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Private Dublin

Private #20

James Patterson & Adam Hamdy

Read by Trevor White

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2025



The 20th instalment of the thrilling Private series from bestselling authors James Patterson and Adam Hamdy.

In LA, a star-studded movie premiere descends into chaos when a shooter opens fire on the crowd. The culprit escapes and boards a plane to Dublin, Ireland.

Jack Morgan, the head of the world's largest private detective agency, is at the premiere and his partner Justine is badly wounded in the shooting. Following the gunman to Dublin, Jack soon realises that this is much bigger than a single shooter. What Jack thought was a random act of violence was actually a targeted attempt on his life.

To ensure the safety of those he loves most, Jack must find the person who is so intent on his downfall – and eliminate them once and for all.

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 Women's Murder Club, Detective Michael Bennett and Private series

Adam Hamdy is the bestselling author and screenwriter, whose novel, *The Other Side of Night*, was an NPR best book of 2022 and a *New York Times* best thriller of the year

Hamdy is the author of the Scott Pearce series of modern spy thrillers, *Black 13*, *Red Wolves* and *White Fire*, and the Pendulum trilogy

'Great action sequences ... breathtaking twists and turns.' – Anthony Horowitz, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Moriarty* (on *Private Moscow*)

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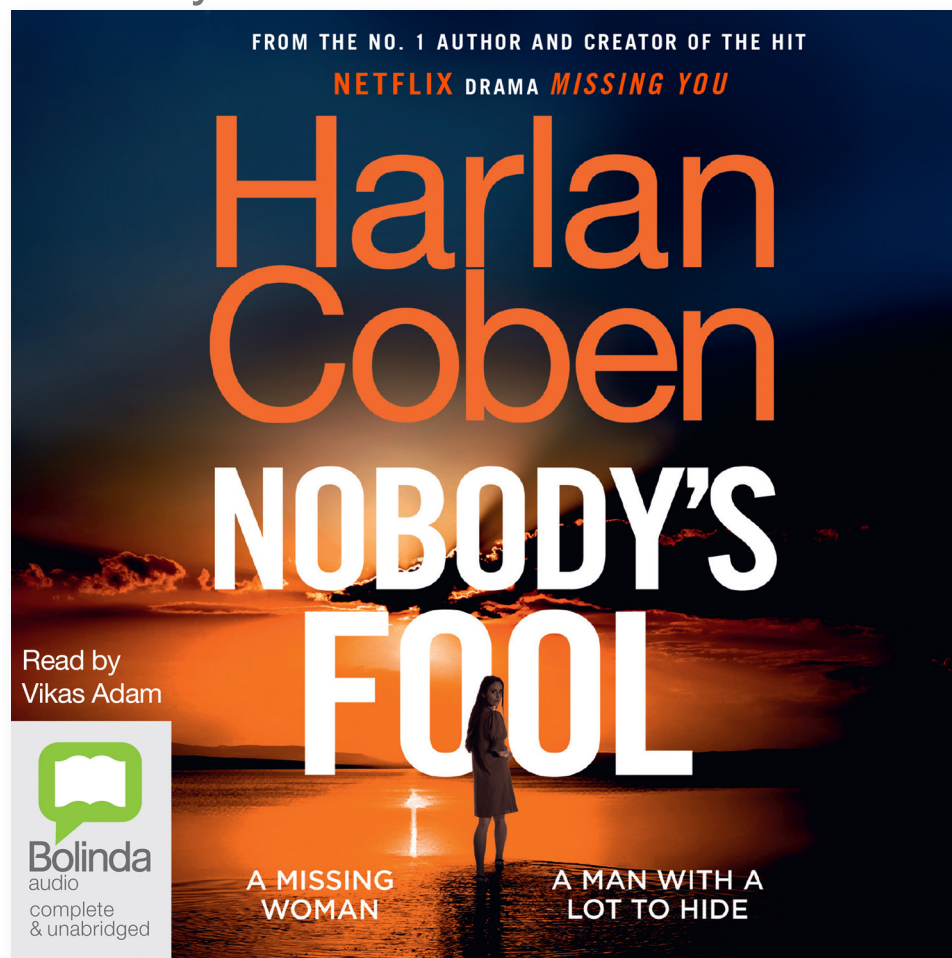
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Nobody's Fool

Detective Sami Kierce #2

Harlan Coben

Read by Vikas Adam



Adult New Release

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A year after the devastating events that took place in *Fool Me Once*, a secret from former Detective Sami Kierce's college days comes back to haunt him.

