was violently upended in a crisis she has never spoken in detail about publicly – until now.

Coming Home

Brittney Griner
with Michelle Burford

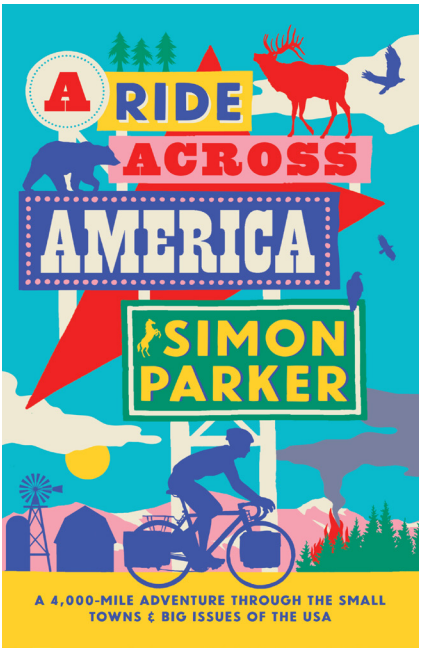
'What an incredible story, what an incredible human being'
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Sports biography
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Compelling, funny and highly topical account of a bike ride through the heartlands of America

As a child, Simon Parker had always thought of America as the golden land. A place of adventure, culture, innovation, progress and independence. Frustrated by the shallow headlines focusing only on Trump, guns and divisions, Simon decided that to better understand the USA he would have to travel across it, slowly.

A fascinating and frequently funny tale of one man cycling the breadth of America.

A Ride Across America

A 4,000-Mile Adventure through the Small Towns and Big Issues of the USA

Simon Parker

'Parker magnificently chronicles the America he encounters, a divided, disfranchised collection of states he fears for but comes to love for their generosity, community spirit and sense of hope'

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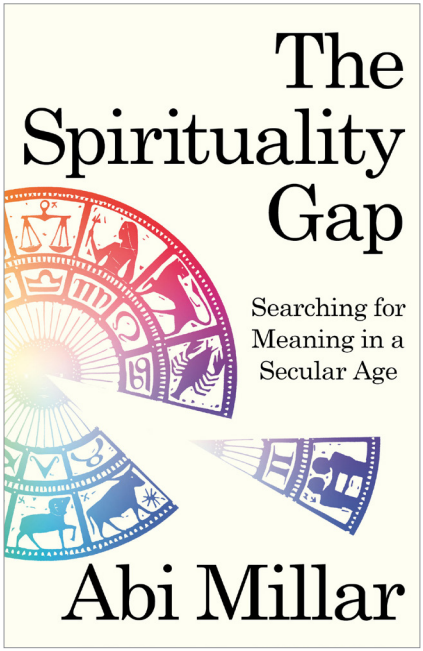
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Books in which to lose yourself... and find yourself.

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A warm, curious and thoughtful exploration of modern spirituality

Abi Millar is looking for something. She grew up in an evangelical church, but after she lost her faith she found herself searching for spirituality in other places.

The Spirituality Gap follows Abi as she receives a shamanic healing, drinks ayahuasca, delves into astrology and attends an atheist church. Written with great warmth, curiosity and humour, it explores our post-religious world, asking: how can we embrace ritual in our own lives even if we are wary of religion?

The Spirituality Gap

Searching for Meaning in a Secular Age

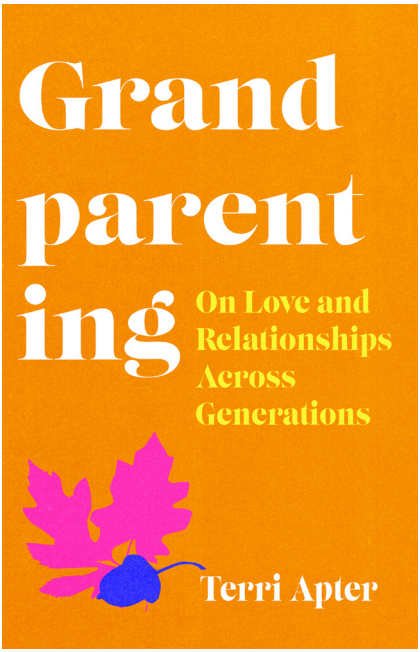
Abi Milar

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Spirituality
304 pages | £14.99
Demy paperback original
Territories: World

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How to become the best grandparent – and parent – you can be

The birth of a grandchild is a cause for celebration. But when a child becomes a parent themselves, existing family structures are radically altered.

In this warm, wise guide to being a modern grandparent, leading psychologist Terri Apter examines the crucial and changing role that this generation plays in our society. This book is for grandparents and their adult children as they reimagine their relationships with each other, and become the best parents – and grandparents – that they can be.

