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Identity Unknown

Kay Scarpetta #28

Patricia Cornwell

Read by January LaVoy

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2025

The 28th instalment in Patricia Cornwell's bestselling series finds Dr Kay Scarpetta investigating the mystery of a body found in an abandoned theme park.

Summoned to an unnerving, abandoned theme park to retrieve a body, Dr Kay Scarpetta is devastated to learn that the victim is a man she once loved. While teaching in Rome during the early days of her career, Scarpetta had a love affair with acclaimed astrophysicist Sal Giordano that led to a lifelong friendship.

The murder scene is bizarre, with a crop circle of petals around the body, and Giordano's skin is strangely red. Scarpetta's niece Lucy believes he was dropped from an unidentified flying craft. Scarpetta knows an autopsy can reveal the dead's secrets, but she is shocked to find her friend seems to have deliberately left her a clue.

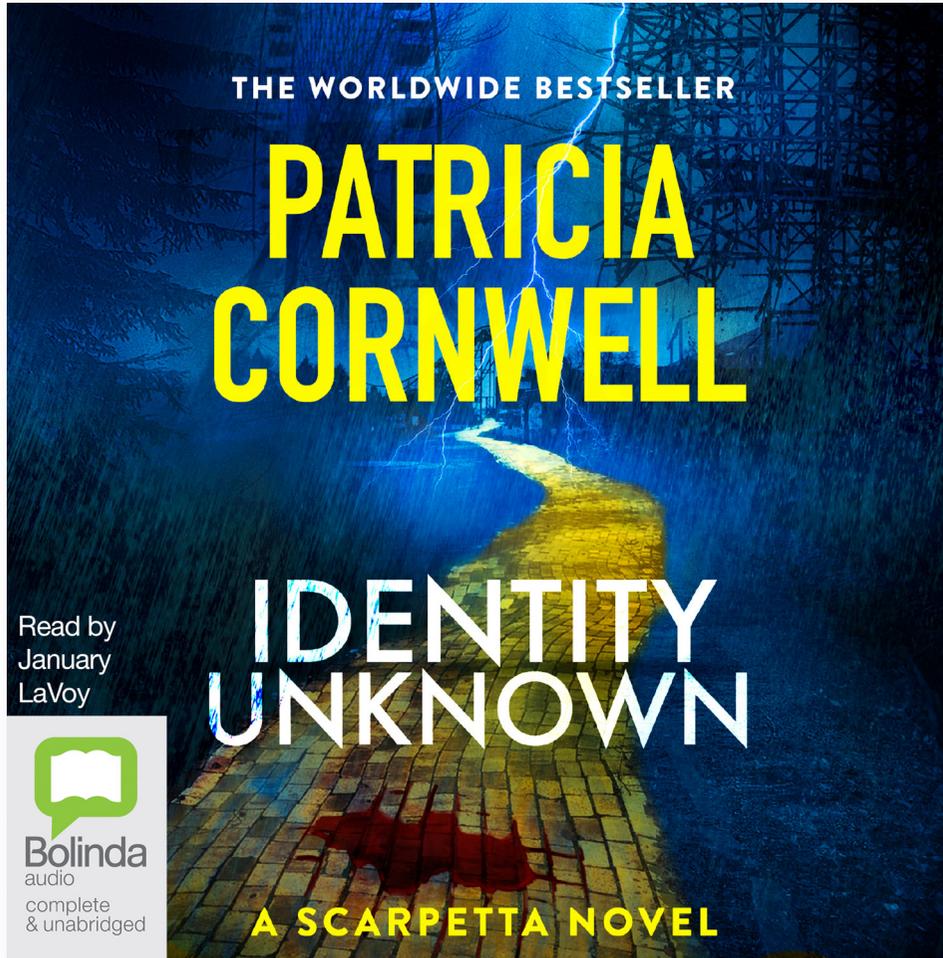
As the investigators are torn between suspicions of otherworldly forces, and of Giordano himself, Scarpetta detects an explanation closer to home that, in her mind, is far more evil ...

The Kay Scarpetta series won Cornwell the Sherlock Award for best detective created by an American author, the Gold Dagger Award, the RBA Thriller Award and the Medal of Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters

Cornwell's first novel, *Postmortem* won the Edgar, Creasey, Anthony and Macavity Awards, as well as the French Prix du Roman d'Aventures

Beyond the Kay Scarpetta series, Cornwell has written the definitive non-fiction account of Jack the Ripper's identity, cookbooks, a children's book, a biography of Ruth Graham, and three other fictional series

'Iconic. Bold. Brilliant. Identity Unknown is hauntingly original, impossibly clever and devilishly daring. Scalpel-sharp storytelling, trademark twists and characters that feel like family, this series is one of the all-time greats.' – Chris Whitaker, bestselling author of *We Begin at the End*



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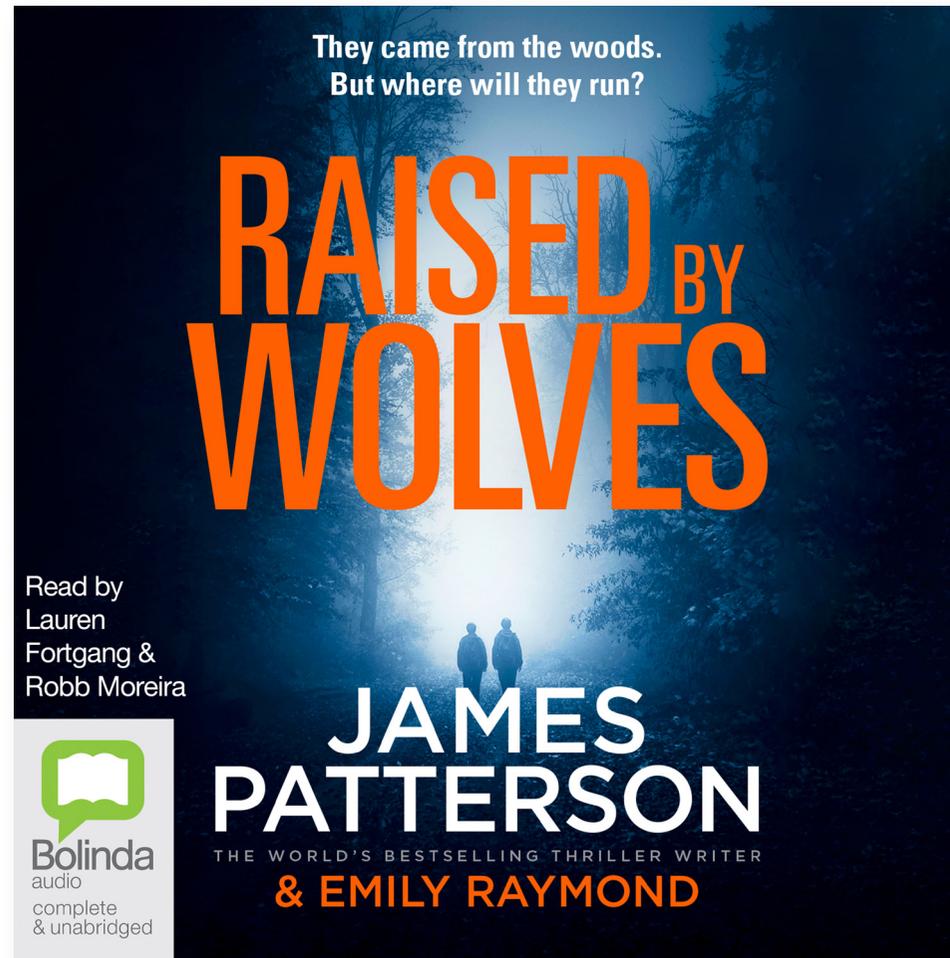
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Raised by Wolves

James Patterson

Read by Lauren Fortgang & Robb Moreira



The hit new novel from the world's bestselling thriller writer, James Patterson.

Two children dressed in rags are discovered ransacking a grocery store on the edge of town.

They bare their teeth. They growl. They claim to have been raised by wolves.

Where did these children come from? Who are their parents?

And can they learn to live when they have only ever been taught to survive?

James Patterson is the most popular storyteller of our time

He is the creator of unforgettable characters and series, including Alex Cross, the Women's Murder Club, Jane Smith, and Maximum Ride, and of breathtaking true stories about the Kennedys, John Lennon, and Tiger Woods, as well as military heroes, police officers, and ER nurses

He has told the story of his own life in *James Patterson by James Patterson* and received an Edgar Award, ten Emmy Awards, the Literarian Award from the National Book Foundation, and the National Humanities Medal

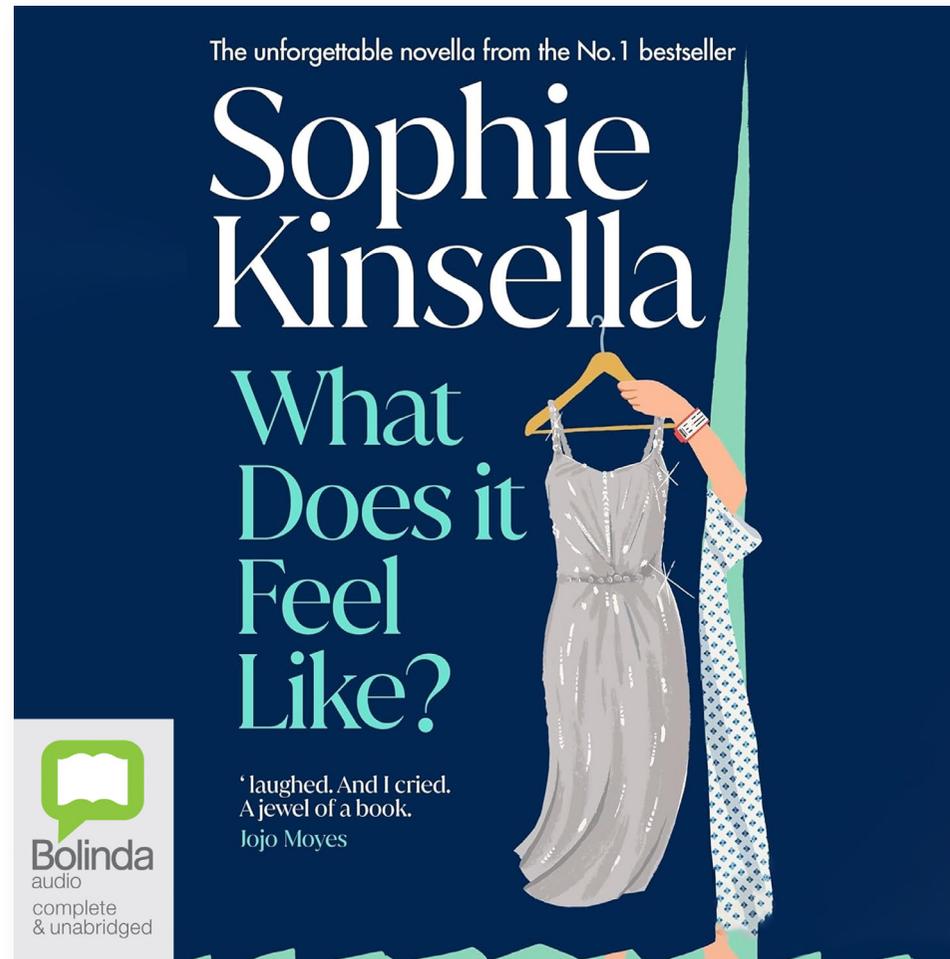
'It's no mystery why James Patterson is the world's most popular thriller writer ... Simply put: nobody does it better.' – Jeffery Deaver, #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author

'No one gets this big without amazing natural storytelling talent - which is what Jim has, in spades.' – Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

What Does It Feel Like?

Sophie Kinsella

Read by Sally Phillips



From #1 bestselling author Sophie Kinsella comes an unforgettable story – by turns heartbreaking and life-affirming – of a renowned novelist facing a devastating diagnosis and learning to live and love anew.

Eve is a successful novelist who wakes up one day in a hospital bed with no memory of how she got there. Her husband, never far from her side, explains that she has had an operation to remove the large, malignant tumour growing in her brain.

As Eve learns to walk, talk and write again – and as she wrestles with her diagnosis, and how and when to explain it to her beloved children – she begins to recall what's most important to her: long walks with her husband's hand clasped firmly around her own, family game nights and always buying that dress when she sees it.

Recounted in brief anecdotes, each one is an attempt to answer the type of impossible questions recognisable to anyone navigating the labyrinth of grief. This extraordinary novella is a celebration of life, shot through with warmth and humour – it will both break your heart and put it back together again.

Sophie Kinsella is an internationally bestselling writer. She is the author of numerous #1 bestsellers, including the hugely popular Shopaholic series, now a major film starring Isla Fisher

Kinsella has also written seven bestselling novels as Madeleine Wickham

'I laughed. And I cried. And then I thought about the meaning of life. A jewel of a book.'
– JoJo Moyes, author of *Me Before You*

'Hearing from the point of view of a novelist who has crafted so many stories but doesn't know how her own will end is raw, humbling and tender.' – Jodi Picoult, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Wish You Were Here*

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | February 2025

Warrior King

Wilbur Smith
Read by Sean Barrett



Multimillion copy bestselling author Wilbur Smith returns with a brand-new historical epic set in Africa.

South Africa, 1820. When Ann Waite discovers a shipwreck in Algoa Bay she is stunned to find survivors – a scarred sailor and a little boy. As the man walks away into the distance alone, Ann is left to raise the young child, Harry, in place of the baby she tragically lost at sea.

Disaster and hardship befall Ann and Harry, and desperation drives them into the path of the mysterious shipwrecked man once more. Ralph Courtney has recently escaped Robben Island with two fellow prisoners and is destined to seek his fortune at Nativity Bay, the fabled place about which his father told him stories.

But far from being a land of paradise, Ralph, Ann and their fellow settlers find themselves facing unfamiliar challenges. It isn't long before they learn their new home borders the Zulu kingdom, where the warrior king Shaka's empire spans the continent. When Ralph encounters King Shaka, it is only the beginning of a daring new adventure of loyalty and survival.

Wilbur Smith has published over 50 global bestsellers, including the Courtney Series, the Ballantyne Series, the Egyptian Series, the Hector Cross Series and many successful standalone novels

'No one does adventure quite like Smith.' – Daily Mirror

'Best historical novelist – I say Wilbur Smith.' – Stephen King, bestselling author of *The Shining*

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Tell Me Everything

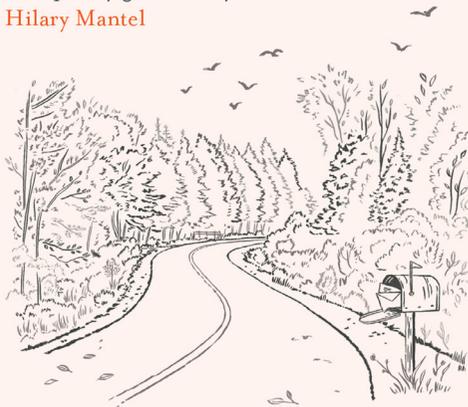
Elizabeth Strout

Read by Kimberly Farr

From the Booker Prize-shortlisted author

ELIZABETH STROUT Tell Me Everything

'A superbly gifted storyteller'
Hilary Mantel



Read by
Kimberly
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From Pulitzer Prize-winning author Elizabeth Strout comes a hopeful, healing story about new friendships, old loves and the very human desire to leave a mark on the world.

It's autumn in Maine, and the town lawyer Bob Burgess has become enmeshed in an unfolding murder investigation, defending a lonely, isolated man accused of killing his mother. He has also fallen into a deep and abiding friendship with the acclaimed writer, Lucy Barton, who lives nearby in a house next to the sea.

Together, Lucy and Bob talk about their lives, their hopes and regrets, and what might have been.

Lucy, meanwhile, befriends one of Crosby's longest inhabitants, Olive Kitteridge, now living in a retirement community on the edge of town. They spend afternoons together in Olive's apartment, telling each other stories. Stories about people they have known – 'unrecorded lives,' Olive calls them – reanimating them, and, in the process, imbuing their lives with meaning.

Brimming with empathy and pathos, *Tell Me Everything* is Elizabeth Strout operating at the height of her powers, illuminating the ways in which our relationships keep us afloat. As Lucy says, 'Love comes in so many different forms, but it is always love.'

Elizabeth Strout is the Pulitzer prize-winning author of *My Name is Lucy Barton*, *Anything is Possible*, *Oh William!*, *Amy and Isabelle*, *Abide With Me*, *The Burgess Boys*, *Olive Kitteridge* and *Olive, Again*

Strout has been nominated for the PEN/Faulkner Award, the International Dublin Literary Award, the Orange Prize and the Booker Prize

'A superbly gifted storyteller and a craftswoman in a league of her own.' – Hilary Mantel, bestselling author of *Wolf Hall* and *Bring Up the Bodies*

'A terrific writer.' – Zadie Smith, author of *Swing Time*

A Cold Wind from Moscow

Tom Wilde #9

Rory Clements

Read by Adam Sims

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2025

A gripping spy thriller from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Rory Clements – as the Cold War begins, Cambridge spy Tom Wilde must navigate a new, and deadly, breed of espionage.

Winter, 1947. Britain's secret services have been penetrated. The country is more vulnerable than ever – and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin knows it. He decides it is time to send his master of 'Special Tasks' to create extra chaos.

But Stalin has a more important motive than mere disruption. He has a man on the inside who must be protected at all costs – a communist super-spy who has the secrets of the atomic bomb at his fingertips.

Freya Bentall, a senior MI5 officer, no longer knows who to trust and is left with one option – to bring in an outsider whose loyalty is beyond question – Cambridge professor Tom Wilde. His task: to find the traitor in MI5.

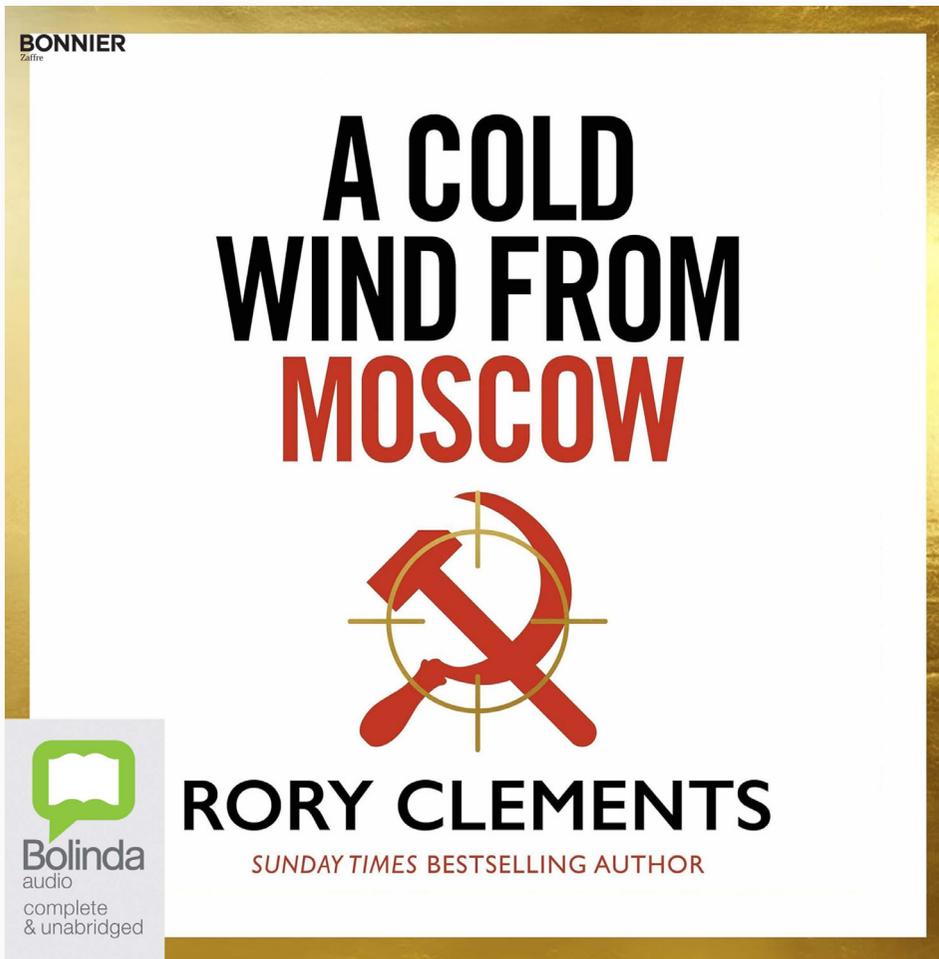
Bentall has three main suspects and Wilde must get close to them all. That means delving deep into the criminal underworld, attaching himself to the cultural elite of the arts and finding a way into the extreme reaches of British politics.

As winter bites and violence erupts, Wilde faces an uphill battle to protect those he loves from merciless killers.

Rory Clements is the bestselling author of the Tom Wilde series of historical spy thrillers, as well as the John Shakespeare series, which is set in Elizabethan England

Clements has won the Crime Writers' Association Historical Fiction Award twice – in 2010 for *Revenger* and in 2018 for *Nucleus*

Three of Clements's other novels – *Martyr*, *Prince* and *The Heretics* – have been shortlisted for awards



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The Last Word is Death

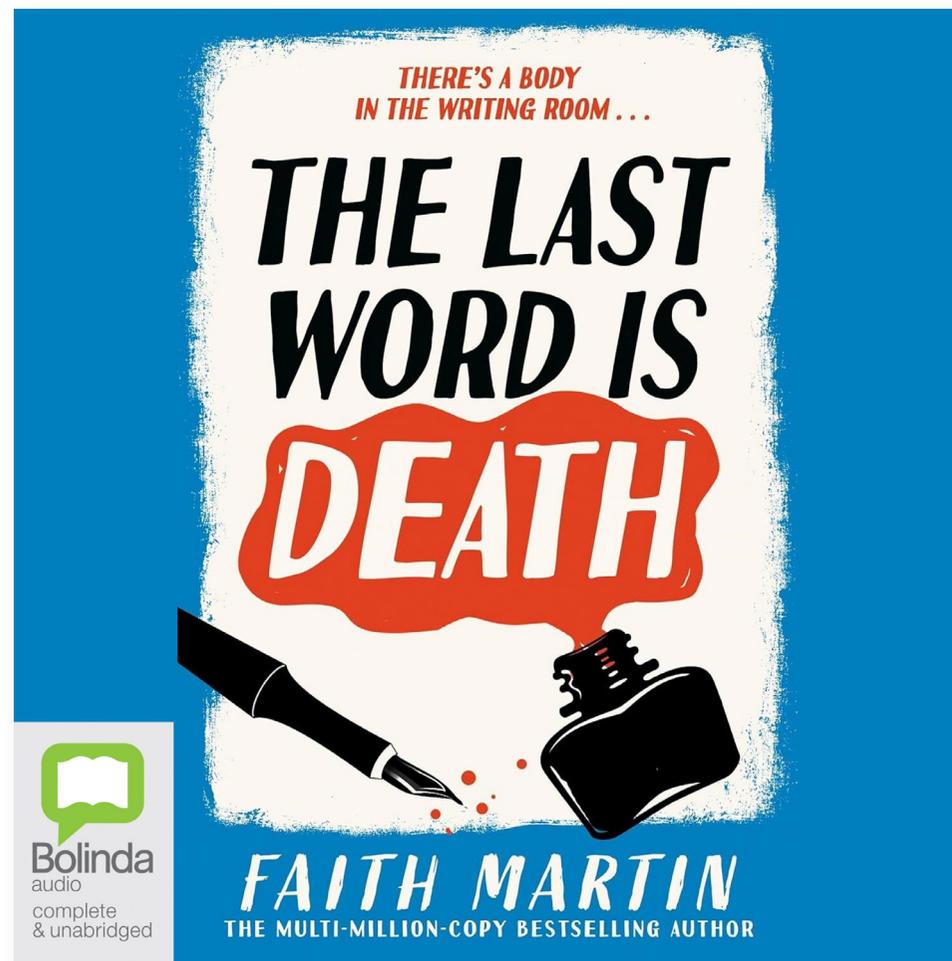
The Val & Arbie Mysteries #2

Faith Martin

Read by John Hopkins

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2025



The second instalment in the Val & Arbie mysteries and the follow up to *Murder by Candlelight*, from bestselling author Faith Martin.

Arbuthnot 'Arbie' Swift arrives at Dashwood House, a glamorously modern hotel in the up-and-coming resort of Galton-next-the-Sea, but all plans for a relaxing stay are scuppered when one of the guests is found dead.

The body is found in the writing room, the victim part of a set visiting the seaside town for an engagement party, which happens to include Arbie's old friend, Val.

Familiar with Val and Arbie's previous experience in solving puzzling crimes, the bride asks the pair to investigate. They quickly discover that the victim had no shortage of enemies, and many of the guests are up to no good. But who is simply hiding a secret, and who is hiding murder?

Faith Martin is the bestselling author of the Ryder and Loveday mystery series and the DI Hillary Greene series, as well as numerous romantic thrillers

'With murder, intrigue, and ghostly happenings, this will satisfy cosy crime fans.' – Heat (on *Murder by Candlelight*)

'A charming and clever take on a locked room murder.' – Sarah Yarwood-Lovett, bestselling author of *A Murder of Crows* (on *Murder by Candlelight*)

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The Colour of Mystery

Ellie McEwan Mysteries #2

Joy Ellis

Read by Sophie Rundle

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2025

Three nice people. Three terrible crimes. What made them do these awful things? Discover a gripping crime thriller full of twists from multi-million-selling author Joy Ellis.

It's the night shift worker who finds them. Huddled in a hospital store cupboard is elderly Edith Higgins. Knifed to death. Sitting behind her is Staff Nurse Lily Frampton, a scalpel clasped in her blood-soaked hand.

No one can understand why this kind-hearted, dedicated nurse would brutally murder a frail patient she's spent months caring for.

That same day, mild-mannered schoolteacher Rod Black is found surrounded by the battered bodies of his pupils. Why would a well-respected teacher beat five schoolboys to death?

Then a third shocking – and equally inexplicable – incident takes place in a London homeless shelter.

What could turn three honest, upright citizens into cold-blooded killers?

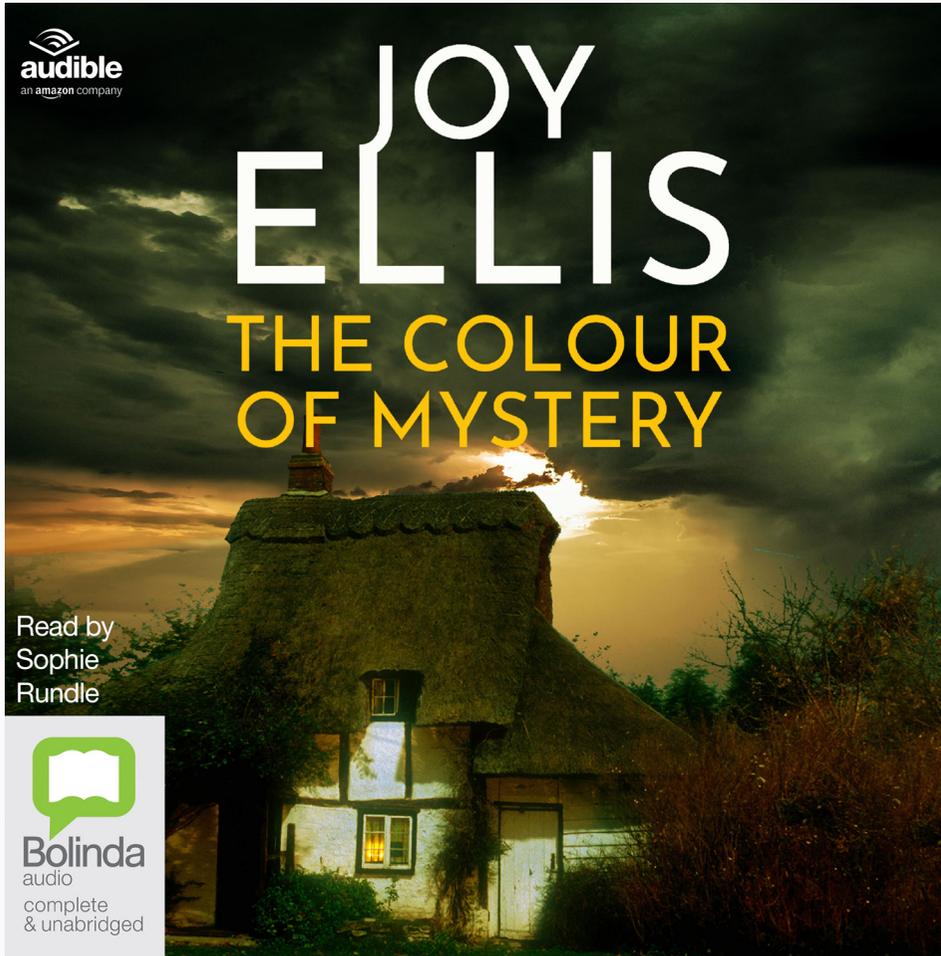
Once again, DCI Bob Foreman calls on Ellie McEwan for help. Can Ellie use her extraordinary psychic gift to uncover the truth?