Sami Kierce, a young college grad backpacking in Spain with friends, wakes up one morning, covered in blood. There's a knife in his hand. Beside him, the body of his girlfriend. Anna. Dead. He begins to scream – and then he runs.

Twenty-two years later, Kierce, now a private investigator, is a new father who's working off his debts by teaching wannabe sleuths at a night school in New York City. One evening, he recognises a familiar face at the back of the classroom. Anna. It's unmistakably her. But as soon as he makes eye contact with her, she bolts.

For Kierce there is no choice. He knows he must find this woman and solve the impossible mystery that has haunted his every waking moment since that terrible day.

His investigation will bring him face-to-face with his past. Soon he discovers that some secrets should stay buried.

Harlan Coben's suspense novels are published in 46 languages and have been number one bestsellers in more than a dozen countries, with 80 million books in print worldwide.

Several of Coben's books have been developed into Netflix original series, including the #1 global hit *Fool Me Once*, *The Stranger*, *The Innocent*, *Gone for Good*, *The Woods*, *Stay Close* and *Hold Tight*.

Coben's Myron Bolitar series has won the Edgar, Shamus and Anthony Awards.

'Coben excels in thrillers about families torn apart by secrets ... Typically twisty read with customary Coben shock ending.' – The Sun (on *Fool Me Once*)

'This slick thriller examines what you can believe and who you ever really trust ... Coben has excelled himself. This intense and multi-layered story has a very creepy conspiracy.' – The Sunday Mirror (on *Fool Me Once*)

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Capital Christie

Twelve London Mysteries

Agatha Christie

Read by Full Cast



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2025

Murder, mystery and majesty combine in the Queen of Crime's very best short stories set in London.

Agatha Christie is recognised throughout the world as the writer of remarkable country-house mysteries and ingenious murders set in faraway countries. Yet many of her books and stories were set in the city she knew best and for many years called home: London.

From Poirot's flat in Whitehaven Mansions to Scotland Yard, the Old Bailey to Harley Street, Lyons Tea Rooms to the Savoy, Paddington Station to the London Underground, Agatha Christie knew and loved London, and mined it for its rich seam of storytelling opportunities.

This new collection of stories features Agatha Christie's favourite detectives, including Hercule Poirot, Jane Marple, and Tommy and Tuppence Beresford, as they solve mysteries across the capital.

Agatha Christie is known throughout the world as the Queen of Crime. Her books have sold over a billion copies in English with another billion in over 70 foreign languages

Christie is the author of 80 crime novels and short story collections, 20 plays and six novels written under the name of Mary Westmacott

Christie's Hercule Poirot series won the Anthony Award for Best Series of The Century in 2000

'Her work is a cocktail of orderly settings and deep malignity, of confinement and coldness, and at its heart it asks one of the most basic questions of all, modernity's recurring preoccupation: who are you?' – London Review of Books

'This quirky, trivia-filled look at a touchstone of detective fiction will have Christie fans young and old in heaven.' – Publishers Weekly (on Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Greatest Detective in the World)

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2 Sisters Murder Investigations

