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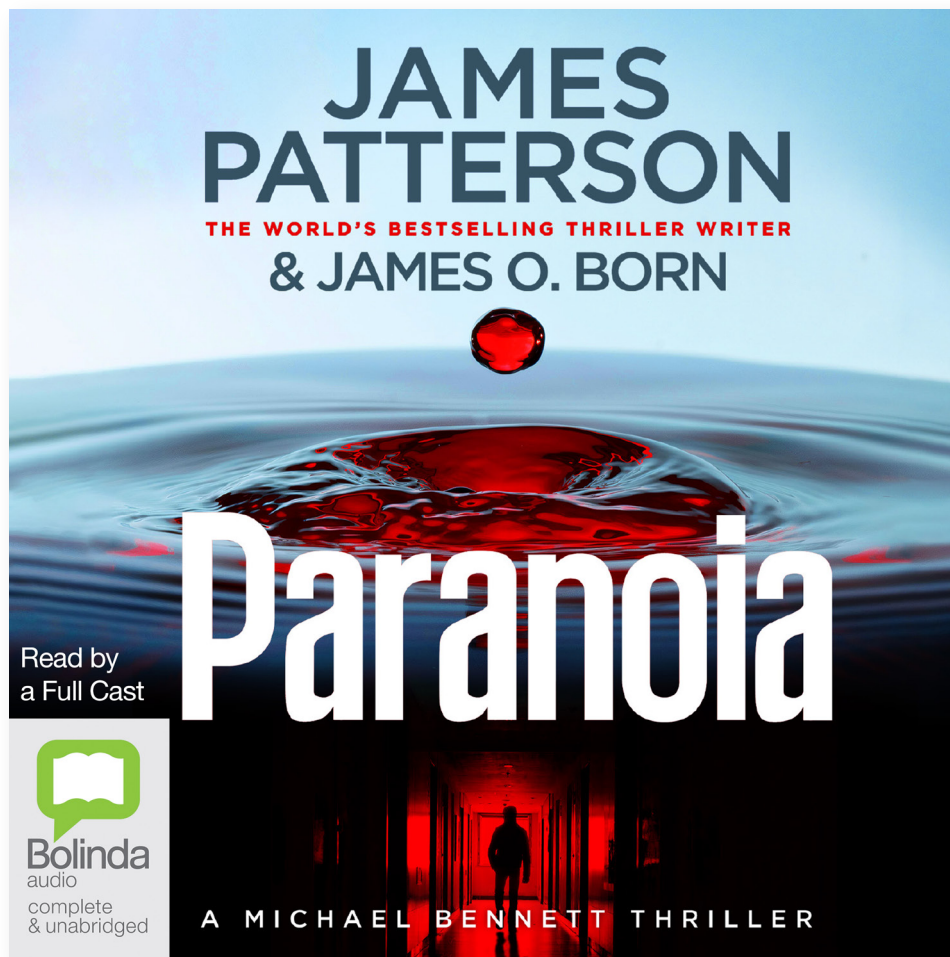
Michael Bennett #17

**James Patterson & James O. Born**

Read by Will Collye, Kiff VandenHeuvel & Peter Giles

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025



A serial killer is taking out cops in NYC. Could Detective Michael Bennett be next? Dive into the 17th thrilling instalment in the globally bestselling Michael Bennett series.

Michael Bennett says a prayer every time he witnesses a death. In his line of work, it happens too often. But lately he's attended so many police funerals that his deepening sadness is crossing into the zone of suspicion.

Bennett must find the person responsible for the deaths of his friends – before he becomes their next target. With a new baby on the way, Bennett's protective instincts – as a father, a colleague and a detective – have never faced a bigger test.

James Patterson is one of the best known and biggest selling authors of all time, with his titles selling more than 400 million copies worldwide

James O. Born is an award-winning crime and science-fiction novelist as well as a career law-enforcement agent

*'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

*'It's no mystery why James Patterson is the world's most popular thriller writer ...'* – Jeffery Deaver, #1 Sunday Times bestselling author

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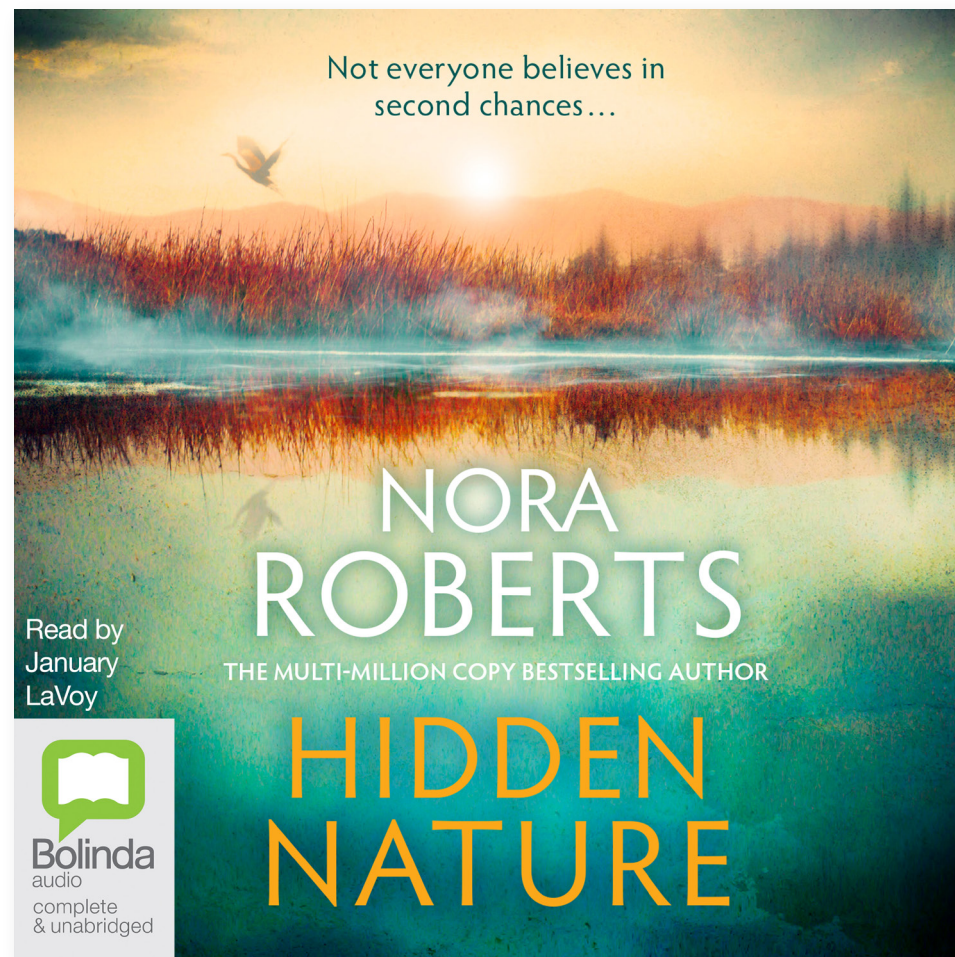
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# Hidden Nature

Nora Roberts

Read by January LaVoy



Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | June 2025

The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author presents a new thriller about an injured cop who must fight to bring down a pair of twisted killers.

Natural Resources police officer, Sloan Cooper, and her partner have just taken down three men preying on hikers in the Western Maryland mountains. Driving back, she pulls in at a convenience store – and walks right into a robbery in progress. One gunshot from a jittery thief is about to change her world.

After being shocked back to life on the operating table, she has a long recovery ahead, so she moves back to her parents' peaceful house in Heron's Rest. As for the boyfriend who dumped her via text while she was in the hospital, good riddance.

She may be down, but she's not out. So when a woman vanishes, leaving her car behind in a supermarket parking lot, Sloan searches online for similar cases. She finds them, spread across three states. Men and women, old and young – the missing seem to have nothing in common. And the abductions keep happening.

It will take every ounce of endurance to get to the dark heart of this bizarre case – and she's willing to risk her life again if that's what it takes to stop the horror.

Nora Roberts is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of more than 230 novels, including *Legacy*, *The Awakening*, *Hideaway*, *Under Currents*, *The Chronicles of The One* trilogy and many more

Roberts is also the author of the bestselling In Death series written under the pen name J.D. Robb

With over 500 million copies of her titles in print, Roberts is indisputably one of the most celebrated and popular authors in the world

'Roberts combines complex characters with a vivid setting to create a real page-turner.' – Library Journal (on *Under Currents*)

'You can't bottle wish fulfillment, but Nora Roberts certainly knows how to put it on the page.' – The New York Times (on *Sweet Revenge*)

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# South of Nowhere

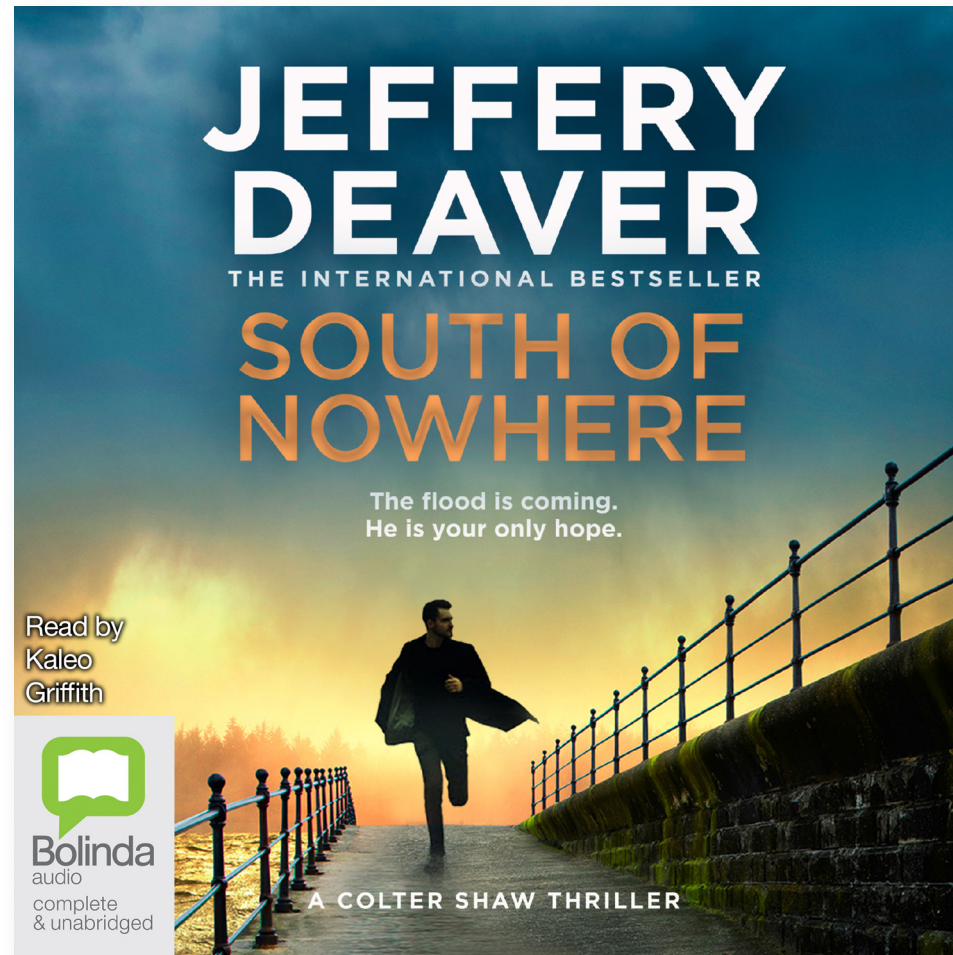
A Colter Shaw Novel #2

**Jeffery Deaver**

Read by Kaleo Griffith

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025



In this unputdownable thriller from *New York Times* bestselling author Jeffery Deaver, reward seeker Colter Shaw races against the clock to save a flooding town from a full-fledged disaster, where the culprit lurks in the plain sight.

A small town in Northern California is at risk of being destroyed by a failing levee, and Colter Shaw has been hired to locate a family swept away by the raging water, with just mere hours to survive.

But is the levee at risk of failing from natural causes or is someone sabotaging it? With the help of his sister, Dorion, the duo must save the citizens before the whole town washes out at the hands of a secret conspirer.

Jeffery Deaver is an international bestselling author – his books are sold in 150 countries and have been translated into over 25 languages

Deaver has served two terms as president of Mystery Writers of America, and was recently named a Grand Master of MWA, whose ranks include Agatha Christie, Ellery Queen, Mary Higgins Clark and Walter Mosely

Deaver has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Bouchercon World Mystery Convention, the Strand Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award and the Raymond Chandler Lifetime Achievement Award in Italy

'A master storyteller ... One of the true giants of the genre.' – Steve Cavanagh, *Sunday Times* bestselling author

'Hands-down one of the finest writers of our time.' – Peter James, author of the Roy Grace series

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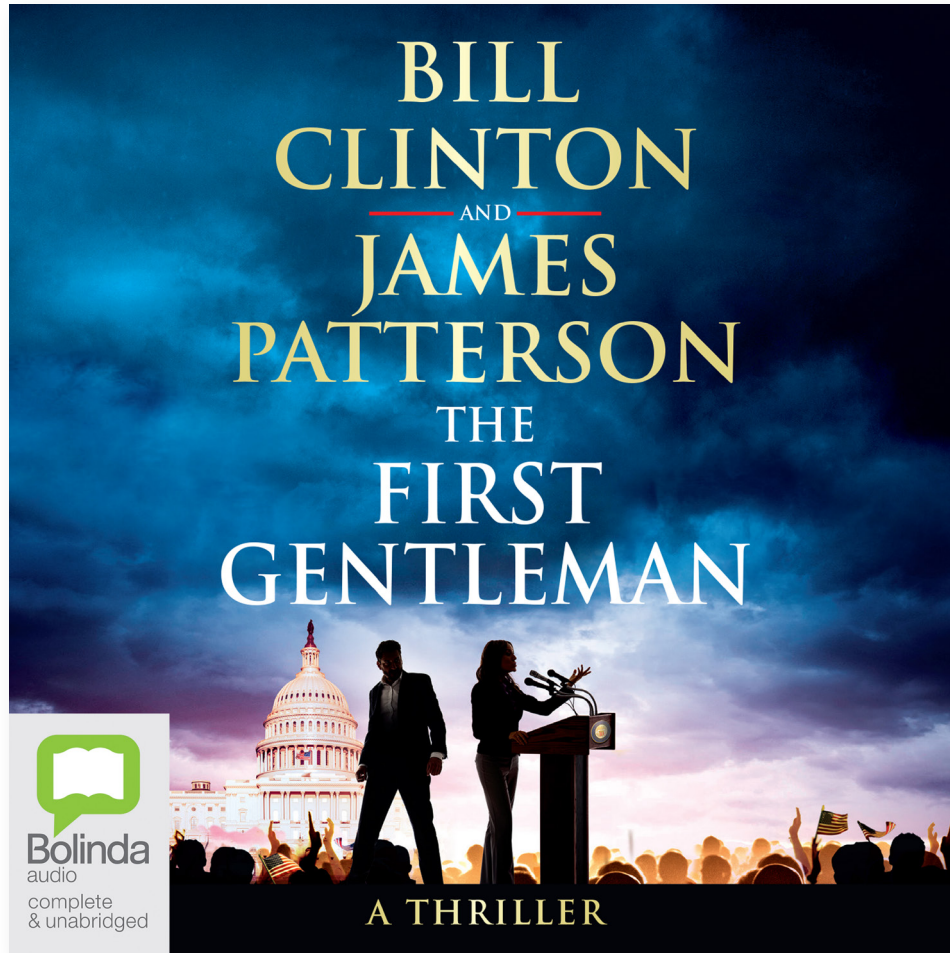
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# The First Gentleman

## James Patterson & Bill Clinton

Narrator to Come



*The First Gentleman* has all the twists, turns and authenticity one expects from the #1 bestselling authors of *The President Is Missing* and *The President's Daughter*.

*America has a powerful new president... And her husband's on trial for murder.*

Clinton and Patterson are back. And they're better than ever.

The President of the United States is up for re-election.

Her husband is on trial for murder.

Is the First Gentleman a killer?

A pair of brilliant investigative journalists set out to answer that burning question about the NFL star-turned-political spouse.

James Patterson is one of the best known and biggest selling authors of all time, with his titles selling more than 400 million copies worldwide

Patterson is the author of some of the most popular series of the past two decades including the Women's Murder Club and the Private series

Bill Clinton is an American politician who served as the 42nd president of the United States from 1993 to 2001

*'The political thriller of the decade.'* – Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *The President Is Missing*)

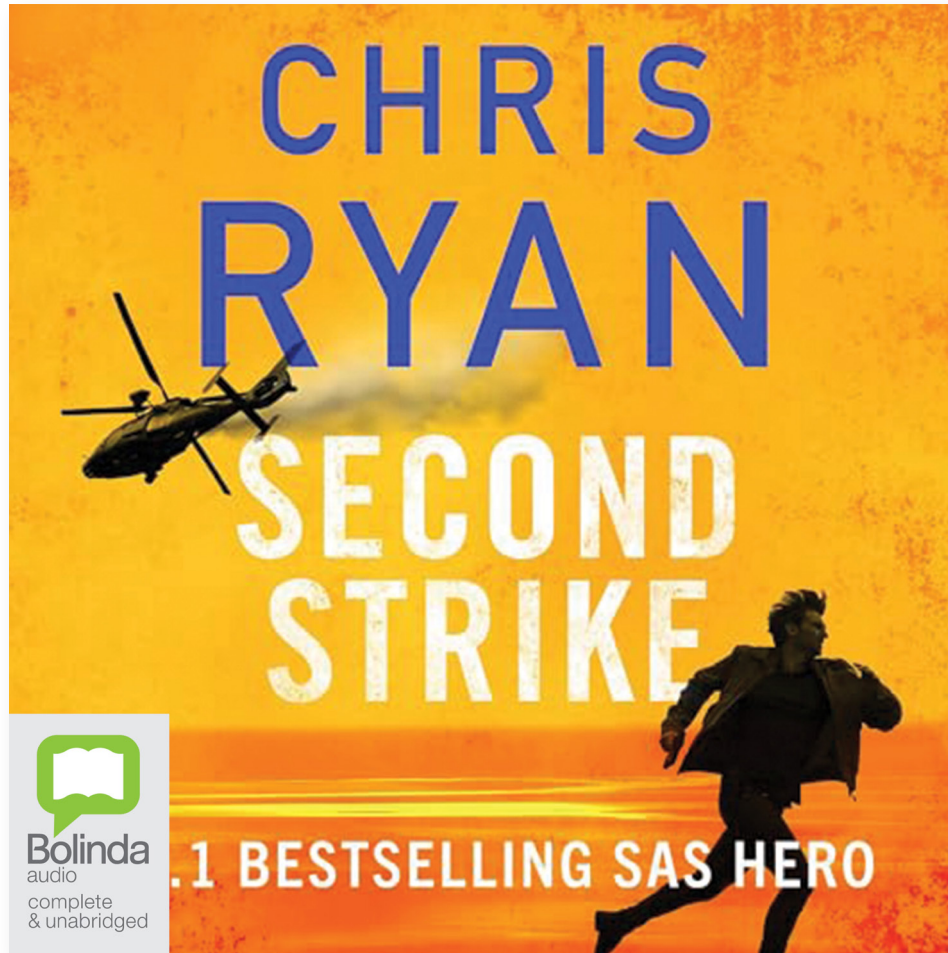
*'A first-rate collaboration ... Engrossing from page one.'* – David Baldacci, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *The President Is Missing*)



# Second Strike

Chris Ryan

Narrator to Come



Prepare to be hooked by this gripping thriller from the internationally bestselling author of *Strike Back*, Chris Ryan.

A single terrible mistake cost David Hawkins everything. His marriage. His relationship with his daughter. And his career in the SAS. Now Hawkins is a man on the downward slope of life. Banished from the Regiment, relegated to a desk job at one of Britain's biggest private defence contractors, haunted by the memories of the past.

But when a talented young engineer dies in mysterious circumstances, Hawkins is sent down to Plymouth to investigate. Working alongside the company's new cybersecurity expert, Alex Millar, Hawkins must find out who murdered the engineer – and why.

What begins as a straightforward case soon turns into a deadly manhunt, as Hawkins and Millar pursue their quarry from the streets of Liverpool to the Firth of Clyde, in a frantic race against time to expose a deadly conspiracy targeting the heart of the UK's defences. Win, and they'll prevent a terrifying attack. Fail, and Britain will be at the mercy of its deadliest enemy ...

Chris Ryan was in the SAS for ten years and was awarded the Military Medal. His personal experience enhances his writing to bestselling effect

Ryan has written over 50 titles, including *The One That Got Away*, which was adapted for screen

Ryan is also the author of many bestselling thrillers, including the Danny Black and *Strike Back* series

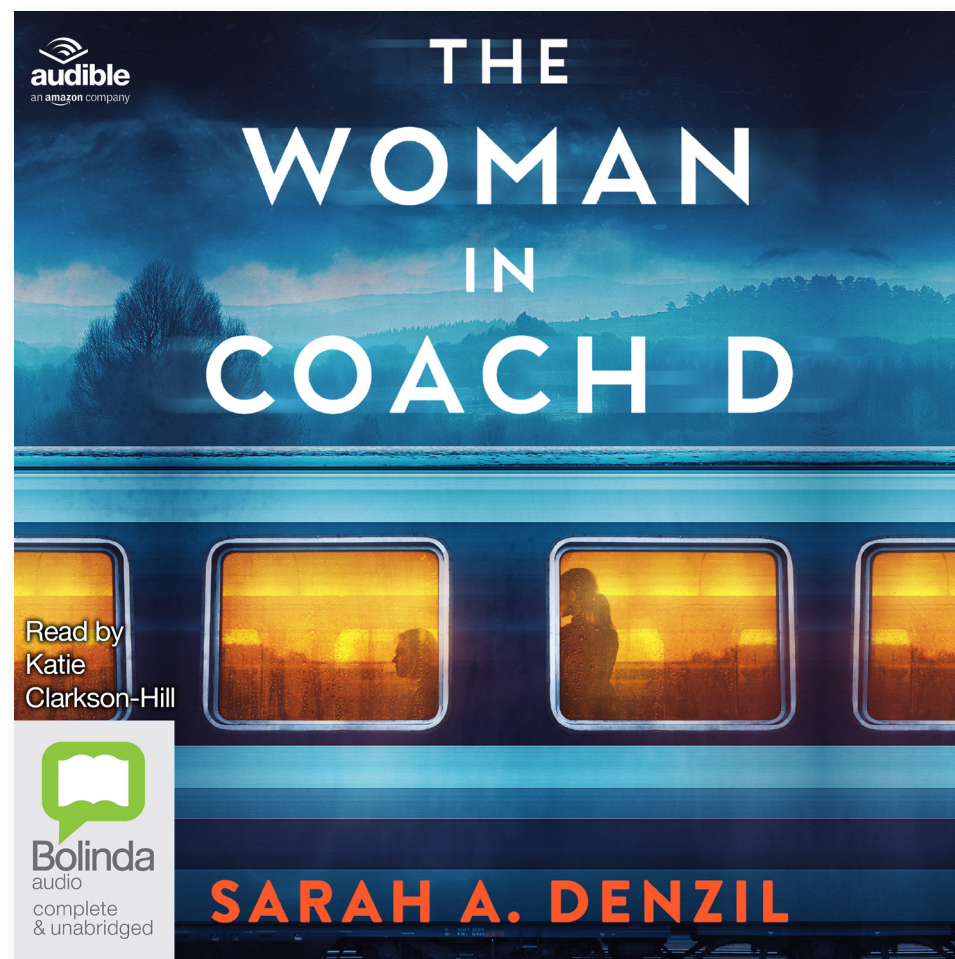
*'Chris Ryan's military thrillers are always good value. His own experiences in the SAS bring a level of authenticity that others struggle to match.'* – Crime Review (on *Head Hunters*)

*'This Newcastle-born former SAS sergeant is firmly established as one of our most popular action authors.'* – Daily Mail (on *Masters of War*)

# The Woman in Coach D

## Sarah A. Denzil

Read by Katie Clarkson-Hill



Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | June 2025

An intense and addictive psychological suspense by bestselling author Sarah A. Denzil.

Jenny sits in the same seat on the same train every week, seeing familiar faces come and go. Until a chance encounter shatters her world.

Sixteen years ago, Jenny survived a traumatic ordeal that left her best friend, Susie, missing and presumed dead. The world has its theories about what happened to Susie Patterson, and one of those theories points the finger at Jenny.

Now she lives a quiet life, volunteering at a crisis helpline while trying to deal with her own anxiety and the true crime fans obsessed with finding her missing friend. Then, on the way to her usual shift, Jenny is certain she sees Susie sitting in Coach D.

But will anyone believe her?

Seeing Susie plunges Jenny back into a nightmare of forgotten memories and haunting fears. As the past claws its way into her present, she must unravel the truth about what happened 16 years ago.

But the deeper she digs, the more she realises that some secrets are better left buried.

Perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn, Frieda McFadden, and Paula Hawkins

Sarah A. Denzil is the author of *Silent Child*, which has topped the Kindle charts in the UK and Australia, as well as being a top ten Amazon bestseller in the US

Denzil's titles have been published in multiple languages and have appeared on the *Wall Street Journal* bestseller list

'Sarah Denzil writes clever and original plots, and *The Woman in Coach D* is one of her finest yet.' – Miranda Rijks, bestselling author of *The Visitors* and *Make Her Pay*

'Denzil is the queen of domestic suspense and one of my favourite authors.' – Melissa Storm, *USA Today* bestselling author (on *Little One*)

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# 25 Alive

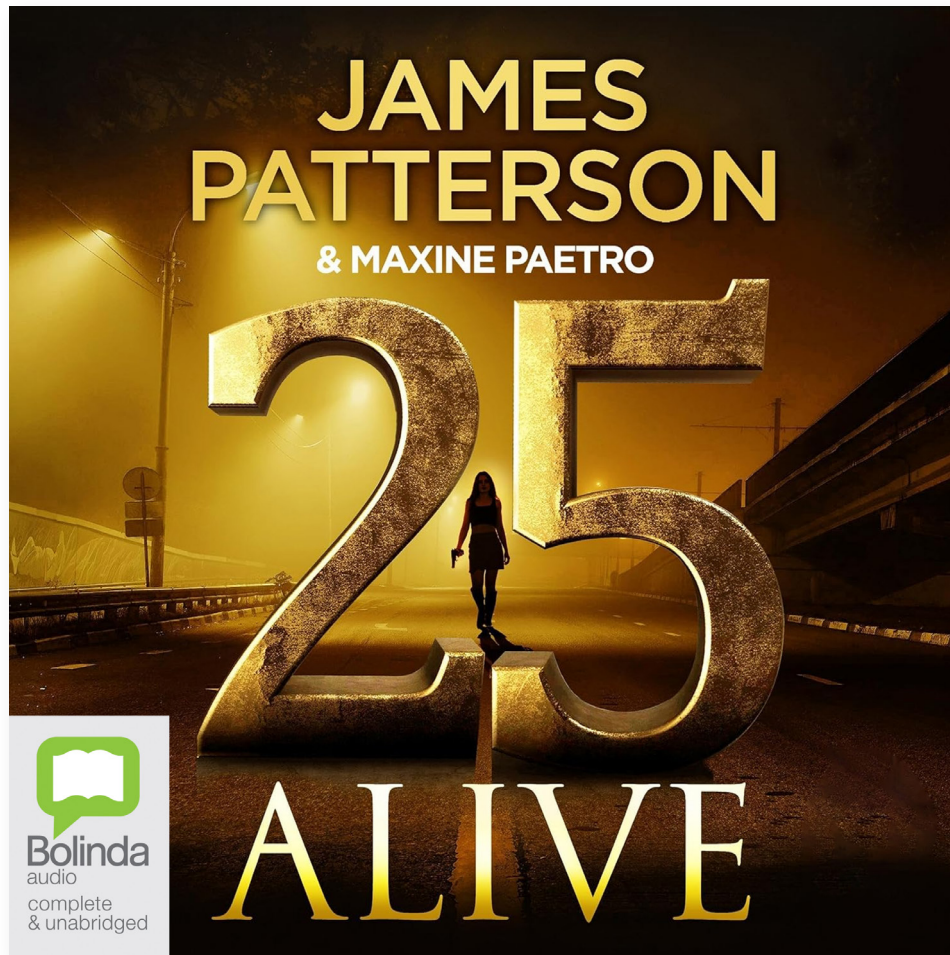
Women's Murder Club #25

**James Patterson & Maxine Paetro**

Read by January LaVoy

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025



Sergeant Lindsay Boxer's friend and former partner is brutally murdered in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Discover the 25th thrilling instalment in the globally bestselling Women's Murder Club series.

Homicide detective Lindsay Boxer knows her way around a crime scene. But nothing can prepare her for the shock of recognition – the victim is Warren Jacobi, Lindsay's former partner who rose to chief of police.

A top detective until the end, Jacobi managed to leave Lindsay a clue. Following a trail of evidence across the country, the Women's Murder Club pledges to avenge Jacobi's death before the killer can take another one of their own.

James Patterson is one of the best known and biggest selling authors of all time, with his titles selling more than 400 million copies worldwide

Patterson has co-authored #1 bestselling novels with Bill Clinton and Dolly Parton, and told the story of his own life in *James Patterson by James Patterson*, for which he received various awards

*'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

*'James Patterson is The Boss. End of.'* – Ian Rankin, bestselling author of the Rebus series

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# Traitor's Legacy

Traitor's Legacy #1

**S.J. Parris**

Read by Kristin Atherton

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | June 2025



Explore the latest gripping Tudor historical crime thriller from #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author S.J. Parris.

When a young heiress is found murdered at the theatre, the Queen's spymaster Robert Cecil calls upon former agent Sophia de Wolfe to investigate.

A cryptic note found on the dead girl's body connects to Sophia's previous life as a spy, and her quest soon takes her into dangerous waters. Powerful enemies emerge, among them the Earl of Essex: the Queen's favourite courtier and a man of ruthless ambition.

This is a murder that reaches directly into the heart of the court. And Sophia is concealing a deep-buried secret of her own. She must uncover the truth before her past threatens to destroy her.

