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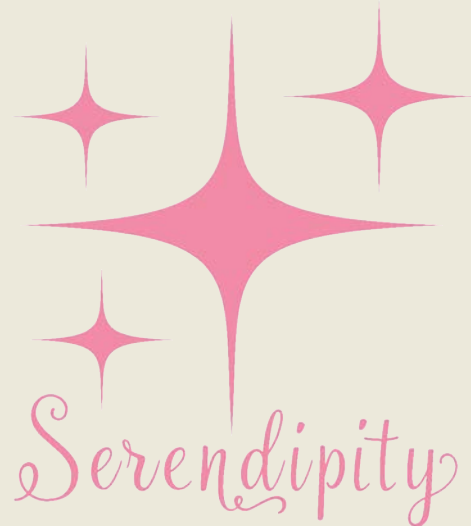
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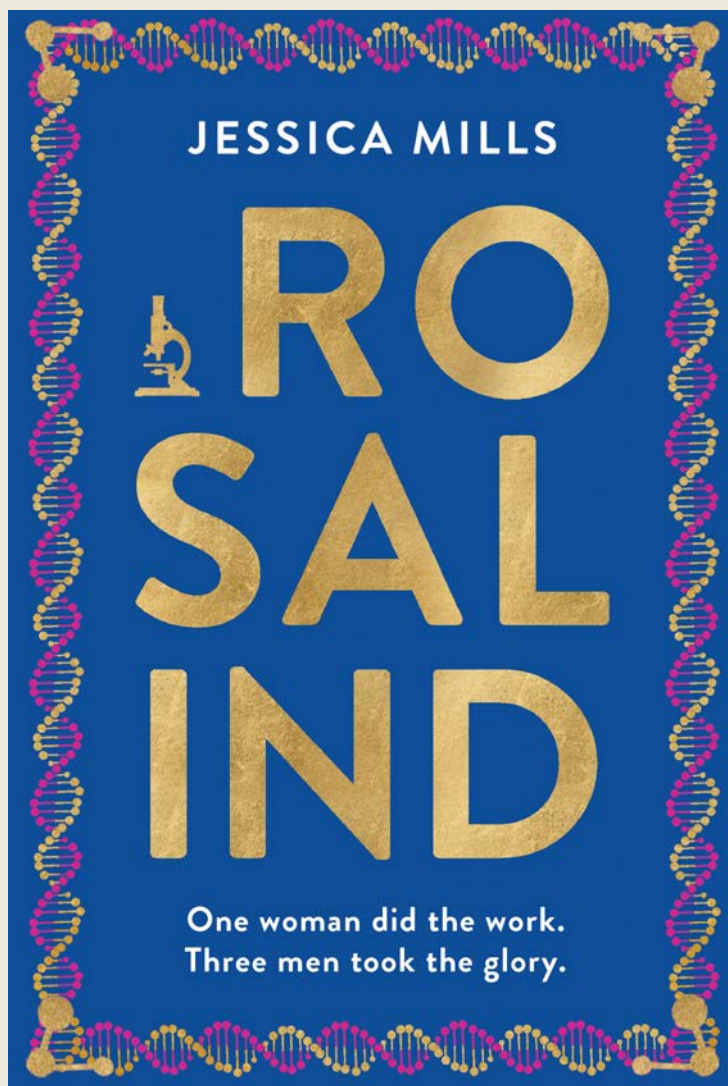
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**LEGEND
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Unleashing the
power of untold
stories...

ROSALIND by Jessica Mills



1st February
2024

**Featured by *The Times*
– Best New Historical
Fiction for February
2024**

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'Societies are oiled with the unpaid, unaccounted for, work of women. It is the very glue that binds us together, and yet we are blind to it; a woman's work remains invisible.'

Rosalind Franklin knows that to be a woman in a man's world is to be invisible. In the 1940s science is a gentleman's profession, and it appears there are plenty of colleagues who want to keep it that way.

After being segregated at Cambridge, then ignored and put down in the workplace, she has no intention of being seen as a second-class citizen and throws

everything into proving her worth. But despite her success in unlocking the very secret of life, the ultimate glory is claimed by the men she left in her wake.

Inspired by the true story of a woman so many tried to silence, *Rosalind* is a tale of hope and perseverance, love and betrayal.

BIOGRAPHY

Jessica Mills is a journalist (Jessica Davies) and author. She has written for publications such as *The Independent*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Business Insider*, where she investigated the use of flammable cladding in hospital intensive care units in 2020. *Rosalind* was longlisted for the Exeter Novel Prize in 2020.

IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH

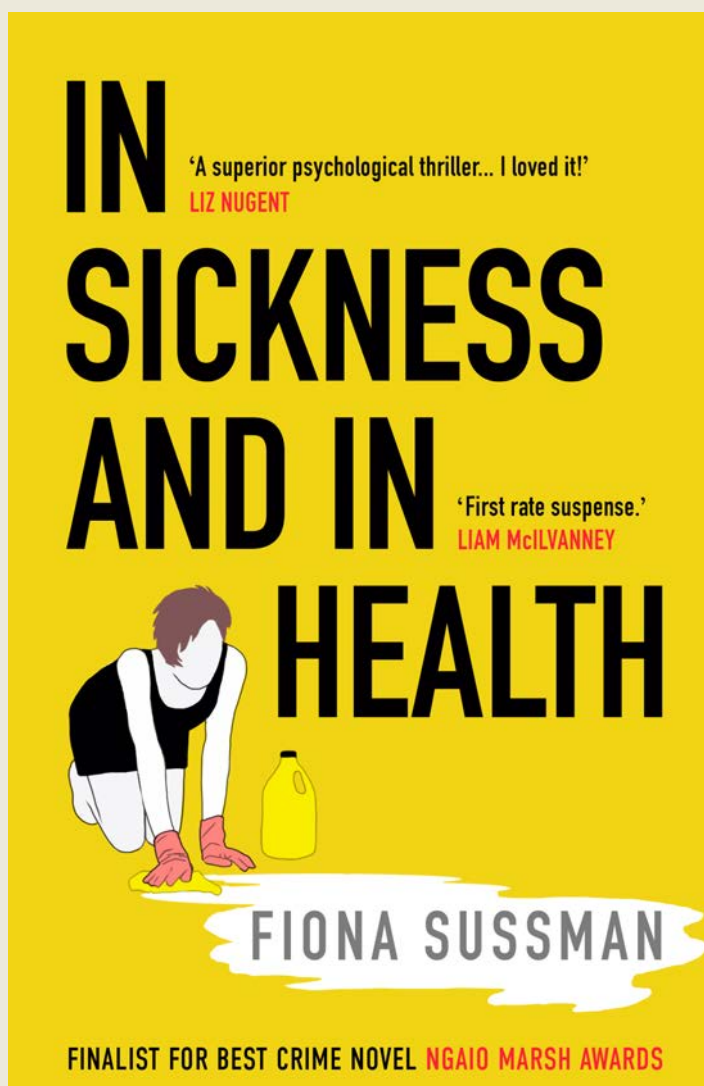
by Fiona Sussman

20th February
2024

**"A superior
psychological
thriller... I loved it."**
LIZ NUGENT

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Finalist for NGAIO MARSH AWARD'S Best Crime

Nothing in Stan Andino's unremarkable life could prepare him for the day he discovers his wife naked, except for a black apron, bleaching out a stain from the carpet that only she can see. A CT scan one week later explains the seemingly inexplicable; Carmen Andino has a brain tumour.

As Stan and their teenage sons grapple with the diagnosis and frightening personality changes in their wife and mother, Austin Lamb, a close friend and local doctor, does everything possible to assist the family in crisis. Months later,

Austin's wife's body is discovered at the bottom of Browns Bay cliffs by Eliot Bard.

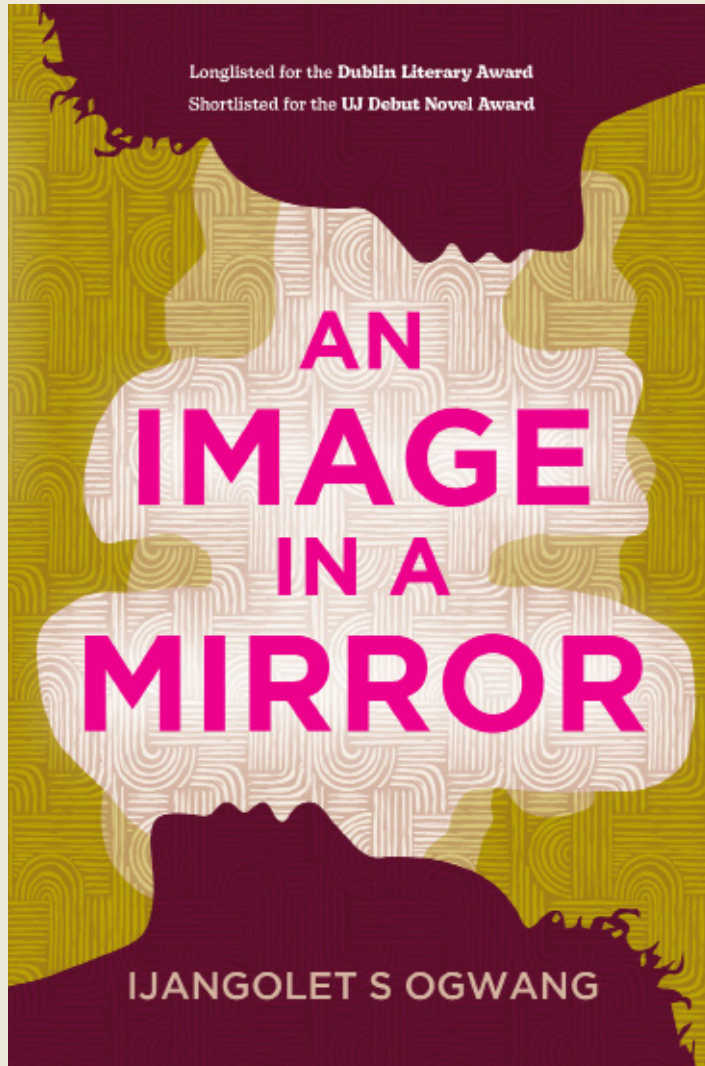
But who is lying, and who is telling the truth?

BIOGRAPHY

Award-winning author Fiona Sussman was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, and immigrated to New Zealand over thirty years ago. A former family doctor, she hung up her stethoscope in 2003 to pursue another long-held dream, to write.

AN IMAGE IN A MIRROR

by Ijangolet S Ogwang



22nd February
2024

'The notion of dual identity, national and familial, is prominent and thought-provoking. I loved it.'

DAILY MAIL

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WHEN TWO SISTERS FINALLY MEET AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS, HOW MIRRORED WILL EACH FEEL BY THE OTHER?

Set between Uganda and South Africa, *An Image in a Mirror* is the story of Nyakale and Achen, identical twins pulled apart by their mother's decision to give one of them away to her sister for a chance at a better life.

At the heart of this beautifully woven tale is a coming-of-age story of two young women growing up in separate worlds that are as different as they are similar.

BIOGRAPHY

Ijangolet S Ogwang is a Kenyan born Ugandan-South-African writer. Her debut novel *An Image in a Mirror* was published by Blackbird Books in 2018 and became a national bestseller in South Africa. The novel was shortlisted for the University of Johannesburg Debut Novel Award 2019 and longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award 2020.