Joy Ellis is the author of the series Jackman & Evans, DI Nikki Galena and the Detective Matt Ballard Mysteries

Ellis was shortlisted for British Book Awards Crime & Thriller of the Year in 2021 alongside Richard Osman, Lee Child and Ian Rankin

Ellis has achieved the incredible milestone of three million copies sold

'The style of writing has a cosy, homely feel, free from cliches, told mostly from one perspective. Being an unusual topic makes this a fascinating read.' – A.J. Sefton, author of *Growing in Damp Places* (on *An Aura of Mystery*)



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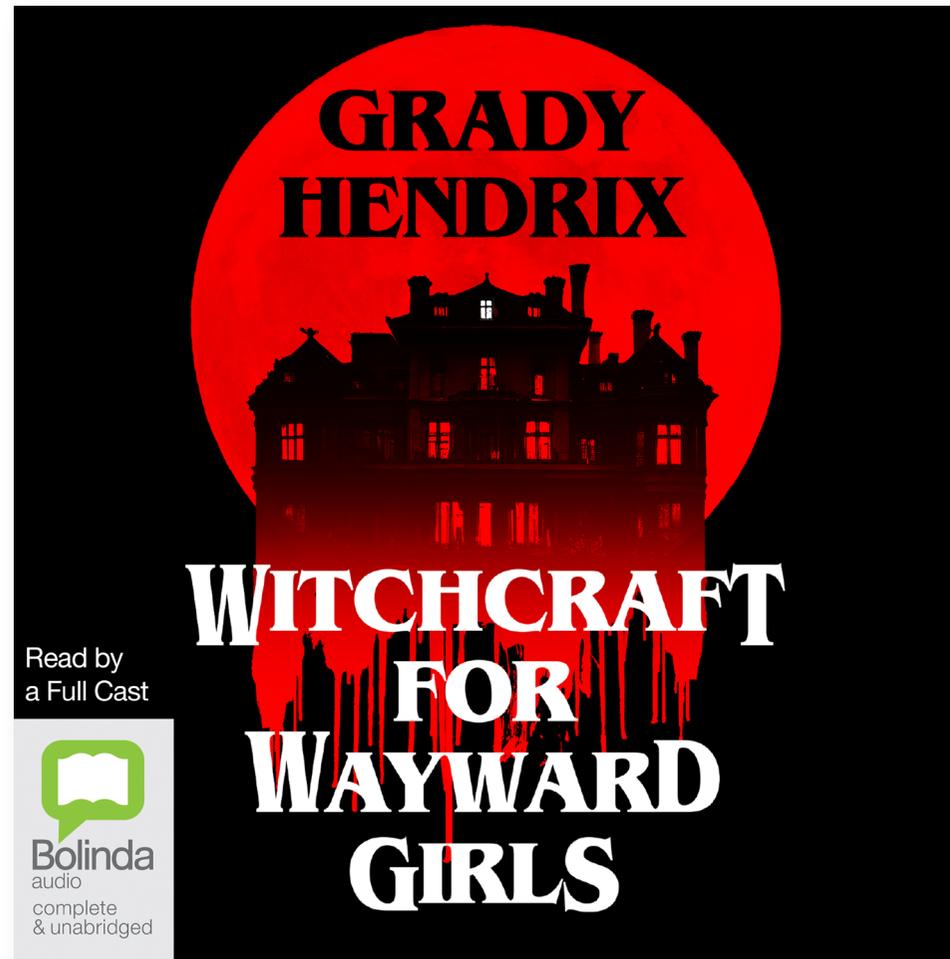
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Witchcraft for Wayward Girls

Grady Hendrix

Read by a Full Cast



A brand new horror from *New York Times* bestselling author Grady Hendrix, set in a home for unwed mothers in 1970 where four teenage girls are sent away to have their babies in secret.

They call them wayward girls. Loose girls. Girls who grew up too fast. And they're sent to the Wellwood House in St Augustine, Florida, where unwed mothers are hidden by their families to have their babies in secret, give them up for adoption, and most important of all, to forget any of it ever happened.

Fifteen-year-old Fern arrives at the home in the sweltering summer of 1970, pregnant, terrified and alone. There, she meets a dozen other girls in the same predicament. Rose, a hippie who insists she's going to keep her baby and escape to a commune. Zinnia, a budding musician who plans to marry her baby's father. And Holly, barely 14, mute and pregnant by no-one-knows-who.

Fern meets a librarian who gives her an occult book about witchcraft, and power is in the hands of the girls for the first time in their lives. But power can destroy as easily as it creates, and it's never given freely. There's always a price to be paid ... and it's usually paid in blood.

Grady Hendrix is the author of several *New York Times* bestsellers including *How to Sell a Haunted House*, *The Final Girl Support Group*, *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* and many more

Hendrix's books have been translated into more than 20 languages and sold over two million copies

Hendrix also writes non-fiction and his history of the horror paperback boom of the '70s and '80s, *Paperbacks from Hell*, won the Stoker Award for Outstanding Achievement in Non-Fiction

My Lady Jane

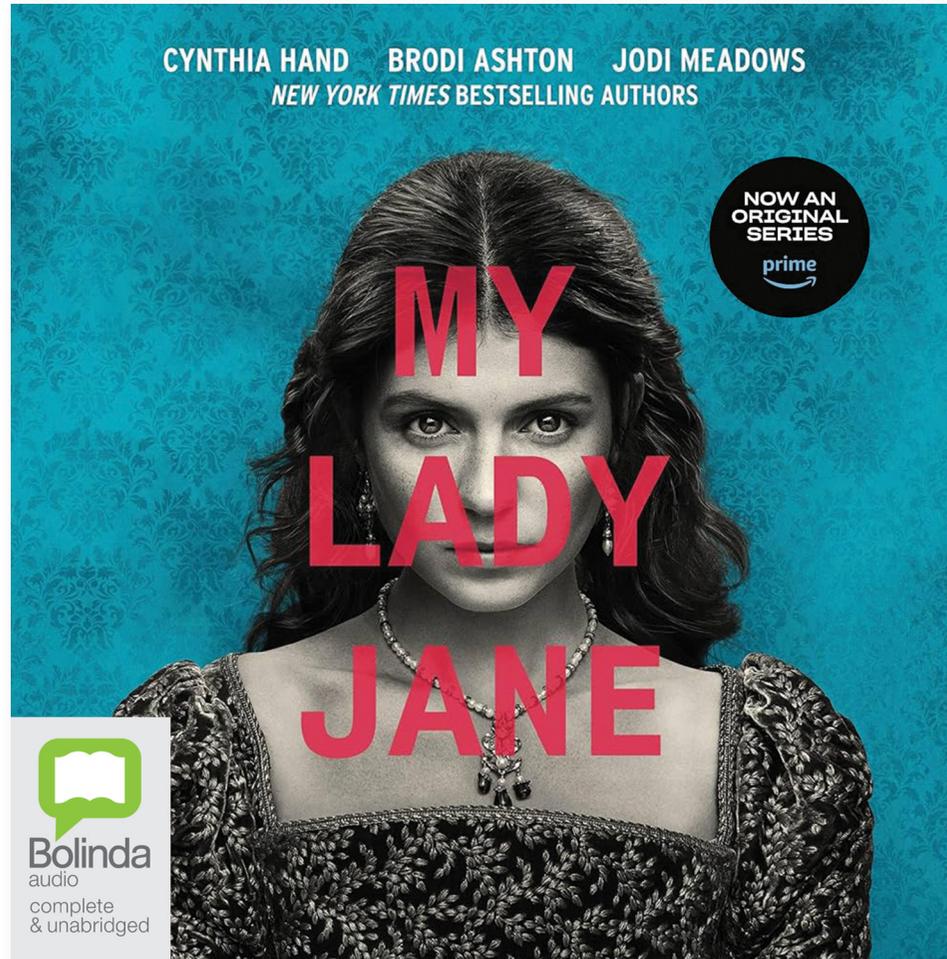
The Lady Janies #1

Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton & Jodi Meadows

Read by Katherine Kellgren

Young Adult New Release

Romance | February 2025



A clever and hilarious fantasy retelling of the rise to power of Lady Jane Grey, now an Amazon Prime Video series starring Emily Bader, Edward Bluemel and Jordan Peters.

A comical, fantastical and witty re-imagining of the Tudor world, perfect for fans of *The Princess Bride*.

Lady Jane Grey, 16, is about to be married to a total stranger – and caught up in an insidious plot to rob her cousin, King Edward, of his throne. But that's the least of Jane's problems. She's also about to become Queen of England. Like that could go wrong.

Cynthia Hand is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several books for teens, including the *Unearthly* trilogy and the contemporary novel *The Last Time We Say Goodbye*

Brodi Ashton is the author of *Everneath* trilogy, of which *Everneath* was awarded a VOYA Magazine Perfect 10 in 2011

Jodi Meadows is the author of the *Incarnate* trilogy and the *Orphan Queen Duology*, among many others

'The Tudors *meets* Monty Python. Prepare to laugh and gasp and clutch your pearls.'
– Tahereh Mafi, author of *Shatter Me*

'My Lady Jane is the perfect fun, lighthearted comedy, filled with plenty of references and jokes that will actually make you laugh out loud.'
– Cait Jacobs, author of *Medievally Blonde*

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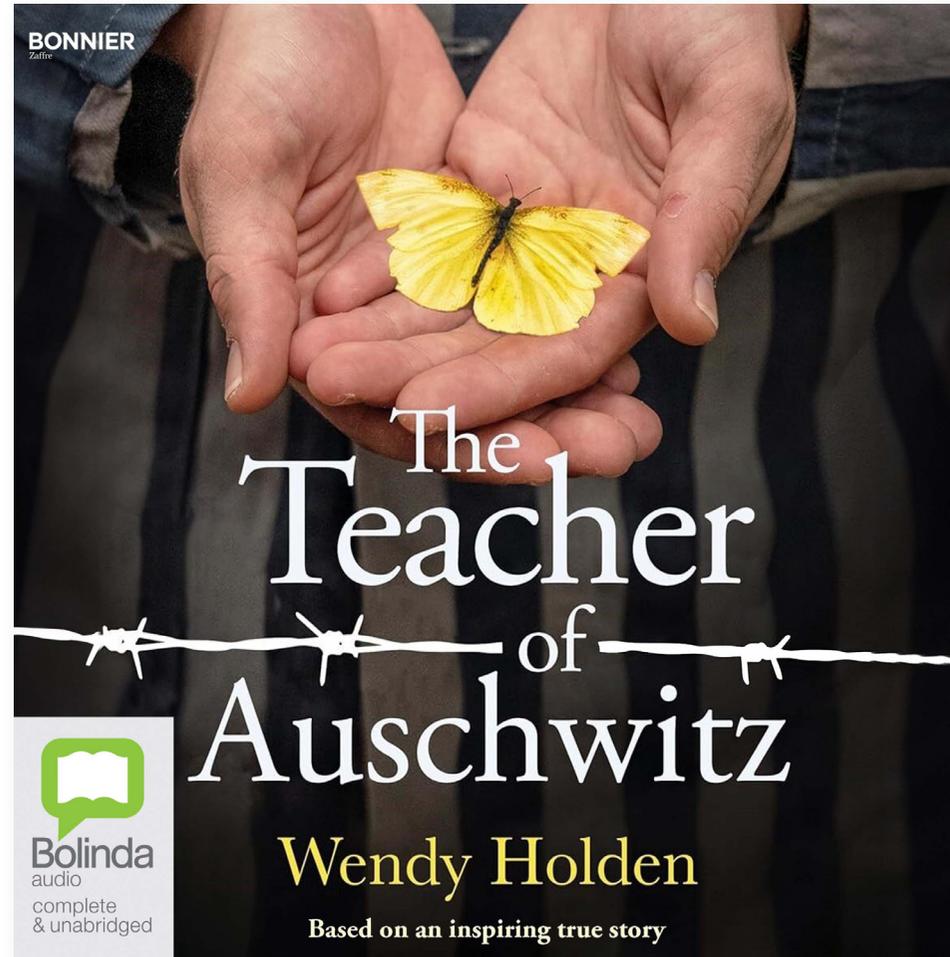

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The Teacher of Auschwitz

Based on an Inspiring True Story

Wendy Holden

Narrator to be Announced



Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | February 2025

Assiduously researched and drawn from archives and survivor testimonies, historian and biographer Wendy Holden tells the inspirational and uplifting true story of Fredy Hirsch.

Fredy built a wall against suffering in their hearts ...

At the dark heart of the Holocaust, there was a wooden hut whose walls were painted with cartoons; a place where children sang, staged plays and wrote poetry. Safely inside, but still in the shadow of the chimneys, they were given better food, kept free of vermin, and were even taught meditation to imagine full stomachs and a day without fear. The man who became their guiding light was a young Jewish prisoner named Fredy Hirsch.

But being a teacher in such a brutal concentration camp was no mean feat. Whether it was begging the SS for better provisions, or hiding his homosexuality from his persecutors, he risked his life every day for one thing – to protect the children from the mortal danger they all faced.

Time is running out for Fredy and the hundreds of children in his care. Can he find a way to teach them the one lesson they really need to know – how to survive?

Wendy Holden is the author and co-author of more than 30 books, among them several internationally acclaimed wartime biographies, including *Born Survivors*

Holden's books have sold two million copies, have been adapted for television and radio, and some have been adopted into the schools curriculum

Holden was a journalist for 18 years, including a decade at the *Daily Telegraph*

'Haunting and beautiful. Excruciatingly vivid, The Teacher of Auschwitz is rigorously researched and true to the history, powerfully conveying what a smart, loving and energetic man Fredy was.' – Dr Elizabeth Baer, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

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The Serpent Under

Treachery, Twists and Terror in Baker Street

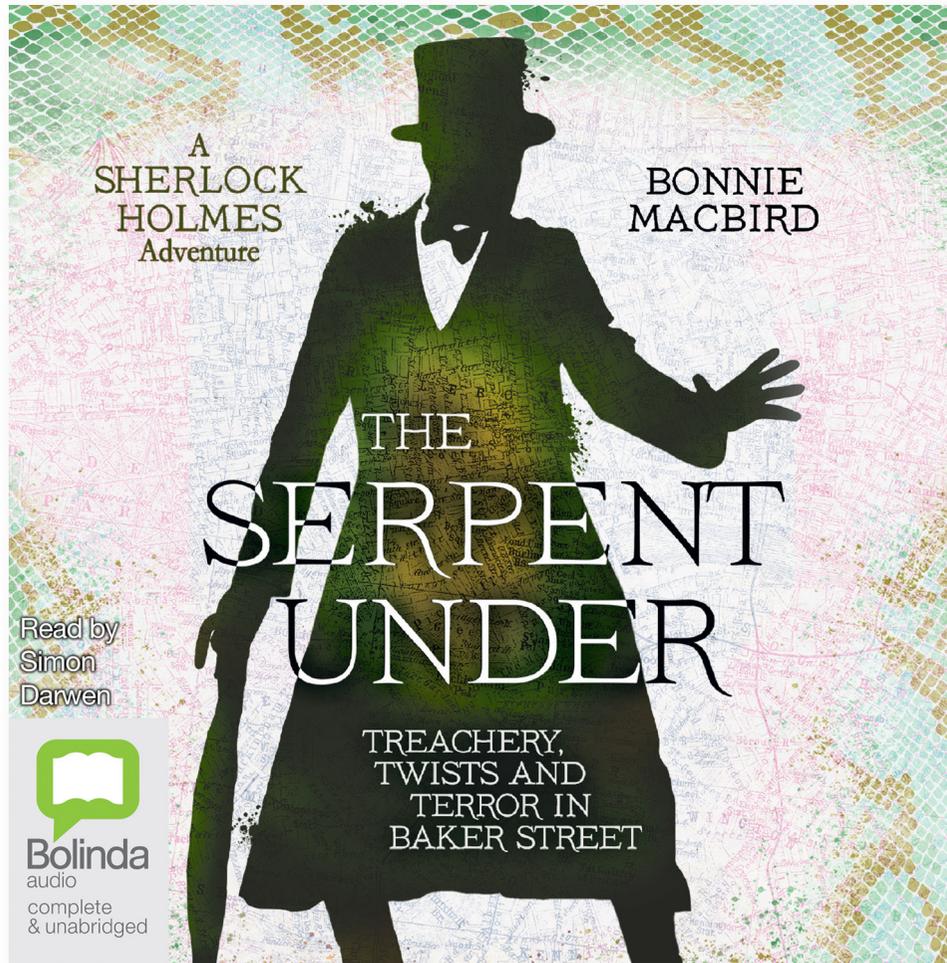
A Sherlock Holmes Adventure #6

Bonnie MacBird

Read by Simon Darwen

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2025



Holmes and Watson face treachery and danger in the latest full-length thriller by Bonnie MacBird, author of the bestselling Sherlock Holmes novel *Art in the Blood*.

Murder, jealousy and deceit underscore three interlocking mysteries as Holmes and Watson take on a high profile case at Windsor Castle, a boy drowned in the Serpentine and a crusading women's rights activist who suspects a traitor in her organisation. The cases send them into danger into locales as varied as the Palace itself, a dockland cannery, an arts and crafts atelier, and a Gypsy encampment. But is there peril underfoot as well – right at 221B Baker Street?

The twisting, breathlessly plotted conjoined mysteries that Bonnie MacBird is known for provide a thrill ride that will delight Sherlockians worldwide.

Bonnie MacBird is a produced screenwriter and playwright as well as an accomplished stage actor and writing teacher

MacBird teaches a popular screenwriting class at UCLA Extension, which approaches writing for film using techniques of other art forms

'The brilliant MacBird manages to produce a tale which is both authentic and original, yet pays homage to the genius of Arthur Conan Doyle.' – Dundee Courier

'Neatly emulates the style and tone of Arthur Conan Doyle's original stories ... If you're in the mood for light seasonal entertainment, albeit with a serious underlay, look no further.' – Washington Post

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The Vanishing

Lisa Hall

Read by Sofia Engstrand

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A brand-new, totally addictive psychological thriller full of twists from #1 bestselling author Lisa Hall.

'Is that Mrs Bennet?' The chirpy voice of the school receptionist tinkles down the phone line. 'This is St Mary's. Do you know what time you'll be here to pick up Isla? Only it's almost four and the school day finishes at three o'clock.'

This is the day my life changes for ever.

It started so normally. The alarm went at 7am. My husband made bacon and pancakes for me and our seven-year-old daughter, the kitchen full of chatter and laughter.

He gave me a quick kiss, told me he loved me, grabbed his wallet, and rushed off to work.

Just an ordinary day. Until I get the call from the school. It was Tom's turn to pick up our daughter. He must be held up for some reason. I call his mobile. Leave a message.

Then I call his office. I get his boss. His tone is brusque. Tom hasn't shown up at all today.

I find Tom's phone under our bed. Now I know there's something seriously wrong. I scroll through his messages. A text sent late last night: I KNOW EVERYTHING.

I call the police. They don't want to know. They think Tom's having an affair.

But it's far worse than that. I start digging – and make a truly shocking discovery.

The man I've lived with for the past eight years, the man I've made a home, a family, a life with, isn't who I thought he was at all. The man I married has been lying to me ... about everything.

Lisa Hall is the bestselling author of six psychological thrillers and the Hotel Hollywood time-slip murder mystery series

Hall's debut novel *Between You and Me* was a Kindle UK number one bestseller, sitting in the top spot for over four weeks

Titanchild

Talon Duology #2

Jen Williams

Read by Jot Davies

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2025

The stunning sequel to *Talonsister*, full of romance and treachery, powerful magic and devastating choices.

The othanim have conquered Brittletrain. Their murderous leader, Icaraine, plans to feed Brittletrain's queens to her monstrous son. But total victory over the othanim's ancient enemy, the griffins, still eludes her. If Brittletrain's resistance can secure an alliance with the griffins, they may still stand a chance of defeating the othanim.

Envoy Kaeto has returned to the Imperium, hiding Felldir and Belise in a ruined castle. He believes both his friends and his attempt to murder Gynid Tyleigh have escaped the Empress's notice. Yet secrets are not so easy to keep in the Imperium. Kaeto will do anything to protect Felldir and Belise – and so finds himself en route to Brittletrain as ambassador to the othanim.

Leven, Cillian and Ynis have spent the last two years tracking Ynis's griffin sister, T'rook, a prisoner of Gynid Tyleigh. But Ynis has secondary motives for pursuing Tyleigh. Meanwhile, Leven's health is deteriorating, and Cillian – exiled and disgraced – is tormented by strange voices, who tell him of the return of the mythic Green Man to Brittletrain.

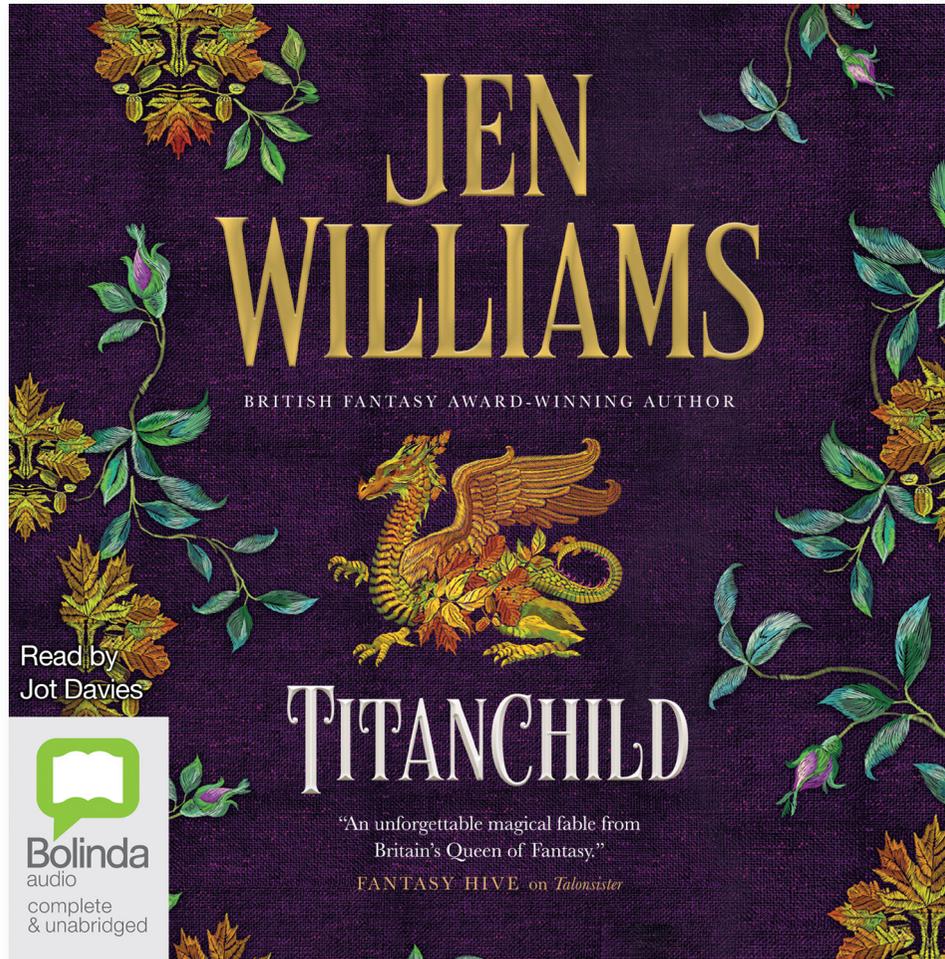
There is no hope for humanity in a world ruled by Icaraine. But the price of defeating her might be almost too heavy to bear.

In 2015, Jen Williams was nominated for Best Newcomer in the British Fantasy Awards

Williams has published two trilogies, The Copper Cat series and The Wincing Flame series, and has won multiple British Fantasy Awards

'An intricate and compelling new tale from one of the great original voices of fantasy. Full of fascinating ideas, engaging characters and magic.' – Adrian Tchaikovsky, author of *Children of Time* (on *Talonsister*)

'Wonderfully rich and inventive, it takes familiar things and places to make them new and interesting and the tone is perfectly balanced.' – Mike Brooks, author of *The God-King Chronicles* (on *Talonsister*)



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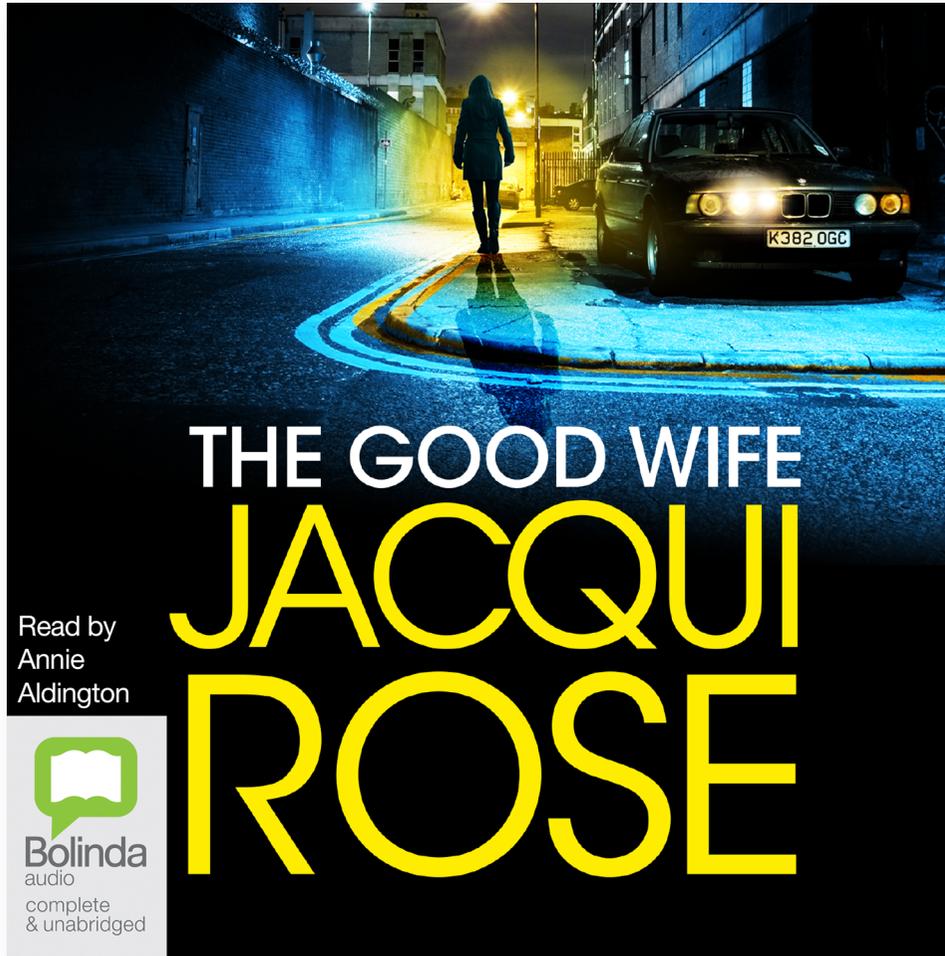
Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2025

The Good Wife

Jacqui Rose

Read by Annie Adlington



All Ava ever wanted was to be a good wife. But now, her father is taking her down a path more dangerous than she could have ever believed possible – a heart-pounding thriller from bestselling author Jacqui Rose.

Psychologist Ava Barclay wants to be a good wife. The wife that she knows her cop husband, Tony, deserves.

Ava keeps a lot of her clients' secrets, but no one, especially Tony, has any idea how many secrets of her own she is hiding. Fuelled by the emptiness of her mother leaving her as a baby, Ava is on a path to self-destruction. She is drinking too much, making bad choices, including lying to her husband about her whereabouts, and numbing her pain with one-night flings.

When her father, Billy, is attacked and left for dead, Ava learns that her problems are about to get a lot worse. Her father isn't who he has told everyone he is, he doesn't exist and now Ava must head into the dark streets of Soho and into a seedy world of hate, fear and mistrust if she is to find the truth about her father, and her family.

Perfect for fans of Martina Cole and Kimberley Chambers

Jacqui Rose is now the author of over a dozen gritty bestselling British crime novels including *The Streets*

'Gritty and gripping – by a star in the making.' – Kimberley Chambers, #1 bestselling author of *Queenie* (on *Trapped*)

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Free

Meg Keneally

Read by Lucy Dixon



From horse thief to the merchant queen of Sydney Cove – how did one woman rise so far?

It is a harsh land but people can also rise here ...

Born into poverty in 18th-century England, her future was predetermined. But throughout her life Molly Thistle refused to follow the path laid out before her. Her headstrong nature, disdain for convention and desire for freedom were always destined to determine her fate.

Following her involvement in a fatal childhood prank, Molly dresses as a boy and flees on a stolen horse. Her new-found freedom ends with her arrest and an uncertain journey towards Britain's farthest prison colony.

Undaunted, Molly navigates her way through a society that denies power to her sex and scorns those who have not 'arrived free'. Her quick wit, resilience and ambition will attract the love of her life and the opportunity to forge a commercial empire. And those very same characteristics will create enemies intent on destroying all that she has battled to build for herself and her family.

Meg Keneally is the co-author with Tom Keneally of *The Soldier's Curse* and three other books in the Monsarrat series

Keneally is the author of *Fled* and *The Wreck*, and with Leah Kaminsky, she is co-editor of *Animals Make Us Human*

'Full of rich detail and careful observation, Free is a celebration of the human spirit and Molly Thistle a heroine for the ages.' – Nicole Alexander, bestselling author of *The Bark Cutters*

'Meg Keneally's new novel Free is a triumph of sparkling prose, immersive setting and warm characterisation.' – Lauren Chater, bestselling author of *The Winter Dress*

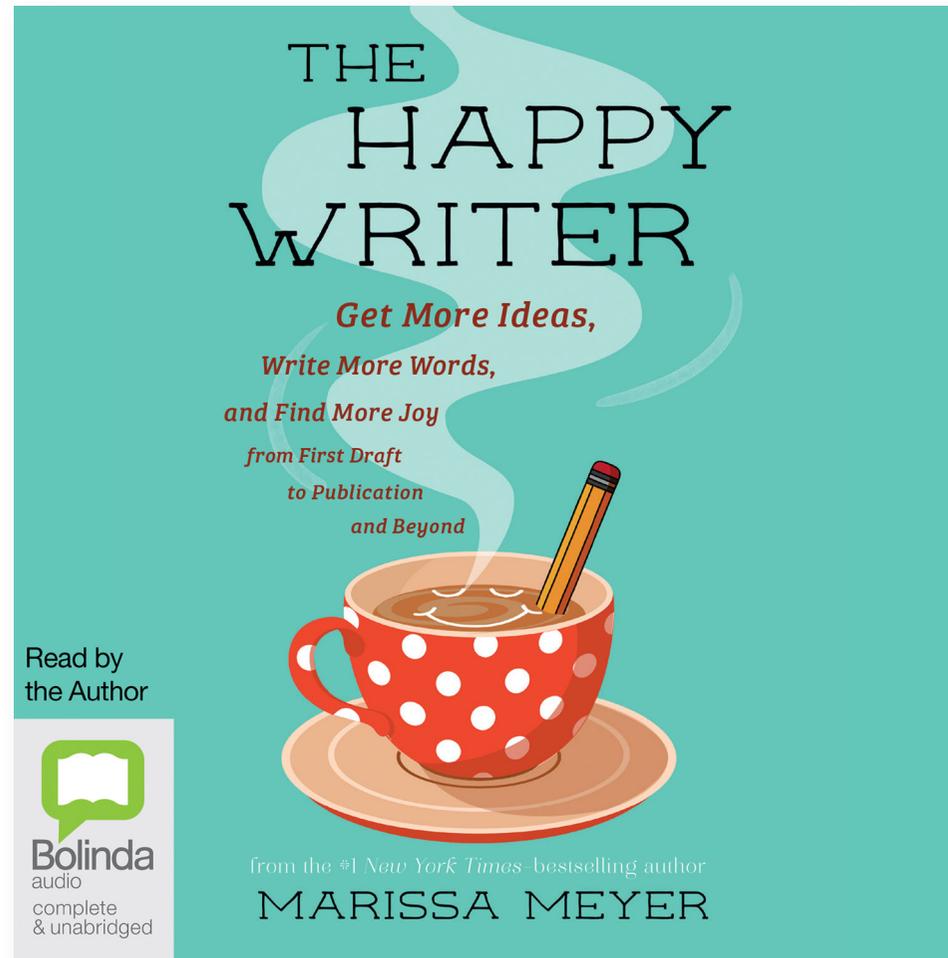
The Happy Writer

Adult New Release
Lifestyle - Wellbeing | February 2025

Get More Ideas, Write More Words, and Find More Joy from First Draft to Publication and Beyond

Marissa Meyer

Read by the Author



From #1 *New York Times* bestselling author and the creator and host of the popular podcast, *The Happy Writer*, comes the ultimate guide to writing with less stress and more joy.

