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"Life starts all over again  
when it gets crisp in the fall."  
- F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*







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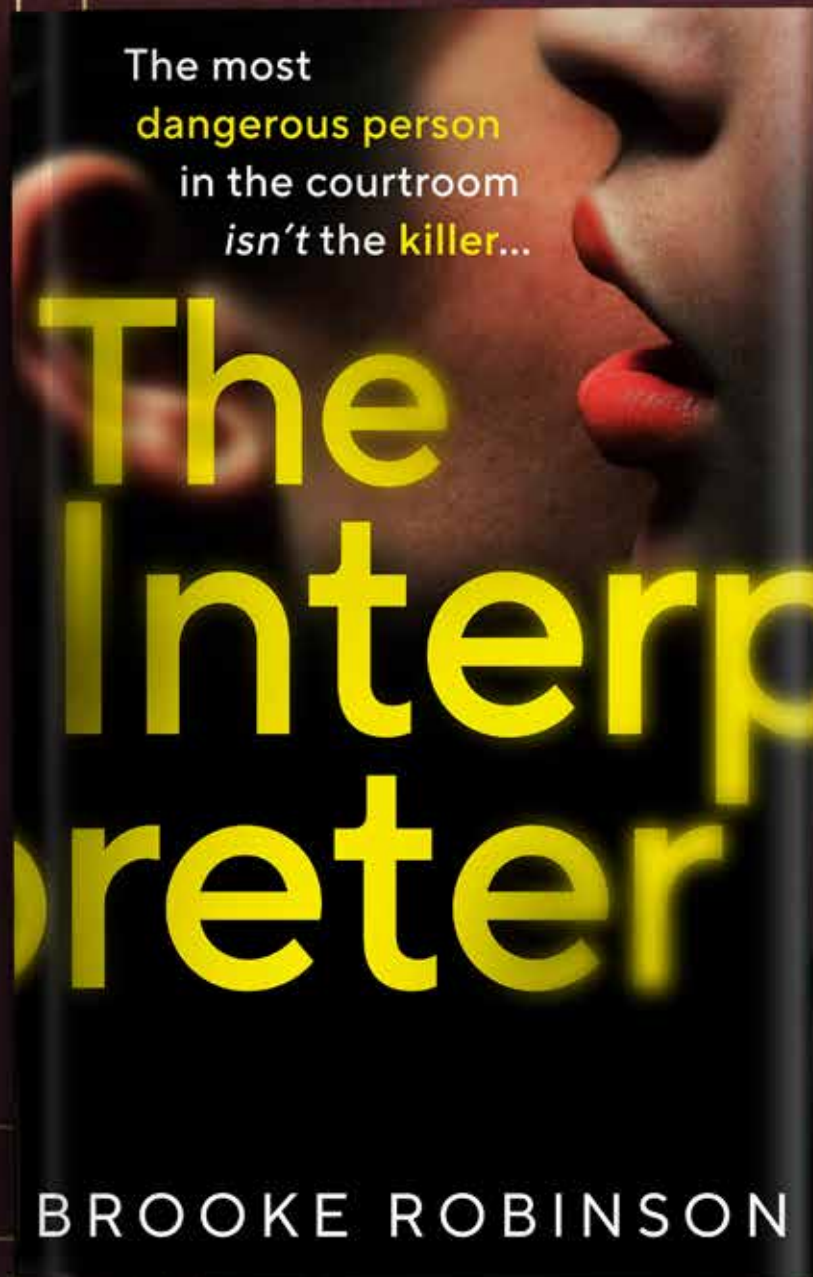
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# Rising Stars



## THE INTERPRETER Brooke Robinson

Revelle is a court interpreter and knows the power of words. She spends her days translating for other people; murderers, fraudsters and their victims. She speaks their words. Only she knows exactly what they're saying.

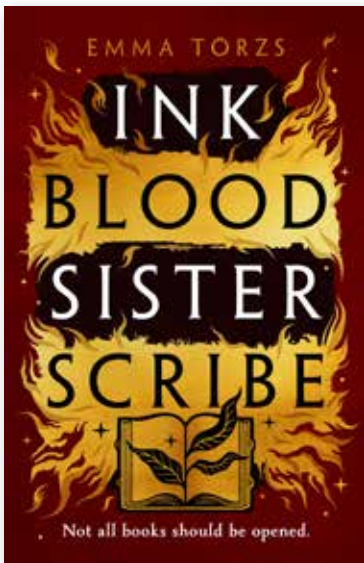
When she spots an injustice is about to take place, and a guilty man about to be labelled innocent, she has the power to twist an alibi to get the verdict she wants. The verdict she believes is correct. She's willing to risk it all.

But someone knows what she's done. And they want justice.

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Innocent or guilty.  
It's all a matter  
of interpretation...





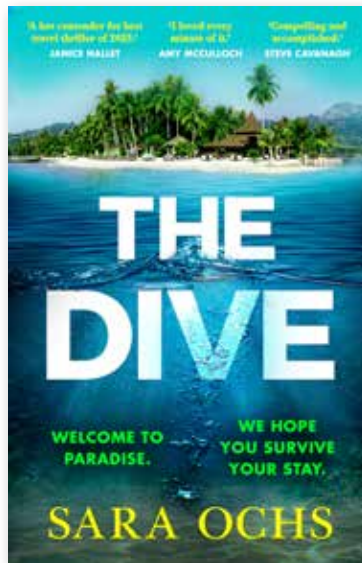
**INK BLOOD SISTER SCRIBE**  
Emma Torzs

Joanna is the sole protector of a collection of rare books. Books of magic.

Her estranged older sister Esther moves between countries and jobs, desperate to avoid the deadly magic that killed her mother.

But she knows someone is coming for her, and that Joanna and her collection are in danger. If they are to survive, she and Joanna must unravel the secrets that span centuries and continents, and could cost them their lives...

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**THE DIVE**  
Sara Ochs

Scuba diving instructor Cass leads her students out for their first dive off the beautiful coast of Koh Sang, Thailand's world-famous party island. But things quickly spiral out of control...

By the time she gets back to the shore, one of her students is dead, another badly injured, and she knows that her idyllic life is about to be smashed to pieces on the rocks.

Because this isn't the first mysterious death on the island, and it won't be the last. Someone is making sure that backpackers stay in paradise for ever - one murder at a time...

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From the publishers of *The Girl on the Train* and *The Sanatorium* comes the biggest debut thriller of the year



**THE COLLECTED REGRETS OF CLOVER**  
Mikki Brammer

Clover Brooks has forgotten how to live.

It might be because she spends her time caring for people in their final days, working as a death doula in New York City.

Or it might be because she has a regret of her own - one she can't bring herself to let go of.

But then she meets Claudia: a feisty old woman who has one last wish...

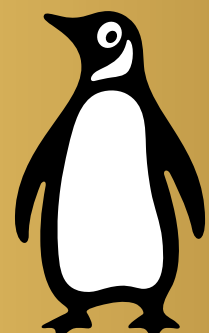
As Clover begins a new adventure, will she remember how to live her own big, beautiful life?

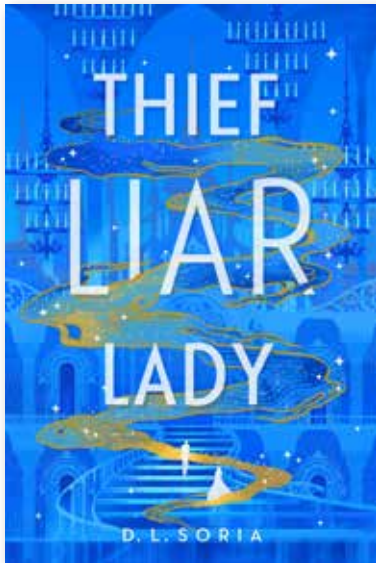
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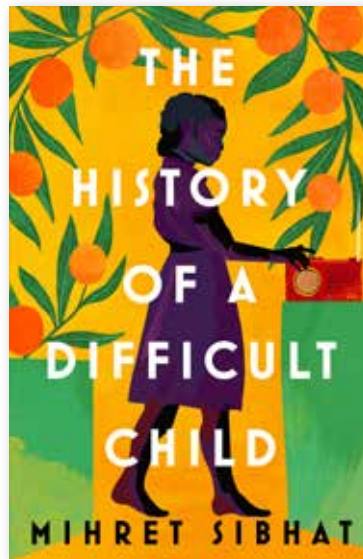


**THIEF LIAR LADY**  
D. L. Soria

Happily Ever After is a total scam, but at least this time the princess is the one controlling the grift – until her true love arrives and threatens to ruin the whole scheme.

Intrigue, magic, and wit abound in this Cinderella fairytale reimagining, perfect for fans of Heather Walter and Naomi Novik.

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**THE HISTORY OF  
A DIFFICULT CHILD**  
Mihret Sibhat

A brilliantly vivid and profoundly moving debut novel about a hot-tempered child, and the impact of Ethiopia's revolution on her family.

Told through the perspective of its charming and irresistible narrator, *The History of a Difficult Child* is about what happens when mother, God, and country are at odds, and how one difficult child finds her voice.

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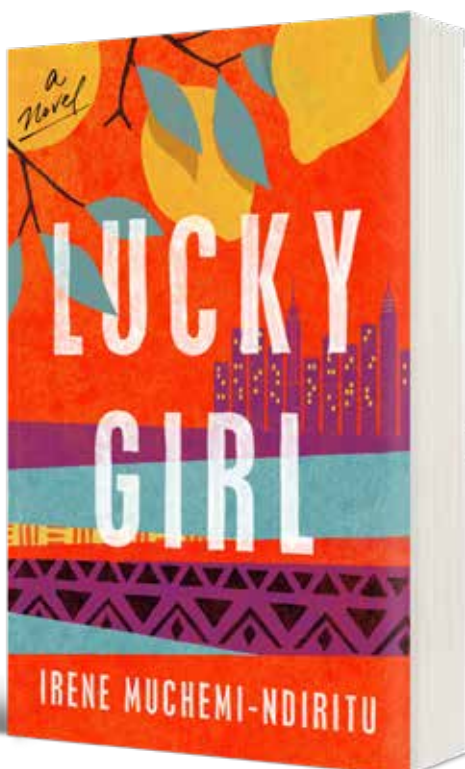


**PROPHET**  
Helen Macdonald + Sin Blaché

An all-American diner appears overnight in a remote British field. It's brightly lit, warm and inviting but it has no power, no water, no connection to the real world. More and more objects materialise: toys, fairground rides, pets and other treasured mementos of the past. And the deaths quickly follow.

Something is bringing these memories to life, then stifling innocent people with their own joy. This is a weapon like no other. But nobody knows who created it, or why.

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**LUCKY GIRL**  
Irene Muchemi-Ndiritu

Longing for independence, a young sheltered Kenyan woman flees the expectations of her mother for a life in New York City that challenges all her beliefs about race, love, and family.

*Lucky Girl* is a fierce and tender debut about the lives and loves we choose – what it meant to be an African immigrant in America at the turn of the millennium, and how a young woman finds a place for herself in the world.

Trade paperback • R375 • 9780593133903 • July

**IRENE  
MUCHEMI-  
NDIRITU**

Irene Muchemi-Ndiritu was born and raised in Nairobi and moved to the United States to attend college in 1998. She has an MA in journalism from the Graduate School of Journalism, Columbia University and has worked as a journalist in New York City, Washington D.C., and Boston. She later received an MFA in creative writing from the University of Cape Town, graduating with distinction. She has been shortlisted for the Commonwealth Short Story Prize. She currently lives in Cape Town.





# Regret Belongs to the Past

Mikki Brammer's *The Collected Regrets of Clover* is a big-hearted and life-affirming debut about a death doula who, in caring for others at the end of their life, has forgotten how to live her own.



“When I first read about the concept of a death doula, I was fascinated that someone would dedicate their entire life to watching people die. It seemed like such a noble thing to do – to commit yourself to never look away from anyone’s pain, no matter how harrowing it was. To know that there are people who exist just to make sure others don’t suffer a lonely death is so deeply moving to me. I wanted to explore what would compel someone to choose that path in life, and what the role required of them both professionally and personally, which is how the character of Clover came about.

As someone who had long had anxieties around the topic of death, I realised that what made it scarier was that nobody really seemed to talk about it in Western society. And books about the topic often felt so depressing, which made me avoid them! So I wanted to find a way to make death more palatable, and to present everything I’d learned about mortality, grief and regret in a way that was fun, optimistic and joyful.

Before writing the book, and, as a way to explore my own anxiety about death, I had challenged myself to be as curious as I could about mortality and grief by reading articles and listening to podcasts. And then I discovered that it’s quite easy to go down a death-related rabbit hole in New York City. As well as death cafés (which are a real thing!), I attended everything from lectures about Stoic philosophy, to message circles (kind of like seances), and talks on the most common regrets of the dying. I also read a lot of books – from the *Tibetan Book of the Dead* to Atul Gawande’s *Being Mortal* – and listened to

the experiences of death doulas, nurses, doctors, hospice workers, and other people who have spent time ushering others through the dying process. My goal was to absorb as many perspectives as possible and then use Clover’s journey in the book to try to convey the things I found most interesting and poignant – and that might be most helpful to people who shared my anxiety. Most of all, I wanted to do it in a way that was optimistic and fun rather than morbid and depressing!

Aside from considering what my own definition of ‘living a beautiful life’ would be, I think the most important thing I learned was how to hold space for someone who is dying or grieving. What’s interesting is that the things we think might be helpful – like trying to be as positive as possible – can actually make things harder. I learned that it’s important to let people be sad and talk about their regrets as much as it is to focus on the positive things in their lives. And also that everybody’s grief is their own and everyone deals with it differently, so the most valuable thing you can do is to just listen rather than try to fix things. We often put so much pressure on ourselves to say the right thing in these situations, when the ‘right’ thing doesn’t actually exist, or it might differ from one day to the next, depending on how the person is feeling.

My hope is that readers will get so caught up in Clover’s story that they will be more open to considering those topics in relation to their own lives, without feeling like they’re being preached to. I also hope it helps contribute to more open, comfortable conversations about death and grief in society in general.”



# General Fiction

LESLEY  
PEARSE

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Betrayal

Someone knows the truth

**BETRAYAL**  
Lesley Pearse

Step back into the world of Lesley Pearse with her gripping new novel.

Eve should never have married Don Hathaway. Yes, he gave her two beautiful children – Olly and Tabitha – but he is a bully.

Worse than that, he hurts her.

But, after one drunken rage too many, she has the courage to leave him. Eve is warned that it's a difficult path, yet she needs to give her children hope for the future.

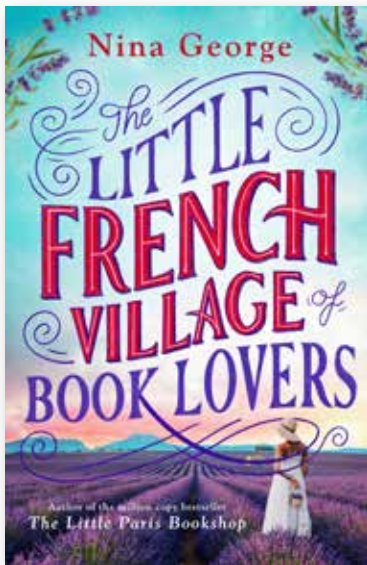
Don, however, is bitter. And getting away entirely from him proves impossible.

Until the day, Eve tries to teach him a lesson – and it all goes horribly wrong.

Eve loves her children but now she carries a terrible burden that she dares not share. Has she betrayed her and her children's futures?

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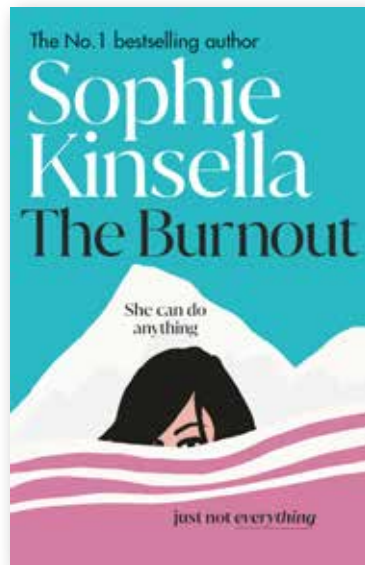
**THE LITTLE FRENCH VILLAGE OF BOOK LOVERS**  
Nina George

The new novel from the international bestselling author of *The Little Paris Bookshop*.

Returning to Jean Perdu's beautiful barge on the Seine, his Literary Apothecary, where he's spent many years prescribing just the right book to his customers, we now come to discover the novel that has been most important to his own life.

As his floating bookshop arrives in the soft lights of Provence, Perdu shares the book that has healed him, brought him happiness, anchored him and shown him his way in life.

Trade paperback • R350 • 9780241436615 • August



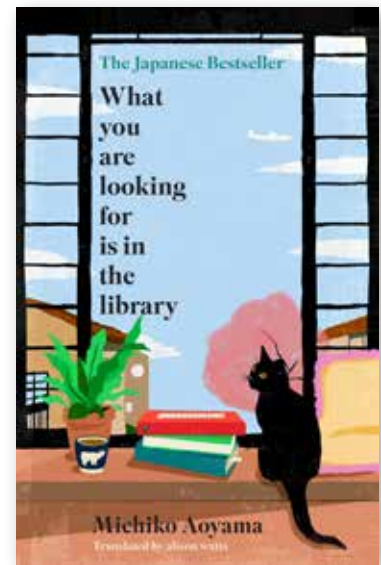
**THE BURNOUT**  
Sophie Kinsella

Sasha is well and truly over it all: work (all-consuming), friendships (on the back burner), sex-life (non-existent). Sasha has hit a brick wall.

Armed with good intentions to drink kale smoothies, try yoga and find solitude, she heads to the Devon resort she loved as a child. But it's off-season, the hotel is falling apart and she has to share the beach with a grumpy, stressed-out guy called Finn.

But when curious messages start appearing on the beach, Sasha and Finn are forced to begin talking. And they might discover that they have more in common than they think.

Trade paperback • R395 • 9781787636552 • October



**WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE LIBRARY**  
Michiko Aoyama

Tokyo's most enigmatic librarian, Sayuri Komachi, is no ordinary librarian. She has the unique ability to read the souls of anyone who walks through her door. Sensing exactly what they're looking for in life, she provides just the book recommendation they never knew they needed to help them find it.

Every borrower in her library is at a different crossroads. The surprise book Komachi lends to each will change their lives for ever.

