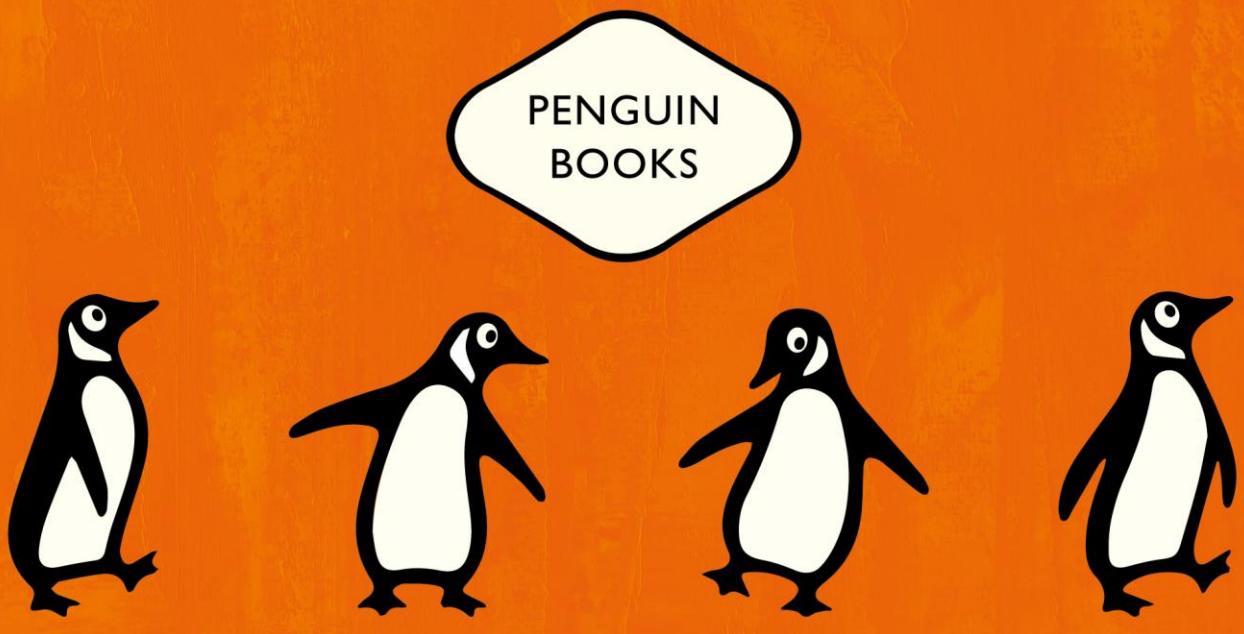


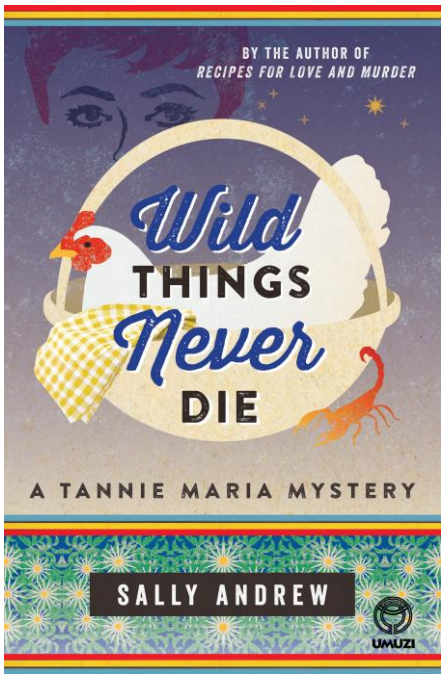
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We are excited to share our May releases with you, which includes brand new books from Sally Anderew, James Patterson, Elizabeth Arnott, Jamie Oliver & Rishad Ahmed.

Happy reading!