A TRACE OF SUN

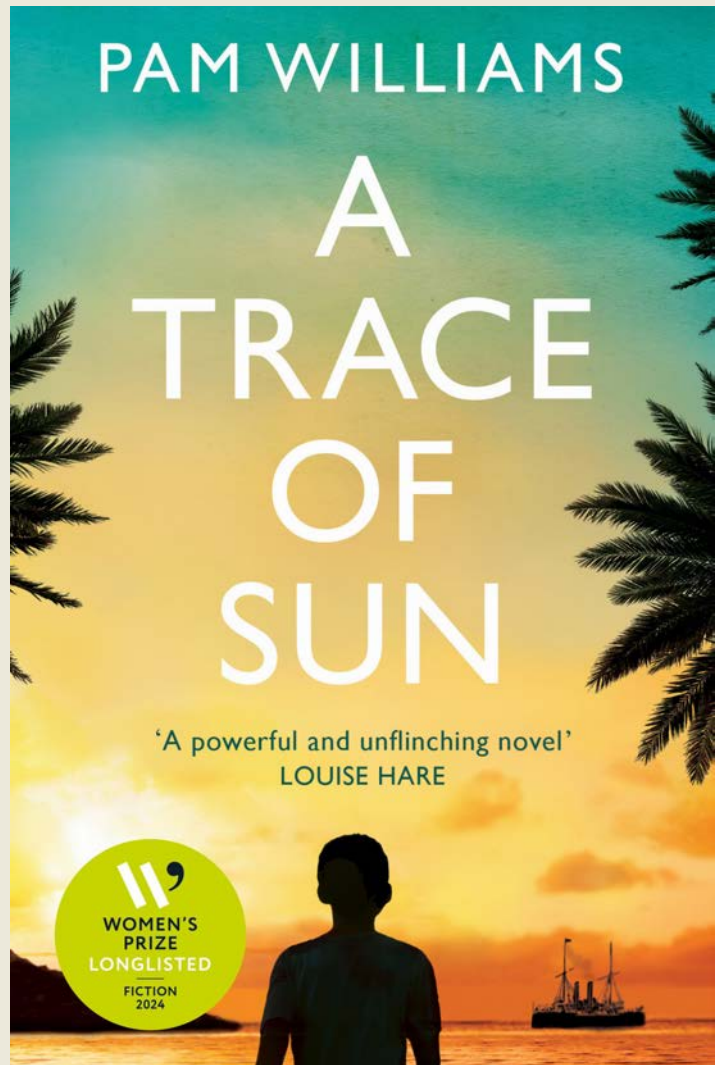
by Pam Williams

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Longlisted for the
Women's Prize
for Fiction 2024

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Raef is left behind in Grenada when his mother, Cilla, follows her husband to England in search of a better life. When they are finally reunited seven years later, they are strangers – and the emotional impact of the separation leads to events that rip their family apart.

As they try to move forward with their lives, his mother's secret will make Raef question all he's ever known of who he is.

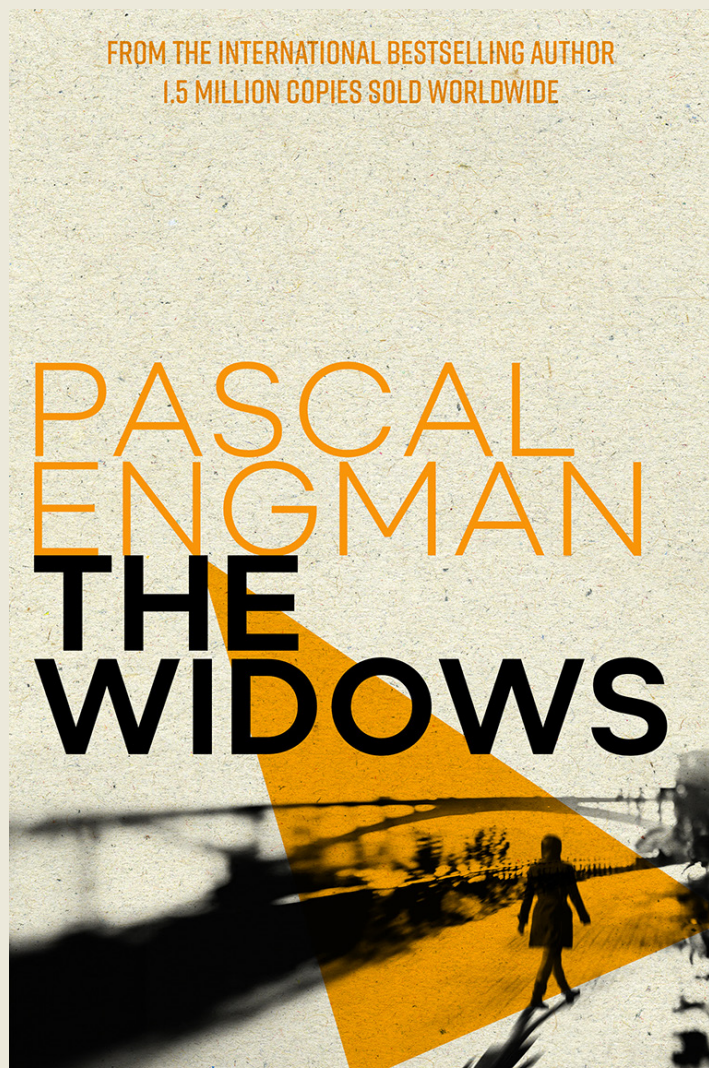
“Don't go Mammy please.”
Stuttered words filled her ears, sent frissons of guilt through her as she bent over him; held him to her thumping chest. Tears sliding from her face to his.’

BIOGRAPHY

What began as a memoir of her mother's life, which she had started 30 years prior, transformed into a fictionalised story inspired by some of her family's experiences as part of the so-called Windrush generation and is now *A Trace of Sun*.

THE WIDOWS by Pascal Engman

TRANSLATED BY Neil Smith



28th March
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**FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF
FEMICIDE**

1.5 MILLION COPIES SOLD
WORLDWIDE

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Two bodies are discovered in a Stockholm park, one a policeman and the other an unidentified young woman.

With the police believing the woman to be nothing more than unfortunate collateral damage, they focus on the murder of the police officer. But Detective Vanessa Frank takes a different approach and her investigation turns out to be more personal than she could have imagined.

‘Utterly compelling’
PETER JAMES

BIOGRAPHY

Pascal Engman has become the best-selling Swedish crime novelist of his generation. He has been praised by Fredrik Backman, Peter James, The Swedish Crime Writers’ Academy and many more. Since Legend Press published *Femicide* in September 2022, it has gone on to sell over 1.5 million copies worldwide and won the Petrona Award for Best Scandinavian Crime Novel in 2023. As of January 2024, *The Widows* has been sold into eight languages.

THE ALMOST TRUTH

by Anne Hamilton

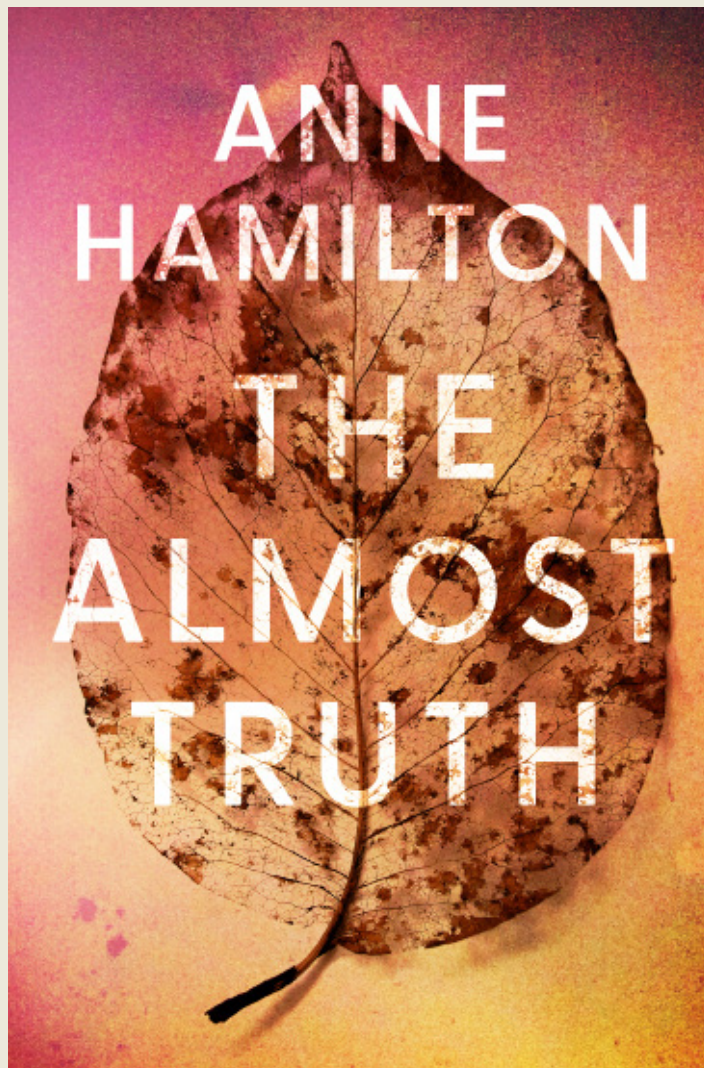
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The unpublished manuscript of *The Almost Truth* was the winner of the Irish Novel Fair

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A compelling story of family, secrets, identity, and a reminder that love and life can surprise you... right until the very end.

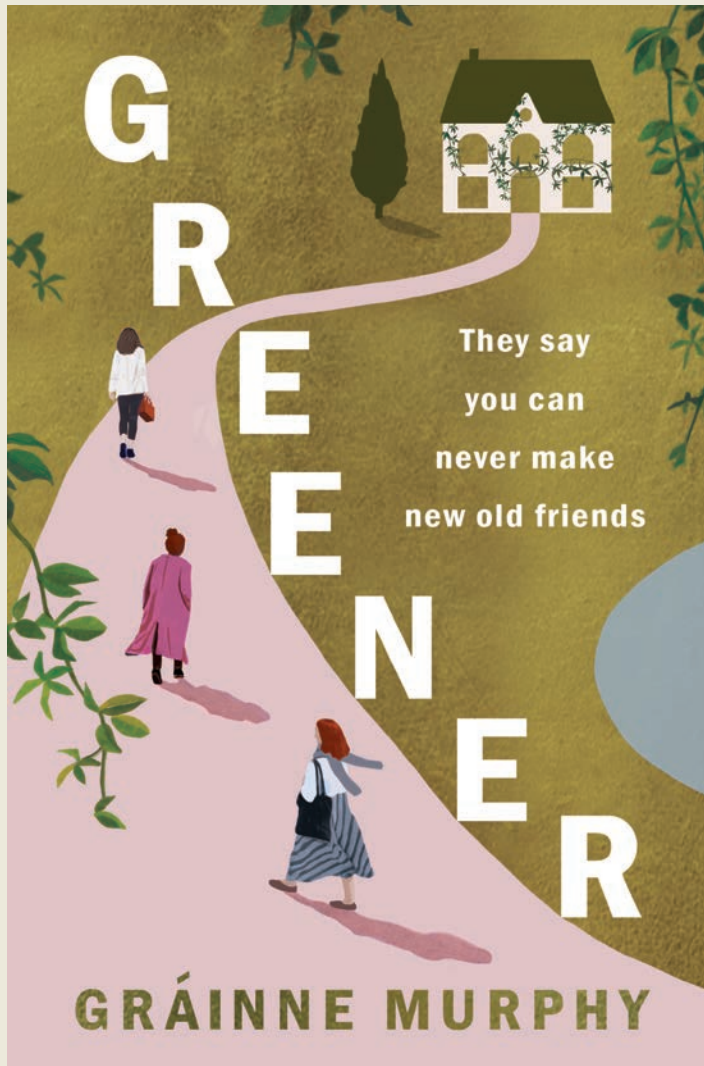
When Alina's son, Fin, traces his long-absent birthfather, it's the catalyst for decades of secrets to implode in Alina's neatly ordered life. With the sudden appearance of Rory, and the ever-present pull of a very different life in Bangladesh, she's left reeling.

Three relationships, all of them built on half-truths. All Alina can truly be sure of is that you can choose your family, you just can't choose who they will turn out to be.