Hardcover • R340 • 9780857529121 • September

**SWEET MERCIES**  
Anne Booth

The cheerful Mother Superior of St Philomena's convent is friend to many in the town of Fairbridge and there is nothing she can't sort out with a kind word, a cup of tea and a slice of her amazing chocolate cake.

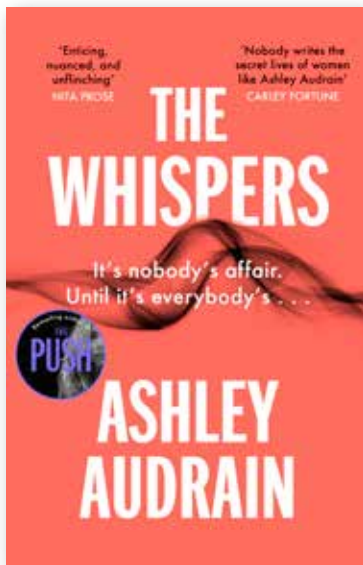
As the Christmas tree goes up and festive cheer rises, a visitor arrives at the convent who doesn't like Sister Bridget one bit.

Sister Bridget will need to face up to past deeds, and with the help of her friends, and the power of love and forgiveness, maybe she can finally make things right. After all, none of us is perfect, and everybody deserves a second chance.

Trade paperback • R350 • 9781787303003 • December

The new heartwarming Christmas adventure with the Sisters of Saint Philomena



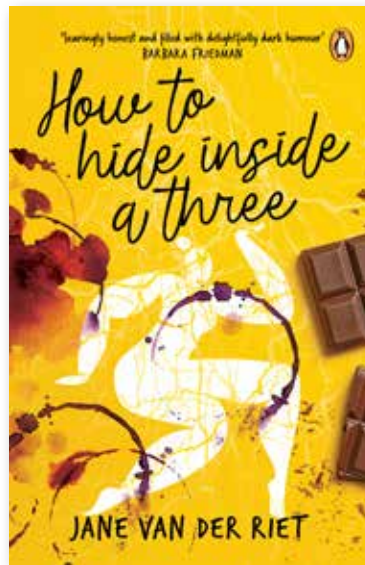


**THE WHISPERS**  
Ashley Audrain

The whispers started long before the accident on Harlow Lane... There was the party, where Whitney screamed at her ten-year-old, Xavier. Then there's her neighbour and friend, Blair - who snoops round Whitney's house when she's not in. Rebecca treats sick kids. If only she and her partner had been blessed with their own.

After the accident sends these neighbours rushing to a hospital bedside, the whispers grow into a cacophony - what really happened that night?

Trade paperback • R350 • 9780241434581 • August

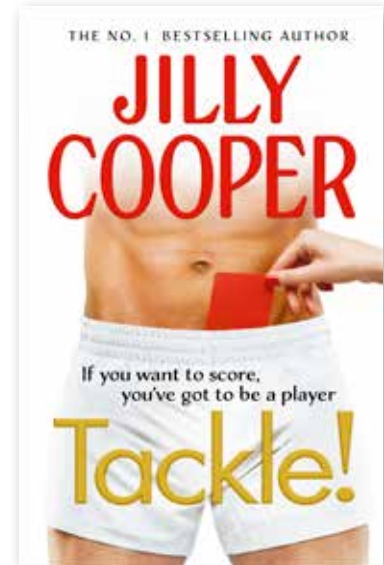


**HOW TO HIDE INSIDE A THREE**  
Jane van der Riet

It's 2017 in Cape Town. Leigh-Anne may look like she's keeping it together in her Southern suburbs world, but really she's unravelling. A letter has arrived from her ageing dad, asking forgiveness for some unknown sordid deed. Then there's the tortuous sex with her husband Samuel and the fact that she can't stop fantasising about her colleague Omar. Her kids are acting up and her batty best friend continues to offload her crises.

How is a woman supposed to cope? With chocolate and wine, of course, and by making plenty of lists (things feel much more manageable when you write them down in threes). But Leigh-Anne has a secret of her own. In her quest for answers, she will have to betray everyone she loves; only then can she truly come out of hiding.

Softcover • R290 • 9781485904793 • August



**TACKLE!**  
Jilly Cooper

Rupert Campbell-Black, legendary race-horse owner and handsomest man in the world, is in the darkest of places. His wife is about to undergo chemotherapy, his beloved horse has died, and now his daughter Bianca wants him to buy a local football club so she can come back to Rutshire with her football star husband.

Soon Rupert has signed the deal, and as Searston's new owner won't stand for anything less than a place in the Premier League. With help from the club's ravishing secretary, Tember, Rupert sets out to mastermind a rise through the leagues.

The rival football club isn't going to make it easy for him either. Let the sabotage and scandal begin...

Trade paperback • R395 • 9781787634237 • November



## Ashley Audrain on inspiration and writing must-haves

"Ideas come to me all the time. I've been known to pull the car over or interrupt a conversation to jot something down before I forget (because I will *always* forget if not). I take notes constantly. I keep them on my phone's notes app because I'm rarely without my phone. When I'm working on a first draft, I keep a running list of scenes or details to incorporate at some

point, and use the note for inspiration as I work. When I'm working through a revision, I keep notes of specific changes or additions to make, and then I use the note more as a check-list when I sit down to edit.

One thing I need in order to write, no matter where or when, is a cup of hot tea. I have a hard time settling in to write

without one. But I wish I had a writing desk of my own! Before the pandemic, I always wrote at local coffee shops where I stay in Toronto. I love the atmosphere, the background noise, nosily eavesdropping on bits of conversation. These days I've mostly been writing at my kitchen table after the kids are off to pre-school and kindergarten."



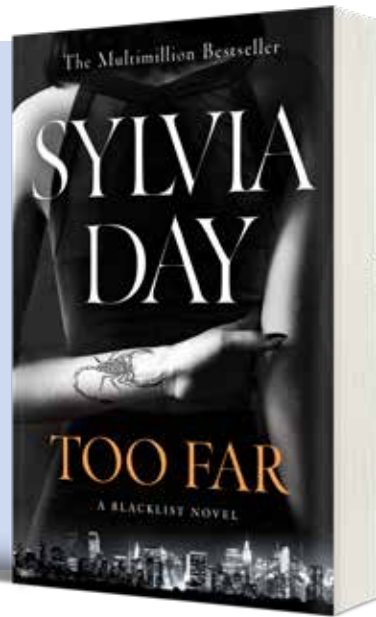
**TOO FAR**  
Sylvia Day

Lily Black was presumed dead for years. Now she's returned to the unquestioning arms of her loving husband, Kane. Where she's been is a mystery, but the deadly danger she's brought with her is manifest to all.

Aliyah, Kane's mother, has worked hard to position herself in power. No one escapes her bitter ambition, not her children and certainly not a woman who may not be who she claims.

Amy, Kane's sister-in-law, is beginning to grasp the rules, though, and won't stop until all the pieces on the board have toppled.

Trade paperback • R375 • 9780718180799 • November



The second novel in the new Blacklist series from the number one bestselling author Sylvia Day

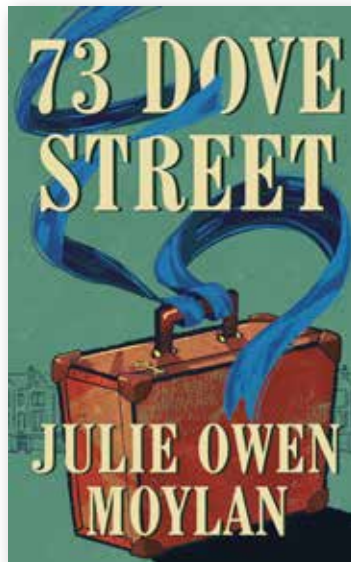


**THE HALF MOON**  
Mary Beth Keane

Malcolm Gephardt, gregarious bartender at the Half Moon in Upstate New York, has always dreamed of owning a bar. When his boss retires, Malcolm seizes his chance. After years of unsuccessfully trying for a baby, his wife Jess finds herself slipping away from her work and her marriage.

When a blizzard hits their town, on the same day that Malcolm learns some shocking news about Jess and a key patron of the bar disappears, everyone is trapped. Malcolm and Jess must suddenly look at what it means to be a family, and whether their futures lie elsewhere...

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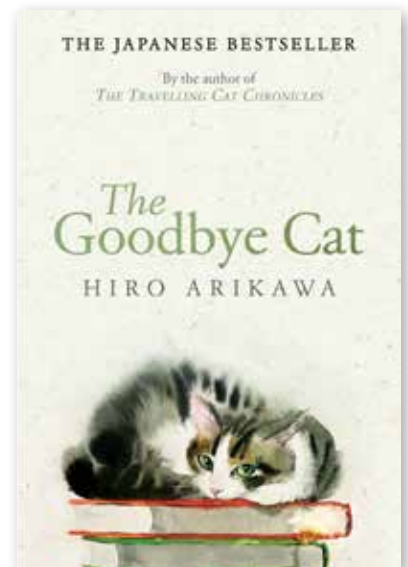


**73 DOVE STREET**  
Julie Owen Moylan

One wet afternoon in 1954, after a whirlwind romance, Edie West married Frank Budd in a South London registry office.

Two years later, Edie arrives alone at 73 Dove Street, a West London boarding house run by the formidable Phyllis Collier: exhausted, nervous, carrying nothing but a cardboard suitcase. Phyllis' other lodger, Tommie, keeps herself to herself. But when Tommie discovers a secret from Edie and Frank's marriage, she's faced with a choice. Will she turn the other way? Or help set Edie free?

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**THE GOODBYE CAT**  
Hiro Arikawa

Against changing seasons in Japan, seven cats weave their way through their owners' lives...

A needy kitten rescued from the recycling bin teaches a new father how to parent his own human baby; a colony of wild cats on a holiday island shows a young boy not to stand in nature's way; a family is perplexed by their cat's devotion to their charismatic but uncaring father; a woman curses how her cat constantly visits her at night; and an elderly cat, Kota, hatches a plan to pass into the next world as a spirit so that he and his owner may be together for ever.

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### GOOD MATERIAL Dolly Alderton

Andy's story wasn't meant to turn out this way. Living out of a suitcase in his best friends' spare room, waiting for his career as a stand-up comedian to finally take off, he struggles to process the life-ruining end of his relationship with the only woman he's ever loved.

As he tries to solve the seemingly unsolvable mystery of his broken relationship, he contends with career catastrophe, social media paranoia, a rapidly dwindling friendship group and the growing suspicion that, at 35, he really should have figured this all out by now.

Andy has a lot to learn, not least his ex-girlfriend's side of the story.

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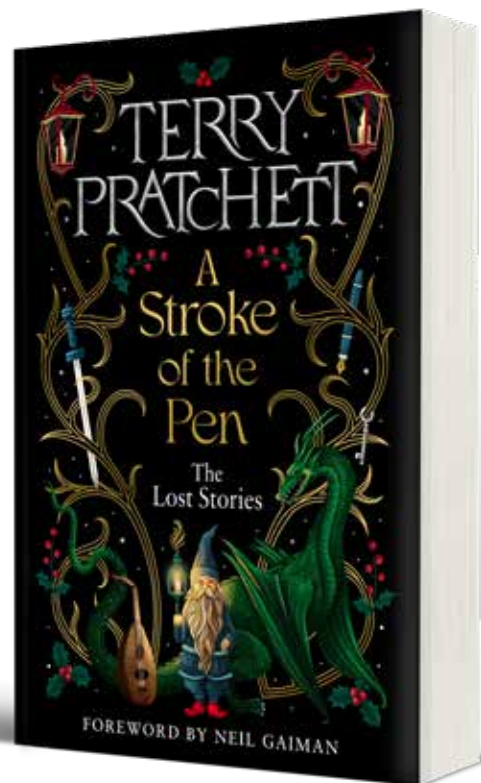
### A STROKE OF THE PEN Terry Pratchett

An exclusive collection of twenty early short stories by one of the world's best loved authors, these are rediscovered tales that Pratchett wrote under a pseudonym for newspapers during the 1970s and 1980s.

Whilst none of the stories are set in the Discworld, they hint towards the world he would go on to create in his award-winning and globally bestselling series, containing all of his trademark wit, satirical wisdom and fantastic imagination.

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A beautifully packaged, exclusive collection of twenty rediscovered short stories



### SIR TERRY PRATCHETT



Terry Pratchett was born in 1948 and had his first story published when he was just thirteen. After leaving school at seventeen to become a journalist he continued writing, publishing his first novel, *The Carpet People*, in 1971 and going on to produce the phenomenally successful Discworld series. Terry proved early critics wrong and became one of the UK's most successful authors, receiving a knighthood in 2009 and seeing many of his books adapted for the screen. He died in March 2015.

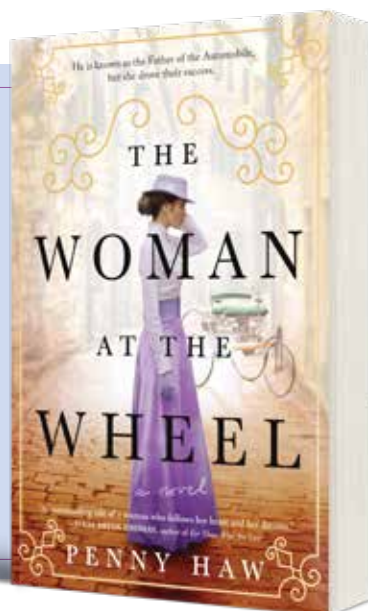
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### THE WOMAN AT THE WHEEL Penny Haw

Carl Benz may be known as the "Father of the Automobile," but Bertha Benz was the woman behind the wheel driving the world into a new era.

*Woman at the Wheel* is a gorgeous historical fiction novel that takes a peek under the hood, examining the life of a fascinating woman who refused to let men hit the brakes on her revolutionary machine.

Trade paperback • R375 • 9781728257730 • November



### PENNY HAW

Penny Haw worked as a journalist and columnist for more than three decades, writing for many leading South African newspapers and magazines before yielding to a lifelong yearning to create fiction. Her stories feature remarkable women, illustrate her love for nature, and explore the interconnectedness of all living things.





## In Conversation with LESLEY PEARSE

Lesley Pearse worked her way through a number of jobs, including nanny, bunny girl, dressmaker and full-time mother before, at the age of forty-nine, she became a published writer. With her new book, *Betrayal*, hitting shelves, Lesley chats about the book and the act of betrayal.

**Was there a specific moment that sparked the idea for this book? Where did the idea come from?**

I've been betrayed by people a few times, and it hurts. You rarely see it coming which makes it such a shock. But the book is not my story. Whether it is the man in your life cheating on you, a good friend passing on your innermost secrets, or a close relative stealing from you, it's equally bad.

**What is it that draws you to writing about domestic life, and the secrets it may harbour?**

It's what I know, I've experienced brutality, poverty, abandonment, and success, and of course joy and love. So I write from the heart.

**Your characters are so convincing that the reader might be inclined to think that you are writing from experience. How do you manage to write characters so convincingly?**

I have experienced nasty stuff, but I don't put any of those incidents in my books. It has made me wiser about people, intrigued by them too. I study them. But you don't have to kill someone to get a very good idea how it will feel.

**What is your secret to creating suspense in your books?**

I don't have a secret exactly, it's more living the moment I'm writing about, thinking about each of the senses, what I can see, smell, taste. Can I put an edge onto it to make it scarier. I like having characters who aren't what they seem. That can create suspense too.

**Who is your favourite character in the book, and why?**

I confess I like writing about nasty people, it's fun. And giving them their comeuppance. I also enjoy flawed characters, after all most of us have a flaw. Many of the people in *Betrayal* are flawed, or damaged. So I enjoyed George, the smarmy, well bred estate agent, who does something unspeakable. But overall, my absolute favourite was Ollie. Such a kind, sensitive boy, the sort of son we all wish for ourselves. He took command at one point, unasked, and I loved him even more.

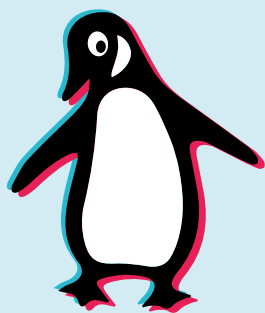
**You tackle some hard subjects in the book. What was your thinking behind putting these characters in their specific situations?**

If all the characters led a blameless life of comfort, that would be dull reading. I believe people like to be taken out of their own lives and into another. If that one is bad, then perhaps they feel glad their own life is safe and normal.

**What are you hoping to convey with *Betrayal*?**

That people can escape a bad and troubled life. You can run away and start again; I've done that several times in my life. But I think my mind compass always directs my readers to the importance of love and happiness, which I think is the Holy Grail. I find people who are living half-lives, disappointed that theirs isn't what they hoped for, become bitter and critical of others. I say, 'Be Brave', reach out for what and who you want to be.





# TikTok made me read it

## SHADOWS & CROWNS SERIES

S. M. Gaither

A high fantasy series filled with luscious world-building, enemies to lovers romance, found family, meddling gods and epic battles.

The first four books in the series are publishing simultaneously in July 2023, with the fifth - and final - book, *The Queen of the Dawn*, coming in October 2023.

### BOOK 1



#### THE SONG OF THE MARKED

Mercenary Casia Greythorne cares about two things: completing her latest job and earning enough coin for the expensive medicine that's keeping her mentor alive. So when the king commands her to investigate a strange plague devastating the empire, she can't resist the massive reward he offers - even if it does mean working with the arrogant and infuriating Captain Elander.

Paperback • R260 •  
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### BOOK 2

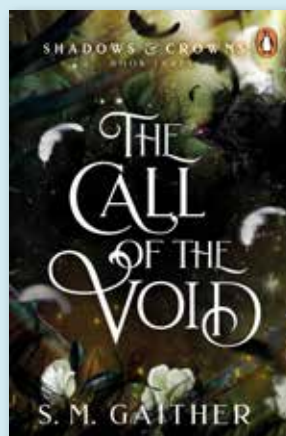


#### A TWIST OF THE BLADE

Casia Greythorne's world has been shattered. Still reeling from a devastating loss and the revelation of an identity she wasn't ready for, she must now also master the strange magic that's awakening within her. But first she must lead her friends through cursed lands and the dwellings of the gods, away from the crumbling empire and the king-emperor who clutches the crown with ever-bloodier hands.