If you aren't suffering, you aren't creating. Right?

Wrong!

Writing can and should be joyful, fulfilling ... even fun! Applicable to writers in all genres and disciplines – from screenwriters to novelists, journalists to picture book authors, aspiring to many-times published – *The Happy Writer* is a heartfelt and optimistic guide that will show you the way to a happier writing journey.

Part craft guide, part writing coach and part cheerleader, this audiobook offers useful advice on a slew of common writing and publishing ailments, such as how to end procrastination, how to build a social media platform that reflects your personality, how to get your imagination to overflow with new ideas, how to listen to your intuition when receiving a critique on your work, how to overcome impostor syndrome, what to do when you're stuck in the query trenches, and so much more.

Known in writers' circles as a generous mentor, Meyer shares stories from her own writing path to help every writer discover the ultimate joys of living their best writing life.

Marissa Meyer is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Lunar Chronicles*, *Heartless*, *The Renegades* trilogy, *Instant Karma* and the *Gilded* duology

Meyer hosts *The Happy Writer* podcast is a series of uplifting conversations with published authors about writing, publishing, books and joy, that receives more than 10,000 downloads a month

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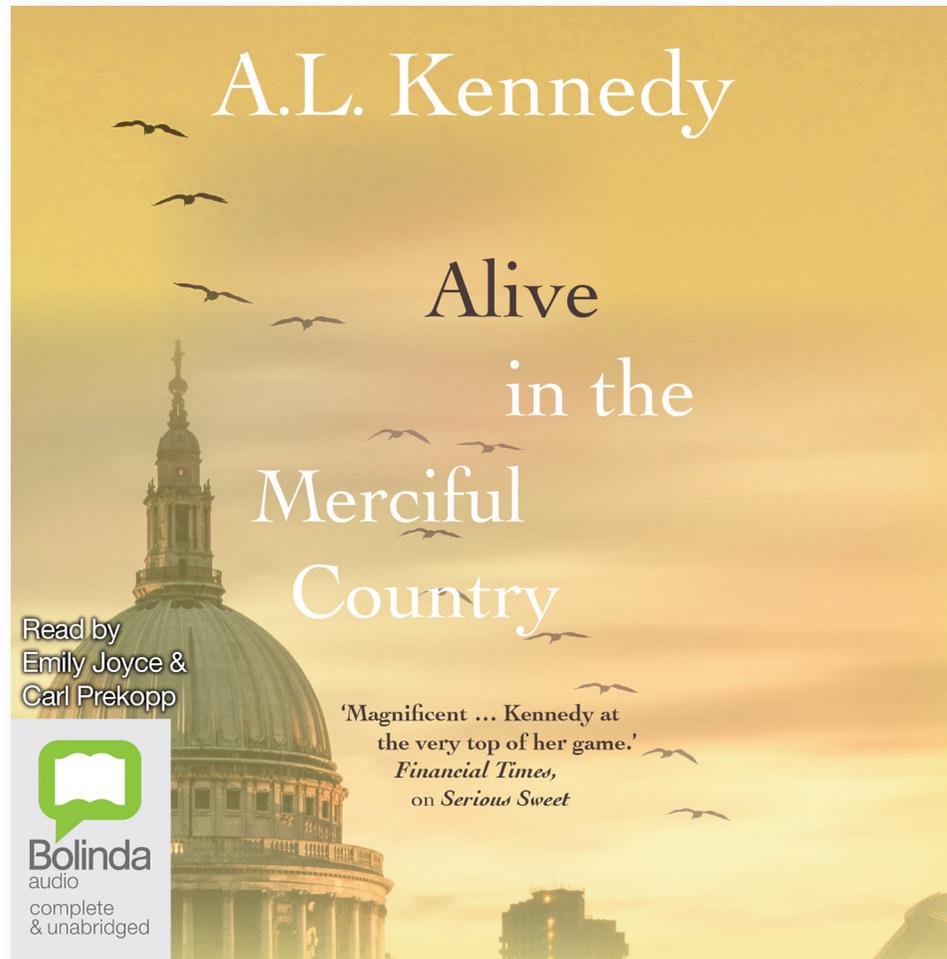
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Alive in the Merciful Country

A.L. Kennedy

Read by Carl Prekopp & Emily Joyce



From a Costa Book of the Year winner, Booker nominee and double Granta-selected Best Young British novelist comes a searing portrayal of trauma, police abuse and the power of hope.

Teaching nine-year-olds on Zoom. A relationship interrupted by enforced distance. A teenaged son who cannot leave the house. Anna McCormick is already struggling to cope with the unwanted twists 2020 has served up. But when an unstamped envelope arrives overnight, her past begins to cast its own long shadow on the present.

With an uncaring government compounding her woes and a hostile threat drawing closer, Anna must dig deep to keep hope alive for herself and those around her.

This is a twisty, heart-racing page-turner and viscerally rendered portrayal of abuse of power by the state, by the police and by the villains much closer to home.

A.L. Kennedy has won a variety of UK and international book awards, including a Lannan Award, the Prize, the Heinrich Heine Preis, the Somerset Maugham Award and the John Llewellyn Rees Prize

Kennedy has written ten novels, one of which was longlisted for the Booker Prize, six short story collections and three books of non-fiction

Kennedy is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a member of the Akademie der Kunst

'It seems everything [Kennedy] touches turns to art ... she continues to impress with her psychological fearlessness and breathtaking affection for language.' – New York Times

'A testament to the minor miracle of Kennedy's talent ... a talented stylist, her lyrical flights are often musical and rich.' – New York Magazine

From Here to the Great Unknown

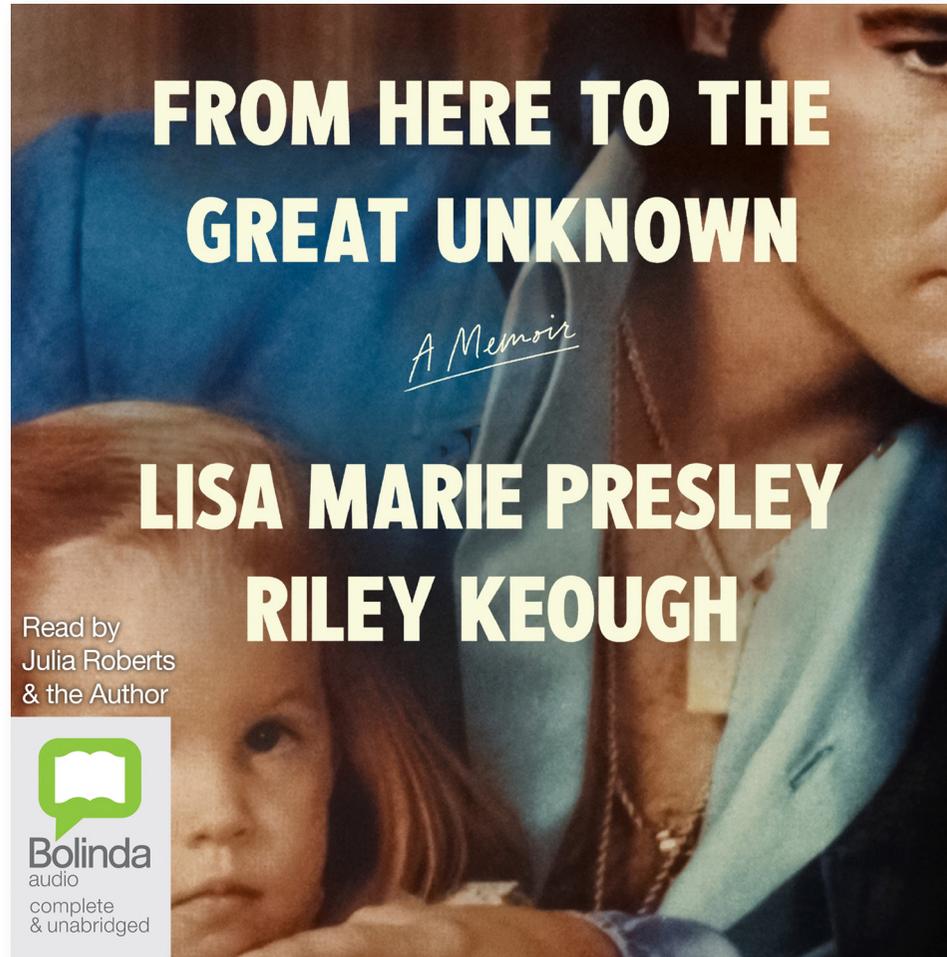
A Memoir

Lisa Marie Presley & Riley Keough

Read by Julia Roberts & Riley Keough

Adult New Release

Autobiography | February 2025



Born to an American myth and raised in the wilds of Graceland, Lisa Marie Presley tells her whole story for the first time in this raw, riveting, one-of-a-kind memoir faithfully completed by her daughter, Riley Keough.

In 2022, Lisa Marie Presley asked her daughter to help finally finish her long-gestating memoir.

A month later, Lisa Marie was dead, and the world would never know her story in her own words, never know the passionate, joyful, caring and complicated woman that Riley loved and grieved.

Riley got the tapes that her mother had recorded for the book, laid in her bed and listened as Lisa Marie told story after story about smashing golf carts together in the yards of Graceland, about the unconditional love she felt from her father, about being upstairs, just the two of them. About getting dragged screaming out of the bathroom as she ran towards his body on the floor. About living in Los Angeles with her mother, getting sent to school after school, always kicked out, always in trouble. About her singular, lifelong relationship with Danny Keough, about being married to Michael Jackson, what they shared in common. About motherhood. About deep addiction. About ever-present grief. Riley knew she had to fulfil her mother's wish to reveal these memories, incandescent and painful, to the world.

To make her mother known.

Lisa Marie Presley was a singer and songwriter who was born in Memphis and raised at Graceland as the only child of Elvis and Priscilla Presley

She released three studio albums throughout her music career – *To Whom It May Concern*, *Now What* and *Storm & Grace*, the first of which was certified gold

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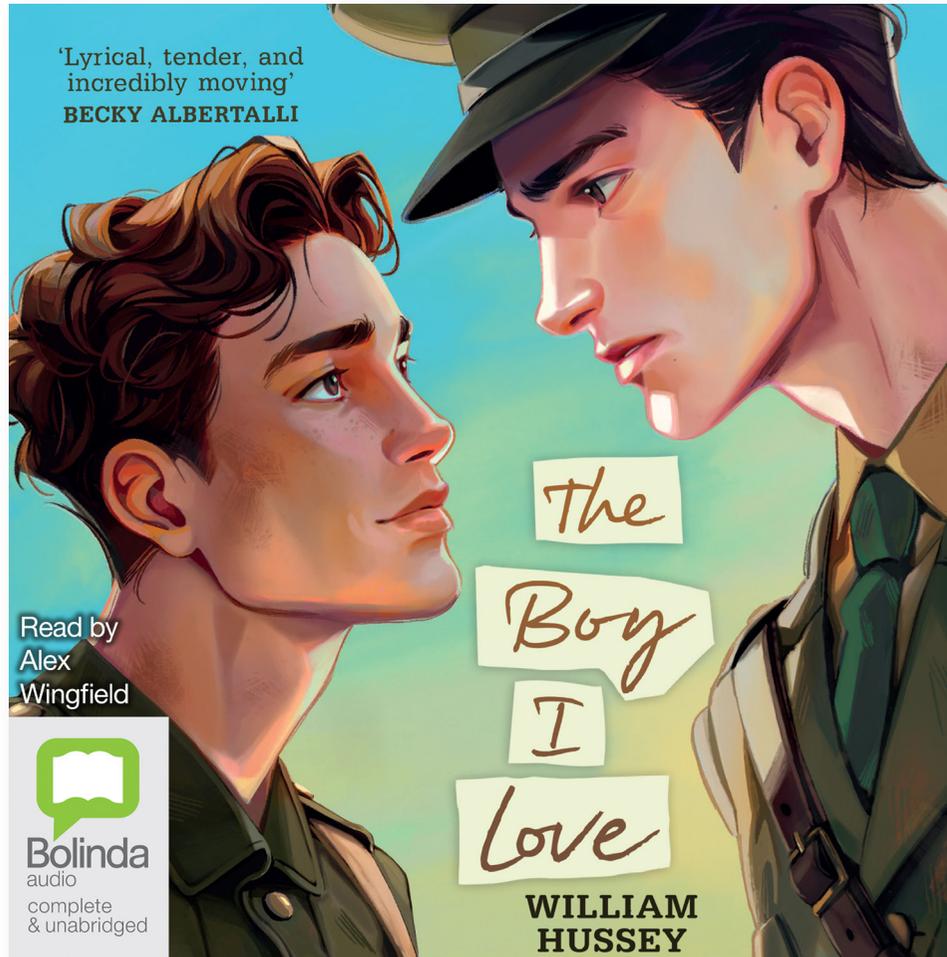
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The Boy I Love

William Hussey

Read by Alex Wingfield



A breathtakingly beautiful and painstakingly researched story of love, war and the heartache both can bring.

All I think, all I feel, all I know is pressed into this moment. And what I know is that I can't let him go.

1916. Returning to the Front after injury, nineteen-year-old Stephen wonders what he's fighting for. Then he meets Private Danny McCormick, a smart, talented new recruit. From their first meeting, there's something undeniable between them – something forbidden by both society and the army. Determined to protect Danny, Stephen must face down the ignorance of his superiors as well as the onslaught of German shells and sniper fire. As the summer ticks down to the Battle of the Somme, will Stephen and Danny's love save them – or condemn them?

William Hussey is an award-winning author for children and young adults, who, as a gay man and a visiting author, has spoken to hundreds of LGBTQI+ students worldwide

Hussey is the author of *Hideous Beauty* and *The Outrage* and *Broken Hearts* and *Zombie Parts*

'It's a tale from the past, with a message for today. A stunningly poignant, devastating, and ultimately beautiful tour-de-force.' – Simon James Green, author of *Gay Club!*

'Deft, tender and unflinching, The Boy I Love is a terrific achievement that grips like a thriller throughout. A love story, a war story, a story of sacrifice and redemption, it shows how the best of humanity can endure even in the darkest times. Breathtakingly good.'

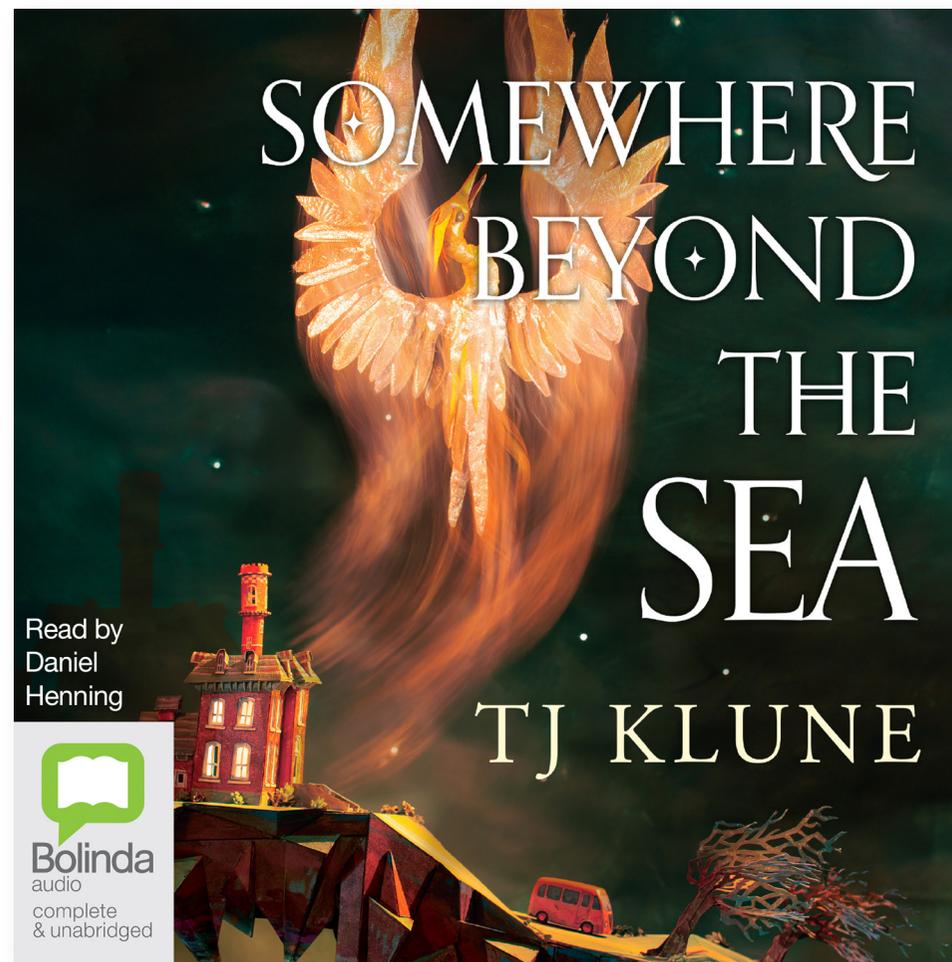
– Jonathan Stroud

Somewhere beyond the Sea

Cerulean Chronicles #2

TJ Klune

Read by Daniel Henning



Read by
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Adult New Release

Science Fiction | February 2025

The hugely-anticipated sequel to TJ Klune's *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, an international bestseller and one of the best loved fantasy novels of the past decade.

Arthur Parnassus has built a good life on the ashes of a bad one. He's headmaster at an orphanage for magical children, on a peculiar island, assisted by love-of-his-life Linus Baker. And together, they'll do anything to protect their extraordinary and powerful charges.

However, when Arthur is forced to make a public statement about his dark past, he finds himself fighting for those under his care. It's also a fight for the better future that all magical people deserve. Then when a new magical child joins their island home, Arthur knows they've reached breaking point. The child finds power in calling himself a monster, a name Arthur has tried so hard to banish to protect his children. Challenged from within and without, their volatile family might grow stronger. Or everything Arthur loves could fall apart.

TJ Klune is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author of *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, *Under the Whispering Door*, *In the Lives of Puppets* and the Green Creek series

The House in the Cerulean Sea won the 2021 Alex Award and was one of Publishers Weekly's 'Most Anticipated Books of Spring 2020'

The House in the Cerulean Sea was one of Book Riot's '20 Must-Read Feel-Good Fantasies'

'It's a witty, wholesome fantasy that's likely to cause heart-swelling.' – The Washington Post (on *The House in the Cerulean Sea*)

'A modern fairy tale about learning your true nature and what you love and will protect.' – Charlaine Harris, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *The House in the Cerulean Sea*)

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Blood of Hercules

Villains of Lore #1

Jasmine Mas

Read by a Full Cast

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2025

A new Greek mythology-inspired dark romantasy from TikTok sensation Jasmine Mas.

Step into the Coliseum at the Spartan War Academy where monsters are made, immortality is won, and even a god can die ...

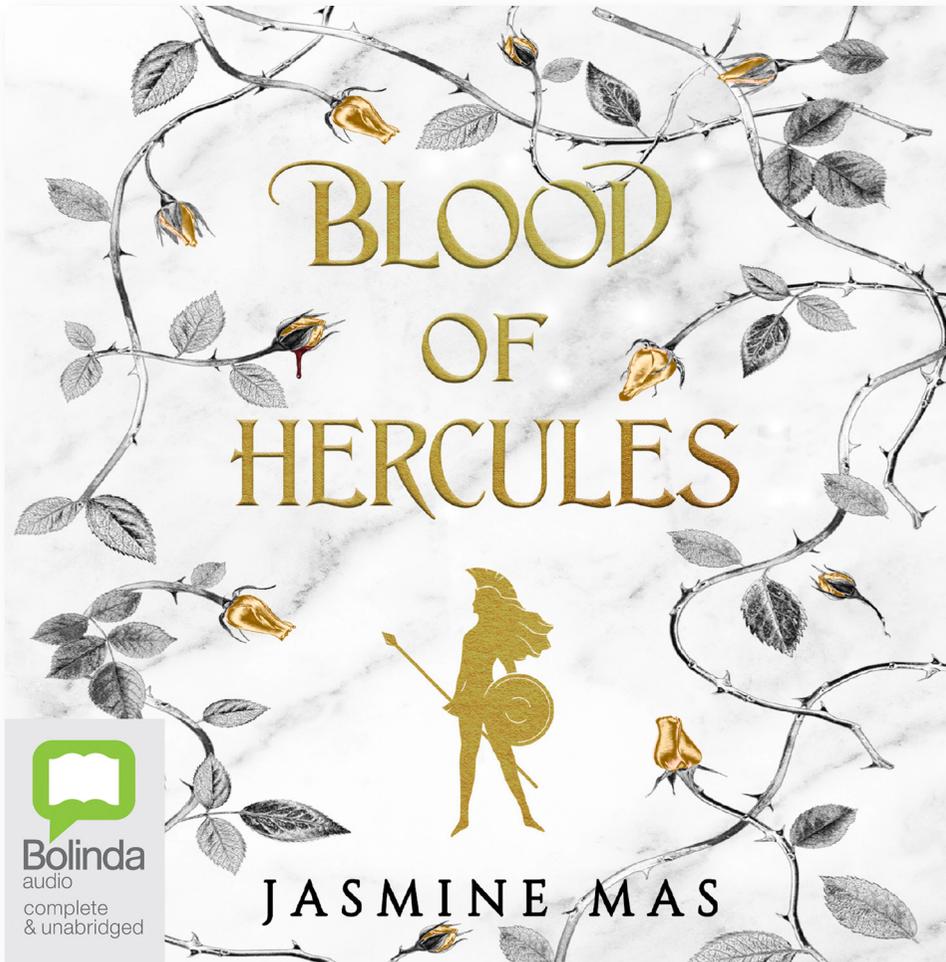
Alexis Hert isn't a hero, and she certainly isn't a god. All she's ever been is a survivor. But the Fates disagree. When a blood test leads to her admittance at the Spartan War Academy, she'll have to do more than merely survive. Alexis will have to claim her birthright: immortality.

But immortality is a privilege, one earned in the crucible of the academy, where the heroes are villains and classrooms battlegrounds. While gladiators Achilles and Patro, her demanding mentors, hone her into a warrior, Augustus and Kharon, her professors and the brooding heirs to the underworld, haunt her steps and her thoughts. Because where there are gods, there are bound to be monsters, and there is more than one hunting Alexis ...

Jasmine Mas is an Amazon Top five bestselling author of fantasy romance. She is a lawyer who spends all her free time writing about strong women in magical worlds

Mas is the author of the Cruel Shiftiverse series

'The author balances moments of humor with darker, more intense scenes, creating a roller-coaster of emotions throughout the novel. With its blend of ancient lore and modern sensibilities, Blood of Hercules offers a fresh and exciting take on the fantasy romance genre.' - Medium



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Midnights

Short Stories

Greig Beck

Read by Sean Mangan

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2025



Midnights is a glimpse into the mad, macabre and mysterious mind of bestselling author Greig Beck, in a showcase of horrors, monsters and bone-chilling tales.

This short story collection will take you into the depths of Beck's dark imagination: from what happens when the deepest bore hole on Earth has just passed nine miles and hits a strange open space – and it's hellishly hot down there; to an Antarctic research team examining fragments from a deep ice glacier and discovers a tiny seed that, once thawed, grows into something terrifyingly unexpected.

Then there's the real story of the Titanic, where something horrifying boards the grand ship, and it's sunk, intentionally – to protect us all. And Beck's renowned Valkeryn series will finally be concluded in the featured tale *Revenge of the Wolfen*.

From the bloody to the bizarre, *Midnights* will push you to the edge, with Greig Beck at the helm and at his frightening best.

Greig Beck is the acclaimed author of the Alex Hunter, Primordia, Center of the Earth and Mysterious Island series

An established and respected author across the horror, science fiction and thriller genres, *Midnights* is Beck at his best

Beck's novels contain an exciting mix of adventure thriller blended with an underlying vein of terror – welcome to Beck's own genre, the terror-thriller

'Mr Beck is a master at building up suspense.' – Horror Novel Reviews (on *Kraken Rising*)

'Greig Beck continues to provide entertaining, nail-biting, edge of your seat adventure stories.' – The Speed of Write Book Reviews (on *Leviathan*)

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Tides and Drift

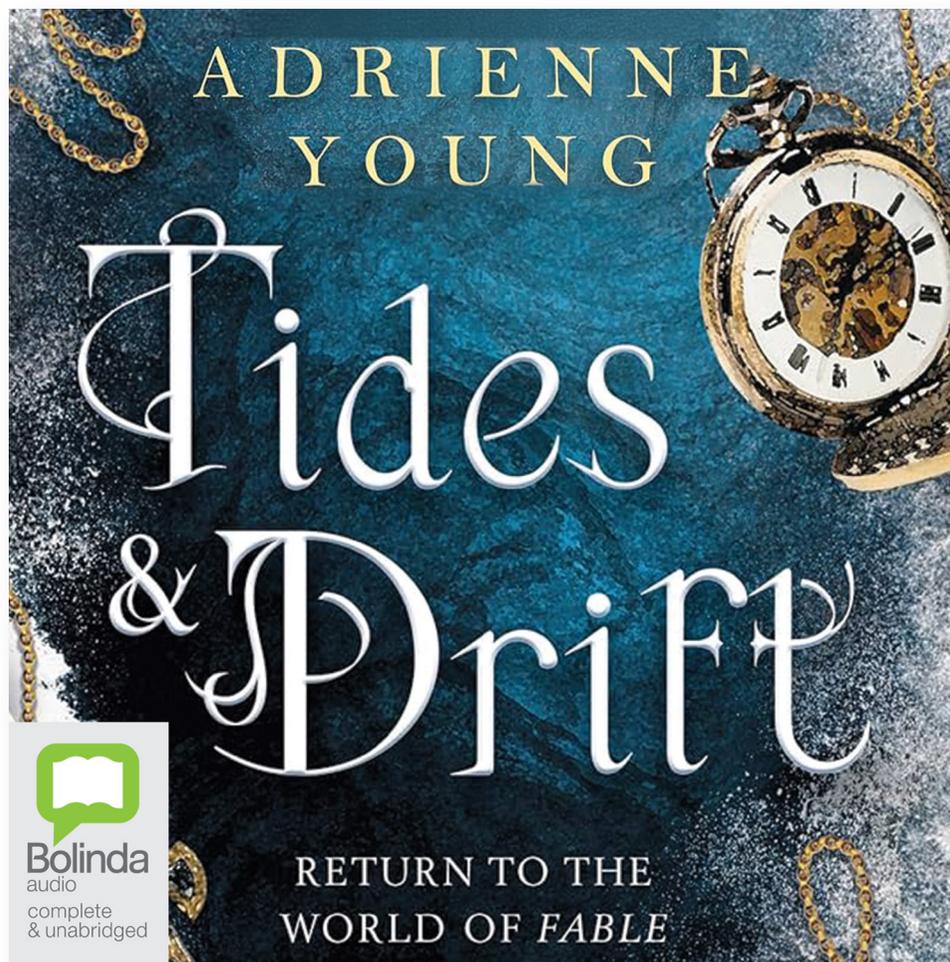
Fable

Adrienne Young

Narrator to be Announced

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2025



A moving return to the world of Fable, these two stories dive into the bittersweet first meeting of fan favourite characters Paj and Auster, and the intrepid voyages of Willa and Koy as they forge their own path across the Narrows.

Tides: When Auster, a young member of the Roth crime family, meets a deckhand named Paj that he's been sent to rob on behalf of his infamous uncle, his world is turned upside down. *Tides* is a tale of first love, heartache and breaking free, following Paj and Auster's beginnings before the events of *Fable* and *Namesake*.

Drift: After leaving the only family she's ever had on the Marigold, Willa has made a new start on a remote island carving out her own stake in the future of the Narrows. She's found an unexpected business partner in Koy and whether she likes it or not, they are suited in more ways than one. Together they plan to turn Jeval into the farthest-reaching port before the waters of the Unnamed Sea. But when the Saltblood ships docking in their newly minted harbour start bringing unsettling news, the more Willa is forced to rely on Koy, and she discovers that he's more than an opportunity to create her own destiny. He also just might be the safest harbour she's ever known.