BIOGRAPHY

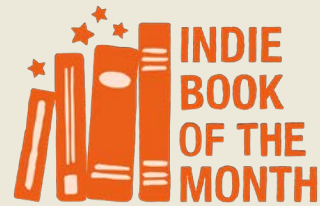
Anne Hamilton co-founded a UK based charity, Bholá's Children, supporting a home and school in Bangladesh for disabled children and remains a trustee today. She has been sharing her time between the UK and Bangladesh for the past 21 years, which inspired both her memoir and most recent novel, *The Almost Truth*. The unpublished manuscript for *The Almost Truth* was the winner of the Irish Novel Fair.

GREENER by Gráinne Murphy



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BOOKS ARE MY BAG



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**They say you can never
make new old friends...**

As teenagers, Helen, Annie and Laura were inseparable, bonding over family, boys, and their dreams for the future. But when school ended, so did their friendship.

Twenty-five years later, a snowstorm forces the three women to spend time together, leaving them wondering if they can reconcile the gap between who they are and who they used to be.

GREENER is an exploration of the changing dynamics of adult friendships and asks whether old friends can ever let us become new people.

'Insightful, believable and raw'
– JOANNA GLEN

BIOGRAPHY

Gráinne Murphy grew up and currently resides in rural West Cork. Some of Gráinne's earlier novels were shortlisted for the Caledonia Novel Award 2019, the Irish Writers' Centre Novel Fair 2019, and the Virginia Prize for Fiction 2014.

ETON ROGUE by William Coles

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**'A delicious
tale'**

THE WALL STREET
JOURNAL

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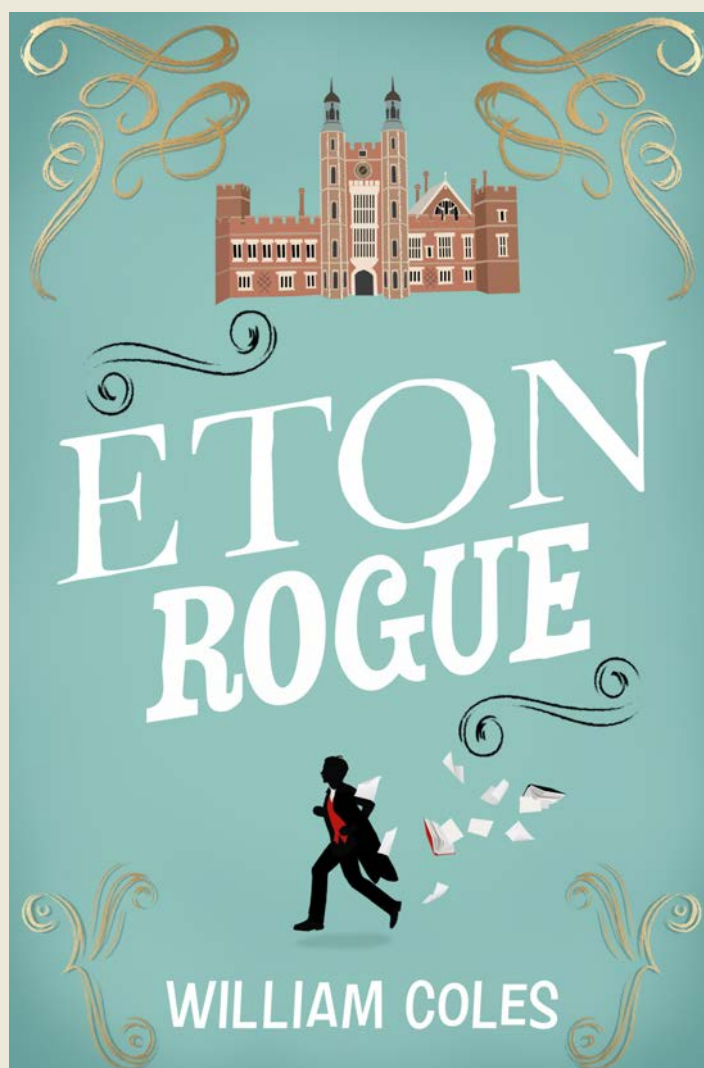
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Eton Rogue is a hilarious and shocking story of scandal and rebellion – all set in the heart of the world's most famous school, Eton College.

Meet our Eton Rogue: Seventeen-year-old Cary, now embarking on his extraordinary final year at Eton. Prince William has joined the school and the British tabloids are ravenous for headlines. Cary is the mole who's making thousands selling stories to the Sun newspaper - and while he's at it, he's secretly dating a housemaster's daughter.

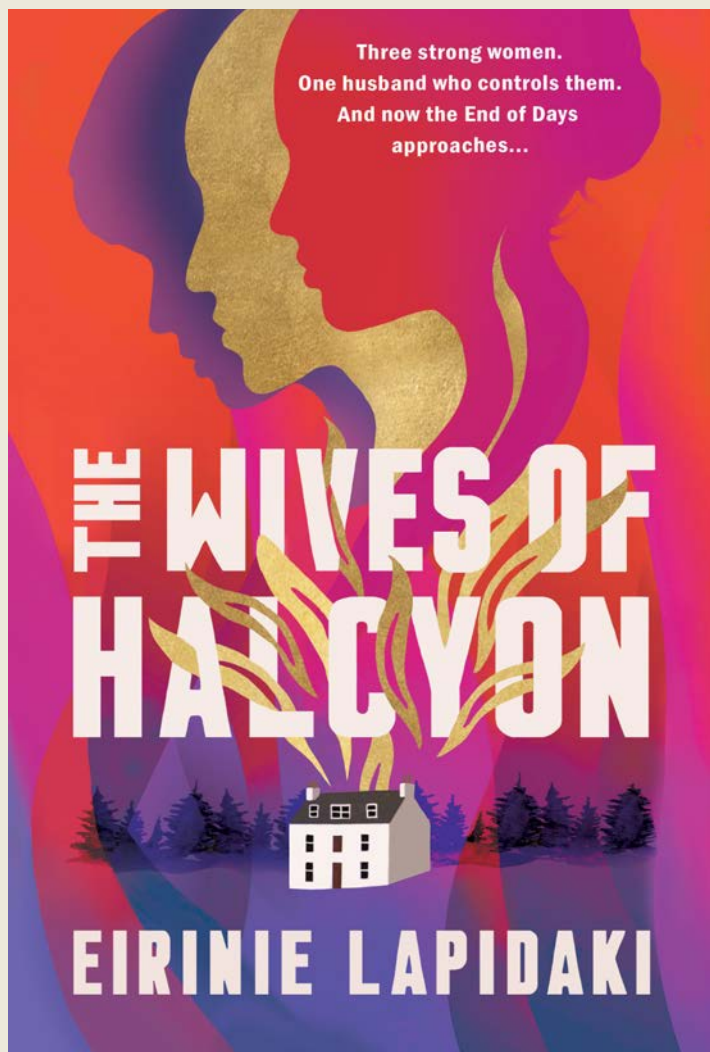
Based on true events, the rule of *Eton Rogue* is simple: The more outrageous the tale, the greater the chances that it actually occurred.

BIOGRAPHY

William Coles has been a journalist for 30 years and has worked for a number of papers including The Sun, The Express, The Mail and The Wall Street Journal. Find out more about William at wcoles.com or follow him on Twitter, @WilliamColes1.

THE WIVES OF HALCYON

by Eirinie Lapidaki



15th May
2024

Featured in *Prima* and
Good Housekeeping
MAY BOOK PICKS

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**Three strong women.
One husband who controls them.
And now the End of Days approaches.**

Three women controlled by one man – their charismatic husband Elijah, leader of their cult who dictates every aspect of life in the remote Scottish settlement of Halcyon. But cracks have begun to form in the community's idyllic façade, and Elijah's increasingly erratic behaviour begins to test the loyalty of the women who love him, especially when he reveals his intention to take a fourth wife, sixteen-year-old Mim.

Deceived and isolated by the husband they share, Aoife, Ruth, and Deborah must set years of animosity aside and come together as danger mounts within their isolated community.

A powerful story of coercive control, motherhood and extraordinary women, *The Wives of Halcyon* asks questions about we perceive faith and family.

BIOGRAPHY

Eirinie Lapidaki began writing her debut novel, *The Wives of Halcyon*, while working as a bookseller at Waterstones, and early chapters won a Northern Writers Award from New Writing North.

THE WOLF'S SHADOW

by GJ Williams

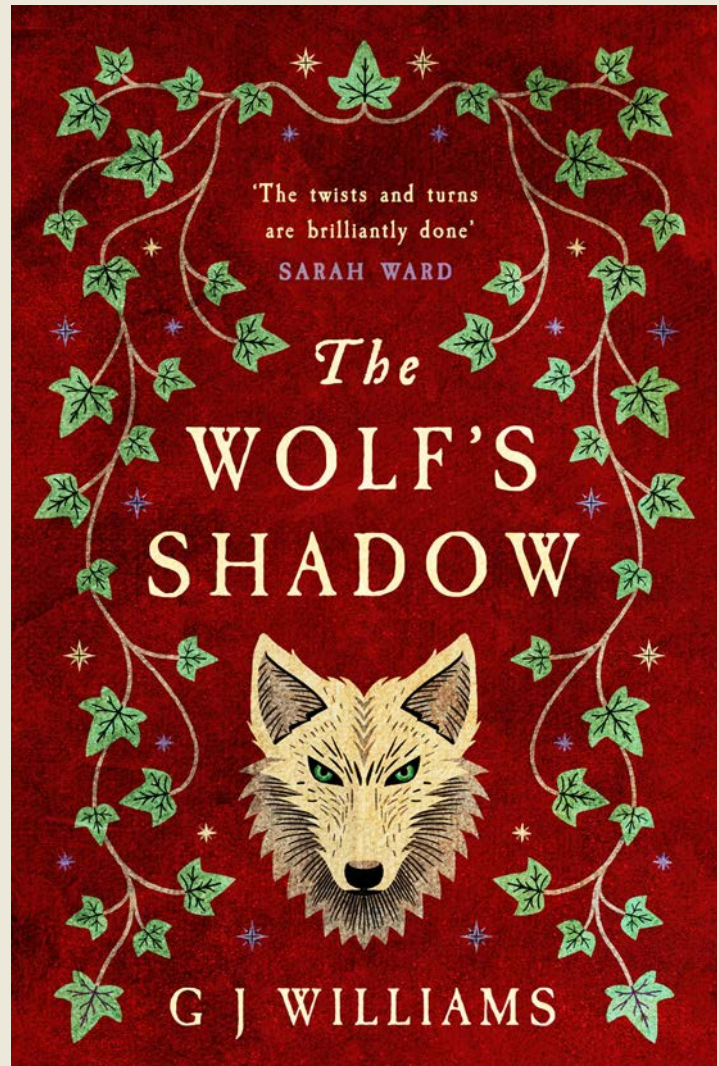
6th June
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The second book in
the Tudor Rose Murder
Series, following on
from *The Conjuror's
Apprentice ...*

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1558: The body of Thomas Seymour is found hanging naked in an oak tree at Hatfield House, the home of Elizabeth Tudor, the Queen's sister.

But Thomas Seymour was supposedly beheaded nine years to the day on Tower Hill. How did he return from the dead, only to die again?