Grandparenting

On Love and Relationships Across Generations

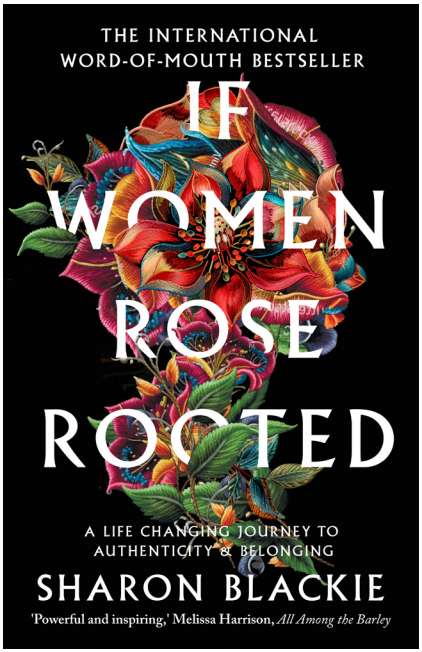
Terri Apter

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Psychology
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Territories: World English

Terri Apter is a psychologist and writer. Her writing has appeared in the *Guardian*, the *TLS*, the *Financial Times*, the *New York Times Book Review* and the *Psychologist*, and she is a regular blogger for *Psychology Today*. Raised in Chicago, she moved to the UK to study at Edinburgh University and Cambridge University, where she has worked ever since.

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A life-changing journey from the wasteland of modern society to a place of nourishment and connection

A transformative quest for women to find their place in the world, drawing inspiration from the wise and powerful women in native mythology, and guidance from contemporary role models who have re-rooted themselves in land and community and taken responsibility for shaping the future.

Beautifully written, honest and moving, *If Women Rose Rooted* is a passionate song to a different kind of femininity, a rallying, feminist cry for the rewilding of womanhood; reclaiming our role as guardians of the land.

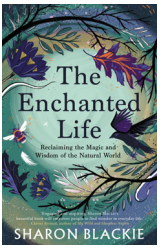
If Women Rose Rooted

A Life-changing Journey to Authenticity and Belonging

Sharon Blackie

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Reader reviews

'Bone shaking. Worldview shattering. Empowering'

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'I'm hoping this book will become the anthem of our generation encouraging all women to surrender to the earth's intelligence and rise up, rooted, like trees'

'Every woman needs to read this book. It will speak to your soul, it will stir up your long forgotten ancestral wisdom. It will have you connecting with instincts you didn't realise were divine, or it will cement the notion that you are on the right path'

'An incredibly deep and thought provoking book... Essential reading for all women, whatever their background or status'

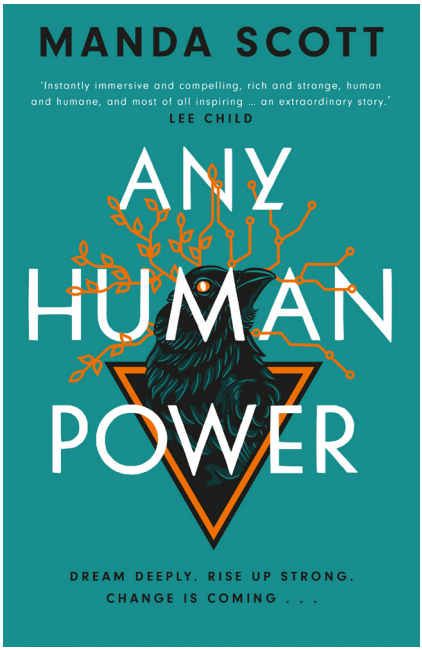
'I don't care who you are – please read this book to feel grounded on your path, wherever it may be taking you'

'Profound, reflective and transformative'

'One word: Impactful'

'A beautiful and life-encompassing read'

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A thrilling, new speculative fantasy from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author

From the much-loved author of mythic, page-turning, world-building thrillers comes this present-day story of three generations thrown to the forefront of a political crisis and the uprising that follows.

Virtual and real violence stalk the family's every move, yet between them their skills include digital mastery, political edge and roots sunk deep into the old, wild myths of the land. In the combination of these they might just find the key to the transformation they yearn for.

Any Human Power

Manda Scott

'Instantly immersive and compelling, rich and strange, human and humane, and most of all inspiring... an extraordinary story'

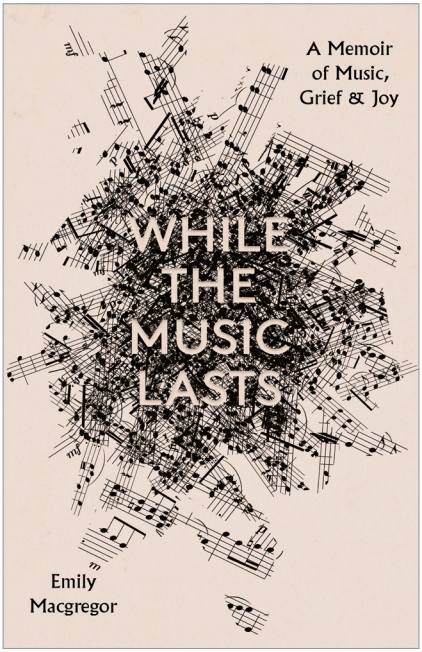
Lee Child

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Fantasy
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Territories: World

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A moving account of making and listening to music and its role and impact on grief

When her father dies, music historian and trombonist Dr Emily MacGregor finds that music has become too much. Listening, let alone playing, is too difficult to cope with. This is problematic given that she is a broadcaster, writer and academic working with classical music.

But the loss of her father – and a lifetime of pleasure in music – leads her on a journey of discovery.

An erudite, lyrical and healing account of rediscovering the purpose of making and participating in music.