S.J. Parris is the pen name of Stephanie Merritt who began reviewing books for national newspapers while she was reading English literature at Queens' College, Cambridge

Parris is the brightest rising star in historical crime fiction in Britain, with her series of thrillers set in Tudor England selling over half a million copies

Parris has been a judge for the Costa Biography Award, the Orange New Writing Award and the Perrier Comedy Award and currently writes for *The Observer* and *The Guardian*

'A delicious blend of history and thriller.' – The Times (on *Conspiracy*)

'The historical setting is rich in detail but does not overpower the story.' – Historical Novel Society (on *Heresy*)

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# The Haven

Summer Suspense Mysteries #4

**L.J. Ross**

Read by Clare Corbett



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025

A fast-paced mystery set amidst the spectacular Cornish landscape from bestselling author L.J. Ross.

Irish newsreader Isolde Malone has a face many would recognise; in fact, she can't walk through the streets of Dublin without bumping into a horde of fans, all of whom want their picture taken with the darling of broadcast journalism. She's living a dream life and has never been happier ...

Until the night everything changes.

Forced to take a sabbatical from her glittering career, Isolde needs a haven from ordinary life and the support of her only remaining family. So, when a gilt-edged invitation to attend one of her brother's fundraising events drops through the post, it seems like the perfect opportunity. There's just one problem ...

She must cross the sea to Cornwall.

What promised to be the perfect escape soon turns into a nightmare when a body washes up at the foot of the legendary castle at Tintagel, and Isolde soon realises that the ghosts in that part of the world can be just as deadly as the ones she's left behind in Ireland.

Trapped in a windswept country house hotel for the weekend, surrounded by suspects, Isolde hardly knows who to trust, but she knows it isn't Tristan Williams – no matter what the old legend might say ...

L.J. Ross is an international bestselling author, best known for creating atmospheric mystery and thriller titles that have sold over 10 million copies worldwide

*The Bookseller* magazine has reported on Ross having topped the 'Most Read' and 'Most Sold' fiction charts, and she has garnered an army of loyal fans who love her atmospheric and addictive storytelling

*'LJ Ross keeps company with the best mystery writers.'* – The Times

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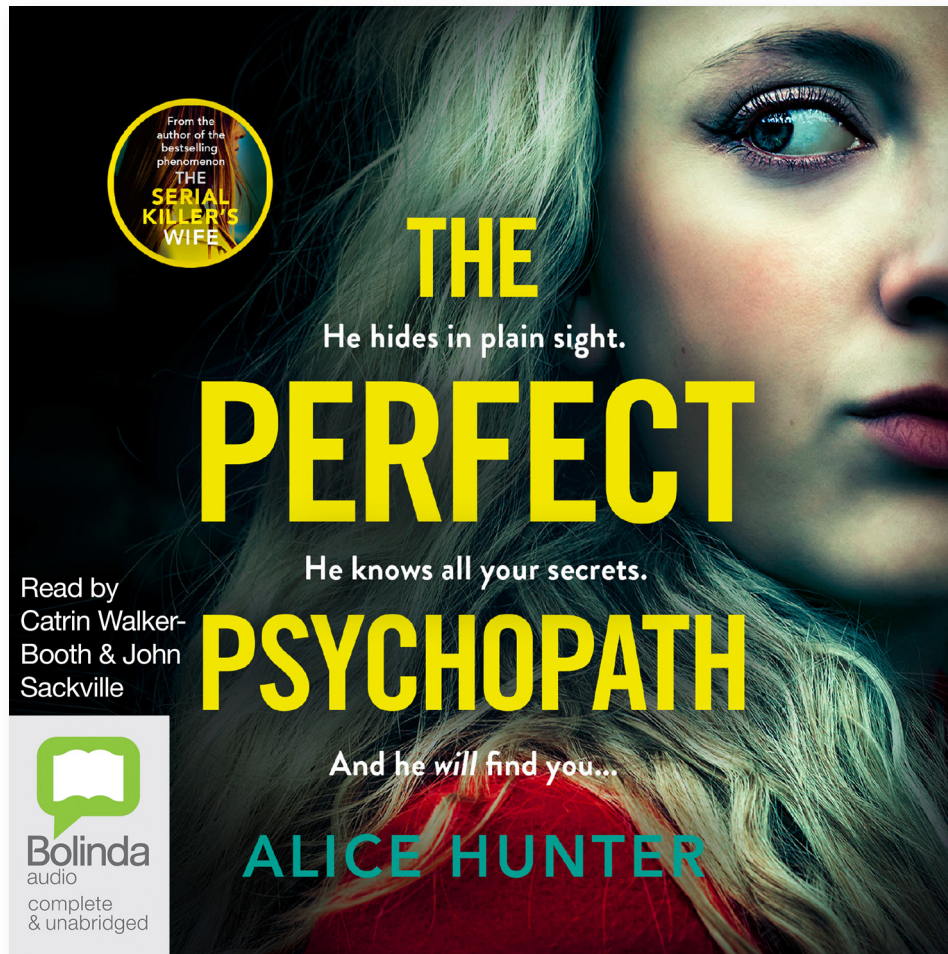
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# The Perfect Psychopath

## Alice Hunter

Read by Catrin Walker-Booth & John Sackville



A gripping psychological thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat, from bestselling author Alice Hunter.

Dr Eleanor Spencer is a respected forensic psychologist with a seemingly perfect life. But when a series of women start to vanish, she's haunted by the memory of her sister's disappearance and she finds herself drawn into the chilling investigation.

As the body count rises and her paranoia deepens, Ellie is forced to delve into the mind of a monster to uncover the truth. Her work leads her to Lucas Hayne, a notorious serial killer now behind bars. But when Lucas cryptically hints that the key to the killer's identity lies buried in her past, Ellie's world begins to unravel.

Because now she faces a terrifying possibility – the real monster might just be closer than she ever imagined.

And with time running out, the price of uncovering the truth may be her own life ...

Perfect for fans of *Mindhunter*, *Luther* and *The Silent Patient*

Alice Hunter is the author of *The Serial Killer's Wife*, *The Serial Killer's Daughter*, and *The Serial Killer's Sister* which all draw heavily on her knowledge of psychology and the criminal mind

Hunter worked as a nurse, working in the NHS, and she now puts her experiences to good use in fiction. After completing a psychology degree, she also became an intervention facilitator in a prison

'The steadily unfurling plot ... kept me hooked. The final double twist, too, is well worth waiting for.' – My Weekly (on *The Serial Killer's Wife*)

'It richly deserves to be a hit.' – Daily Mail (on *The Serial Killer's Wife*)



# Date with Destiny

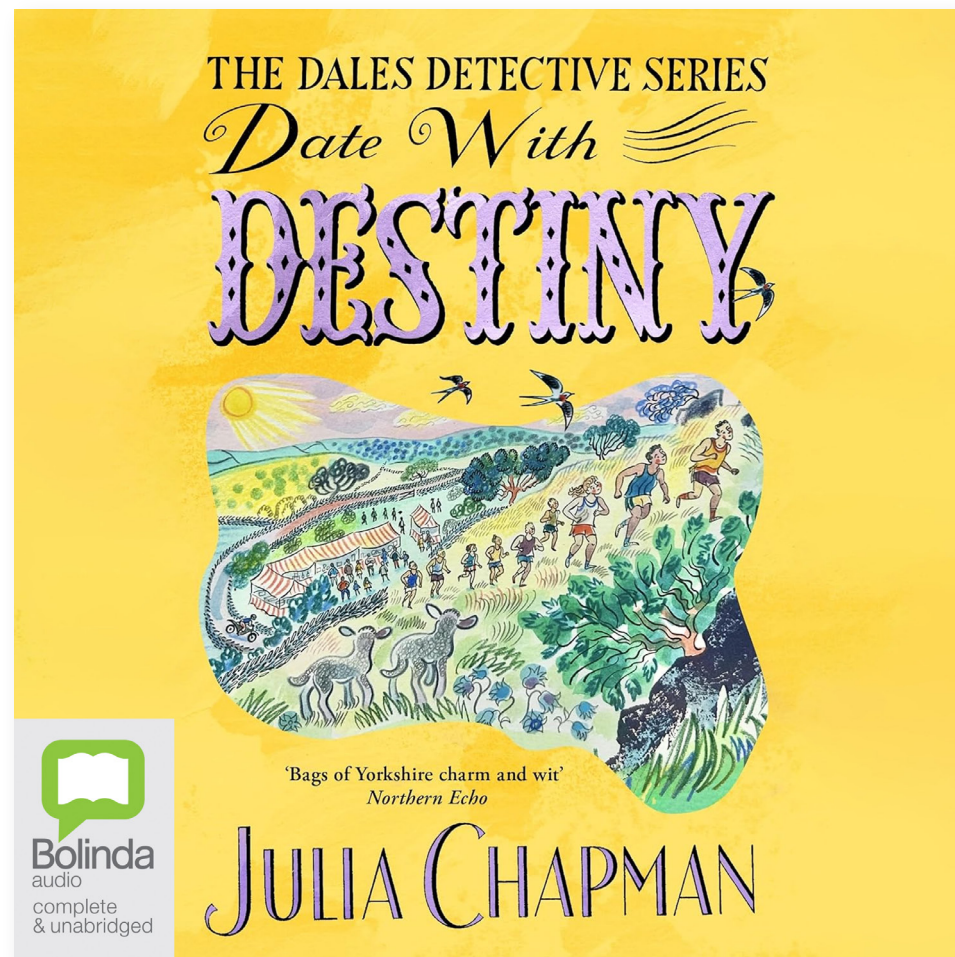
The Dales Detective Series #10

**Julia Chapman**

Read by Elizabeth Bower

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025



Don't miss the final instalment in Julia Chapman's much-loved Dales Detective series set in Yorkshire.

From death to danger and malice to mystery, Samson and Delilah have weathered many storms. Finally, things should be going smoothly. Except life's never that simple in Bruncliffe, is it?

As the couple are beset with worries about their upcoming wedding, a charismatic celebrity comes knocking on the Dales Detective Agency's door, seeking their services. Samson is initially reluctant to help, for many reasons. But things quickly escalate following a shocking murder at Fellside Court and, as a friend comes under suspicion, Samson and Delilah must set aside their personal problems to catch a killer.

In a case that will bring so many of Bruncliffe's secrets out into the open, this final investigation for the Dales Detectives may be the one that breaks them for ever ...

Julia Chapman is the pseudonym of Julia Stagg, who is the author of the Fogas Chronicles series set in the French Pyrenees

Perfect for fans of Richard Osman

*'As village murder mysteries go, this clever, witty and realistic series is quite out of the ordinary and strongly recommended.'* – Crime Review (on *Date with Betrayal*)

*'Bags of Yorkshire charm and wit.'* – The Northern Echo (on *Date with Mystery*)

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# The Many Murders of Michael Malloy

The Unbelievable True Story of the Irishman Who Refused to Die

**Simon Read**

Read by Peter Corboy

Adult New Release

True Crime | June 2025

## The Many Murders of Michael Malloy

The unbelievable true story of the Irishman who refused to die



*The Many Murders of Michael Malloy* details a crime so convoluted, so staggering in its audacity, authorities refused to believe it until the irrefutable evidence revealed 'the most grotesque chain of events in New York criminal history'.

In the Prohibition era, the speakeasies of New York City provide some much-needed respite, particularly for the likes of Michael Malloy, an isolated Irish immigrant. But times are tough and for an unlikely group of associates – a bar owner, an undertaker, a greengrocer, a cabbie and a local gangster – desperate times call for desperate measures.

And so, a simple plan is hatched – take out life insurance on the unsuspecting Michael Malloy and help him along to an early grave. What follows is a sinister concoction of poisoned alcohol, shots of antifreeze, tainted oysters, sardine sandwiches laced with glass, overnight exposure to freezing temperatures and assault by taxicab. But 'Iron Mike' Malloy survives it all – until he doesn't.

Simon Read is the author of ten works of non-fiction published on both sides of the Atlantic, amongst them *Scotland Yard: A Bloody History*; *Dark City: Murder, Vice and Mayhem in Wartime London* and *The Iron Sea*

Read's work has been featured on the top-rated true crime podcasts *Morbid* and *Criminal*

As a journalist, Read's writing has appeared in a variety of journals, from the *San Francisco Chronicle* to *Time Magazine*

*'Read relates the facts of this 1930s crime in detail, yet his sense of humor bubbles underneath. There is a kind of poetry in the way Read links words into phrases, sentences into story. His style is magnetic, and his humor lies in wait, ready to surprise and delight.'*

– The Oakland Tribune

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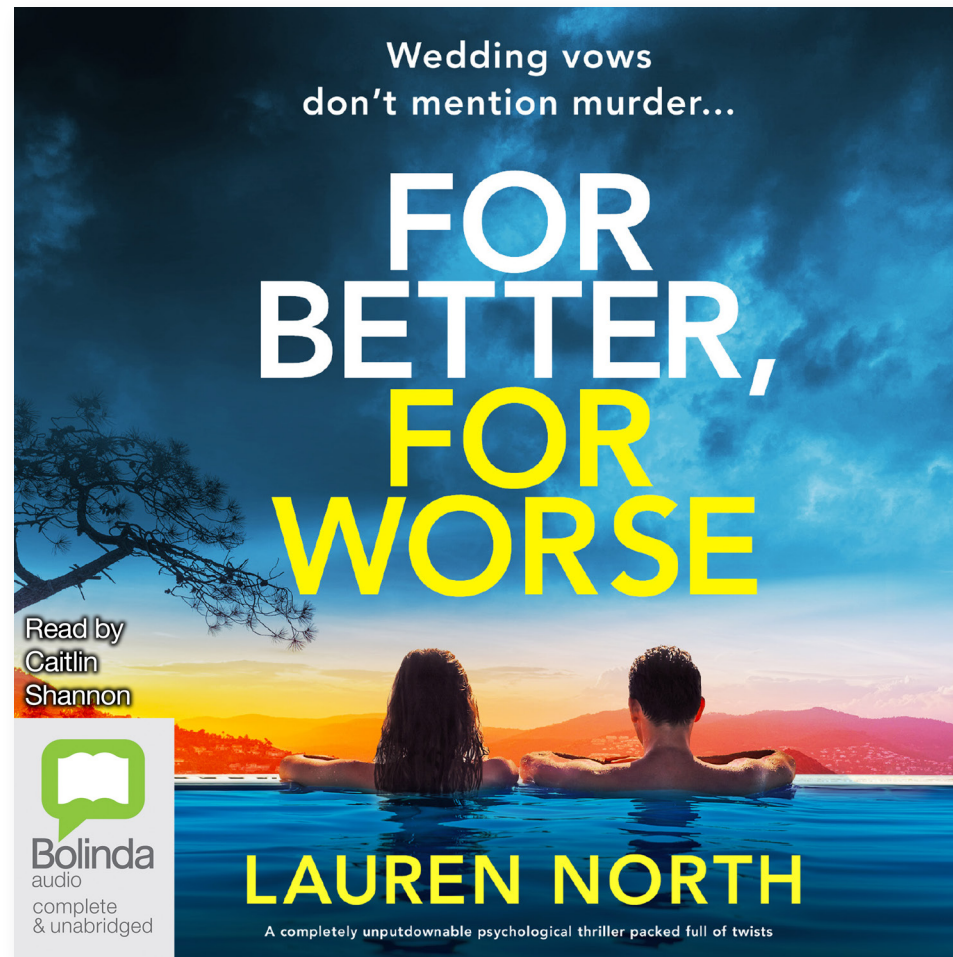
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# For Better, for Worse

Lauren North

Read by Caitlin Shannon



The perfect pre-wedding getaway. The perfect murder. The perfect trap. Don't miss the new gripping thriller from author Lauren North.

Jake and I planned our romantic trip to the south of France to unwind from all the stress of organising our wedding and enjoy some blissful, sun-soaked days, just the two of us.

But when we return to the villa after a day exploring the stunning countryside, our dream holiday is turned upside down. Because there, on the beautiful antique rug, is the body of the man everyone saw Jake arguing with in the town square just this morning ...

I stop breathing as I take in the scene. The footprints in the same tread as Jake's trainers. The knife I used at breakfast lying near the body, covered in my fingerprints.

I feel dizzy, reaching out for Jake as my knees tremble. He holds me upright, saying nothing. Is someone trying to frame us for this death? If they are, they've set us up flawlessly.

And now we have a choice to make. Call the police and risk everything – or get rid of the body and hope nobody ever finds out ...

I'd give anything to go back to the stress of wedding planning, because now I feel nothing but terror.

Who would do something like this? Are we next to die? And why – as I look at my pale, sweating fiancé – do I wonder if he knows more than he's letting on ...?

Lauren North pens psychological suspense novels that delve into the darker side of relationships and families

North, alongside fellow author Lesley Kara, co-hosts *In Suspense*, a podcast and vodcast for fans and writers of crime fiction

'A captivating, suspenseful thriller that draws you in – with a twist that will take your breath away.' – T.M. Logan, bestselling author of *The Curfew* (on *The Perfect Betrayal*)

# Gifted & Talented

## Olivie Blake

Read by Eunice Wong



Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | June 2025

From internationally bestselling author Olivie Blake comes the story of three siblings forced to reckon with their long-festering rivalries, dangerous abilities and the crushing weight of all their unrealised adolescent potential.

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*Where there's a will, there's a war.*

Thayer Wren, brilliant CEO of Wrenfare Magitech, is dead. As the 'father of modern technology', he leaves an incredible legacy. But which of his three telepathically and electrokinetically gifted children could inherit the Wrenfare throne?

Meredith, head of her own profitable company, has recently cured mental illness. If only her journalist ex-boyfriend wasn't set on exposing what she really is – a total fraud. Arthur, second-youngest congressman ever, wants to do everything right. Except his wife might be leaving, and he's losing his re-election campaign. Heading Wrenfare could relaunch his sinking ship. Ellidh was a world-famous ballerina, until a life-altering injury. Gaining the company might finally validate her worth.

On the pipeline of gifted kid to clinically depressed adult, nobody wins. Yet as they gather to read their father's final words, which Wren will come out on top?

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Olivie Blake is the *New York Times* bestselling author of adult contemporary fantasy, including the internationally bestselling *The Atlas Six*

She is also the author of literary romance *Alone With You in the Ether*, *One for My Enemy* and *New York Times* bestselling *Masters of Death*

*'Told with Blake's signature wit and driven by a cast of morally gray characters you will hate to love and love to hate, Gifted & Talented is equal parts black comedy, sharp indictment of privilege and power, and soaring, vicious drama. Addictively entertaining, this is Blake at the height of her abilities.'* – Ava Reid, internationally bestselling author of *The Wolf and the Woodsman*

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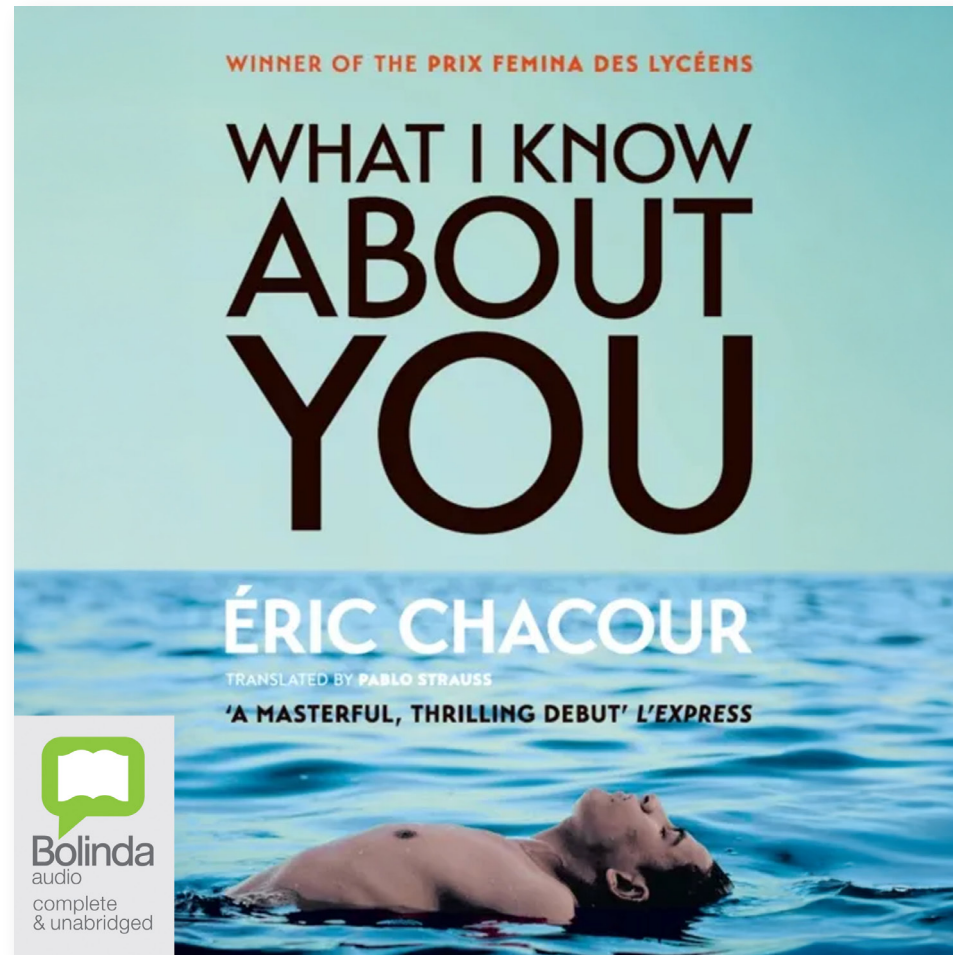
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# What I Know about You

## Éric Chacour

Read by Nabil Traboulsi



An internationally bestselling, and multi-award-winning, tale of impossible love and family secrets in late 20th century Egypt.

*Cairo, 1980s.*

Tarek's whole life is laid out for him. A doctor like his father, he has taken over the family medical practice, married his childhood sweetheart and is well respected in society. When he opens a clinic in a disadvantaged area of the city, he meets Ali, a young man who is free from the societal pressures that govern Tarek's life. This chance encounter will change everything, throwing Tarek's marriage, career and his entire existence into question.

From bustling Cairo to the harsh winters of Montréal, from the reign of Nasser to the dawn of a new century, Tarek wanders and reminisces.

Meanwhile, thousands of miles away, someone is compiling the chapters of his story ...

Éric Chacour is a Canadian writer from Quebec

His debut novel *What I Know About You* (*Ce que je sais de toi*) won several prestigious French literary prizes, including the Prix Femina des lycéens and the Prix des Cinq Continents

The English translation has been shortlisted for numerous awards, including the Giller Prize, the Dayne Ogilvie Prize and the Atwood Gibson Writers' Trust Fiction Prize

*'An absorbing, affecting novel of grief and love, it's so assured and deftly executed that it's hard to believe it's a debut.'* – Daily Mail

*'A mesmerizing and achingly beautiful novel that will linger in your memory indefinitely.'*  
– Jon Ransom, author of *The Whale Tattoo*

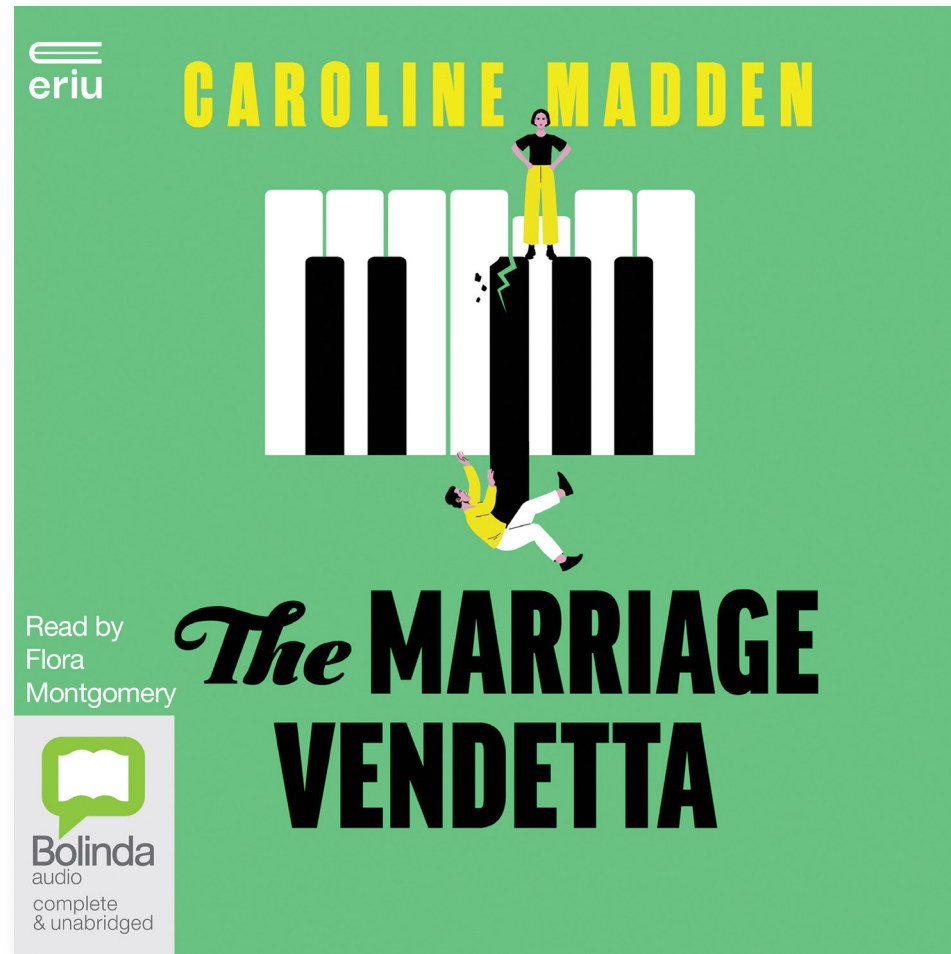
Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | June 2025

# The Marriage Vendetta

## Caroline Madden

Read by Flora Montgomery



If a therapist promised they could fix your selfish husband, but only if you followed their dangerously unorthodox methods, would you do it?

Eliza's playwright husband Richard Sheridan has accepted the career opportunity of a lifetime; running a prestigious theatre in Dublin. Eliza plays the role of the supportive wife – uprooting their daughter Mara, relocating from England to Dublin, running the household and managing Richard's paperwork – but inside, she's burning with resentment.

Eliza was once a globe-trotting classical pianist; now, her time is consumed by the dramas of the judgmental 'mumfluencers' at the café across from Mara's school, where she spends hours anxiously watching her lonely daughter during playtimes.

When she's sent a suggestive photo of Richard with another woman, it's the last straw. She turns to mysterious marriage therapist Ellen Early for help. But Eliza has no idea just how far Ms Early is willing to go to get results ...

Perfect for fans of *Fleabag*, *Bad Sisters* and Bella Mackie's *How To Kill Your Family*

Caroline Madden has been writing for *The Irish Times* for over 15 years

She was longlisted for the Write Stuff competition at the London Book Fair in 2019 and *The Husband Whisperer* was longlisted for the Blue Pencil Agency First Novel Award in 2022

'Laced with social commentary, humour and even a dash of magic, *The Marriage Vendetta* is a smart yet tender look at all of the vagaries of the modern relationship.' – Sinéad Crowley, author of *The Belladonna Maze*

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# The Silent House of Sleep

Dr Jack Cuthbert Mysteries #1

**Allan Gaw**

Read by Ciaran Saward

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025

With the long shadow of the First World War's trenches ever present, Gaw's 1920s-set detective thriller finds a brilliant Scottish pathologist unearthing disturbing secrets when two bodies are found in a London park.

*No one likes death. It just happens to be our business.*

Nobody who meets Dr Jack Cuthbert forgets him. Tall, urbane, brilliant but damaged, this Scottish pathologist who works with Scotland Yard is the best the new DCI has seen. But Cuthbert is a man who lives with secrets, and he still battles demons brought back from the trenches.

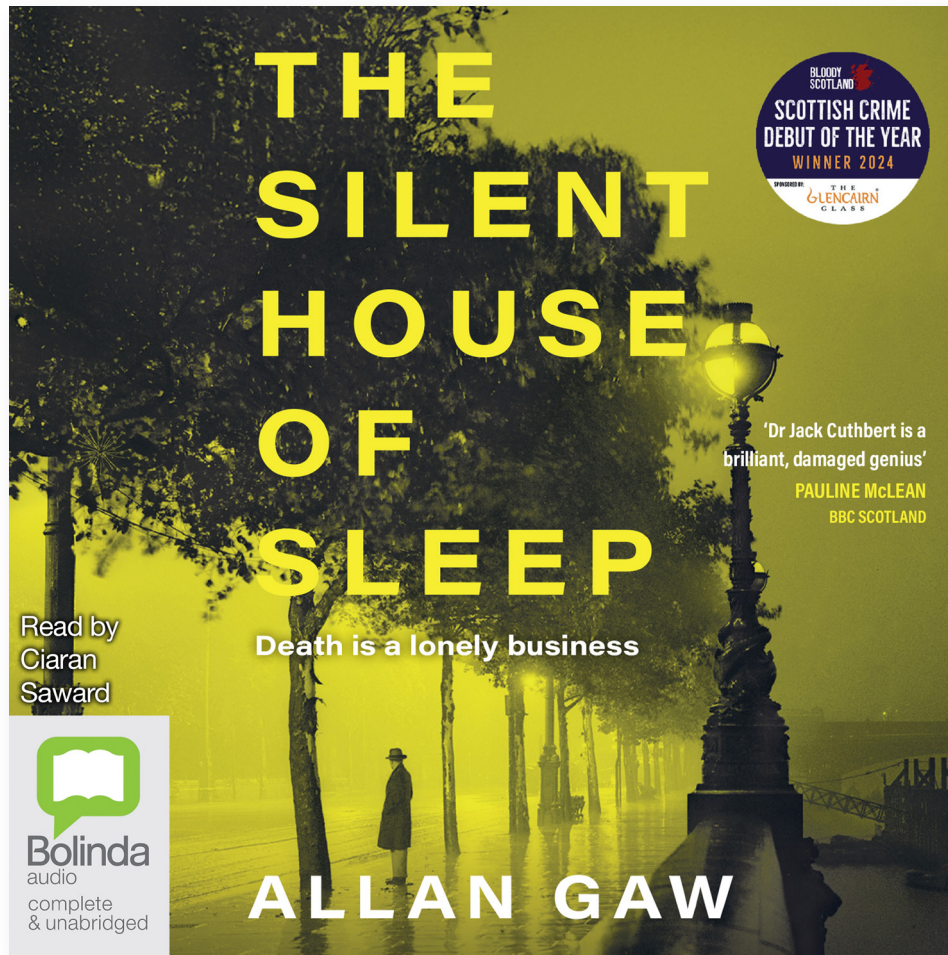
When not one but two corpses are discovered in a London park in 1929, Cuthbert must use every tool at his disposal to solve the mystery of their deaths. In the end, the horrifying truth is more shocking than even he could have imagined.