Doctor John Dee and Margareta, assisted by his pupil Christopher, are charged with unravelling the mystery. But then there is a kidnapping, a ransom threat and more bodies appear. Amongst secrets and rumours, the scandal of the Seymour Affair

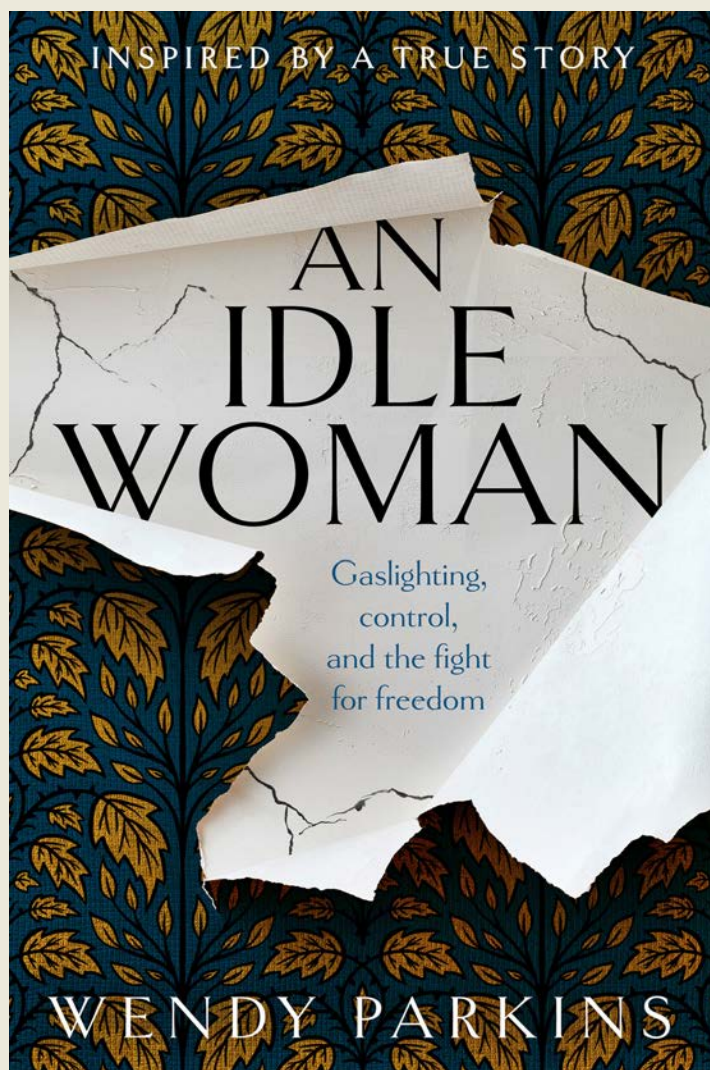
threatens to resurface. Elizabeth's road to the throne could be ruined and with that comes the fall of the Tudor Dynasty.

Can John Dee keep Elizabeth's secret before it casts a shadow over them all?

BIOGRAPHY

G.J. Williams is a Welsh woman living in between London and Somerset. She studied psychology at university and came out with a PhD which supported a 25-year career developing talent and teams in the legal and financial sectors. She combines her interests of Wales, history, and psychology to create characters and intrigue within real historical settings and events. The third book in the series, *The Cygnet Prince*, will be published by Legend Press in 2025.

AN IDLE WOMAN by Wendy Parkins



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An Idle Woman is the true story behind one of the most sensational divorce trials of the nineteenth century

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ONE WOMAN CLAIMS THE POWER TO TAKE CHARGE OF HER OWN DESTINY.

1838, England: When eighteen-year-old Frances Dickinson impulsively marries Lieutenant John Geils, all her hopes for her future are quickly shattered as she finds there is much about her husband she did not know. A cruel and violent man, John keeps Frances in isolation on his family's estate, while spending her fortune and preying upon their maids.

Frances yearns to break free from her marriage but the law is not on her side. Only when John's abuse escalates can she set in motion a daring plan to secure her freedom.

BIOGRAPHY

Wendy Parkins is from Sydney and has held academic posts at universities in Australia, New Zealand, and the UK, most recently as Professor of Victorian Literature at the University of Kent. Her memoir, *Every Morning, So Far, I'm Alive*, was published in 2019. Follow Wendy on Twitter @WendyParkins.

THE STAR CHILD

by Unathi Magubeni

16th July
2024

Published in South Africa
in 2016, *The Star Child*
was longlisted for the 2017
Sunday Times Fiction Prize

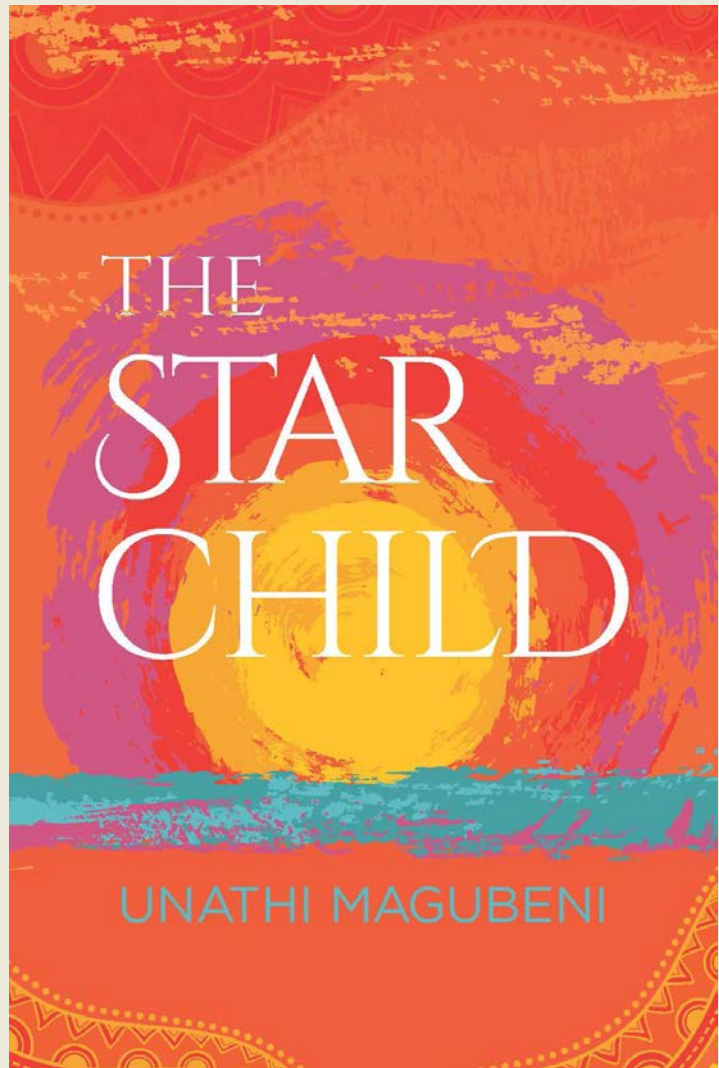
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Nwelezelanga is born an albino. Convinced by the midwife that an albino child is a curse, her mother places her in a river to drown.

However, fate has other plans and the baby is rescued and raised by a traditional healer. She grows into an old soul with mystic abilities and her story unfolds as she lives a rural life, connected to the earth and ancient rituals.

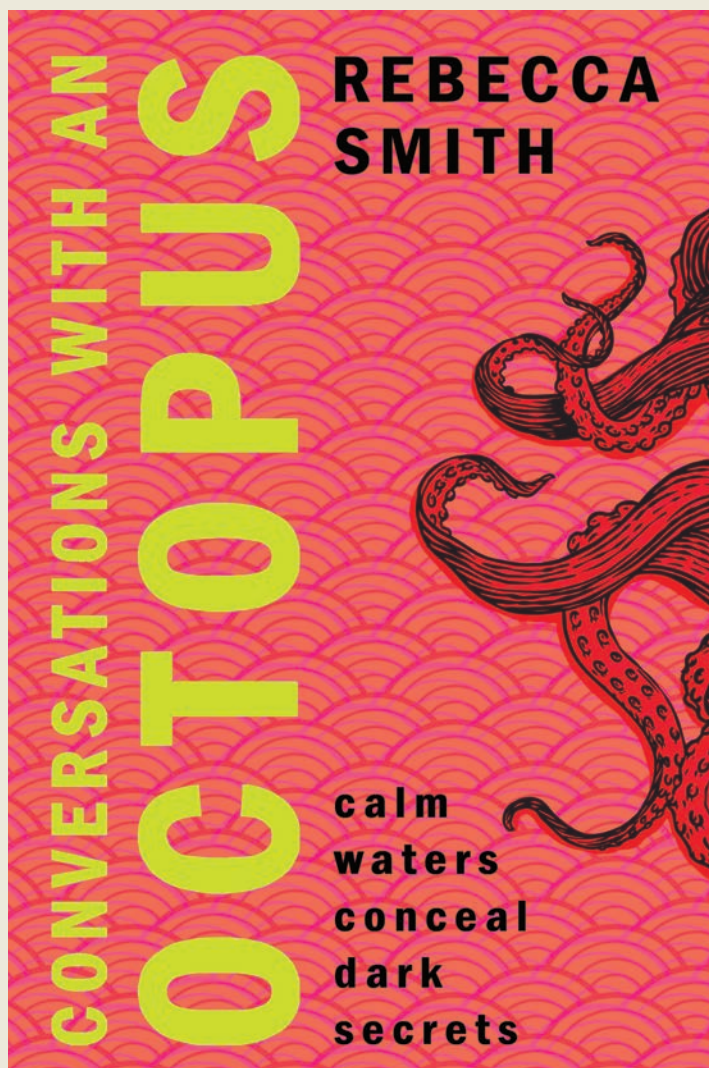
The Star Child is magical and poetic with an assured voice and eloquent prose, Magubeni invites us into the life of this extraordinary being, Nwelezelanga, the child who should not have been.

BIOGRAPHY

Unathi Magubeni's debut novel, *Nwelezelanga, The Star Child* (BlackBird Books) was published in South Africa in 2016 and was long-listed for the 2016 Etisalat Prize for Literature and the 2017 Sunday Times Fiction Prize. Unathi was selected as the 2019 Eastern Cape National Book Week Ambassador. His work encourages reading and writing in different schools in the rural heartland of the Eastern Cape of South Africa.

CONVERSATIONS WITH AN OCTOPUS

by Rebecca Smith



2nd August
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**Calm waters
conceal dark
secrets...**

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Diana Parks is a beautician with a temper, and she's not the only member of Ottersea WI who's had enough of bullies and slimeballs.

When the body of lecherous landlord, Raj Sumal, washes up on the beach, it's up to Detectives Jim Paddon and Grace Brown to solve the mystery. They start to suspect Raj's wife, Sukhi, who likes walking on the cliffs.

Meanwhile, at Ottersea Oceanworld, Jane the Octopus hears people's

secrets and understands everything during a sweltering summer of strange deaths, new friendships, and a whole lot of ice cream.

BIOGRAPHY

Rebecca Smith studied History at the University of Southampton and is now a principal teaching fellow in English and Creative Writing there. Rebecca is one of Jane Austen's five times great nieces, and *Conversations With An Octopus* takes inspiration from Sanditon. She has Indian, English and Scottish heritage and often draws on this in her work.

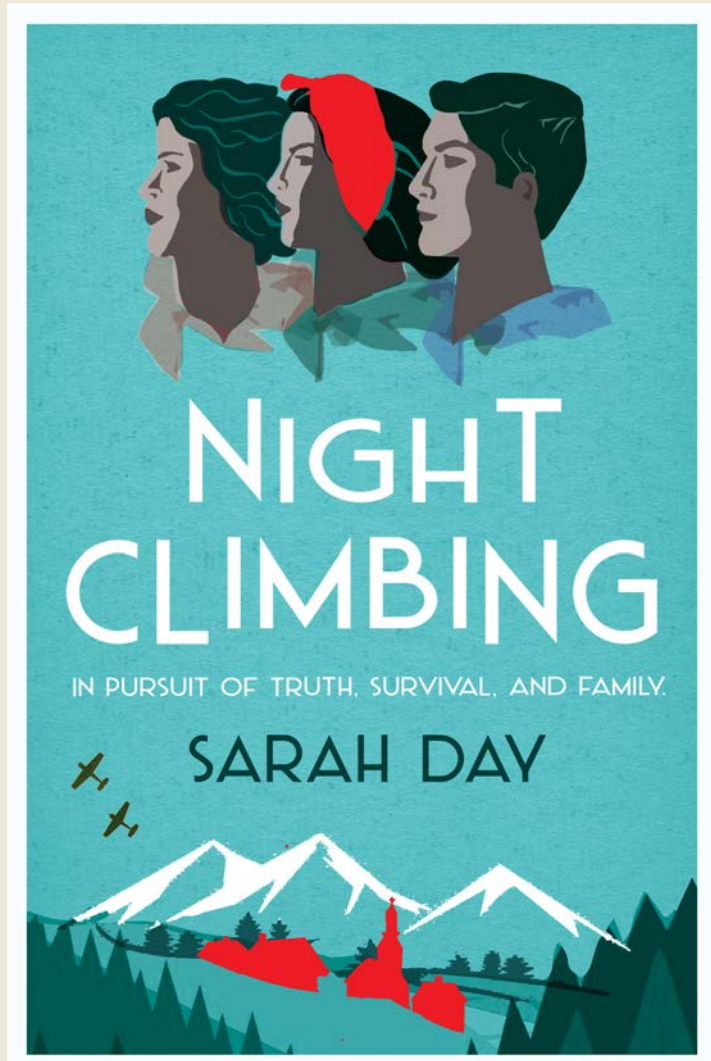
NIGHT CLIMBING by Sarah Day

18th September
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A powerful and emotionally gripping novel inspired by the true story of 'The Black Forest Tragedy'

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Inspired by a true story, *Night Climbing* is about two women's unwavering pursuit of truth, survival, and family.