While the Music Lasts

A Memoir of Music, Grief and Joy

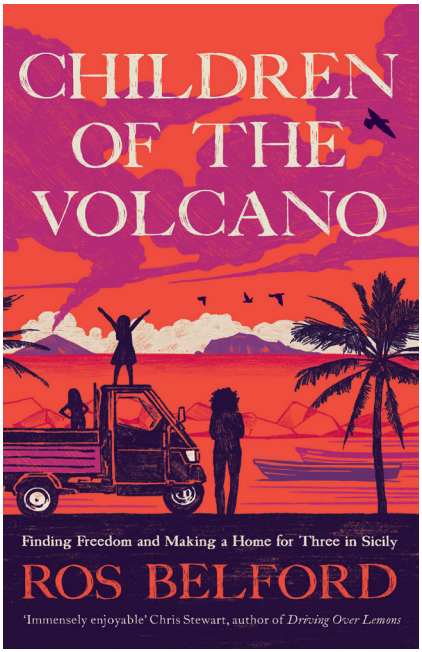
Emily MacGregor

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Territories: UKC ex Can

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Reeling from a broken relationship, Ros Belford decides the best chance she has of healing and giving her daughters a childhood to remember is to move to Italy and live by the sea.

Full of humanity, vitality, honesty and optimism, *Children of the Volcano* is for anyone unwilling to give up dreams of adventure and excitement simply because of parenthood, lack of money and not getting things right the first time.

Children of the Volcano

Finding Freedom and Making a Home for Three in Sicily

Ros Belford

'As fresh and as sharp as a salted caper, and as warm as the Sicilian sun. Beautiful prose and a brilliantly adventurous story'

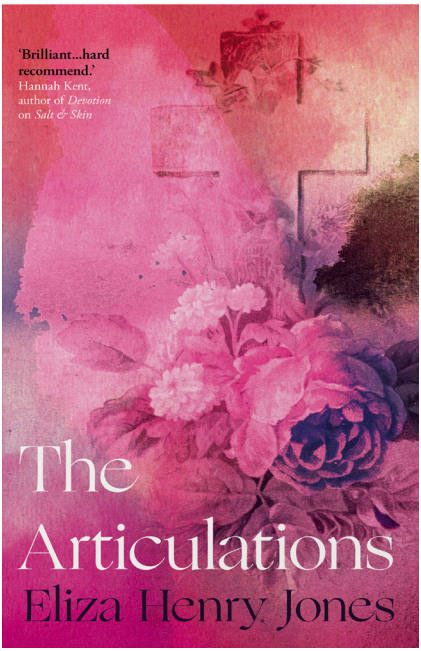
Susan Smillie, author of *The Half Bird*

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Travel memoir
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HARDBACK | FICTION



An intensely evocative novel of ghosts, murder, vampires, graveyards and... flowers

Aged six years old, Lucien goes to live with his mother's best friend in her flat above the flower shop. His father, a writer, awaits trial for the murder of his mother. Feral and frightened but now with a loving, if eccentric, home, Lucien seems to be forging a life of his own.

Until the day his father is due to be released from prison, when the truth about his mother's death will out and a self-styled gang of vampire hunters gather at the gates of Luc's childhood haunt, Highgate Cemetery.

The Articulations

Eliza Henry-Jones

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Hope follows the Greenspans over the course of one tumultuous year as they question, and compromise, the values that have shaped their lives. But in the midst of their disillusionment, they'll discover their own capacity for resilience, connection, and, ultimately, hope.

Hope

Andrew Ridker

'A writer with this much talent can take his readers anywhere'

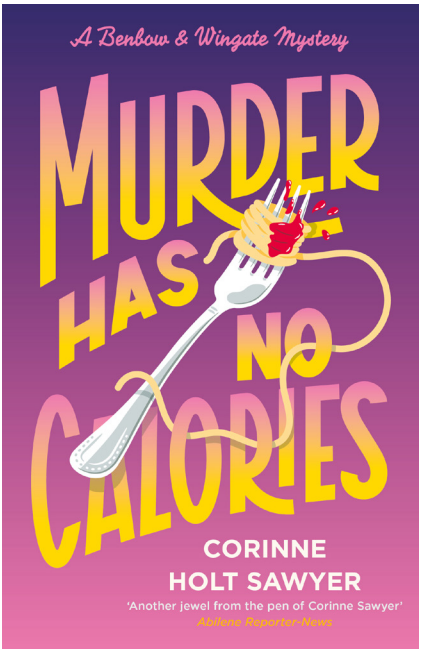
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A deliciously thrilling new cosy crime of oldsters turned detectives

When a staff member at a luxurious California boot camp is found brutally murdered, the owner pleads with plucky senior sleuths, Angela Benbow and Caledonia Wingate, to investigate.

The oldsters quickly join the party at The Time-Out Inn to check out their fellow guests: nice ladies on the surface, but beneath one of those mud packs lurks a killer. And it's too bad that Angela and Caledonia's impulsive detective work is pushing them towards a fate far worse than aerobics. Namely, death...