Adrienne Young is the *New York Times* and international bestselling author of the *Sky and Sea* duology and *Spells for Forgetting*

Young's title *Fable* was a Reese Witherspoon x Hello Sunshine Book Club Young Adult Pick and was nominated for the Goodreads Best Young Adult Fantasy & Science Fiction in 2020

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Murder in Bloom

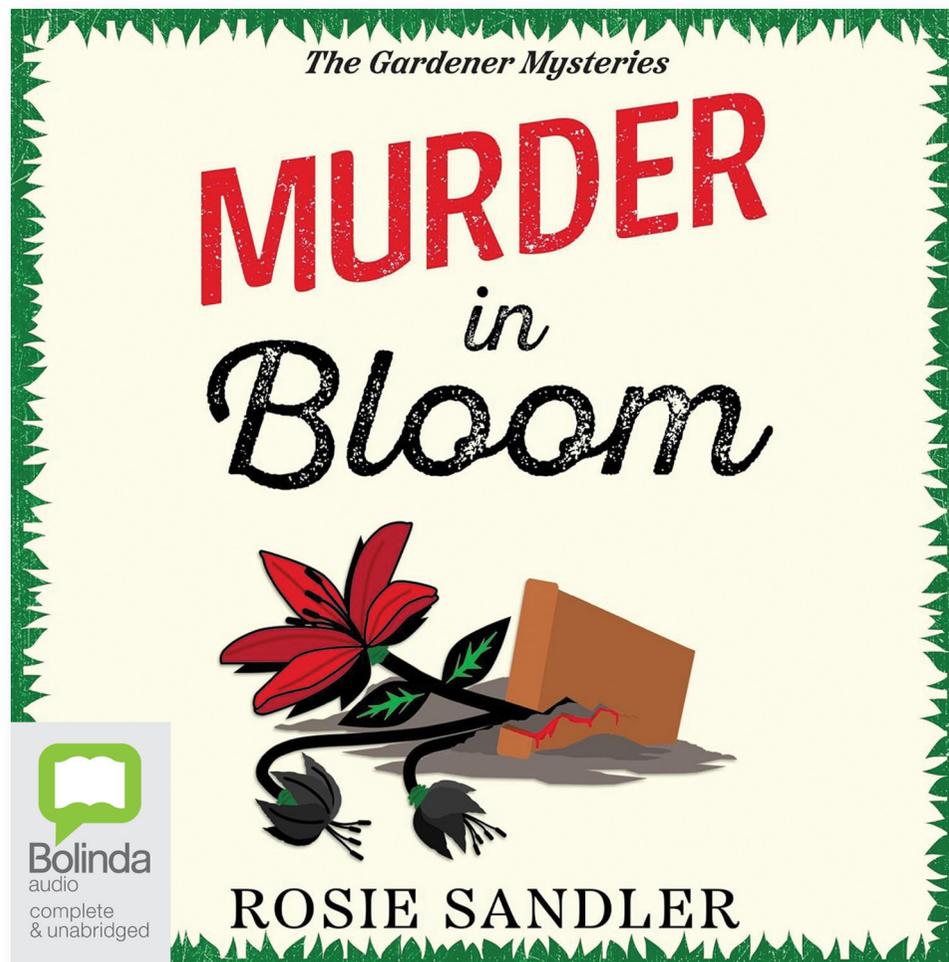
The Gardener Mysteries #3

Rosie Sandler

Read by Shazia Nicholls

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | February 2025



Murder is in full bloom, but can Steph and her sidekick Mouse weed out the killer?

It's an invitation Steph can't refuse when she's handpicked to compete at the prestigious National Trust property Coleton Fishacre. With the country's top garden designers as rivals and a stunning historic estate for inspiration, it feels like a dream come true.

But things quickly turn thorny when the youngest competitor falls mysteriously ill and Steph suspects foul play. Her fears are confirmed when a scream echoes through the gardens, leading her to the horrific sight of a dead body at the foot of the cliff.

With her trusty dog Mouse by her side, Steph's determined not to let the culprit slip through the cracks. Uncovering the truth in a garden full of suspects is no easy task, but Steph must trim away the lies before the murderer prunes the competition – for good!

Perfect for fans of Richard Coles, Fiona Leitch and Sarah Yarwood-Lovett

Rosie Sandler's poems and stories for adults have been widely published, including in a Penguin anthology, *The Rialto* journal and *Fictionvale*, a sci-fi e-zine

'I loved the way this book combined the genre of cozy mystery with horticultural knowledge ... An excellent book to snuggle up with.' – Goodreads (on *Seeds of Murder*)

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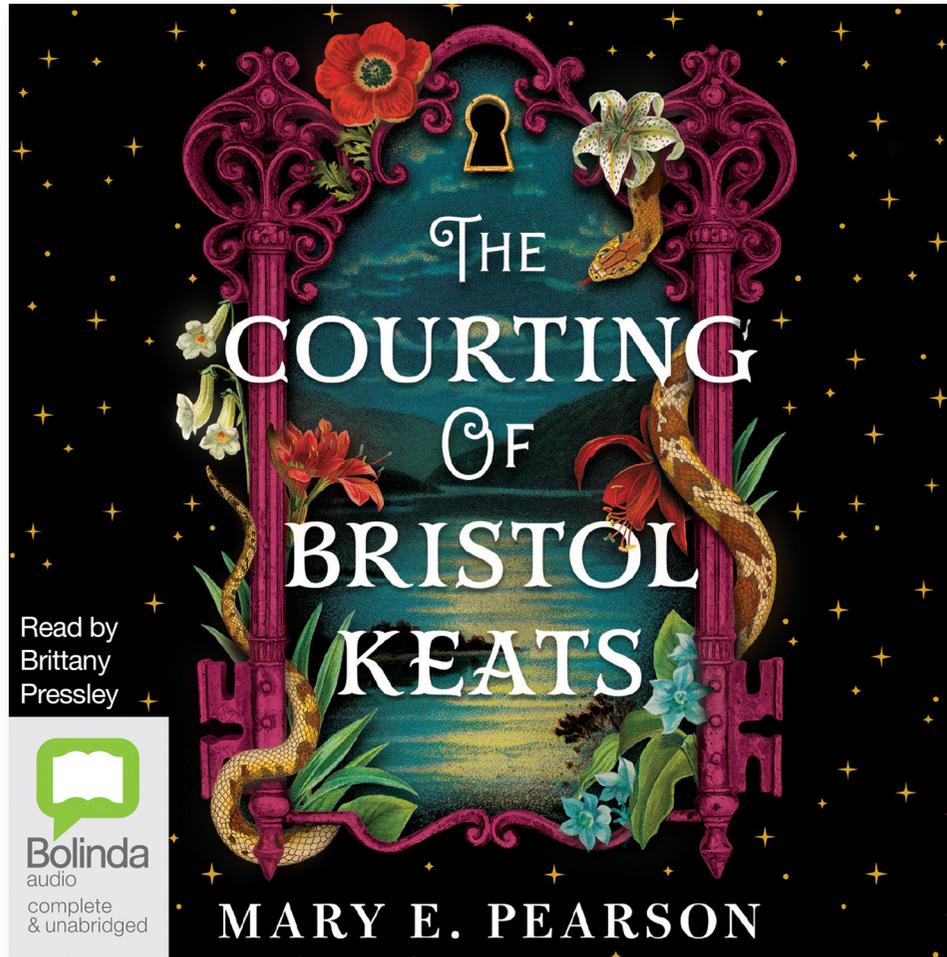
Adult New Release

Romance | February 2025

The Courting of Bristol Keats

Mary E. Pearson

Read by Brittany Pressley



From internationally bestselling author Mary E. Pearson, *The Courting of Bristol Keats* is the first instalment in her debut adult fantasy series, filled with forbidden romance, deadly faerie curses and pulse-pounding action.

After losing both their parents, Bristol Keats and her sisters struggle to stay afloat in their small, quiet town of Bowskeep. When Bristol begins to receive letters from an 'aunt' she has never heard of, who promises to help, Bristol reluctantly agrees to meet her – and discovers that everything she thought she knew about her family is a lie. Her father might even still be alive. Not killed but kidnapped by terrifying creatures and taken to another realm – the one he is from.

Desperate to save her father and find the truth, Bristol journeys to a land of gods, fae and monsters. Pulled into a dangerous world of magic and intrigue, she makes a deadly bargain with the fae king, Tyghan. But what she does not know is that he is the one who drove her parents to live a life on the run. And he is just as determined as she is to find her father – dead or alive ...

Mary E. Pearson is the international and *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of multiple novels including *A Room on Lorelai Street* and the *Dance of Thieves* series

'Make room on your shelves for this magical and compelling fantasy filled with long-kept secrets, devastating betrayals, and a swoony enemies-to-lovers romance.' – Isabel Ibañez, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *What the River Knows*

'Forbidden romance, deception, and a rich faerie world that's filled with equal parts magic and danger makes for the start of a highly addictive and fantastical new series. Pearson is at the top of her game in this richly satisfying debut that will leave readers hungry for more.' – Adalyn Grace, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All The Stars* and *Teeth*

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February new releases 2025

Mr and Mrs Gould

Adult New Release

History | February 2025

The Extraordinary Adventurers Who Took the Beauty of Australian Wildlife to the World

Grantlee Kieza

Read by Elizabeth Parisi

The extraordinary true story about the life of Australia's greatest naturalists and explorers, from bestselling author Grantlee Kieza.

John and Elizabeth Gould sailed into Australia on a cold spring day in 1838 prepared for the most astonishing adventure of their lives. They had crossed three oceans from their London home to find the treasures of Australia's birdlife and showcase them to the outside world.

Elizabeth had fallen pregnant for the seventh time at just 34 and there would be little rest for her in illustrating her husband's exquisite books that had made him England's celebrated 'Bird Man' and a force of nature in both science and publishing. Elizabeth had always worked in his shadow, but perhaps with his new book, *The Birds of Australia*, she would finally receive the deserved acclaim for her work.

Gould had studied birds from the Galapagos Islands and helped Charles Darwin expound his controversial theory of evolution by natural selection. In Australia, with the help of Aboriginal guides, he would gaze upon a vast array of Australian wildlife which would generate huge praise and profits.

Grantlee Kieza is a Walkley Award finalist and the author of more than 20 acclaimed titles, including the bestsellers *Sister Viv*, *Flinders*, *Hudson Fysh*, *The Kelly Hunters*, *Lawson*, *Macquarie*, *Banjo*, *Monash* and *Sons of the Southern Cross*

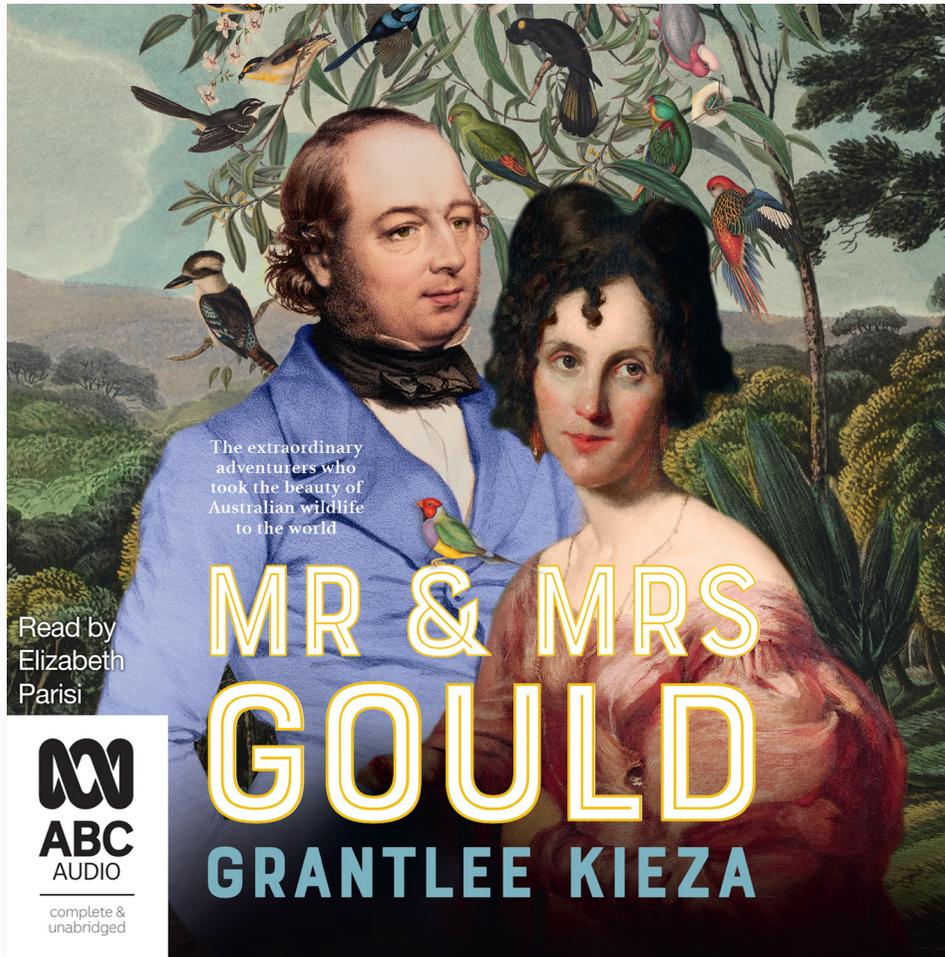
Award-winning journalist Kieza held senior editorial positions at *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Courier Mail* for many years

Kieza was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his writing

'Kieza is a prolific and successful biographer ... He has a fluid writing style in which he wears his research lightly, yet it is thoroughly annotated.'

– Spectator Australia (on *Banks*)

'[Grantlee Kieza] writes with the immediacy of a fine documentary ... bringing historic personalities to life.' – Ballarat Courier (on *Sons of the Southern Cross*)



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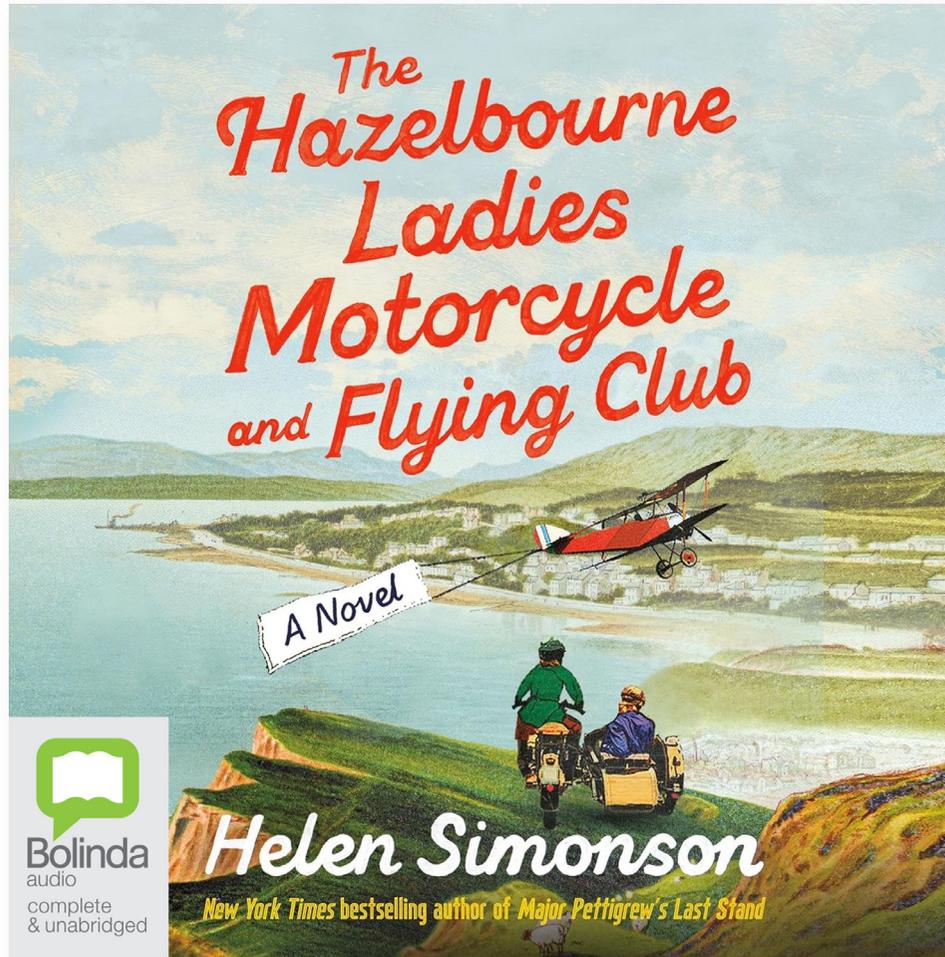
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The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club

Helen Simonson

Read by the Author & Fiona Hardingham



A young woman's life is forever changed in the summer after World War I in this captivating story from bestselling author Helen Simonson.

It is the summer of 1919 and Constance Haverhill is without prospects. Now that all the men have returned from the front, she has been asked to give up her cottage and her job at the estate she helped to run during the war. Instead, she's sent as a lady's companion to an old family friend who is convalescing at a seaside hotel. Here she is swept up in the social whirl of Hazelbourne-on-Sea and its colourful inhabitants, most notably, Poppy Wirral.

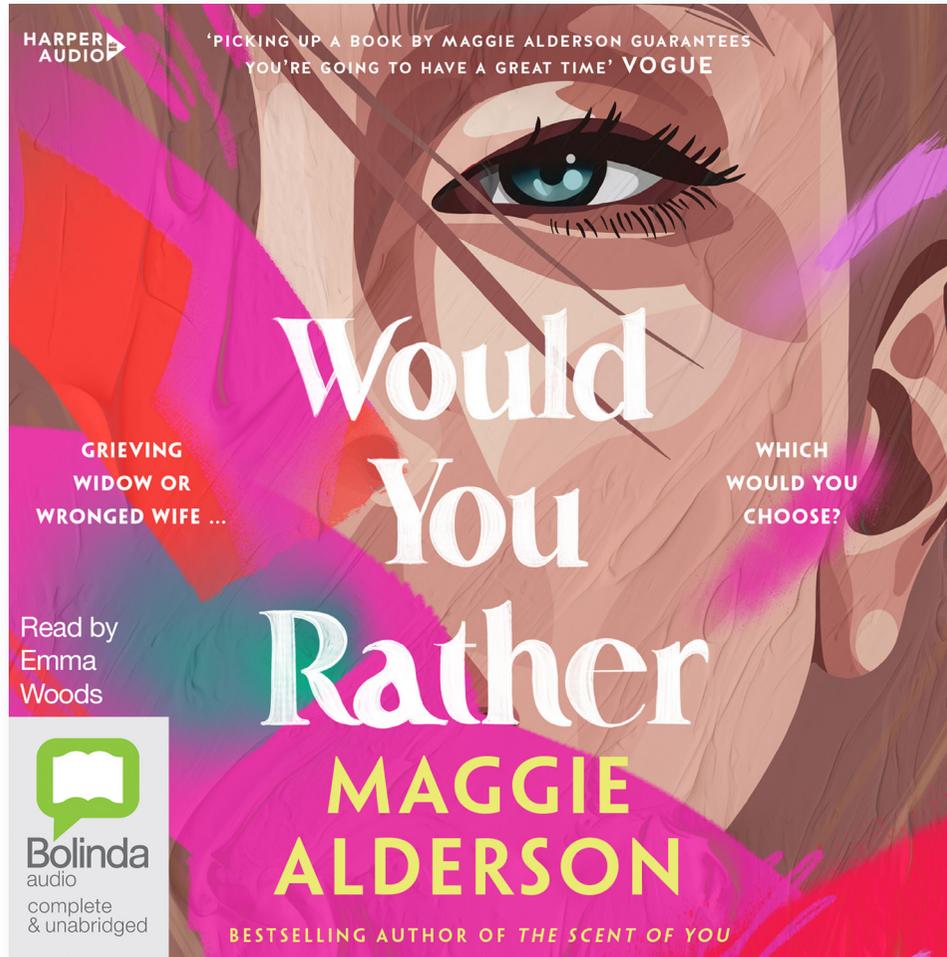
Poppy, the daughter of a land-owning baronet, wears trousers, operates a taxi and delivery service to employ local women and runs a ladies' motorcycle club (to which she plans to add flying lessons). And then there is Harris, Poppy's recalcitrant but handsome brother – a fighter pilot recently wounded in battle – who warms in Constance's presence. But things are more complicated than they seem in this sunny pocket of English high society. As the country prepares to celebrate its hard-won peace, Constance and the women of the club are forced to confront the fact that the freedoms they gained during the war are being revoked.

Helen Simonson is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* and *The Summer Before the War*

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand was an international bestseller, a Richard & Judy Book Club pick, and was translated and published in 21 countries

Would You Rather

Maggie Alderson
Read by Emma Woods



A deliciously warm, witty and moving story of love, family, second chances and starting over, from the bestselling author of *The Scent of You*.

Sophie blinked and looked down again, relieved that everyone would think she was overcome with devastation at the prospect of reading her husband's eulogy, not that she was in shock, having just looked right into the eyes of his mistress.

Food stylist Sophie Crommelin has a beautiful life. Now that their two boys are grown up, she and her husband Matt – an acclaimed artist – are leaving London for a new start on England's fashionably boho south coast. But the day after the house is sold, a series of shocks leave Sophie reeling – and suddenly she's heading off to Hastings on her own.

Beau Crommelin has always been very much his father's son. Charming, beautiful and creative, he gets on with everyone and is building a name as a jewellery designer. But after Matt's sudden death, Beau finds himself on the wrong end of a scandal and everything he thought he knew about himself is called into question.

As Sophie and Beau try to find their feet, new friends and opportunities appear. But the biggest revelation is still to come ...

Perfect for fans of Marian Keyes and Monica McInerney

Maggie Alderson is the author of ten novels and four collections of her columns from *Good Weekend* magazine

Before becoming a full-time author, Alderson worked as a journalist and columnist in the UK and Australia, editing several magazines, including British *ELLE*

'Delicious and delightful in every way.' – Daily Mail (on *The Scent of You*)

'Maggie Alderson has a light touch, a well-sharpened wit and lots of heart.'
– Better Reading (on *The Scent of You*)

Meadow's Law

Quentin McDermott

Read by the Author

COVER COMING SOON

Meadow's Law

Quentin McDermott



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The true story of one of Australia's most famous murder cases, the woman accused, and the science that set her free – from award-winning journalist Quentin McDermott. Perfect for fans of *The Teacher's Pet* and *Missing William Tyrell*.

In 2003, Newcastle mother Kathleen Folbigg was found guilty of smothering her four young children to death, one by one. The 'science' posited that it was more likely that a mother would commit quadruple homicide than four infants die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). The law agreed, and Kathy was sentenced to 40 years in jail. This audiobook tells the complete, extraordinary story of Kathleen Folbigg's unlawful conviction and her eventual pardon decades later.

It is also a story of science versus the law. Folbigg was convicted before the era of widespread genetic testing, and legal teams ignored evidence that suggested at least two of the children may have died from a heart defect; it was just too complex for anyone to understand properly. Fifteen years later, a group of more than 150 eminent scientists from around the world believed she was innocent. And after two decades in prison, Kathleen was acquitted and set free.

This is the biography of one of Australia's most famous murder cases, examining the evidence that both unjustly put Folbigg behind bars and then cleared her name 20 years later.

Following six years at Granada Television in the UK, Quentin McDermott joined the ABC as a supervising producer on *Lateline* before joining *Four Corners* in 2000 as a senior investigative reporter and producer

At *Australian Story* McDermott's story on convicted serial killer Kathleen Folbigg triggered a judicial inquiry in 2017 and he has covered her story for *The Australian* ever since

McDermott is the producer of the critically acclaimed and award-winning documentary *Stop at Nothing: The Lance Armstrong Story*

Emma

Outback Brides of Wirralong #4

Kelly Hunter

Read by Ana Benham

Adult New Release

Romance | February 2025

Another captivating romance from bestselling author Kelly Hunter.

Home is where you make it.

Lady Emmaline Lewellyn Grayson has never felt at home in her stuffy, aristocratic world. She might look the part of a Lady and play it to perfection, but a wilder world has always beckoned. A world where people say what they mean and keep their promises. A world where, if a man says 'I love you,' the next word isn't 'but ...'

Liam McNair is a rough and tumble cattleman with a station to run and no time to babysit a fragile English rose. But if Lady Em needs a keeper for the short time she'll be in Australia, it might as well be him. He'll show her the Outback, keep her out of trouble, maybe have a little fun and at the end of her stay he'll gladly wave her on her way.

Three months. Two worlds. One proposal. Decision time.

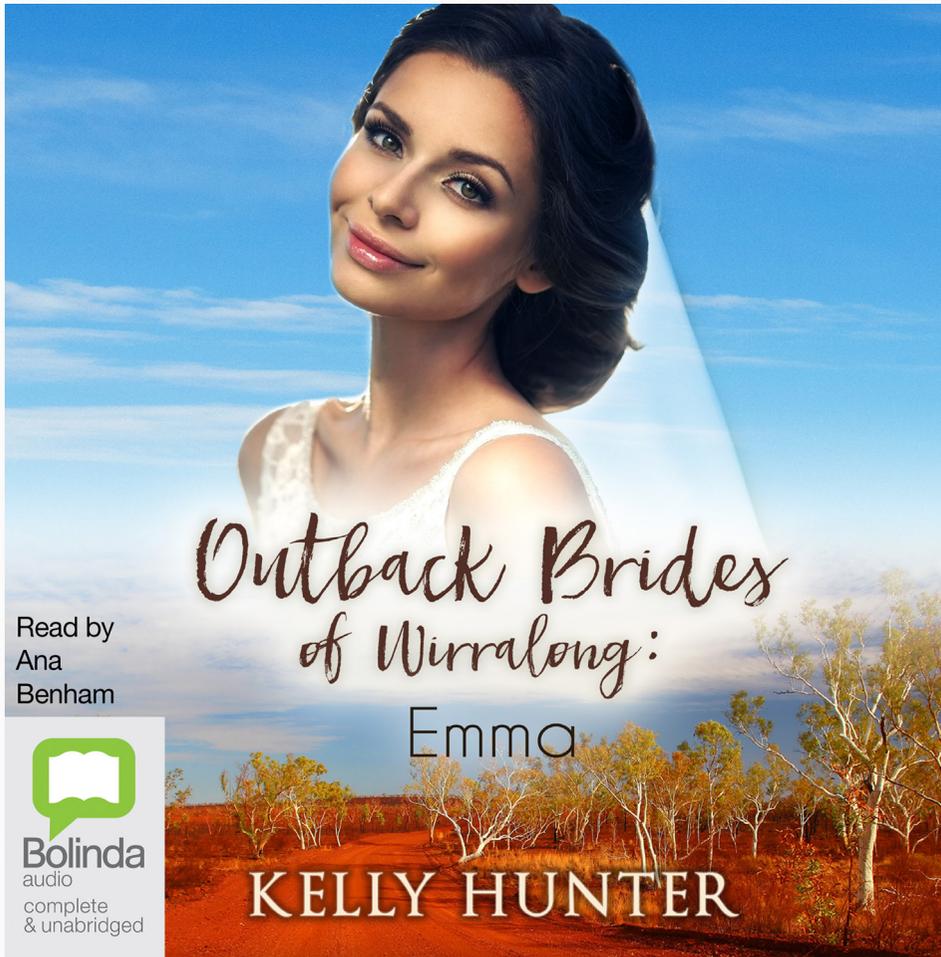
Kelly Hunter is a *USA Today* bestselling author, a three-time Romance Writers of America RITA finalist and loves writing to the short contemporary romance form

Hunter is the author of the Montana Bachelors and Babies series, the Outback Billionaires series and the Four Kings series

In 2014, Hunter became executive editor for Tule Publishing Group's Holiday imprint

'I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed this fourth book in the Outback Brides of Wirralong series. Emma is a delightful, satisfying read and I recommend it for anyone looking for some smiles and happy sighs!' – All About Romance

'... an emotionally powerful and beautifully rendered love story ... Readers who thrive on empowered women and dangerous men will relish this carefully crafted, intense romance with a modern, relevant voice.' – Publishers Weekly, starred review (on *The One That Got Away*)



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Tiny

A Memoir about Love, Letting Go and a Very Small House

Louise Southerden

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | February 2025

Tiny is a memoir by award-winning travel writer Louise Southerden about her quest to create a simpler way of life by building her very own tiny house.

In her successful career as a travel writer, Southerden found herself staying in ever new and exotic locations, but while staying in a cabin in Norway, she had an epiphany about what she truly wanted for her life, ready to put down roots.

With no prior building experience, Southerden decided to build a tiny house with her partner, Max, which tested an already unstable relationship. Over the year and a half of planning and construction of her tiny house, Southerden witnessed her new home coming together as her relationship was falling apart. Alongside her burgeoning construction skills, Southerden learned about love, home, forgiveness and what we really need to be happy.

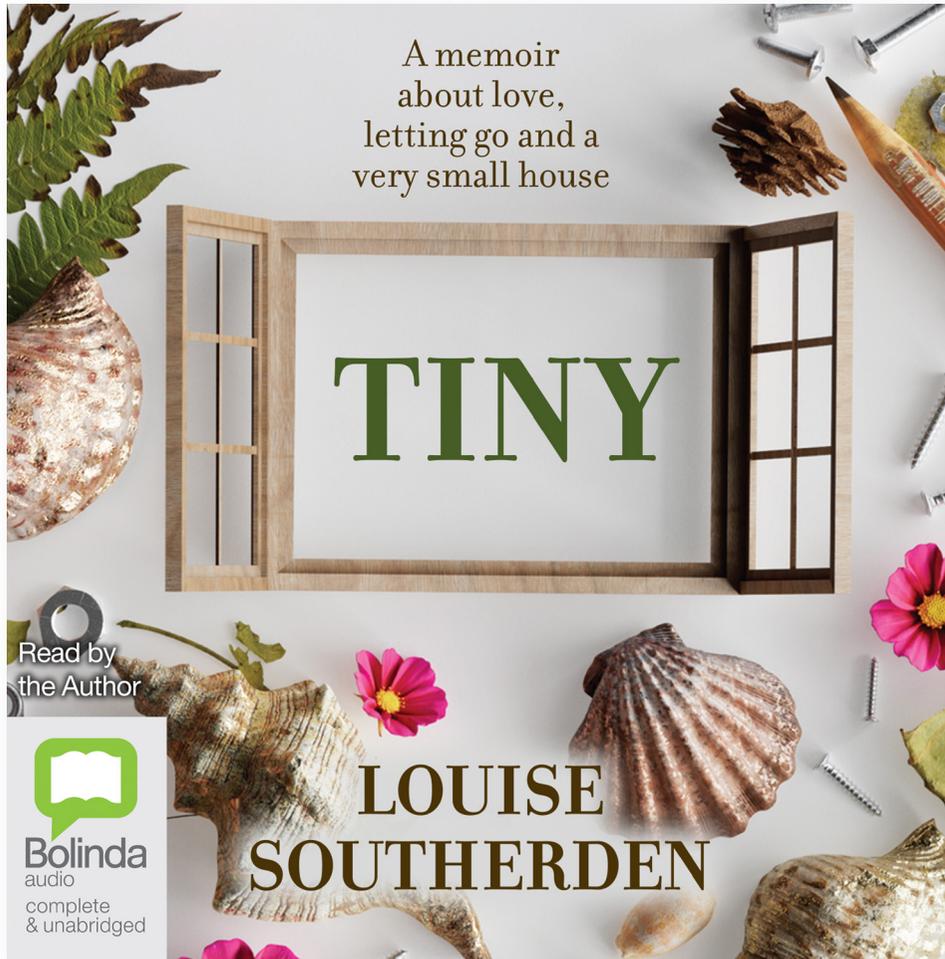
This is an intensely personal story about searching for home and true love, two of life's most fundamental needs, risking everything, failing and finding ways to cope and discovering that what we need isn't always what we thought we wanted.