When Sylvia's son, Cyril, vanishes during a perilous school trek in the German mountains, her world crumbles. A pre-trip postcard from Cyril hints that his teacher – now lauded for his rescue efforts – knew more about the stormy conditions than he has admitted. Sylvia shifts from frantic mother to justice seeker.

Meanwhile in Hofsggrund, a German mountain village, Nazi flags and Hitler Youth parades are rapidly appearing, and Hilde senses life's irreversible change. The English schoolboys' rescue shakes the community, sparking political strife. Neighbour turns on neighbour, endangering Hilde and Sylvia's quest for Cyril.

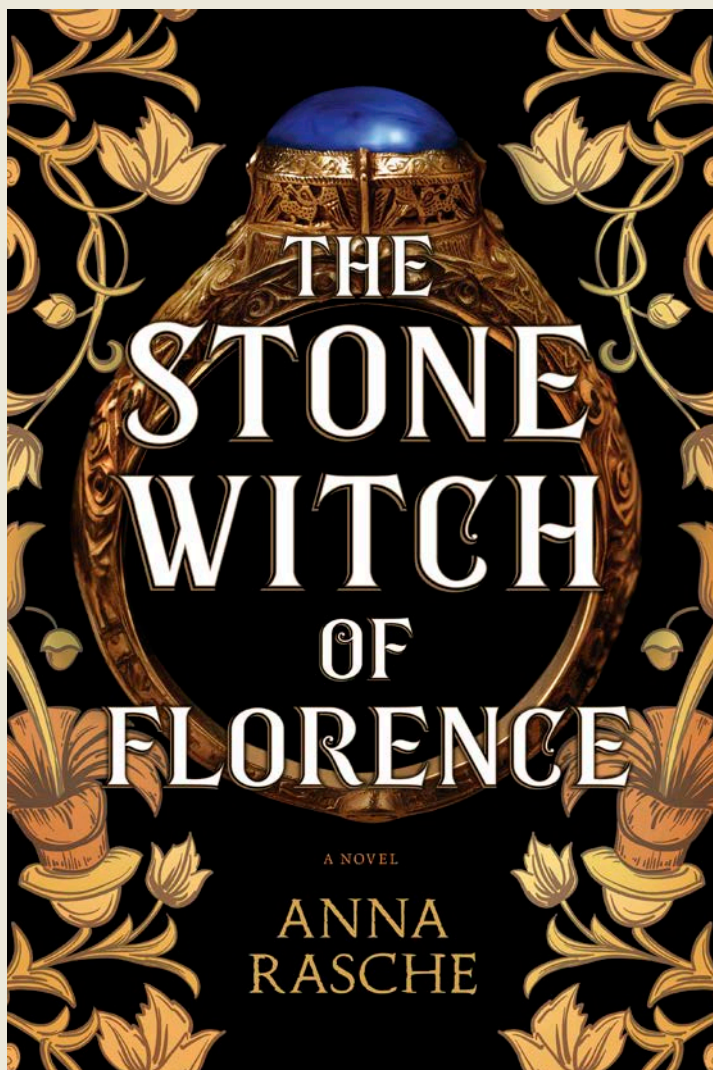
BIOGRAPHY

Sarah Day's debut novel, *Mussolini's Island*, received a 2018 Betty Trask Award and was shortlisted for the Polari First Book Prize and the Historical Writers' Association Debut Crown.

THE STONE WITCH OF FLORENCE

by Anna Rasche

8th October
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**Perfect for fans of
The Lost Apothecary
and *The Alchemist***

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including non-exclusive ROW)

In 1348, amidst the ravages of the Black Plague in Italy, Ginevra di Gasparo returns to Florence after years of exile.

Endowed with the ancient knowledge of alchemy, Ginevra possesses the ability to heal the afflicted. Once condemned as a witch for her unique talents, she is now summoned back by the very men who expelled her, seeking her unconventional cures during the pandemic.

However, upon her return, Ginevra is confronted with a different mission: to employ her jewel collection in tracking down a ruthless thief pillaging Florence's churches for priceless

relics, leaving vibrant vials in their wake. Success promises recognition as a physician, free from witchcraft accusations. Yet, as she delves into the investigation, Ginevra unravels a larger conspiracy, discovering she is a mere pawn, with perilous forces willing to kill a stone witch to get what they want.

BIOGRAPHY

Anna Rasche is a historian and gemologist who is currently the Fine Jewelry Education Expert at The RealReal, as well as a member of the teaching faculty at Sotheby's Institute of Art. Anna's debut manuscript is based on original research she conducted on the uses of gemstones in mediaeval medicine at the Cooper Hewitt Museum and on site in Italy.

THE LONDON SÉANCE SOCIETY

by Sarah Penner

15th October
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**The New York
Times bestseller**

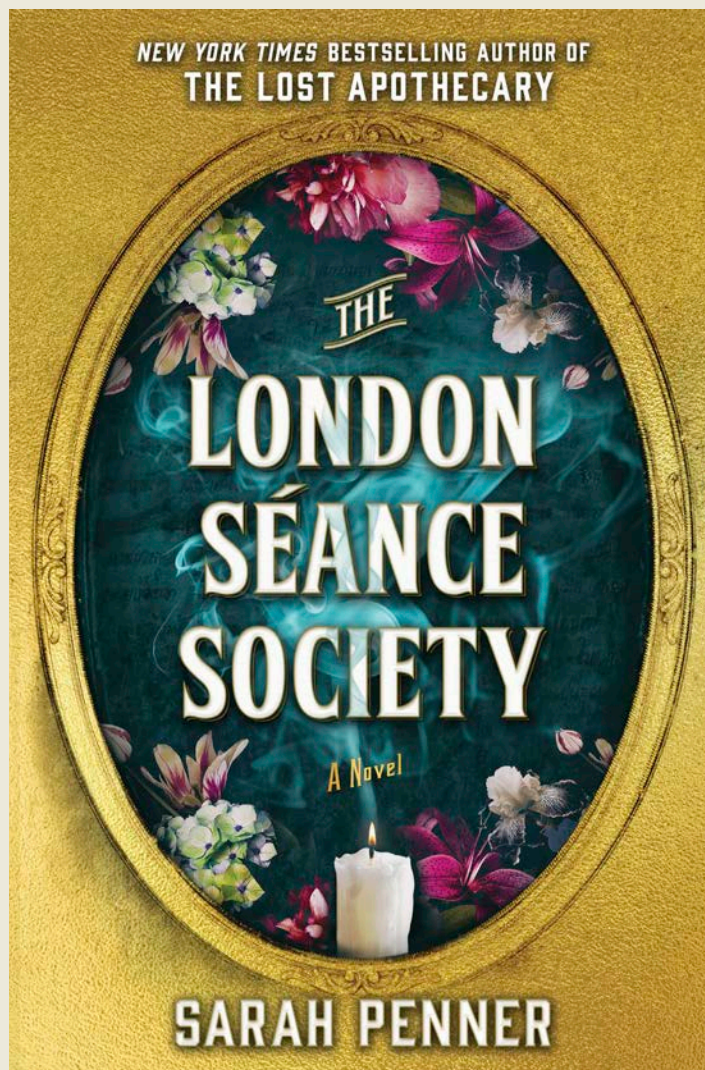
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**'An atmospheric and evocative
whodunnit steeped in suspense,
mystery, and illusion.'**

NITA PROSE

#1 New York Times bestselling author

Paris, 1873. A dark séance is about to take place, led by acclaimed spiritualist Vaudeline D'Allaire. Meanwhile, Lenna Wickes has come to Paris to find answers about her sister's death, but to do so, she must embrace the unknown and overcome her own logic-driven bias against the occult.

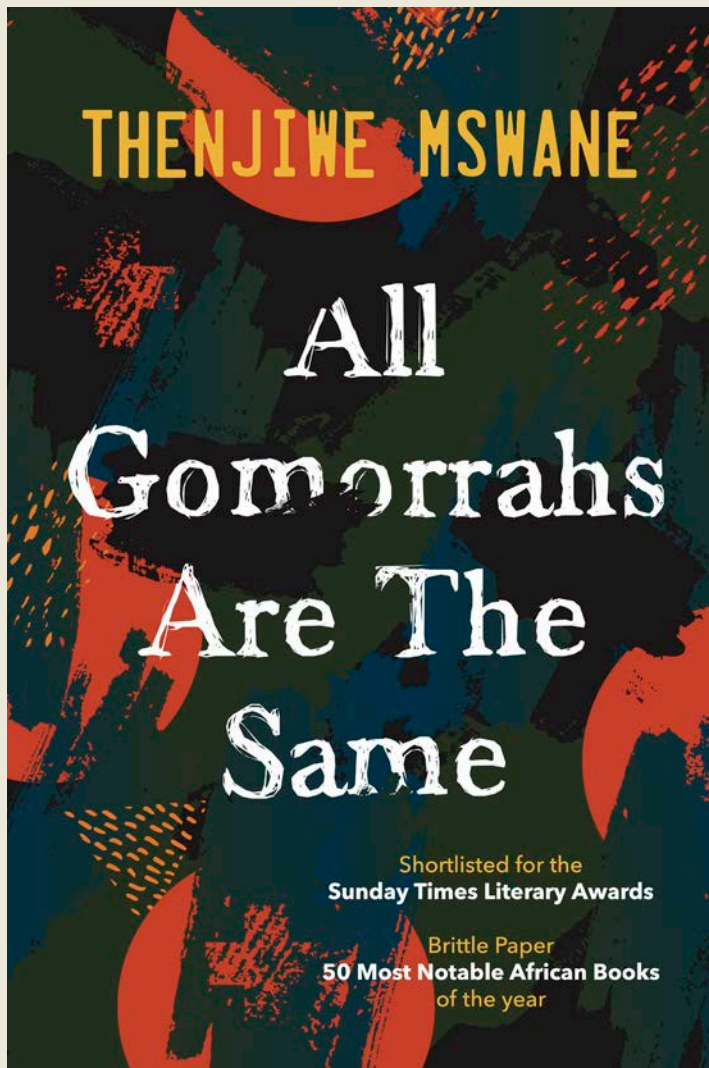
When Vaudeline is beckoned to England to solve a high-profile murder, Lenna accompanies her as an understudy. But as the women team up with the powerful men of London's exclusive Séance Society to solve the mystery, they begin to suspect that they are not merely out to solve a crime, but perhaps entangled in one themselves...

BIOGRAPHY

Sarah Penner is the *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of *THE LOST APOTHECARY*, which has been translated into 40 languages worldwide and was shortlisted for the 2021 HWA Debut Crown.

ALL GOMORRAHS ARE THE SAME

by Thenjiwe Mswane



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An epic tale narrated through the eyes of three women

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Makhosi battles inner turmoil, unable to express her anger to her mother, Duduzile, a hardworking woman losing touch with her daughter.