As he works the case, Cuthbert realises that history rarely stays in the past. And even in the final moments, there is still one last revelation that leaves him reeling.

Winner of the Bloody Scotland Debut Prize 2024 and Waterstones Scottish Book of the Month for January 2025

Allan Gaw has won the UK Classical Association Creative Writing Competition, the International Alpine Fellowship Writing Prize, the International Globe Soup 7 day Writing Challenge and was runner-up in the Glencairn Glass/Bloody Scotland Short Crime Fiction Competition

*'Heartbreaking and harrowing in equal measure. Dr Jack Cuthbert is a brilliant, damaged genius you'll want to follow to hell and back.'* – Pauline McLean, BBC Scotland Arts Correspondent



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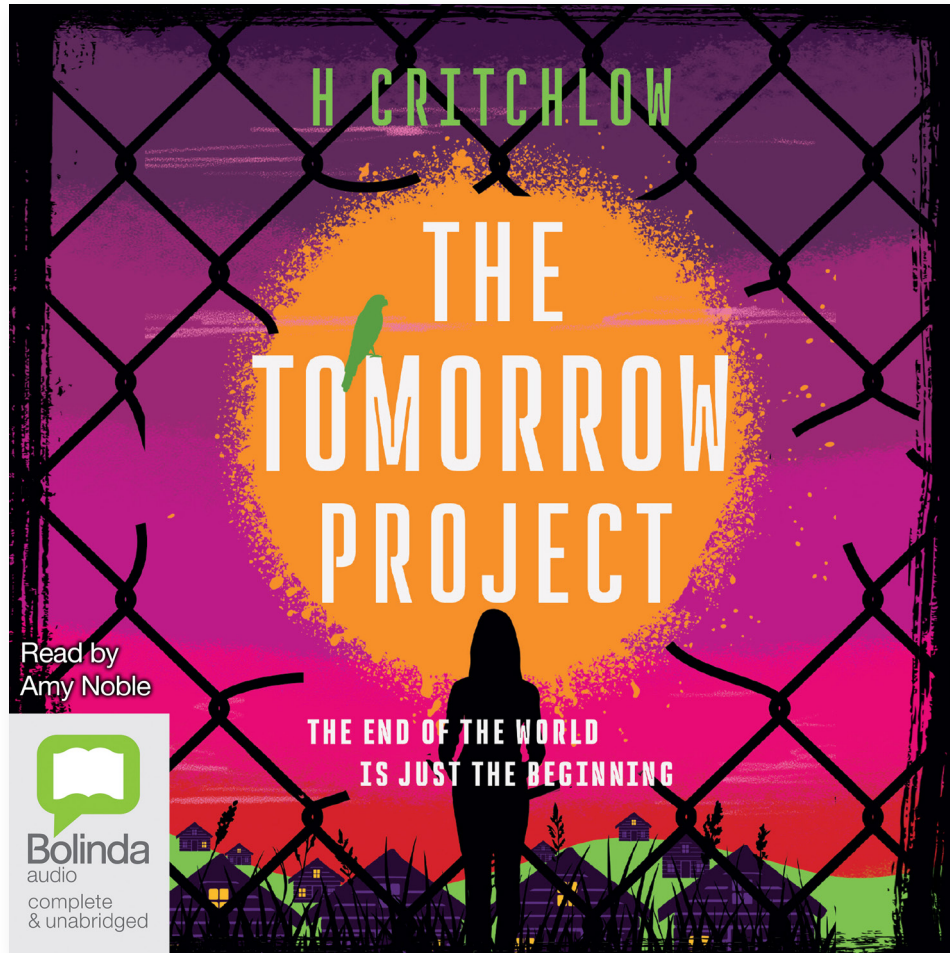
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# The Tomorrow Project

H. Critchlow

Read by Amy Noble



The unmissable new speculative tale for fans of *Station Eleven*, *The End We Start From* and *The Last of Us*. When the end comes, what will you wish you had done?

In 2050s London, fear grips like a vice as a deadly virus sweeps the globe. The British prime minister tells her people to remain calm. A vaccine will be available soon, and as a precautionary measure children will be whisked away to undisclosed locations, kept safe until the storm passes.

Marianne, Downing Street press secretary, doesn't realise the futility until it is far, far too late. When the truth hits her, Marianne is forced to choose: stay with her family, or do whatever she can to help the doomed survive.

As London falls, seven-year-old Maia is one of the last to escape the city. In an evacuation camp, she binds herself to Finn – in the absence of everything she knew, he becomes her everything.

Yet as the years roll on and hope fades, Maia sees the bubble of safety is also a prison. She realises there is only one choice – to leave the camp and find what remains on the outside.

Heather Critchlow is the author of the Unsolved series, which was shortlisted for the Bloody Scotland Debut Prize

Critchlow's short stories are featured in *Afraid of the Light*, *Afraid of the Christmas Lights*, and *Afraid of the Shadows*, collections of fiction written by crime writers for charity

'Critchlow has the ability to observe humanity at its worst – and heart-rending best. A worthy addition to the end-times dystopian canon.' – Jo Furniss, author of *Dead Mile* and *The Last to Know*



# Homework

A Memoir

Geoff Dyer

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Autobiography | June 2025

The first memoir from Geoff Dyer, author of *Yoga for People Who Can't Be Bothered to Do It*, recollecting his childhood and coming of age in postwar Britain.

In *Homework*, Geoff Dyer reflects on his childhood and what it means to come of age in England in the '60s and '70s, in a country shaped by the aftermath of the Second World War but accelerating towards change.

He was born in Cheltenham in the late '50s, the only child of a dinner lady and a planning engineer. Raised in a working-class area, Dyer and his mates found much joy recreating battles with their beloved Tommy guns, kicking a beachball around until its untimely death, and collecting anything and everything they could find: football cards, conkers and Action Man figures. When Dyer passes his 11-plus exams he got in to a Cheltenham Grammar School, a school which drastically changes the trajectory of his life ...

Geoff Dyer is the award-winning author of many books, including *The Last Days of Roger Federer*, *Out of Sheer Rage*, *Yoga for People Who Can't Be Bothered to Do It*, *Zona* and *See/Saw*

Dyer is also the author of the essay collection *Otherwise Known as the Human Condition* – winner of a National Book Critics Circle Award for criticism

A fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Dyer lives in Los Angeles, where he is a writer in residence at the University of Southern California

*'Moving, atmospheric, truthful, perceptive and hilariously funny – I loved it: a piece of our English history, the story of a vanished time, which feels close at hand but thoroughly gone. What a story. What a great story.'* – Tessa Hadley, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Late in the Day*



## Homework

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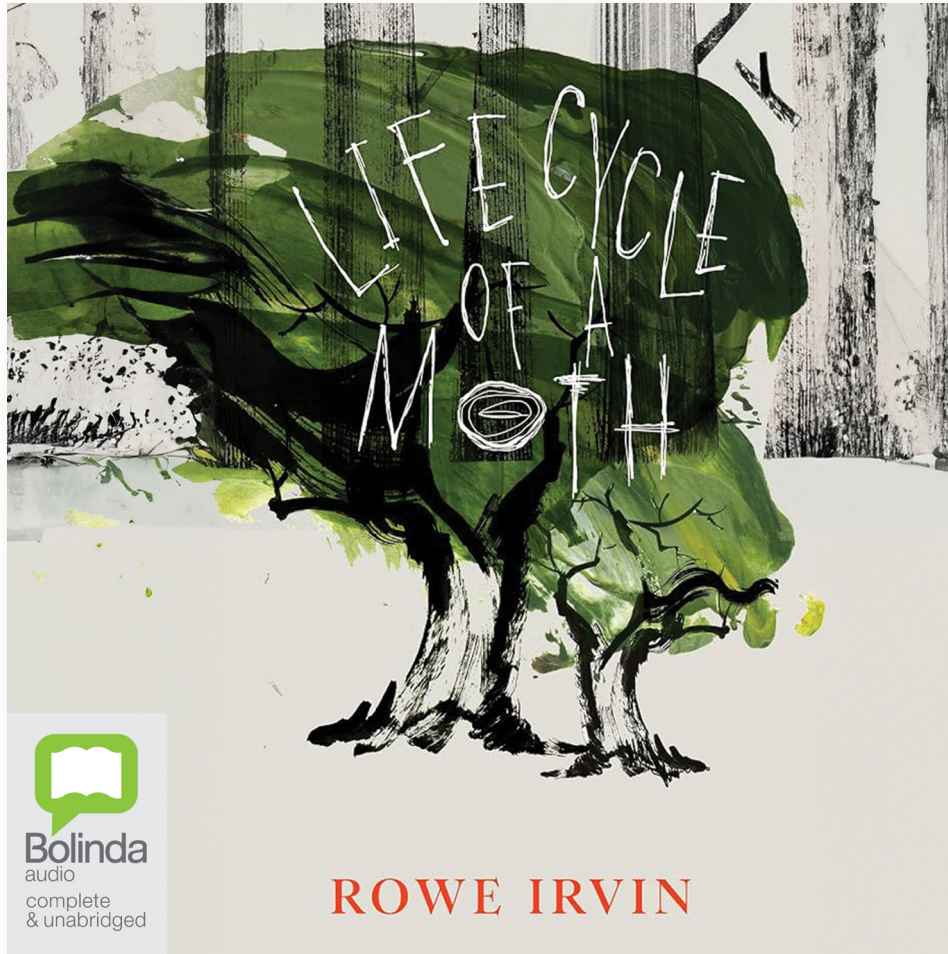
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# Life Cycle of a Moth

Rowe Irvin

Narrator to Come



A visceral, bold and devastating debut novel exploring male violence, maternal love, and what it means to create a space of refuge.

*An itchy feeling. A wrinkle in the forest. A cracking twig. A coming sound.*

*Myma, do you hear it?*

*Myma, do you hear?*

*Myma?*

Maya and Daughter live in complete isolation in a secluded woodland, their days aligned with the light and changing seasons, a complex pattern of routine and ritual. Daughter has never questioned the life her mother has chosen for them: the life that has meant she's never met another soul, or known anywhere except their forest home.

But one day, when Daughter is almost 16, a red-haired stranger steps into the confines of their territory. Where there was always two, suddenly there are three – and the carefully constructed world that Maya has built to keep her daughter safe may not survive it.

Urgent, haunting and thrillingly alive, *Life Cycle of a Moth* explores both the tenderness and ferocity of maternal love, asking what we might find ourselves capable of – and willing to sacrifice – in order to shelter those we hold dear.

Rowe Irvin is a writer and artist living between London and Manchester – her work has appeared in *Prototype 5*, *Unquiet Slumbers: A Collection of Folk Horror Tales* (Nepenthé Press) and *The Stinging Fly*

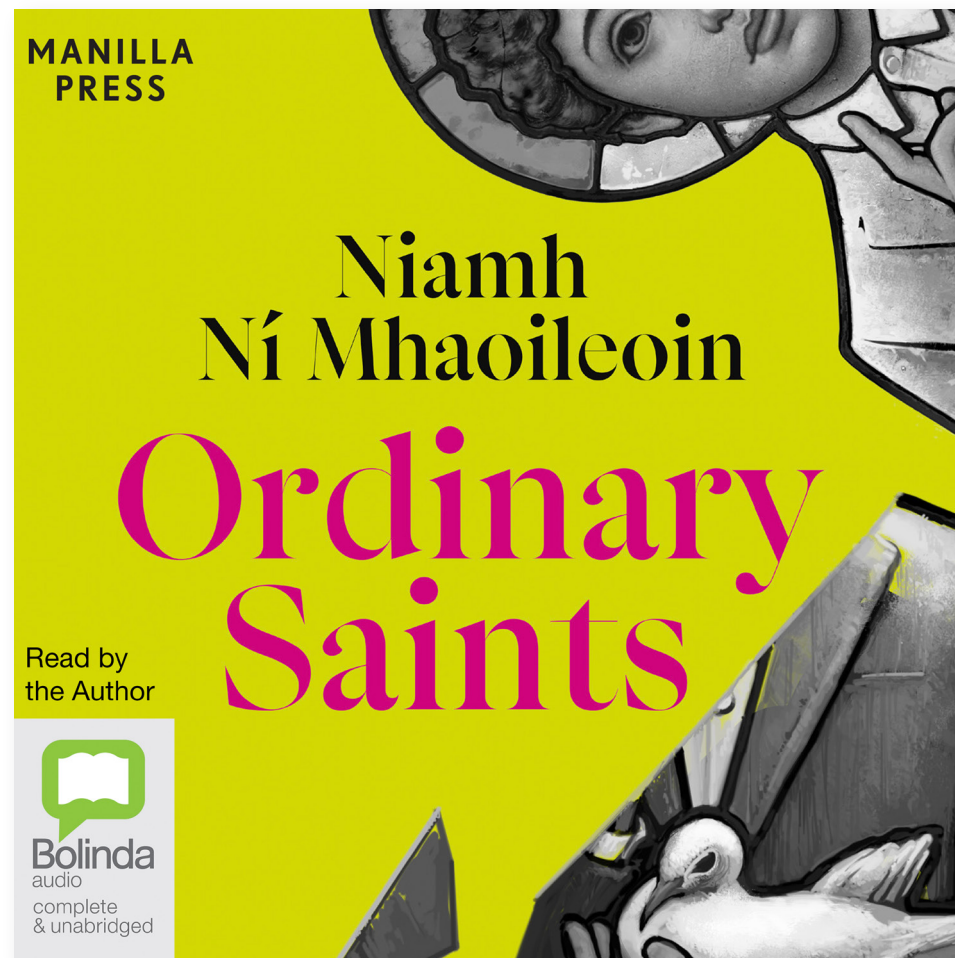
Irvin was awarded second prize in the 2024 Seán Ó Faoláin International Short Story Competition, and has been shortlisted for the Bridport Poetry Prize and the Bath Short Story Award

*'Muscular, moving and muddy, Life Cycle of a Moth is an unflinching woodland fable you cannot miss. It's astonishing and stirring; a debut novel tenderly cadenced and alchemical ... Rowe Irvin is a born storyteller.'* – Lucy Rose, author of *The Lamb*

# Ordinary Saints

## Niamh Ní Mhaoileoin

Read by the Author



Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | June 2025

An arresting, unmissable debut shortlisted for the Women's Prize Discoveries award – an exploration of family, grief, queer identity and the legacy of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

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*Can you imagine it? I'd say to them. Can you imagine me there in the front row in Saint Peter's Square? The lesbian sister of a literal saint.*

Brought up in a devout household in Ireland, Jay is now living in London with her girlfriend, determined to live day to day and not think too much about either the future or the past. But when she learns that her beloved older brother, who died in a terrible accident, may be made into a Catholic saint, she realises she must at last confront her family, her childhood and herself ...

Inspired by the author's own devout upbringing, *Ordinary Saints* is a brilliant debut from a fresh, exciting new voice which asks: who gets to decide how we are remembered – and who we will become?

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Niamh Ní Mhaoileoin is an Irish writer, living and working in Edinburgh

She won the inaugural PFD Queer Fiction Prize and was also shortlisted for the Women's Prize Trust Discoveries Prize

*'Mesmerising and original, Ordinary Saints is quite a novel: an empathetic, heart-felt and nuanced exploration of the Catholic church in modern Ireland, queer identity, family and so much more. I absolutely loved it.'* – Victoria Mackenzie, award-winning author of *For Thy Great Pain Have Mercy on My Little Pain*

*'I both learnt – and felt – a lot reading Ordinary Saints. An intriguing, compelling and deeply original debut.'* – Roxy Dunn, author of *As Young As This*

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# Mistress of Amber and Flame

The Mistress of the Ritual #1

**Maria Linwood**

Read by Meg McKibbin

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | June 2025

Join Tábala as she sets out to protect her world against the Gloom and nightmares in the wake of the mysterious Frontierwalker.

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*The Mistress of the Ritual has been chosen.*

Centuries ago, a kingdom was torn apart by old magik long forgotten. It caused a rift separating the lands into one of peace and one of torment.

Now, as the latest in the line of guardians, Tábala has been chosen. She must be the one to banish the nightmares seeping over from Sàgilorc, their afflicted brother-world.

But as darkness begins to creep through the border, and sightings of the mysterious Frontierwalker become rampant, Tábala's sheltered home is in grave danger.

With age-old secrets, dangerous missions and questions of loyalty afoot, Tábala must do everything in her power to protect her people. She may soon discover that playing games of heart and rituals can be fatal.

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Maria Linwood is a German author who moved to Australia in 2022

Linwood has written several works in German, including epic fantasy Novel *Das schwarze Amain* and short story 'Schwarzer Sand' in the *Rituale* short story collection

*Mistress of Amber and Flame* is her first novel in English



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# The Great Library of Tomorrow

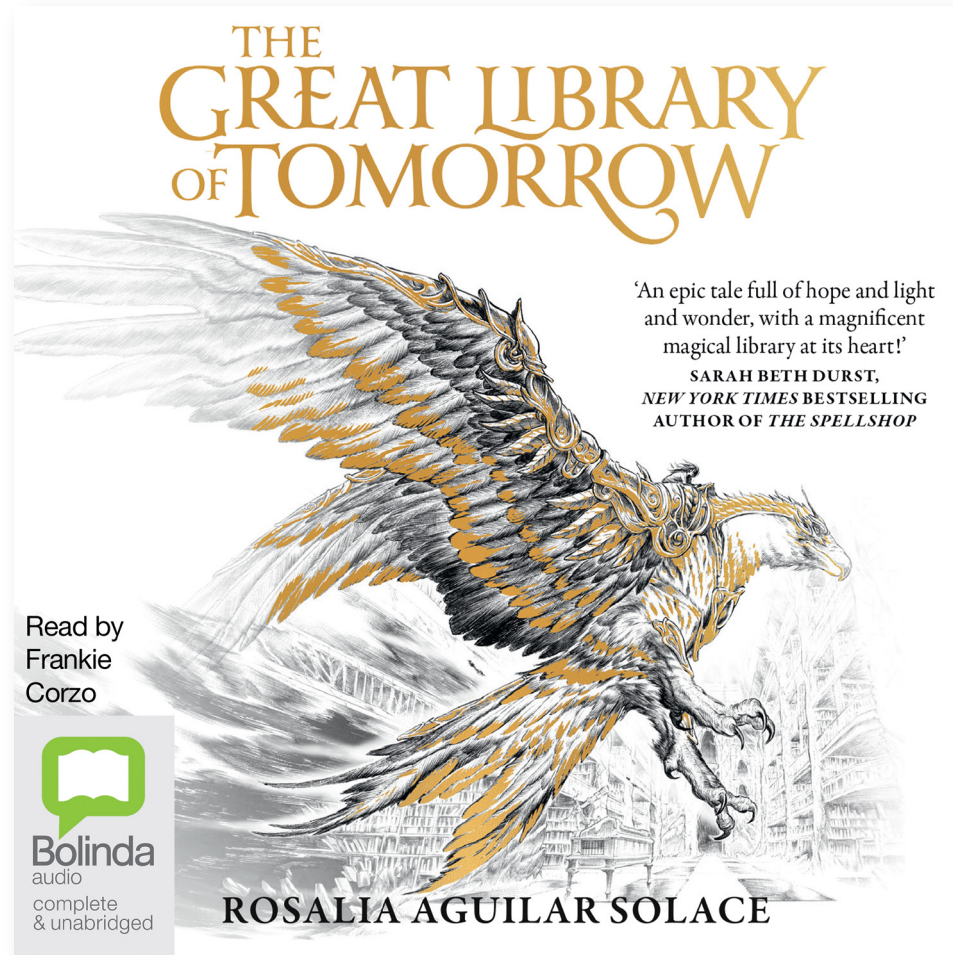
The Book of Wisdom Trilogy #1

**Rosalia Aguilar Solace**

Read by Frankie Corzo

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | June 2025



The first in a stunningly original epic fantasy series following a band of heroes and a powerful enemy.

Helia has served as the Sage of Hope for the Great Library of Tomorrow for centuries. She is one of the chosen few who embody and protect the values of humanity across the numerous realms of Paperworld, which are connected within the Library itself via magical Portals controlled by the Book of Wisdom.

But even her hope is tested when she and her partner Xavier, the Sage of Truth, are attacked while visiting the famous Rose Garden in the realm of Silvyra. Wounded and in shock amidst a storm of fire, they are confronted by a deadly figure known to them as the Ash Man. With the Garden destroyed and its dragon protector missing, Xavier sacrifices his life so that Helia can return home to warn the other Sages.

But there she finds the Book of Wisdom – always a guide to the Sages – eerily silent. With the Ash Man gaining strength, Helia soon finds herself in a race against time, searching for clues to the origins of their foe – and any possible way to defeat him.

Perfect for fans of *The City We Became* by N.K. Jemisin and Brandon Sanderson's *Mistborn*

Rosalia Aguilar Solace, born in Mexico City to a journalist father and an academic mother is a passionate photojournalist and storyteller

*'Irresistibly imaginative! Rosalia Aguilar Solace has crafted an epic tale full of hope and light and wonder, with a magnificent magical library at its heart! You're in for a treat!'*

– Sarah Beth Durst, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Spellshop*

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# Sword

D-Day Trial by Battle

**Max Hastings**

Read by the Author and John Hopkins

Adult New Release

History | June 2025

From bestselling author Max Hastings comes a thrilling story of the men who invaded Sword Beach on D-Day.

## MAX HASTINGS SWORD

D-DAY TRIAL BY BATTLE



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Sword Beach was the north-easternmost of the five areas assaulted by the Anglo-American and Canadian armies on 6 June 1944. The battle zone on and behind Sword witnessed on 6 June some of the most dramatic and tumultuous scenes, the greatest human stories, of the entire war in the West – encompassing 30,000 paratroopers, infantry and commandos alongside aircrew and sailors, not to mention the German and French participants.

While the Eastern struggle was unrelentingly bloody, between 1941 and 1944 the British and American armies had contributed relatively little to the crusade to destroy Nazism. No Russian or German soldier experienced the luxury granted to the British of having four years – and in the case of the US, 30 months – to prepare and train for a resumption of the continental campaign which had been abandoned in June 1940. On 6 June these men experienced, literally overnight, a transition from peace, from years of make-believe battle, to the whitest heat of war.

Although the core facts of Sword Beach are familiar, Max Hastings will explore new angles and fresh personalities in this new history of what was perhaps the supreme military achievement of the Western war.

Max Hastings is the author of *Operation Biting*, *Bomber Command*, *Vietnam*, *Catastrophe*, *Armageddon*, *Retribution*, *Winston's War*, *The Korean War* and *Inferno*

Hastings has won many awards both for his books and his journalism, including the 2012 \$100,000 Pritzker Library prize for lifetime achievement, and the 2019 Bronze Arthur Ross medal of the US Council For Foreign Relations for Vietnam

*'There are few things in life more dependable than a war story told by Hastings... He's a master of drama, a writer intimately familiar with the mind of the soldier ...'* – The Times (on *Operation Biting*)

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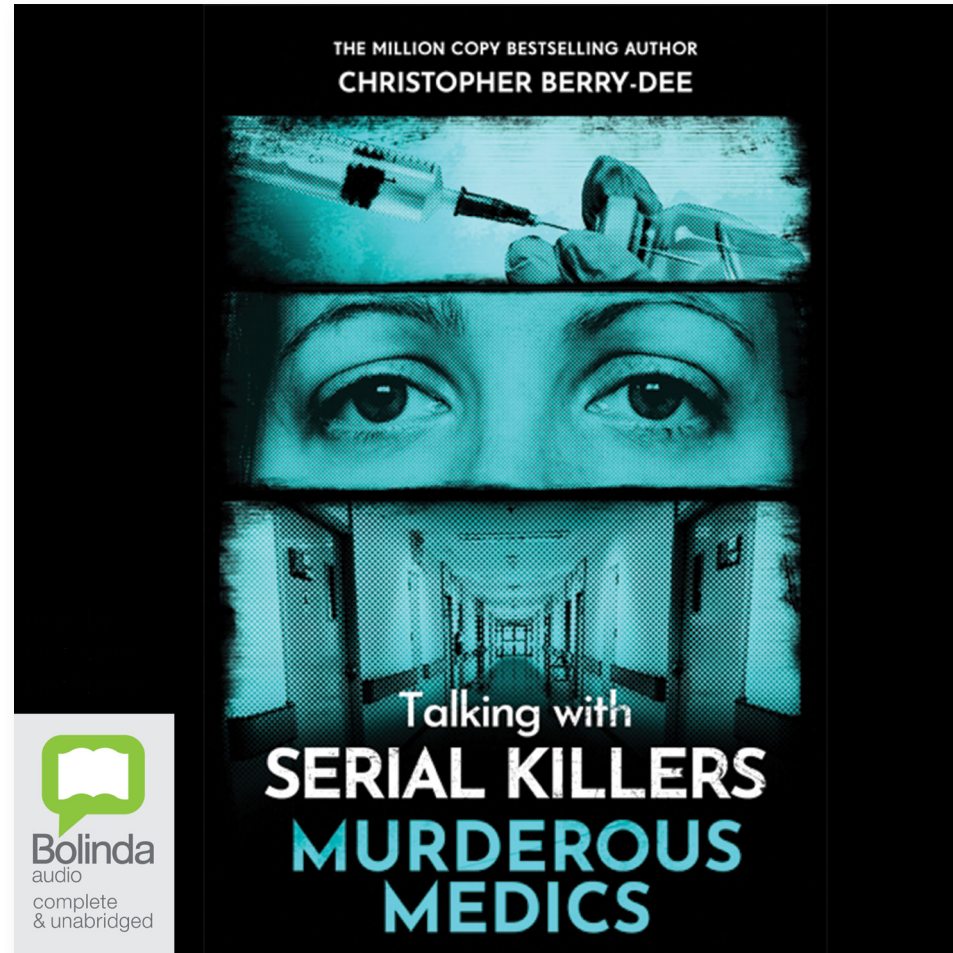
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# Talking with Serial Killers: Murderous Medics

Christopher Berry-Dee

Narrator to Come



Bestselling author Christopher Berry-Dee focuses his forensic spotlight on the phenomenon of murders committed by medical professionals.

In the aftermath of Nurse Lucy Letby's conviction in August 2023 for the murder of seven babies and the attempted murder of six others, cold-blooded killings by some of the most trusted medical professionals are a subject of very real public concern. The subject is also extremely topical, with massive media coverage.

In *Talking with Serial Killers: Murderous Medics*, #1 bestselling author Christopher Berry-Dee focuses his forensic spotlight on the phenomenon of murders committed by doctors and other medical professionals, including the child-killing nurses Beverly Allitt and Lucy Letby, and Dr Harold Shipman, the UK's most prolific serial killer.

Christopher Berry-Dee is an international bestseller and a leading writer on crime and the pathology of criminals

Berry-Dee's recent books include *Talking with Psychopaths and Savages: A Journey into the Evil Mind*, the UK's bestselling true-crime title of 2017, and *Talking with Psychopaths and Savages: Mass Murderers and Spree Killers*

Berry-Dee frequently appears on TV documentaries as a leading authority on serial homicide

'Terrifying ... true crime at its best.' – Daily Express (on *The Most Evil People in the World Tell Their Own Stories*)

'No one else does true crime quite like it.' – Crime Monthly Magazine (on *Talking with Psychopaths*)

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June new releases 2025

# Europa

## Greig Beck

Read by Sean Mangan

A brutal, heart-stopping descent into deep space horror by international bestselling author Greig Beck.

The first mission to Europa – Jupiter's enigmatic moon – has landed, and humanity's darkest fears are about to awaken.

For years, mankind has speculated that this frozen world harbours a hidden ocean twice the size of all Earth's oceans combined – an ocean potentially teeming with life.

Driven by this tantalising mystery, they venture forth to unlock its secrets. But what they discover in the abyssal depths is far beyond anything they could have imagined.

Nearly 400 million miles from Earth, their search for life has succeeded. But in their triumph, they overlook the most terrifying truth: what they have found is something far older and more horrifying than they ever could have conceived. Something has been trapped in the dark for eons – watching, and waiting, for them.

Now, the crew stands at the threshold of unimaginable terror, realising too late that Hell, in its purest form, is cold.