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### BOOK 3



#### THE CALL OF THE VOID

Casia has survived her brother's attempts to crush her but the battle is just beginning. Bitter, wounded and carrying the curse of a dark upper-god, she journeys north to the elven court in search of allies. Elander is losing his court, powers and divinity. But he's determined to stand behind Casia and bring his ancient, changeable allies to her side. He lost her once. He won't do it again.

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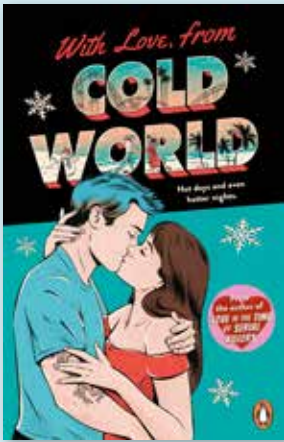


#### A CROWN OF THE GODS

The throne of the Kethran Empire lies empty, its ruler now a god bringing darkness and chaos to the world. Casia Greythorne is ready to take her place on the throne, to unite the empire and stand against the gods themselves. But to claim her crown - to save her world and the people she loves - she must confront her past and finally discover the answers hidden within it.

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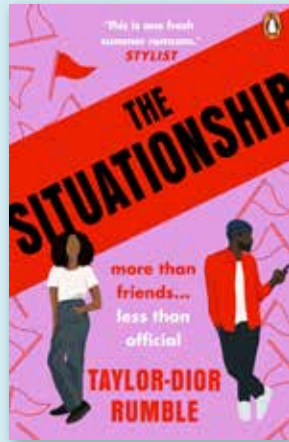




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Alicia Thompson

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When the love of her life shows up with a girlfriend, Tia decides it's time to put herself out there.

Nate is everything she's looking for; he makes her feel safe, seen, and desired. Tia assumes they're on the same page - the only catch? They're yet to have The Talk.

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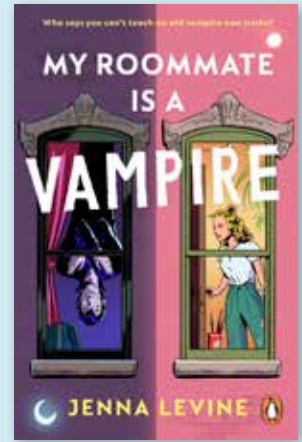


**YOU, AGAIN**  
Kate Goldbeck

With sharp observations and sizzling chemistry, *You, Again* explores the dynamics of co-ed friendship in this sparkling romantic comedy of modern love in all its forms.

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**MY ROOMMATE IS A VAMPIRE**  
Jenna Levine

When Cassie finds an affordable apartment in a beautiful neighbourhood, she knows there must be a catch.

Of course, her new roommate Frederick J. Fitzwilliam is far from normal. He sleeps all day, is out at night on business, and talks like he walked out of a regency romance novel.

There's no denying there's a spark between them - but there's also a secret... Cassie's roommate is a vampire.

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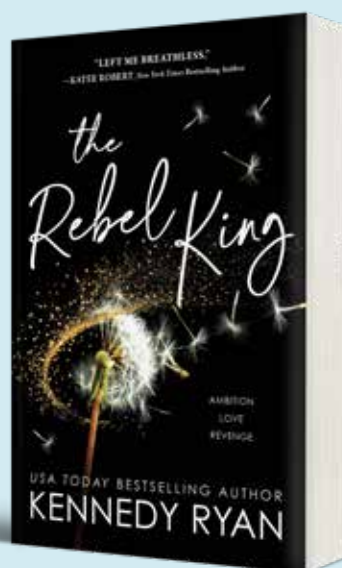
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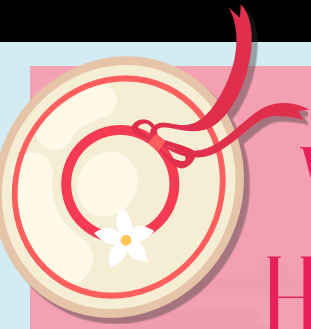
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# WHAT'S YOUR HAPPY PLACE?

Set over one sizzling summer, *Happy Place* is the latest chemistry-filled 'second chance love' romcom from TikTok sensation, Emily Henry.



**Tell us about *Happy Place*.**

*Happy Place* is the story of Harriet and Wyn, a couple who have been together for the better part of a decade, but broke up fairly recently. For a handful of reasons, they decided to put off telling their friends about the break-up until their annual group trip to Maine, which Harriet is supposed to go on *alone*. But when she gets there, she finds out the Maine house has been sold, and this is the last-ever trip the friends will have. So she and Wyn decide to fake it for one more week, so their friends can have a perfect last coastal vacation together.

**What inspired this idea?**

I started with the concept of a *couples trip*, something that can either be a lot of fun or torturous, depending on how everyone's quirks feed into or push up against one another. I thought that idea had potential for both comedy and stress, and I had a few different ideas of how to amp up both, but I've always loved *comedies of remarriage*, so I decided to try my hand at making one.

**Each of the characters in *Happy Place* is so distinct. How did you juggle writing all of their personalities while keeping focus on Harriet and Wyn?**

This was a real challenge after writing three books with smaller central casts. Even though I felt like I knew all of these characters well, it was a struggle figuring out how to actually get that on the page without relying too heavily on *telling* the audience about them. On a very practical level, I made sure that Harriet had one-on-one scenes with everyone, where we could see a bit more of their history and dynamic together. The one

exception is, I'm not sure if she has a scene that's *just* her and Kimmy, but Kimmy is a scene-stealer, in my opinion, so I wasn't as worried about readers not knowing her. She is unapologetically herself, and a true weirdo, in the best way.

**What character in *Happy Place* do you relate to most?**

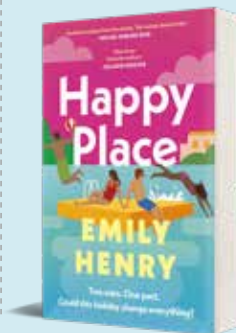
I put a little bit of myself into every character, but I find Harriet's issues painfully relatable. I also relate to some of Sabrina's more ... *challenging* traits. When she's hosting, she gets into Cruise Director mode, in which she has a very specific idea of how things are supposed to go, and it's really hard for her to let go of that idea when circumstances force her to shift gears.

**Why is it so important to Harriet and Wyn to pretend to still be together for this trip?**

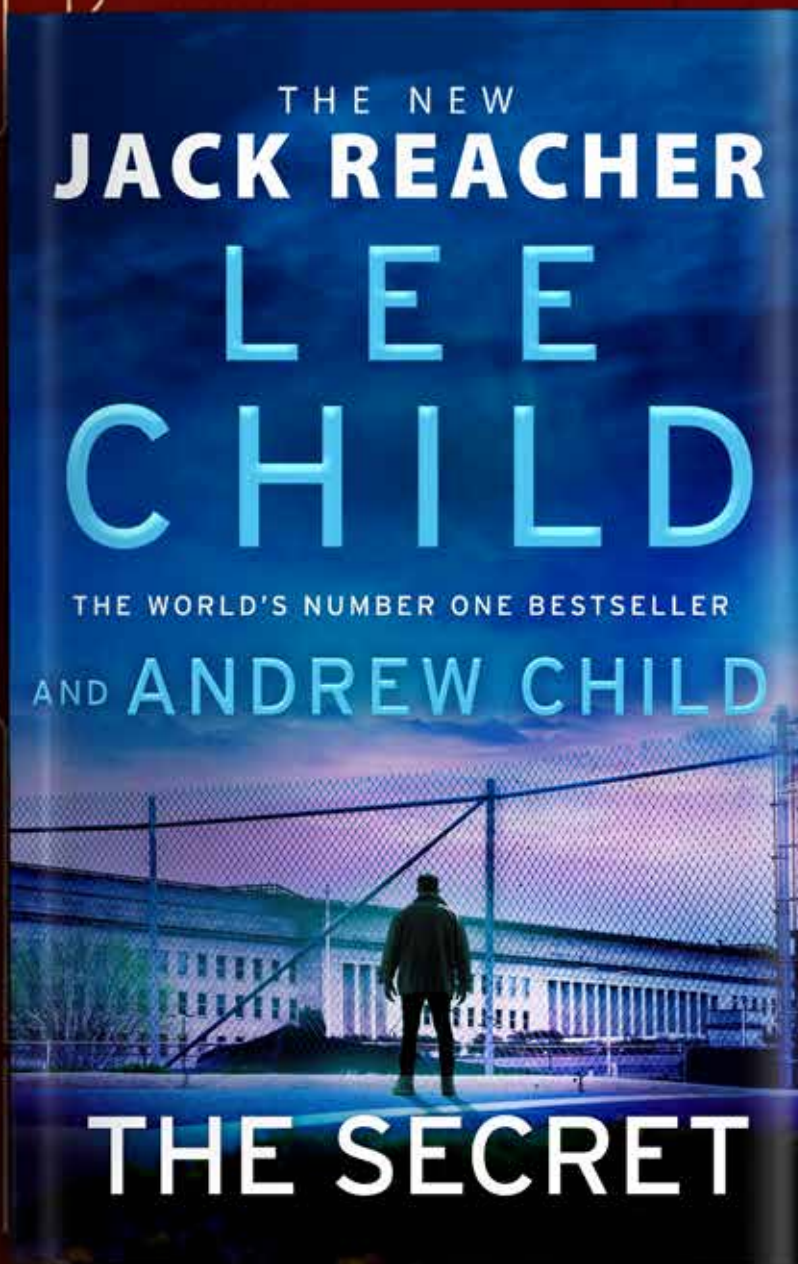
Harriet is a chronic people-pleaser. Nothing scares her more than causing discord. There's a lot more going on than that, but that's the most obvious reason for the farce: she *needs* the people around her to be happy, and she's terrified of being the reason they're not.

**What do you hope readers take away from reading *Happy Place*?**

It's so easy to feel stuck on a track in your life. And it's easy to keep putting your happiness just beyond an imaginary finish line on that track, instead of hopping the rails. I hope this book can be a reminder to someone that there's no one right path, that they're allowed to change their mind about what they want, and that they deserve to be happy, even if that looks different for them than it does for other people.



# Crime & Thrillers



## **THE SECRET** Lee Child and Andrew Child

1992. Eight respectable, upstanding people have been found dead across the US. These deaths look like accidents and don't appear to be connected. Until one body – the victim of a fatal fall from a hospital window – generates some unexpected attention.

That attention comes from the Secretary of Defence, who promptly calls for an inter-agency task force to investigate. Jack Reacher is assigned as the Army's representative.

Reacher may be an exceptional soldier, but sweeping other people's secrets under the carpet isn't part of his skill set. As he races to discover the link between these victims, and who killed them, he must navigate around the ulterior motives of his new 'partners'. And all while moving into the sight line of some of the most dangerous people he has ever encountered.

His mission is to uncover the truth. The question is: will Reacher bring the bad guys to justice the official way... or his way?

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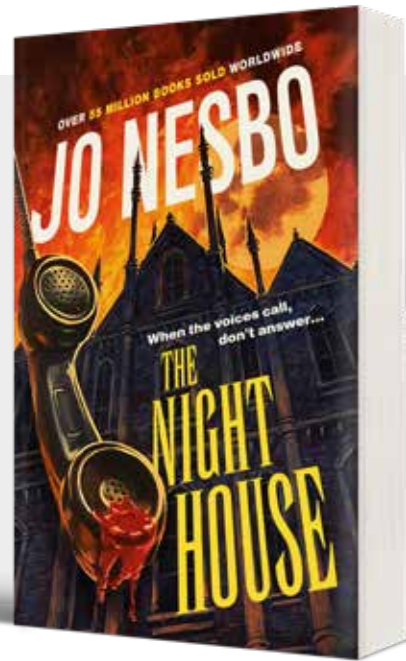


**THE NIGHT HOUSE**  
Jo Nesbo

In the wake of his parents' tragic deaths in a house fire, fourteen-year-old Richard has been sent to live with his aunt and uncle in the remote town of Ballantyne.

When a classmate named Tom goes missing, everyone suspects Richard. No one believes him when he says the telephone booth out by the edge of the woods sucked Tom into the receiver like something out of a horror movie. Richard traces the number that Tom prank called to an abandoned house in the woods. There he catches a glimpse of a terrifying face in the window. And then the voices begin to whisper in his ear...

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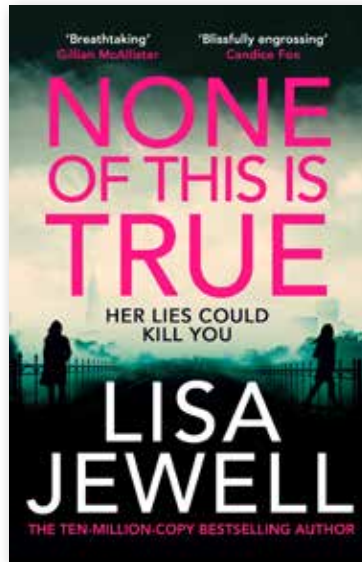


**BAD LUCK AND TROUBLE**  
Lee Child

Jack Reacher is as close to untraceable as a person can get. A loner comfortable in his anonymity and solitude. So when a member of his old Army unit finds a way to contact him, he knows this has to be serious.

One of the elite team has shown up dead in the California desert and six more are missing. Reacher's old buddies are in big trouble, and he can't let that go.

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**NONE OF THIS IS TRUE**  
Lisa Jewell

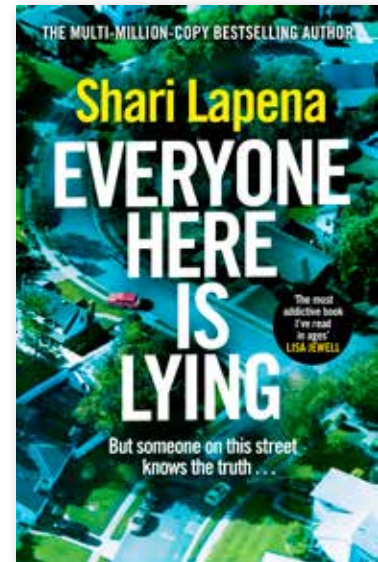
Celebrating her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday at her local pub, podcaster Alix Summers crosses paths with an unassuming woman called Josie who is also celebrating her 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.

A few days later, Alix and Josie bump into each other again. Josie has been listening to Alix's podcasts and thinks she might be an interesting subject for Alix's series.

Alix agrees to a trial interview, but slowly starts to realise that Josie has been hiding some very dark secrets, and before she knows it Josie has inveigled her way into Alix's life - and into her home.

Who is Josie Fair? And what has she done?

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**EVERYONE HERE IS LYING**  
Shari Lapena

William Wooler is a family man, on the surface. But he's been having an affair, an affair that ended horribly this afternoon. So when he returns to his house, devastated and angry, to find his difficult nine-year-old daughter Avery unexpectedly home from school, William loses his temper.

Hours later, Avery's family declare her missing.

Suddenly Stanhope doesn't feel so safe. And William isn't the only one on his street who's hiding a lie. As witnesses come forward with information that may or may not be true, Avery's neighbours become increasingly unhinged. Who took Avery Wooler?

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### TESS GERRITSEN

Internationally bestselling author Tess Gerritsen took an unusual route to a writing career.

A graduate of Stanford University, Tess went on to medical school at the University of California, San Francisco, where she was awarded her M.D.

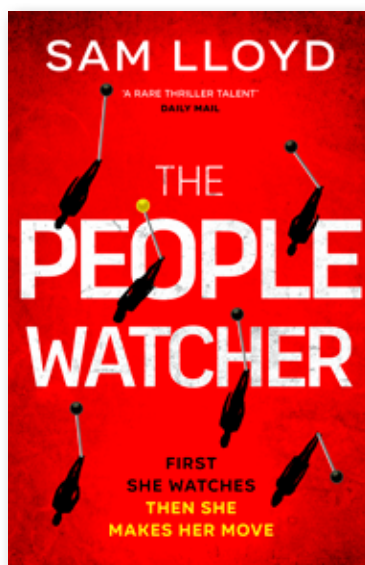
Tess's first medical thriller, *Harvest*, was released in hardcover in 1996, and it marked her debut on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Her series of novels featuring homicide detective Jane Rizzoli and medical examiner Maura Isles inspired the TNT television series "Rizzoli & Isles" starring Angie Harmon and Sasha Alexander.

She is also a filmmaker. She and her son Josh have just completed production of a feature-length documentary, "Magnificent Beast," about the ancient origins of the pig taboo. Their previous film, "Island Zero", is a feature-length horror movie that was released in 2018.

Now retired from medicine, she writes full time. She lives in Maine.

PHOTOGRAPH: JOSH GERRITSEN



### THE PEOPLE WATCHER Sam Lloyd

Mercy Lake likes to fix things. To fix people. Trapped inside during daylight hours, hostage to her phobias, she uses the cover of night to watch the people in her town. And if someone needs her help, she steps in.

When Mercy meets Louis, her lonely life is suddenly filled with excitement. Because Louis likes intervening in other people's lives too, only he prefers a more direct – even violent – approach.

And then there's Nadia. Nadia knows she's being watched, but with her own secrets to protect, she's not going to wait around for the watcher to make their move.

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### THE TRAP Catherine Ryan Howard

Stranded on a dark road in the middle of the night, a young woman accepts a lift from a passing stranger. As they drive, she alternates between fear and relief – one moment thinking he is just a good man doing a good thing, the next convinced he's a monster. But when he delivers her safely to her destination, she realizes her fears were unfounded.

And her heart sinks. Because a monster is what she's looking for.

She'll try again tomorrow night. But will the man who took her sister take the bait?

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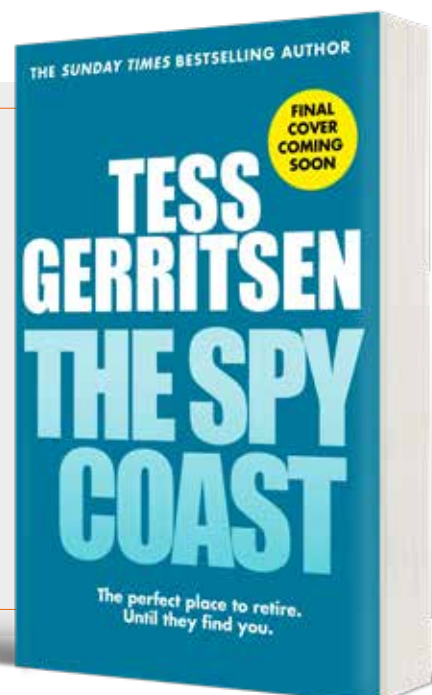
### THE SPY COAST Tess Gerritsen

Maggie Bird is a seemingly average 60-year-old woman living a quiet life in Maine. She attends a weekly book club where she drinks martinis with her other retired friends. She's a darned good rifle shot. And she never talks about her past.