Louise Southerden is an award-winning Australian travel writer with a passion for nature, sustainability and low-impact travel

Originally from Sydney, Southerden has written non-fiction books including the world's first surfing guide for women and now lives in a tiny house in northern New South Wales, Australia

Southerden's books include *A Month of Simple Sundays*, *Japan: A Working Holiday Guide*, *Surf's Up: The Girl's Guide to Surfing* and *Adventures on Earth*

'Masterful and beautifully written, Tiny is sure to resonate with anyone who has ever been made to feel weak, crazy or small. This book is a triumph.' – Erin Vincent, author of *Grief Girl*



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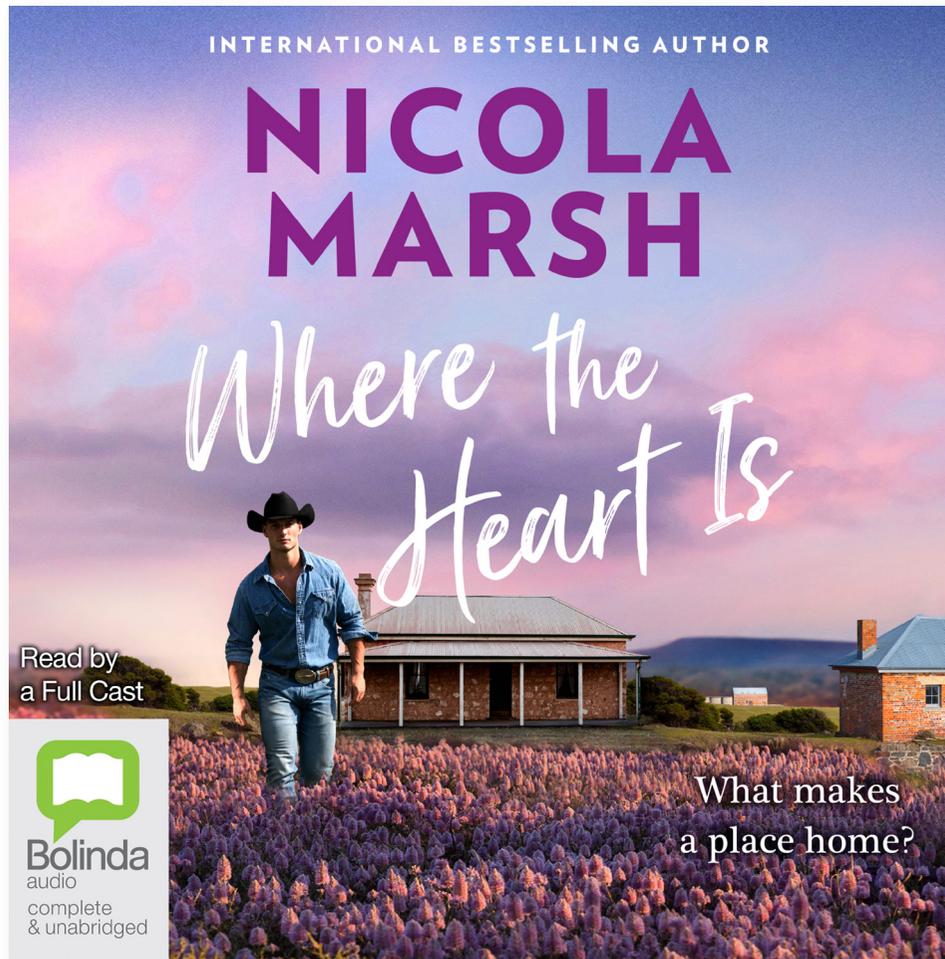
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Where the Heart Is

Nicola Marsh

Read by a Full Cast



Hearts are on the line when a marriage of convenience goes awry. Pitch-perfect rural romance from *USA Today* bestselling Australian author Nicola Marsh.

Mila Hayes will do anything to save her family's farm, including marrying the wrong man. But when the groom backs out at the last minute and Sawyer Mann, her teen crush and her brother's best friend, witnesses her humiliation, Mila's hopes plummet.

She doesn't believe Sawyer when he says he can help. She's done with short-term solutions. So how will Mila cope when she falls for Sawyer all over again and is forced into making a choice: follow her head or her heart?

Sawyer, now a high-powered land broker who fled Ashe Ridge years ago to escape painful memories, is back temporarily and finds himself unexpectedly drawn to Mila. He kept secrets from her in the past and it pushed them apart. Can he convince Mila this time will be different?

Meanwhile, Adelaide Hayes, who left her grumpy husband Jack two decades ago to follow her dreams, is unsettled by memories resurrected at Mila's wedding. She's wary of a man tied to this town, but what if he can prove they can build a new future together?

Perfect for fans of Karly Lane and Mandy Magro

Nicola Marsh is a *USA Today* bestselling and multi-award-winning author. She has published 82 novels and sold millions of copies worldwide

Marsh is a Waldenbooks, Bookscan, Amazon, iBooks and Barnes & Noble bestseller, and a RBY (Romantic Book of the Year) and National Readers' Choice Award winner, and a multi-finalist for many other awards

'A heart-warming read from a writer who knows how to deliver a great story.'
– Better Reading (on *The Promise of Home*)

Keep It Smooth

Life Lessons in Confidence

Cameron Daddo

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | February 2025

A memoir from veteran entertainer Cameron Daddo about confidence – how we nurture it, how we lose it and how we can get it back.

Multi-talented Cameron Daddo has been a part of the Australian entertainment scene since the late '80s. But you might be surprised to learn that, despite appearances, he grew up lacking confidence. He was a stutterer as a kid, then a restless student and uni dropout, before going on to build a life in showbiz.

In this memoir, Daddo shares the valuable lessons he's learnt along the way, some very publicly – the rejections, the victories and everything in between. Through a series of intimate conversations, he also explores public and private crises in the lives of extraordinary Australians, including Keith Urban and Marcia Hines, Michael O'Loughlin and Ryan 'Fitzy' Fitzgerald, Indira Naidoo and Alyssa Healy.

Inspiring and empowering, *Keep It Smooth* shows us how to rally when we feel we have nothing left to give, and how we can learn to find confidence within.

Cameron Daddo rose to prominence as the youngest prime-time game show host in Aussie TV history for *Perfect Match* and continues to work in various mediums as an award-winning actor, broadcaster and singer-songwriter

In recent years, Daddo has dedicated much of his work to help shed light on men's mental health through his non-profit organisation My Men's Team

'This is a beautiful book: the perfect combination of vulnerability, humour and life lessons, and the ideal companion for anyone who struggles with self-esteem and confidence. Very thought-provoking.' – Hugh van Cuylenburg, author of *The Resilience Project*

'A searingly honest account of Cam's relationship with work, life, confidence and most importantly himself, as he generously shares his deepest fears and challenges. Cam's story is deeply personal, and the people he interviews are just as honest. This book is packed with life lessons, guts and reassurance that we all need to back ourselves.' – Melissa Doyle AM, journalist, television presenter, radio presenter and author

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Finding Eliza

Power and Colonial Storytelling / First Nations Classics

Larissa Behrendt

Read by Ella Ferris

Adult New Release

History | February 2025

Now included in UQP's First Nations Classics series with an introduction by Fiona Foley, *Finding Eliza* is a vital Indigenous perspective on colonial storytelling.

Aboriginal lawyer, writer and filmmaker Larissa Behrendt has long been fascinated by the story of Eliza Fraser, who was purportedly captured by the Butchulla people after she was shipwrecked on their island off the Queensland coast in 1836. In this deeply personal audiobook, Behrendt uses Eliza's tale as a starting point to interrogate how Aboriginal people – and indigenous people of other countries – have been portrayed in their colonisers' stories.

Exploring works as diverse as *Robinson Crusoe* and *Coonardoo*, Behrendt looks at the stereotypes embedded in these accounts, including the assumption of cannibalism and the myth of the noble savage. Ultimately, *Finding Eliza* shows how these stories not only reflect the values of their storytellers but also reinforce those values – and how, in Australia, this has contributed to a complex racial divide.

Larissa Behrendt is the author of *Home*, which won the 2002 David Unaipon Award and the regional Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book; *Legacy*, which won the 2010 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Indigenous Writing; and *After Story*

Behrendt was awarded the 2009 NAIDOC Person of the Year award and 2011 NSW Australian of the Year

In 2018 Behrendt won the Australian Directors' Guild Award for Best Direction in a Documentary Feature and in 2020 the AACTA for Best Direction in Nonfiction Television

Behrendt is the host of *Speaking Out* on ABC radio and is Distinguished Professor at the Jumbunna Institute at the University of Technology Sydney

'Behrendt's analytical legal skills, her experience and talent as a writer and the visual imagination developed by filmmaking are all deployed to enhance a powerful and learned argument.' – The Weekend Australian

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Venetian Lessons in Love

Jenna Lo Bianco

Read by Isabella Giovinazzo



An appassionata enemies-to-lovers Venetian romp by bestselling Italian-Australian author Jenna Lo Bianco.

Venice's most desirable bachelorette, Lucia Trevisan, has just had the best kiss of her life. If only she knew with whom.

After losing her parents in a tragic accident and having her then 11-year-old face splashed across every newspaper in Italy, Lucia will forever be known as l'Orfana. Years later, Lucia is a perpetual hot mess, hiding away from the outside world, running her parents' Italian language school.

When the school's future is threatened, Lucia must come out of hiding and fight back – despite the many distractions, like a masquerade ball and an electrifying anonymous encounter.

Between dates to uncover her mysterious kissing Casanova, the quest to save her beloved school, dodging paparazzi and dealing with her infuriating – yet infuriatingly handsome – new neighbour, will Venice's most famous singleton sink or swim?

Jenna Lo Bianco is a passionate Italianist, and also a writer, educator and advocate for Italian language education in Australia

Lo Bianco is a past Fellow of the International Specialised Skills Institute and Italian Australian Foundation, and has written and consulted in educational publishing for more than a decade

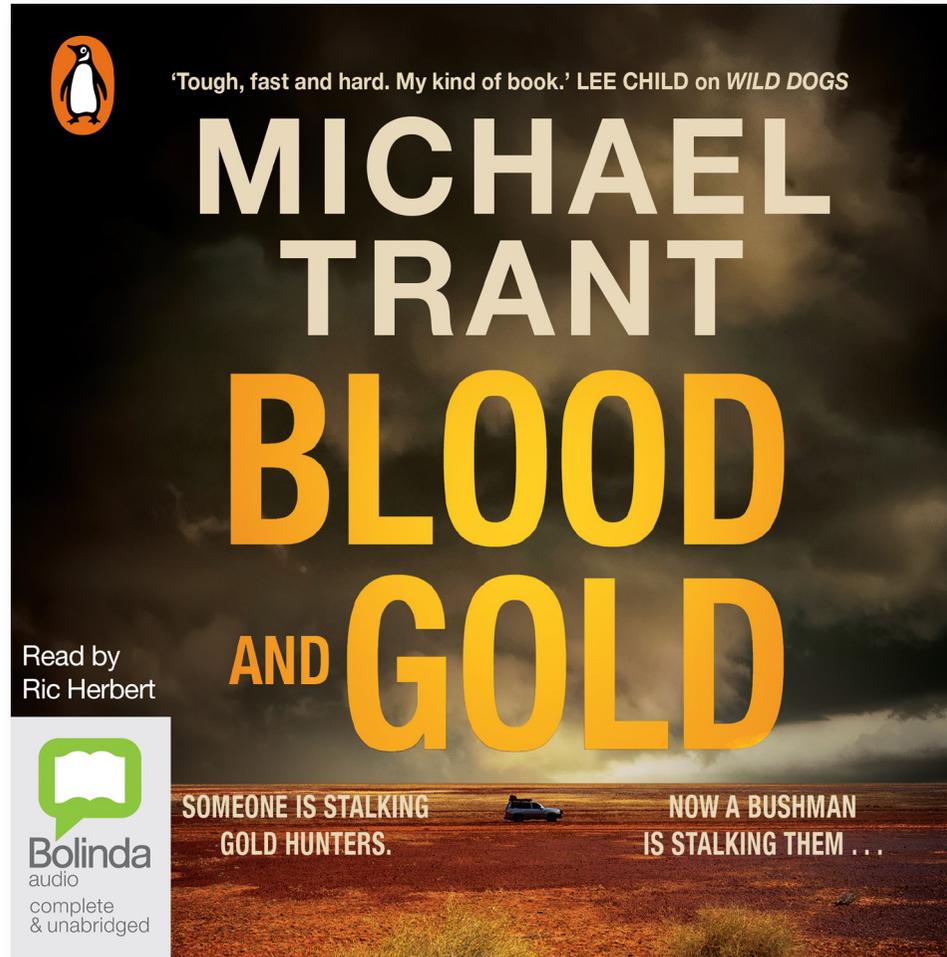
'Well written but light and airy, almost like the breeze at the Italian villa. The characters are all interesting and well developed and the story never falls into the predictable.' – Good Reading (on *The Italian Marriage*)

'Lo Bianco explores the complexity of relationships, the importance of friendship and trust, and the drive to keep trying, to keep hoping for something magical – it makes you believe in destiny.' – Books+Publishing (on *Love & Rome*)

Blood and Gold

Michael Trant

Read by Ric Herbert



The exciting new rural thriller from the bestselling author of *Wild Dogs* and *No Trace*.

Terry Drage is not the first amateur gold prospector to rock up to the Murchison Hotel, brag about an exciting discovery – and then vanish into thin air. But Gabe Ahern is determined he will be the last.

No one knows the land around the remote Western Australian town of Cue better than Gabe – a wild dog trapper who’s in his element in the bush. Feeling responsible for his friend’s fate, he races there to join the search.

But it won’t be an easy ride. For a start the local cops seem sure Terry going missing is nothing more than a tragic accident. It’s down to Gabe to spot the sinister pattern of disappearances and deaths in recent years.

Plus, the last time Gabe was in his old home town it was under the very worst of circumstances. And now, to stop a killer, he’ll need to confront the ghosts from his past ...

Michael Trant writes with an authentic rural voice, drawing on his experiences to open readers to places and lifestyles foreign to many

Trant is a WA country boy now residing in Perth after a variety of careers ranging from farmer, marine draftsman, pastoralist and FIFO pot washer

‘High octane, full throttle.’ – The Herald Sun (on *Wild Dogs*)

‘An absolute gem ... An absorbing, exciting, page-turning thriller. I highly recommend.’
– Good Reading Magazine (on *No Trace*)

Preincarnate

Shaun Micallef

Narrator to be Announced



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Preincarnate is the extraordinary tale of an ordinary man in a race against and across time.

Suppose you were murdered and then woke up 300 years earlier in someone else's body. Wouldn't you want to put yourself in suspended animation and be re-awoken in time to prevent yourself being murdered in the first place?

This is the extraordinary tale of an ordinary man in a race across Time.

Join Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, HG Wells, Queen Victoria, Jack the Ripper and Tom Cruise as they unravel a Masonic plot to restore James II to the throne - and in the process, perhaps destroy the Universe itself. Soul transference, time travel, cloning, space ships, Hollywood and the Loch Ness Monster all come together for the first time in one action-packed audiobook.

Shaun Micallef is a Australian comedian, actor, producer and author

Since '94 Micallef has graced Aussie TV screens in shows such as *Full Frontal* to *Sea Change*, to his own gig on *Micallef Tonight*, *Thank God You're Here* and *Talkin' Bout Your Generation* – to name but a few

Micallef received several awards including two Logies, an ARIA for Best Comedy Release and an AFI for Screen Craft

'This is one really funny book ... interesting, clever, funny and distinguished as the Silver Fox himself. I can confidently state that the story and events are so original and unique ...'
– Readings

'Shaun Micallef is an enigma, wrapped in a nerd, inside a truly brilliant comedian.'
– Andrew Denton, Australian television producer and comedian (on *Tripping Over Myself*)

Head Cases

John McMahon

Read by Will Damron

Head Cases follows an enigmatic group of FBI agents as they hunt down a murderer seeking his own justice in this electrifying series debut.

FBI Agent Gardner Camden is an analytical genius with an affinity for puzzles. He also has a blind spot on the human side of investigations, a blindness that sometimes even includes people in his own life, like his beloved seven-year-old daughter Camila. Gardner and his squad of brilliant yet quirky agents make up the Patterns and Recognition (PAR) unit, the FBI's hidden edge, brought in for cases that no one else can solve.

When DNA links a murder victim to a serial killer long presumed dead, the team springs into action. A second victim establishes a pattern and the murderer begins leaving a trail of clues and riddles especially for Gardner.

Along with Gardner, PAR consists of a mathematician, a weapons expert, a computer analyst and their leader, a career agent. Each of them must use every skill they have to solve the riddle of the killer's identity. But with the perpetrator somehow learning more and more about the team at PAR, can they protect themselves and their families ... before it's too late?

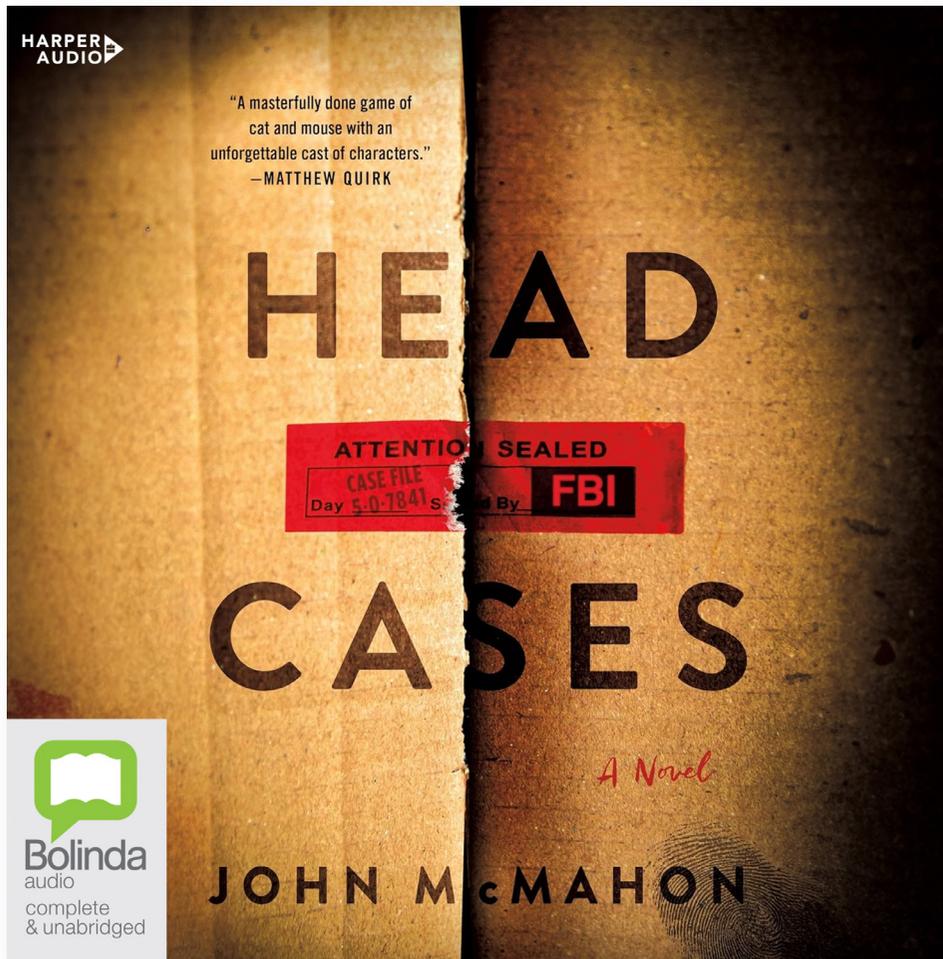
Head Cases was part of a six-way auction in Hollywood and is in preproduction at HBO MAX as a TV series

John McMahon is the author of *A Good Kill*, *The Evil Men Do* and *The Good Detective*, which was a finalist for both the Edgar Award and the Thriller Award for best first novel

McMahon's first two novels were each named 'Top Ten Crime Novels' of the year by The *New York Times* Book Review

'A masterfully-done game of cat and mouse with an unforgettable cast of characters.'
– Matthew Quirk, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Inside Threat*

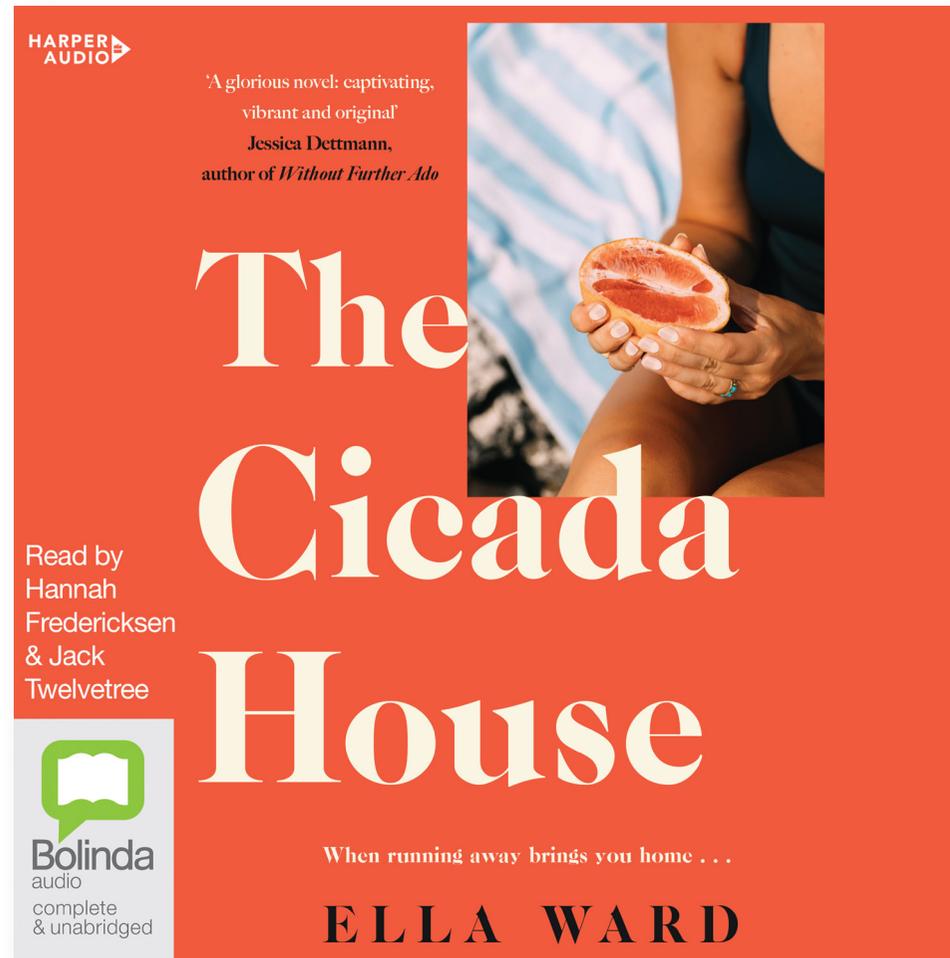
'Gripping, twisty, and atmospheric.' – Karen Dionne, bestselling author of *The Marsh King's Daughter*



The Cicada House

Ella Ward

Read by Hannah Fredericksen & Jack Twelvetree



A warm, funny and surprising love story about one woman's journey to find out who she really is, from Australian author Ella Ward.

When Caitlin inherits a significant sum of money on her fortieth birthday, she decides to break the habit of a lifetime and throw caution to the wind. She's about to tell her husband Paul that they're leaving London on a once-in-a-lifetime journey around the world, only ... she doesn't tell Paul that, because before the candles are lit, he tells her that he's in love with someone else. After a drunken night trying to console herself, Caitlin books tickets to Australia – anything to get as far away as possible.

What does the world feel like when it's ending for you and no-one else? What does life feel like when you are running away from it? This is a story that begins in a way you expect and ends very far from there. It is a story of creaking English hallways and vast Australian skies. Of hands that feel like warm sandpaper, of cicadas that sing so loudly they drown out the grief. Of white wine and an old piano and children who want their parents back from the dead. It is a magical tale of travel and mystery. And a very human tale of sex and loss and seawater and the primal joy of coming home. This is *The Cicada House*.

Perfect for fans of Dolly Alderton, Sally Hepworth and Mhairi McFarlane

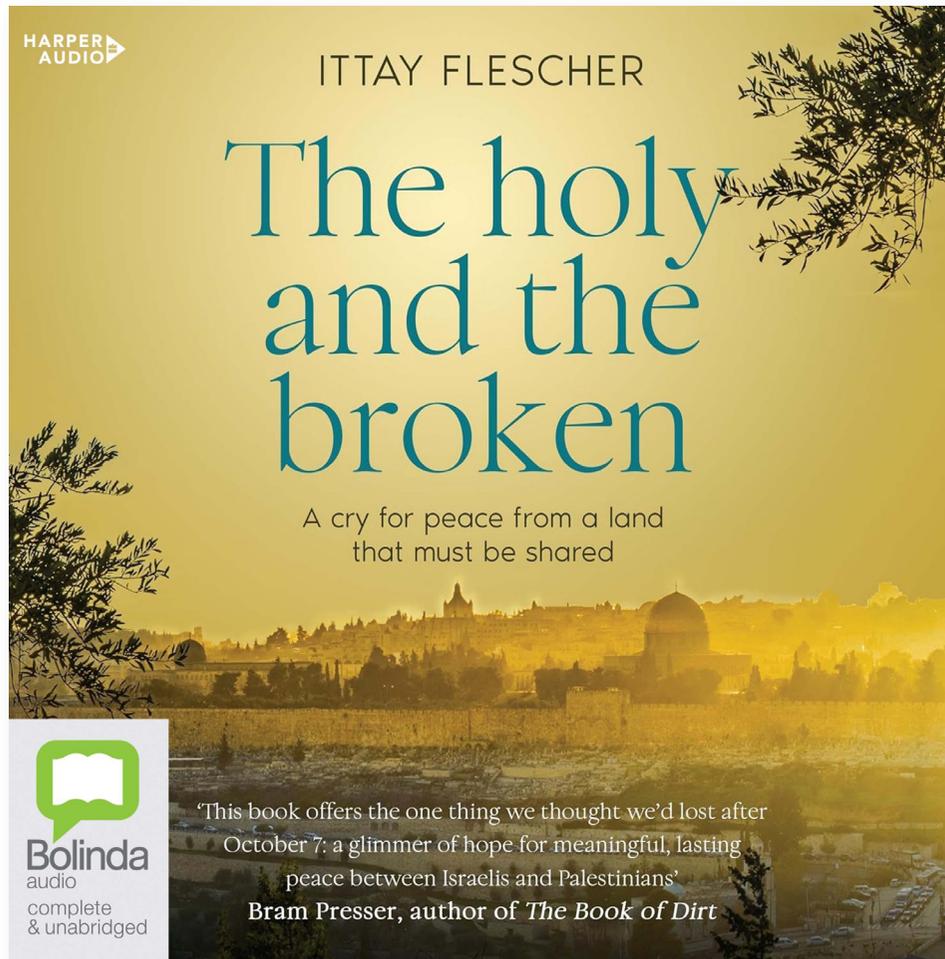
Ella Ward's memoir, *27 Letters to my Daughter*, was published in Australia in 2022

'A glorious novel: captivating, vibrant and original.' – Jess Dettmann, author of *Without Further Ado*

'The perfect read for anyone who loves getting lost in a story ... warm, smart, funny, and genuinely poignant ... delicious from beginning to end.' – Martha Beck, author of *The Way of Integrity*

The Holy and the Broken

Ittay Flescher
Read by Zev Levi



When dehumanisation and destruction become the norm, the cycle must be broken. *The Holy and the Broken* is a story that aims to comfort the troubled and trouble the comfortable.

For over 20 years, Ittay Flescher has worked as an educator, journalist and peacebuilder in Melbourne and Jerusalem. When he woke up on the morning of October 7, 2023 to the sounds of rocket sirens over Jerusalem and later saw the devastation of Gaza in response, the grief and sadness that engulfed him – and so many others – spurred him to consider: how do we find a way forward?

Following years spent facilitating dialogue between Jews, Muslims and Christians, Flescher believes that peace can only be found if we are willing to empathise with the pain of those who have hurt us most.

The Holy and the Broken challenges Palestinian and Israeli leaders, citizens and their supporters across the world to imagine a different reality; to look at history with a different eye; and to search for moments of engagement rather than resentment in the narratives of the past that each side tells about itself.