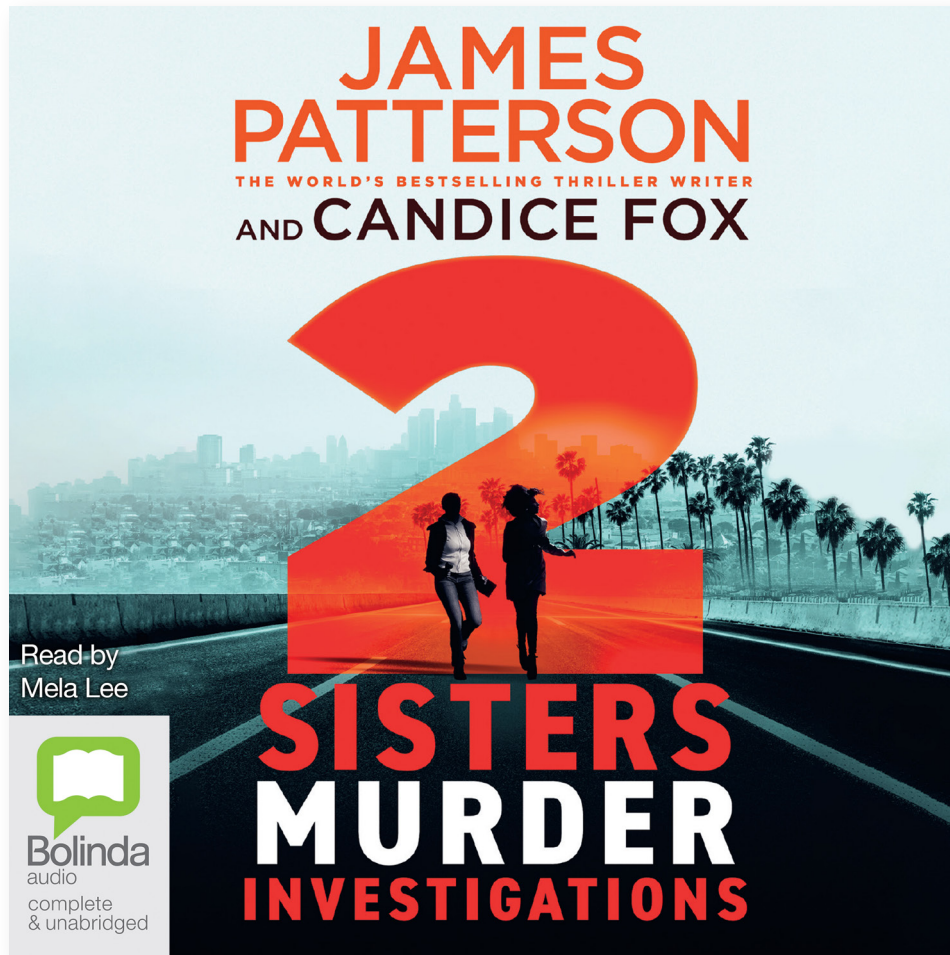
2 Sisters Detective Agency Mystery #2

James Patterson & Candice Fox

Read by Peter Giles & Mela Lee

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2025



The Bird sisters return to solve another mystery in the hotly anticipated sequel to the bestselling *2 Sisters Detective Agency*.

Rhonda and Barbara 'Baby' Bird are half-sisters – and full partners in their Los Angeles detective agency. They agree on nothing. Rhonda, a former attorney, takes a by-the-book approach to solving crimes, while teenage Baby relies on her street smarts. But when they take a controversial case of a loner whose popular wife has gone missing, they're accused of being PIs who can't tell a client from a killer.

The Bird sisters share a late father, but not much else ... except their willingness to fight.

Fight the system. Fight for the underdog. Fight for the truth. If they can stop fighting each other long enough to work together.

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

Candice Fox is an Australian novelist, best known for her crime fiction, who has collaborated with Patterson on multiple novels

'This was so expertly written, I grabbed some popcorn and let the movie unfold as I turned the pages' – Fresh Fiction (on *2 Sisters Detective Agency*)

'A big, splashy juggernaut of a novel ... truly authentic.' – Harlan Coben, international bestselling author (on *The President Is Missing*)

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Stone and Sky

Rivers of London #10

Ben Aaronovitch

Read by Kobna Holdbrook-Smith & Shvorne Marks



Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | July 2025

The tenth instalment in the beloved Rivers of London series about Detective Constable Peter Grant, blending crime-solving with supernatural intrigue in a setting that's as enchanting as it is dangerous.

This isn't London. The rules are different up here, and so are the allegiances.

Detective Sergeant Peter Grant takes a much-needed holiday up in Scotland. And he'll need one when this is over ...

If more's the merrier, then it's ecstatic as his partner Beverley, their young twins, his mum, dad, his dad's band and their dodgy manager all tag along. Even his boss, DCI Thomas Nightingale, takes in the coastal air as he trains Peter's cousin Abigail in the arcane arts. And they'll need them too, because Scotland's Granite City has more than its fair share of history and mystery, myth ... and murder.

When a body is found in a bus stop, fresh from the sea, the case smells fishy from the off.

Something may be stirring beyond the bay – but there's something far stranger in the sky.

Ben Aaronovitch is one of Britain's best known and beloved fantasy authors

His Rivers of London series stormed the bestseller list and is now one of the bestselling fantasy series of all time

He has won and been nominated for numerous awards, including the Hugo Awards, the British Fantasy Awards and the Locus Awards

'Aaronovitch crafts a tale filled with magical realism and compelling detective work. Stone and Sky retains the humor and wit that fans adore, while introducing new challenges and enchanting settings.' – Medium

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The Death of Shame

Raven and Fisher Mystery #5

Ambrose Parry

Read by Bryan Dick & Cathleen McCarron

The fifth and final instalment in the thrilling Raven and Fisher series exploring the exploitation of women in the Victorian era.

1854, Edinburgh

Respectable faces hide private sins.

Apprentice Sarah Fisher is helping to fund Dr Will Raven's emerging medical practice in exchange for being secretly trained as a medic, should the rules barring women ever change. Sarah needs no instruction in the inequalities that beset her gender, but even she has her eyes opened to a darker reality when a relative seeks her help in searching for her missing daughter. Annabel Banks was promised a situation in a prestigious household, but there has been no word from her since she left home, and the agency that arranged her position says she never appeared.