Greig Beck is an internationally bestselling Australian author from Sydney who's novels have been published in over 10 languages worldwide

His Alex Hunter series has been a major bestseller around the world

*'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*)

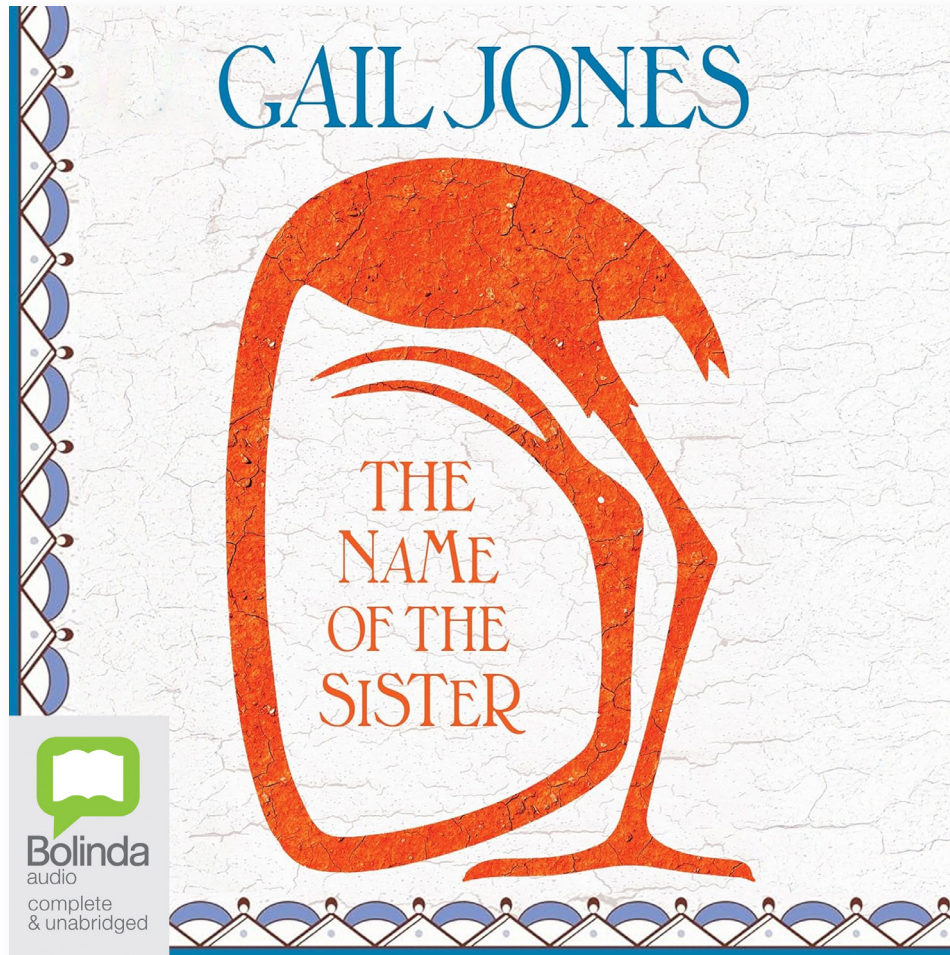




# The Name of the Sister

## Gail Jones

Read by Eleanor Stankiewicz



In this spellbinding new literary novel from award-winning author Gail Jones, the arrival of a mysterious young woman triggers an unstoppable series of events in the nearby town of Broken Hill.

A young woman stumbles onto an outback road at night, and is caught in the headlights of an approaching car. Who is she? Nobody knows, and she has lost the ability to speak. She is rushed to hospital and then exposed to the glare of the TV cameras.

This is how the story of the Unknown Woman begins, setting off a media firestorm that catches the eye of Angie, a freelance journalist and childhood friend of Bev, the police inspector in charge of identifying Jane, as the Unknown Woman is dubbed, and tracking down her assailant. Dozens of people step forward claiming to know Jane and to hold the key to her identity.

Gail Jones's new novel, set in Sydney and the Mars-red landscapes surrounding the remote mining town of Broken Hill, explores how stories about identity and history multiply in the absence of reliable facts. And then the stories redouble once the Unknown Woman is identified and given a name. In an urgent finale that neither of the major characters could have anticipated, contradictory clues will proliferate about the true name of the sister.

Gail Jones is the author of two short-story collections and ten novels, and her work has been translated into several languages

Jones has received numerous literary awards, including the Prime Minister's Literary Award, the Age Book of the Year, the South Australian Premier's Award, the ALS Gold Medal and the Kibble Award

*'One of the most important and prolific literary authors working in Australia today.'* – Sydney Review of Books

# Jilya

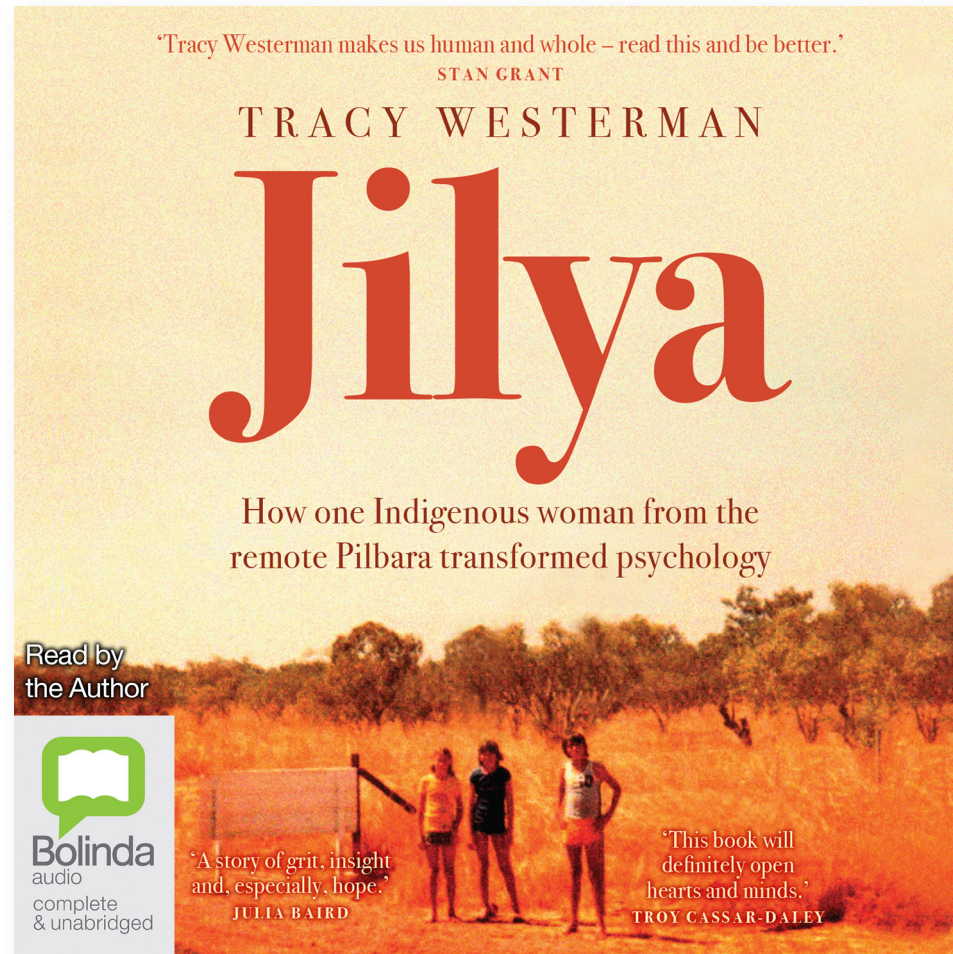
How One Indigenous Woman from the Remote Pilbara Transformed Psychology

## Tracy Westerman

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Autobiography | June 2025



A powerful memoir from Tracy Westerman, who rose from the remote Pilbara to become one of Australia's leading psychologists.

From humble beginnings in the remote Pilbara, psychologist and Nyamal woman Tracy Westerman has redefined what's possible at every turn.

Despite neither of her parents progressing past primary school, and never having met a psychologist before attending university, Westerman was the first Aboriginal person in Australia to complete a PhD in Clinical Psychology, rising to become one of the country's foremost psychologists. Against significant odds, she commenced her own private business to challenge the way the mental health profession responds to cultural difference, and recently established a charitable foundation and scholarship program to mentor Indigenous people from our highest-risk communities to become psychologists.

In this ground-breaking memoir, Westerman draws on client stories of trauma, heartbreak, hope and connection from her years of practice, offering a no-holds-barred reflection on how the monocultural, one-size-fits-all approach to psychology is failing Aboriginal people and how she's healing those wounds.

*Jilya* is a story of drive and determination, of what it takes to create change when the odds are stacked against you. Above all, it is a story of one woman's love for her people.

Tracy Westerman is a recognised world leader in Aboriginal mental health, cultural competency and suicide prevention, achieving national and international recognition for her work

Westerman has received many awards including an Order of Australia, Telstra Women's Business Award Winner (WA) and Australian of the Year (WA)

*'Jilya is a heart-wrenching yet hopeful work of the profoundest importance.'* – The Age

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# Plains of Promise

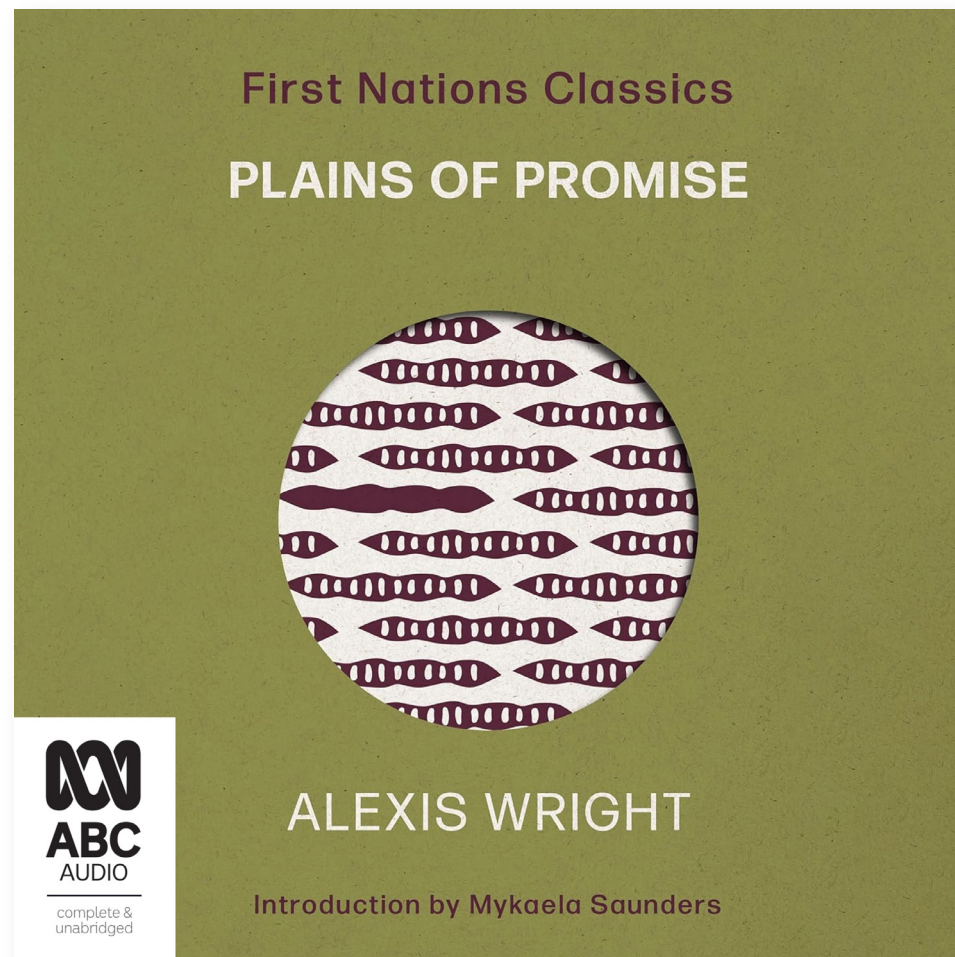
First Nations Classics

Alexis Wright

Read by Sandy Greenwood

Adult New Release

Literary Fiction | June 2025



In this brilliant, wide-ranging story, Alexis Wright evokes city and outback, deepening our understanding of human ambition and failure, and making the timeless heart and soul of this country pulsate on the page.

In the 1950s Gulf Country of Queensland's far North, black and white cultures collide in a thousand ways as Aboriginal spirituality clashes with the complex brutality of colonisation at St Dominic's Mission. When Ivy Koopundi and her mother arrive at the Mission, they are immediately separated and Ivy's life changes irrevocably.

Years later, Mary, a young woman who is working for a city-based Aboriginal Coalition, visits the old Mission and learns of her mother's and grandmother's suffering there. Mary's return reignites community anxieties, leading the Council of Elders to again turn to their spirit world.

This stunning story, from the only writer to ever win both the Miles Franklin Literary Award and the Stella Prize, showcases Alexis Wright's distinctive and far-reaching talents.

Alexis Wright is the author of the prize-winning *Carpentaria* as well as *The Swan Book*

Wright has also published three works of non-fiction – *Take Power*, *Grog War* and *Tracker*

Wright is the inaugural winner of the Creative Australia Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature

'[A] thundering, swelling epic ... Wright has a way of entering the hearts, minds and bloodstreams of her characters.' – The Times (on *Carpentaria*)

'One of the most beautiful, furious and urgent novels to be published [in Australia] in recent years.' – The Australian (on *The Swan Book*)

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# The Prospect

## Fleur McDonald

Read by Tayla Thomas

The fresh and exciting new crime series from the bestselling author of the Detective Dave Burrows series.

*No matter how much or how little you find, you will never, ever own the gold. It will always own you.*

After a scandal, investigative reporter Zara Ellison and her partner, policeman Jack Higgins have moved to Kalgoorlie – each struggling with this fresh start. This wild mining town has its own rules, and its inhabitants – drawn by the lure of gold and riches – guard their secrets carefully.

Zara feels adrift in the swirling red dust of the lawless, bush city, without sources or any leads for the hard-hitting stories she's known for. Jack is out of the detective squad and trying to find his feet back in uniform.

On an isolated stretch of highway, a pair of grey nomads are involved in a devastating accident which leaves more questions than answers. Zara starts digging for her own kind of gold, while Jack's investigation sends him on a parallel path towards a dangerous smuggling ring.

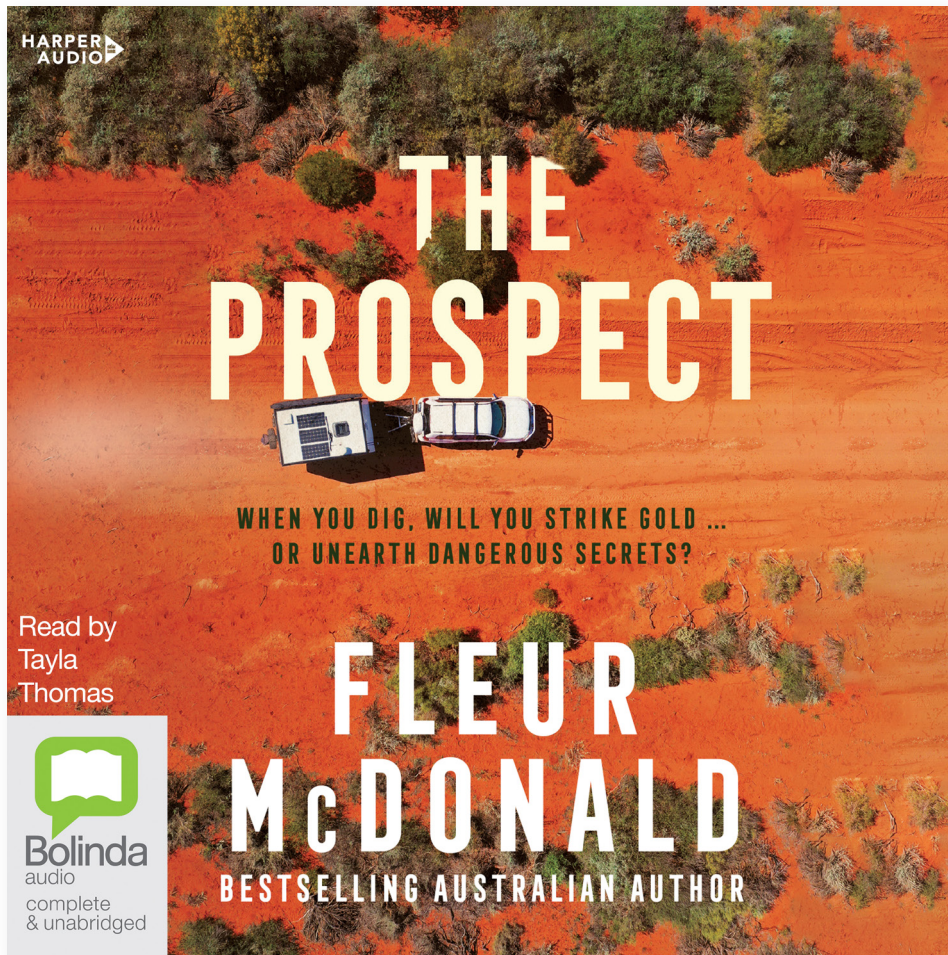
In the wide open spaces of the outback, some secrets are buried deep.

Perfect for fans of Jane Harper, Dinuka McKenzie, and Chris Hammer

Bestselling rural crime author Fleur McDonald has always had a strong affinity with the land and the vast Australian outback

With 24 fiction novels and more than 850,000 book sales to her name, McDonald has built a strong following of loyal readers with an insatiable appetite for her craft and characters, most notably Detective Dave Burrows

*'Fleur McDonald is a bestselling author at the top of her game, she writes compelling rural fiction with more than just a hint of suspense.'* – Beauty and Lace (on *Where the River Runs*)





# Näku Dhäruk: The Bark Petition

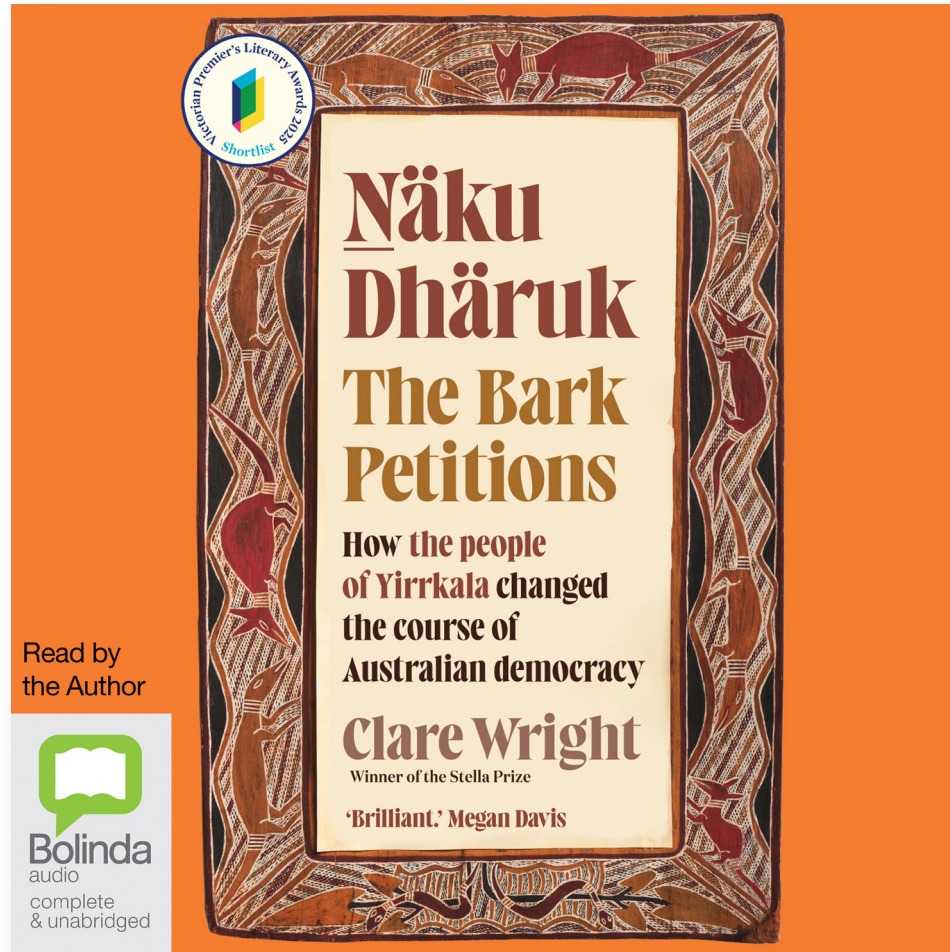
Adult New Release

History | June 2025

How the People of Yirrkala Changed the Course of Australian Democracy

Clare Wright

Read by the Author



Clare Wright's Democracy Trilogy began with *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka* and continued with *You Daughters of Freedom*. It concludes with this account of a momentous episode in our shared story.

In 1963 – a year of agitation for civil rights worldwide – the Yolŋu of northeast Arnhem Land created the Yirrkala Bark Petitions: Näku Dhäruk. 'The land grew a tongue' and the land-rights movement was born.

*Näku Dhäruk* is the story of a founding document in Australian democracy and the trailblazers who made it. It is also a pulsating picture of the ancient and enduring culture of Australia's first peoples.

And it is a masterful, groundbreaking history.

Professor Clare Wright OAM is an award-winning historian, author, broadcaster, podcaster and public commentator who has worked in politics, academia and the media

In 2020, Wright was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours list for 'services to literature and to historical research'

Wright is Chair of the National Museum of Australia Council and past Board Director of the Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas

'A masterful and definitive account of one of the most important political documents in Australian history. Wright brings to life this moving story of unwavering Yolŋu resistance and the enduring legacy of their political actions.' – Larissa Behrendt, distinguished professor at University of Technology Sydney

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# The Secret Year of Zara Holt

## Kimberley Freeman

Read by Janet Watson Kruse

Inspired by the fascinating life of fashion designer and businesswoman Dame Zara Bate, this is a vibrant and compelling audiobook of fashion, passion, love and loss.

*Melbourne, 1927.* The summer flowers smell like Christmas the night Zara Dickins meets Harry Holt. Zara is wearing a dress she has designed and made herself. White organdie over a short black slip, with black embroidery and a crimson taffeta sash. It is party season and the university crowd are celebrating end-of-year exams. Zara loves dancing with the boys and flirting with them, but it's a game to her. Nothing serious. Until Harry.

He plans to be a politician once he finishes law. She, a fashion designer, if she can find a way to break out of the secretarial pool. When he takes her hand, she doesn't want to let him go.

The spark they ignite that night will last 40 years.

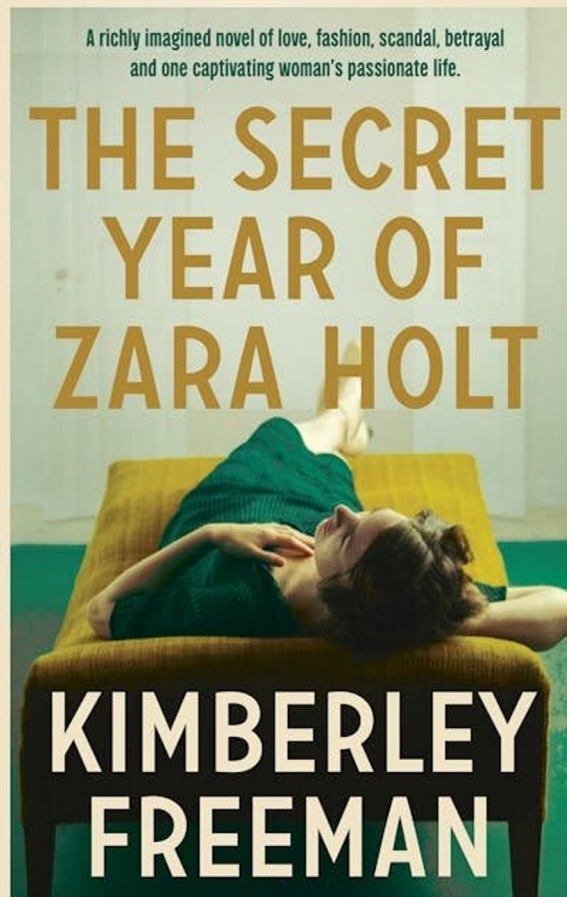
*Portsea, 1967.* When Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt disappears while swimming, his wife Zara loses herself in the memories of their volatile relationship. She always believed Harry when he said no matter what happened, he'd never leave. Their bond has stretched to London, Europe, India, America. It has survived anger, loss and heartbreak, media scrutiny, secrets and lies. But now all Zara wants is for Harry to come home.

Kimberley Freeman is the author of *Duet*, winner of the Ruby Award, *Gold Dust*, *Wildflower Hill*, *Lighthouse Bay*, *Ember Island*, and *Evergreen Falls*

Freeman's bestselling books have been translated into over 12 languages

'An interesting and involving drama ... good stuff.' – Australian Women's Weekly (on *Duet*)

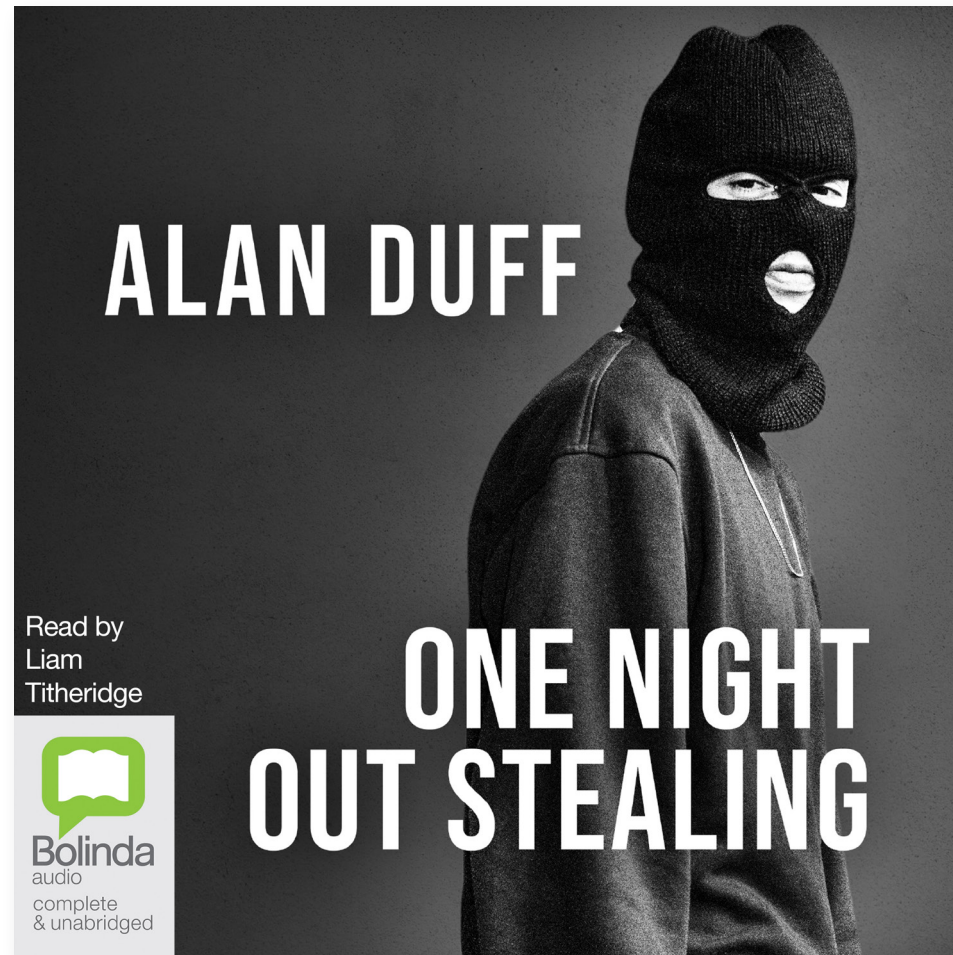
'Evocatively written.' – Australian Women's Weekly (on *Wildflower Hill*)



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# One Night Out Stealing Alan Duff

Read by Liam Titheridge



The adventures of two New Zealand convicts – one white, the other Maori – and the forking of their paths, from the critically acclaimed author of *Once Were Warriors*.

Boys' homes, borstal, jail, stealing, then jail again – and again. That's been life for Jube and Sonny. One Pakeha, the other Maori, only vaguely aware of life beyond pubs and their hopeless cronies.

Then, one night out stealing, the two small-time hoods chance upon the home of a wealthy Wellington lawyer ...

The ensuing events unfold with stark brutality amidst a seldom-seen New Zealand cityscape of littered streets, crowded highways and noisy smoke-filled bars – a world of inarticulate turmoil that Jube and Sonny are unlikely to ever escape.

Alan Duff MBE is a New Zealand novelist and newspaper columnist

Alan Duff's title *Once Were Warriors* won the PEN Best First Book for Fiction Award and was made into an internationally acclaimed film, for which Duff wrote the original screenplay

Duff's other title *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted?* won the Montana New Zealand Book Award for Fiction

'One Night Out Stealing has many of the strengths of *Once Were Warriors* – the dialogue, the pub culture, the reckless abandon of those who live hand to mouth and the rules which bend them together ... Alan Duff is doing something original and important.'

– Geoff Chapple, *Sunday Star*

'Duff hits the nail on the head again.' – Mike Crean, *Christchurch Star*

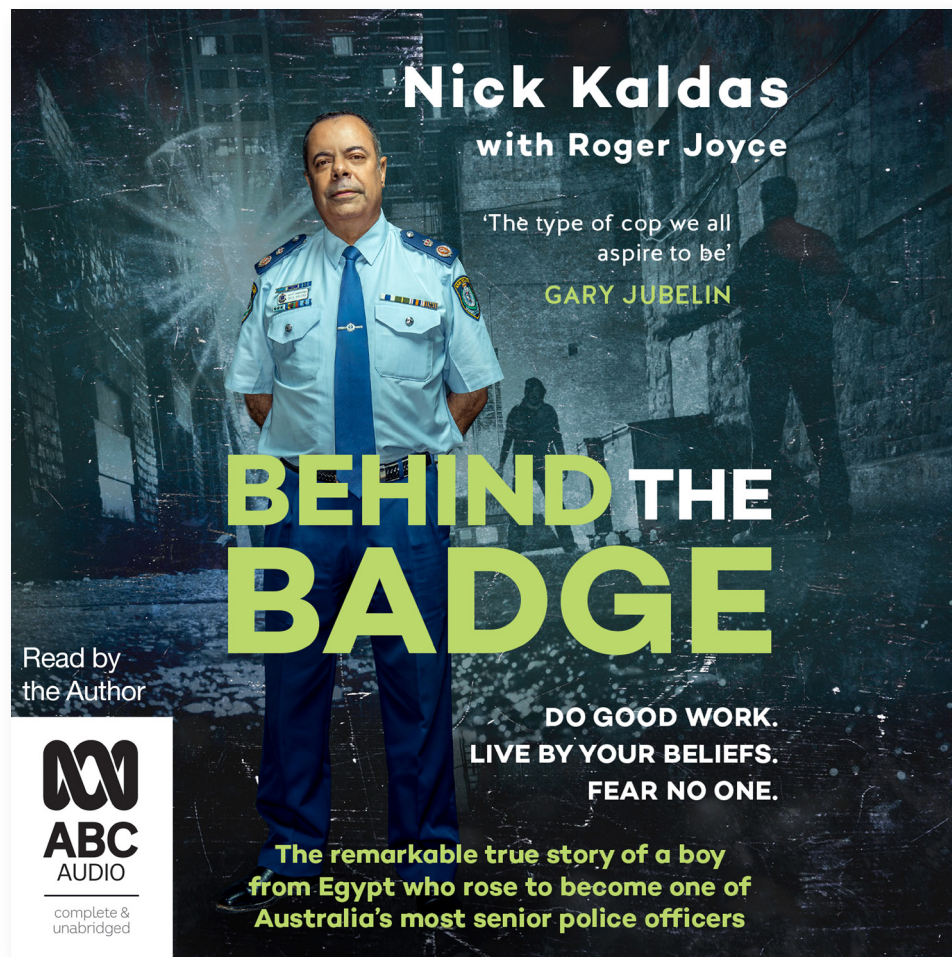


# Behind the Badge

The Remarkable True Story of a Boy from Egypt Who Rose to Become  
One of Australia's Most Senior Police Officers

**Nick Kaldas**

Read by the Author



Adult New Release

Autobiography | June 2025

The true story of one of Australia's top cops, perfect for fans of *I Catch Killers* and *The Good Cop*.