Nonhle, Makhosi's younger sister, watches the growing gap between them.

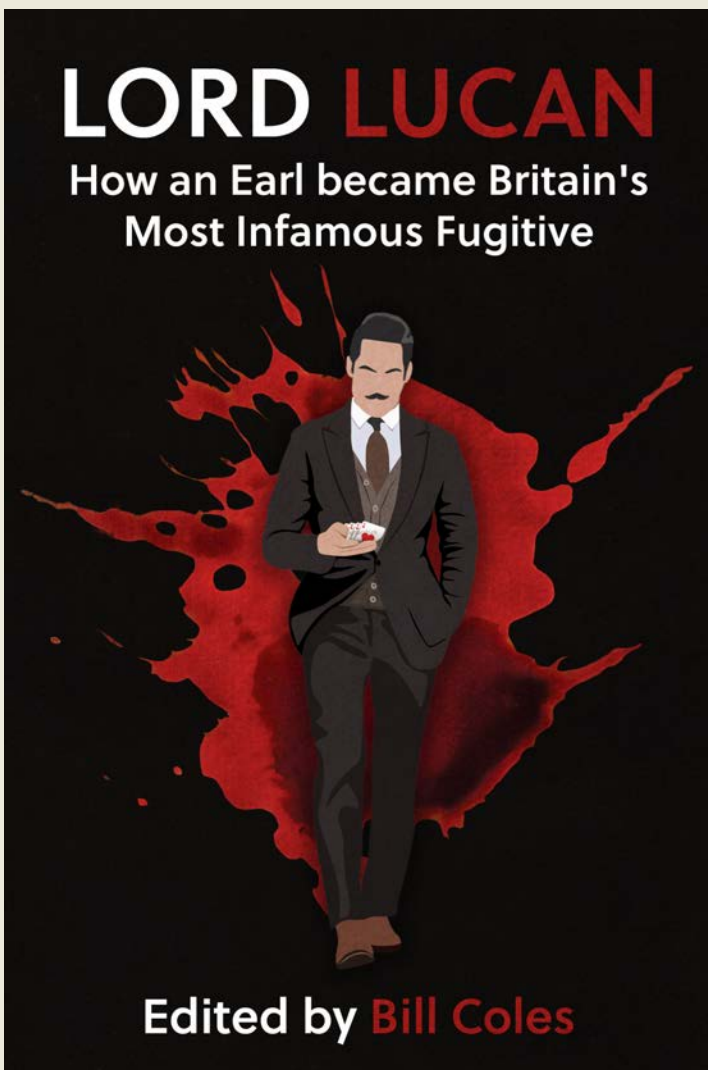
The narrative unfolds the complex conversations within families—womanhood, parenting, sexuality, and mental health. It's an epic tale

told through the eyes of three women, navigating the delicate threads of love, pain, and resilience within the intricate dance of family bonds.

BIOGRAPHY

Thenjiwe Mswane is the author of the Sunday Times Literary Awards shortlisted novel *All Gomorrahs Are the Same* (Blackbird Books, 2021). She has also written for numerous publications including *HOLAfrica!* the *GALA Queer Archives* *Queer Realness*. Although writing is a large aspect of her career, Thenjiwe is also a full-time public servant in Higher Education and a PhD candidate.

LORD LUCAN by Bill Coles



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**How an Earl
became Britain's
Most Infamous
Fugitive**

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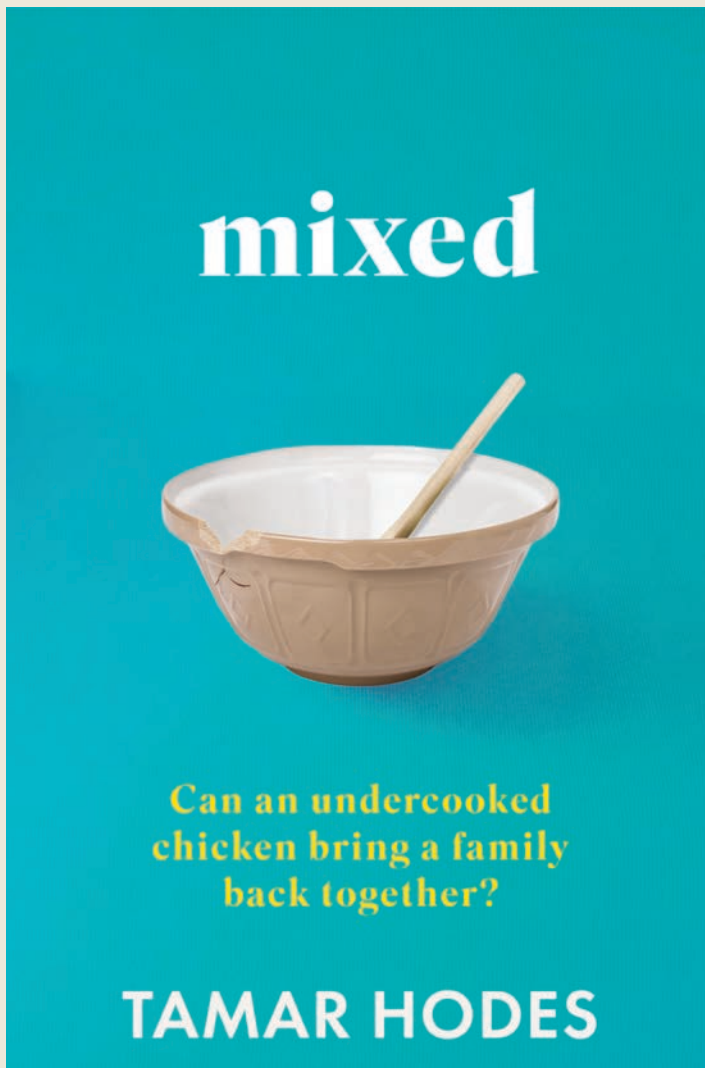
It is the story of an Old Etonian Earl on the run; of how a man became a murderer; and how a life-long friendship soured into an enduring hate. Here, and for the first time, is the full monstrous account of the life of Lord Lucan.

This is his story.

BIOGRAPHY

William Coles has been a journalist for 30 years and has worked for a number of papers including The Sun, The Express, The Mail and The Wall Street Journal. Find out more about William at wcoles.com.

MIXED by Tamar Hodes



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MIXED is a hilarious yet moving story of family and faith, best served hot (or cold) with a dollop of sour cream.

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upbringing. Miriam has not – and while she wants to instil her heritage in her children, they just want to fit in.

As resentment, tension and divisions build, can the sisters overlook their differences or will their family be torn apart?

BIOGRAPHY

Tamar Hodes' first novel *Raffy's Shapes* was followed by stories on BBC Radio 4 and others in anthologies including Salt's *The Best British Short Stories*. For the past thirty-three years she has taught English in schools, universities and prisons.



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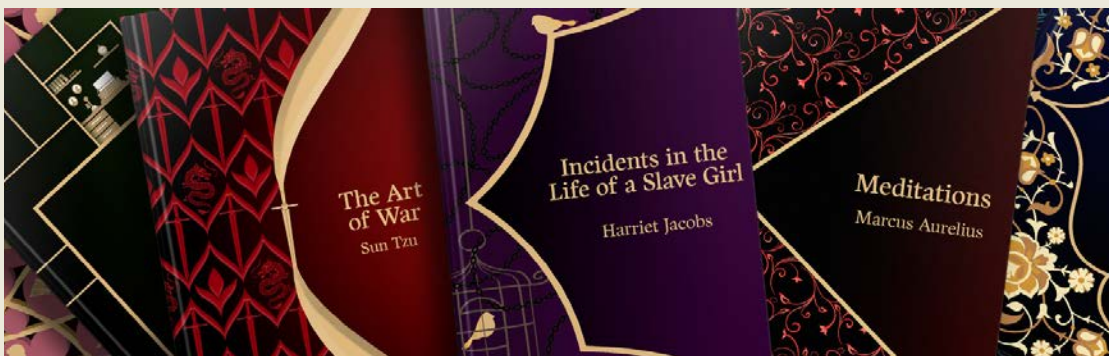
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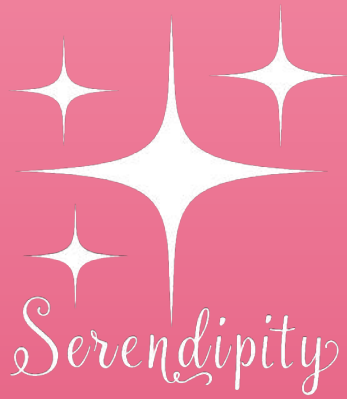
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From USA Today Bestselling author
When two old flames come back to their hometown, sparks are bound to ignite.

After a devastating car accident ended Stella Simpson's tennis career and a betrayal shattered her relationship, she seeks solace by investing in a rural property. But her plans are upended when she discovers her ex, Mitchell Scott, owns the other half.

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BIOGRAPHY

USA Today bestselling author Alyssa J. Montgomery lives with her husband and three children on a five-acre property nestled into a mountain range south of Sydney, Australia, and enjoys having the space for gardens, a dog, horses, goats and chickens. She continues to work in her private practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist.

FOUR NIGHT STAND

by Georgia Moore



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Forced Proximity

Friends to Lovers

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TWO COLLEAGUES. ONE CONFERENCE. NO STRINGS ATTACHED?

Jules finds comfort in her routine after past heartbreaks left her wary of risks. When she's tasked with attending a conference, she sees it as a chance to reignite her passion, only to discover her long-distance crush, Cameron, will be there too.

Cameron, scarred by a previous breakup, keeps his distance in his new workplace until a connection with Jules, despite never meeting face-to-face, prompts him to reassess. As they embark on a conference

fling, they navigate the unpredictability of emotions in a low stakes environment, and begin to question whether some risks are worth taking.

BIOGRAPHY

Georgia Moore is an author of steamy contemporary romance. Her stories feature competent heroines who are still figuring out what they want from life, and heroes who've got emotional baggage to unpack. When not consuming copious amounts of pop culture (mostly romance novels), Georgia can be found singing in a choir, eating an endless amount of carbs, or being overly competitive at board games and trivia.

DOUBLE BOOKED IN CORFU

by Samantha Pennington

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Enemies to Lovers
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TWO RESERVATIONS, TWO RIVALS, ONE ROOM... WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

In the bustling world of high street bookselling, Annabel is battling to keep her small branch afloat in the shadow of the larger local store, which happens to be run by her sworn rival, Liam. But just as corporate restructuring jeopardizes Annabel's treasured childhood bookstore, she finds herself unexpectedly double booked in a Corfu villa with the last person she wanted to encounter.

Caught between loyalty to her dreams and an unexpected bond, Annabel must navigate a sea of uncertainty to save not only her

beloved bookshop but also the fragile connection she's forged with Liam. Will the mystery messages she discovers in a second-hand copy of her favourite book be the answer?

In a summer filled with misunderstandings, hidden truths, and heartfelt confessions, she'll discover that sometimes, the greatest stories are found between the pages of a book.

BIOGRAPHY

Samantha Pennington writes light-hearted, uplifting fiction and romantic comedy. She was selected for the inaugural Kate Nash Literary Agency Mentorship program in 2020 and is a member of the Romantic Novelists Association.

THAT NIGHT IN NEW YORK

by Georgia Moore

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ROMANCE TROPES

He Falls First

Slow Build Romance

Forbidden Love

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THAT NIGHT IN NEW YORK

by Laura Wilkinson

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In a crazy Manhattan blackout, two lonely strangers connect – but can a passion forged in darkness, survive the cold light of day?

Steph, an advice columnist, is stuck in a stagnant life, while lonely architect Harry dreams of rediscovering his passion. Despite a chance encounter in New York sparking a magical connection between them, fear and past wounds keep them apart. But when Steph's daughter, Lola, enters the picture, their paths intertwine in unexpected ways. As Steph fights to save her community's beloved park

and confronts her past, she must choose between safety and taking a leap of faith.