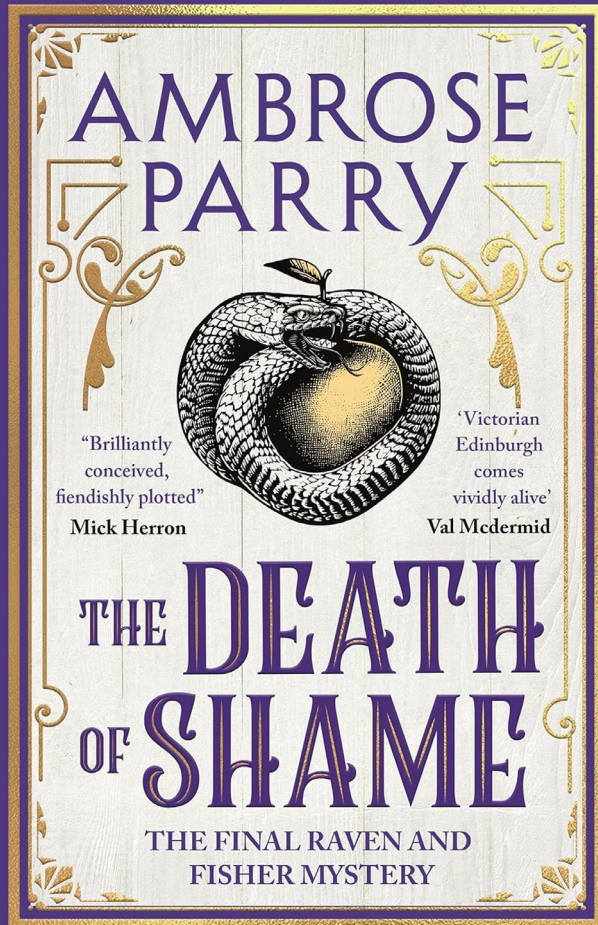
Sarah's inquiries lead her to reforming campaigners trying to publicise the plight of the hundreds of girls ensnared in Edinburgh's houses of assignation. Sarah learns how young women are lured, deceived, trafficked and raped, leaving them ruined in the eyes of a society obsessed with moral purity, where virginity is prized as a lucrative commodity.

Ambrose Parry is the penname for two very different authors – the internationally bestselling and multi-award-winning Chris Brookmyre and consultant anaesthetist of 20 years' experience, Dr Marisa Haetzman

The pair teamed up to write a series of historical crime thrillers, featuring the darkest of Victorian Edinburgh's secrets

They are the authors of *The Way of All Flesh* and *The Art of Dying*, which were shortlisted for the McIlvanney Prize for Scottish Crime Book of the Year

'The backstory of the characters, loves, careers and ambitions, is as riveting as the mystery.' – NB Magazine (on *A Corruption of Blood*)