When a mysterious woman turns up dead in Maggie's driveway, she knows it's a calling card from old times. It's been fifteen years since she managed Operation Cyrano for the CIA, which blew apart her life and cost her the man she loved.

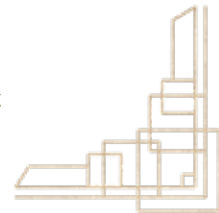
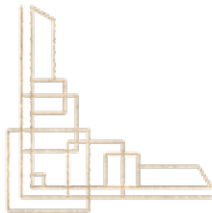
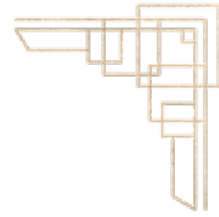
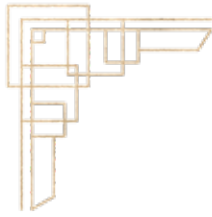
Maggie and her "book club" swiftly revert to espionage mode. These old dogs hunt as only Langley alumni can, burning a trail from London to Bangkok to Milan to stay one step ahead of those who want former agent Bird dead. Maggie knows that some parts of the past refuse to stay buried. And that sometimes an old spy has to give up her ghosts.

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## SAMANTHA DOWNING

The sharpest voice in psychological suspense returns with an unputdownable new thriller on the deadliest subject of all: true love.



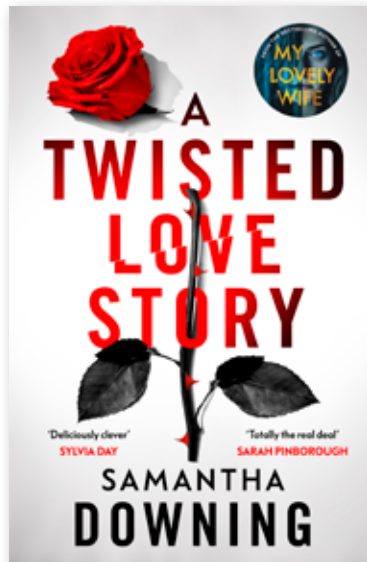
**CHARACTER SCAN**  
Douglas Kruger

Katrina Hunt has a disturbing secret. She can sense moral corruption. Katrina sniffs out evil in positions of privilege and power, yet she soon finds she is not the only one who can do it.

On the far side of the world, a scientist cracks an algorithm that will forever change law-enforcement. His new scan can detect a person's genetic propensity for wrongdoing, even before they act. But what if the most corrupt man in the world, a political figure assuming ever higher office, is able to beat the scan? What if he alone can hide his true darkness? What if he is... not quite human?

Can Katrina stop him, before it is too late for humanity?

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**A TWISTED LOVE STORY**  
Samantha Downing

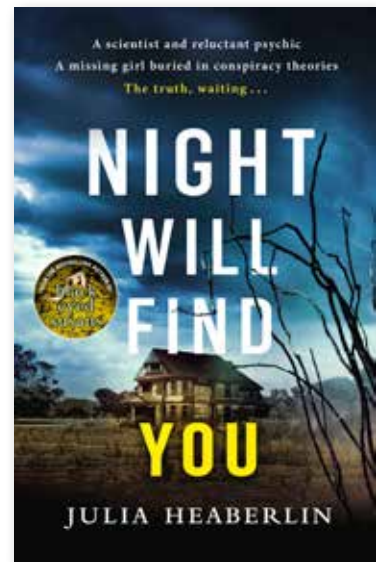
Wes and Ivy are madly in love. It's the kind of romance people write stories about. But what kind of story?

Because when it's good, it's very very good. But when it's bad, it's bad.

But their breakneck cycle of catastrophic vengeful break-ups and head-over-heels reconnections needs to end fast. Because suddenly, Wes and Ivy have a common enemy – and she's a detective.

One wrong move will be fatal – so if Wes and Ivy can't stick together, this breakup might just be their last.

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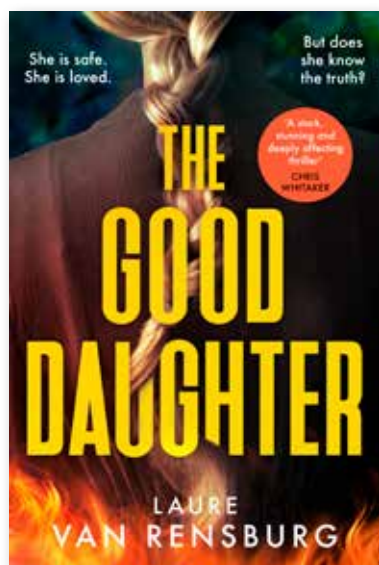
**NIGHT WILL FIND YOU**  
Julia Heaberlin

Since saving a boy's life by making an impossible prediction aged ten, Vivvy Bouchet has been in a life-long battle between the voices in her head and the science she loves.

Now a brilliant young astrophysicist, she just wants to concentrate on her career. But the boy she saved, now a cop, believes she is psychic. He begs her to help solve a high profile cold case.

When a popular conspiracy theorist podcaster finds out about her involvement, he spews conspiracy theories about the case.

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**THE GOOD DAUGHTER**  
Laure van Rensburg

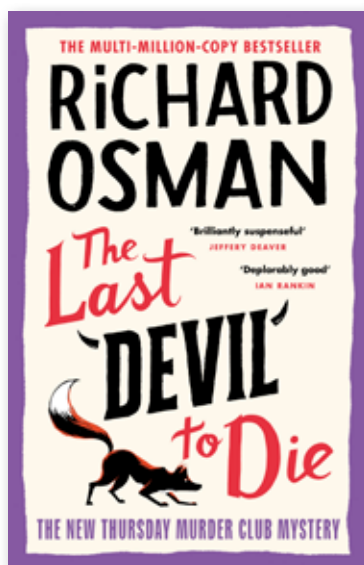
Abigail is a proud member of the New America Baptist Church. Living miles from the nearest town in South Carolina, she is safe from the depraved modern world.

She is a good daughter. A valued member of the community.

So when she is the sole survivor of a fire that burns her family's home to the ground, it seems like a tragic accident.

Until a discovery is made: before the fire, Abigail let a stranger in.

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**THE LAST DEVIL TO DIE**  
Richard Osman

You'd think you would be allowed to relax over Christmas, but not in the world of the Thursday Murder Club.

On Boxing Day, a dangerous package is smuggled across the English coast. When it goes missing, chaos is unleashed. The body count starts to rise – including someone close to the Thursday Murder Club – as our gang face an impossible search and their most deadly opponents yet.

With the clock ticking down and a killer heading to Cooper's Chase, has their luck finally run out? And who will be 'The Last Devil To Die'?

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**RICHARD OSMAN**

Richard Osman is an author, producer, and television presenter. Each of his novels, *The Thursday Murder Club*, *The Man Who Died Twice*, and *The Bullet That Missed* were number one, million-copy international bestsellers as well as *New York Times* bestsellers. He lives in London with his wife Ingrid and Liesl the cat.

PHOTOGRAPH: CONOR O'LEARY

**BRIDGE**  
Lauren Beukes

In infinite parallel universes, there's a version of you who already has everything you've ever wanted. But 24-year-old drop-out Bridge is paralysed, by all the other lives she could have lived, the choices she could have made, and now, whoever she's supposed to be in the wake of her mother's premature death.

They always had a complicated relationship. Jo was the teenage runaway turned maverick neuroscientist who threw everything away chasing after an impossibility – a mysterious artefact – the dreamworm – that allows you to switch between realities. And now she's dead and any chance of reconciliation with her is gone.

But is Jo really gone... or only in this universe?

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## 5 minutes with DOUGLAS KRUGER

Katrina Hunt can 'read' the intentions of others. Douglas Kruger tells us more about this fascinating character – and the nail-biting adventure that awaits readers of this psychological thriller.

**The main character, Katrina Hunt, can 'smell corruption in others'. Where did the idea for this 'super' power come from?**

Imagine two young men trying to seduce a teenaged girl. But imagine if she could sense their every intention. No space for lies. How might that play out? I wanted to know, and I also wanted to know who this young woman would grow up to be. That sounded intriguing to me. Dark, but fascinating.

**Is it possible for Katrina to have any successful relationship (including friendships)? She will always be aware of/know of others' wrong doings, won't she?**

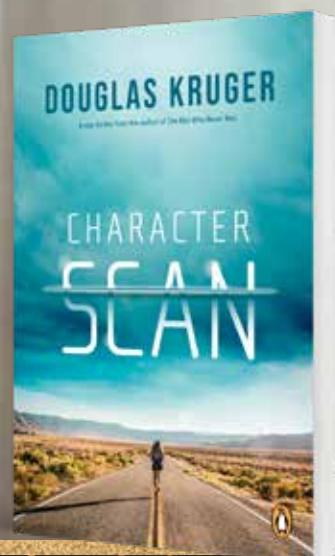
Katrina is haunted by what she knows. Every thought, every feeling, every subtle shift of intention in the souls of others – it's all laid bare for her. It makes relationships a nightmare. Until she learns to use it.

**And doesn't Katrina ever have feet of clay?**

Katrina is achingly human. She's fallible. She grew up in poverty in a series of trailer parks across the American Southwest and initially has no idea how to use her skill. Even when she masters it in the service of good, it places her loved ones directly in danger.

**Your book is set all over; why is that?**

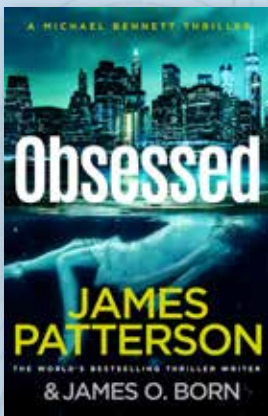
It's actually global. Much of it sweeps through Texas, but we also visit rain-drenched Edinburgh, stop in at 10 Downing Street, visit a men's prison and then a mental asylum, and, for reasons close to the heart of our evil antagonist, we take an ill-fated walk through a park in DC with a prostitute. I wanted the tale to have a sprawling, blockbuster feel – small, intimate moments, immense consequences.





# JAMES PATTERSON

THE WORLD'S BESTSELLING THRILLER WRITER



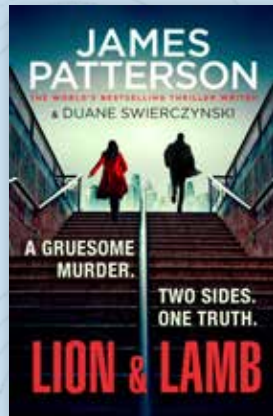
**OBSESSED**  
James Patterson  
& James O. Born

Detective Michael Bennett and the NYPD are aboard a police boat in the Hudson River searching for a murder victim – a young college student. They find her tossed in the dark waves, dressed for a night out.

As the obsessive killer extends his spree, a pattern emerges. One that Bennett's eldest daughter fits to a harrowing degree.

Now NYPD's top detective must lure the murderer into the light of day before the next deadly strike lands closer to home than Bennett could ever bear – as a parent and a protector.

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9781529125368 • July



**LION & LAMB**  
James Patterson  
& Duane Swierczynski

Husband and wife Archie and Francine Hughes are heroes in their hometown of Philadelphia. Archie is a football star, while Francine is a Grammy-winning singer.

So everyone is in a state of shock when news breaks about the seemingly perfect couple.

One spouse is murdered. The other is Suspect Number One.

Even before the case hits the courtroom, it's the hottest ticket in town. For the defence: Cooper Lamb, private investigator to the stars. For the prosecution: Veena Lion, an attorney so bright she's got to wear shades.

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**CIRCLE OF DEATH**  
James Patterson  
& Brian Sitts

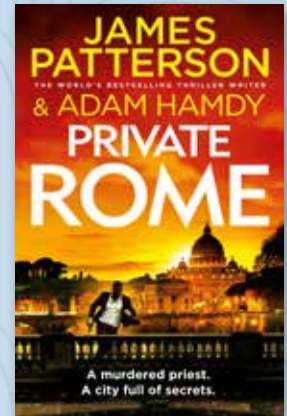
Since Lamont Cranston defeated Shiwan Khan and ended his reign of terror over New York one year ago, the city has started to regenerate.

But there is evil brewing elsewhere. And this time the entire world is under threat.

Which is why Lamont has scoured the globe to assemble a team with unmatched talent.

As their mission takes them across the globe and into the highest corridors of power – pushing them beyond their limits – can justice prevail?

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**PRIVATE ROME**  
James Patterson  
& Adam Hamdy

Jack Morgan is in Rome celebrating the opening of a new local Private office, when the party takes a deadly turn. Private agent Matteo Ricci is found at the party standing over the body of a dead priest with a gun in hand, swearing he did not kill the man.

As Jack tries to prove Matteo's innocence, he uncovers a much deadlier conspiracy – which leads him straight to the heart of the Vatican.

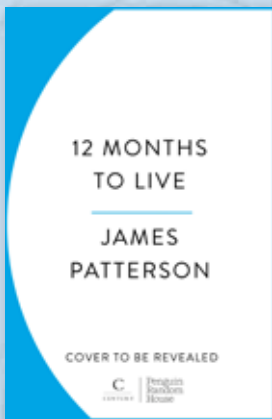
With corruption closing in on all sides, Jack must decide who he can trust before the city falls.

Trade paperback • R370  
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'Patterson boils a scene down to the single, telling detail, the element that defines a character or moves a plot along. It's what fires off the movie projector in the reader's mind.'

- Michael Connelly



**12 MONTHS TO LIVE**  
James Patterson  
& Mike Lupica

Jane Smith is the best criminal defense attorney in the Hamptons – the elite world of New York's rich and infamous. And she's as good an investigator as she is a lawyer.

As Jane is preparing to defend a high-profile client accused of a triple homicide, she's also hired to revive a cold case – a cluster of unsolved murders.

Then another bombshell lands: a devastating medical diagnosis. Terminal. She's got a year to live.

But first, she has a trial to win. Unless one of her many enemies kills her first.

Trade paperback • R360  
9781529136722 • October



**23 ½ LIES**  
James Patterson  
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When SFPD Sergeant Lindsay Boxer is called to investigate a crime scene, nothing can prepare her for what she finds: her estranged father gunned down execution style. The case will soon reveal to Lindsay a series life-altering truths...

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A series of armed robberies are linked to a gang of motorcycle bandits. Rory Yates, the hero of Texas Ranger, is tasked with hunting them down.

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**ALEX CROSS MUST DIE**  
James Patterson

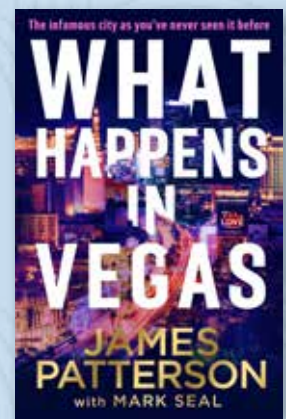
When an American Airlines plane explodes in the sky, detectives Alex Cross and John Sampson are first on the scene.

The weapon that took down the plane is a remote-controlled Vietnam-War-era machine gun. The list of those who possess the training and expertise to operate the stolen weapon is short. And time runs even shorter.

But this isn't the only case the pair must solve. They're also tracking a serial killer who's ambushing young men in what the media are calling the 'Dead Hours' murders.

With two killers and two different motives, Cross and Sampson are in a deadly race against time...

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**WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS**  
James Patterson  
with Mark Seal

In this dazzling 24-hour journey, James Patterson lifts the lid on America's notorious hub of gambling and excess. Fuelled by original interviews and in-depth reporting, *What Happens in Vegas* uncovers the vice, crime and entertainment that made Sin City an infamous desert mecca.

This is Vegas as you've never seen it before, filled with unbelievable stories from the people who make the city tick, simmer – and even explode.

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# Literary Fiction

## THE BOOKBINDER OF JERICHO

Pip Williams

'Your job is to bind the books, not read them.'

When the men of Oxford University Press leave for the Western Front, Peggy, her twin sister Maude and their friends in the bookbindery must shoulder the burden at home. As Peggy moves between her narrowboat full of memories and the demands of the Press, her dreams of studying feel ever more remote. She must know her place, fold her pages and never stop to savour the precious words in front of her.

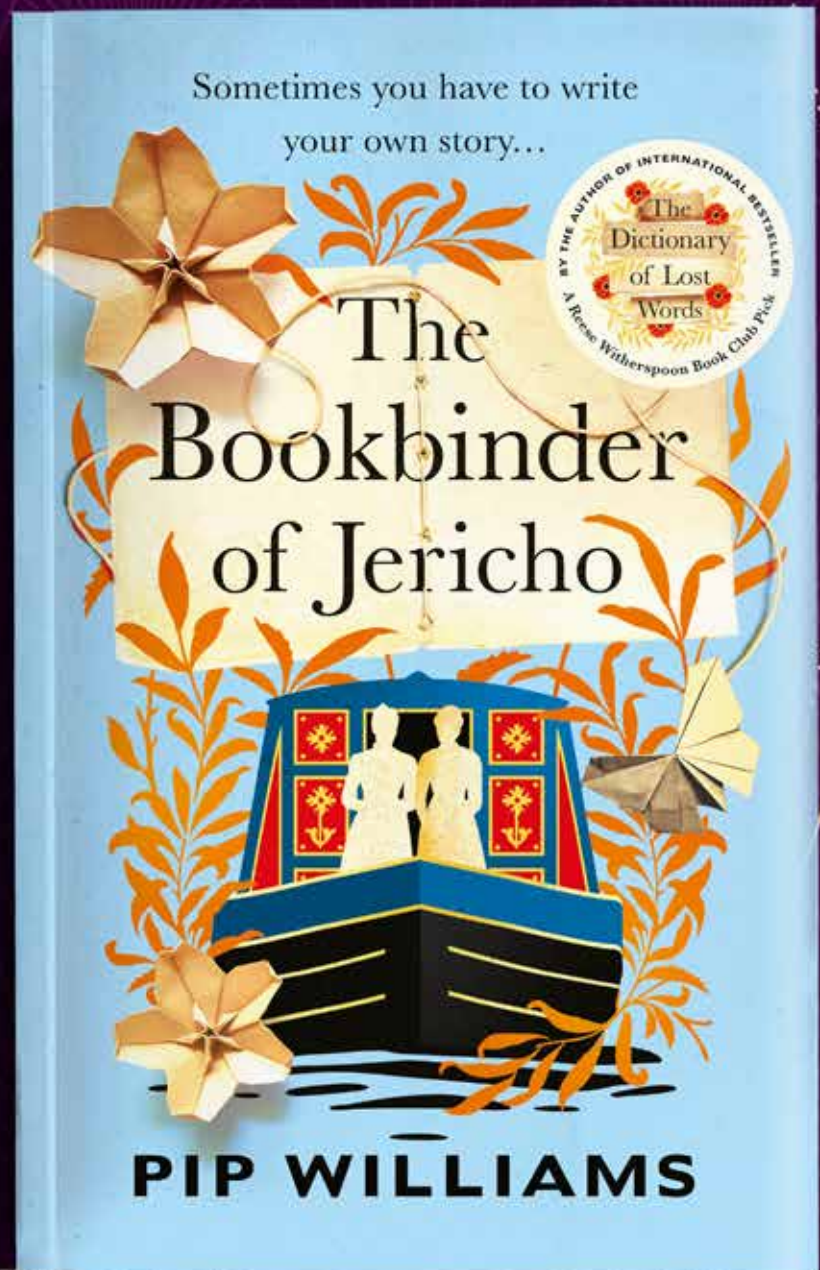
From volunteer nurses to refugees fleeing the horrors of occupation, the war brings women together from all walks of life, and with them some difficult choices for Peggy. New friends and lovers offer new opportunities, but they also make new demands - and Peggy must write her own story.