Wild Things Never Die

Sally Andrew

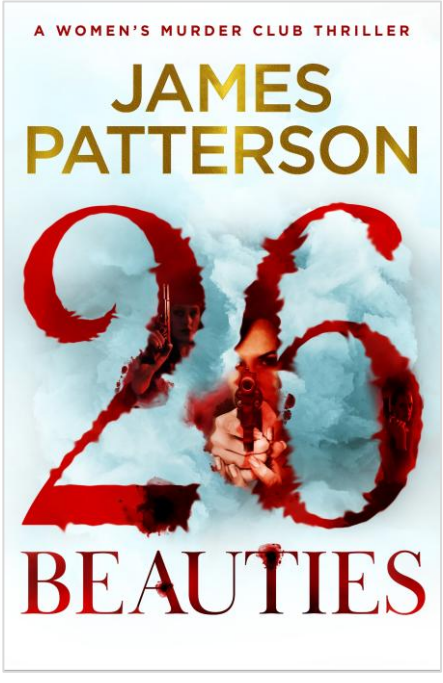
Soft cover · R330 · 9781415211281

Tannie Maria is wrestling with a fear of the dark, and her hen, Henrietta, has PTSD. But this doesn't stop this intrepid agony aunt from going undercover with her fiancé, Detective Henk Kannemeyer, to the Karoo Wilderness Reserve. Their mission: to save the vetplantjies. At the KWR luxury game lodge, they spy on guests and support the Anti-Poaching Unit in a battle against dangerous criminals. Jessie attends the succulent symposium addressing international succulent poaching. Then, there is a murder …

Our favourite Ladismith sleuths – Maria, Henk, Jessie, Hattie, Reghardt and Piet – engage with a colourful cast of characters, including a barefoot artist, a botanist cowboy, a singing gardener, a shaman, and a sangoma. Between spying on tourists, solving murders, writing agony aunt letters, eating divine food, and having epiphanies, Maria and Henk get fabulous fashion tips from a couturier and his Baroness.

But soon they too will be in the crosshairs …

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WMC 26: 26 Beauties

James Patterson

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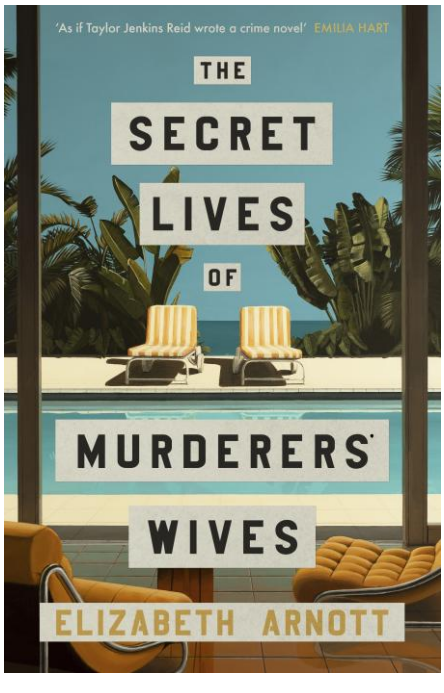
Beautiful young women are disappearing by the dozen.

A celebration is cut short when a concerned father crashes Detective Inspector Lindsay Boxer's party. His daughter is missing – and she's not the only one.

DI Lindsay Boxer has been tracking a chilling pattern: a Jane Doe washed ashore, a body in Golden Gate Park, a string of missing women across San Francisco. Someone is hunting the city's most vulnerable, and the count keeps rising.

When Lindsay reaches out to Interpol, their warning is stark: these cases are nearly impossible to solve, and the women are almost never found alive.

But 'impossible' has never stopped the Women's Murder Club before.



The Secret Lives of Murderers Wives

Elizabeth Arnott

Trade Paperback · R395 · 9780241733639

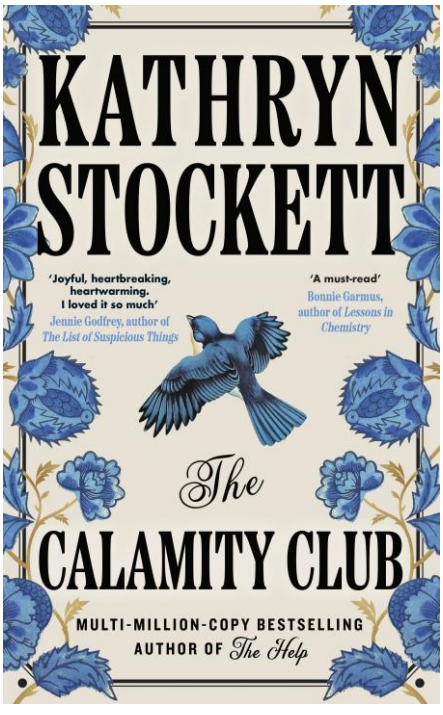
You've heard of the men who kill, but what about the women who loved them?