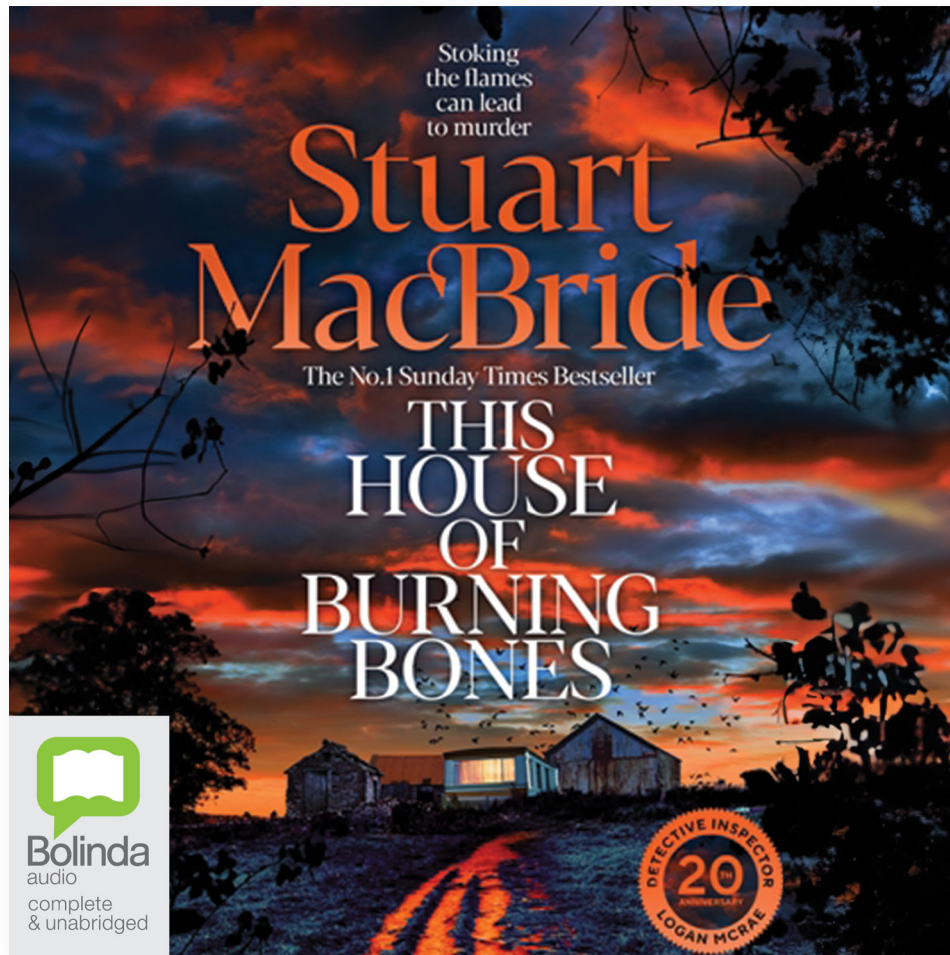


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This House of Burning Bones

Stuart MacBride

Read by Steve Worsley



In this gripping thriller from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Stuart MacBride, DI Logan McRae finds his staff radically reducing in numbers just as they're about to embark on a major murder investigation.

Don't stoke the flames unless you want to get burned ...

It's not going well for Aberdeen's NE Division – half the force is off sick, all leave has been cancelled, someone has firebombed a hotel full of migrants and there's a massive protest march happening this Saturday.

With officers dropping like flies, Detective Inspector Logan McRae has to kick off a major murder investigation with a skeleton staff of misfits, idiots and malingers until the top brass can arrange back-up from other divisions.

But, as bad as everything seems, things are about to get much, much worse ...

Stuart MacBride is the *Sunday Times* #1 bestselling author of the Logan McRae and Ash Henderson series

MacBride has also published standalones, novellas and short stories

He has won numerous awards, including the CWA Dagger in the Library Award, the Barry Award for Best First Novel and ITV3 Crime Thriller Award for Breakthrough Author of the Year

'Stuart MacBride is the most exciting thing to happen to British crime fiction in the last ten years.' – The Northern Echo (on *Flesh House*)

Fierce, unflinching and shot through with the blackest of humour; this is crime fiction of the highest order.' – Mark Billingham, bestselling author of *Their Little Secret* (on *Dying Light*)