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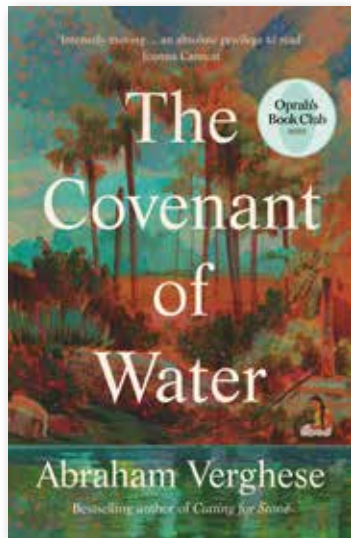


### PIP WILLIAMS

Pip Williams was born in London, grew up in Sydney, and now lives in South Australia's Adelaide Hills. Her debut novel, *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and a Reese's Book Club pick.







**THE COVENANT OF WATER**  
Abraham Verghese

Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, *The Covenant of Water* follows a family in southern India that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning – and in Kerala, water is everywhere.

At the turn of the century a twelve-year-old girl, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this poignant beginning, the young girl and future matriarch will witness unthinkable changes at home and at large over the span of her extraordinary life.

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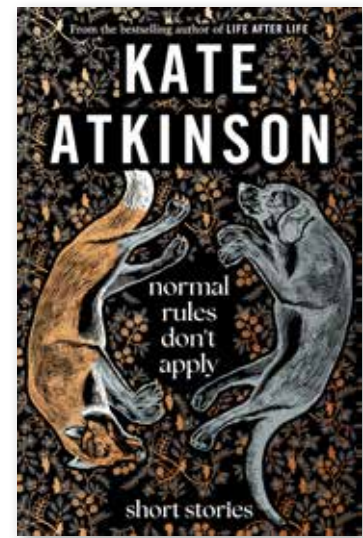
**THE SEVENTH SON**  
Sebastian Faulks

Behind the doors of the Parn Institute, a billionaire entrepreneur plans to stretch the boundaries of ethics as never before. Through a series of IVF treatments, they propose an experiment that will upend the human race as we know it.

Seth, the baby, is delivered to hopeful parents, but when his differences start to mark him out from his peers, he begins to attract unwanted attention.

*The Seventh Son* asks the question: just because you can do something, does it mean you should?

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**NORMAL RULES DON'T APPLY**  
Kate Atkinson

In this first full collection since *Not the End of the World*, we meet a queen who makes a bargain she cannot keep; a secretary who watches over the life she has just left; and a man whose luck changes when a horse speaks to him.

Witty and wise, with subtle connections between the stories, *Normal Rules Don't Apply* is a startling, and funny feast for the imagination.

In Kate Atkinson's world nothing is over until 'the talking dog speaks'.

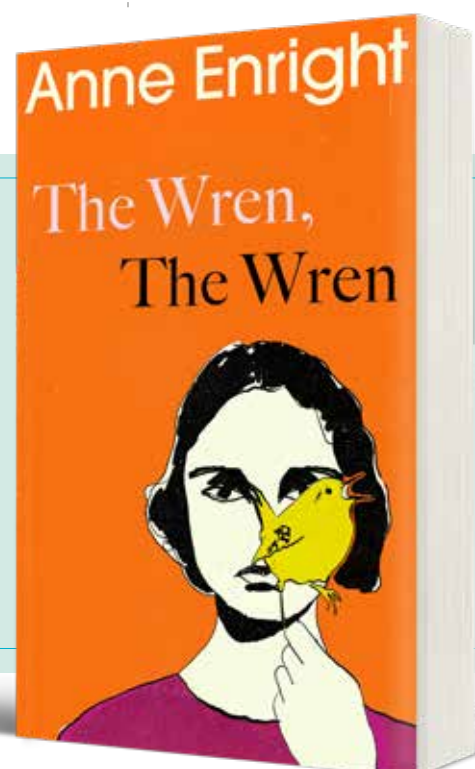
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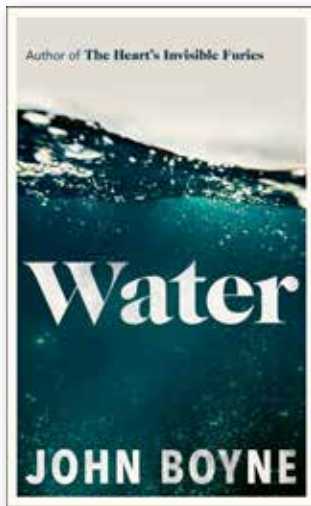
**THE WREN, THE WREN**  
Anne Enright

Nell is a young woman with adventure on her mind. As she sets out into the world, she finds her family history hard to escape. For her mother, Nell's leaving home opens a space in her heart, where the turmoil of a lifetime begins to churn.

This is a generational saga that is a testament to the glorious resilience of women in the face of promises false and true. Above all, it is an exploration of the love between mother and daughter – sometimes fierce, often painful, but always transcendent.

Trade paperback • R375 • 9781787334618 • October





**WATER**  
John Boyne

The first thing Vanessa Carvin does when she arrives on the island is change her name. To the locals, she is Willow Hale, a solitary outsider escaping Dublin to live a hermetic existence in a small cottage, not a notorious woman on the run from her past.

But scandals follow like hunting dogs. And she has some questions of her own to answer. If her ex-husband is really the monster everyone says he is, then how complicit was she in his crimes?

Here, on the island, Vanessa must reflect on what she did – and did not do. Only then can she discover whether she is worthy of finding peace at all.

Hardcover • R340 • 9780857529817 • November



**THE POLE AND OTHER STORIES**  
J. M. Coetzee

*The Pole* tells the story of Wittold Walccyzkiecz, a vigorous, white-haired pianist who becomes infatuated with Beatriz, a stylish patron of the arts, after she helps organize his Barcelona concert.

Although Beatriz, who is married, is initially unimpressed by Wittold, she soon finds herself ineluctably swept into his world and their unlikely relationship blossoms, though only on her terms.

*The Pole* is a haunting work, evoking the 'inexhaustible palette of sensations, from blind love to compassion' (El País) typical of Coetzee's finest novels.

Trade paperback • R350 • 9781787304062 • November



**LIGHT OVER LISKEARD**  
Louis de Bernières

Q wants a simpler and safer life. His work as a quantum cryptographer for the government has led him to believe a crisis is imminent for civilisation and he's looking for somewhere to ride out what's ahead.

He buys a ruined farmhouse in Cornwall and begins to build his own self-sufficient haven. As life in the cities gets more complicated, and our systems of electronic control begin to fall apart, Q flourishes in the wild Cornish countryside. His new way of life brings him back in tune with his teenage children, his ex-wife, and his own sense of who he is. He also grows close to Eva, who is committed to her own quest for love and meaning.

Trade paperback • R375 • 9781787304000 • November



**THE FRAUD**  
Zadie Smith

It is 1873. Mrs Eliza Touchet is the Scottish housekeeper – and cousin by marriage – of a once famous novelist, now in decline, William Ainsworth.

Andrew Bogle meanwhile grew up enslaved on the Hope Plantation, Jamaica. When Bogle finds himself in London, star witness in a celebrated case of imposture, he knows his future depends on telling the right story.

The 'Tichborne Trial' captivates Mrs Touchet. Is Sir Roger Tichborne really who he says he is?

Based on real historical events, *The Fraud* is a dazzling novel about truth and fiction, Jamaica and Britain, fraudulence and authenticity, and the mystery of 'other people.'

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# Afrikaanse Fiksie

## SLUITSTUK Johann Rossouw

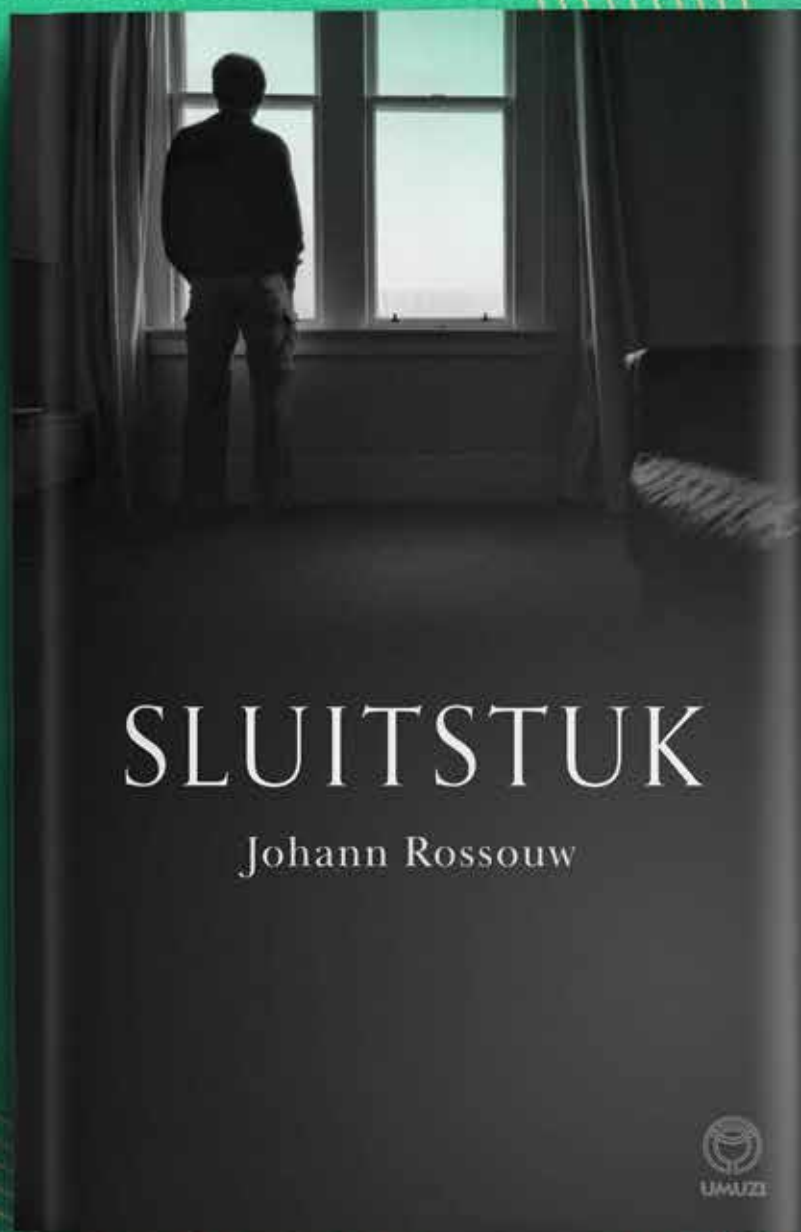
Drie jaar ná die dood van Afrikaans se grootste skrywer kom 'n Nederlandse vrou na Suid-Afrika om navorsing vir 'n biografie oor sy lewe te doen. Sy besoek die skrywer se voormalige vakleerling om meer oor die enigmatiese figuur vas te stel - bykans dertig jaar nadat die twee mans se weë pynlik geskei het.

Onder die priemende blik van die biograaf lê die vakleerling, eens 'n aspirantskrywer en nou 'n Zen-monnik, hul vervlegte lewens bloot in die bestek van een nag.

Wie was die groot skrywer werklik? Waarom was die impak van sy kluisenaarsbestaan en sy werk op die jong man so enorm? Hoekom het die skrywer hom na sy eensame sterfbed laat kom? Wat is die ware rede agter die Nederlander se biografie?

*Sluitstuk* is 'n elegiese roman oor verlange, verlies, wraak en versoening wat die roete na stilte en die skeppingsimpuls verken.

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### DIE KERKSEUN

Wiaan Janse van Rensburg

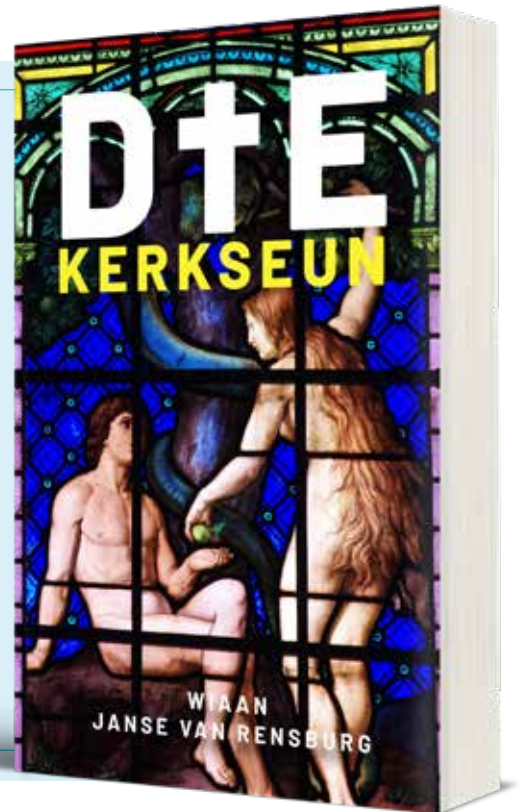
Willem is 'n eenkantkind. Sy pa, die formidabele dominee Riaan Cronjé, is die trots van Bijlstad se Moedergemeente. Sy woord is wet; dit bepaal dat Willem in sy voetspore sal volg en ook die kansel bestyg.

By die seunskool se Bybelstudie is Willem omring deur 'n spul Filistyne wat die see nie kan skoon was nie; tieners met seks op die brein en 'n dialek wat die verf van die mure af laat dop.

Te midde 'n eensame uur in 'n koffiewinkel, kom sit 'n aantrekklike ouer vrou oorkant die kerkseun. Sonder om 'n woord te sê, neem sy 'n hap van sy beskuit, 'n sluk van sy koffie, en verdwyn so gou soos sy verskyn het.

Willem, te oorbluf om enige rooi vlaggies op te let, is natuurlik die volgende dag terug. Sy ook.

Sagteband • R290 • 9781776358311 • Augustus



### MINDER AS WATER

Morné Malan

*Wat is 'n menselewe werd as jy minder as niks op jou naam het nie?*

Toe die regering besluit om 'n yslike dam in die diep, dorre Noord-Kaap te bou, bars alle hel op Bitterwater los. Inwoners het 'n jaar tyd om hul dorp en huise te ontruim en voor die groot water uit te vlug.

Konstabel Cheslin Fielies is die een wat moet seker maak die hele storie gebeur betyds. Pas van die Cape Flats oorgeplaas, word hy gou in die dorpstories ingetrek: Hoekom verafsku die gemeenskap die drankwinkeleienaar Braam Pens so? Wat het Jan Boklam een nag in die dorpsdam sien gebeur? En spook dit regtig by die grênd, ou pastorie waar die Van Helsdingens probeer oorleef?

Terwyl hy van sy eie spoke vlug en die Bitterwaters van die sondvloed probeer red, is dit sy onverwagse vriendskap met die dominee se vrou, Miriam, wat die krake in Cheslin se damwal blootlê. Want water is vergifnis, glo sy. Water is vergeet.

*Minder as water* is 'n meesleurende tragikomedie wat jou gaan roer, jou gaan laat lag en uiteindelik die vraag vra: Wat gebeur met die mens wanneer hy voor sy einde te staan kom?

Sagteband • R290 • 9781776359882 • September



#### MORNÉ MALAN

Morné Malan het die debuutprys in Sanlam en Insig se Groot Romanwedstryd vir sy roman *Suiderkruis* gewen. Hy het 'n doktorsgraad in Engelse letterkunde aan die Universiteit van die Witwatersrand en woon op Mosselbaai. *Minder as water* is sy vierde roman.

# Non-fiction

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*The Art and Science  
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You can get happier.  
And getting there will  
be the adventure  
of a lifetime.



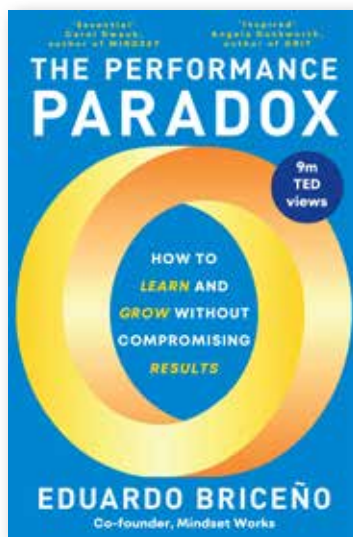


**THE ATTENTION FIX**  
Dr Anders Hansen

Are you increasingly distracted, demotivated and unable to focus on simple tasks? There's a good chance your smartphone is to blame. According to psychiatric specialist and mental health guru Dr Anders Hansen, being tethered to our devices 24/7 is taking its toll on our mental wellbeing. Sleeplessness, anxiety, depression and burnout are just some of the consequences of feeling digitally overloaded.

In *The Attention Fix*, Hansen shares the practical steps we can take to break the addiction cycle. By taking control of your screen time, you'll feel happier, healthier and more productive.