That Night in New York is a heart-warming tale of love, family, and the courage to embrace new beginnings.

BIOGRAPHY

Laura is a feminist and lover of ginger hair. A resident of a shabby quarter of Brighton, she likes to write romantic stories which provide food for thought. Her novels are *Crossing the Line*, *Skin Deep*, *Redemption Song* and *The Family Line*. *Crossing the Line* was a Welsh Books Council book of the month and *Skin Deep* was longlisted for *Not the Booker Prize*.

THE FALLEN LEAVES BOOKSHOP

by Bea Marlow

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**BETWEEN THE SHELVES LIES A
ROMANCE AS SPICY AS IT IS
SWEET...**

Jade, a 24-year-old BookTok star with 1.5 million followers, meets Patrick, the charming 36-year-old owner of The Fallen Leaves Bookshop, in a serendipitous meet-cute that leaves both their hearts reeling. Amid fan debates over their age gap, and mounting online pressure, Jade decides to take a break from social media to explore her true feelings for Patrick.

As she embraces life offline, her connection with Patrick deepens, filled with the romance

and spice she's always dreamed of. But when a threatening message targets their relationship, Jade is forced back into the digital spotlight.

Caught up in the frenzy, Jade and Patrick must navigate their feelings and the unpredictable world of social media. Can their love survive such scrutiny?

BIOGRAPHY

Bea is an avid romance reader and her work is informed by her experience of living with obsessive compulsive disorder, which she was diagnosed with in 2012. Her debut novel *The Fallen Leaves Bookshop* celebrates her love of cosy, spicy romance and independent bookshops.

SNOWED IN WITH YOU

by Jade Church



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Brother's Best Friend

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Falling into bed with your brother's best friend was probably never going to end well, but when Sara wakes up to a hastily scrawled note that reads 'This never happened' she realises just how badly she screwed up.

Since that moment, Sara has done her best to avoid Fletcher at all costs.

Yet, when her brother invites her on a group holiday in Alaska to escape her heartache, she reluctantly accepts... only to find herself snowed in with the one person she should hate the most.

BIOGRAPHY

Jade Church is an avid reader and writer of spicy romance. She loves sweet and swoony love interests who aren't scared to smack your ass and bold female leads. Jade currently lives in the UK and spends the majority of her time reading and writing books, as well as binge re-watching The Vampire Diaries.



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A BRIEF GUIDE TO ALIENS

by Adam Frank

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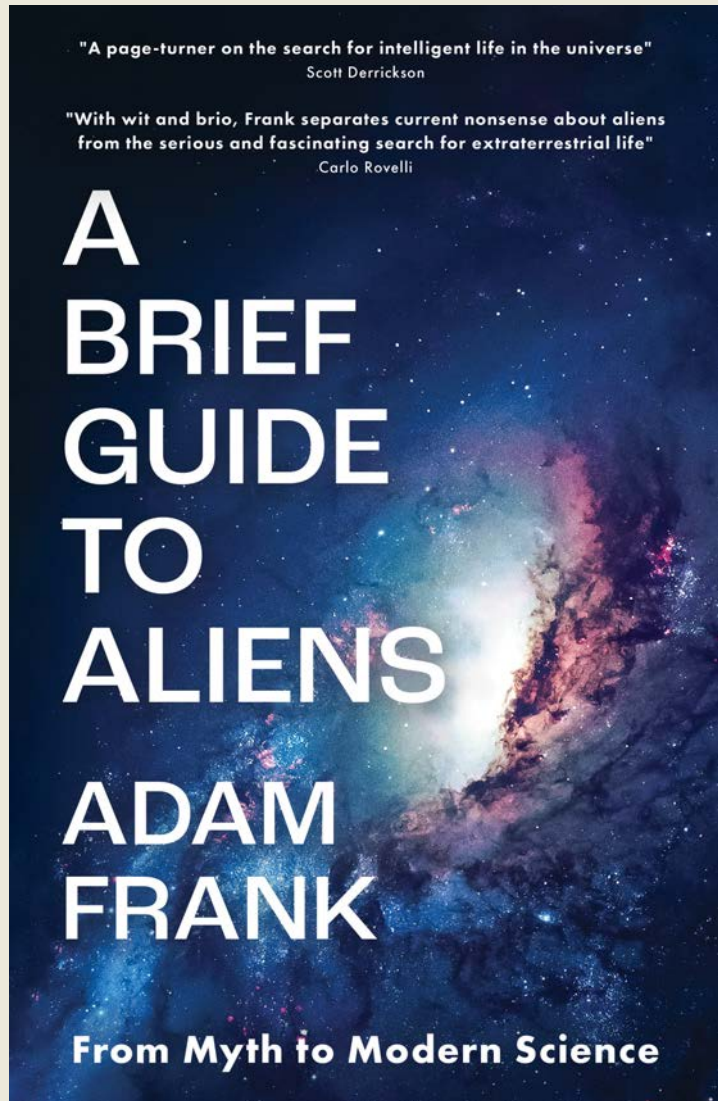
'With wit and brio, Frank separates current nonsense about aliens from the serious and fascinating search for extraterrestrial life.'

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Astrophysicist Adam Frank guides us through the search for extraterrestrial life and questions we stand ready to answer.

Everyone is curious about life in the Universe, UFOs and whether ET is out there. Over the course of his thirty-year career as an astrophysicist, Adam Frank has consistently been asked about the possibility of intelligent life in the universe. Are aliens real? Why haven't we found them? What happens if we do?

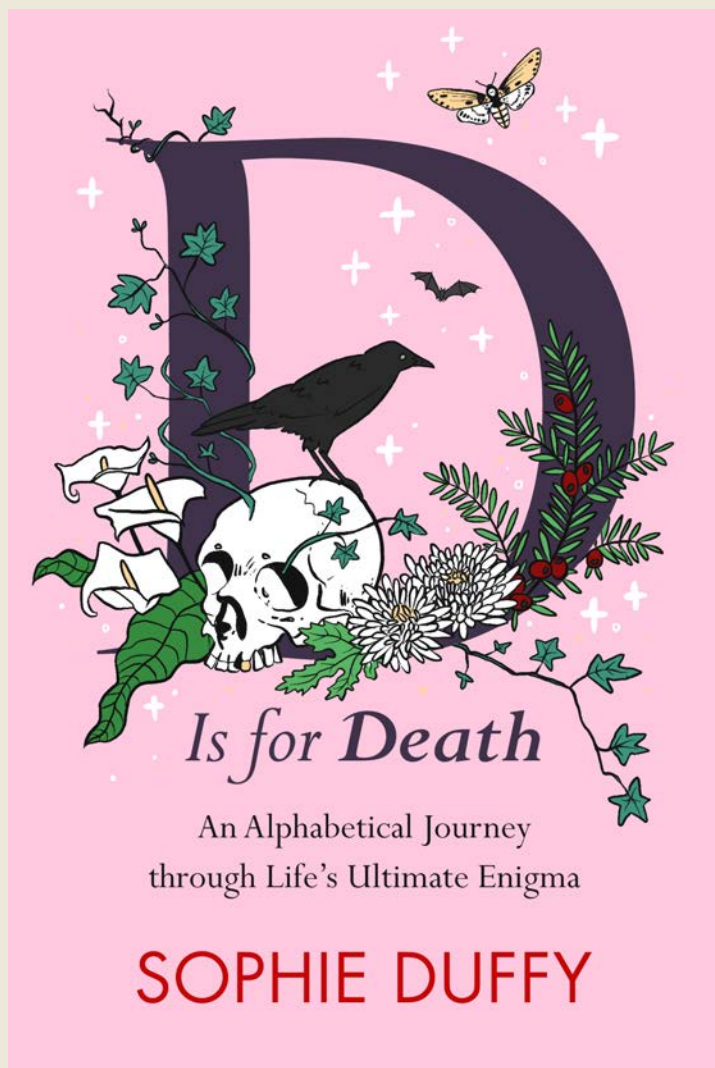
In *A Brief Guide to Aliens*, Frank, a leading researcher in the field, takes us on a journey to all that we know about the possibility of life outside planet Earth and shows us the cutting-edge science that has brought us to this unique moment in human history: the one where we go find out for ourselves.

Drawing from his own work and that of other scientists studying the possibility of alien life, Adam Frank brings together the latest scientific thinking, data, ideas, and discoveries to equip us with the critical facts as we stand at what may be the last moment in human history where we still believe we are all alone.

BIOGRAPHY

Adam Frank is a professor of astrophysics at the University of Rochester and a leading expert on the final stages of evolution for stars like the sun. Frank's computational research group at the University of Rochester has developed advanced supercomputer tools for studying how stars form and how they die. A self-described 'evangelist of science', he is the author of several books and the co-founder of 13.8, where he explores the beauty and power of science in culture with physicist Marcelo Gleiser.

D IS FOR Death by Sophie Duffy



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**An unforgettable
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through life's ultimate
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Death/Grief/History

Explore the mysteries of mortality in *D Is for Death*; from accidents and bodies to contagion and ghosts, each letter unveils a new facet of our shared human experience with death.

Delve into the peculiar choices for the disposal of your corpse, uncover the power of elegies and epitaphs, and venture into the realm of the paranormal. Reflect on the impact of climate change, explore the significance of war and ponder the mysteries that defy explanation. Learn the secrets of the ancient yew tree and celebrate death's place in cultures around the world.

D Is for Death is not just a book: it's a captivating and thought-provoking adventure that challenges perceptions and leaves you with a profound appreciation for the one certainty that binds us all – the journey from A to Z, where death becomes a quirky guide through life's mysteries.

BIOGRAPHY

Sophie Duffy is the author of *The Generation Game* (2011), *The Holey Life* (2012), *Bright Stars* (2015) and *Betsy And Lilibet* (2018). Her work has won the Yeovil Literary Prize and the Luke Bitmead Bursary, and has been nominated for *The Guardian Not the Booker*.

A COUPLE'S GUIDE TO MENOPAUSE

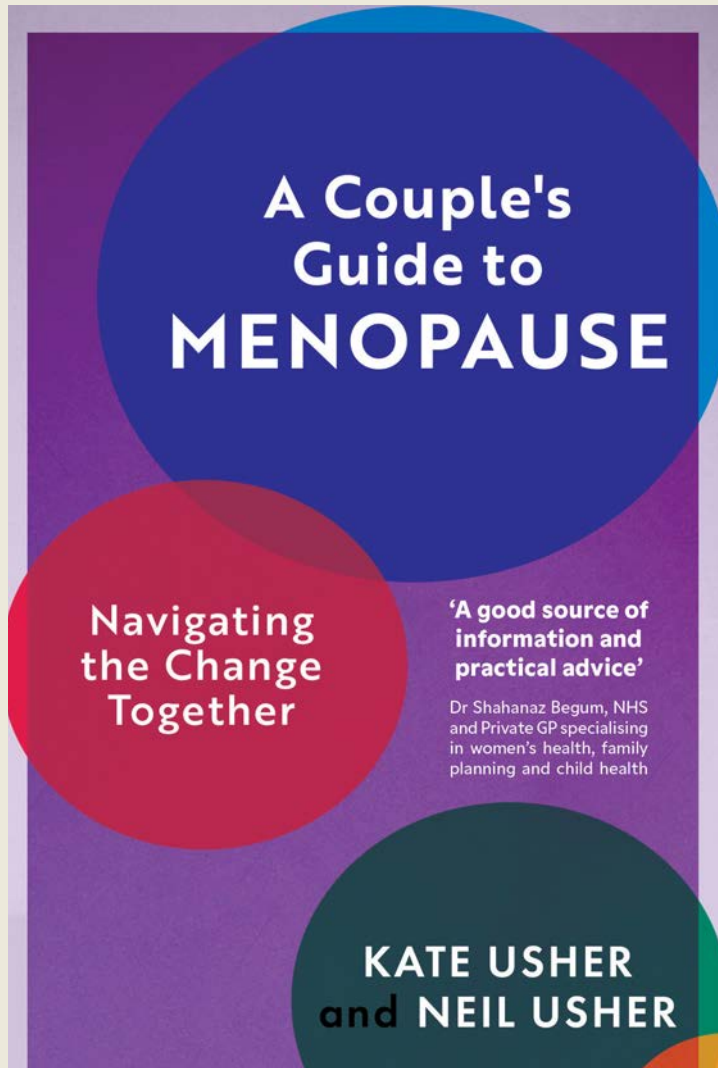
by Kate and Neil Usher

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A ground-breaking self-help guide for couples

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This accessible and entertaining book provides couples with a concise, practical, and humorous approach to managing the menopause together.