It's a baking hot summer in 1960s California and three women have formed an unlikely friendship. Beverley, Elsie and Margot may look like they lead idyllic lives, but behind the false smiles and glittering pools lies the truth: their husbands are some of the country's most notorious serial killers.

Amidst neighbourhood gossip and pointed fingers, the women are fighting to forge new paths for themselves. Wide-eyed Beverley is raising two young children under the long shadow of their father's crimes. Bookish Elsie is determined to make a name for herself in the patriarchal newsroom, while Hollywood party-girl Margot has a penchant for an early morning margarita, anything to quieten the shame of her ex-husband's deceit.

But when a string of local killings hits the news, the women – underestimated and overlooked – are hurled into an investigation of their own. After all, who better to catch a killer than those who have shared their lives with one?

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The Calamity Club

Kathryn Stockett

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Oxford, Mississippi, 1933.

Eleven-year-old Meg Lefleur has learned the hard way to rely on no one.

Ever since her beloved mother failed to come home last Christmas Eve, she's been one of the 'unadoptable' girls at the town's orphanage, where she fights each day to keep her wits sharp and her spirit unbowed.

When she meets Birdie, a young woman who has come to Oxford determined to remind her socialite sister of the impoverished family she left behind, for the first time in a long while it seems someone else might care about Meg's future.

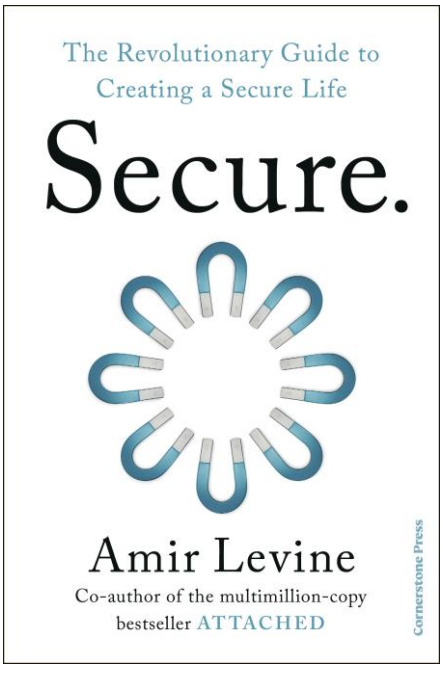
But as the Depression tightens its grip, Birdie begins to suspect her sister's charmed life may be founded on a tapestry of lies. Then, Birdie encounters Charlie, a woman haunted by loss who has been pushed to the brink with nothing left to lose.

Drawn together by circumstance, they find unexpected kinship among a disreputable, determined band of women.

But in a town steeped in hypocrisy, even the smallest act of defiance can have dangerous consequences …

Bold, heartwarming, and riotously funny, *The Calamity Club* is an unforgettable story of resilience and friendship, and a sisterhood of underestimated women who risk everything to take back control of their fates.

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Secure

Dr Amir Levine

Trade Paperback · R415 · 9781529976175

The Revolutionary Guide to Creating a Secure Life

Years after revolutionizing our understanding of attachment styles, psychiatrist and neuroscientist Dr Amir Levine returns with a brilliant, paradigm-shifting work on the science of secure human connection. As Dr Levine explains in *Secure*, people with a secure attachment style are the most comfortable not just in their relationships, but also in their own skins. And remarkably, the latest research shows that anyone, regardless of how insecure they may feel, can learn to create a secure life.

The benefits of living in 'secure mode' are extraordinary: people tend to be healthier and have a better relationship with health care professionals. When they do have a difficult illness, they have fewer symptoms and handle it better emotionally. If they're looking for a job, they're more effective in their search and their self-esteem doesn't suffer as much. They are less susceptible to consumerism. They even navigate social media better and experience fewer negative impacts.

In *Secure*, Dr Levine presents his pioneering approach, Secure Therapy and Coaching, offering practical, neuroscience-backed tools to help readers cultivate security so that they can thrive. *Secure* is the definitive guide for anyone looking to improve their emotional health, deepen their connections, and build more fulfilling lives.