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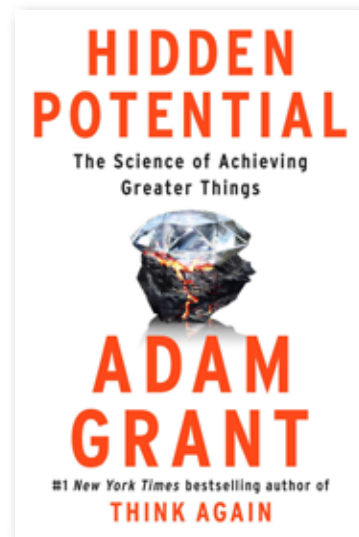


**THE PERFORMANCE PARADOX**  
Eduardo Briceño

Too many of us suffer from 'chronic performance': we feel constant pressure to look like we know what we're doing, to always be on, to rack up success after success and have all the answers, all because we assume that greater effort leads to greater success.

Ground-breaking and empowering, *The Performance Paradox* will break your chronic performance habit and revolutionise the way you approach growth mindset to get you on your way to thriving in both work and life.

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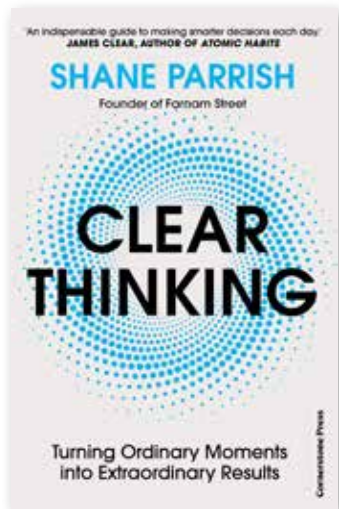
**HIDDEN POTENTIAL**  
Adam Grant

*Hidden Potential* offers a new framework for raising aspirations and exceeding expectations. Adam Grant weaves together groundbreaking evidence, surprising insights, and vivid storytelling that takes us from the classroom to the boardroom, the playground to the Olympics, and underground to outer space. He shows that progress depends less on how hard you work than how well you learn. Growth is not about the genius you possess—it's about the character you develop. Grant explores how to build the character skills and motivational structures to realise our own potential, and how to design systems that create opportunities for those who have been underrated and overlooked.

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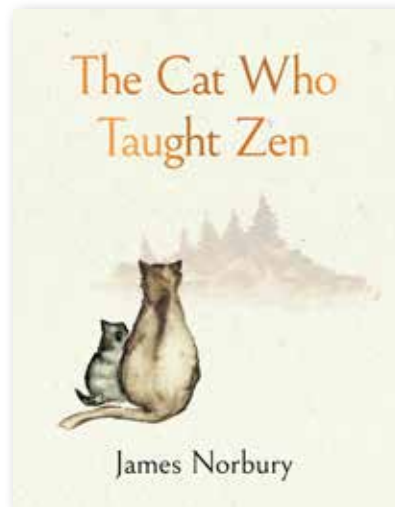
### CLEAR THINKING

Shane Parrish

Shane Parrish explains how to think clearly in any situation. He shows that the path to clear thinking lies not in the most high-stakes decisions, but in the most ordinary moments. And he uses stories, mental models, and psychological insights to offer a transformative method for seeing through our biases and understanding what's really happening.

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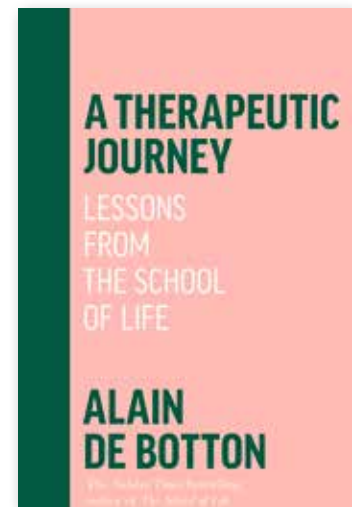


### THE CAT WHO TAUGHT ZEN

James Norbury

From the bestselling author of *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon*, a new adventure featuring a wise cat, a curious kitten, and the Zen wisdom they uncover on their journey together.

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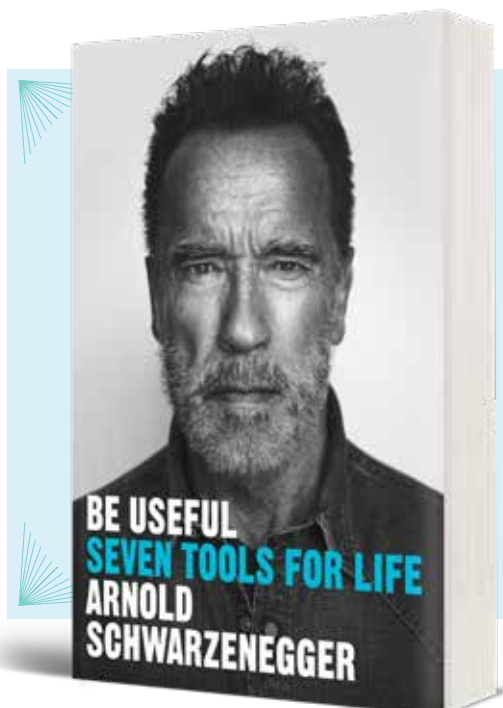
### A THERAPEUTIC JOURNEY: LESSONS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIFE

Alain de Botton

Alain de Botton explores how we can cope with a variety of forms of mental pain and illness, from the mild to the severe. It considers how and why we might become ill; how we can explain things to friends, family and colleagues; how we can find our ways towards recovery; and how we can build resilience, so as to live wisely alongside our difficulties.

At heart this is a book about redemption – about regaining the thread of our lives, rediscovering meaning, and finding our way back to connection, warmth and joy.

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### BE USEFUL: SEVEN TOOLS FOR LIFE

Arnold Schwarzenegger

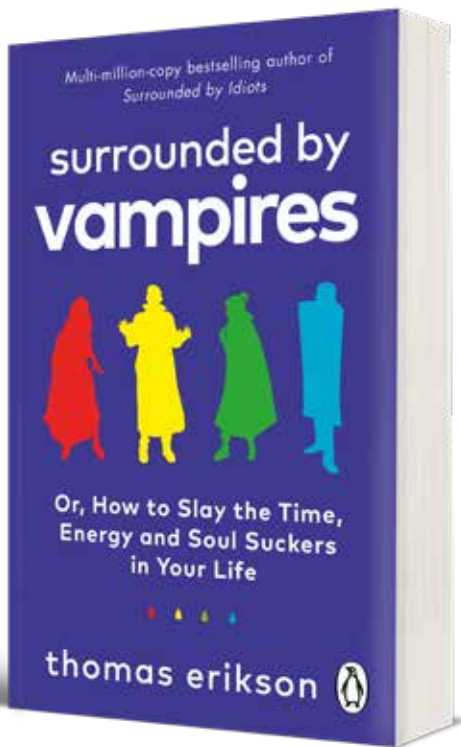
Written with his uniquely earnest, blunt, powerful voice, *Be Useful* takes readers on an inspirational tour through Arnold's toolkit for a meaningful life. Arnold shows us how to put those tools to work, in service of whatever fulfilling future we can dream up for ourselves. He brings his insights to vivid life with compelling personal stories, life-changing successes and life-threatening failures alike – some of them famous, some told here for the first time ever.

Too many of us struggle to disconnect from our self-pity and connect to our purpose. As Arnold puts it, no one is going to come rescue you – you only have yourself. The good news, it turns out, is that you are all you need.

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POPULAR PSYCHOLOGY

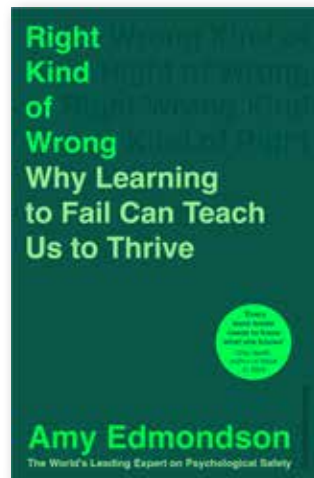


**SURROUNDED BY VAMPIRES**  
Thomas Erikson

Do conversations with certain people leave you feeling depleted or exhausted? Are there people in your life who diminish you through their words or actions? Or, do you have colleagues that take a lot of your time and drain your energy, but don't actually do - or contribute - much?

You could be surrounded by vampires! International bestselling author and behavioural expert Thomas Erikson will help you recognise and deal with the four most common vampires: Time Suckers, Energy Suckers, Soul Suckers and Habit Vampires.

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**RIGHT KIND OF WRONG**  
Amy Edmondson

Amy Edmondson - the world's most influential organisational psychologist - reveals how we get failure wrong, and how to get it right. She draws on a lifetime's research into the science of 'psychological safety' to show that the most successful cultures are those in which you can fail openly, without your mistakes being held against you.

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MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

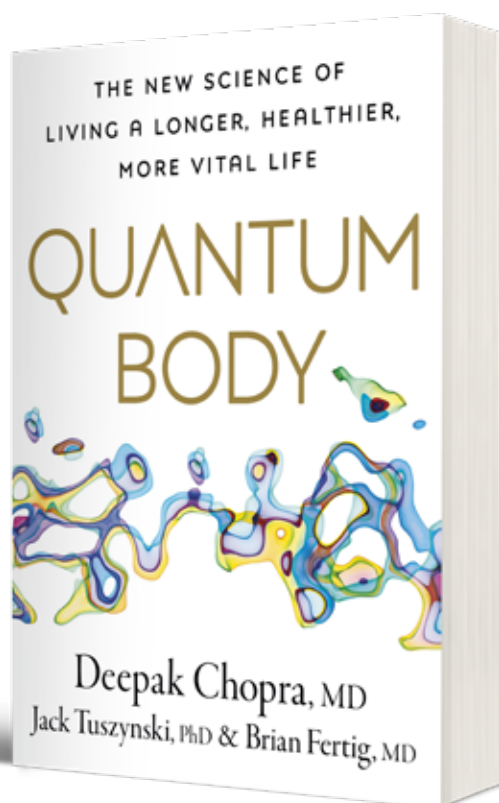
**QUANTUM BODY**  
Deepak Chopra

For decades, millions of people have tried to crack the secret of time and how to withstand it. The question affects the way we eat, treatments we invest in, and expensive packages sold by online gurus offering magical solutions. But without understanding the physical and spiritual links between quantum physics, biology and issues plaguing the body like inflammation, stress, and ageing, the answer will continue to elude us.

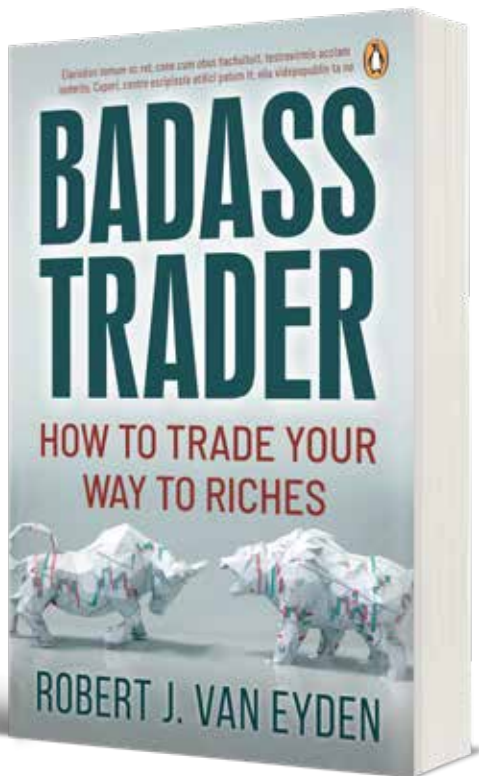
In *Quantum Body*, international bestselling author Deepak Chopra teams up with world renowned physicist Jack Tuszynski and leading endocrinologist Brian Fertig, MD to reveal the new frontiers in health and ageing. Timely and accessible, this book expands the barriers of science and invites you on the path to individual healing and longevity.

Trade paperback • R370 • 9781846047701 • December

The ground-breaking rethink on aging and how to live well by *New York Times* bestselling author, Deepak Chopra



## PERSONAL FINANCE

**BADASS TRADER**

Robert J. van Eyden

New traders are often led to believe that trading must be easy.

But they soon realise that what is generally called 'common sense' does not work in trading; what they have been taught – that there is a right way and a wrong way – does not seem to apply to trading. Why? The answer is simple: Our brains are not naturally wired for trading, but they can be rewired. And you will find out how in this book.

Whether you are a beginner or an experienced trader, reading *Badass Trader* can be a valuable way to learn, grow and improve your trading skills, setting you on a path to financial well-being.

Softcover • R270 • 9781776390960 • July

**WORD RYK, BLY RYK**

PJ &amp; Geo Botha

In *Word ryk, bly ryk* help Geo en PJ Botha, onafhanklike finansiële adviseurs en medeaanbieders van kykNET se gewilde *Welvaartskeppers*, gewone Suid-Afrikaners om geld te maak in 'n uitdagende omgewing en dit te laat groei.

Suksesstories van entrepreneurs soos Michael Jordaan, Albé Geldenhuys en Whitey Basson sal jou 'n kopskuif help maak om geleenthede raak te sien in moeilike ekonomiese omstandighede. Die skrywers se maklik verstaanbare finansiële ekspertadvies rig jou fokus en ondersteun jou op jou welvaartreis.

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## LEADERSHIP &amp; MOTIVATION

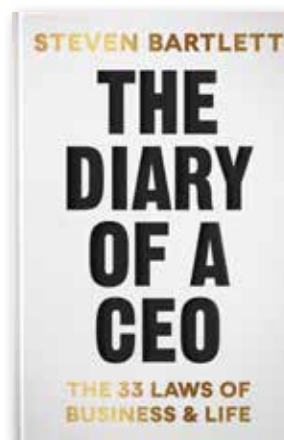
**THE SONG OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Seth Godin

The workplace has undergone a massive shift. Remote work and economic instability have depressed innovation and left us disconnected and disengaged. Quiet quitting runs rampant, and people show up without truly showing up. Alarmed managers are doubling down on keystroke surveillance, productivity tracking and back-to-the-office mandates, when what they should be doing is affording employees the dignity necessary to inject purpose and motivation into their work.

Seth Godin argues that we need to build organisations that empower and trust employees to deliver their best work, no matter where they're working. If you want your employees to live up to their full professional potential, you must give them the respect and autonomy they deserve as humans.

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**THE DIARY OF A CEO**

Steven Bartlett

The new book by Steven Bartlett: entrepreneur, podcaster and Dragon's Den star.

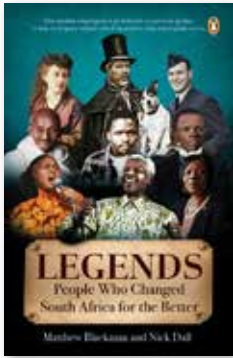
"There is a new breed of CEO taking over the business world. The blustery, chest beating CEOs who act like they make no mistakes are being replaced by CEOs who talk about their feelings, lead with curiosity and are willing to work on themselves... and Steven Bartlett is leading the revolution!

*The Diary Of A CEO* is an essential companion for any leader who wants to take themselves on and lead us into the next generation." – Simon Sinek, bestselling author of *Start with Why* and *The Infinite Game*.

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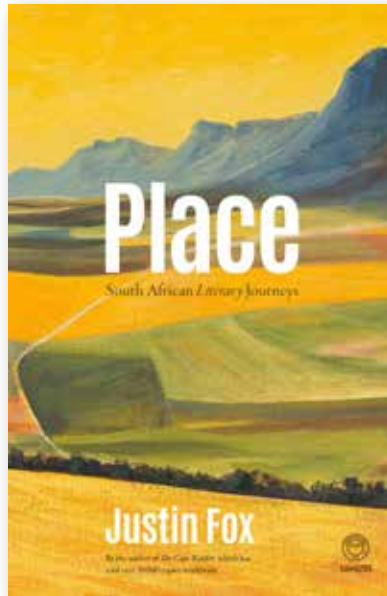


**LEGENDS**  
Matthew Blackman and Nick Dall

Believe it or not, we have a lot to be positive about in South Africa. With corrupt politicians and institutional failures collapsing the country, it's easy to get all depro. More so when you consider our ugly past: colonialism, slavery and apartheid.

But hold those thoughts, because *Legends* might just inject you with the all-natural and organic anti-depressant you need. The book sheds light on the lives of a dozen remarkable people who changed South Africa for the better, including Mandela, Biko, Gandhi (who spent almost twenty years here), King Moshoeshoe, Olive Schreiner, Miriam Makeba, and Thuli Madonsela, who quietly took on the most powerful man in the land.

Softcover • R320 • 9781776391066 • September



**PLACE**  
Justin Fox

In this gripping travelogue, Justin Fox goes on a one-of-a-kind journey exploring the places of his favourite books. From the mountainous eastern Karoo of Olive Schreiner to the big-game lowveld of Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, Fox reveals the majestic power of place. Through the savannah of Herman Charles Bosman's Marico, the dusty plains of JM Coetzee's Moordenaars Karoo and the subtropical hamlets of Zakes Mda's Wild Coast, he brings to life the settings we've only seen through characters' eyes.

*Place* is a moving love letter to South Africa, merging literature and landscape, and taking the reader on a breath-taking journey – into the heart of South Africa's spectacular landscape and the inner-worlds of its most celebrated authors.

Softcover • R320 • 9781415211069 • October

**JUSTIN FOX**

Travel writer and photographer Justin Fox is the former editor of *Getaway International* magazine. He studied at Oxford, after which he was a research fellow at the University of Cape Town, where he now teaches part time. His writing and photographs have been published worldwide and he is the author of a dozen non-fiction books. He lives and works in Cape Town.



CURRENT AFFAIRS & POLITICS



**THE END OF REALITY:**  
HOW FOUR BILLIONAIRES  
ARE SELLING OUT  
OUR FUTURE  
Jonathan Taplin

In *The End of Reality*, Jonathan Taplin shines a light on the enormous cultural power of Peter Thiel, Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, and Marc Andreessen, questioning whether we want our society to be run by people who don't like to be hugged or receive blood transfusions to stay young. Will

we really want our children anywhere near the metaverse? Do we trust Musk to rule over Mars?

Trade paperback • R410 • 9781911709503 • September



**RICH STATE, POOR STATE**  
Greg Mills

Why do some states thrive, grow their economies and uplift their people while others, facing similar challenges, slide into low growth, social dysfunction and failure? After decades of work on the ground in states in Africa, Latin America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, bestselling author Greg Mills seeks to provide answers in *Rich State, Poor State*.

On each continent he traverses, Mills interrogates the how and why.