Nick Kaldas is a cop's cop. From investigating war criminals to taking down global drug operations, Kaldas has seen the worst humanity can offer. But he's also seen which human qualities can lead to greatness.

This is the compelling true story of an immigrant boy from Egypt who rose from beat cop to become one of the most senior police officers in Australia. During his time in the NSW police force, he was one of Australia's first Arab undercover cops, headed up both the Homicide and Gang Squad units, reformed the Counter Terrorism team and then became the Deputy Police Commissioner.

He has also faced down some of the toughest, most brutal criminal organisations in the world. Having negotiated hostage situations, gained the trust of the Syrian secret police and chaired the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, Kaldas has learned a thing or two about resilience, courage and fortitude.

In *Behind the Badge*, he describes the most challenging cases that have shaped him and reveals what it takes to stand up for what's right in the face of insurmountable opposition.

As head of the Homicide Squad, Kaldas led the investigation into the murder of John Newman MP and oversaw many other investigations, including the murders committed by Sef Gonzales

Nick Kaldas served in the NSW Police for 35 years, the last ten as the Deputy Commissioner

'A glimpse of the personal cost of pursuing what is right.' – Mick Keelty, former Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police

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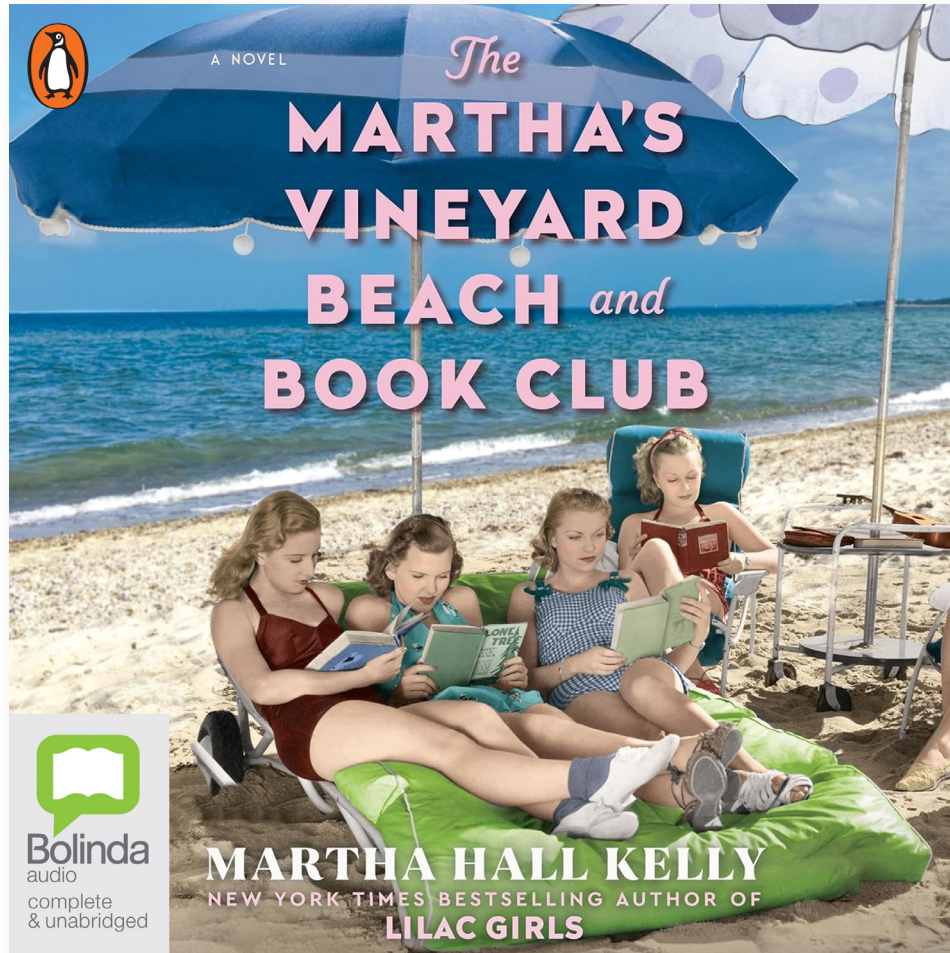
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# The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club

Martha Hall Kelly

Narrator to Come



In this spectacular story inspired by true events, *New York Times* bestselling author Martha Hall Kelly weaves a captivating tale of love, loss and resilience.

2016. Fresh from her mother's funeral, Mari arrives on Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Massachusetts to study under the enigmatic painter Elizabeth Devereux. But she soon realises that her relationship to the island runs deeper than she ever thought possible.

1942. It's World War II, and Smith sisters Briar and Ginny are faced with the impossible task of holding their failing family farm together as the US army arrives on their island. In an attempt for normalcy, the sisters start a book club that quickly grows in numbers and becomes a lifeline for the women who remain on the island.

That is, until a German soldier's arrival casts shadows of doubt and danger. Who can they really trust in their tight-knit community?

Martha Hall Kelly is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Lilac Girls*, *Lost Roses*, *Sunflower Sisters*, and *The Golden Doves*

Kelly's debut *Lilac Girls* became a *New York Times* bestseller the week it was published in 2016 and then went on to sell over two million copies and publish in 50 countries

'Full of danger, heartbreak, and redemption and set to the backdrop of war, *The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club* celebrates the magic of books, family and truth as several women – bound by blood and friendship – discover their destinies on the scenic island just off the Massachusetts coast.' – Kristin Harmel, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Book of Lost Names*

'Another winner by one of the best historical fiction writers around.' – Fiona Davis, bestselling author of *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*

# The Ladies Road Guide to Utter Ruin

Ill-Mannered Ladies #2

**Alison Goodman**

Read by Kristin Atherton

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025

In Regency England, the eccentric Colebrook sisters are amateur detectives who use their wits and invisibility as 'old maids' to fight injustice in this delightful mystery and adventure.

To most of Regency high society, 42-year-old Lady Augusta Colebrook, or Gus, and her twin sister, Julia, are just unmarried ladies of a certain age – hardly worth a second glance. But the Colebrook twins are far from useless old maids. They are secretly protecting women and children ignored by society and the law.

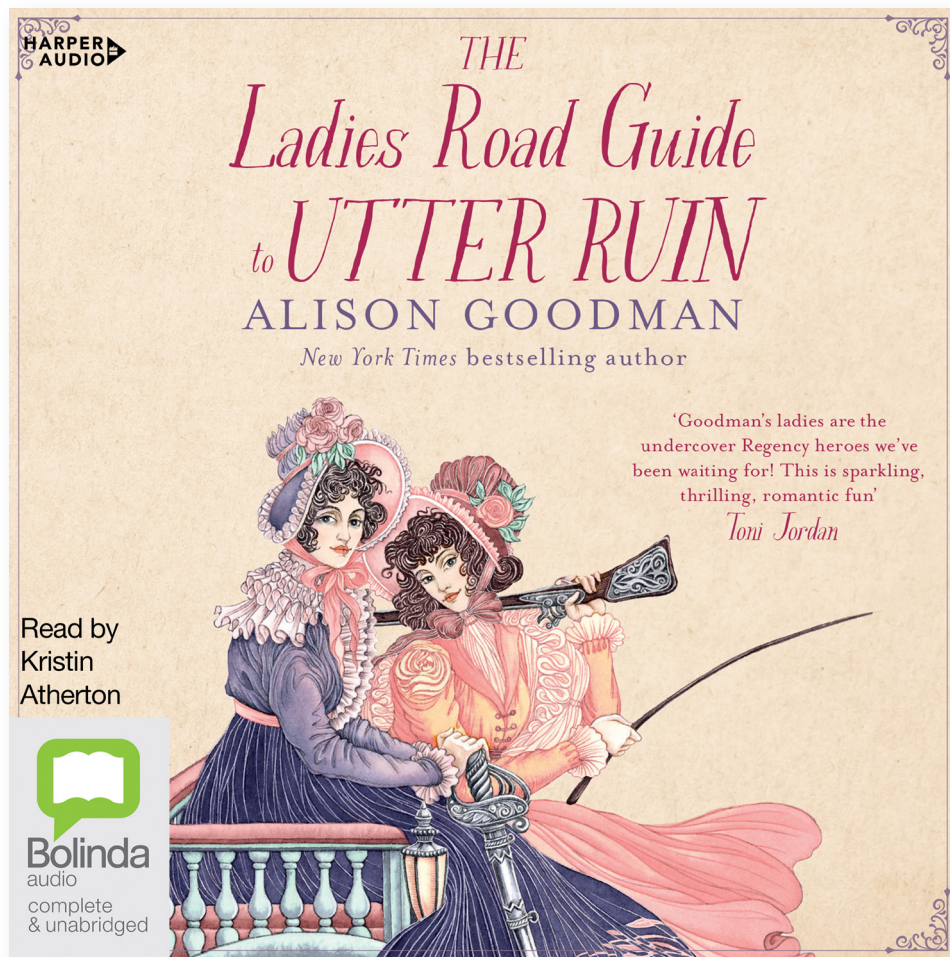
When Lord Evan – a charming escaped convict who has won Gus's heart – needs to hide his sister and her lover from their vindictive brother, Gus and Julia take the two women into their home. They know what it is like to have a powerful and overbearing brother. But Lord Evan's complicated past puts them all in danger. Gus knows they must clear his name of murder if he is to survive the thieftakers who hunt him. But it is no easy task – the fatal duel was 20 years ago and a key witness is nowhere to be found.

In a deadly cat-and-mouse game, Gus, Julia and Lord Evan must dodge their pursuers and investigate Lord Evan's past.

*The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies* – the first book in the Ill-Mannered Ladies series – won the 2024 Readers' Choice Davitt Award and was longlisted in the 2023 ARA Historical Novel Award

Alison Goodman is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the award winning Lady Helen dark fantasy trilogy, which has been described as *Buffy* meets *Pride and Prejudice*

'A rollicking feminist romp - think Jane Austen meets James Bond - that breaks the shackles of period genre fiction and liberates women from the forces arrayed against them.' – Sydney Morning Herald (on *The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies*)



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# The Palazzo

## Kayte Nunn

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025

A thrilling destination murder mystery from the internationally bestselling author Kayte Nunn.

Newly widowed beauty entrepreneur Vivi Savidge's 40th birthday is fast approaching, and she plans to celebrate it at the Palazzo Stellina, a historic former convent in the foothills of the Italian Alps run by disgraced chef Marco Bianchi and his elderly grandmother.

Vivi's little sister, Alice, is flying from Brisbane with her 16-year-old twins in tow. Ex-colleague Pete and his new husband Nick are coming from Boston, and old friend Caroline is driving from Turin. Every one of them is hiding a shameful secret.

Vivi's plans for a relaxing holiday surrounded by those closest to her are soon overshadowed by an anonymous blackmail threat, and she begins to wonder if someone she thought she could trust might just as easily betray her.

Amid a suffocating heatwave, the holiday ignites an explosive cocktail of obsession, jealousy and greed. Before the week is over, secrets will be exposed and the gathering will turn deadly, leaving one victim, a handful of suspects and a murderer in their midst.

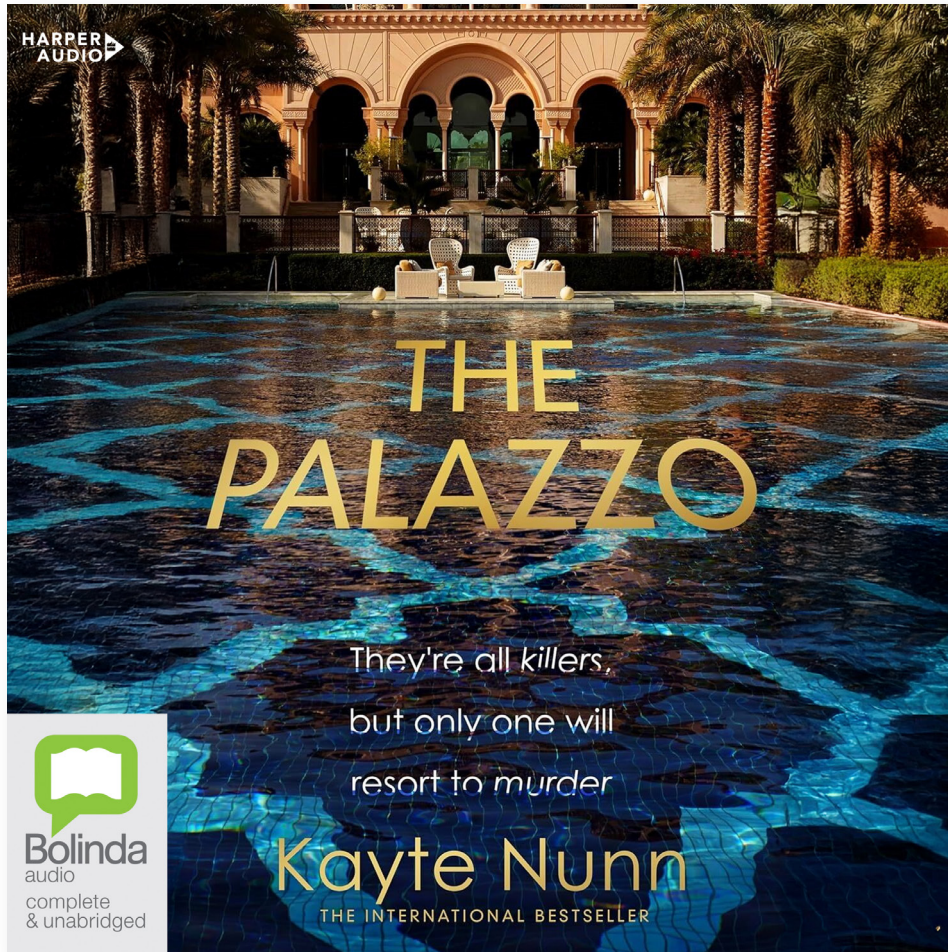
Perfect for fans of Lucy Foley and Pip Drysdale

Kayte Nunn is a former book and magazine editor, and the author of several previous novels, including the internationally bestselling *The Botanist's Daughter*, *The Forgotten Letters of Esther Durrant*, *The Silk House*, and *The Last Reunion*

*The Botanist's Daughter* was the 2020 winner of the Winston Graham Historical Fiction Prize

'A spine-tingling, evocative crime thriller.' – Australian Women's Weekly (on *The Only Child*)

'An absorbing and chilling tale.' – New Idea (on *The Only Child*)



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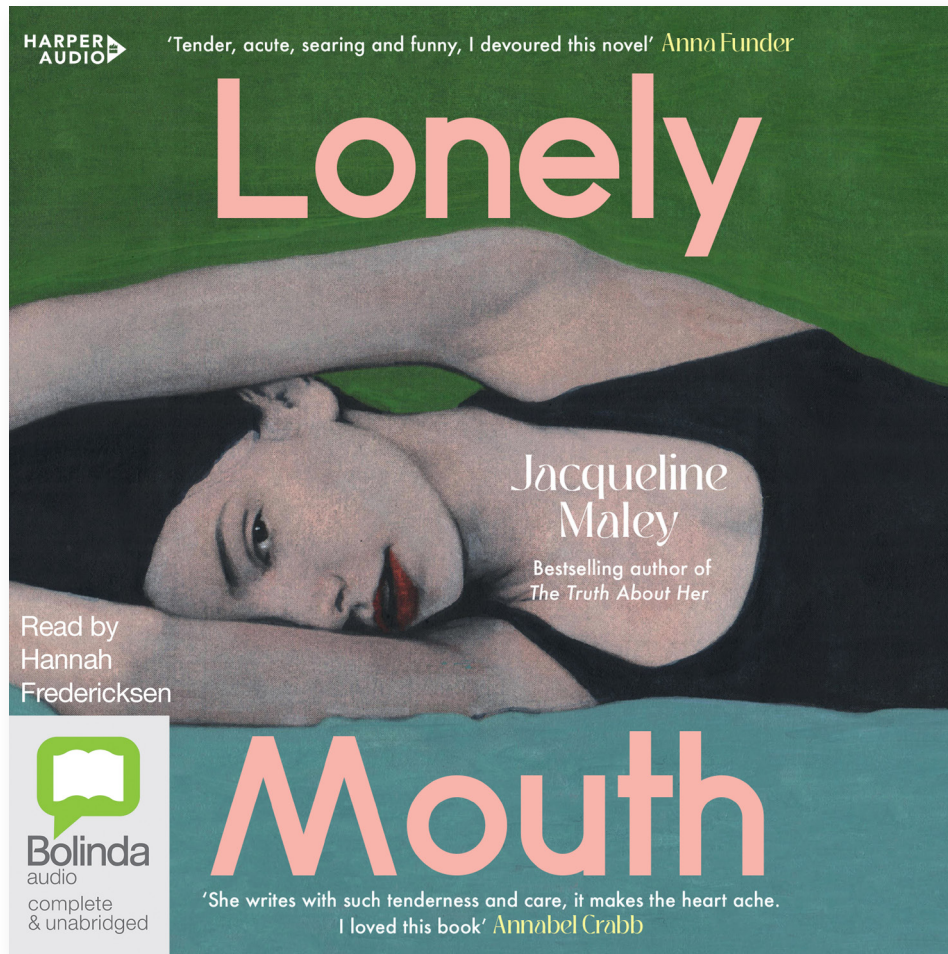
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# Lonely Mouth

## Jacqueline Maley

Read by Hannah Fredericksen



From the bestselling author of *The Truth About Her* comes a delicious, clever, tender and vivid story about the conflicted way women think about their bodies, their appetites and themselves in the world.

*Lonely mouth ... It's a Japanese expression. You feel like you want to eat something but you don't know what it is. You're looking for just the right thing. But maybe there is no right thing. Maybe you don't need anything at all. You want to put something in your mouth but you're not exactly hungry. Or maybe, like, a constant hunger that will never be sated.*

Matilda and Lara are half-sisters who share an unreliable mother and a chaotic past. In every other way, though, they are very different from each other. Lara, ten years younger than Matilda, is a model, living and working in Paris – for her, life is expansive, carefree, beautiful, careless. Matilda's life, in contrast, is solitary, contained, ordered. If she's careful – and she always is – she can keep everything in its proper place.

But when Lara's father, the long-absent, erratic Angus Del Ray, comes back into the sisters' lives, determined to apologise for his past misdeeds, Matilda's compartmentalised life goes seriously awry. As everything blows apart, Matilda is forced to come to a reckoning with who she is, and how to satisfy the hunger she wants to deny.

Perfect for fans of *Blue Sisters* and *Sorrow and Bliss*

Jacqueline Maley is a columnist and senior writer for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Age* newspapers, where she writes about politics, people and social affairs

*'A stunning novel, sharply observed, beautifully written, enthralling.'* – Julia Baird, author of *Phosphorescence* (on *The Truth About Her*)

*'An intimate world filled with characters I could have lived with a great deal longer ... rewarding, enjoyable and utterly addictive addictive.'* – Readings (on *The Truth About Her*)



# Nightingale

## Laura Elvery

Read by Charlotte Strevens & Christopher Bonwell



Inspired by the life of Florence Nightingale, this literary gem is part historical fiction, part ghost story, and utterly original.

*Mayfair, 1910.*

At the age of 90, Florence Nightingale is frail and no longer of sound mind. After a celebrated career as a nurse, writer and statistician, she now leads a reclusive existence. One summer evening she is astonished to receive a visitor – a young man named Silas Bradley, who claims to have met her during the Crimean War 55 years ago. But how can this be? And how does the elusive Jean Frawley connect their two lives?

*Nightingale* is a luminous tale of faith and love, bravery and care, and the vitality of women's work. In this eagerly anticipated story, Laura Elvery shows why she is one of the most lauded writers of her generation.

Laura Elvery is the author of *Trick of the Light* and *Ordinary Matter*, which won the 2021 Steele Rudd Award for a Short Story Collection

Elvery's short fiction and essays have been published in *Meanjin*, *Overland*, *The Saturday Paper*, *Island*, *Australian Financial Review*, *The Big Issue Fiction Edition* and *Griffith Review*

Elvery has won the Josephine Ulrick Prize for Literature, the Margaret River Short Story Competition, the Neilma Sidney Short Story Prize and the Fair Australia Prize for Fiction

*'Original, brilliant and wise. Nightingale shows the precarious humanity behind any historical myth, and honours in tender, vivid prose the physical and metaphysical dimensions of past lives. A beautiful achievement.'* – Gail Jones, author of *Our Shadows*

# Melaleuca

## Angie Faye Martin

Read by Phoebe Grainer



A country town, a brutal murder, a shameful past, a reckoning to come. An authentic, gripping crime drama from a bright new voice in fiction.

Aboriginal policewoman Renee Taylor is planning to stay the minimum amount of time in her remote hometown – only as long as her mum needs her, then she is fleeing back to her real life in Brisbane.

Seconded to the town's sleepy police station, Renee is pretty sure work will hold nothing more exciting than delivering speeding tickets. Then a murdered woman is found down by the creek on the outskirts of town.

Leading the investigation, Renee uncovers a perplexing connection to the disappearance of two young women 30 years earlier. As she delves deeper and the mystery unfurls, intergenerational cruelties, endemic racism and deep corruption show themselves, even as dark and bitter truths about the town and its inhabitants' past rise up and threaten to overwhelm the present ...

Angie Faye Martin is a writer and editor of Kooma, Kamilaroi and European heritage

Martin's work has been published in *Meanjin*, *Garland*, *The Saltbush Review* and *The Rocks Remain*

Martin is a member of the First Nations Australia Writers Network and accredited with the Institute of Professional Editors

'Atmospheric and blistering. *Melaleuca* will leave you wanting more. What a remarkable debut.' – Fleur McDonald, bestselling author of *Where the River Runs*

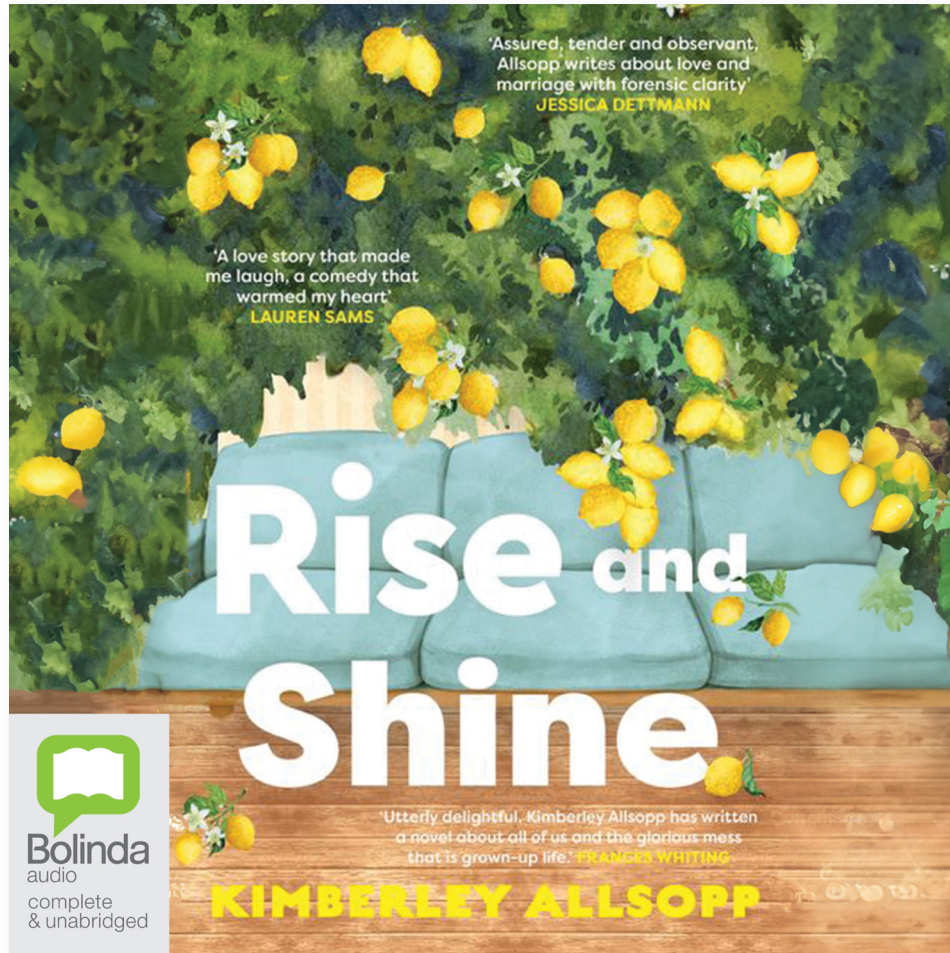
'Powerful First Nations crime noir that interrogates law enforcement and how it intersects with Indigenous victims. *Melaleuca* is a compelling exploration of a police officer caught between two worlds, small-town complicity and justice long overdue.' – Dinuka McKenzie, author of *The Torrent*



# Rise and Shine

## Kimberley Allsopp

### Narrator to Come



A sweet and funny grown-up love story, from the author of *Love and Other Puzzles*, perfect for fans of Coco Mellors, Dolly Alderton and Meg Mason.

Charming, talky, wryly funny, poignant and original – *Rise and Shine* is a love story, yes, but it's a love story that happens ten years into a marriage, when somebody wants out.

This is a story about marriage. It is also a story about life and love and happiness and the absence of happiness and what we need to do to find it again. It's a story about hope, baking, making music, lemon trees, painting, love, divorce, dogs, the families we create for ourselves and the heat of the Brisbane sun. It's a story about August and Noah. It begins at the end.

Kimberley Allsopp has had her work appear in Kidspot, *The Sunday Telegraph* and *WHIMN* (now *Body & Soul*)

Allsopp co-hosts the rom-com podcast, *Meet Cute*, which allows her to justify some of her otherwise questionable life choices

'Warm, witty, charming and romantic. It's so clever and satisfying and I can't wait for the world to get their hands on it.' – Jessica Dettmann, author of *How To Be Second Best* (on *Love and Other Puzzles*)

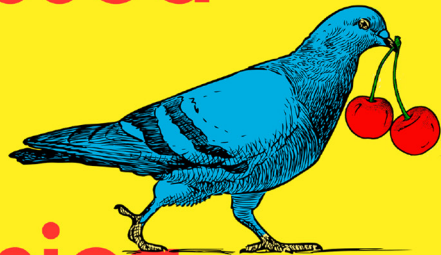
'If you love rom-coms as I do, you will meet cute with this wonderful twist on the genre.' – Lauren Sams, author of *She's Having Her Baby* and *Crazy Busy Guilty* (on *Love and Other Puzzles*)

# Consider Yourself Kissed

## Jessica Stanley

Narrator to Come

# Consider *a novel* Yourself Kissed



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# Jessica Stanley

An honest, entertaining and intelligent portrait of a woman in love, *Consider Yourself Kissed* will capture your heart.

When she first meets Adam, Coralie is new to London and feeling adrift. But Adam is clever, witty, and (he insists) a quarter inch taller than the average male. His charming four-year-old daughter only adds to his appeal.

But ten years on, something important is missing from the life Coralie and Adam have built. Or maybe, having gained everything she dreamed of, Coralie has lost something else she once had: herself.

Set against an eventful British decade that included the soap opera of five prime ministers plus the chaos of the pandemic, *Consider Yourself Kissed* puts the subjects of love and family on a grand stage, showing how the intimate dramas in our homes inescapably compete for energy and attention with the shared public dramas of our times.

Told over ten years of one woman's life, *Consider Yourself Kissed* is an unforgettable literary love story that effortlessly balances sweetness with bite, the personal with the public, and humor with heart.