Ittay Flescher is the Education Director at Kids4Peace Jerusalem, an interfaith movement for Israelis and Palestinians and the Jerusalem Correspondent for *The Jewish Independent* from Australia

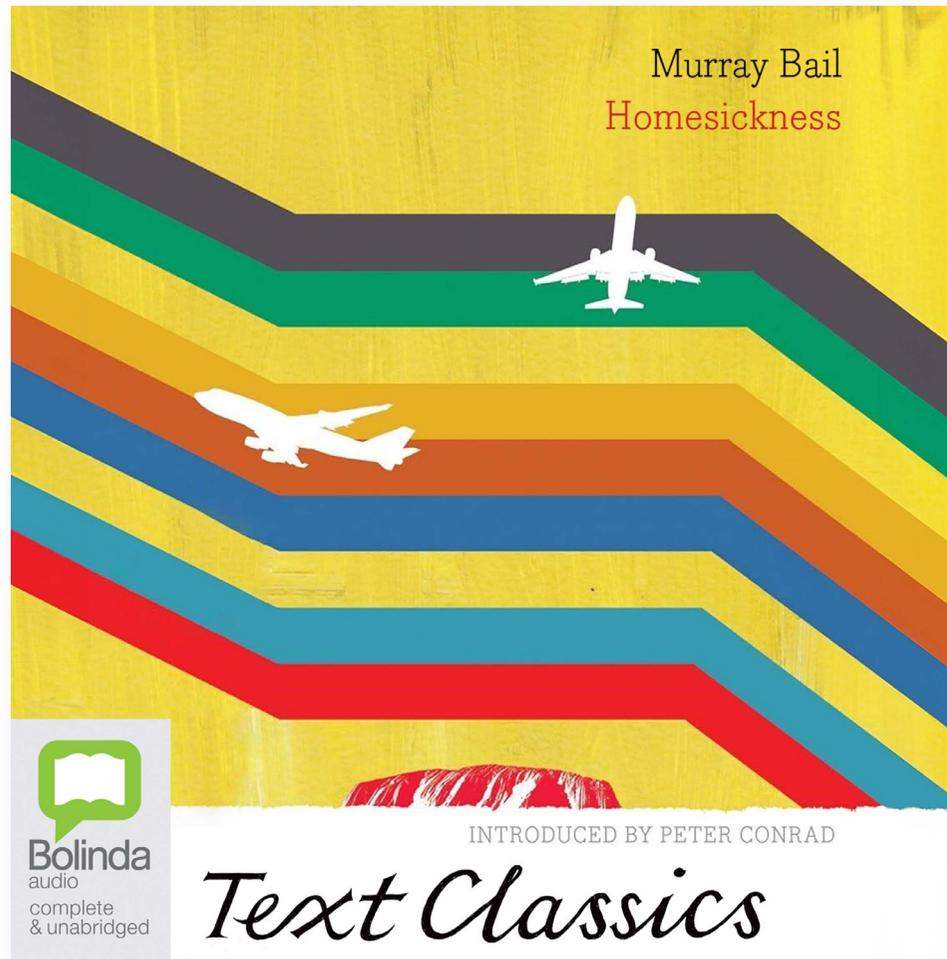
As an insightful analyst of Israeli politics, Flescher has been published in *Haaretz*, *Crikey*, *ABC Religion and Ethics*, *Jerusalem Post*, *Fathom* and many other publications and newspapers

'A book of rare insight and compassion, *The Holy and the Broken* offers the one thing we thought we'd lost after October 7: a glimmer of hope for meaningful lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians.' – Bram Presser, author of *The Book of Dirt*

Homesickness

Murray Bail

Narrator to be Announced



Thirteen Australian package tourists set off around the world on the holiday of a lifetime in this timeless story by Murray Bail.

It could almost have been their own country: these sections with the gums briefly framed like a traditional oil painting by the slowly passing window. The colours were as brown and parched; that chaff-coloured grass. Ah, this dun-coloured realism. Any minute now the cry of the crow or a cockatoo; but no.

Thirteen men and women travel the world on a package tour but wherever they go nothing is as it seems. Challenged by the unexpected, by differences and subtleties, Bail's tourists are in turn repelled and attracted – and all are altered.

Winner of the National Book Council Award for Australian Literature and the Age Book of the Year Award

Murray Bail is the author of *He*, *The Voyage*, *Eucalyptus*, *The Pages*, *Camouflage*, *Holden's Performance* and *The Drover's Wife and Other Stories*

Bail has won numerous awards, including the Commonwealth Writers' Prize and the Miles Franklin Literary Award for *Eucalyptus*

'Bizarre, playful and hilarious.' – Observer

'I found Murray Bail's novel Homesickness a work of brilliant and resonant artistry.'
– Australian Book Review

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Be Bad, Better

How Not Trying So Hard Will Set You Free

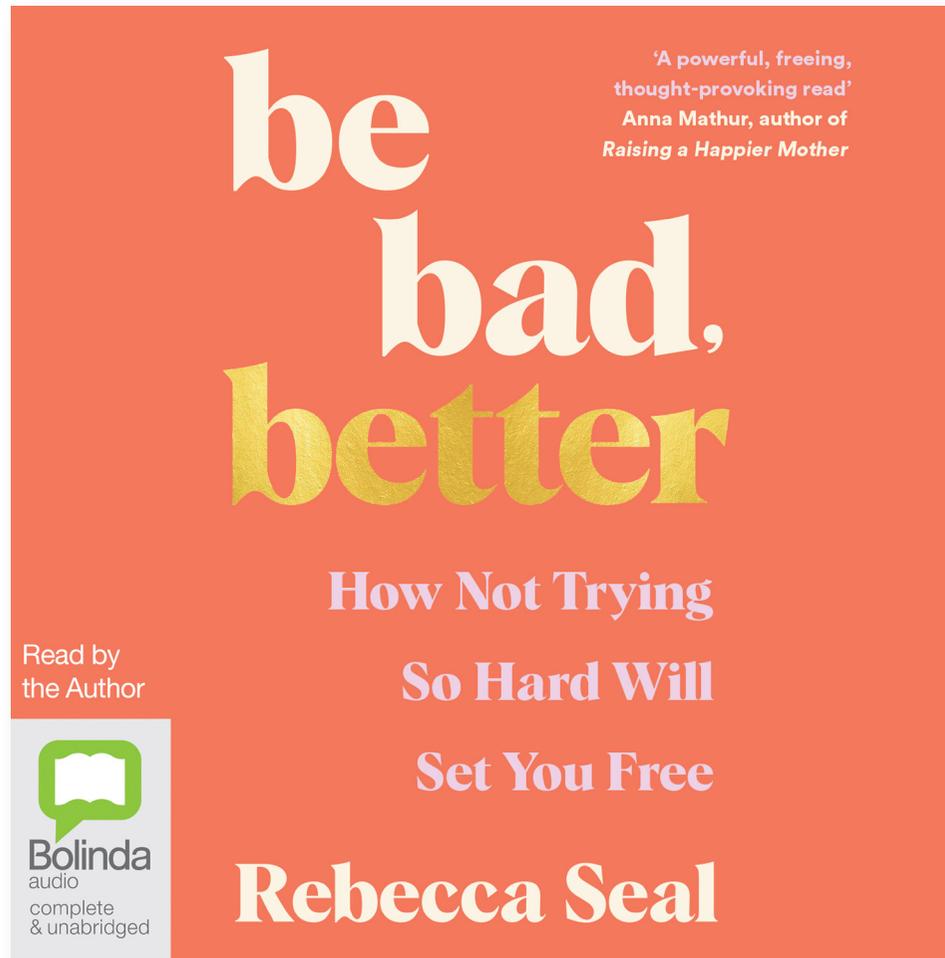
Rebecca Seal

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | February 2025

A self-help guide to re-evaluating our ideas of success, embracing being 'good enough' and not feeling bad about it.



At some point, you'll have absorbed the message that being good is to be calm, efficient and tidy. Wise and well-meaning people offer to help you become worthy, to be positive and productive and to always say 'yes, I can!' But what if this is wrong? And what if some of the things we've been told are bad, are just as useful as the good?

Blending science, expert interviews and practical advice, here is the flipside of everything we've been told we should be – and how the bad parts are really not so bad after all. You'll discover:

- Why it's helpful to feel angry
- How it's counterproductive to always be productive
- How laziness can improve your relationships
- Why your body is, and has always been, absolutely fine
- How clutter inspires creativity and enhances your sense of place
- Why mindlessness is good for your mental health

Be Bad, Better is not an invitation to start misbehaving but it is about taking what you think are your worst bits and asking what they could do to serve you.

Rebecca Seal is a features journalist, TV presenter and author based in London

Seal is the host of *The Solo Collective* podcast and author of *Solo: How to Work Alone (and Not Lose Your Mind)*

Seal has written cookbooks, appeared as a regular expert on Channel 4's *Sunday Brunch*, and written for publications across the board

'... powerful, freeing, thought provoking ... This is an invitation to stop labelling our behaviours and emotions as 'good' or 'bad', so that we might find compassion and transformative acceptance of all that lies in between.' – Anna Mathur, author of *Raising a Happier Mother*

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Trauma Proof

Healing, Attachment and the Science of Prevention

Benjamin Perks

Read by Andrew Wincott

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | February 2025

An expert's inspiring, deeply personal account of how childhood trauma can be overcome.

In recent years the word 'trauma' has become ubiquitous. Yet it remains widely misunderstood. In *Trauma Proof* international expert Benjamin Perks redefines how we see childhood trauma, and outlines a new path towards healing and prevention.

For 25 years, Perks has worked for the UN and UNICEF on eradicating global barriers to child wellbeing, including poverty, hunger, disease, the mobilisation of child soldiers and population displacement. But he has also been on a personal journey of healing from his own childhood, spent living in the UK's care system and on the streets.

Today, new research is revealing little-known aspects of childhood trauma. It is no surprise that it drives addiction or poor mental health. But how does it explain a heightened risk for heart disease or diabetes? Why does it so comprehensively correlate with poor life outcomes? And how can we not only heal from, but prevent, the types of experiences that negatively impact on child development?

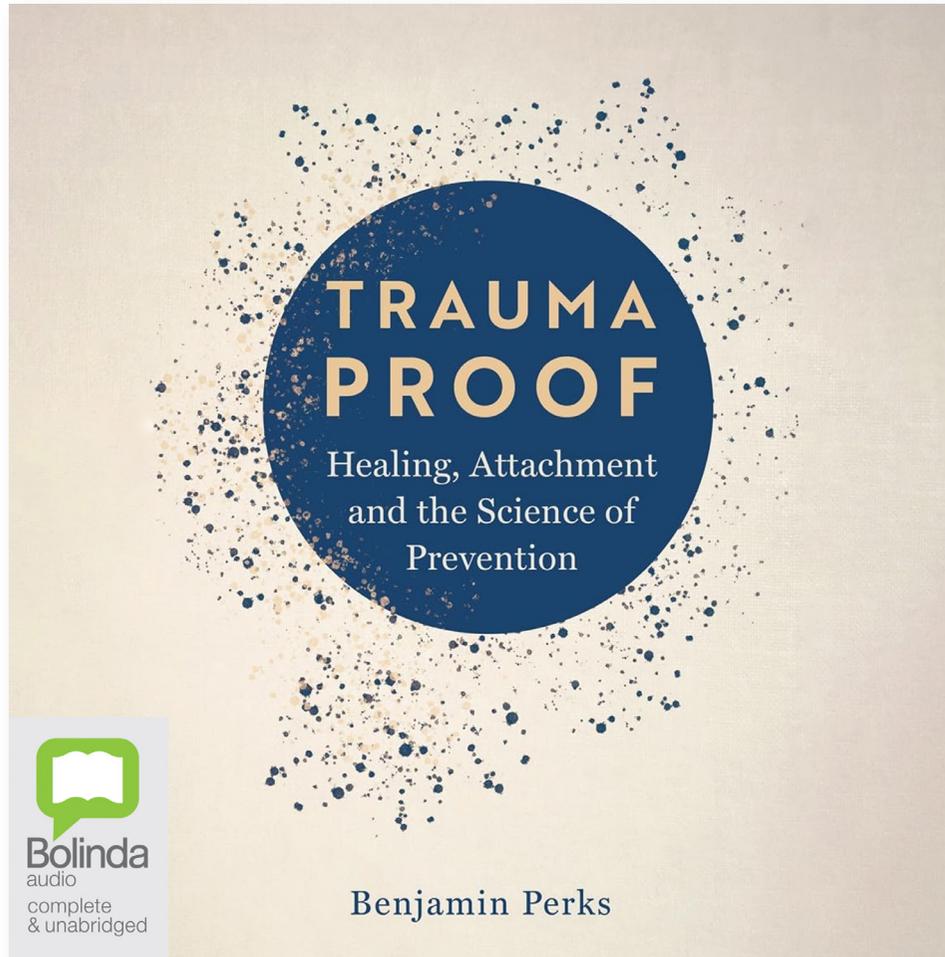
In *Trauma Proof*, Perks explains the science behind these findings, and argues that making simple changes can break damaging inter-generational cycles.

Benjamin Perks works for the UN in New York, campaigning on human rights and child development

Perks is a leading global advocate on issues related to child poverty, education, mental health, early childhood development and prevention of abuse and neglect

Perks is a Senior Fellow at the Jubilee Centre at the University of Birmingham in the UK

'Weaving together moving personal stories, compelling scientific evidence, and wise insights, Perks captures how childhood trauma is both a lasting wound and a harm we can heal.' – Adam Benforado, professor and author of *A Minor Revolution: How Prioritizing Kids Benefits Us All*



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Waiting for You

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An emotional and gripping story you won't be able to put down from international bestselling author Catherine Miller.

You'd never guess that Fliss Chapron doesn't have it all.

All Fliss wants is to see two blue lines telling her she is pregnant with her much longed for second baby. But as the negative tests stack up, dreams of completing her perfect family feel more hopeless every day.

After years of disappointment, Fliss's husband Ben is spending more time at the office than in their marital bed, and Fliss finds herself wondering who could be responsible for their inability to conceive another child. Yet, where do you lay the blame when it comes to having a child – and can anyone really be at fault ...

As Ben becomes increasingly distant, Fliss begins to question whether her desire for a baby is just a sticking plaster to save her marriage. Because in the end, how well can you ever know another person ... even the man you're married to?

Catherine Miller is the author of *The Day That Changed Everything*, *The Day He Disappeared*, *The Day I Lost Her* and *All That is Left of Us*

In 2015 Miller won the Katie Fforde bursary, was a finalist in the London Book Fair Write Stuff Competition and highly commended in Woman magazine's writing competition

Miller is one eighth of The Romaniacs – a group of writing friends who've supported each other since meeting through The Romantic Novelists' Association's New Writers' Scheme

'An emotional debut written straight from the heart.' – Julie Cohen, author of *Dear Thing*

'A great concept with a theme lots of women will relate to. I really enjoyed it.' – Katie Fforde, bestselling author of *A Summer at Sea*

Chrissy and the Burroughs Boy

A Levenham Love Story #4

Cathryn Hein

Read by Ayesha Tansey

Adult New Release

Romance | February 2025

A charming small-town romance from bestselling Australian author Cathryn Hein.

Chrissy James has only been home in small-town Levenham a few weeks when her teenage crush plays hero and saves her from an aggressive drunk. Seven years ago, Nick Burroughs was the school hottie while she was the overweight girl with braces, bad hair and an unrequited obsession with the sports star every girl in school wanted. Her failed efforts to attract Nick's attention still burn.

Chrissy sure has his attention now, but she's older, smarter and focused on settling into her new dream job as wine marketer. No matter how sexy he's grown, or how keen his interest, Nick will need to do a lot more than see off a drunk if he wants to win her over.

But Chrissy doesn't count on the determination of a Burroughs boy in love. Nick will do anything to recapture Chrissy's heart, even if it means acting the romantic fool and embarrassing himself in the process.

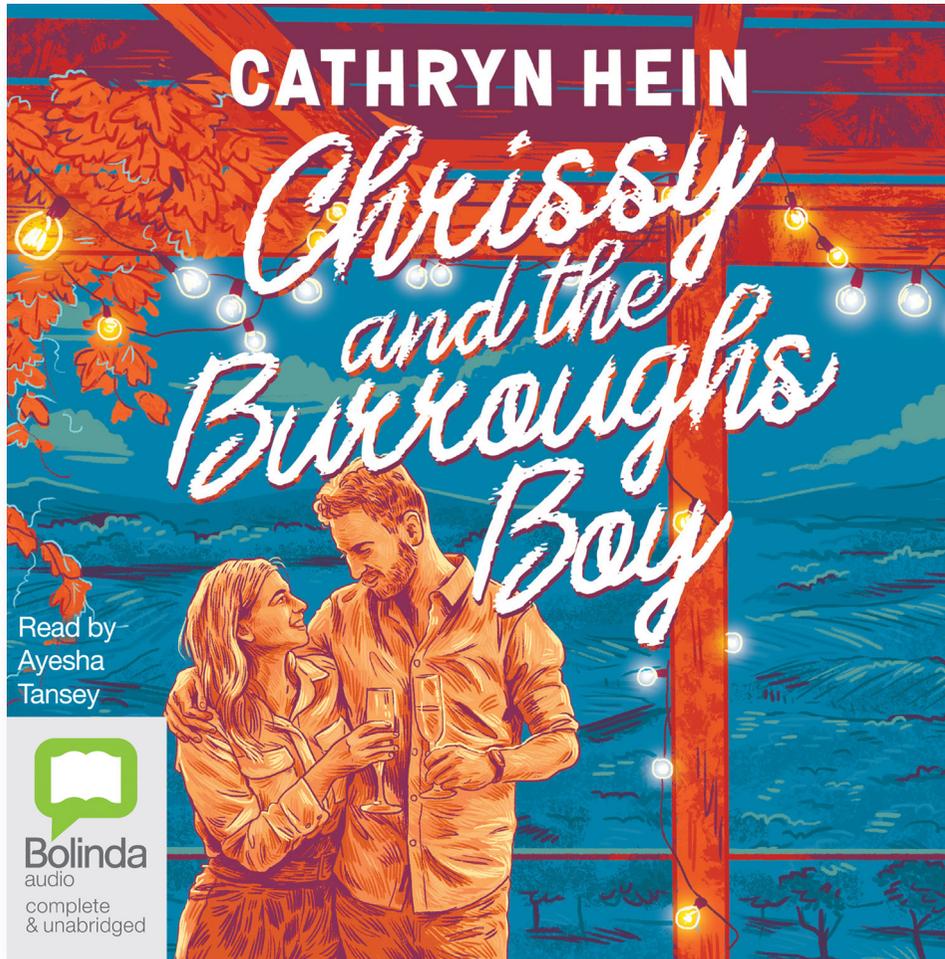
Will Nick's efforts to make amends for the past work or will Chrissy's career thwart everything?

Cathryn Hein is a bestselling author of rural romance and romantic adventure novels, as well as, Romance Writers of Australia Romantic Book of the Year finalist with *Santa and the Saddler*

Hein is a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist

'A lively, fun read from Cathryn Hein. Everyone should have a Nick in their lives. He's smart, sexy and just a little cheeky (okay, maybe a lot cheeky). Most of all, he's irresistible. Ms Hein charms us all the way to The End with innovative ways to romance the girl you didn't notice at school but sure as hell notice now. There is nothing Nick won't do to get Chrissy's attention in this heartwarming, youthful romp to an HEA.' – Juanita Kees, author of *Montana Baby*

'Cathryn Hein has written a wonderful, moving story exploring the themes of grief, guilt, family and love... I am happy to recommend it.' – Book'd Out' (on Heartland)



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An Orphan's Story

Cathy Sharp

Read by Antonia Beamish



The brand new emotional and heart-wrenching tale from the author of *The Lost Evacuee* and *The Boy with the Suitcase*.

In a time of war, an orphaned boy must embark on an epic journey ...

After the death of his beloved father, Arthur and a group of other young evacuees are sent far away to Canada for their own safety on the eve of the Second World War. Alone and afraid, with no family to protect him, Arthur faces an unknown future.

But even on the other side of the world he can't escape the war. Faced with more upheaval, Arthur begins to doubt he will ever find his forever family. With so much heartache and turmoil, can he hold on to his dream of love and happiness?

Cathy Sharp is the bestselling author of *The Orphans of Halfpenny Street* and *An Orphan's Dream*

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My Summer of Magic Moments

Caroline Roberts

Read by Hannah Genesisus



A gorgeous, heartwarming story to make your heart soar from the author of *The Cosy Teashop in the Castle*.

When a seaside escape spells a little romance ...

Claire is ready for a bright new chapter. Winding her way to the coast for a cosy cottage retreat, she prays that three weeks of blissful peace and summer sunshine will wash away the pain of the last year.

Claire's a survivor – she's growing proud of the scars that prove it – and she's determined to make the most of each and every day, to seize those little magic moments that give life its sparkle.

Her plan for peaceful solitude goes awry when handsome, brooding Ed turns up in the cottage next door. Will a little summer romance prove the worst distraction? Or might it be the perfect remedy?

Caroline Roberts is the author of *The Seaside Cocktail Campervan*, *The Torn Up Marriage* and *Summer at Rachel's Pudding Pantry*

Roberts enjoys writing about relationships; stories of love, loss and family, that explore how beautiful and sometimes complex love can be

'I loved this book. Pure escapism at its best.' – The Sun

'Such a wonderful book, heart-wrenching and uplifting and joyful!' – Cressida McLaughlin, author of *The Staycation*

After Life

Gayle Forman

Read by a Full Cast

A major new novel from the author of #1 *New York Times* bestseller *If I Stay*, Gayle Forman.

One spring afternoon after school, Amber arrives home on her bike. It's just another perfectly normal day. But when Amber's mom sees her, she screams.

Because Amber died seven years ago, hit by a car while on the very same bicycle she's inexplicably riding now.

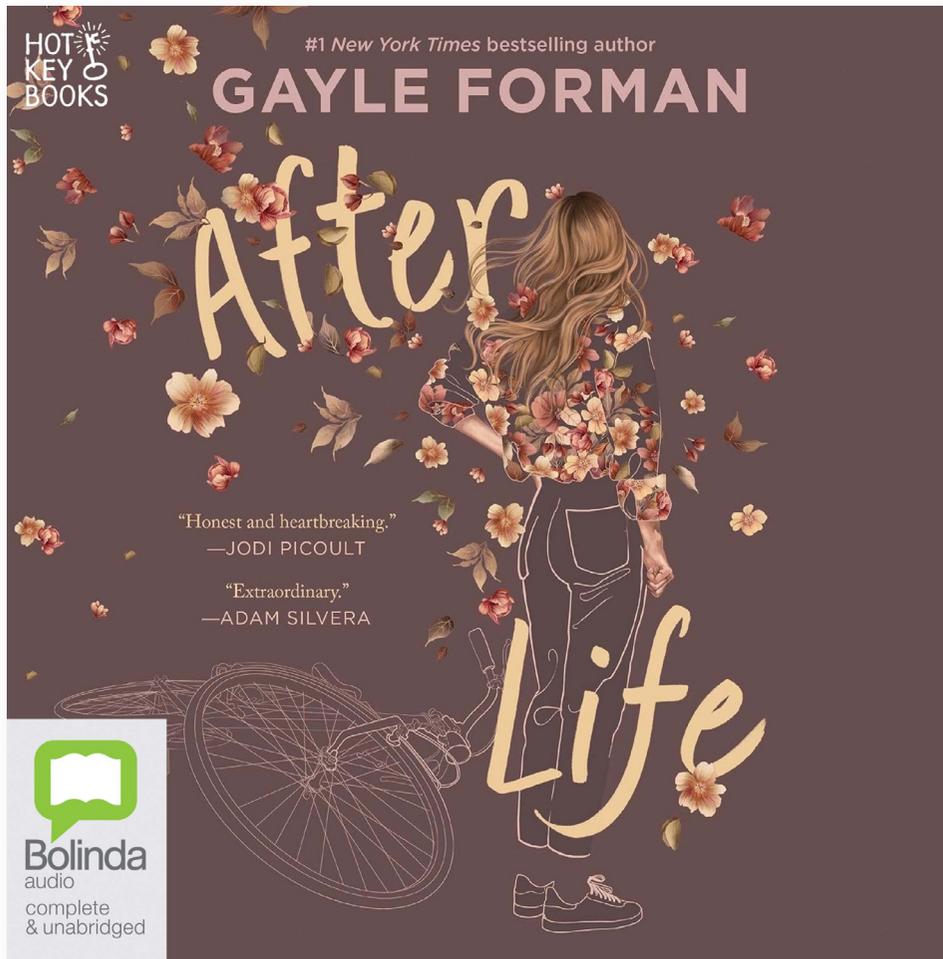
This return doesn't only impact Amber. Her sister, Melissa, now seven years older, must be a new kind of sibling to Amber. Amber's estranged parents are battling over her. And the changes ripple farther and farther out: Amber's friends, boyfriend and even people she met only once have been deeply affected by her life and death. In the midst of everyone's turmoil, Amber is struggling with herself. What kind of person was she? How and why was she given this second chance?

This magnificent tour de force by acclaimed author Gayle Forman brilliantly explores the porous veil between life and death, examines the impact that one person can have on the world, and celebrates life in all its beautiful complexity.

Award-winning author and journalist Gayle Forman has written several bestselling novels, including those in the Just One Day series, *Where She Went* and the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *If I Stay*

If I Stay has been translated into more than 40 languages and was adapted into a major motion picture

A former journalist, Forman's work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *People*, *Elle*, *Time*, *Seventeen* and more



A Little Place in Prague

Julie Caplin

Read by Olivia Mace



Cosy up with this swoon-worthy winter romance from bestselling author Julie Caplin.

It's been years since Anna has seen Leo Knight. And of all the apartments in all the cities in all the world, he just happens to walk in to her cosy new attic home – as her new housemate.

As the two walk the cobbled streets of Prague, taking in the sights and sounds from Wenceslas Square, frosted with snow, to the soft glow of candlelit Charles Bridge, the enchantment of the City of a Hundred Spires soon starts to work its magic on them ...

The Romantic Escapes series has been published in 20 territories from Brazil to Sweden and have become bestsellers in the Czech Republic, Germany and Italy

Julie Caplin's title *The Little Café in Copenhagen* was nominated for a Romantic Novel of the Year award

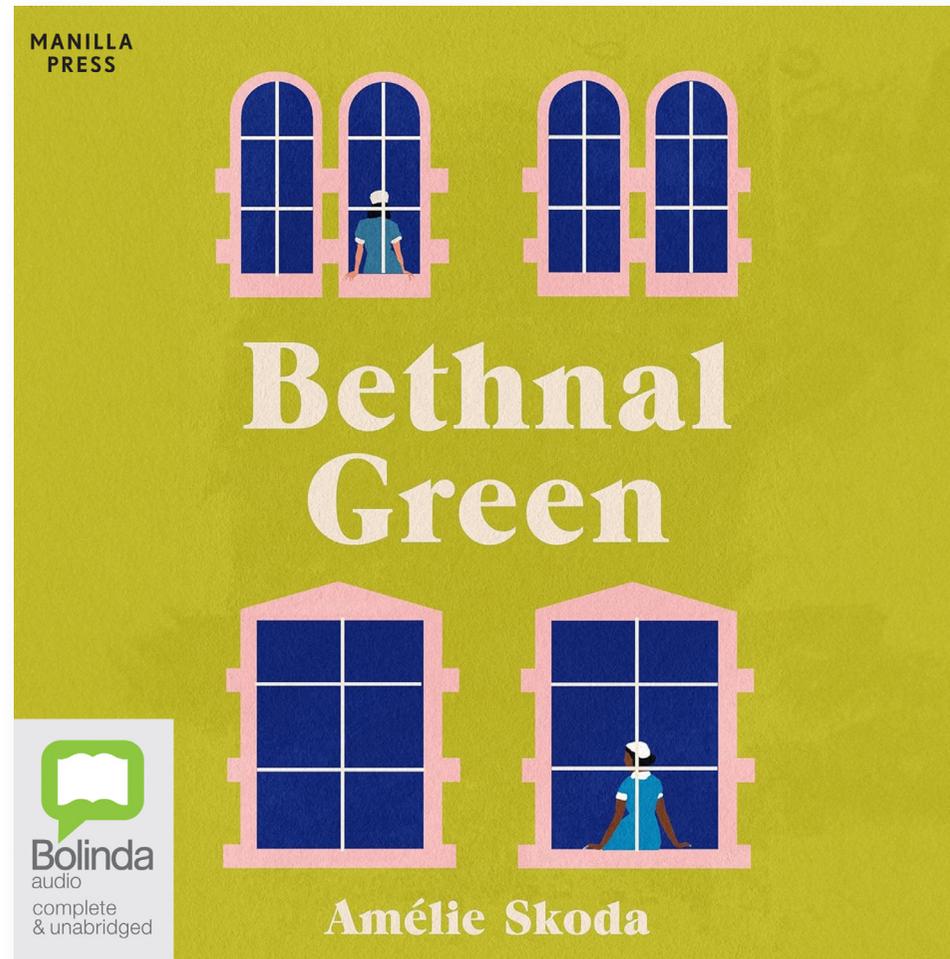
Caplin also writes bestselling novels as Jules Wake, which include *Covent Garden in the Snow*, *Notting Hill in the Snow*, *The Saturday Morning Park Run*, *From Italy with Love* and *The Spark*

'A gloriously satisfying escapist read!' – Kate Frost, bestselling author of *A Greek Island Escape* (on *The French Chateau Dream*)

Bethnal Green

Amélie Skoda

Narrator to be Announced



Bethnal Green vividly brings to life the experiences of women who came from across the world to join the NHS and build their lives in Britain in the 1970s.

Penang, 1971. When Suyin is offered the opportunity of a lifetime – a place as a trainee nurse in London’s Bethnal Green hospital – she jumps at the chance to leave her job as a seamstress and reunite with her sister, who left for the same path a year before.

However, without warning her sister returns to Penang, a shadow of her former self and Suyin is forced to leave without any answers. Suyin soon finds herself starting a new life in London, falling in love with the vibrant city and its people, and as she immerses herself in the gruelling but rewarding work of caring for her patients, she begins to understand what she really wants out of life ...

Bethnal Green explores the themes of sacrifice and heartbreak, the power of using your voice and the will to build a life of one’s own against the odds. It is also a powerful love letter to dedicated NHS workers from around the world, whose work touches countless lives every day.