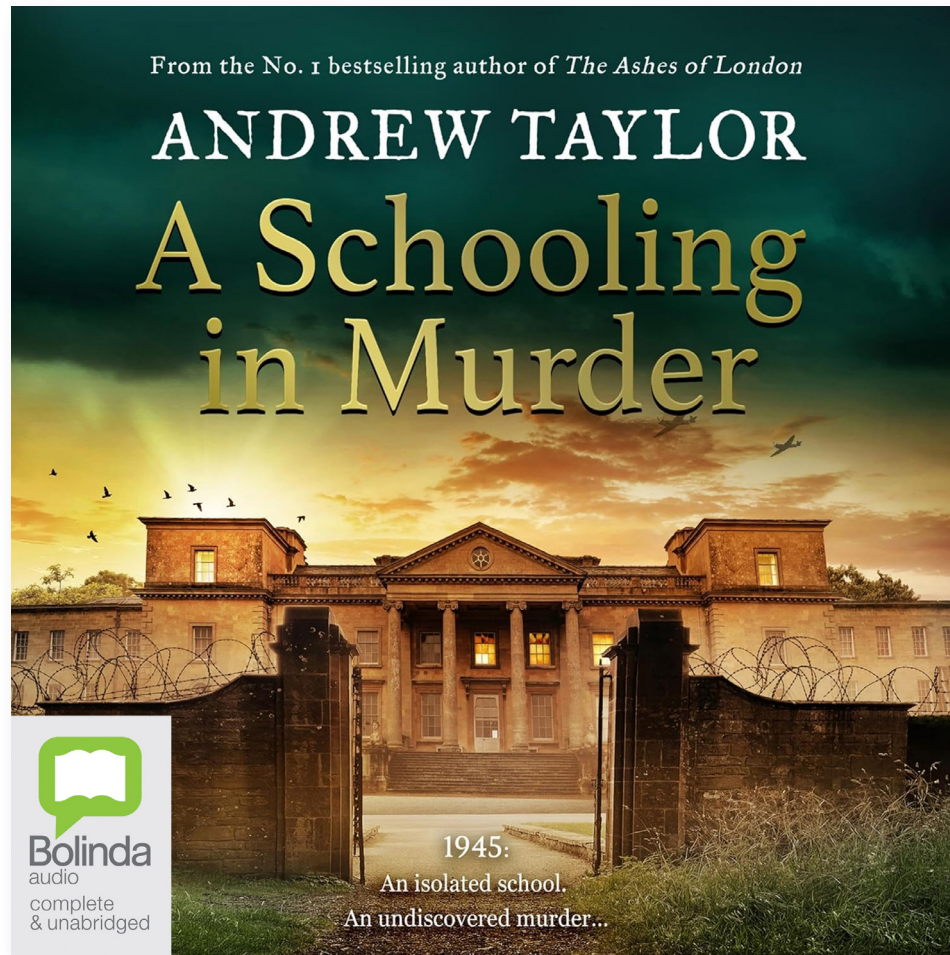


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A Schooling in Murder

Andrew Taylor

Read by Nathalie Buscombe



The gripping new World War II historical mystery from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Ashes of London*.

England, May 1945.

Monkshill Park School for Girls seems a world away from the violence that engulfed Europe during World War II. Yet its lonely, decaying grounds have witnessed a murder.

Annabel Warnock, a teacher with a secretive past, left for the holidays and never came back. Both teachers and girls assume she simply walked out, but the truth is quite different. Her body tumbled from the Maiden's Leap, a viewpoint on the clifftop Gothic Walk, and was washed out to sea.

But Annabel is still trapped at Monkshill, unable to move on. As she haunts the grounds and school, she discovers a hidden world – students, staff and servants are riven with deadly rivalries and dangerous tensions.

And one of them is her killer ...

Andrew Taylor is a winner of the Cartier Diamond Dagger (for lifelong excellence in the genre) and the triple winner of the Historical Dagger

Taylor is also an international bestselling author of *The American Boy*, the Roth Trilogy, the Lydmouth Series and the William Dougal Series

'One of the most reliably enjoyable of historical novelists ... Taylor demonstrates his usual command of plot and historical background.' – *The Sunday Times* (on *The Ashes of London*)

'Once again, Taylor combines his detailed research with a deviously twist-laden storyline.' – *Observer* (on *The Fire Court*)

Valerie Taylor: An Adventurous Life

Adult New Release

Autobiography | July 2025

The Remarkable Story of the Trailblazing Ocean Conservationist, Photographer and Shark Expert

Valerie Taylor & Ben Mckelvey

Read by Janette Frazer



From *Jaws* to *Blue Lagoon* and beyond, this is the exceptional and unique life story of pioneering marine conservationist, photographer and shark expert Valerie Taylor.

At 83 years old, Valerie Taylor has lived a big, bold, adventurous life.

Born in Australia, Valerie spent a great deal of her childhood in New Zealand. A talented artist, she dropped out of school when she contracted polio and was saved by Sister Elizabeth Kenny's treatment plan; it was two years before she could walk unaided. When Valerie was 15, she found work as an animator and moved back to Australia with her family. All the while she thrived on being close to the ocean, and was a keen spearfisher.

In the 1950s, she met Ron Taylor and then her real adventures started. Together they sailed all over the world, photographing and filming their travels for magazines, TV and movies, and making many documentaries. Valerie and Ron became interested in conservation, and focused on sharks in particular. They did all the shark work on *Jaws*, and James Cameron decided he wanted to become a filmmaker because of Valerie and her husband.

Valerie is working with the brilliant Ben Mckelvey to share her story of falling in love with the ocean and with her husband, Ron.

Valerie Taylor is an Australian conservationist, photographer and filmmaker, as well as an inaugural member of the diving hall of fame

'From working on a Spielberg movie to falling in love with the ocean and husband Ron, this book reveals Valerie's bold and adventurous life, decades-long career as a filmmaker and photographer, and fearlessness of sharks and incomparable understanding of their behaviour.' – National Australian Geographic