Jessica Stanley is the author of *A Great Hope*

Stanley is an Australian novelist living in East London. She grew up in Melbourne, studied in Canberra, and worked in journalism, on the set of the TV show *Neighbours*, for the trade union movement, and on progressive political campaigns

'Consider Yourself Kissed is a tender, layered novel and one of the sharpest portrayals of marriage and motherhood I've ever read. It's also warm and clever and funny. I completely inhaled it. As with all my favourite novels, I wished I could read it forever.' – Alice Robinson, author of *The Glad Shout*

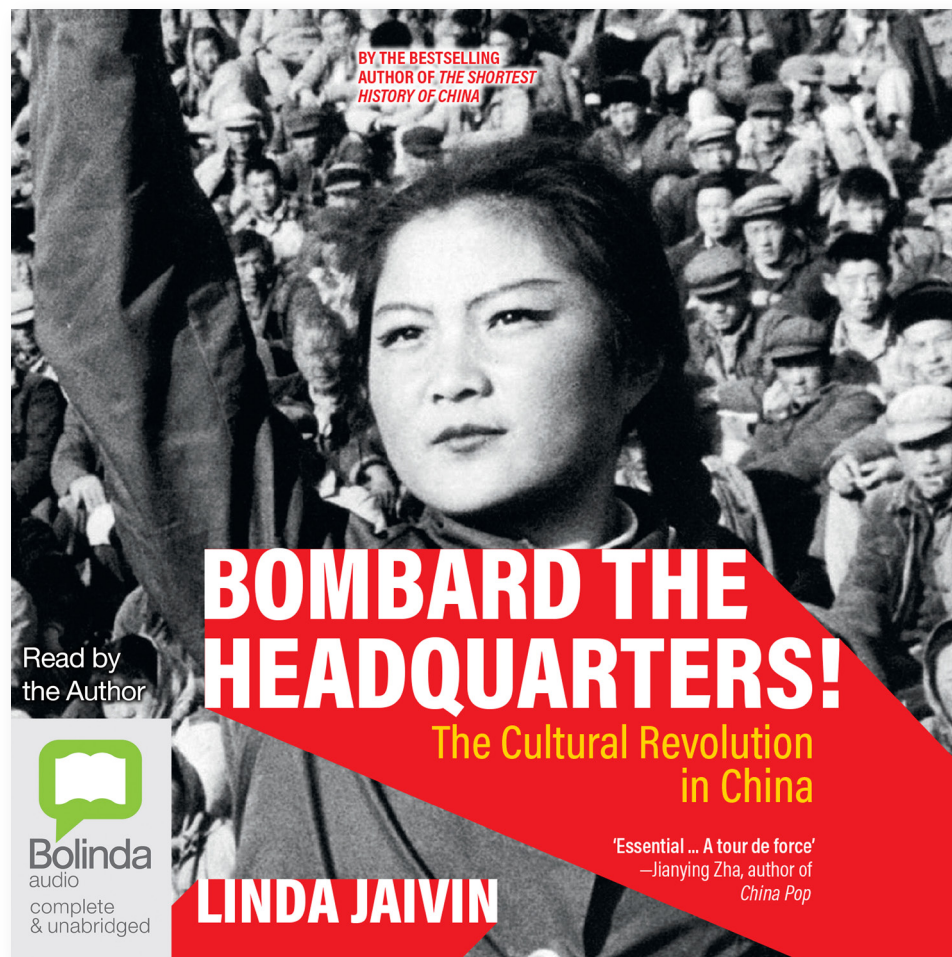


# Bombard the Headquarters!

The Cultural Revolution in China

Linda Jaivin

Read by the Author



Adult New Release

Current Affairs & Politics | June 2025

A riveting account of a turbulent period in Chinese history starting with the Cultural Revolution, from the author of *The Shortest History of China*.

In 1966, with the words 'Bombard the Headquarters!' Mao Zedong unleashed the full, violent force of a movement that he called the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. By the time he died ten years later, millions had perished, China's cultural heritage was in ruins, its economic state was perilous, its institutions of government were damaged and its society was bitterly divided.

In this fascinating account, Linda Jaivin focuses on the eventful start of the Cultural Revolution. She sheds light on the ideological quarrels that underpinned it and profiles the personalities involved.

Discussion of the Cultural Revolution is heavily censored in the People's Republic, and many young Chinese people know almost nothing about it. Even so, it continues to cast a shadow over life in China. Current president Xi Jinping's assumption of a third term in 2022, his elimination of rival factions from the leadership and attempts to build a personality cult around himself discomfit many within and outside of the Chinese Communist Party. *Bombard the Headquarters!* helps us to understand why.

Linda Jaivin has been studying Chinese politics, language and culture for more than 40 years and has been a foreign correspondent in China

Jaivin is co-editor of the *China Story Yearbook*, an associate of the Australian Centre on China in the World at the Australian National University and the author of 12 books, including *The Shortest History of China*

'A beautifully concise account that makes sense of a hugely complex event in modern Chinese history.' – Kerry Brown, Professor of Chinese Studies and Director of the Lau China Institute at King's College, London

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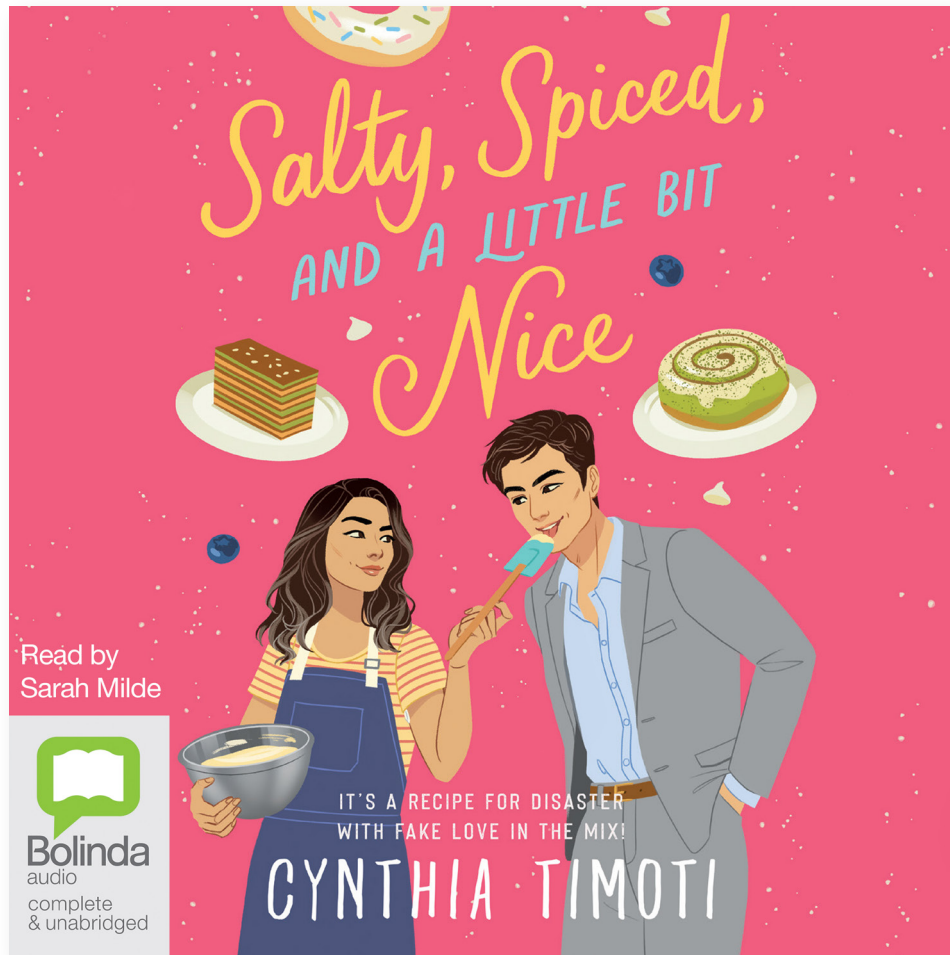
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# Salty, Spiced and a Little Bit Nice

Cynthia Timoti

Read by Sarah Milde



*Crazy Rich Asians* meets *Always Be My Maybe* in this deliciously sugar-free rom-com from debut author Cynthia Timoti.

Ellie Pang has had enough of her controlling family, who have been micromanaging her life since her type 1 diabetes diagnosis. When her parents orchestrate a public proposal from their business partner's son, a proposal that goes humiliatingly viral, Ellie escapes to the other side of the country to put her dream of opening a sugar-free bakery into action. After all, she's done her research. How hard can it be?

She hits a snag when her storefront turns out to be a dump and in need of major renovations. Worse, the only person who can help her turn things around is Alec Mackenzie, her brother's best friend and the man responsible for crushing her teenage heart ten years ago.

But Alec has a proposal of his own – he needs a pretend girlfriend in order to cement a business deal. All they need to do is feign love and affection, while trying not to maim each other. As the thin line between hate and fake-madly-in-love starts to blur, buried secrets resurface, and Ellie must learn to trust her heart.

Cynthia Timoti writes multicultural romcoms with plenty of heart and snark, where happy endings are always guaranteed

Timoti was born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia, and moved to Australia as a teenager. She worked in finance for many years, before becoming a SmoochPit mentee in 2022 which led to her writing her first novel



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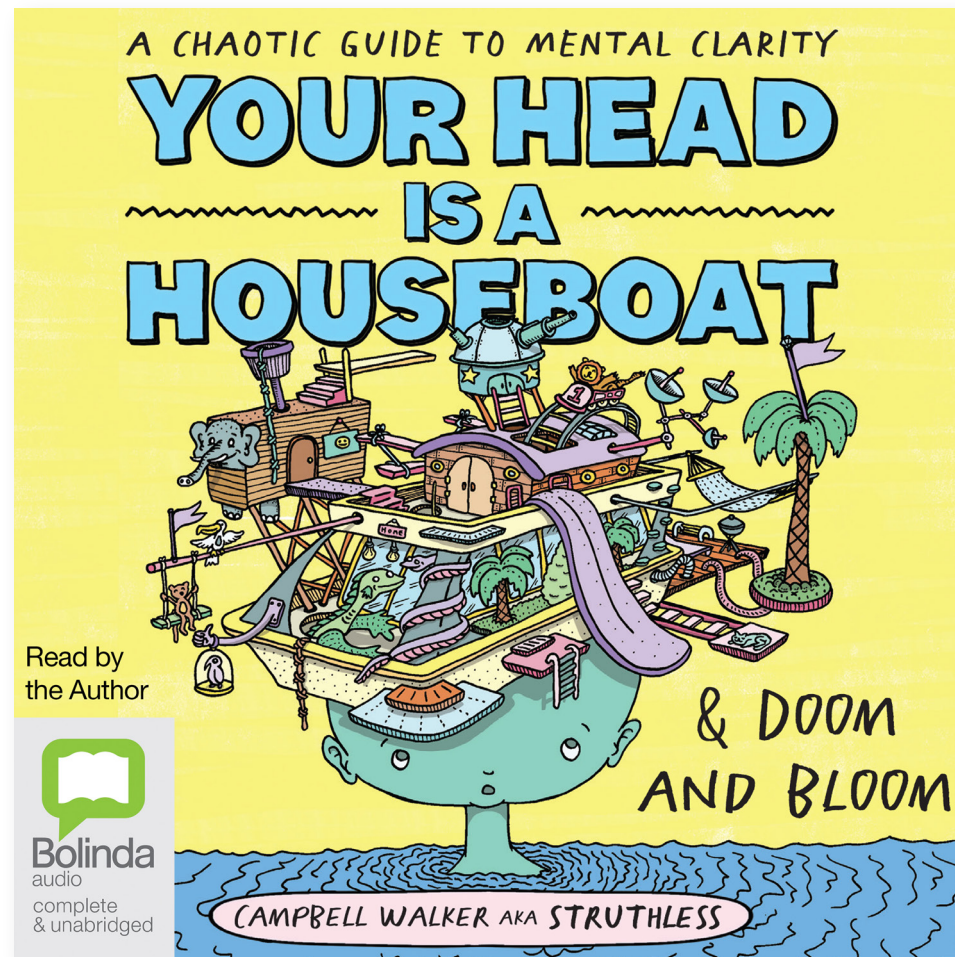
# Your Head is a Houseboat & Doom and Bloom

Campbell Walker

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | June 2025



From YouTube sensation Campbell Walker comes two self-help audiobooks – *Your Head is a Houseboat*, a uniquely hilarious guide to what goes on in your brain, and *Doom and Bloom*, that serves as a roadmap from a doom headspace to a high state of creative flow.

*Your Head is a Houseboat*: The only truth we really know is that we're going to spend the rest of our lives in our own houseboat (our head) so it makes sense to make that houseboat as good as possible. The houseboat needs cleaning and maintenance, and it shouldn't be weighed down by junk (our own thoughts and other people's opinions). In *Your Head is a Houseboat*, bestselling author and YouTube sensation Campbell Walker (aka Struthless) demystifies brain functions, mental health, emotions, mindfulness and psychology – but with less complex terminology and more bizarre metaphors. At its core, this is a funny, accessible approach to understanding your head and making it a nicer place to live.

*Doom and Bloom*: Doom is the feeling when everything seems hopeless and hard, and you want to give up. Bloom, on the other hand, is a state of effortless creativity, where solutions surprise you as they flow into reality. Bloom is our highest and most natural state of being, but how do we reach it when the world feels so dark and heavy? In *Doom and Bloom* Walker offers us a roadmap.

Campbell Walker is the bestselling author of *Your Head is a Houseboat*, as well as an illustrator, animator and content creator, better known as Struthless. His YouTube channel, and its 1m+ subscribers, has amassed over 50 million views across topics such as mental health, sociology and creativity

'The most important and accessible mental health book in a generation. Truly life-changing.' – Osher Günsberg, Australian media personality (on *Your Head is a Houseboat*)

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# Busy and Wrecked

Create Space and Energy for the People and Things That Really Matter

**Dermot Whelan**

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | June 2025

Get ready to de-whelm your day, reclaim your calm and find your way back to yourself.

Dermot Whelan is here to tell you that you are okay, and it's not your fault! Everything in our world is set up for busyness and distraction. But there is another way!

If you're feeling frayed around the edges, like there's just not enough space in the day for all the things that you feel need doing, don't despair! There is another path where your time is truly yours and not parcelled out in tinier and tinier pieces to everyone and everything making demands on it.

This enlightened and often hilarious audiobook will give you the map to find the way home to yourself, to reawaken those parts of you that may have faded away in recent times. Whelan will show you that those parts are still very much there and that they are dying to shine brighter than ever before.

So get ready for stress and overwhelm to ebb away and calm and peace of mind to flow back? And the next time somebody asks you how you are, prepare to say, 'I'm wonderful, thank you!'

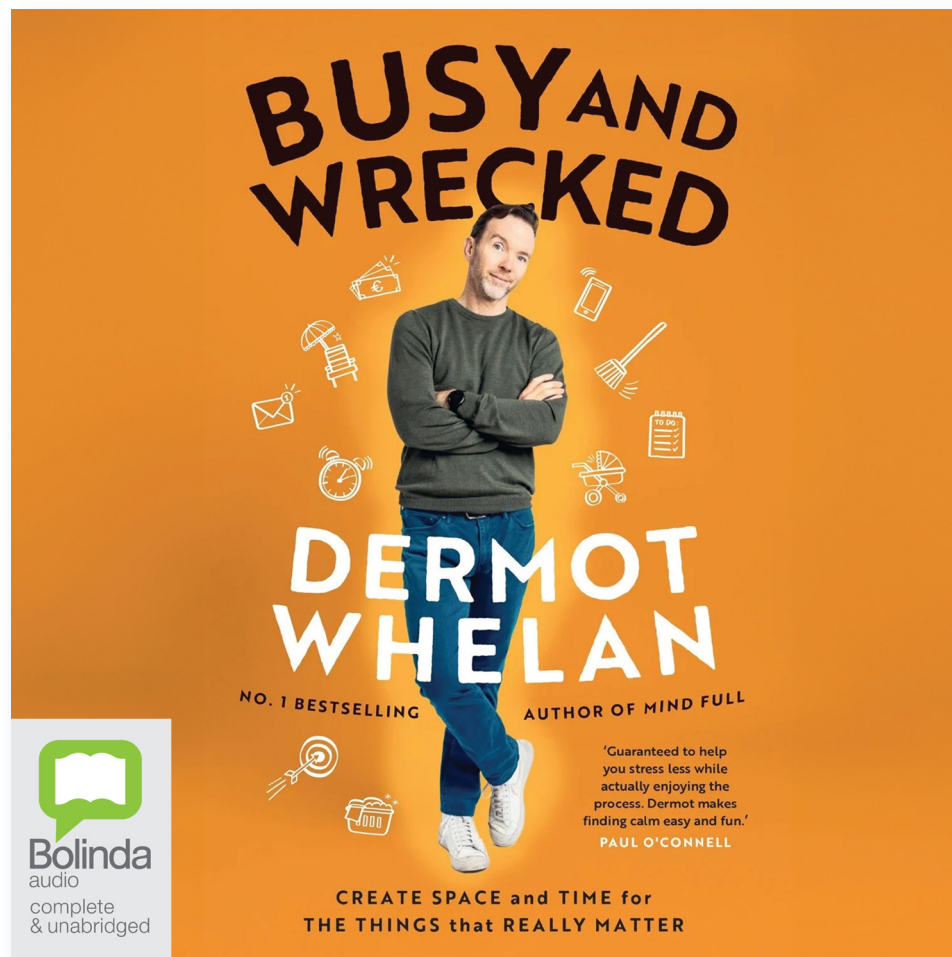
Dermot Whelan is a TV and radio broadcaster, comedian, bestselling author and mindfulness expert

A certified Masters of Wisdom and Meditation Teacher, Whelan works with companies around the world on managing stress

Whelan's first book *Mind Full* was a phenomenal number one bestseller and, after over 20 years as an award-winning national radio presenter, he now hosts the popular and enlightening *Mind Full* podcast

'A very useful and funny book.' – Patrick Freyne, *The Irish Times* (on *Mind Full*)

'A lovely, funny, honest book.' – Cillian Murphy, Actor (on *Mind Full*)



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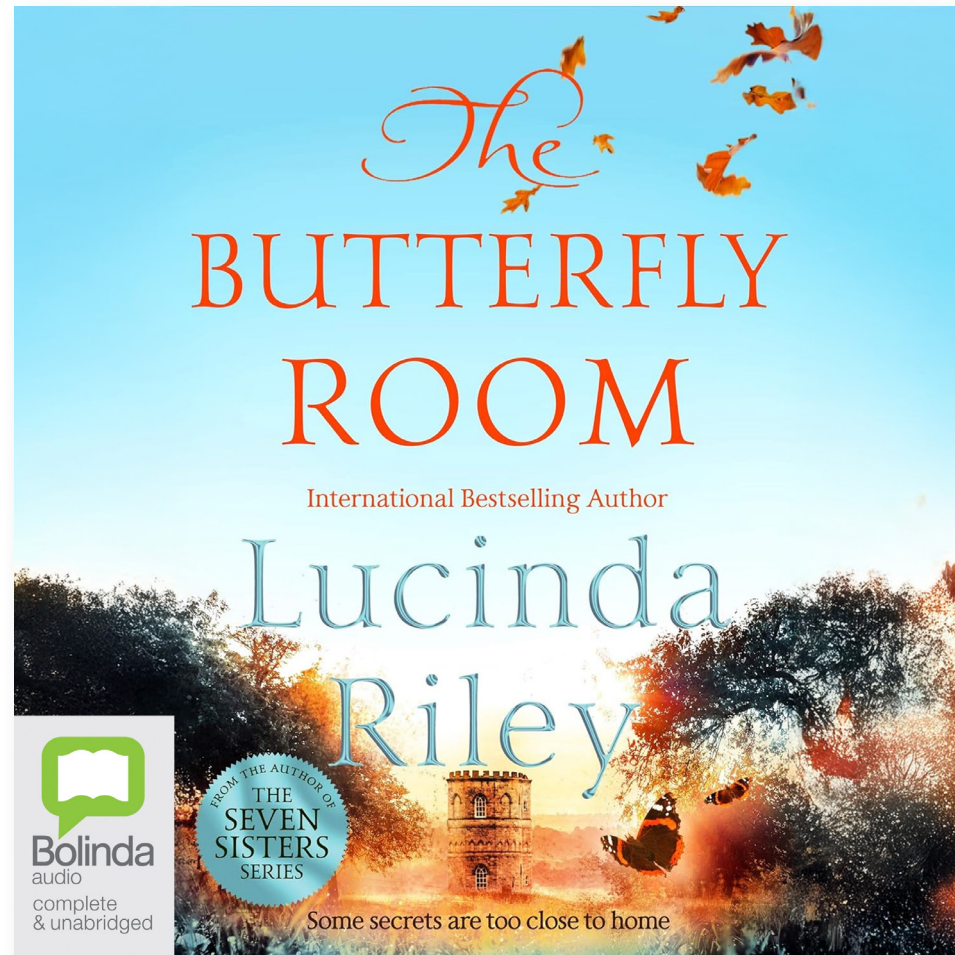
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# The Butterfly Room

Lucinda Riley

Narrator to Come



Full of her trademark mix of unforgettable characters and heart-breaking secrets, *The Butterfly Room* is a spellbinding, multi-generational story from *Sunday Times* bestseller Lucinda Riley.

Posy Montague is approaching her 70th birthday. Still living in her beautiful family home, Admiral House, set in the glorious Suffolk countryside where she spent her own idyllic childhood catching butterflies with her beloved father, and raised her own children, Posy knows she must make an agonising decision. Despite the memories the house holds, and the exquisite garden she has spent 25 years creating, the house is crumbling around her, and Posy knows the time has come to sell it.

Then a face appears from the past – Freddie, her first love, who abandoned her and left her heartbroken 50 years ago. Already struggling to cope with her son Sam's inept business dealings, and the sudden reappearance of her younger son Nick after ten years in Australia, Posy is reluctant to trust in Freddie's renewed affection. And unbeknown to Posy, Freddie – and Admiral House – have a devastating secret to reveal ...

Lucinda Riley is the bestselling author of the Seven Sisters series

Lucinda Riley's titles have been translated into 37 languages and have sold 30 million copies worldwide

In 2020, Riley received the Dutch Platinum award for sales over 300,000 copies for a single title in one year

'*Riley brings us a cast of exquisitely drawn characters and as you slip effortlessly into their lives and share their hopes, dreams and fears, prepare to be intrigued, moved to tears ... and ultimately uplifted.*' – Pam Norfolk, Lancashire Evening Post

# A Cornish Legacy

Fern Britton

Read by the Author



Escape to Cornwall this summer with the latest heartwarming and uplifting story from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Fern Britton.

Cordelia would be happy to never set foot in Wilder Hoo House again. When Cordelia's late ex-husband unexpectedly leaves the cottage in her name, she wonders if it is one last cruel joke from beyond the grave.

Determined to quickly sell-up and bury the memories of her past forever, she begins to restore the crumbling beach house brick by brick.

With the help of the locals Cordelia breathes new life into the home, but will she find a way to heal her heart too?

Fern Britton is a highly acclaimed *Sunday Times* bestselling author. Her works include *Daughters of Cornwall*, *A Cornish Gift*, *The Newcomer*, *Coming Home*, *The Great Cornish Getaway*, *The Postcard*, *The Good Servant* and *A Good Catch*

A hugely popular household name through iconic shows such as *This Morning*, Britton is also a much sought-after presenter

'A charming story that is full of hope ... will help put a spring in your step.' – The Courier (on *The Newcomer*)

'Incredibly atmospheric.' – Sun (on *A Cornish Gift*)

'Fans of *The Crown* will adore this wonderful world of glamour, love and drama.' – Santa Montefiore, bestselling author of the *Deverill Chronicles* (on *The Royal Show*)



# The Tuscan Sister

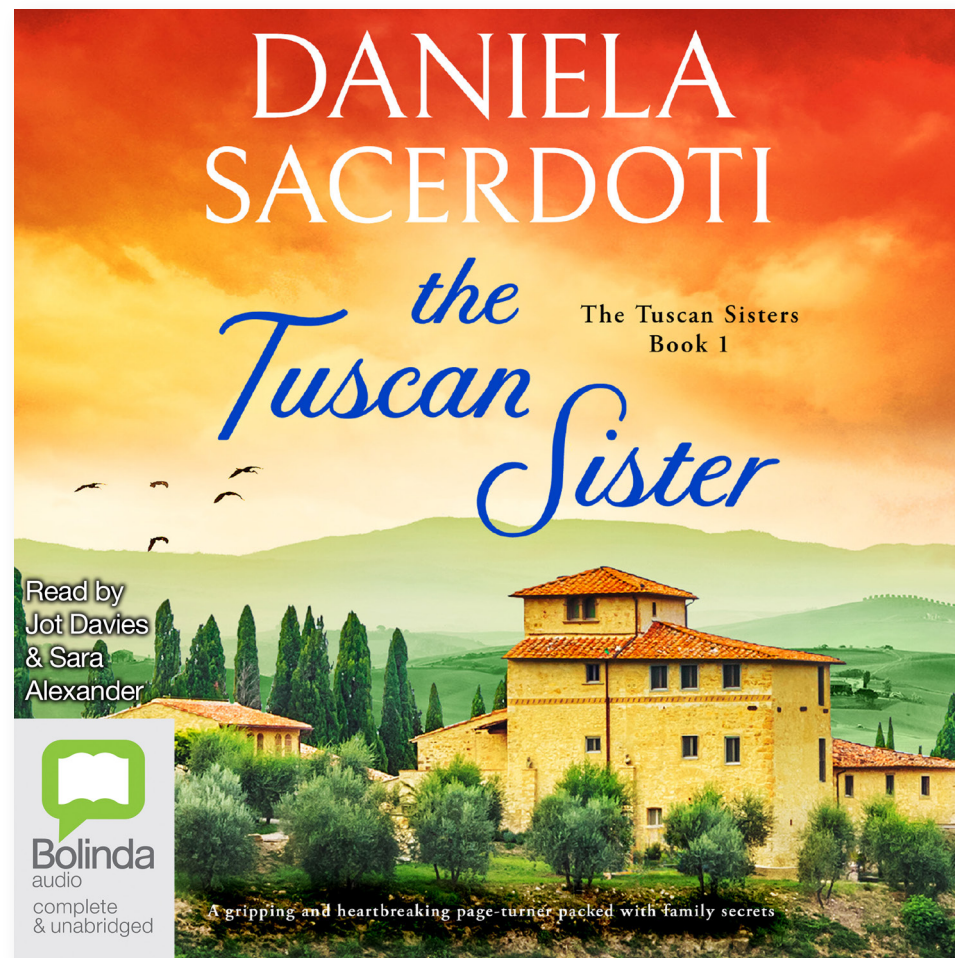
Tuscan Sisters #1

**Daniela Sacerdoti**

Read by Jot Davies & Sara Alexander

Adult New Release

Romance | June 2025



An absolutely unforgettable and heartbreaking story about family secrets, and the true meaning of home.

Lucrezia takes a deep breath as her childhood home comes into view, nestled between the rolling Tuscan hills. Now her father has died, she is finally able to return. But her sisters never knew the reason she was sent away, so will they welcome her back?

Walking across the warm terracotta tiles of her family house, the scent of roses and fresh rosemary in the air, Lucrezia feels at peace for the first time in years. But she knows that to truly feel at home again, she must tell her sisters the devastating truth about why she left.

Before she can, she discovers her father left debts that threaten to cost them the house. With nowhere for her sisters to go, Lucrezia becomes determined to save their home. And when her childhood love Vanni unexpectedly arrives soon after, she finds herself gazing into his deep brown eyes, having imagined this moment for years. Can they save her family home together?

But then one day Lucrezia glimpses a familiar figure in the rose garden, and her heart stops. Maybe she didn't imagine what her father told her she did, all those years ago... Suddenly, there is more than one secret to uncover before she can truly return home.

Perfect for fans of Lucinda Riley, Santa Montefiore and Fiona Valpy

Daniela Sacerdoti is the author of the bestselling Glen Avich series which has sold over one million copies in ebook to date

Sacerdoti's debut *Watch Over Me* was named the eighth bestselling Kindle book of all time in 2015, when she was also ranked as the 11th top-selling Kindle author

*'Daniela Sacerdoti is fast becoming one of my favourites – and here she has written another extraordinary and beautiful story.'* – The Sun (on *Take Me Home*)

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# The Castlefield Collector

A Salford Saga #3

**Freda Lightfoot**

Read by Victoria Brazier

Adult New Release

Sagas | June 2025



An enchanting story of love and endurance from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Freda Lightfoot.

Dolly Tomkins has always known what it is to live hand to mouth. In the mean streets of a Salford struggling under the mantle of the Great Depression, the only one making a decent living is the talleyman.

Though Nifty Jack has a money bag where his heart should be, Dolly's mam is in debt up to her ears and in dire need of assistance. But when Jack offers to wipe the slate clean, Dolly just can't bring herself to trust him.

Instead, she takes him on at his own game and in the process endangers everything she holds most dear as a revelation about the past rocks the very foundations of her world.

Perfect for fans of Nadine Dorries and Kitty Neale

Freda Lightfoot has penned more than 48 novels, many of which have been bestsellers. Among her best-known series are the Salford Sagas, the Lakeland Sagas, the Champion Street Market series and the Poor House Lane series

Lightfoot has been a teacher, bookseller in the Lake District, then a smallholder and began her writing career publishing short stories and articles before finding her vocation as a novelist

*'The kind of character-driven saga that delights the Catherine Cookson and Josephine Cox audience.'* – Peterborough Evening Telegraph (on *Ruby McBride*)

*'Compelling and heart-wrenching.'* – Hull Daily Mail (on *Ruby McBride*)

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# The Girl with the Red Hair

The Dutch Girls #2

Imogen Matthews

Read by Fleur De Wit



Adult New Release

Romance | June 2025

An utterly heart-wrenching and emotional World War II historical fiction of one woman's bravery and sacrifice, inspired by an incredible true story.

1942, Amsterdam. The Nazi occupation has shattered the lives of inseparable best friends Hannie and Sonja. The canals and rainy cobbled streets they once strolled down are now patrolled by soldiers day and night, who arrest people at will and beat those who resist.

Hannie can't stand by and watch the lives of the innocent be destroyed by the evil occupiers. At great danger to herself, she joins the underground resistance, where she meets the charming and mysterious Jan. She covers her bright red hair to avoid detection by the Nazis while distributing fake IDs. And she makes a promise to Sonja and her little sister Maya, who are Jewish – she will hide them and keep them safe, no matter the cost.

But as the German grip on the country tightens with each passing day, Sonja's worst fears come true when members of her family are taken prisoner. With Jan by her side, Hannie goes undercover as a nurse to try to free them. But she's devastated when she discovers they've been taken to a concentration camp in the isolated far east of the country. Is she too late to save them?

Imogen Matthews is an Oxford-based, award-winning author and journalist with a passion for forgotten stories from wartime Holland

Matthews is the author of *The Hidden Village*, which became an international bestseller, ranking at the top for a number of Amazon's most-read book lists

Her novels draw on her Dutch mother's stories of life in Holland, particularly the hardships faced during the Hunger Winter of 1944-45

*'Heartbreaking ... sure to have you flying through the pages from cover to cover.'* – Page Turners (on *The Girl from the Resistance*)

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# Appointment in Bath

Somerset Stories #4

**Mimi Matthews**

Read by Alex Wyndham



Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | June 2025

A chance meeting between the daughter and son of rival Victorian families sparks a forbidden romance in *USA Today* bestselling author Mimi Matthews's fourth instalment in her acclaimed Somerset Stories series.

Shy and stammering Meg Burton-Smythe has spent the whole of her life living on the fringes of local society. She's more comfortable with her daydreams than she is with people. But when a dashing, golden-haired hero rides to her rescue one morning, she dares to hope that her dreams might finally come true. There's only one problem – her handsome rescuer is the son of her father's sworn enemy.