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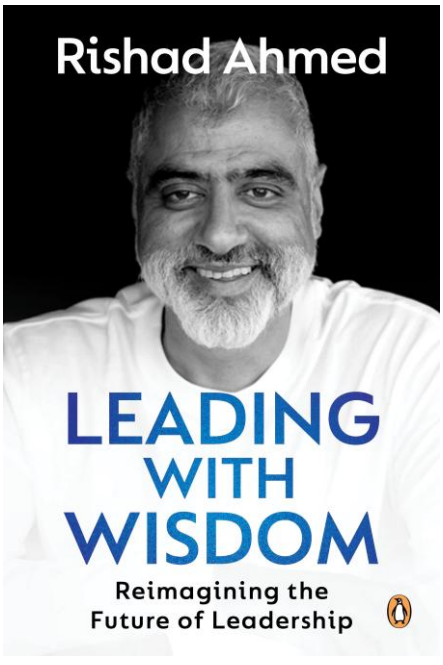
BBQ

Jamie Oliver

Hardback · R795 · 9780241797075

We all love a good BBQ but too often they center around some slightly burnt sausages and burgers. Not anymore! Jamie's got 90 recipes to show us just how brilliant and versatile barbecuing can be, whatever the season. With recipes suitable for both charcoal and gas BBQs, Jamie shares his key tips from marinating and setting up your coals, to controlling heat and the all-important grilling. New ideas cover feasts, skewers, veg, salads, burgers, flatbreads, tacos and so much more. You'll be bossing that grill like a pro in no time.

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Leading with Wisdom

Rishad Ahmed

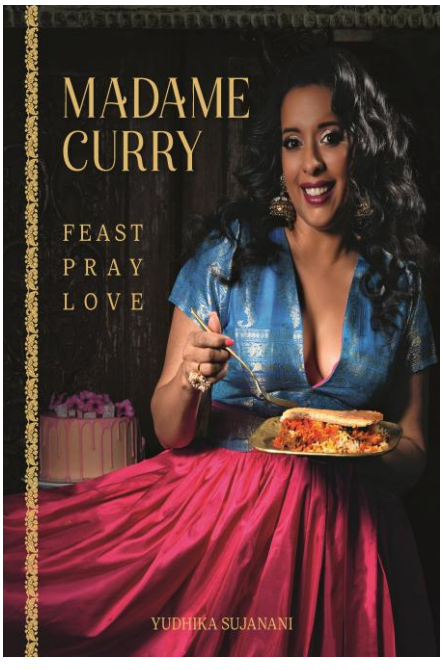
Trade Paperback · R350 · 9781776392940

Leading with Wisdom is a vital guide for leaders, creators and seekers asking the defining question of our time: What does it mean to be human? In an era drowning in information yet starved of wisdom, this book argues that the most powerful technology we possess is not artificial, but human.

Leadership coach and entrepreneur Rishad Ahmed exposes the roots of the modern crisis; a 'meta-crisis' born from mechanistic thinking, overreliance on left-brain logic, and outdated leadership models built for speed, control and short-term gain. The result is burnout, disconnection and a planet on the brink of collapse. Ahmed presents a different path: not smarter machines, but wiser humans. *Leading with Wisdom* provides a roadmap to reclaim the intelligence of the body, heart and soul – what he calls the forgotten yet most powerful human technology.

This book blends philosophy, business and inner development to offer practical guidance for leaders seeking alignment, clarity and regenerative impact.

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Madame Curry – Feast Pray Love

Yudhika Sujanani

Hardcover · R480 · 9781432311629

Our Indian ancestors forged a culinary story unique to South Africa. Bringing with them spices, countless unwritten recipes and an unbreakable spirit, their story is one of indenture, resistance and resilience, one that has shaped the rich, complex heritage of South African Indian cooking.

Madame Curry is celebrity chef and TV personality Yudhika Sujanani's journey through these culinary traditions and the bold, aromatic flavours that define South African Indian cuisine. This collection of recipes celebrates both beloved heritage dishes and the popular favourites that have become part of our shared national palate. Beginning with abundant, generous recipes fit for a feast, the book then turns to sweets and savouries prepared with reverence and sacred intention for religious gatherings. It concludes with well-loved comfort foods and homely treats, classic family favourites served alongside sophisticated, aromatic bakes.

Dust your apron with flour, let the spices stain your fingers, and allow Madame Curry to show you how to cook with your hands and your heart.