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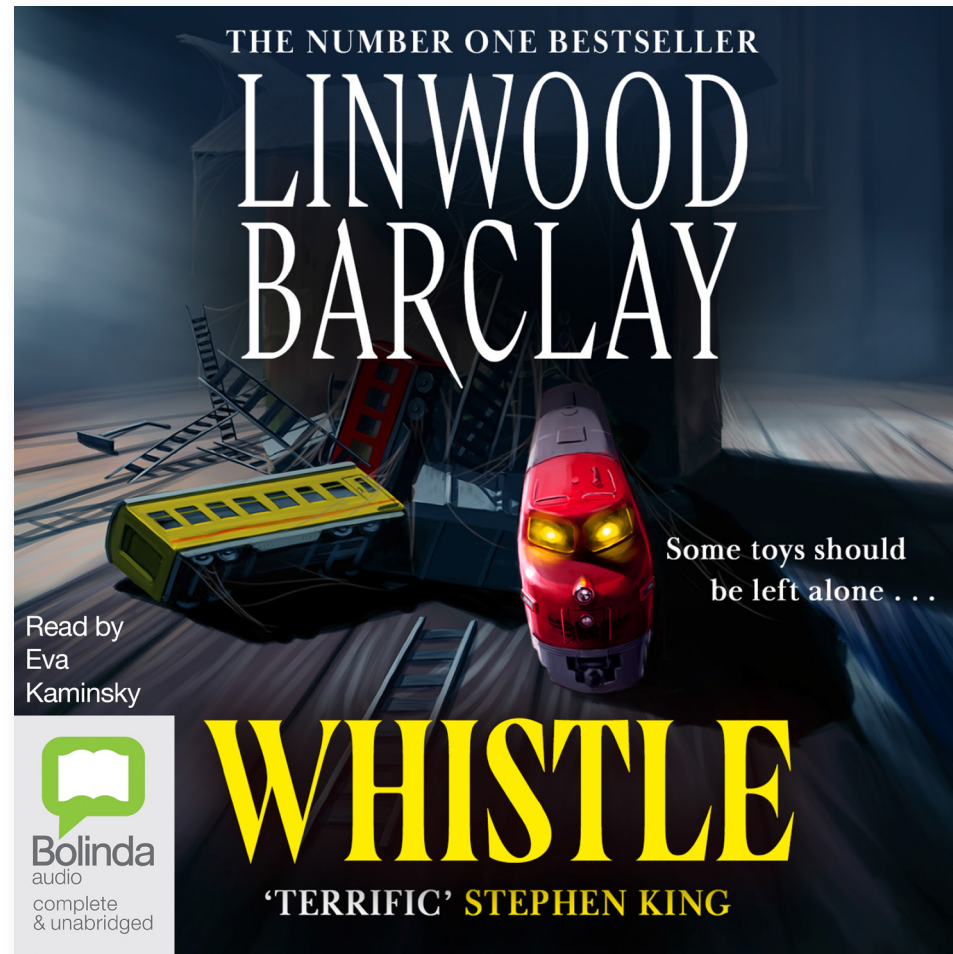
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Whistle

Linwood Barclay

Read by Eva Kaminsky



A sinister horror-suspense novel from the bestselling author of *I Will Ruin You*, perfect for fans of Stephen King.

Celebrated children's author and illustrator Annie Blunt has had a dreadful year. Her husband was killed in a tragic accident, then one of her children's books ignited a major scandal. Desperate for a fresh start, she moves with her young son Charlie to a charming small town in upstate New York where they can begin to heal.

But Annie's year is about to get worse.

Bored and lonely in their isolated new surroundings, Charlie is thrilled when he finds a forgotten train set in a locked shed in the grounds of their new house. While Annie is pleased to see Charlie happy, there's something unsettling about his new toy. Strange sounds wake Annie in the night – she's sure she can hear a train, although there isn't an active line for miles. And then bizarre things start happening in the neighbourhood. But even stranger, Annie can't seem to stop drawing a disturbing new character that has no place in a children's book ...

Grief plays tricks on the mind, but Annie is beginning to think she's walked out of one nightmare straight into another, only this one is far more terrifying ...

Linwood Barclay is an international bestselling author with over 20 critically acclaimed titles, including *No Time for Goodbye*, *Trust Your Eyes* and *A Noise Downstairs*

Barclay's 2011 thriller, *The Accident*, has been turned into the six-part television series *L'Accident* in France

'Terrific.' – Stephen King, bestselling author of *The Shining*

'Devilishly good – exciting, thrilling – Barclay at his best!' – Shari Lapena, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Couple Next Door* (on *Look Both Ways*)

My Calamity Jane

The Lady Janies #3

Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton & Jodi Ashton

Read by Sophie Amoss

Young Adult New Release

Romance | July 2025



Hold on to your hats – the authors who brought you the *New York Times* bestseller *My Plain Jane* are back with another irreverent historical adventure.