Murder Has No Calories

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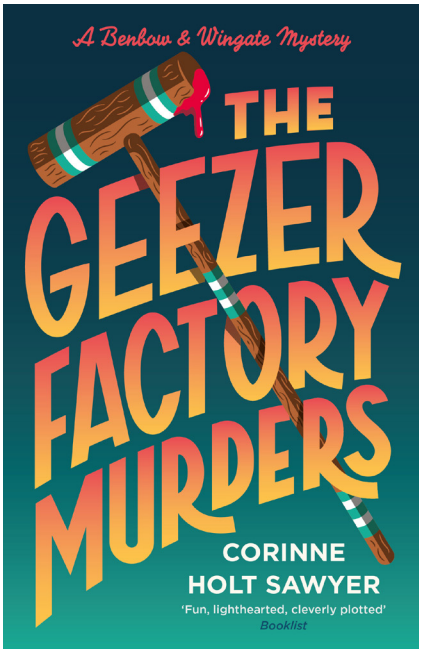
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Cosy crime in a Californian retirement community, perfect for Richard Osman fans

The plush retirement home at Camden-sur-Mer is absorbing tenants from a rival establishment, which Angela and Caledonia appropriately dub 'The Geezer Factory' since it transforms normal senior citizens into disgruntled geezers.

When one of the new residents is found face-down in the fountain, an earlier accidental death at The Geezer Factory suddenly looks very suspicious...

The Geezer Factory Murders

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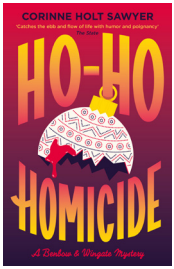
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The residents from Camden-sur-Mer retirement home think Halloween south of the border is pretty frightening. Terrifying tableaus, mummies, candy skulls... and one of their group suddenly dead of a heart attack. Then, there's another tragedy – murder on a dark beach in Ensenada.

The good news is that senior sleuths Angela and Caledonia have a fascinating new crime to investigate. In fact, with a ruthless killer calling the shots, they may have several... if only they can stay off the casualty list.

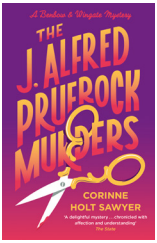
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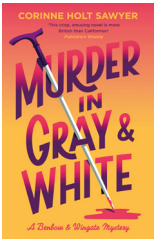
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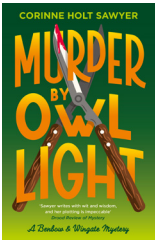
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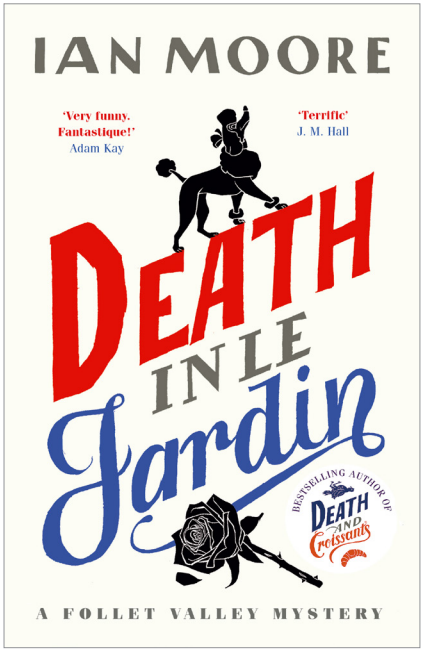


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Valérie d'Orçay is having none of it, and their investigation leads them to a strange tourist garden village, where backbiting, recriminations and even former colleagues lead to a deadly scenario more tangled than knotweed.

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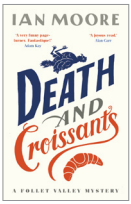
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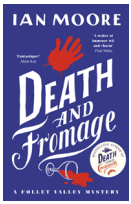
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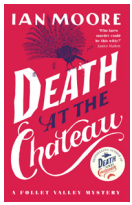
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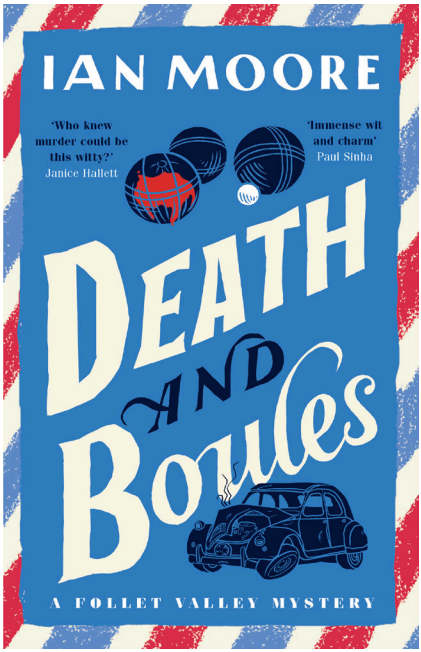


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Everything is going well until the mayor turns up dead in an antique dresser having apparently been killed twice. Inevitably Richard and Valérie have very different views on the subject and engage in their own battle: who will solve the crime first?

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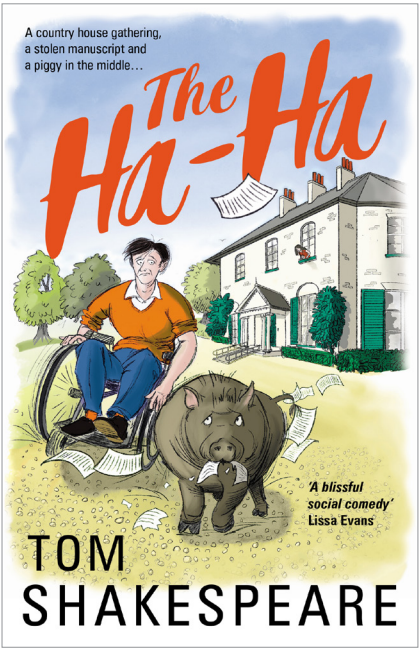
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When the manuscript mysteriously goes missing, Fred's at a loss. Could someone have stolen it? Where has the resident pig gone? And will the group remain friends by the end of the weekend?