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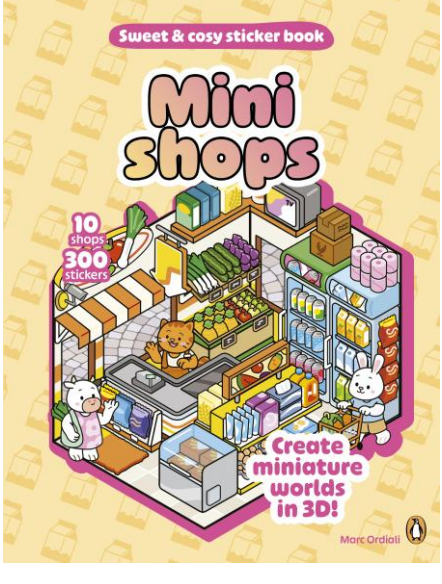


Sweet and Cosy Sticker Book: Home

Marc Ordiali

Hardcover · R280 · 9781432311872

Sweet & cosy sticker book: Mini home is the first title in a unique, brand-new sticker book series wherein you can create your own miniature 3D world with stickers. This fun activity book contains 10 rooms printed on 10 pages, as well as 20 pages of stickers, printed on transparent sheets. Choose a room from one of the ten settings (a mini living room, a mini bathroom, and many more) and decorate it with the stickers of furniture, décor and adorable animals at the back of the book. Let the finalised example scenes guide you, and let your creativity run wild!



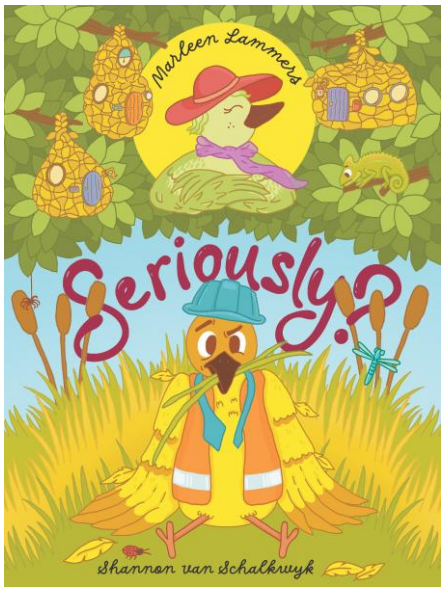
Sweet and Cosy Sticker Book: Shop

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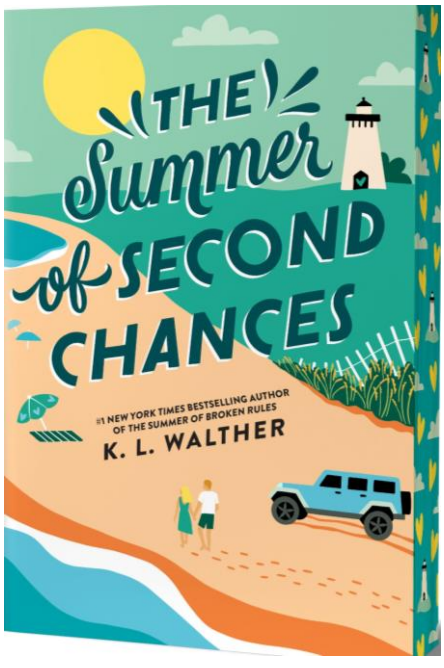
Marleen Lammers

Paperback · R180 · 9780637009065 · 5+

Walter the weaverbird is ready to build an amazing nest. He weaves, weaves, and weaves some more – and can't wait to show Willa. But when Willa turns out to be hard to impress, Walter has to SERIOUSLY rethink things.

A fun new picture book by the beloved author Marleen Lammers about weaving, doing things your own way, and a bit more weaving.

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The Summer of Second Chances

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Trade Paperback · R260 · 9781464219177 · YA

Olivia Lupo feels stuck. All her friends have gone on to their first year of college while she's still at home with her family. There's a good reason though, her beloved grandmother, Annie, has dementia, and Olivia can't bear the thought of being so far from home when Annie needs her the most.

So, when her stepmother asks the family to spend three weeks of the summer at Martha's Vineyard, Olivia plans to say no...until she discovers an old box Annie filled with photos and memories from her own time there. Olivia decides to follow in her grandmother's footsteps and spend some time on the island that Annie describes as magical.

When she arrives, she meets Connor, a boy from her past who really wants to be a part of her present... and future. Olivia's never thought about forever with someone until meeting Connor...and it scares her. How can she make plans when all she wants to do is keep close to her grandmother before she's gone forever? As she recreates the memories Annie made a lifetime ago, she has to decide if she's finally willing to give someone her heart, just when she needs it the most.

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