The examples of change in *Rich State, Poor State* contrast success and failure, and in so doing, determine a path for Africa's next generation of reformers.

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# Biographies

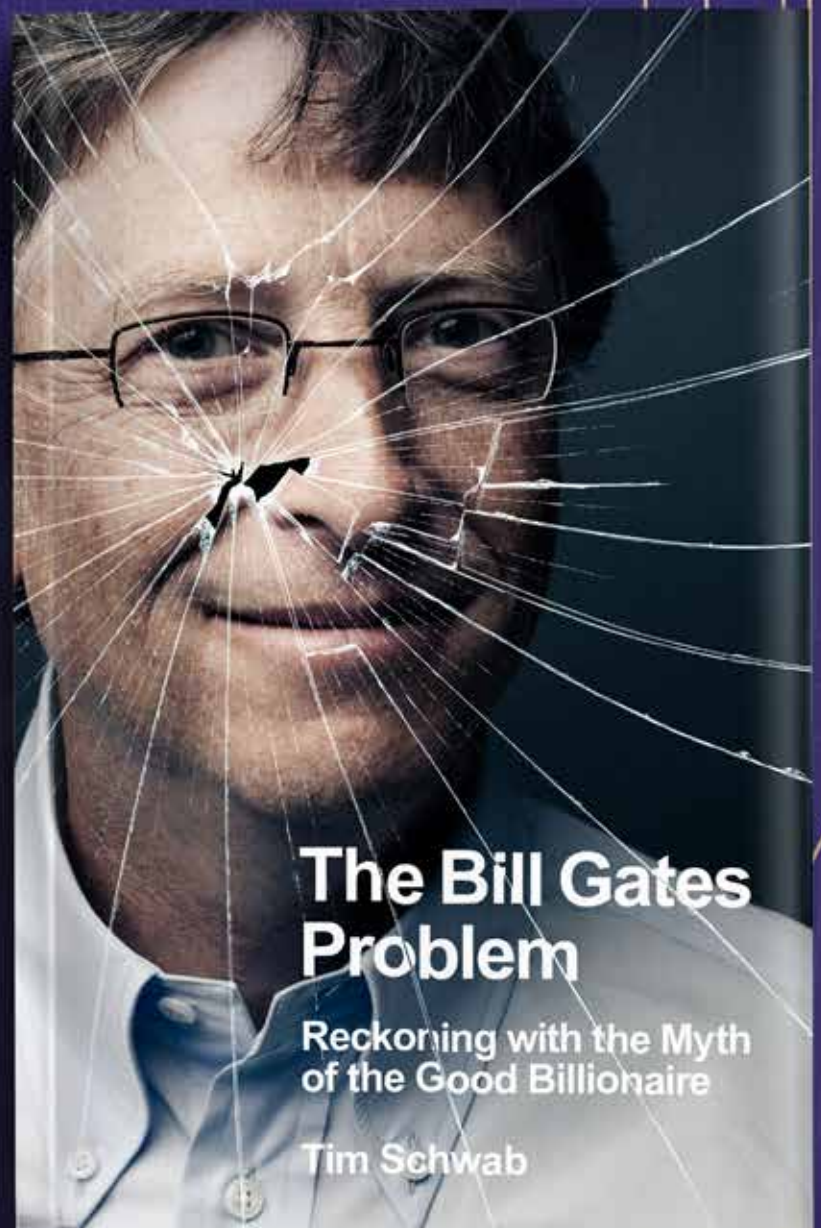
## THE BILL GATES PROBLEM Tim Schwab

Bill Gates is an extraordinarily complex public figure. Yet over the last decade, we've reduced him to a flat caricature - a sweater-wearing, avuncular, well-meaning billionaire, who is giving away all of his money through the Gates Foundation in order to improve the lives of others.

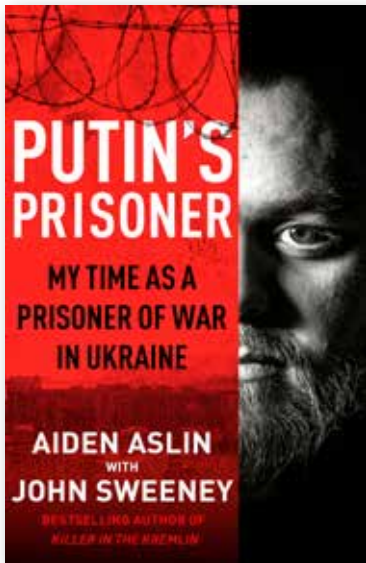
This simplistic portrait perilously ignores the political influence that Gates has acquired through his charitable work, and the controversial ways through which he utilises it. The charity internally sets a policy agenda for how to fix the world - based on one man's worldview - then imposes this vision onto the developing world by funding groups that align with it.

Combining rich storytelling and ground-breaking reporting, *The Bill Gates Problem* offers readers a provocative and timely counter-narrative about one of the world's most famous figures.

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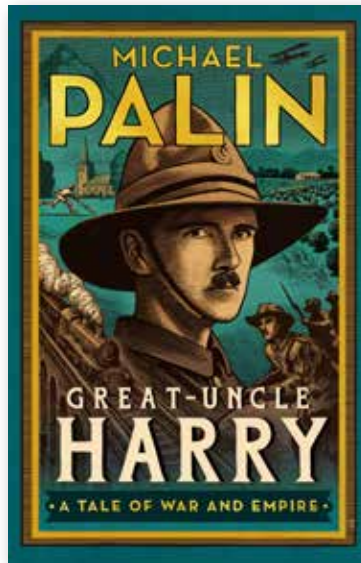




**PUTIN'S PRISONER**  
Aiden Aslin with John Sweeney

The first account from a prisoner of war in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. A shocking, hugely powerful memoir by British-born Ukrainian marine Aiden Aslin, who spent six months in Russian captivity.

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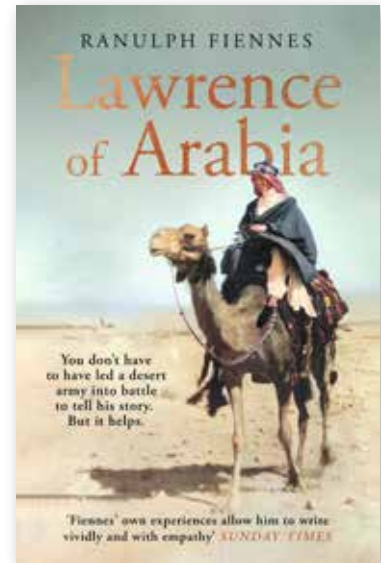
**GREAT-UNCLE HARRY**  
A TALE OF WAR AND EMPIRE  
Michael Palin

From the time, many years ago, when Michael Palin first heard that his grandfather had a brother, Harry, who died in tragic circumstances, he was determined to find out more about him.

The quest that followed involved hundreds of hours of painstaking detective work.

*Great-Uncle Harry* is an utterly compelling account of an ordinary man who led an extraordinary life. A blend of biography, history, travelogue and personal memoir this is Michael Palin at his very finest.

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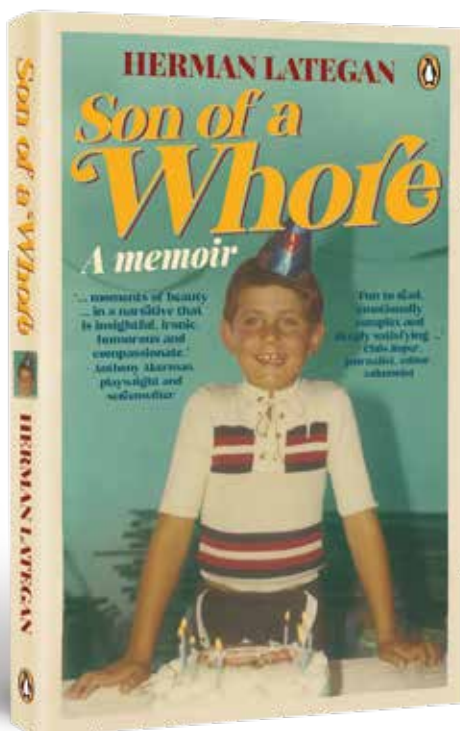
**LAWRENCE OF ARABIA**  
Ranulph Fiennes

Co-opted by the British military, archaeologist and adventurer Thomas Edward Lawrence became involved in the 1916 Arab Revolt, fighting alongside guerilla forces, and made a legendary 300-mile journey through blistering heat. He wore Arab dress, and strongly identified with the people in his adopted lands.

By 1918, he had a £20,000 price on his head.

Despite people's fascination, Lawrence has long remained unknowable, one of history's most enigmatic explorers. But with in-depth knowledge of what it takes to venture into the unknown, this authoritative biography from explorer Ranulph Fiennes at last brings enthralling insight and clarity to this remarkable life.

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**SON OF A WHORE**  
Herman Latagan

After the runaway success of his Afrikaans memoir, *Hoerkind*, the contrarian journalist and writer Herman Latagan translated and updated his eventful life story, with no holds barred.

*Son of a Whore* is a gripping account of loss, hardship and overcoming both; it will make you laugh and, at times, break your heart. You will despair at the cruelty of a world in which the marginalised are forsaken but stand in awe at the extent of goodness surrounding us, because, ultimately, people depend on each other.

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# Nature & Travel

## Field Guide to the **SPIDERS** of South Africa



Ansie Dippenaar-Schoeman

NEW  
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### FIELD GUIDE TO THE SPIDERS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Ansie Dippenaar-Schoeman

Thoroughly revised and updated, this long-awaited new edition of *Field Guide to the Spiders of South Africa* is the most comprehensive guide to South African spiders published to date. It features over 780 of the more common spider species encountered in the field and in homes and gardens, as well as representative species from some of the rarer spider families.

'Quick Keys' to the 72 South African spider families provide a useful starting point to identification.

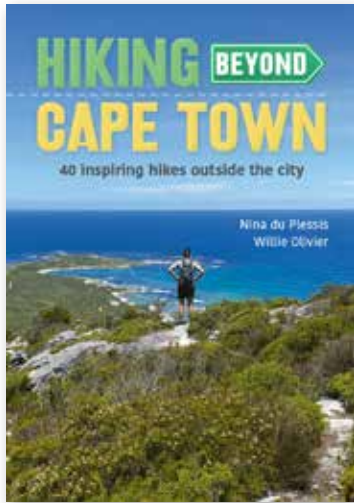
The guide features colour photographs, line drawings, and distribution maps for all spider entries. It includes a section on venom to help identify species that pose a danger to humans.

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An invaluable aid to spider identification,  
comprehensively updated and expanded





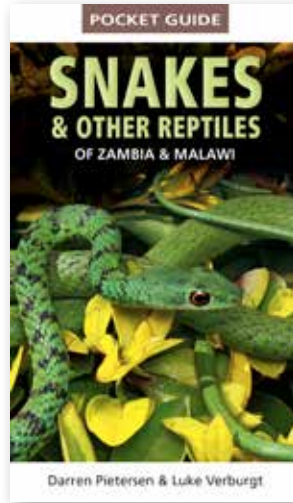
**HIKING BEYOND CAPE TOWN**  
Nina du Plessis & Willie Olivier

*Hiking Beyond Cape Town* opens a gateway to the myriad trails and tracks that await hikers - young and old, novice and experienced - beyond the confines of the city.

This collection of day trips outside of Cape Town features 40 trails, fanning out from the south coast to the west and covering a range of varied hikes in between.

Each hike entry includes an accurate, up-to-date route description, a map of the trail, and directions for getting to the start.

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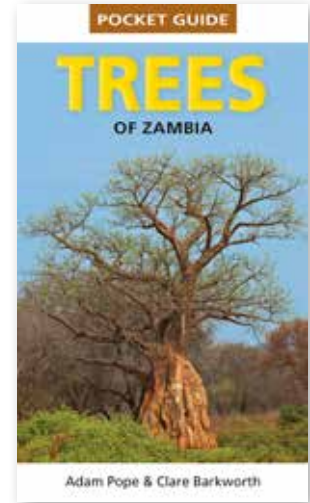


**POCKET GUIDE  
SNAKES & OTHER REPTILES  
OF ZAMBIA & MALAWI**  
Darren Pietersen & Luke Verburgt

This first accessible pocket guide to the reptiles of Zambia and Malawi describes 186 of the most commonly encountered and colourful species, as well as some that are less conspicuous, rare and endemic to the region. A brief introduction details the region's reptile diversity and habitat types and outlines different venom types and snakebite treatments.

Handy and compact, this up-to-date guide makes a trusted travelling companion on trips to the wildlife areas, parks and reserves of these two tropical countries.

Softcover • R220 • 9781775847168 • August



**POCKET GUIDE  
TREES OF ZAMBIA**  
Adam Pope & Clare Barkworth

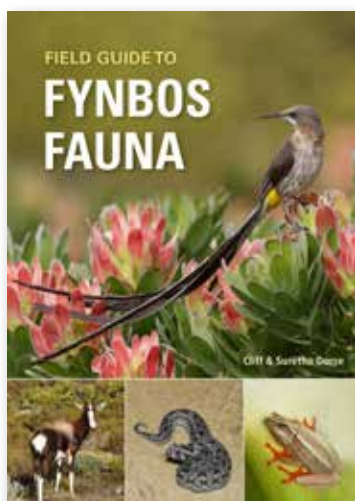
*Trees of Zambia* features 140 indigenous tree species and four naturalised exotics likely to be seen in Zambia and its 20 national parks. The trees are organised in five groups, each with a unique set of characteristics, to aid accurate identification. Species accounts and full-colour photographs highlight the distinctive features of each tree. Additional features include distribution maps, best viewing locations and economic and medicinal uses.

An invaluable guide for anyone interested in Zambia's trees.

Softcover • R220 • 9781775848455 • September

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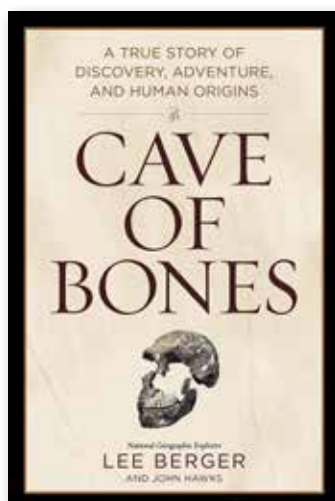




### FIELD GUIDE TO FYNBOS FAUNA Cliff & Suretha Dorse

The first of its kind, this concise field guide covers more than 400 species in four animal groups – mammals, birds, reptiles and frogs – that thrive in South Africa's world-famous fynbos biome. Brief descriptions of each of the species are accompanied by full-colour photographs and up-to-date distribution maps. Popular tourist destinations in the Western and Eastern Cape provinces are covered, including the Cape Peninsula, Kogelberg, Cederberg, Agulhas Plain, West Coast and Baviaanskloof.

Softcover • R350 • 9781775847397 • October



### CAVE OF BONES Lee Berger

In the summer of 2022, Lee Berger lost 50 pounds in order to wriggle through impossibly small openings in the Rising Star cave complex in South Africa – spaces where his team has been unearthing the remains of *Homo naledi*, a proto-human likely to have coexisted with *Homo sapiens* some 250,000 years ago.

Once inside the cave, Berger made shocking new discoveries that expand our understanding of this early hominid – discoveries that stand to alter our fundamental understanding of what makes us human.

Join Berger on the adventure of a lifetime as he explores the Rising Star cave system and begins the complicated process of explaining these extraordinary finds.

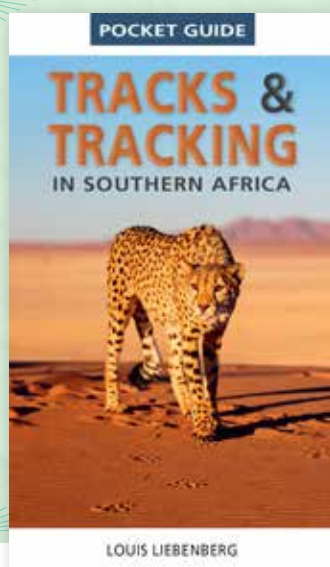
Trade paperback • R415 • 9781426224140 • October



### SKY GUIDE SOUTHERN AFRICA 2024 ASOS

Published annually, *Sky Guide Southern Africa* is a practical resource for all stargazers, whether novice, amateur or professional. It highlights the cosmic events for each month of the upcoming year, including planetary movements, predicted eclipses and meteor showers. Star charts plot the evening sky for each season, facilitating the identification of stars and constellations.

Softcover • R170 • 9781775848677 • November



### POCKET GUIDE TRACKS & TRACKING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA Louis Liebenberg

Understanding the subtle signs that animals leave behind as they pass unseen in the bush is one of the most rewarding ways of learning about their behaviour. This handy guide features 105 commonly seen mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds, and their tracks. Written by a world authority on the science of tracking, the text provides relevant information on each animal concerned, as well as its spoor, behaviour, habits and habitat.