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to strengthen relationships during this significant phase of life.

The book's practical, down-to-earth approach makes it a must-read for everyone in their 40s and beyond, offering a unique blend of wisdom and humor.

BIOGRAPHY

With over 25 years in menopause coaching and corporate project management, Kate Usher has become a leading voice in menopause, equality, diversity and inclusion. Her husband, Neil, has been published for titles including *The Elemental Workplace* (LID, 2018) and *Unf*cking Work* (Zer0 Books, 2022).

EATEN BY A SHARK

by David Reid

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digital realm with the Cambridge Analytica scandal, revealing a new era of digital risk and anxiety. This exploration of risk is not just an expose; it's a guide to building resilience, making informed choices, and ultimately leading safer, happier lives in a world defined by constant change.

BIOGRAPHY

An expert in strategic communications, David Reid is a member of the executive leadership team of Lloyd's Register Foundation. A former physicist, David is also passionate about communicating science and the need to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. He is a Board Trustee of The Oxford Trust and The BRE Trust, an independent charity dedicated to improving the built environment for the benefit of all.

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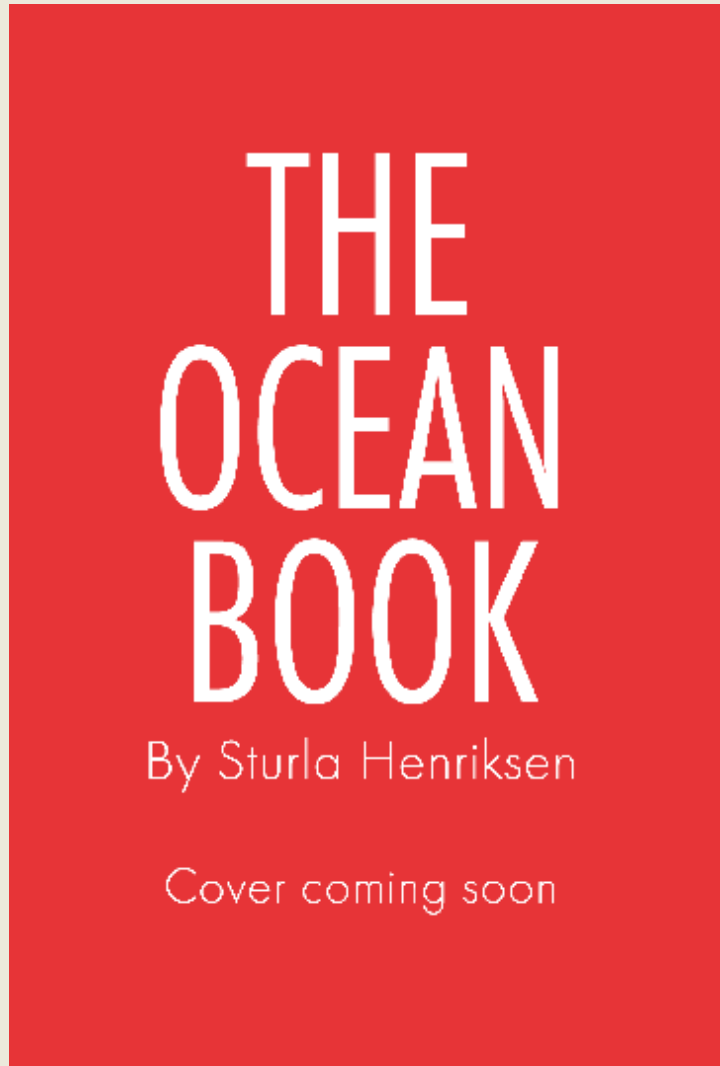
by Sturla Henriksen

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BIOGRAPHY

Sturla Henriksen, a Special Advisor on Ocean issues to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) since January 2018, directs UNGC's global projects involving corporations, research institutions, and governments. With a background as Director and Partner at Astrup Fearnley Asset Management AS and former CEO of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association, Sturla brings extensive experience to his role.



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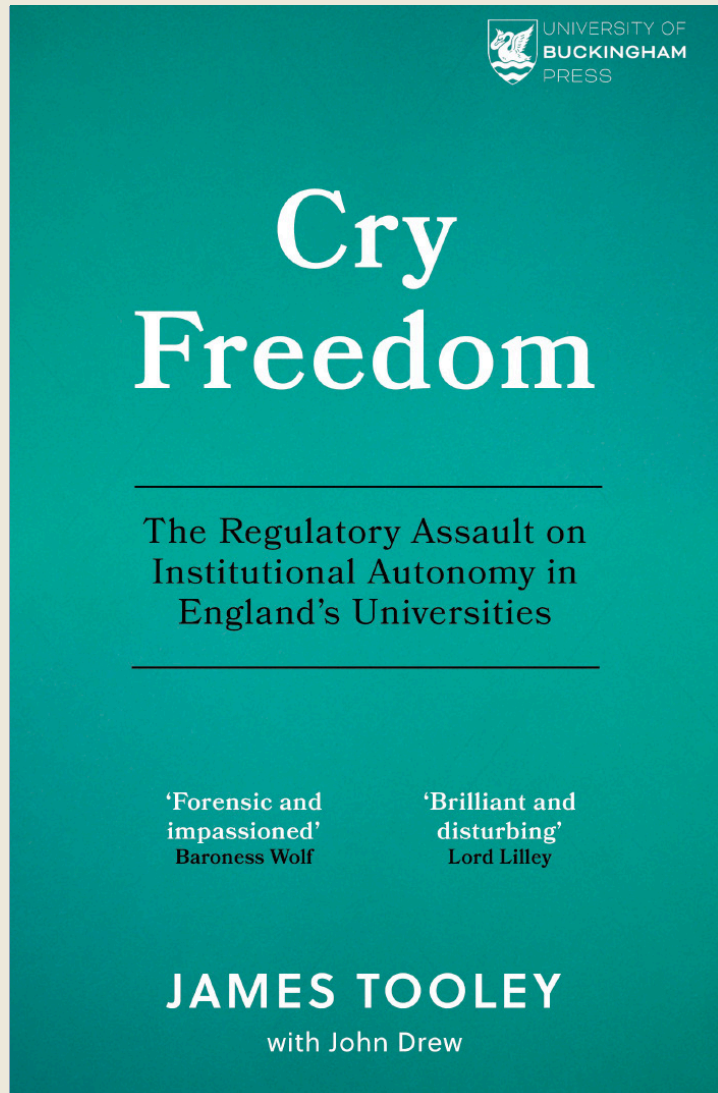
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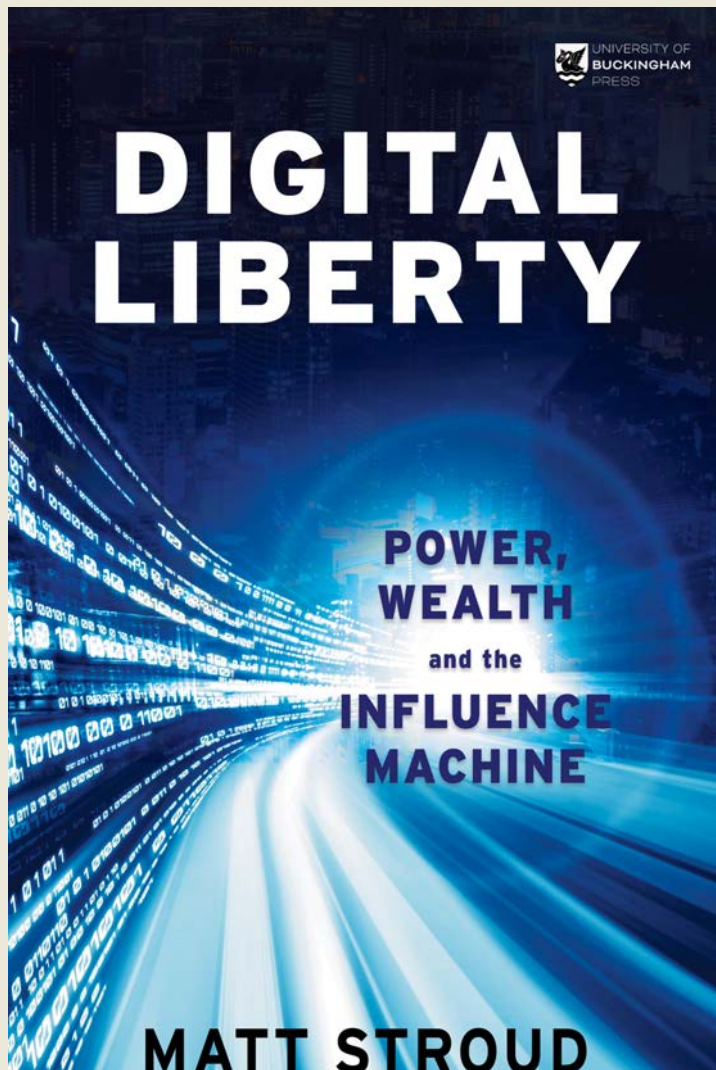
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BIOGRAPHY

James Tooley, PhD, assumed the role of Vice-Chancellor at The University of Buckingham in October 2020, concurrently serving as Professor of Educational Entrepreneurship and Policy. Prior to this, he spent two decades as a professor of education policy at Newcastle University, with intermittent periods fostering entrepreneurial education projects in the developing world. In addition to academic stints at the Universities of Oxford and Manchester, James is renowned for groundbreaking research on low-cost private education, earning accolades such as the gold prize in the International Finance Corporation/Financial Times Private Sector Development Competition and a Templeton Prize for Free Market Solutions to Poverty.

DIGITAL LIBERTY by Matt Stroud



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Digital Liberty explores the imminent convergence of three pivotal themes: data, artificial intelligence and society's intricate social graph, and wars of a looming crisis that threatens to challenge the very foundations of liberal democracies.

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The book delves into the historical genesis of our contemporary digital milieu, explores the emerging vistas of artificial intelligence, dissects the interplay between technological architecture and political power, and presents a vision for a decentralized future.

BIOGRAPHY

Matt Stroud gained his PhD in Astrophysics from University College London. After University, he joined the UK mobile operator EE, where he held roles both as Head of Network Strategy and then Head of Corporate Strategy. Later, he joined the UK's Digital Catapult as Head of Personal Data and Trust, helping with personal data and AI, before joining the Canadian AI business Flybits as European Managing Director. Stroud is currently working on Neom, the futuristic mega-city in Saudi Arabia.

THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF PEACE

by Max Coates

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Mental Health is very much on the agenda. This book demystifies a lot of the issues that can affect the majority.

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This book is about making changes towards a more and enjoyable and fulfilling life. It will help you survive stressful circumstances but is so much more, a dawn breaking in the darkness.

BIOGRAPHY

Max Coates worked for 19 years at the Institute of Education, now part of University College London. During this time, he lectured on leadership, coaching and team development. A significant part of his work was undertaken internationally working in; Colombia, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Pakistan and the Netherlands. He is also a doctoral supervisor for the University of Buckingham. He has published a number of books, including Personalising Learning, The Constant Leader and Shaping a New Educational Landscape. He has contributed to a wide range of publications including research into pupil underachievement, place and belonging and multi-academy trusts.

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