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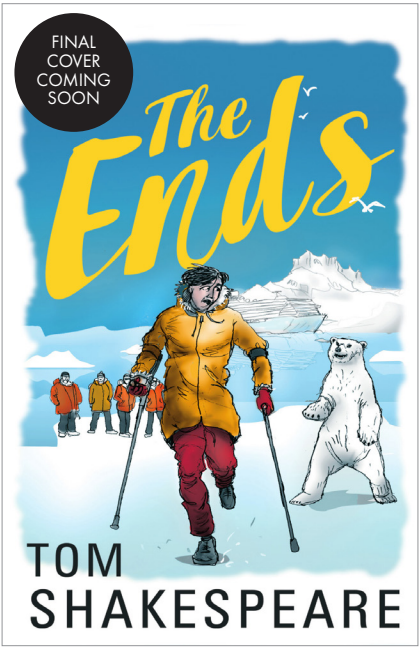
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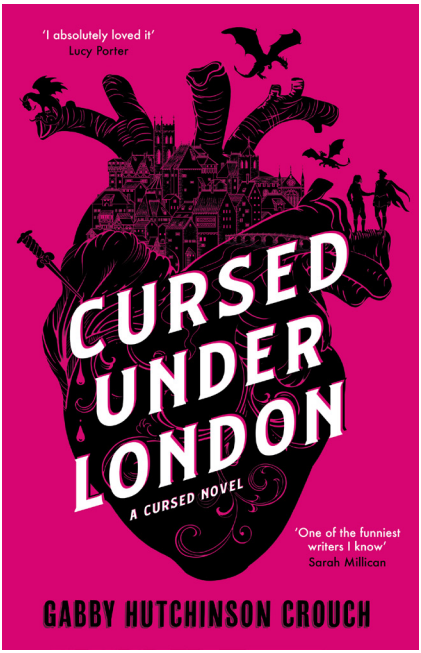
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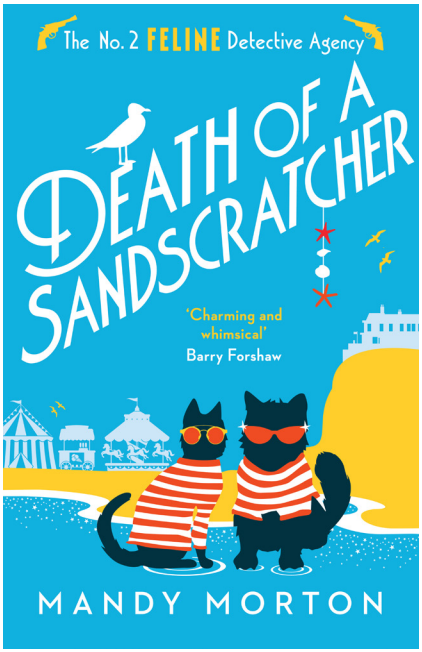
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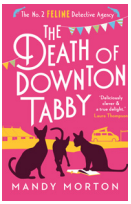
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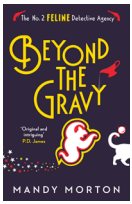
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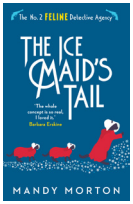
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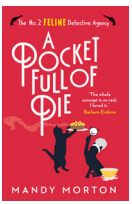
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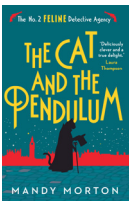
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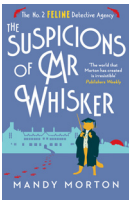
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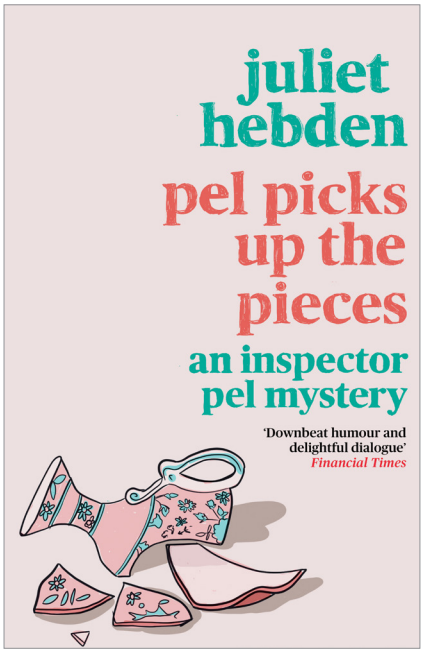