Includes:

- 125 clear diagnostic spoor drawings
- 175 full-colour photographs of animals and signs
- Up-to-date distribution maps
- Special features on insects and scat

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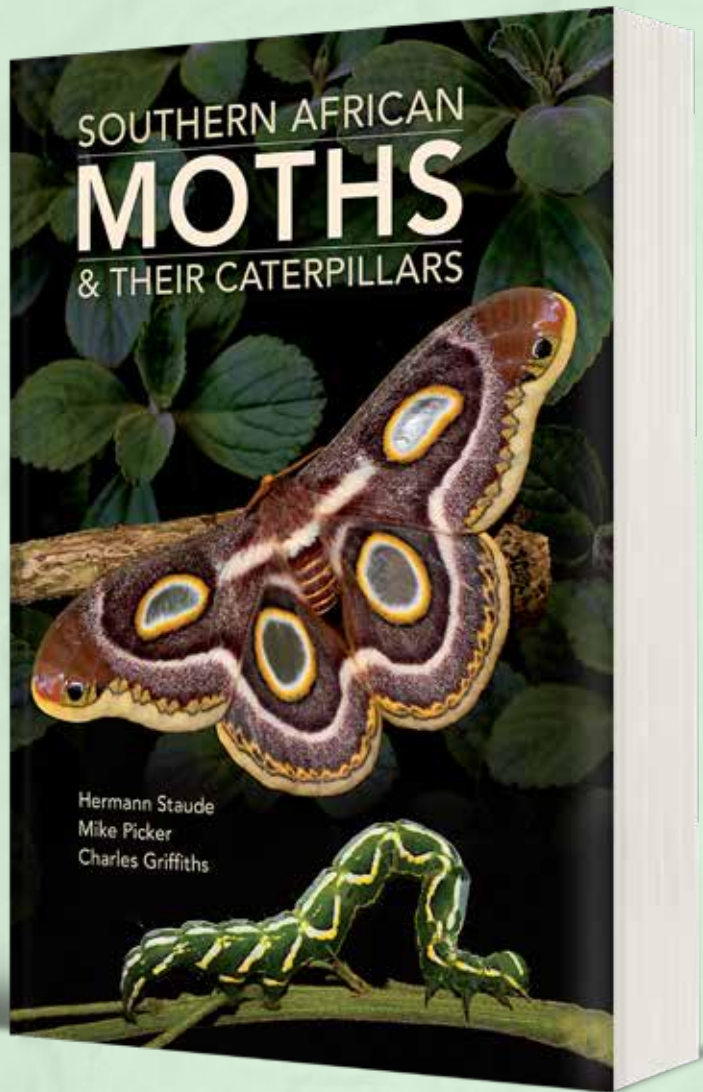
### SOUTHERN AFRICAN MOTHS & THEIR CATERPILLARS

Mike Picker, Charles Griffiths, Hermann Staude

*Southern African Moths & their Caterpillars* provides a comprehensive overview of the moth fauna of the region. Featuring 1,500 species - and most of their caterpillars - the guide focuses on those that are most abundant, of economical or ecological importance, conspicuous or unusual. From the intricately patterned to the cryptically camouflaged, species are described in detail, including biology, habitat and distribution. The text is richly supported with colour photographs of both adult moth and caterpillar, making this a must-have reference for all naturalists and entomologists.

Softcover • R550 • 9781775847953 • September

The most comprehensive guide to the region's moths





# Cookery

**5 INGREDIENTS  
MEDITERRANEAN**  
Jamie Oliver

*5 Ingredients Mediterranean* is everything people loved about the first book, but with the added va-va-voom of basing it on Jamie's lifelong travels around the Med. With over 125 utterly delicious, easy-to-follow recipes, it's about making everyday cooking super-exciting, with minimal fuss – all while transporting you to sunnier climes.

You'll find recipes that empower you to make incredibly delicious food, but without copious amounts of ingredients, long shopping lists or loads of washing up. It will have readers coming back for more, seven days a week.

Hardcover • R540 • 9780241431160 • September

**JAMIE OLIVER**

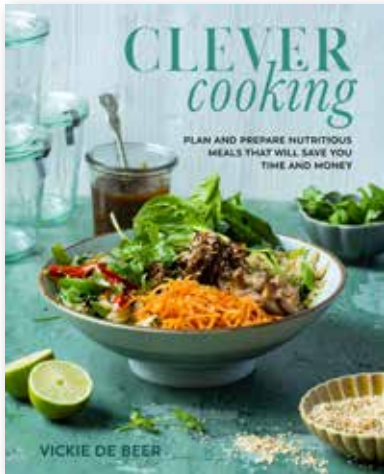
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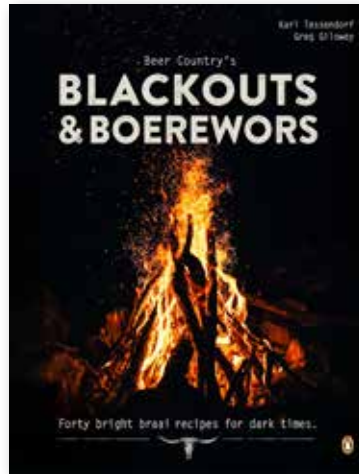
**CLEVER COOKING**  
Vickie de Beer

*Clever Cooking* shows you how to easily plan and prepare nutritious meals free of harmful preservatives, chemicals and additives, not only to ensure your family eats healthily, but to save you some time and money, too!

What's more, Vickie knows that all South Africans are faced with the unique challenge of loadshedding, which can disrupt our time in the kitchen. Meal prep is a clever way to work around those annoying blackouts.

Your family can enjoy healthy and delicious meals every night. And, you'll be satisfied knowing that by spending time in the kitchen on one day, you'll be giving yourself a night off in the future!

Softcover • R340 • 9781485901587 • August



**BLACKOUTS & BOEREWORS**  
Karl Tessorodt & Greg Gilwey

Loadshedding sucks! You know it. We know it. The whole country knows it. It's also no secret that it's here to stay for the foreseeable future.

However, every blackout is a fire begging to be built, a juicy chop ready to be turned and a family braai just waiting to happen. With a little planning, some clever thinking and 40 great recipes, loadshedding can go from the worst part of your day to the best.

Put your money where your braai broodjie goes and join the Beer Country duo as they dive into their best braai recipes for the Eishkom disaster.

Welcome to the braaibright side of loadshedding life!

Softcover • R220 • 9781485901853 • August



**EASY AL FRESCO**  
Ilse van der Merwe

When we eat al fresco – outside, beyond the confines of four walls – everyday meals become a heady combination of fresh air and flavours, of outdoor sounds and natural views. And if preparing those meals doesn't require conventional electricity during the dreaded loadshedding, well, that's just the cherry on the top!

Ilse van der Merwe offers a simple and inspiring guide for fabulous, easy and scrumptious dishes that can all be prepared with a limited range of basic utensils, and a fire or kettle braai. As Ilse says, this should be the only book you pack for your next trail hike, fishing weekend, game reserve trip or seaside holiday.

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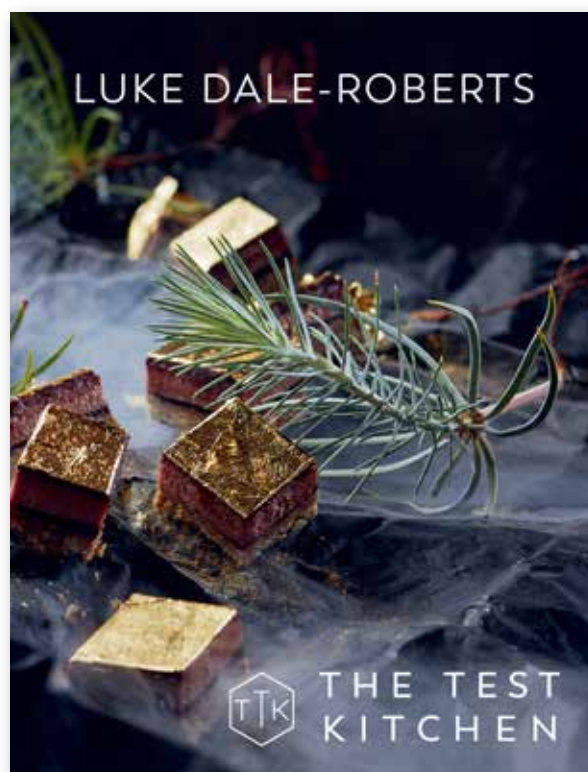
**THE TEST KITCHEN**

Luke Dale-Roberts

Heralded as a founding pillar of the vibrant South African fine-dining landscape, The Test Kitchen operated for eleven years, won numerous local and international awards, and moulded the careers of many talented chefs, leaving an incredible and lasting legacy.

In *The Test Kitchen*, Luke Dale-Roberts celebrates this legacy and shares his story, as well as some of the restaurant's most beloved and iconic recipes. With a foreword by Heston Blumenthal and incredible colour photographs throughout, *The Test Kitchen* is a stunning visual keepsake as flavourful as Luke's spectacular dishes.

Hardcover • R1 500 • 9781432310943 • September

**NOSTALGIE**  
Herman Lensing

*NOSTALGIE* is Herman Lensing se sewende kookboek en volg op die uiters suksesvolle *HUISKOS* in 2021, wat vir 'n Gourmand-toekenning benoem is, en *Dit Proe Soos Huis* (Human & Rousseau), wat in 2019 verskyn het.

Herman se laaste boek in die trilogie vertel – in sy eie woorde – die storie van sy lewe tot op 36 jaar. Die eerste proe of geur van kos laat jou terugdink en verlang, en om met kos 'n oorgang van die verlede na die hede te bring is vir Herman belangrik. *NOSTALGIE* is nes jy Herman se kombuis ken: Hy gebruik kos om mense te laat onthou en te verenig.

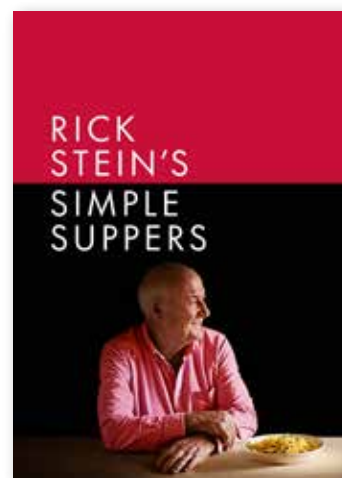
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**NADIYA'S SIMPLE SPICES**  
Nadiya Hussain

When it comes to spice Nadiya's family cooking is never complicated and always delicious. Nadiya wants to share with you the 8 readily available spices she uses every day at home to cook her most-loved meals, the same spices that her Mum uses and her Nani used before her.

Cardamom, fennel, cinnamon, turmeric, cumin, chilli, bay leaves and curry powder are all you need to create any recipe in this book.

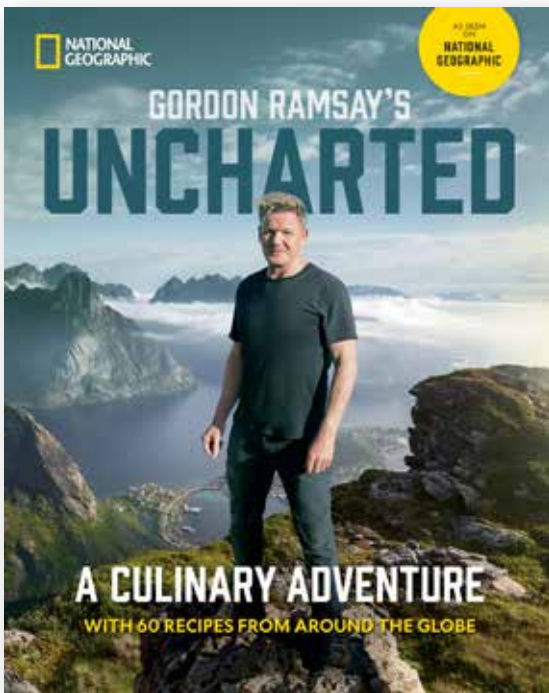
Hardcover • R675 • 9780241620007 • November

**RICK STEIN'S SIMPLE SUPPERS**  
Rick Stein

From bestselling cook and food writer Rick Stein, comes the iconic *Simple Suppers* – a joyful collection of over 100 genuinely easy and delicious recipes paired with stories that celebrate the simple things in life.

Hardcover • R725 • 9781785948145 • December





**GORDON RAMSAY'S UNCHARTED**  
Gordon Ramsay

In the *National Geographic* television series *Uncharted*, chef Gordon Ramsay travels to some of the most remote locations on Earth in search of culinary inspiration, epic adventures, and cultural experiences. Experience his journey in this beautifully illustrated collection, featuring 60 mouthwatering recipes and revealing insight into the cultures and foodways of destinations from Peru to Louisiana.

Hardcover • R725 • 9781426222702 • July

**GORDON RAMSAY**

Gordon Ramsay launched his first restaurant, Aubergine, at the age of twenty-six. In September 1998 he opened Restaurant Gordon Ramsay, which was awarded three Michelin stars. It has been named the second-best restaurant in the world in a poll run by Restaurant magazine. He lives in London with his wife Tana and their four children.

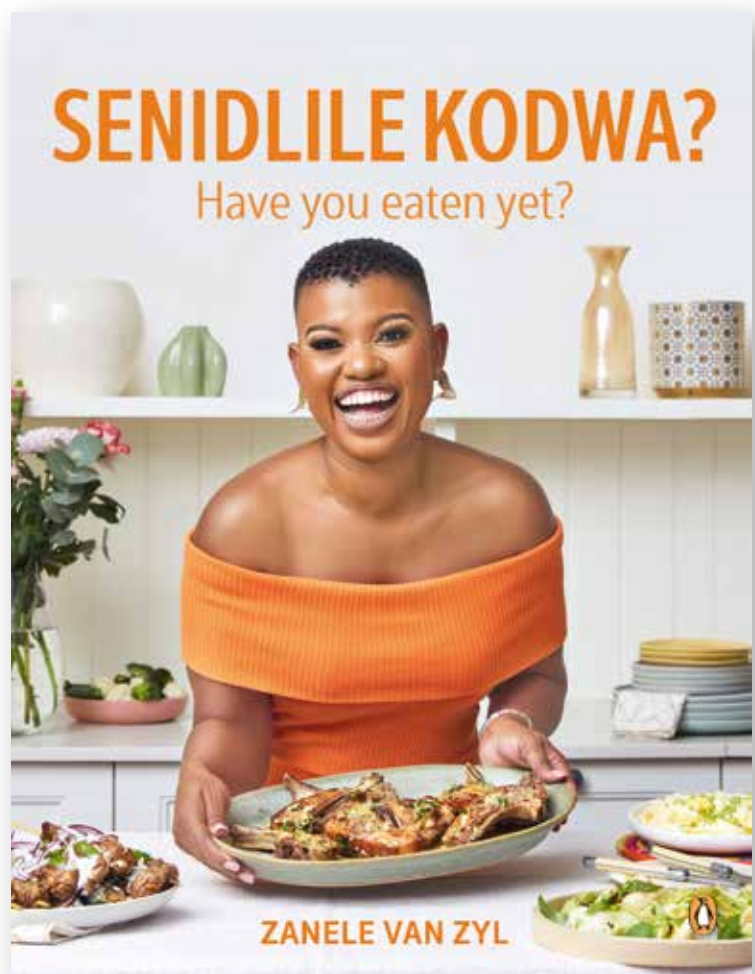


**SENIDLILE KODWA?**  
Zanele van Zyl

*Senidlile Kodwa?* is the third cookbook from Zanele van Zyl. Based on the isiZulu phrase, which means 'have you eaten yet?', a question asked by every mother, aunty or grandmother when you enter their home, *Senidlile Kodwa?* is an expression of Zanele's identity, her love language, and the joy she finds in preparing food for other people.

Filled with 100 simple yet tasty recipes, the book is a celebration of food, whether you're cooking for yourself or the people you love. Expect everything from bright and cheery breakfasts; wholesome veggies; meaty mains with heart; a signature Sunday spread; traditional village favourites; simply delicious sides; and, of course, something sweet to round it all off. And, in true Zanele fashion, these recipes all show that cooking beautiful food can be fun and un intimidating!

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# LUCA

## BAKENS VAN GELOOF Ilse Roux

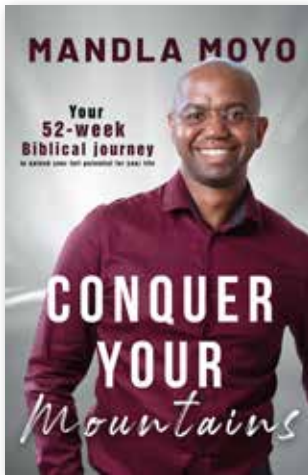
Ilse Roux deel haar passie vir die Woord en haar praktiese geloofspad met God op so 'n manier dat mens net weer oorweldig word met wie hierdie liefdevolle God werklik is. Sy het die waarde daarvan ontdek om in kinderlike geloof op God se Woord te vertrou en sien die vrug daarvan in haar en haar gesin se lewens.

Die deurlopende draad van gehoorsaamheid aan God se beginsels en sy stem, sal jou inspireer om ook jou verhouding met Hom te verdiep en sal jou leer dat jy Hom ten alle tye kan vertrou.

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**CONQUER YOUR MOUNTAINS**  
Mandla Moyo

*Conquer Your Mountains* is a 52-week devotional for Christian professionals who want to make a difference and see life from a higher perspective. It contains contemplative prayers, self-reflection exercises, thought provoking messages and a fictional allegory of a spiritual journey with God.

This book is designed to help the reader understand and engage with the invisible and almighty works of God in their daily lives.

Softcover • R250 • 9780637003575 • August



**GRIETJIE SE LOUTERING**  
Bettina Wyngaard

Die aangrypende verhaal van 'n weduwee wat haar inkomste as tydelike huiswerker verdien in Grabouw. Sy sukkel om kop bo water te hou, maar haar geloof dra haar. Wanneer haar seun deur 'n provinsiale rugbyspan gewerf word, het die gesin hoop op 'n beter lewe. Grietjie se geloof word egter getoets wanneer 'n tragedie die gesin tref.

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**POSKAARTE VAN 'N REIS**  
Jacqueline Leuvennink

*Poskaarte van 'n reis* is 'n keur van Jacqueline Leuvennink se rubrieke en artikels wat deur die jare in menige tydskrifte verskyn het.

Jacqueline se fyn waarneming en vermoë om verwikkelde emosies en situasies in eenvoud te verwoord laat die leser opnuut verwonderd oor die skoonheid van ons wêreld.

Die skrywer nooi die leser om haar te vergesel op ver reise na interessante bestemmings en inspirerende ervarings.

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**WANNEER SKADUWEES KANTEL**  
Elize Parker

Patriarg Tjaart van der Walt se verlede haal sy kleindogters in ná sy dood toe 'n gas onverwags by sy kleindogter, Lenore van der Walt, se bruilof opdaag.

Die bewaringstatus van Bateleur Reservaat en Khulula Renosterskuiling word bedreig, en die drie Van der Walt-niggies word meegesleur in die gety van ontheemding en ander omgewingskwessies. Hulle moet op 'n geestelike vlak binne-vrede vind om weer tuis by God te voel.

Romans en nuwe vriendskappe te midde van natuurrampe en aanvalle deur inspelers word 'n toevlug toe 'n huursoldaat en die Olifantbekoorder van die Laeveld tot die niggies se lewens toetree.

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**GEBED VIR ELKE GELEENTHEID**  
Hennie Maartens

Somtyds wil ons graag ons harte na God wend maar ons kan nie die regte woorde vind om ons gevoelens aan die Here oor te dra nie. In hierdie boek het Hennie Maartens 100 hartsgebode saamgevoeg in 'n unieke bundel waarin die Here se

kinders riglyne vir gebed kan vind om na die hemelse Vader uit te reik te midde van elke seisoen, situasie, lewensgebeurtenis of beproewing.

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"Until I feared I would lose it,  
I never loved to read.  
One does not love breathing."

- Harper Lee







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