For fans of *Small Island* by Andrea Levy and *Brooklyn* by Colm Tóibín

Bethnal Green was shortlisted for the 2021 Mo Siewcharran Prize

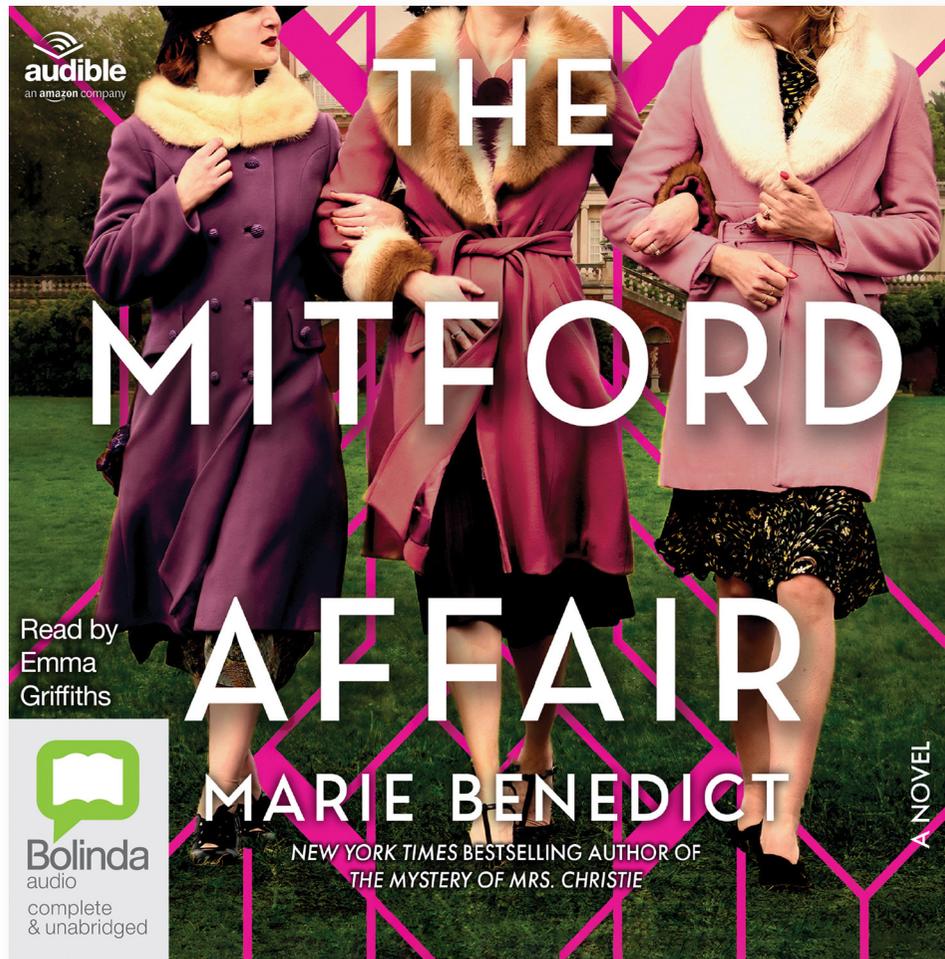
Amélie Skoda studied English at University College London and has an MA in Creative Writing from Royal Holloway, University of London

‘This is a gentle and tender novel, even though it does include solemn and traumatic events, there is a nurse’s dignity and compassion to the voice, and throughout there’s a sense of trying to look for shared humanity, even when life is at its most bewildering and isolating.’ – LoveReading

The Mitford Affair

Marie Benedict

Read by Emma Griffiths



From *New York Times* bestselling author Marie Benedict comes an explosive story of history's most notorious sisters, one of whom will have to choose: her country or her family?

Between the World Wars, the six Mitford sisters – each more beautiful, brilliant and eccentric than the next – dominate the English political, literary and social scenes. Though they've weathered scandals before, the family falls into disarray when Diana divorces her wealthy husband to marry a fascist leader and Unity follows her sister's lead all the way to Munich, inciting rumours that she's become Hitler's mistress.

As the Nazis rise in power, novelist Nancy Mitford grows suspicious of her sisters' constant visits to Germany and the high-ranking fascist company they keep. When she overhears alarming conversations and uncovers disquieting documents, Nancy must make excruciating choices as Great Britain goes to war with Germany.

Probing the torrid political climate in the lead-up to World War II and the ways that seemingly sensible people can be sucked into radical action, *The Mitford Affair* follows Nancy's valiant efforts to stop the Nazis from taking over Great Britain, and the complicated choices she must make between the personal and the political.

Marie Benedict is the author of *The Other Einstein*, *Carnegie's Maid*, *The Only Woman in the Room* and *Lady Clementine*

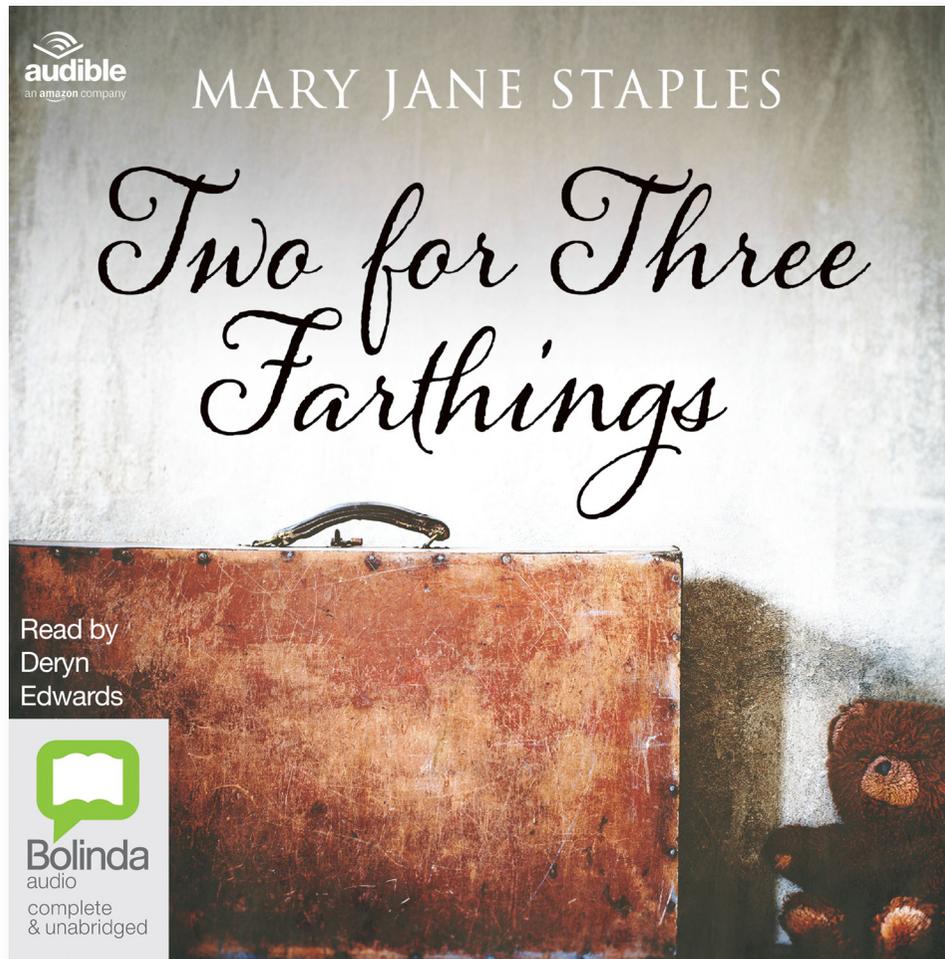
Benedict is also the author of instant *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, *The Personal Librarian*, *Her Hidden Genius* and *The First Ladies*

'Captures the mood of a certain element of upper-class England in the years leading up to World War II. Appearances by historical figures like Winston Churchill and Evelyn Waugh round out the story. Fans of World War II historical fiction will be fascinated.' – Library Journal

Two for Three Farthings

Mary Jane Staples

Read by Deryn Edwards



A wonderful saga of Cockney life from the bestselling author, Mary Jane Staples.

Horace was ten, Ethel seven, when Jim Cooper, home from the trenches, minus an arm and just about managing on his own, found them huddled in a doorway on a wet night in Walworth. Slightly against his better judgement he took them in, fed them cocoa and put them to sleep in his bed.

A few days later he found that – somehow – he had become the unofficial guardian of Horace and Ethel. It was him, the orphanage, or separation for the gutsy little pair who would have to be farmed out to anyone who would take them, and Jim felt a sudden affinity for the two cheeky cockney kids. The first thing he had to do was find fresh lodgings for them all.

Miss Rebecca Pilgrim was a woman of strict Victorian principles, eminently respectable and determined to keep her privacy intact. She had reckoned without her new lodgers – Horace, Ethel and, above all, the irrepressible Jim Cooper.

Mary Jane Staples was the author of many bestselling titles including the ever-popular cockney sagas featuring the Adams family

Staples was born, bred and educated in Walworth, where many of her novels are set

'Mary Jane Staples makes you care about her characters, which explains why her books have enjoyed so much popularity.' – Take a Break

'Mary Jane Staples completely capture the feel of the period and the essence of the people ... has warmth, humour and charm.' – Finesse

Bingsu for Two

Sujin Witherspoon

Read by Keong Sim



This infuriatingly adorable enemies-to-lovers coffee shop romance follows two teens who begrudgingly fake a relationship online to save their failing Korean cafe.

Meet River Langston-Lee. In the past 24 hours, he's dumped his girlfriend, walked out of his SATs, and quit his job at his parents' Seattle cafe in spectacularly disastrous fashion – even for him.

Somehow, he manages to talk his way into a job at a failing Korean cafe, Bingsu for Two. This could be his lucky break – but then he meets grumpy goth Sarang Cho, his new, no-BS co-worker, and she is as determined to make River's life hell as she is to save her family's cafe.

After River accidentally uploads a video of his chaotic co-workers to his popular fandom account, the cafe strikes viral fame. The kicker? Their new fans are putting River and Sarang together, big-time. In order to keep the internet's attention – and the cafe's new paying customers – River and Sarang must pretend that the tension between them is definitely of the romantic variety, not the considering the best way to kill you and hide your body variety.

But when Bingsu for Two's newfound success catches the attention of River's ex and his parents' cafe around the corner, he faces a choice: keep letting others control his life or stand up for the place that's become home. And a green-haired girl who's not as heartless as he originally thought ...

Perfect for fans of Jenny Han and *Better Than the Movies*

Sujin Witherspoon is a Korean-American author and artist. She earned her degree in English from the University of Washington

'With her ability to balance the vulnerability of her characters with laugh-out-loud humor, Witherspoon is a talent to watch.' – Axie Oh, *New York Times* bestselling author of *XOXO* and *The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea*

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Diana the Huntress

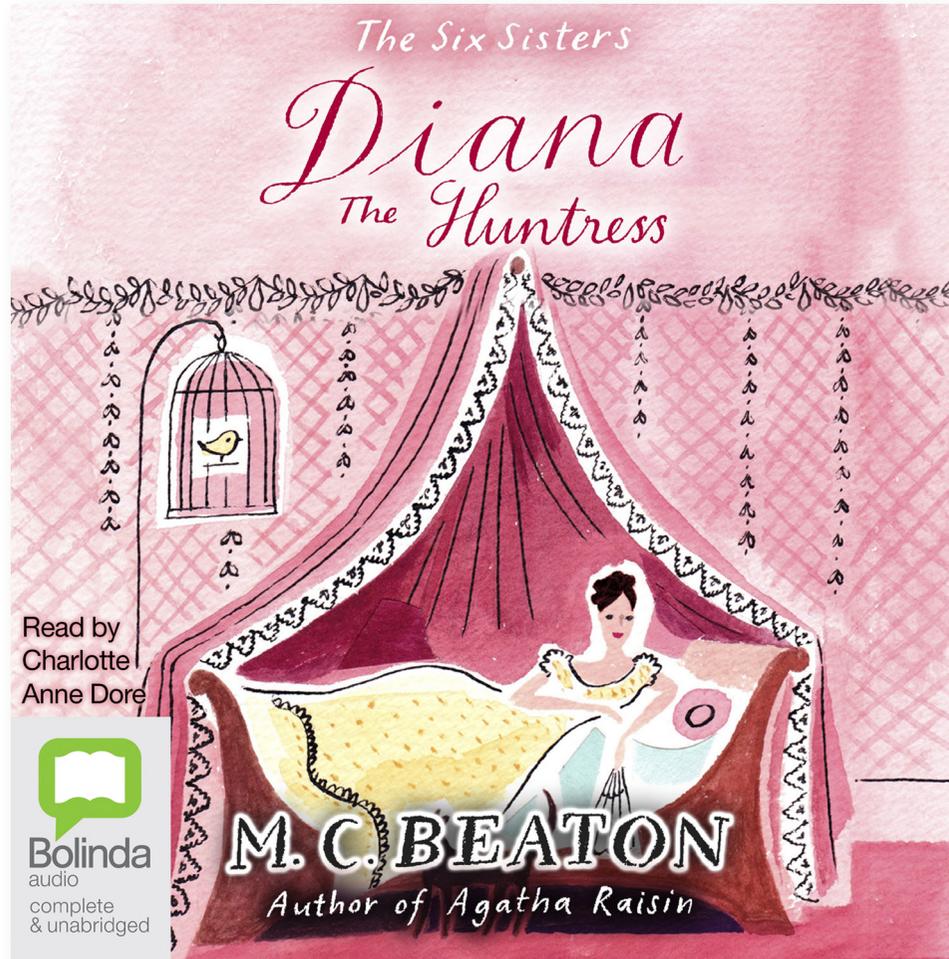
The Six Sisters #5

M.C. Beaton

Read by Charlotte Anne Dore

Adult New Release

Romance | February 2025



The bad-mannered black sheep of the Armitage sisters finds love in spite of herself in this Regency romp from the *New York Times* bestselling author.

It seems as if there will be no need to find a husband for Diana, the fifth daughter of Charles Armitage, the hard-drinking huntsman and country vicar. For Diana shares her father's passion for the hunt, secretly posing as a man in order to participate in a sport that is considered too vulgar for a lady in Regency England. Her four elder sisters have married well, but Diana fears she will never be as desirous to wed a man as she is to be one. She was born to have a man's freedom to do and say what she wishes, to move about without restraint – or so she thinks until, disguised as David Armitage, she gets a bitter taste of tawdry town life.

Diana decides that life as a lady might not be so bad – if only she were permitted to hunt. But Lady Godolphin, Diana's well-meaning if eccentric cousin, will have none of that. She was instrumental, she tells herself, in finding fine husbands for the older Armitage girls and she is determined not to fail Diana. A certain Viscount, Lord Charles Dantry, does not play by the rules, however, upsetting all the best-laid plans to turn Diana into a proper young lady. Diana the huntress becomes the hunted and learns that there is another, infinitely more exciting, kind of chase.

M.C. Beaton is the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Agatha Raisin series – the basis for the hit show on Acorn TV and public television

Known as the 'Queen of Crime', Beaton was born in Scotland and started her career writing historical romances under several pseudonyms as well as her maiden name, Marion Chesney

Beaton's titles have been translated into 17 languages and have sold more than 22 million copies worldwide

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Last of the Wilds

Age of the Five #2

Trudi Canavan

Read by Sarah Douglas

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | February 2025

The war between the Circlians and Pentadrians is over, but the cost has been high on both sides.

Although the architect of the White's victory, Auraya's first taste of war has left her sleep filled with nightmares. She walks in fields of blood while the dead rise in accusation. You killed us. You. It seems Auraya will know no peace while these nightmares haunt her, but the only one she trusts to help has vanished.

The Dreamweaver, Leiard, still struggling to come to terms with the ever more powerful memories of the long-dead Mirar, flees into the mountains with Emerahl, perhaps the last of the Wilds. Although not a Dreamweaver herself, Emerahl is powerfully gifted, and helps Leiard to make sense of his strange jumble of memories. What they discover will change his life forever.

And far to the south, the Pentadrians lick their wounds and set about finding a new leader. Peace, it seems, must wait a while yet ...

In 1999 Trudi Canavan won the Aurealis Award for Best Fantasy Short Story with *Whispers of the Mist Children*, and in the same year she was granted a writer's residency at Varuna Writers' Centre in Katoomba, New South Wales

The first instalment in the series, *Priestess of the White*, reached number three in the *Sunday Times* hardback fiction bestseller list, staying in the top ten for six weeks

Canavan's title *The Magician's Apprentice* won the Best Fantasy Novel category of the Aurealis Awards

'A wonderfully and meticulously detailed world, and an edge-of-the-seat plot, this book is a must for lovers of good fantasy.' – Jennifer Fallon, author of *The Demon Child Trilogy* (on the *Black Magician Trilogy*)

'This series is one of the best I have ever read in my life. I do not know quite how to describe it: it is just amazing, outstanding un-put-down-able.' – *The Guardian* (on the *Black Magician Trilogy*)

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My Lucky Life in and out of Show Business

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Autobiography | February 2025

A Memoir

Dick Van Dyke

Read by the Author

A lively, heartwarming memoir of a performer who still thinks of himself as a 'simple song-and-dance man,' but who is, in every sense of the word, a classic entertainer.

Dick Van Dyke, indisputably one of the greats of the golden age of television, is admired and beloved by audiences the world over for his beaming smile, his physical dexterity, his impeccable comic timing, his ridiculous stunts and his unforgettable screen roles.

His trailblazing television program, *The Dick Van Dyke Show* (produced by Carl Reiner, who has written the foreword to this memoir), was one of the most popular sitcoms of the 1960s and introduced another major television star, Mary Tyler Moore. But Dick Van Dyke was also an enormously engaging movie star whose films, including *Mary Poppins* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, have been discovered by a new generation of fans and are as beloved today as they were when they first appeared.

A colourful, loving, richly detailed look at the decades of a multilayered life, *My Lucky Life In and Out of Show Business*, will enthral every generation of listeners, from baby-boomers who recall when Rob Petrie became a household name, to all those still enchanted by Bert's 'Chim Chim Cher-ee'.

Dick Van Dyke is an internationally recognised and accomplished performer, and has been a recipient of the Theatre World Award, a Tony, a Grammy and Emmy awards

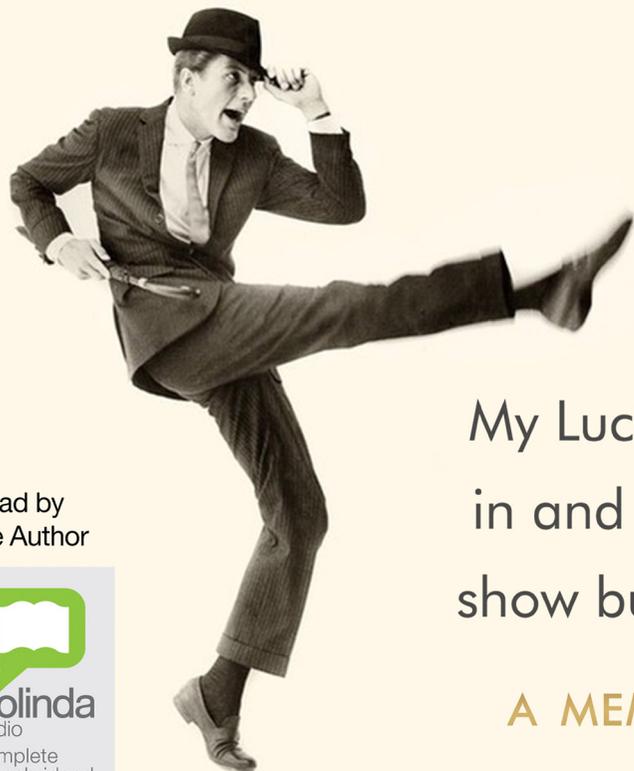
In honour of Van Dyke's on-going contribution to the world of entertainment and charity, he was the recipient of the 2013 SAG Life Achievement Award

'In my opinion, 'Luck' has little to do with Dick Van Dyke's life. It is, rather, his innate kindness and talent that have had an extraordinary effect in shaping the man. And what a fascinating self-portrait he's given us in this book.' – Mary Tyler Moore, American actress

'Van Dyke tells a wonderful story about himself and his times. And – in an often surprisingly relevant manner – our times. We've always liked the performer – it's hard not to like Dick Van Dyke – but this will will make you admire him.' – Playbill

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Dick Van Dyke



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Book of Everything!

Tom Gates #22

Liz Pichon

Read by Mathew Baynton

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2025

The ultimate audiobook for Tom Gates fans to listen to all year round! Packed with brand new activities, makes and stories including games for recording words that make you laugh, making a Christmas decoration, summer reading lists and much, much more!

The ultimate audiobook of, well, everything you would want to find in another hilarious Tom Gates audiobook by the amazing Liz Pichon. What's this one about? Everything!

Packed with brand new activities, makes and stories and unique Tom Gates stuff to do which will keep you busy all year round, including:

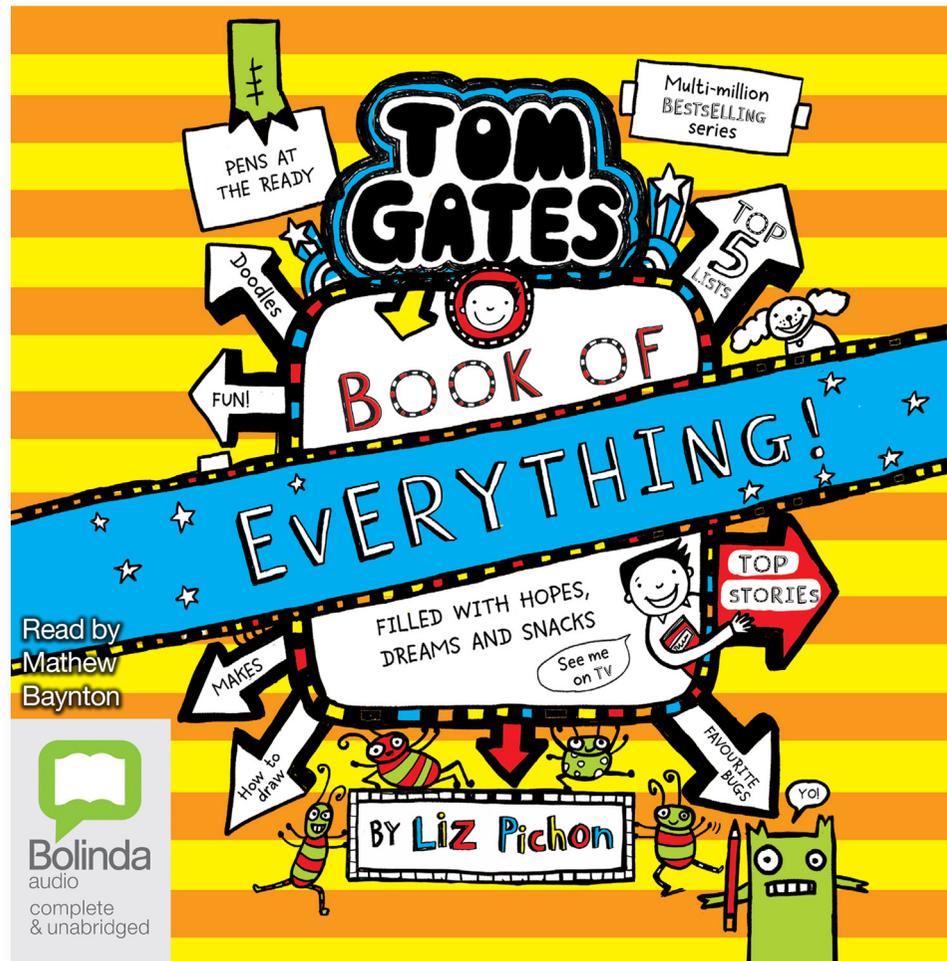
- Doodling tips
- Recording words which make you laugh
- Photo gallery of your friends
- Summer reading lists

And much, much more.

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Liz Pichon's bestselling Tom Gates series has been translated into 44 languages and has sold over 11 million copies around the world

Pichon has won the Roald Dahl Funny Prize, The Red House Book Award Best Book for Young Readers, the Waterstone's Best Fiction for 5–12 Year Olds Prize and the Blue Peter Award for Best Story



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Fluff, Bullies Beware!

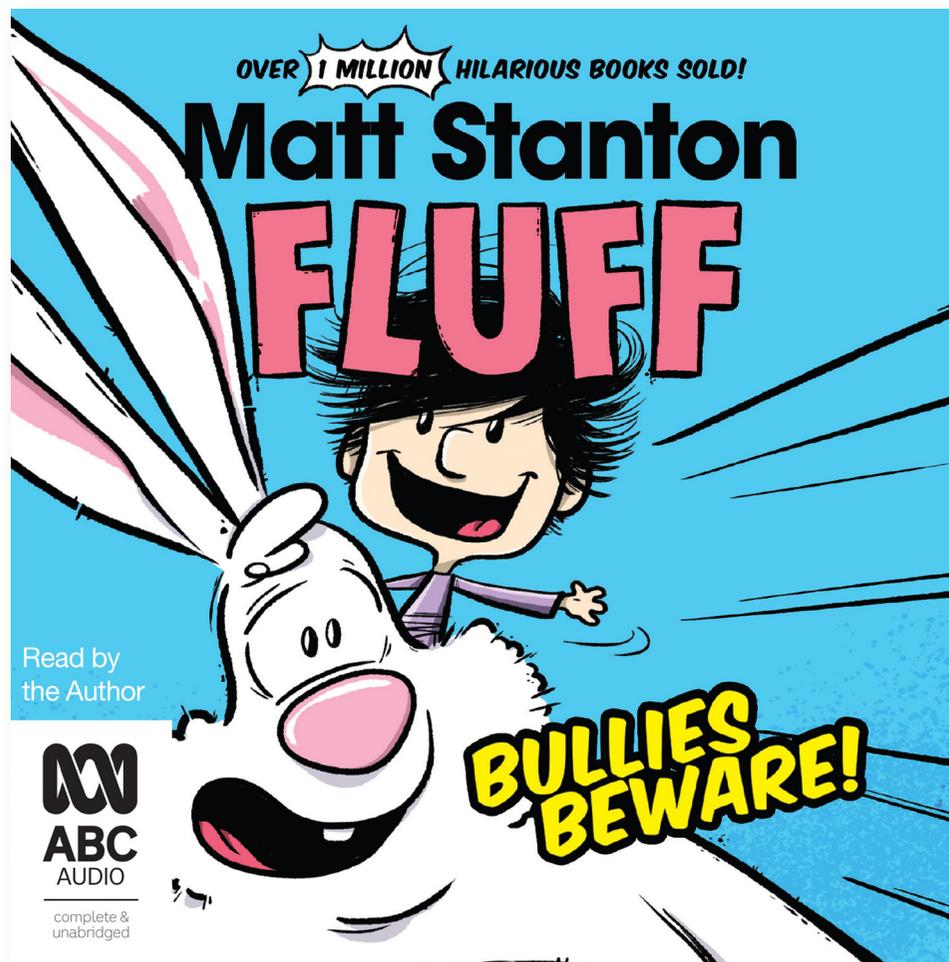
Fluff #1

Matt Stanton

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

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The hilarious and unmissable new series about Gilbert, a boy whose best friend is an imaginary giant fluffy bunny called Fluff, from the creator who brought us *The Odds*, *Funny Kid* and *Bored*.

Gilbert's underpants are hanging on the school gate.

He must get revenge on the bully who put them there, and who better to help than A BUNNY WITH ATTITUDE!

A hilarious story full of heart and packed with drones, wedgies, rockets and Parmesan cheese!

From the creator of *Funny Kid* and *The Odds* comes the best friend you could ever imagine ... Fluff!

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Matt Stanton is a bestselling children's author and illustrator who has sold more than one million books

Stanton is the author of the middle-grade series, *Funny Kid*, which debuted as the #1 Australian kids' book and has fans all around the world

'Another winning series.' – Books+Publishing (on the *Bored* series)

'This hilarious new series continues to be a standout.' – Better Reading (on *Bored: Frog's Mystery Twin*)

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Mog Tales

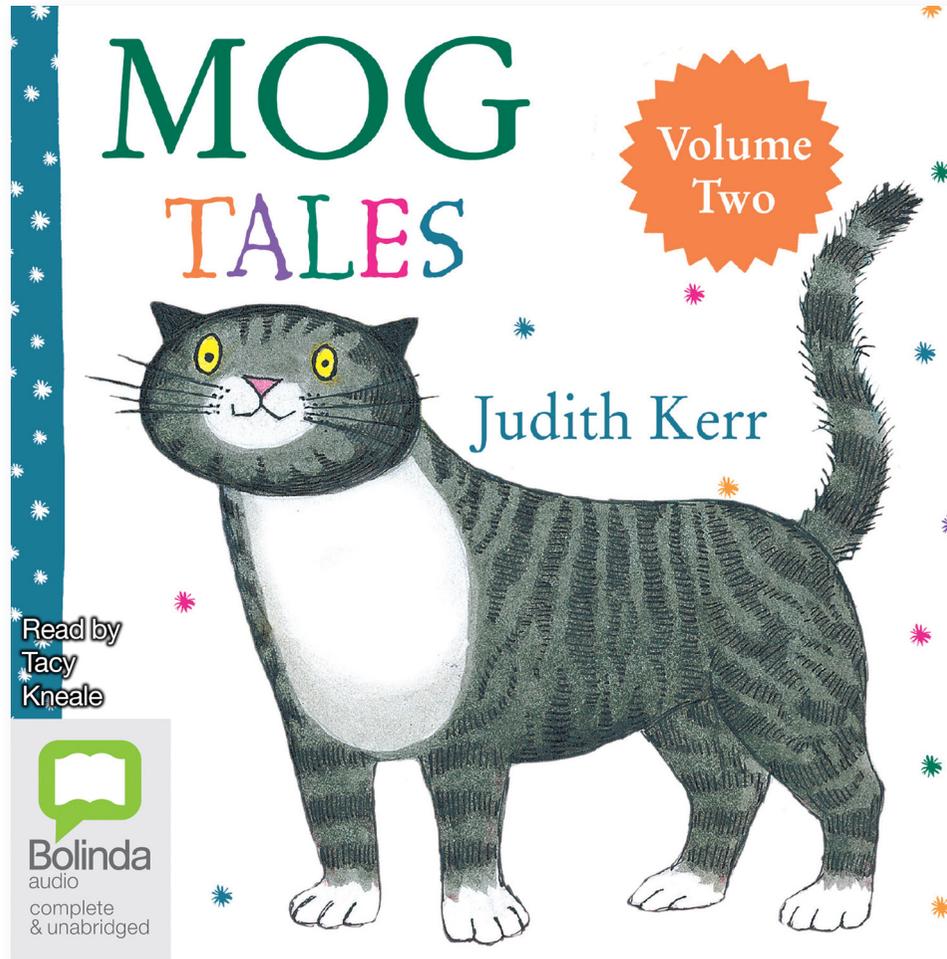
Mog the Cat

Judith Kerr

Read by Tacy Kneale

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2025



Join everyone's favourite family cat in this delightful collection of classic stories, full of her warm-hearted and funny escapades.

Share in 50 years of a really remarkable cat with this stunning audio edition, read beautifully by Judith Kerr's daughter, Tacy Kneale.

From the creator of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *Mog the Forgetful Cat* comes a remarkable audio collection of six delightful family adventures about a really remarkable cat!