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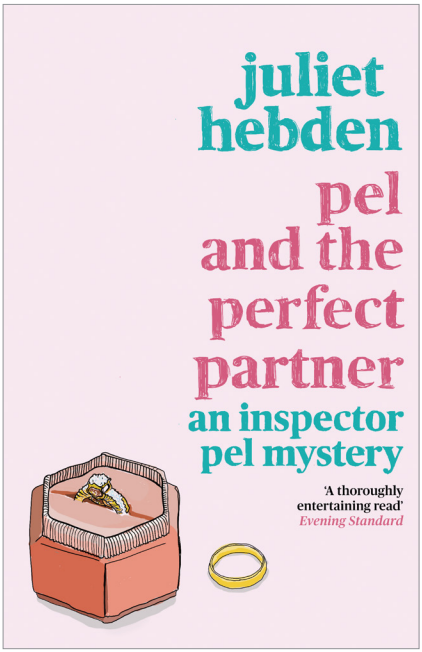
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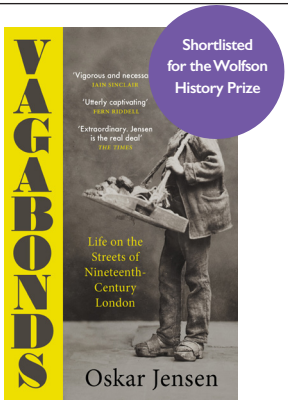
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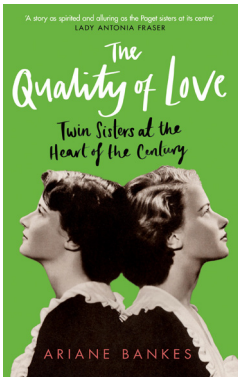
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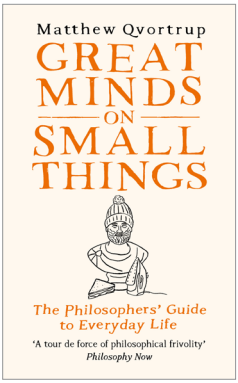
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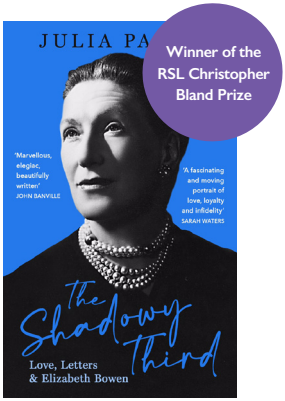
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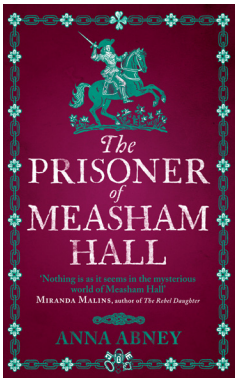
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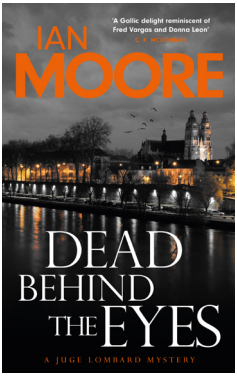
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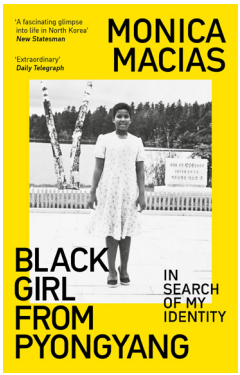
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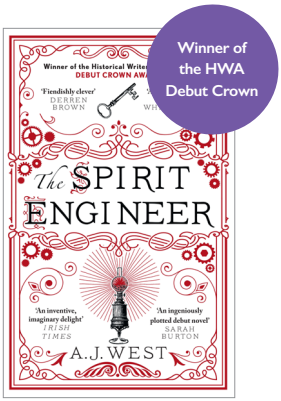
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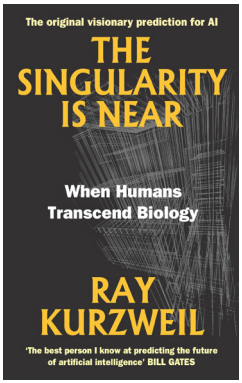
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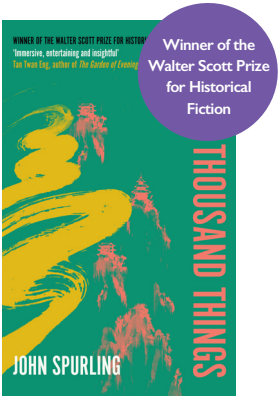
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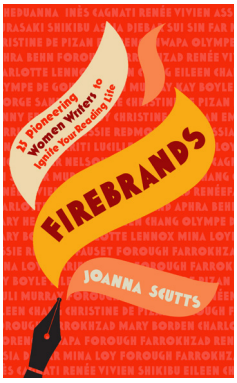
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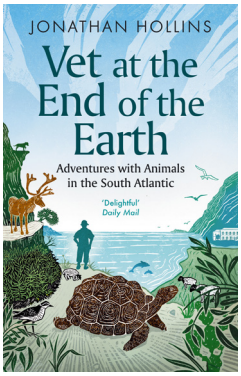
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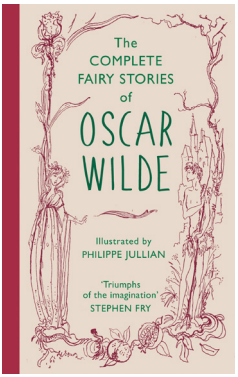
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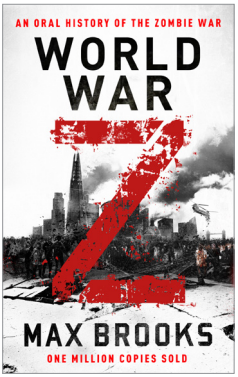
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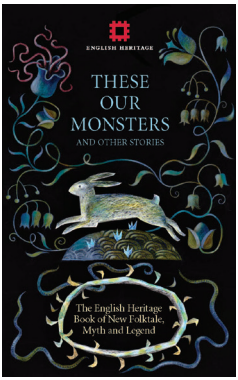