Ivo Beresford doesn't believe in clinging to the past. Freshly returned from a lengthy grand tour, he's looking to the future, eager to spearhead the building of a new railway extension in Somersetshire. But an unexpected encounter with Meg Burton-Smythe, the isolated only daughter of his parents' oldest foe, sets the past and the future colliding.

Resolved to put ancient grudges to rest – at least where innocent young ladies are concerned – Ivo encourages lonely Meg to embark on a secret friendship. After all, what harm can a friendship do? It isn't as though there's any danger of the two of them falling in love ...

Mimi Matthews is the author of *The Siren of Sussex*, *Fair as a Star*, *Gentleman Jim* and *The Work of Art*

Matthews's novels have received starred reviews in *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Booklist*, *Kirkus* and *Shelf Awareness*, and have been mentioned in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *NPR*, *Oprah Daily*, *Parade*, *PopSugar*, *Book Riot* and *BuzzFeed*

*'The plot is exhilarating, complete with mystery, adventure and plenty of shocking reveals. This page-turner shouldn't be missed.'* – Publishers Weekly, starred review (on *Gentleman Jim*)

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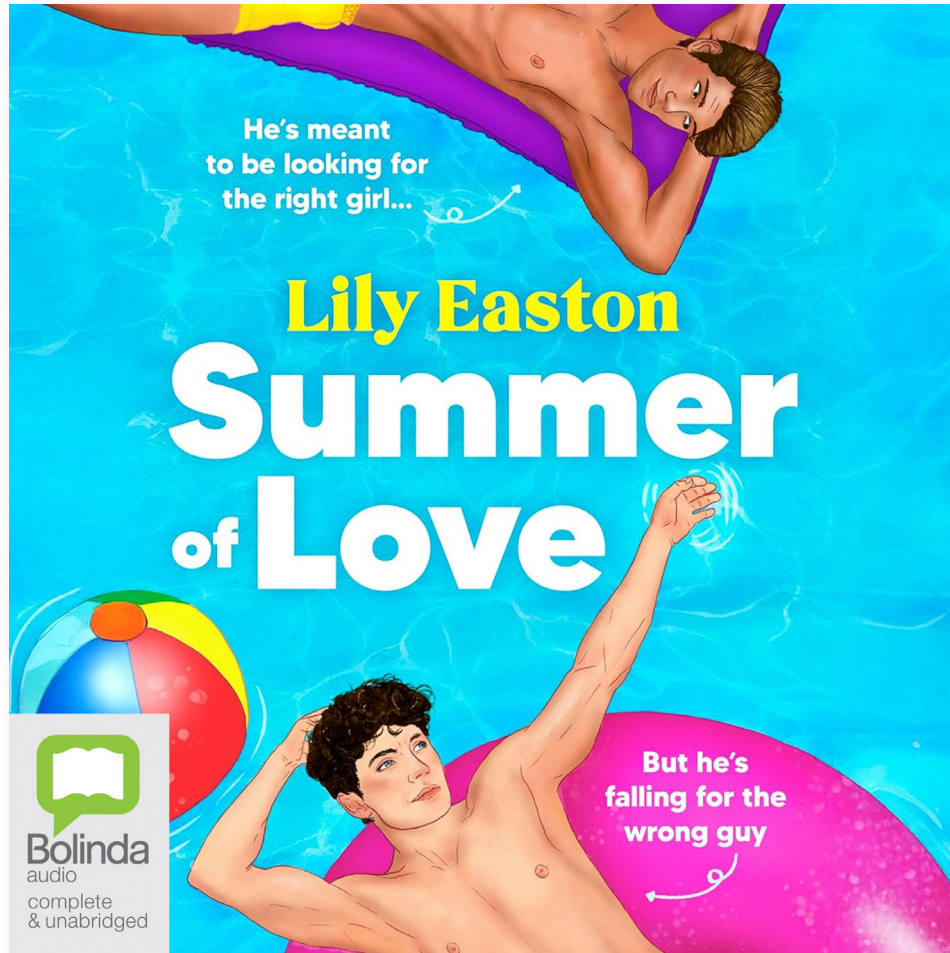
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# Summer of Love

Lily Easton

Read by Ciaran Saward



A funny, sweet and swoony romance by debut author Lily Easton, perfect for fans of *Red*, *White and Royal Blue*.

*Oliver is Declan's type on paper. But what about off-screen?*

For boxer Declan King, his performance on the UK's #1 reality show, *Summer of Love*, will be the hardest of his life. To win, he must convince five million viewers he's looking for the right girl. In reality, Declan is rapidly falling for the wrong guy.

Oliver Wright, a ballet dancer, needs to win the show and prize money to get his ex-girlfriend back. But when his and Declan's on-screen bromance leads to an off-screen kiss, they can no longer deny their attraction to one another.

With meddling producers, fame-hungry co-stars, and millions of viewers watching their every move, they must decide what they are willing to give up to live in the public eye, even if it means each other.

Lily Easton is the pen name for writing duo Madeline Palmieri and Katherine Murtha. Murtha is a membership coordinator for a non-profit based in Washington, D.C., while Palmieri currently works as a producer.

The pair met in their high school creative writing class and have been writing together ever since.

# Last Train to Freedom

## Deborah Swift

Read by Lizzie Schenk



An emotional and heart-wrenching, utterly sweeping World War II historical fiction, from award-winning author Deborah Swift.

*Lithuania, 1940.* Amidst the chaos of war, one journey holds the key to survival – and the truth.

When the Russians invade Lithuania, Zofia and her brother Jacek fear for their lives. As a journalist, Jacek is targeted by the new communist regime, which despises intellectuals and condemns them to hard labour in the gulags, where few survive.

Hearing rumours that the Japanese consul Sugihara might offer them exit visas, Zofia knows she must seize this chance for freedom. In return, Sugihara asks them to deliver a parcel to Tokyo – an innocuous request, until they discover it contains intelligence about Nazi atrocities that the Nazis are desperate to retrieve.

As if the threat from the Nazis isn't enough, the Russians are still on their tail, determined to eliminate anyone with anti-communist sentiments. Meanwhile, in Tokyo, the government is on the brink of signing an agreement with the Nazis to close Japanese borders to Jewish refugees.

Desperate to save others like herself, Zofia embarks on a perilous six-thousand-mile journey on the Trans-Siberian Express, carrying the damning evidence through the harsh wilderness of Siberia, with both Nazi and Soviet agents in pursuit.

Deborah Swift is a historical novelist, whose titles include *The Shadow Network*, *The Silk Code*, *The Poison Keeper* and *The Gilded Lily*

Swift's title *The Poison Keeper* won the Millennium Book Award 2022

Before writing her first novel, Deborah worked as a set and costume designer for theatre and TV which inspired her love of historical drama

*'Another superbly researched and detailed novel by Swift. Filled with suspense, accuracy, real-life settings and characters ...'* – The Examiner (on *A Divided Inheritance*)



# The Dover Café on Trial

The Dover Café #5

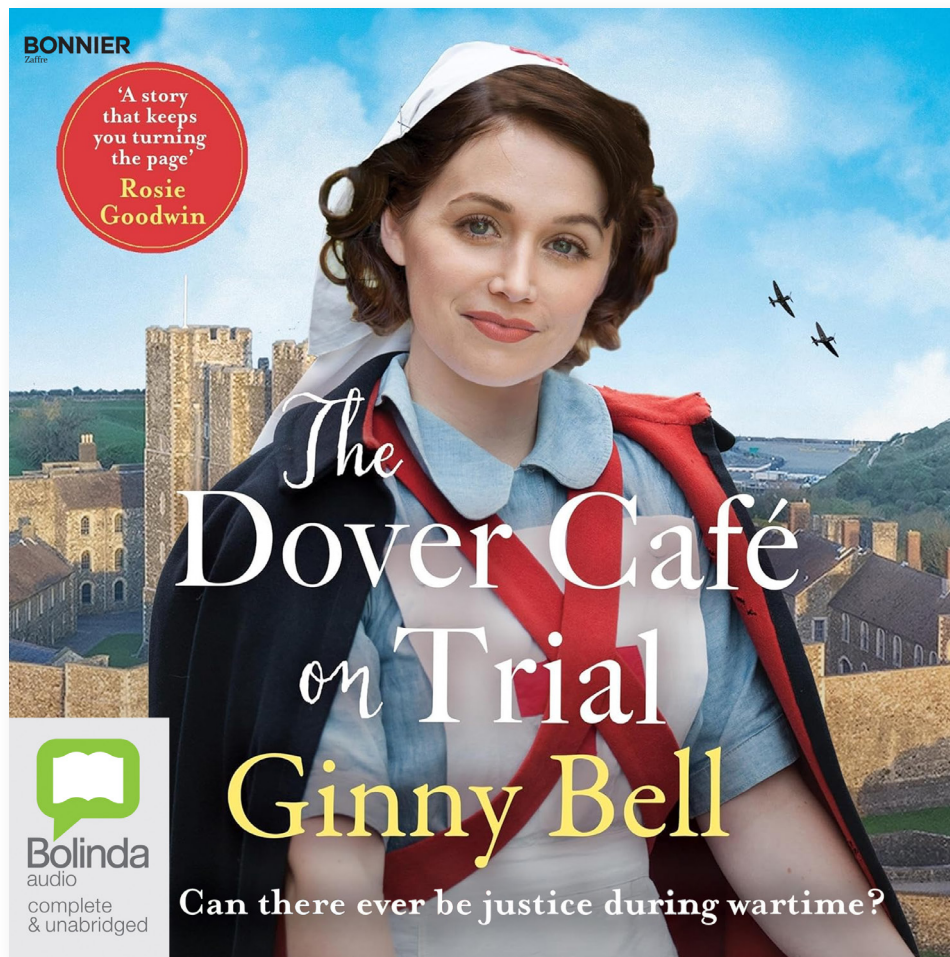
## Ginny Bell

Read by Bea Holland

Adult New Release

Sagas | June 2025

The fifth instalment in the dramatic and moving WWII historical fiction saga series.



*Summer, 1941.*

After Jimmy's shocking departure, Nellie Castle is feeling bereft. And with Rodney being elusive, she's determined to do all she can to help her youngest son Bert get back on his feet following the terrible injuries he sustained in the bombing.

Plagued by guilt and nightmares, the last thing Bert wants is to return to the café – being there only makes his guilt over Gladys's death worse. His relationship with nurse Vi is helping somewhat, but when he receives a formal summons to the trial of the woman who tried to kill him, he is plunged back into the depths of despair. Giving evidence could condemn her to death, and with the weight of one woman's death already on his conscience, he's not sure he can bring himself to do it.

As the trial progresses, shocking truths are revealed. Is everything he's believed his whole life a lie? And with his family and relationship in tatters, Bert finds solace with the last person he would have expected ...

Perfect for listeners of Ellie Dean and Annie Groves, and for fans of the Home Fires series

Ginny Bell went to school in Dover, never realising at the time what a fascinating and crucial role the town played in World War II

She was inspired to write the Dover Café series after a trip to Dover Castle educated her on the hardships and heroism of the people of the town during World War II

*'Brilliantly written ... I loved it.'* – Rosie Goodwin, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *The Dover Café at War*)

*'A brilliant evocation of a family and community pulling together in wartime. Full of drama, laughter, and nail biting cliff hangers. A triumph!'* – Annie Clarke, author of *The Factory Girls* series (on *The Dover Café at War*)

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# Head First

Claire Kershaw

Narrator to Come



Two rival marine biologists, an extremely small boat ... and one very big lie. Escape into this sun-drenched rivals to lovers romance by author Claire Kershaw.

Andi has learned to love her predictable life in Ohio. But when her marine biologist sister needs emergency surgery, Andi agrees to take Millie's place on the trip of a lifetime – scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef. There's just one problem – Andi must pretend to be Millie the entire time.

But when Andi arrives in Cairns, she is horrified to learn that Hugh Harris – Millie's professional rival and extremely vocal social media critic – is also on-board. And he's very handsome. Perfect.

Somewhere between the sunsets and the beauty of the underwater world, Andi begins to question the mundanity of her life at home and whether she is capable of being the woman Hugh believes her to be.

Claire Kershaw has been diving for ten years, and her love for the ocean inspired many of the scenes in her debut, *Head First*

Kershaw graduated from Emory University with a degree in English Literature



# Rock the Boat

Olivia Harvey

Narrator to Come



A sizzling, sexy summer romance by author Olivia Harvey, for all fans of *Below Deck* and Emily Henry.

*Welcome to the messiest below-deck love triangle of the summer ...*

Hope and Adam are newbie yachties on board the *Serendipity* out of Mallorca. They soon realise they're going to have to keep their relationship secret – below deck, it's a tight crew, and things could get messy.

It turns out to be pretty sexy though, having to sneak about and keep things secret – until Hope starts to see another side of Adam she's not so keen on, and realise that maybe he's not quite who she thought he was. And then super-hot stewardess Berry joins the team on board – and it looks like rules are made to be broken ...

Olivia Harvey is a pseudonym for bestselling author Keris Fox

Fox is the author of numerous YA rom-coms, including *Starring Kitty*, as well as adult romances under the name Keris Stainton

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# Kitty

Edwardian Candlelight #6

**M.C. Beaton**

Read by Lindy Nettleton

Adult New Release

Romance | June 2025



In any given glittering social season, Edwardian London's dizzying whirl had its share of surprises, in the sixth instalment of the delightful Edwardian Candlelight series from *New York Times* bestselling author M.C. Beaton.

Kitty Harrison, once achingly poor, has suddenly become an heiress and now, thanks to her determined mother, she is about to become a Baroness. From the moment Kitty sets eyes on Lord Chesworth, she finds him to be the most exciting man she has met. But Kitty is young, innocent and easily dazzled.

She does not even question the motives of the dashing bachelor who swears he loves her even as he courts the scandalously beautiful Mrs Jackson. All too soon Kitty's dream of marriage becomes a nightmare – someone is trying to kill her. Adrift in a sea of deception, Kitty soon realises that to save her life and win the only man she has ever loved, she will have to learn to play the game, only this time, her way – smarter, better and for keeps.

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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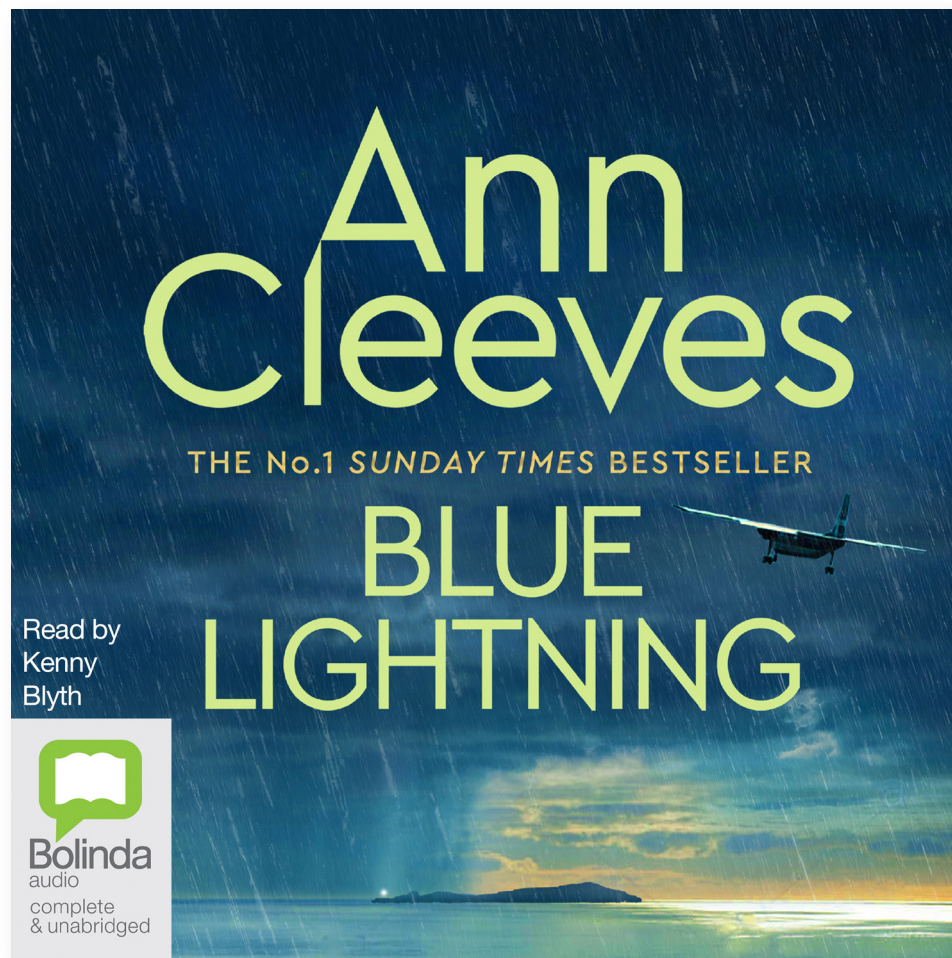
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# Blue Lightning

Shetland #4

**Ann Cleeves**

Read by Kenny Blyth



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025

A remote island on lockdown. A killer on the loose. There is no escape for Inspector Jimmy Perez in *Blue Lightning*, the fourth Shetland mystery from bestselling author Ann Cleeves.

Shetland detective Jimmy Perez knows it will be a difficult homecoming, as he returns to Fair Isle to introduce his fiancée to his parents. With the autumn storms raging, the island is cut off from the rest of the world.

Then a woman's body is discovered at the renowned bird observatory, with feathers threaded through her hair. Perez has no support from the mainland and must investigate the old-fashioned way – alone. He soon realises that this is no crime of passion, but a murder of cold and calculated intention.

There will be no way to escape the island until the storms abate. And so the killer is also trapped, just waiting for the opportunity to strike again ...

Ann Cleeves is the author of over 35 critically acclaimed titles, and in 2017 was awarded the highest accolade in crime writing, the CWA Diamond Dagger

Cleeves is the multi-million copy bestselling author behind three hit television adaptations – *Shetland*, starring Douglas Henshall; *Vera*, starring Academy Award Nominee Brenda Blethyn; and *The Long Call*, starring Ben Aldridge

'Cleeves has found a way to serve up traditional mystery in an unusual modern setting. As usual the plotting is strong and the background fascinating. Cleeves is particularly good at assembling domestic details that adds a cumulative poignancy and depth to her character's lives.' – The Spectator

'Great atmospheric suspense.' – Daily Mirror

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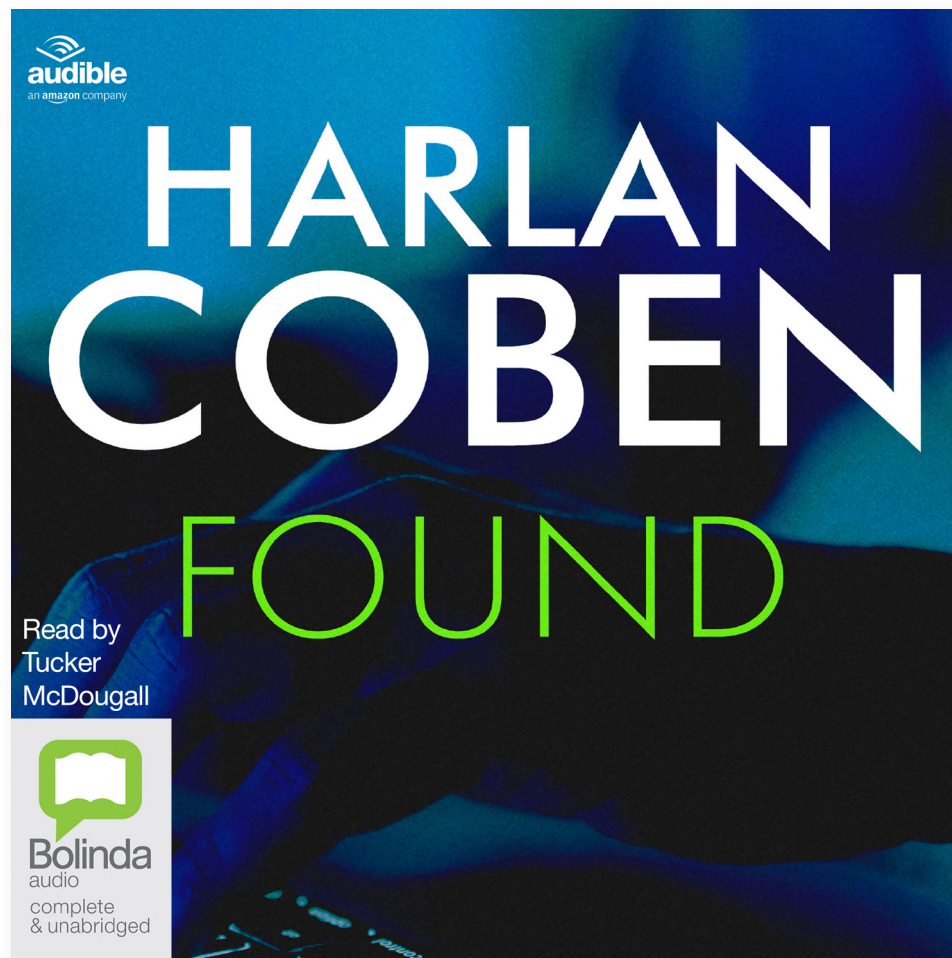


# Found

Mickey Bolitar #3

**Harlan Coben**

Read by Tucker McDougall



Young Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | June 2025

From internationally bestselling author Harlan Coben comes this third action-packed instalment of his bestselling Mickey Bolitar series.

It's been eight months since Mickey Bolitar witnessed the tragic death of his father. Eight months of lies, dark secrets and unanswered questions. While he desperately wants answers, Mickey's sophomore year of high school brings on a whole new set of troubles. Spoon is in hospital, Rachel won't tell him where he stands, his basketball teammates hate him ... and then there's Ema's surprise announcement – she has an online boyfriend and he's vanished.

As he's searching for Ema's missing boyfriend (who may not even exist!), Mickey also gets roped into helping his nemesis, Troy Taylor, with a big problem. All the while, Mickey and his friends are pulled deeper into the mysteries surrounding the Abeona Shelter, risking their lives to find the answers – until the shocking climax, where Mickey finally comes face-to-face with the truth about his father.

Harlan Coben is the #1 *New York Times* author of 35 novels including *Win*, *The Boy From the Woods*, *Run Away*, *Fool Me Once*, *Tell No One* and the renowned Myron Bolitar series

Coben has won the Edgar Award, Shamus Award and Anthony Award – the first author to receive all three

Coben is the creator and executive producer of several Netflix television dramas including *Stay Close*, *The Stranger*, *Safe*, *The Five*, *The Innocent* and *The Woods*

'Packed with plot and studded with cliffhangers, Coben's third Mickey Bolitar thriller grabs readers in the opening chapter and never lets go.' – Kirkus Reviews

'Dark, tautly structured thrillers.' – The Times

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# Too Uncool for School

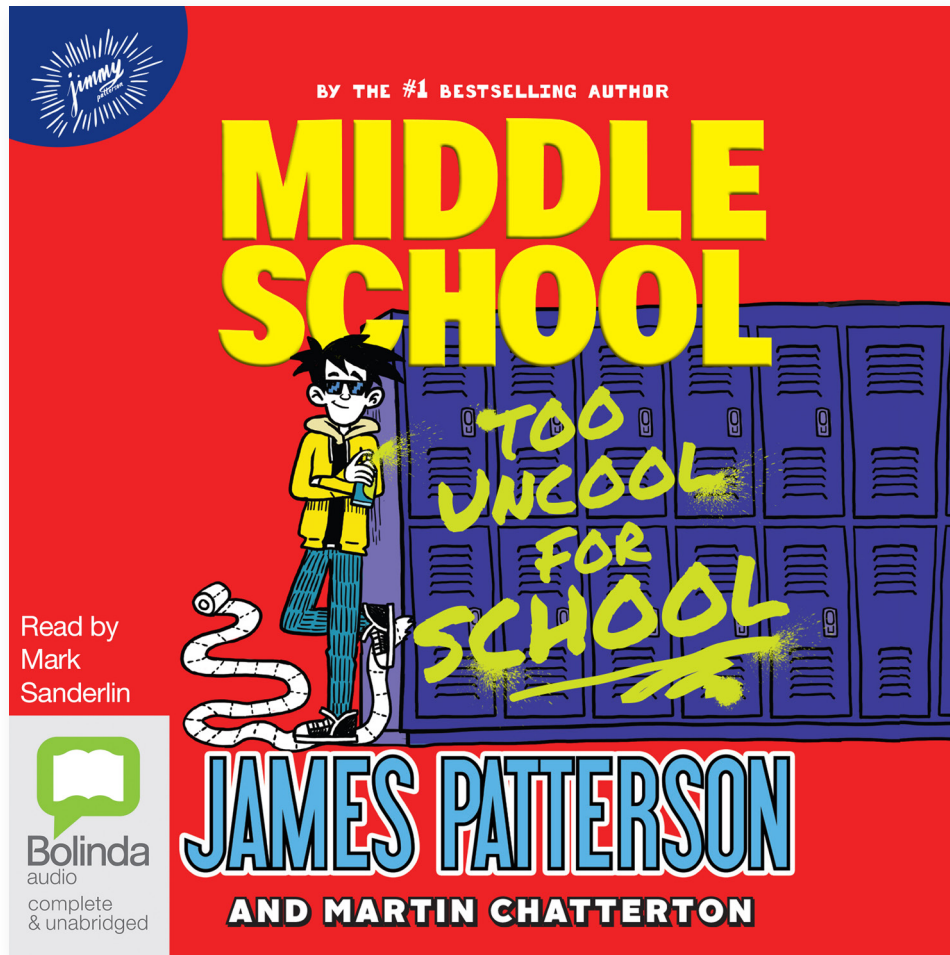
Middle School #17

James Patterson & Martin Chatterton

Read by Mark Sanderlin

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2025



In this hilarious instalment of a #1 *New York Times* bestselling series, Rafe is finally getting a taste of the cool life – but his problems are red-hot.

Rafe Khatchadorian has never been cool. But all that changes when he becomes the guitarist in an awesome rock band and wrangles a part-time job at Hills Village's trendiest new coffee shop slash yoga studio. No more being at the bottom of middle school food chain – Rafe is finally going to be popular!

He just has two teeny problems: the awesome rock band is led by none other than the school bully. And the band actually isn't awesome – they absolutely stink, and Rafe has to whip them into shape for the Best Band Competition.

With Rafe's newfound coolness on the line, will he find a way to hit the stage in style, or is he doomed to dorkdom forever?

James Patterson is one of the best known and biggest selling authors of all time, with his titles selling more than 400 million copies worldwide

Patterson is the author of some of the most popular series of the past two decades and has written many other number one bestsellers, including standalone thrillers and non-fiction

Martin Chatterton's work has been shortlisted for numerous awards in the UK, US and Australia

*'A satisfying and progressive tale with real sweetness at its center.'* – Kirkus Reviews (on *The Worst Years of My Life*)

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# The Hat of Great Importance

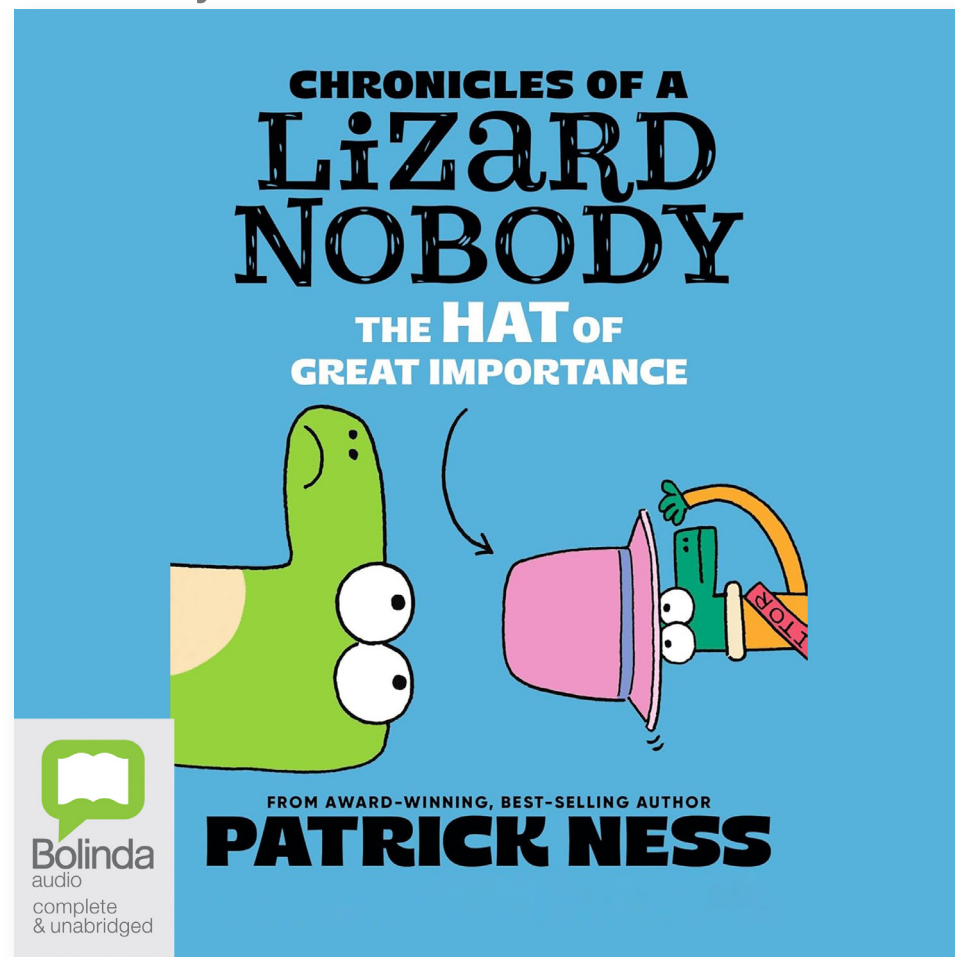
Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody #2

**Patrick Ness**

Read by Robert G. Slade

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2025



The second instalment in the absurdly funny *Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody* series by multi-award-winning author Patrick Ness.