Featuring six funny and exciting classic stories:

- *Mog in the Dark*
- *Mog and the Bunny*
- *Mog on Fox Night*
- *Mog and the Granny*
- *Goodbye Mog*
- *Mog's Bad Thing*

Judith Kerr was awarded the BookTrust Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 and was named Illustrator of the Year at the British Book Awards in 2019

Kerr was the author of the much-loved classic and perennial bestseller *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*

'Kerr's warmth, humour and honesty make this an engaging introduction to a difficult topic.' – Financial Times (on *Goodbye Mog*)

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Bunny vs Monkey and the League of Doom!

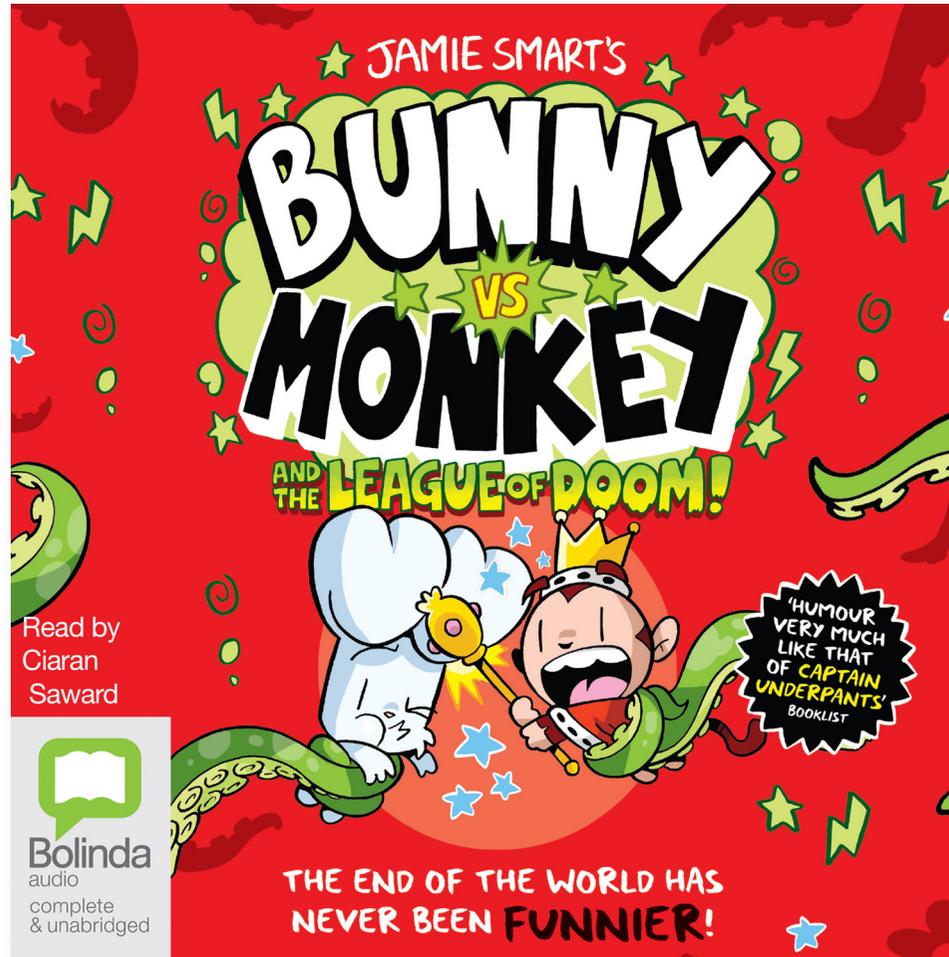
Bunny vs Monkey

Jamie Smart

Read by Ciaran Saward

Children's New Release

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Join Jamie Smart in a hilarious middle-grade adventure based on the bestselling comics series that will have listeners of all ages laughing out loud.

Since he crash-landed to Earth in a rocket, Monkey has been causing absolute mayhem! Bunny and the gang (Squirrel, Pig, Action Beaver and Skunky the Inventor) have almost had enough. Monkey's eternal struggle for world domination is getting more ridiculous every day, and it's impossible to predict which bizarre plan he's going to put into action next ...

In this comic extravaganza, the pint-sized friends must face a giant robot whale, a pig cannon, a camping trip that goes wrong ... oh, and the actual end of the world! Can Bunny and Co stop the apocalypse before it's too late?!

Produced with sound design for an immersive listening experience

Jamie Smart has worked extensively for *The Dandy*, *The Beano*, *The DFC*, *The Phoenix*, as well as *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Times*, *Mega*, *Toxic*, *Doctor Who Adventures* and others

Smart's *Fish-Head Steve* has been shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize

The Bunny vs Monkey series has sold over 1 million copies worldwide

'It's a comic extravaganza ... Irresistible!' – LoveReading4Kids

'Recommend this to fans of James Kolchalka's quirky brand of humor. More fun – and silliness – than a barrel of monkeys.' – Kirkus Reviews (on *Bunny vs Monkey*)

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The Bravest Kid I've Ever Known

and other Naughty Stories for Good Boys and Girls

Christopher Milne

Read by Silas Aiton

Children's New Release

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An audiobook of naughty stories for good boys and girls from Australian author Christopher Milne.

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Christopher Milne

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Silas Aiton



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These disgusting stories are for good boys and girls only. Naughty children will only be tempted to sickie-burp in someone's face, or spread nasty rumours, or blame a stinky fart on someone else. You've been warned!

Milne is an Australian actor and award winning writer who has scripted numerous episodes of *Prisoner* and *Neighbours*, as well as appearing on the shows as a performer

Christopher Milne has written children's books for many years, and his *Naughty Stories for Good Boys and Girls* is a winner of The Young Australians Best Book Award

Milne also played the character of Philip Martin on the Australian soap opera *Neighbours* in 1985 and Ben Mazzini in *Water Under The Bridge*

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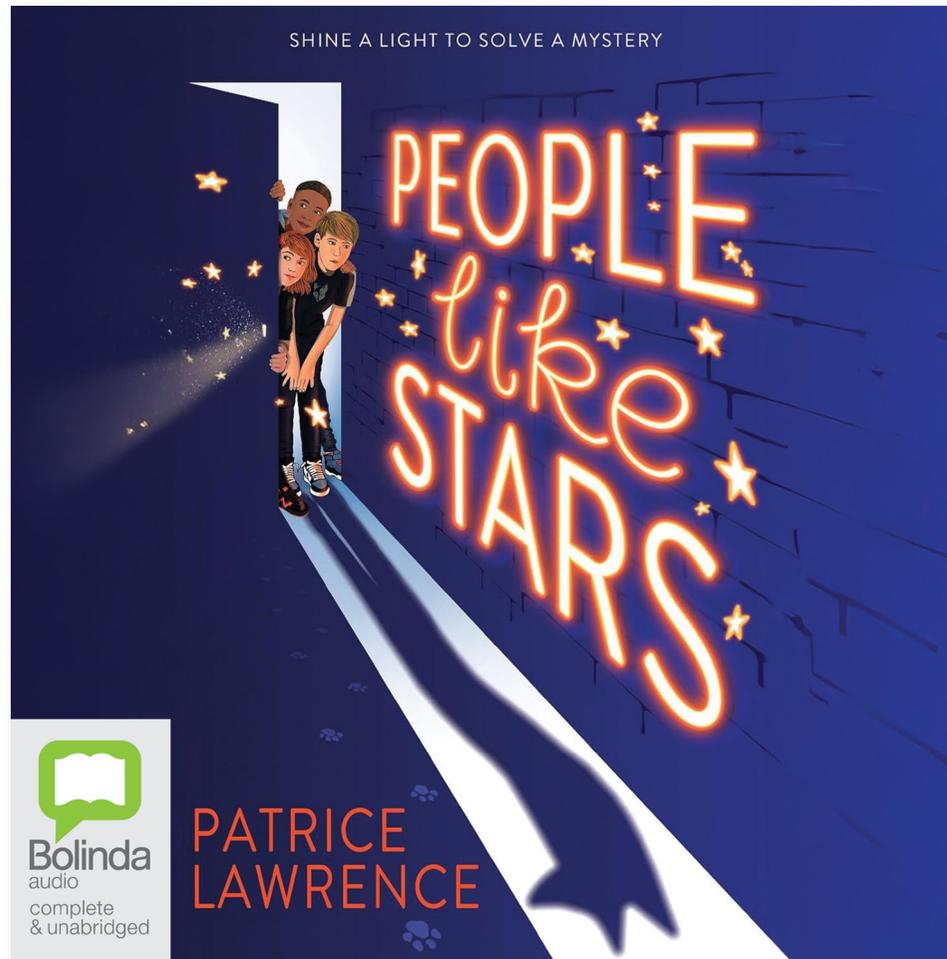
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People Like Stars

Patrice Lawrence

Read by Matthew Biddulph & Karise Yansen



An exploration of fractured families, long-buried secrets and the power of friendship, told with warmth and compassion, from multi-award-winning author Patrice Lawrence.

12 year old Ayrton and his mum have recently moved back to the area they lived in when he was a baby – the area they fled after a local woman stole him away from Mum when she was out shopping, thankfully returning him after only a short time had passed.

Mum is suffocatingly over-protective of Ayrton, who just wants to be a normal boy. At his new school, he discovers that his new friend Stanley is linked to him in an astonishing way – Stanley's grandma was the woman who took Ayrton while his mum's back was turned. She became estranged from her own family because of her actions and Stanley has never known her.

Together the boys decide to track down the grandma – now a famous artist with the Banksy-style pseudonym Vixen – but will Ayrton's mother get answers to the questions that torment her, and will Ayrton be able to live a more free life?

Patrice Lawrence is an award-winning writer, whose debut YA novel, *Orangeboy*, won the Bookseller YA Prize and the Waterstones Prize for Older Children's Fiction and was shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award

Lawrence's subsequent novels have been much acclaimed and frequent visitors to prize lists including the Jhalak Children's and Young Adult Prize 2021 and the YA Book Prize 2021

Kumiko and the Dragon Collection

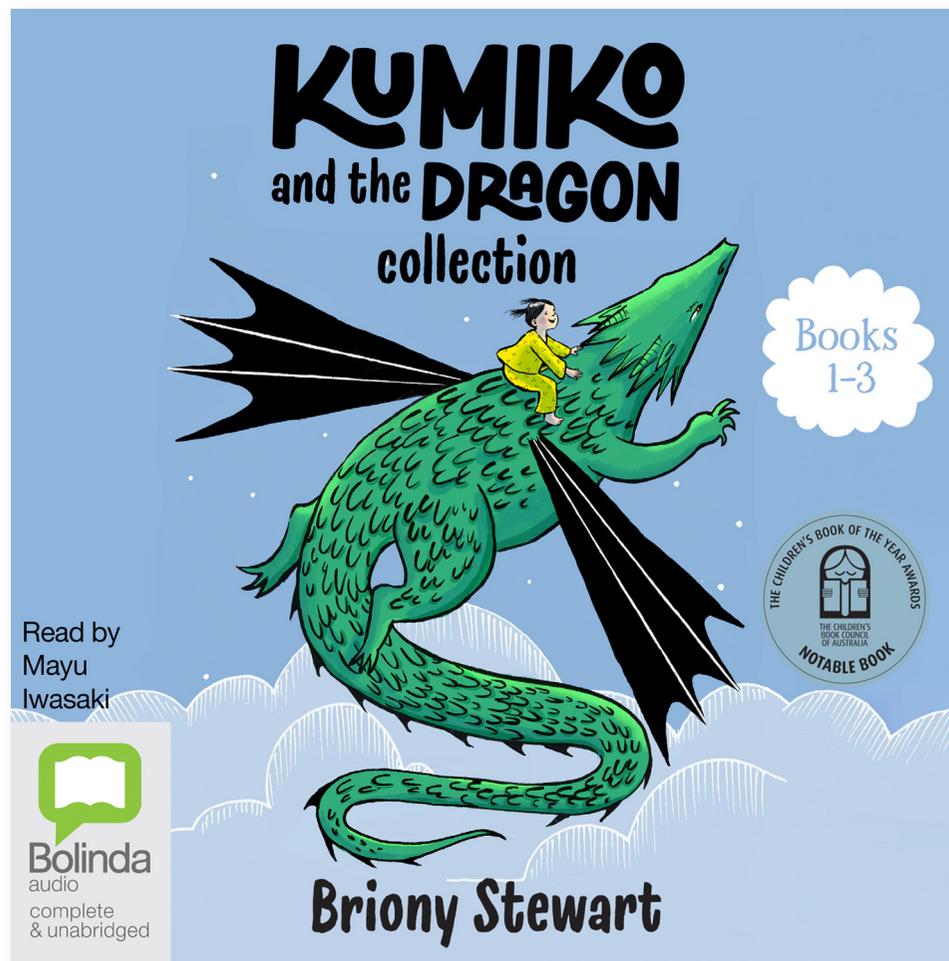
Kumiko #1–3

Briony Stewart

Read by Mayu Iwasaki

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | February 2025



A delightful bestselling series that will take young listeners on a soaring dragon adventure.

Kumiko and the Dragon: Kumiko doesn't like going to bed. She can't sleep. The reason she can't sleep is because a giant dragon sits outside her bedroom window every single night. One evening, Kumiko plucks up the courage to ask the dragon to leave, not knowing that what she is about to discover is more thrilling than anything she could have ever imagined.

Kumiko and the Dragon's Secret: Kumiko is used to a dragon guarding her night and day, but why does she need one in the first place? When her little sister is kidnapped by a mysterious group of sorcerers, a terrible secret is revealed. To save her sister, Kumiko will have to be brave.

Kumiko and the Shadow Catchers: In her last adventure, Kumiko discovered the secret of the Shadow Catchers, a group of powerful sorcerers determined to steal magic at any cost. Now she knows it's only a matter of time before her family's link to dragons puts them all in grave danger.

Briony Stewart is the recipient of a Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Book Award for her book *We Love You Magoo* and has been shortlisted for an Australian Book Industry Award for *Bedtime Sorted*

In 2012 Stewart was selected by the British Council as one of three Australian Artists under 30, excelling in their creative field for the 'Realize Your Dream Awards'

Kumiko and the Dragon has won an Aurealis Award for Children's short fiction

'... the Kumiko series is very literary but still manages to be engaging, exciting and magical.' – Children's Books Daily (on *Kumiko and the Dragon*)

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The Grimmelings

Rachael King

Read by Emily Paddon-Brown



Spellbinding middle-grade fantasy adventure of loyalty, courage and being careful what you wish for.

The same evening Josh Underhill went missing, the black horse appeared on the hill above the house.

Ella knows that words are powerful. So she should have known better than to utter a wish and a curse on the same day. Who is Gus, the boy with the impish grin, who seems to appear in answer to her wish? And what does the black horse want? When Ella finds that her grandmother's warnings of creatures that dwell in the lake are more than just stories, she and her pony Magpie are drawn into a dangerous, life-saving mission.

Rachael King is the author of *Red Rocks*, which won the Esther Glen Medal

King received a Waitangi Day Honour Award in 2020 from the New Zealand Society of Authors for her work at WORD Christchurch bringing Behrouz Boochani to New Zealand

In 2023 King was named Best Reviewer at the Voyager New Zealand Media Awards

'A compelling, lovingly-crafted novel about magic, liminal spaces (of several kinds), language and folkloric fusion. Rachel King's characters live and breathe. Her dialogue glitters quietly. She discovers new perspectives in inherited narratives to create a world that is familiar yet unexpected, tense and eery with flashes of beauty.' – David Mitchell, bestselling author of *Cloud Atlas*

'There is a freshness of imagination in this story combined with prose that delights in exploring language while also telling an arresting tale.' – Books for Keeps

Mirabelle and the Baby Dragons & Mirabelle in Witch City

Mirabelle #12 & 13

Harriet Muncaster

Read by Emily Wheaton & Emma Woods

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Half witch, half fairy, totally naughty! Mirabelle is Isadora Moon's cousin, who we first met in the author's famous Isadora Moon series.

Mirabelle and the Baby Dragons: Meet Mirabelle Starspell. Her mum is a witch, her dad is a fairy, and she is a bit of both. She likes casting spells with her fairy wand and flying around on her witchy broomstick, but most of all the thing she really, really likes to do is cause mischief. When Mirabelle and her family are invited to spend some time at a dragon sanctuary, Mirabelle cannot wait to get stuck in and show off everything she knows. But she's about to find out that she's not quite the dragon expert she believes herself to be ...

Mirabelle in Witch City: In the hustle and bustle of Witch City, Mirabelle and best friend Carlotta get separated from their school group. What are they going to do? Make mischief, of course! Bright lights, big city, here they come.

Produced with sound design for an immersive listening experience

Harriet Muncaster is the author of the international bestselling Isadora Moon series, which won the El Corte Inglés Children's Book of the Year in 2019

Muncaster also won the Blue Hen Book Award for her title *I am a Witch's Cat* and was highly commended for the Macmillan Prize

'From the author of Isadora Moon comes an adorable story that will speak to every child with a naughty side as well as a nice one.' – BookTrust (on *Mirabelle Gets Up to Mischief*)

'Mirabelle's misadventures always leave youngsters eager for more!' – Lancashire Post (on *Mirabelle Breaks the Rules*)

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Neeka and the Missing Key

Wilder Zoo #1

Tina Strachan

Read by Belle Parkinson

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Don't miss the first instalment in the middle-grade series *Wilder Zoo* from Australian children's author Tina Strachan.

When you live in a zoo, things can get wild!

Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder has always loved animals. She wants to be a vet one day, like her mum who is the head vet at Wilder Zoo – where Neeka and her family live!

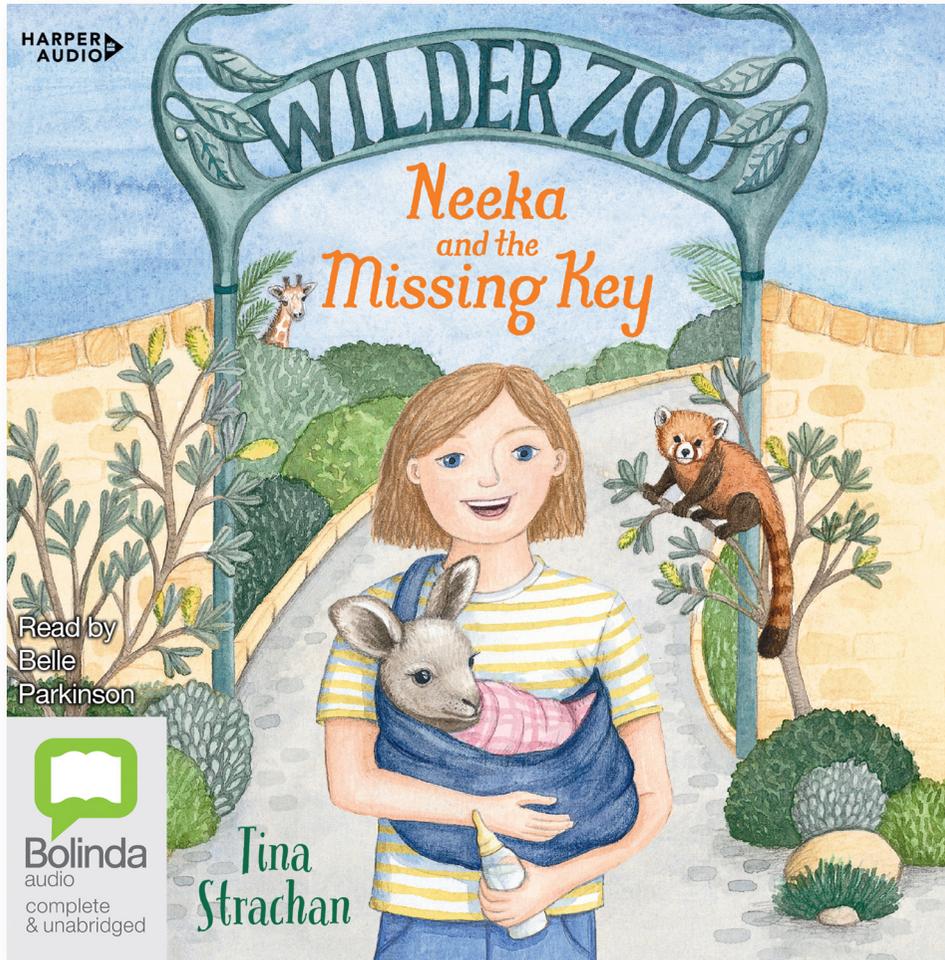
Neeka is a great help to the zoo staff in caring for the animals. And with her two best friends, Rumi and Hudson, she also takes videos of exciting events at the zoo to spread the message about the importance of wildlife conservation.

When the videos are nominated for the National Zoo Association Awards, Neeka wants to make one more video that will help her win the award. But when Rebel, the cheeky red panda, won't co-operate, her zoo key goes missing and she's grounded for a month, creating a new video in time for the awards seems impossible ...

Tina Strachan has a passion for wildlife conservation and has spent 20 years studying and working in various related roles such as zookeeper, vet nurse and conservation research officer

Strachan won the CYA Conference 2022 Young Adult Aspiring Authors section for an excerpt of her fiction manuscript *The Existence of Us*

Strachan most recently won the Published category at the CYA conference 2024 for her middle grade manuscript, *Unheard*. This award was judged by Clare Hallifax from Walker Books



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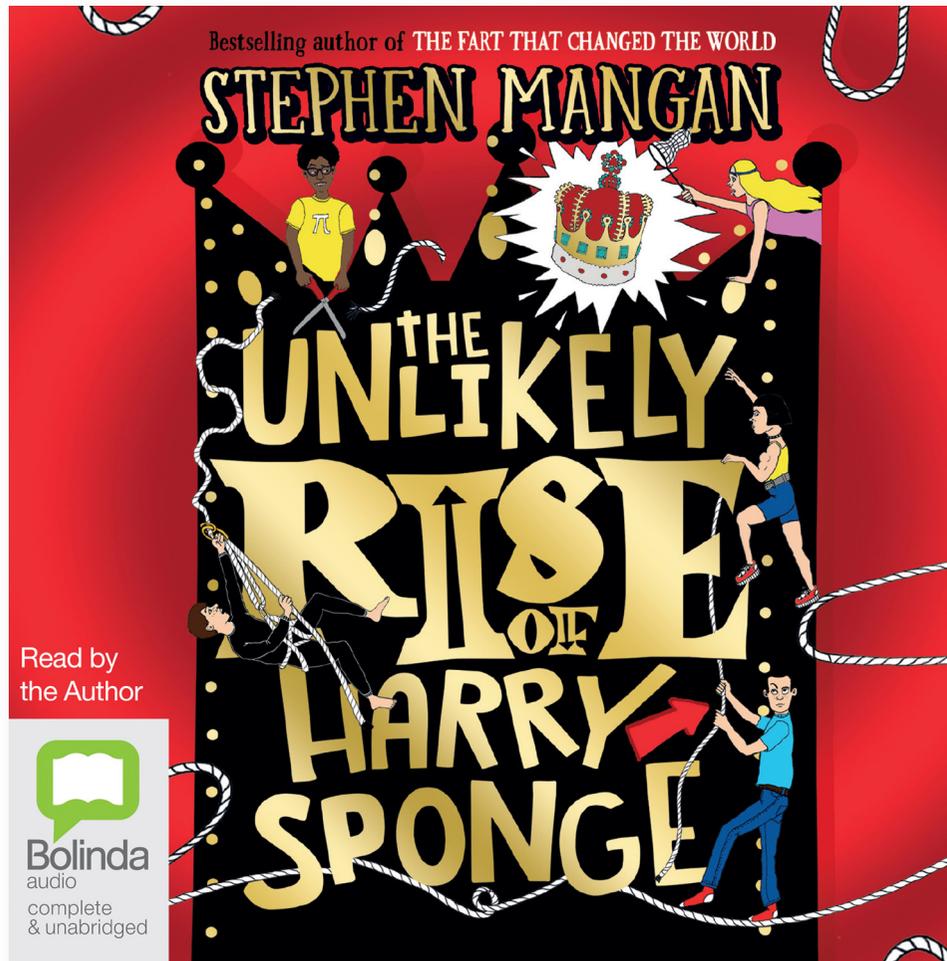
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The Unlikely Rise of Harry Sponge

Stephen Mangan

Read by the Author



The wildly funny, brilliantly silly adventure from the bestselling author of *Escape the Rooms* and *The Fart That Change the World*.

Cantankerous old King Chisel is a ruler without an heir. He is persuaded to create a competition called the Crown Duels, inviting the best kids from five regions of his country to vie with one another to become king or queen one day. This gruesome gang of children will compete in a multi-discipline game of knock-out to determine the winner.

Chaos ensues, with pushy parents, wild sabotaging, morally questionable tactics, tantrums and the ultimate shock result – it is unassuming hero Harry Sponge who will be the triumphant tortoise to their hot-air hares.

Stephen Mangan is a bestselling author, actor, presenter and screenwriter with huge range across TV, radio, film and theatre

Mangan has been a judge for the Costa Book of the Year prize and The Laugh-Out-Loud Awards (The Lollies)

Mangan is a presenter on Classic FM and also presents hit new ITV show *The Fortune Hotel*

'... an all-action, marvellously manic and laugh-out-loud tale with a message that any child can be a hero.' – Lancashire Evening Post

'Hilarious ... A right royal romp.' – First News

A Dog's Breakfast

Cross Bones #1

Jack Henseleit

Read by Dominic Gruenewald

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Embark on a hilarious high-seas adventure with a band of mischievous dog pirates who are hungry for treasure! The first bestselling instalment in this much-loved series for young listeners.

With a stolen map clutched in their paws, Magnus, Daisy, Ed and Spot are searching for hidden treasure on the great sea. But with other fearsome pirates closing in around them, can these scally-waggers come out top dogs?

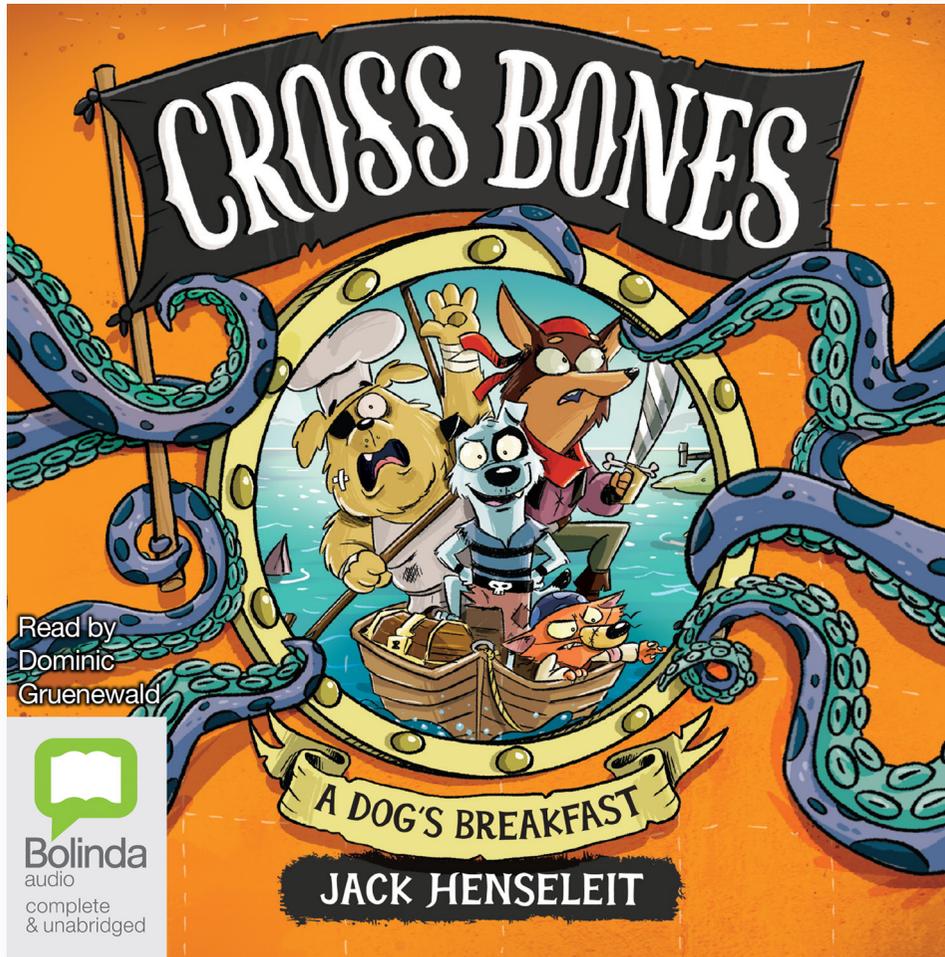
Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Jack Henseleit is the author of the middle-grade horror series *The Witching Hours*

The first book in *The Witching Hours* series, *The Vampire Knife*, was shortlisted for the Ampersand Prize, and has since been sold into 13 territories worldwide

'Channelling some Bad Guys energy, book #1 of this series is sure to be a hit with middle graders who love a sense of adventure, pirates and ALL THE JOKES!' – Reading Time

'This is a terrific, Australian hybrid text ... that is filled with humour and adventure and is sure to drag in more reluctant readers.' – Lamont Books



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Pony Tales Volume 1

Pony Tales

Jenny Dale

Read by Jan Francis

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Pony Tales Volume 1

Jenny Dale



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Come and meet some adorable ponies in this double instalment of the fun pony series by the bestselling author Jenny Dale.

Sam the School Pony: Becky loves Sam, the pony who lives in the field next to her school. She's thrilled when her class are told they can look after him. Everyone enjoys being with Sam, until something terrible happens. Can Becky help her perfect pony when it really matters?

Charlie the Champion Pony: Charlie is Darren's wonderful new pony. Darren can't wait to jump him in competitions. He knows Charlie will be a winner! But Darren gets a big surprise. Charlie is scared of jumping. Can Charlie ever be the champion Darren wants him to be?

Two great pony adventures in one collection: *Sam the School Pony* and *Charlie the Champion Pony*

Jenny Dale is the creator of some of the most popular animal stories for children, including Puppy Patrol, Pony Tales, Kitten Tales and Puppy Tales series

Dale's animal stories are well-loved, heartwarming and are perfect for any young animal-lovers. Perfect for fans of Holly Webb, Daisy Meadows and Lucy Daniels

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