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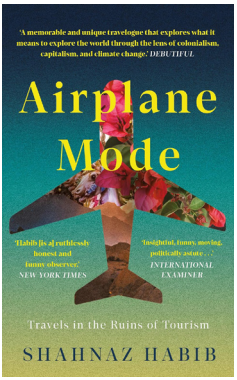
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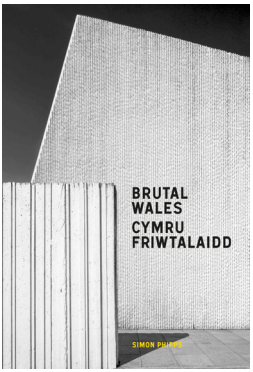
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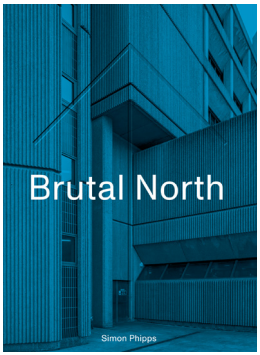
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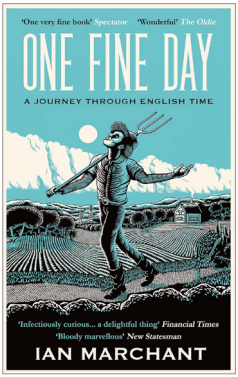
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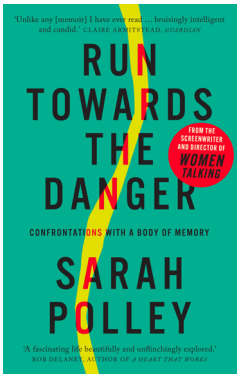
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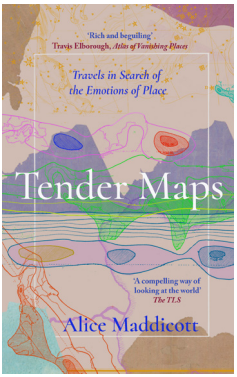
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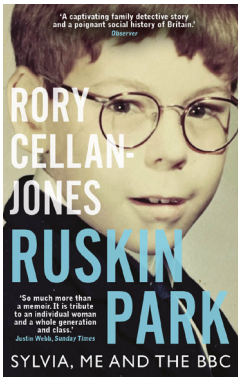
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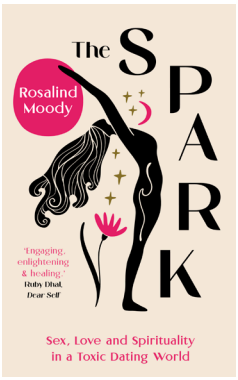
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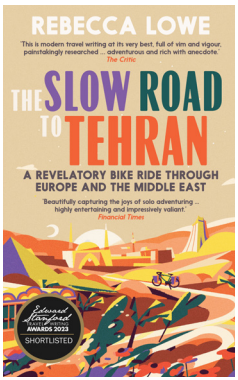
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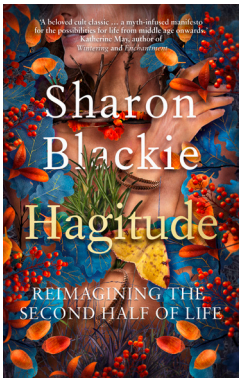
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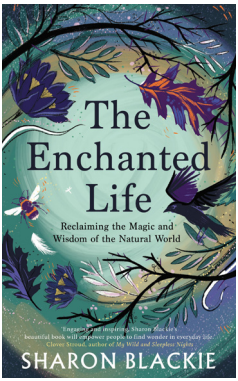
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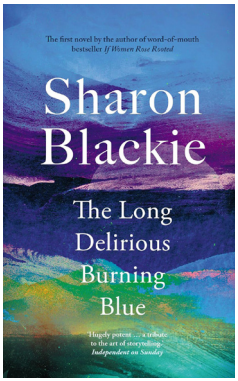
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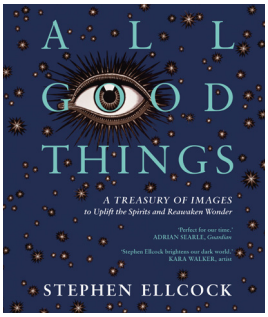
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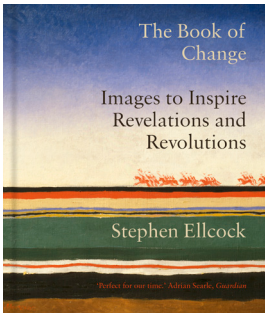
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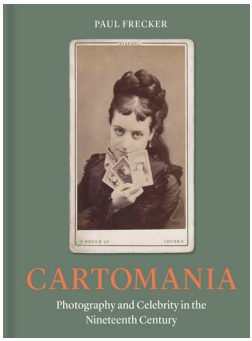
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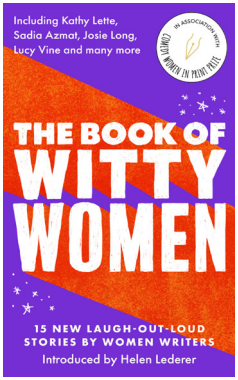