When Daniel arrives at the school bus stop sporting a salmon-coloured hat, Zeke is shocked. Don't only birds wear hats? As if this isn't strange enough, the school suddenly has a new student – a fish of all things – and a mysterious new Guidance Counsellor.

Meanwhile, Zeke's friends seem to have ditched him, and even his old nemesis won't give him the time of day. So when somebody melts his house with the Death Ray of Death – twice – Zeke has had enough. Just who is sabotaging his life – and why?

Patrick Ness is the award-winning and bestselling author of the Chaos Walking trilogy, *A Monster Calls*, *More Than This*, and *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*

Ness has won the Carnegie Medal twice, the Costa Children's Book Award, the *Guardian* Children's Fiction Prize, the Red House Book Award, the Jugendliteratur Preis, the UKLA Award and the Booktrust Teenage Prize

Ness wrote the screenplay of the 2016 film adaptation of *A Monster Calls*, and was the creator and writer of the *Doctor Who* spin-off series *Class*

'Ness clearly has a talent for balancing heart with mind-blowing silliness and whimsy ...'  
– Kirkus Reviews, starred review (on *Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody*)

'Sure to amuse and even move young middle-graders.' – Booklist, starred review (on *Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody*)

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# Bunny vs Monkey: Rise of the Maniacal Badger

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2025

Bunny vs Monkey

Jamie Smart

Read by Ciaran Saward



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.

The Maniacal Badger has arrived, and he's determined to take over the Woods! Wasn't that Monkey's plan? This cannot happen! What japes await in this brand-new adventure, when Bunny and Monkey team up to beat this new menace?! They've never managed to work together before.

And will Skunky rediscover his passion for evil inventions, to defeat his rival at their own game? One thing's for sure ... laughs are guaranteed!

Produced with Sound Design and Music for an immersive listening experience

Jamie Smart is a bestselling author and comic artist, who has worked for *The Dandy*, *The Beano* and *The Phoenix*, amongst others

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

In 2024 Smart was named Illustrator of the Year at both the British Book Awards and the Lollies

*'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*)

*'Smart is a comics genius and every one of these strip adventures is full of characters readers will love and packed with gleeful absurdities. No wonder the stories are so popular, there's nothing like them and hardly anything that comes even near their levels of frenetic fun.'* – LoveReading4Kids (on *Bunny vs Monkey* and *the Human Invasion!*)

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# The Blockbusters!

## Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Narrator to Come



A hilarious and heartwarming adventure by bestselling, award-winning author Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

When new boy Rafa and his friends accidentally stray onto the set of a Hollywood blockbuster, the last thing they expect is to become part of the action. Rafa's likeness to the famous movie star BB gives him VIP access to all areas, including the banquet of catering doughnuts!

But Rafa isn't the only one having an adventure. His big brother, Cillian, is missing. He sent Rafa a clue to his location, but he can't really be in actual Hollywood, can he? It's up to Rafa to keep acting the part of a movie star, if he is to find his brother – and home.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce, UK Children's Laureate 2024–2026, is a multi award-winning children's book author and screenwriter

Cottrell-Boyce's books include *Cosmic*, *Framed*, *The Astounding Broccoli Boy*, *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth*, *Runaway Robot*, *Noah's Gold* and *The Wonder Brothers*

Cottrell-Boyce has written for the hit TV series *Dr Who* and his script for Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom* won a British Animation Award

'It's really cleverly written and kept me stuck to it like glue!' – The Guardian (on *Cosmic*)

'Humorous and fast-paced.' – School Library Journal (on *The Astounding Broccoli Boy*)



# Ming and Maria Explore the Universe

The Girls Who Changed the World #5

**Jackie French**

Read by Edwina Wren

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2025

In this fifth and final instalment in The Girls Who Changed the World series, Ming Qong discovers who she is, and that she, too, will change the world.

Herstory, History's sister, has sent Ming all through history to meet girls who have changed the world. But now, Herstory promises to show Ming something of her own past – her long-lost mother.

So when Ming washes up on the shores of Nantucket Island in 1836, she is confused. She is saved by the elderly Mrs Sloe and wealthy Miss Reynolds, but there is no sign of a woman who could be her mother.

The island is home to Maria Mitchell, who, at 17, has already published her first papers on astronomy, and will go on to inspire universities around the world.

Maria's future holds extraordinary promise and fame. But what about Ming?

Ming's time on Nantucket will revolutionise all she believes about herself, her family and Herstory too.

Jackie French AM is an award-winning author, the 2014–2015 Australian Children's Laureate and the 2015 Senior Australian of the Year

In 2016, French became a member of the Order of Australia for her contribution to children's literature and her advocacy for youth literacy

The Girls Who Changed the World is an inspiring series for all the young people who will one day change the world

*'French writes in such an enjoyable, humorous style. Ming is a wonderful protagonist, whose journey to discover the girls who changed history is sure to take her to some fascinating places.'* – Better Reading (on *Ming and Flo Fight for the Future*)

*'This fast-paced book calls to young people to be world changers.'* – Reading Time (on *Ming and Marie Spy for Freedom*)



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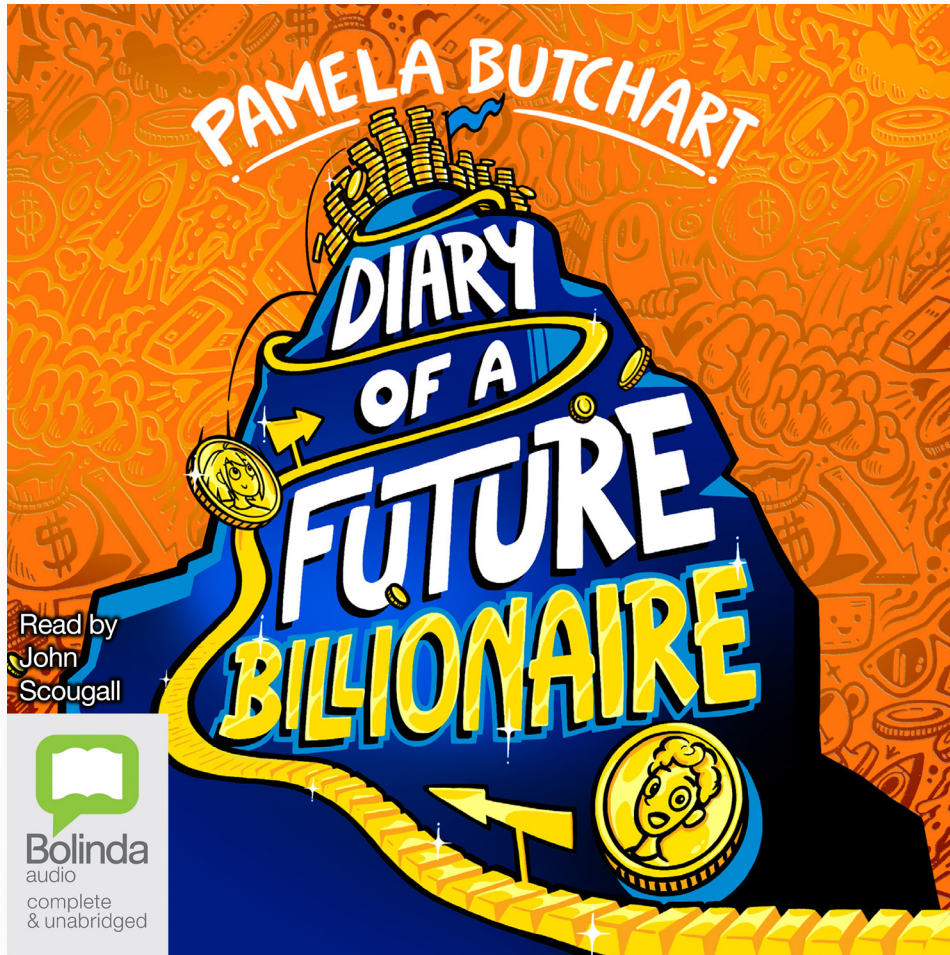
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# Diary of a Future Billionaire

Diary of a Future Billionaire #1

**Pamela Butchart**

Read by John Scougall



Children's New Release

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The start of a hilarious new middle-grade series from beloved award-winning, bestselling author Pamela Butchart.

Just how far will one boy go to become a fully-fledged billionaire?

So here's the thing about me. I'm a billionaire. An actual REAL-LIFE billionaire! And you know how some people who get rich say stuff like, 'I can't believe it!' and 'I never thought it would happen to me!'

Well ... I CAN believe it. And I KNEW it would happen to me. Because I PLANNED IT. I PLANNED to become the world's RICHEST ten-year-old. And you know what? It WORKED.

Butchart's top-selling stories include *The Spy Who Loved School Dinners*, which won the Blue Peter Best Story Award, and *My Head Teacher is a Vampire Rat*, which won The Children's Book Award

Butchart is also the author of the stories for Enid Blyton's Secret Seven series, *The Mystery of the Skull* and *The Mystery of the Theatre Ghost*

'The story is gloriously funny ...' – LoveReading4Kids (on *Petunia Perry and the Curse of the Ugly Pigeon*)

'An award winning author with an infallible touch when it comes to humour and familiar settings that all children can relate to and told with a flair for zany and exciting plots like this one!' – LoveReading4Kids (on *There's a Yeti in the Playground!*)

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# Naughty Dragons Fire Up!

Naughty Dragons #3

**Natalie Jane Prior**

Read by Nic Davey-Greene

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The third instalment in the Naughty Dragons series, packed with rollicking adventure, riotous laughs and oodles of mischief.

In the Laidley Hundreds, dangerous wild dragons roam the Highlands. But dragons aren't born bad – just naughty!

It's Dragon New Year, a week-long, once-in-a-lifetime event, and Ava and Jack can't wait to celebrate with Graun and Fafnine! There'll be picnics, parties, a bonfire and – best of all – a majestic fireworks display.

But with two naughty dragons on the loose, and a set of self-important dragon triplets on a mission to bring them down, the celebrations soon turn into a disaster of epic proportions.

Have the naughty dragons finally gone too far?

Produced with Sound Design and Music for an immersive listening experience

Perfect for fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and Enid Blyton's classic adventures

Natalie Jane Prior is the author of numerous books for many ages and has been published in more than 20 countries

Prior has been the recipient of the Aurealis Award, the Davitt Award, and has been recognised several times by the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards

'The adventures have a lot of humor.' – January Magazine (on *Lily Quench and the Hand of Manuelo*)

'This is a well told, very readable adventure.' – Books for Keeps (on *Lily Quench and the Dragon of Ashby*)



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# Shipwrecked

Jenny Pearson  
Read by Colin Ryan

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Three kids face shipwrecks, survival and pirates in the latest adventure from bestselling and award-winning author Jenny Pearson.

Sebastian is shipwrecked!

He and his two best friends are stranded on a desert island, with no way of getting home. So they make a plan. They will try to survive, look after the island's baby turtles and have fun.

But they can't plan for challenges like jellyfish stings, burnt bums and an out-of-control goat! And when dangerous pirates arrive, the friends must use their new survival skills to save the turtles, and themselves...

Jenny Pearson has been shortlisted for the Costa Children's Book Award, the Waterstones Children's Book Prize and the Week Junior Book Award

Pearson is the author of *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates*, which won The Laugh Out Loud Book Award

Pearson's *The Incredible Record Smashers* was shortlisted for the Leicester Libraries Our Best Book 2022 and was longlisted for the North Somerset Teachers' Book Award 2021 and The UKLA Book Awards 2022

'The perfect adventure story, packed with humour, just the right amount of danger ...' – Dermot O'Leary, author of *Toto the Ninja Cat*

'Shipwrecked – a feast of summer sun, amazing adventures, laugh-out-loud comedy, and East's captivating artwork – is the sixth unmissable outing with this talented author. So, whatever you do, don't miss the boat!' – Lancashire Evening Post

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# Batthew Aromascent and the Stolen Sequels

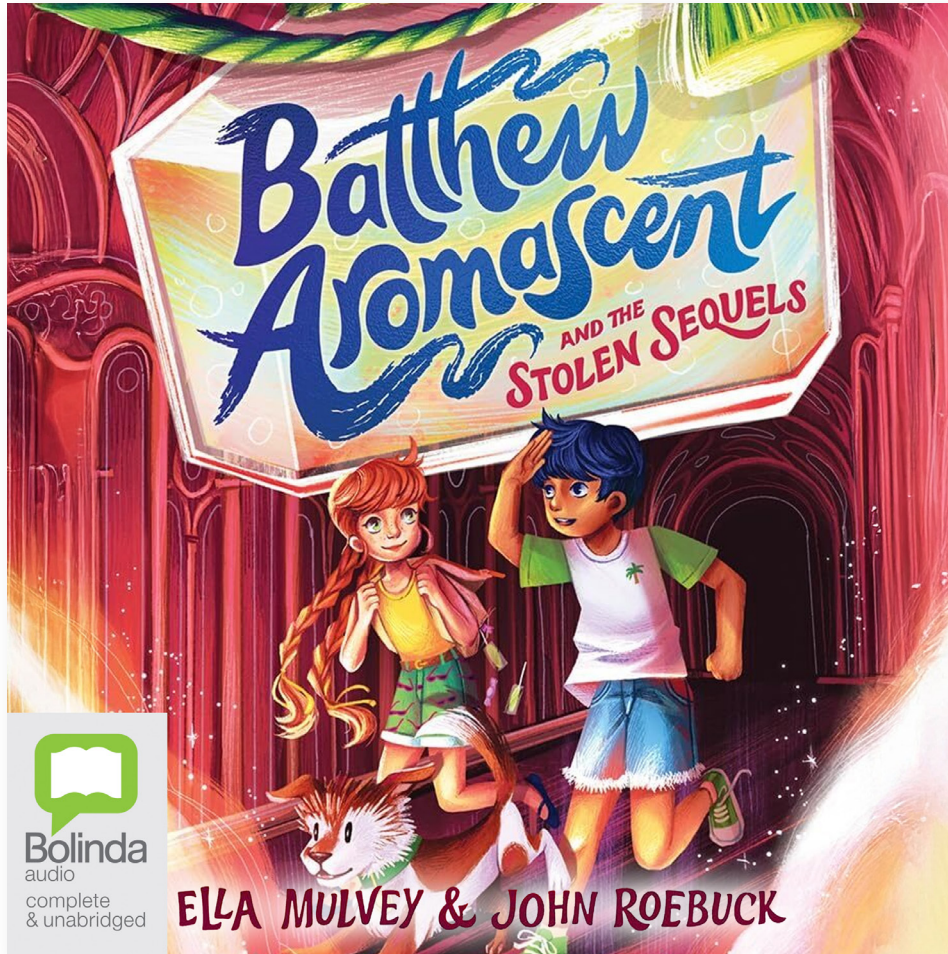
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Batthew Aromascent #2

**Ella Mulvey & John Roebuck**

Read by Alfie Baker



In the thrilling second adventure of this hilarious middle-grade series, Batthew Aromascent's own fragrance house has been burgled – and it's up to him and his best friend Lavender to track down the thief.

Candlenut's famous fragrance houses have fallen victim to a string of robberies, and Batthew's beloved home, Olfactory, is the latest target! When Olfactory's entire collection of perfume recipes are stolen by a mysterious burglar, Batthew and Lavender must follow the strangest of clues and find the recipes before Olfactory's legacy is snuffed out for good. But is there more to this investigation – and indeed, more to the history of Olfactory – than they realise?

Produced with Sound Design and Music for an immersive listening experience

Ella Mulvey and John Roebuck are the authors of the Batthew Aromascent series, which was shortlisted for Hardie Grant's Ampersand Prize

Mulvey is the author of picture book *The Rabbit-Hole Golf Course*, which was a 2018 CBCA Notable Picture Book and recognised in the Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year Awards

*'This is a unique, wacky mystery. It's one where I suspected everyone at one stage or another and found myself intrigued right up until the end.'* – Readings (on *Batthew Aromascent and the Missing Corpse Flower*)

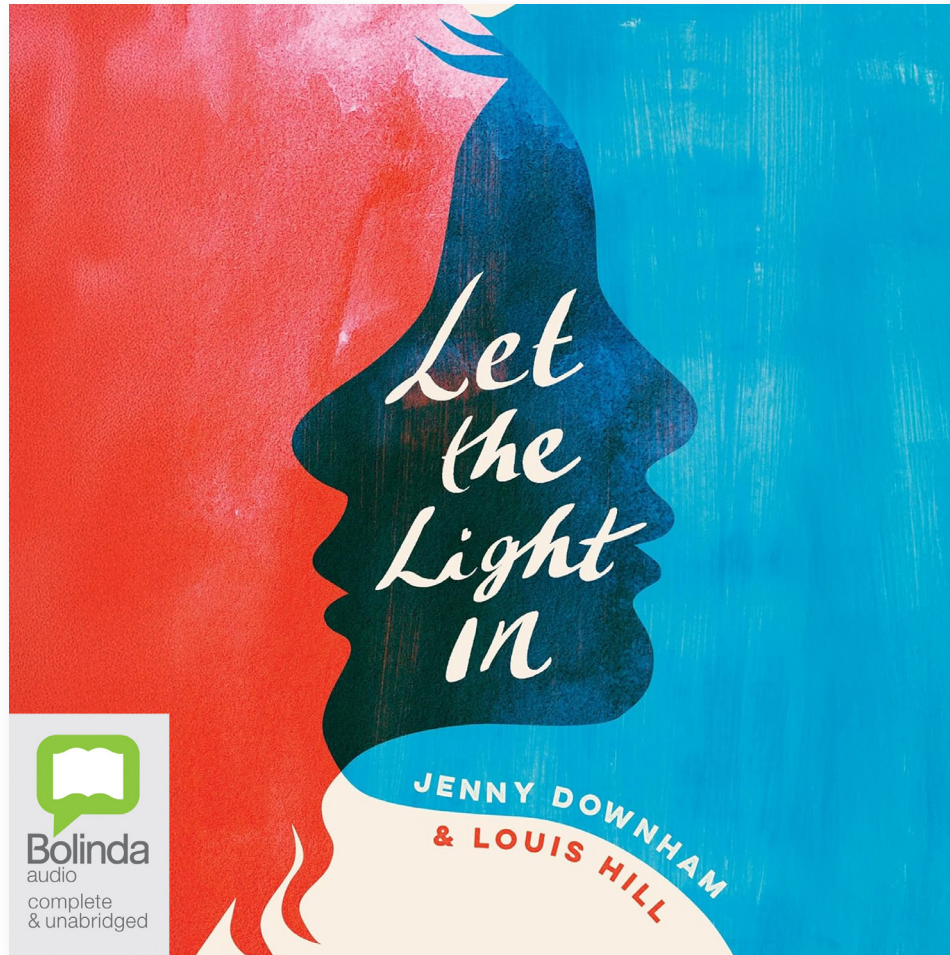
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# Let the Light In

Jenny Downham & Louis Hill  
Read by the Authors



Young Adult New Release

Young Adult Fiction | June 2025

An extraordinary novel by an exceptional mother-and-son team. This is a searing, powerful, ultimately uplifting exploration of journeying through grief.

Leah and Charlie's world shattered when their dad died – and they're handling their grief in very different ways. Leah's found someone who makes her feel like a goddess. The downside is their relationship has to stay secret – but love is worth a few sacrifices, right? For Charlie, security seems in his grasp when he gets an offer he can't resist. Just a bit of extra money can surely solve so many of his problems ...

When these seemingly unconnected paths collide, the shockwaves have a vaster impact than Leah or Charlie could've ever imagined.

This astounding, compulsive story explores love, power, money, art, and asks: what really matters in the end?

Jenny Downham is the author of *Before I Die*, which won the Branford Boase Award, the Australian Silver Inky Award for best international novel, was shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize and was made into the blockbuster film, *Now Is Good*

Downham has also written *You Against Me*, which won the Waterstones Teenage Book Prize; *Unbecoming*, which was shortlisted for the YA Book Prize; and *Furious Thing*, which was shortlisted for the YA Book Prize and the Costa Book Awards

Louis Hill is a writer and actor in a wide variety of stage, screen and voiceover work. He has written a number of plays, short films and short stories

'Powerful ... compassionate, wise and fierce.' – The Bookseller

'An extraordinary book, tenderly told. There is so much loss, beauty, hope and care in its pages. I read it all at once, but it will stay with me for a very long time to come.' – Katya Balen, author of *The Space We're In*

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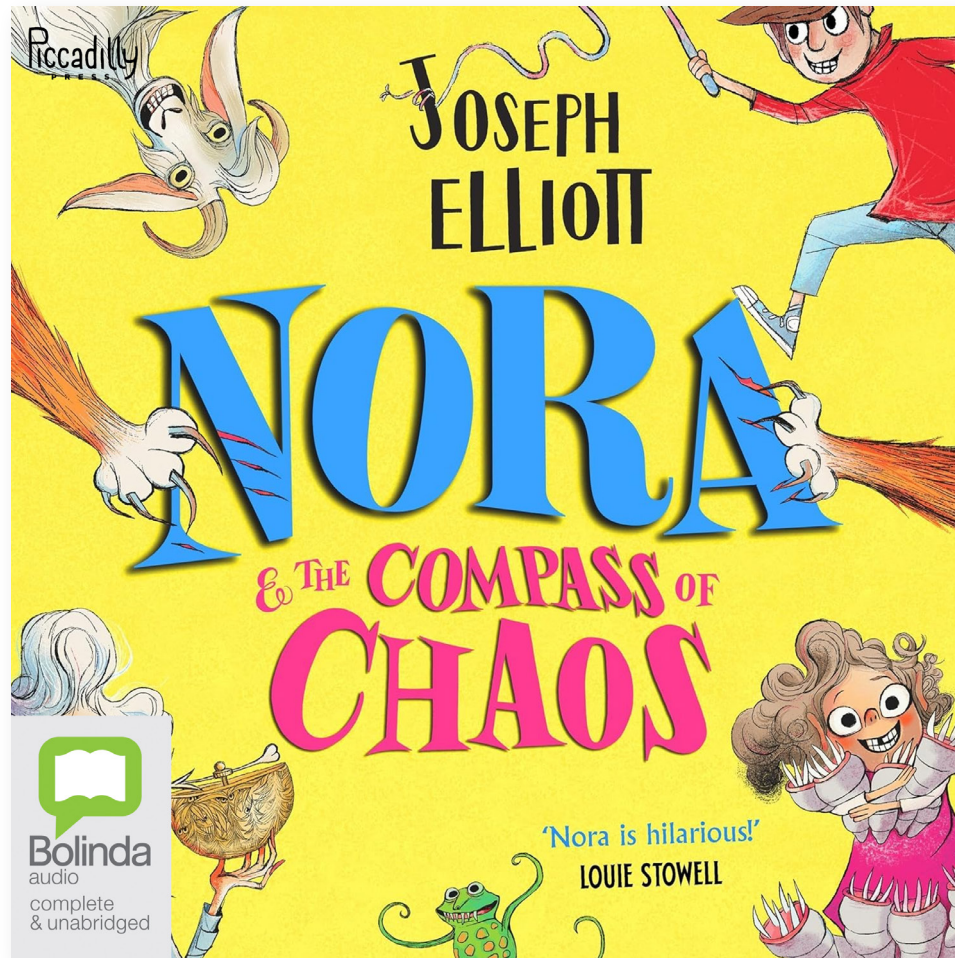
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# Nora and the Compass of Chaos

Nora #2

Joseph Elliott

Read by Ella Kenion



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | June 2025

The side-splittingly funny sequel to *Nora and the Map of Mayhem* by award-winning author Joseph Elliott, star of CBeebies's *Swashbuckle*.

When Nora is invited to a fancy dress party, she thinks that's the worst of her problems ... until she discovers her friend Grizzler is missing. After finding his boat completely wrecked, Nora sets off on a wild adventure to try and find him – though she doesn't expect her great-grandkids, Atticus and Autumn, to have stowed away for the ride!

Between dodging fingernail-eating skuttlecrags and wrangling ice-breathing jugugars, there's also whispers of a rogue Monster Hunter on the loose with monstrous plans in motion. With only some wool, a corkscrew and half a pack of sweets in their possession, can the trio stop the true villain before it's too late?

This rip-roaring tale is perfect for children aged eight and up

Joseph Elliott has worked as an actor, predominantly in comedy and children's television

Elliott's debut novel, *The Good Hawk* was nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Award, longlisted for The Highland Book Prize and won Best Middle Grade at the 2021 Audie Awards

Elliott is also part of the scriptwriting team for *The Amelia Gething Complex*, *Class Dismissed*, and *Horrible Histories*

'Riotously funny, utterly unique – an absolute gem ... I really REALLY loved it!' – Jenny Pearson, author of *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates* (on *Nora and the Map of Mayhem*)

'Endearing and funny, with an unforgettable and anarchic central character.' – Sam Copeland, bestselling author of *Charlie Changes into a Chicken* (on *Nora and the Map of Mayhem*)

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# Shadow the Secret Pony & Other Pony Tales

Pony Tales

**Jenny Dale**

Read by Katrina Baylis

Children's New Release

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## Shadow the Secret Pony & Other Pony Tales



Read by  
Katrina  
Baylis



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## Jenny Dale

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

*Lottie the Little Pony:* Emma is so excited. Lottie the Shetland pony is to be hers at last! But when Lottie arrives, she's so much smaller than Emma remembers. Emma dreams of riding Lottie in the gymkhana. Is Lottie too little?

*Shadow the Secret Pony:* When a friendly black pony suddenly arrives in Clare's garden, it's like a dream come true. Where does Shadow come from? Who does he belong to? Clare just knows that Shadow is her very special interest ...

Two great pony adventures in one collection: *Lottie the Little Pony* and *Shadow the Secret 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 lover

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# Heartbreaker

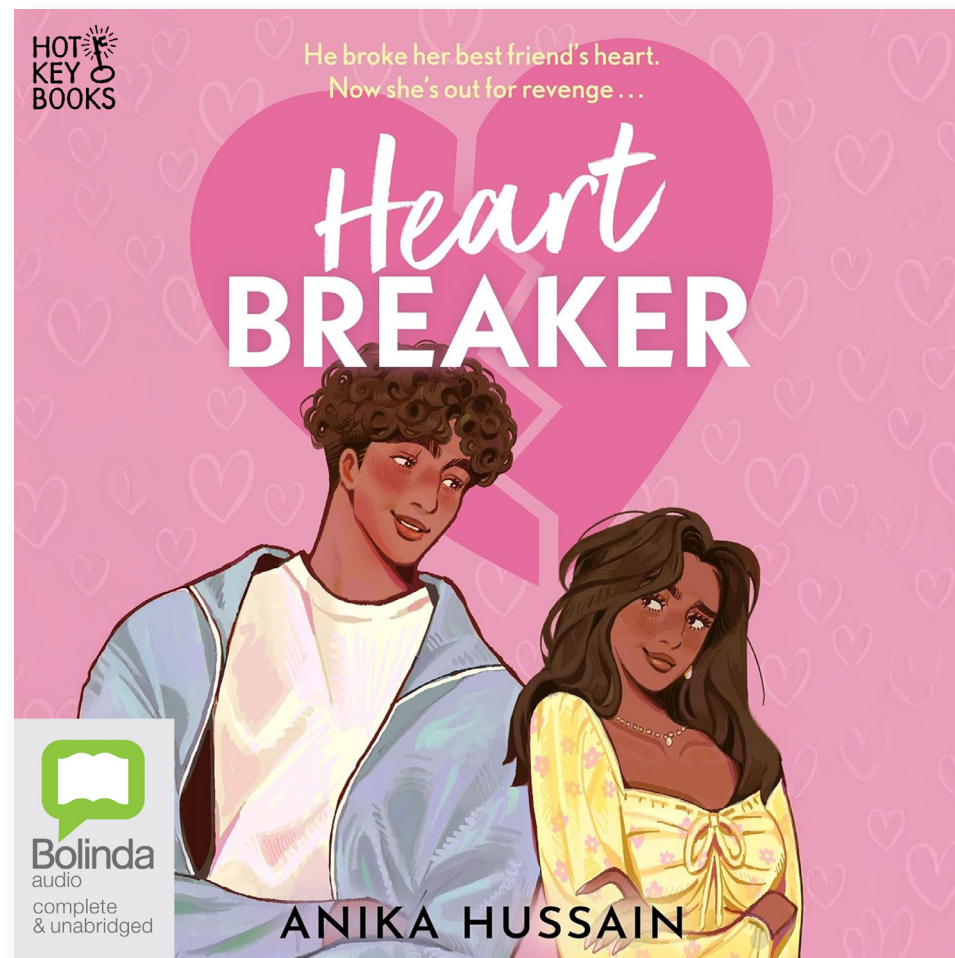
## Anika Hussain

Read by Anushka Chakravarti

Young Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | June 2025

A hilarious enemies to lovers YA rom-com, perfect for fans of Jenny Han, from YA Book Prize shortlistee Anika Hussain.



Saachi would do anything for her best friend. So when school bad boy Fahim breaks Mona's heart, Saachi is hellbent on getting revenge. It's time to put him in his place once and for all.

And so begins Operation Heartbreaker: Saachi will make Fahim fall in love with her and then pull the plug on him – just like he does to every girl he's ever dated. Simple.

Except as she spends more time with Fahim, against her better judgement, she finds herself falling for him. Unable to talk to Mona about her mixed emotions, and with the mission veering dangerously off course, Saachi will have to embrace her role as a heartbreaker or potentially end up with her own heart broken ...

Anika Hussain writes young adult novels with South Asian characters at the heart of the story

Aside from writing and working as Student Administrator, Hussain is involved with the Hawkins Project, founded by Dave Eggers, to elevate the voices of young people in the publishing industry

Hussain is the author of *This Is How You Fall In Love* and *Desi Girl Speaking*

'A big-hearted romp of a rom-com with a messy, charming and complex heroine at its center who guides us through a beautiful celebration of culture, family, friendship and love.'  
– Abdi Nazemian, Stonewall and Lambda Award-winning author of *Like a Love Story* and *Only This Beautiful Moment*

'Funny, fresh and heartwarming, Heartbreaker is everything I love in a romcom – with a complex main character and a swoony love story wrapped up in a delightful revenge plot that takes me back to films like John Tucker Must Die.' – Ravena Guron, bestselling author of *This Book Kills*

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