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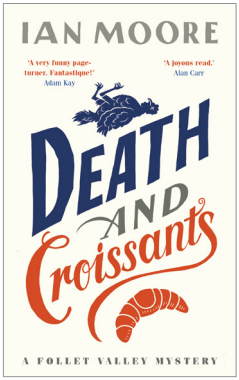
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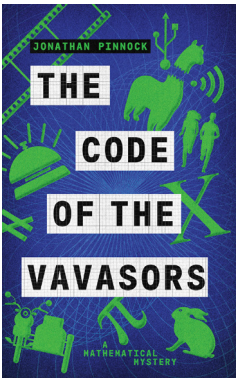
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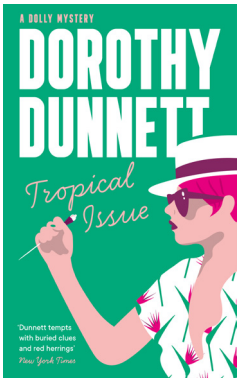
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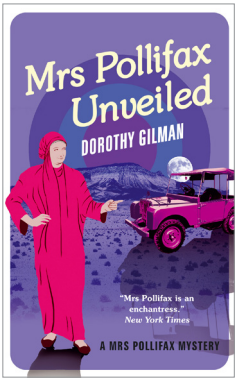
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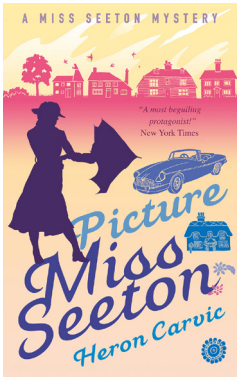
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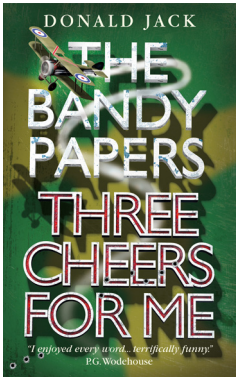
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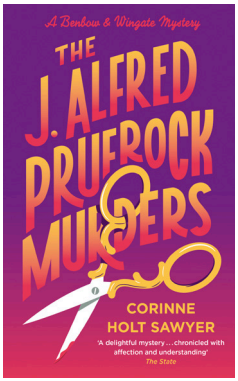
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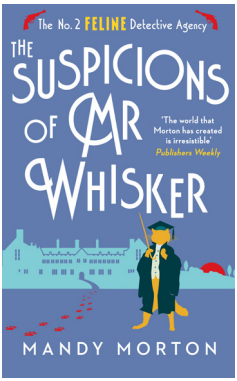
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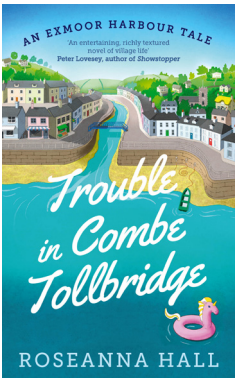
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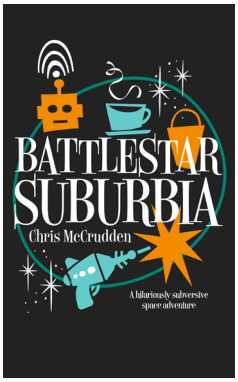
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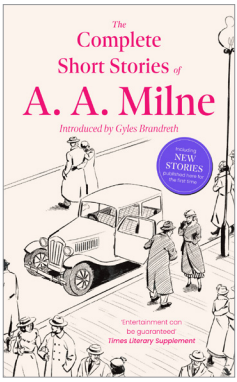
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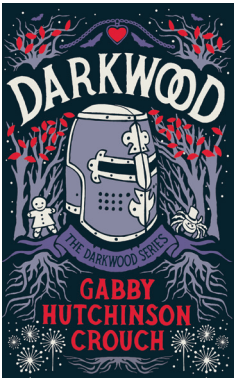
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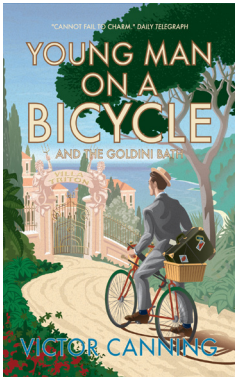
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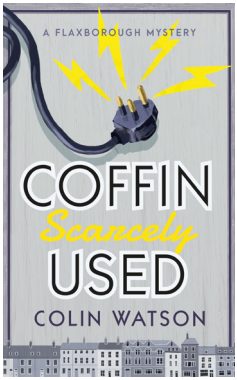
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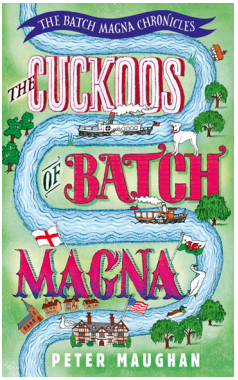
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