Welcome to 1876 America, a place bursting with gunslingers, outlaws and garou – better known as werewolves.

And where there are garou, there're hunters – the one and only Calamity Jane, to be precise, along with her fellow stars of Wild Bill's Traveling Show, Annie Oakley and Frank 'the Pistol Prince' Butler.

After a garou hunt goes south and Jane finds a suspicious-like bite on her arm, she turns tail for Deadwood, where there's talk of a garou cure. But rumours can be deceiving – meaning the gang better hightail it after her before they're a day late and a Jane short.

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

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

Brodi Ashton is the author of several YA novels; she began her career in journalism before beginning to write fiction full-time.

'Witty and winsome, this rollicking tall tale makes its own rules.' – Booklist, starred review

'Full of twists, turns, and laugh-out-loud humor, this tongue-in-cheek feminist alternative history is impossible to put down. A thrilling alternative history that sparkles with wit and charm.' – Kirkus Reviews

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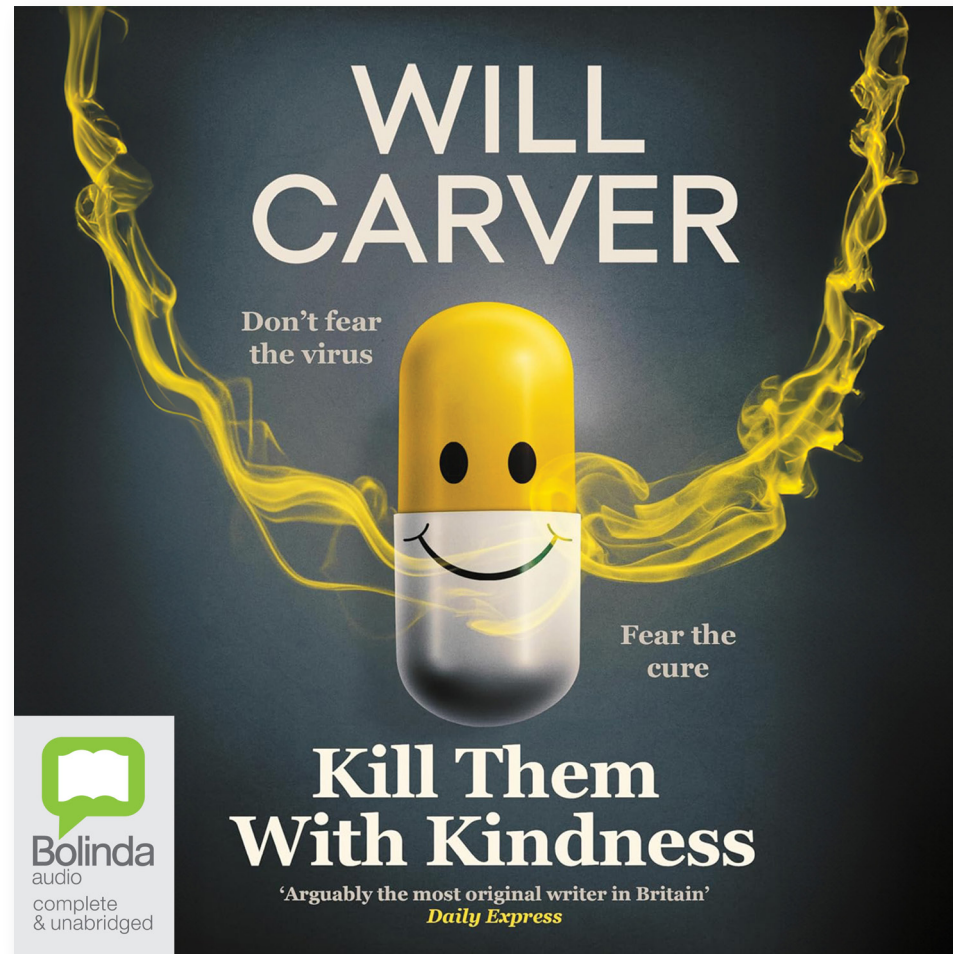
Adult New Release

Psychological Fiction | July 2025

Kill Them with Kindness

Will Carver

Read by the Ciaran Saward



International bestselling author Will Carver returns with a mind-blowing, high-concept new thriller.

The threat of nuclear war is no longer scary. This is much worse. It's invisible. It works quickly. And it's coming.

The scourge has already infected and killed half the population in China, and it is heading towards the UK. There is no time to escape. The British government sees no way out other than to distribute 'Dignity Pills' to its citizens – one last night with family or loved ones before going to sleep forever ... together.

Dr Haruto Ikeda, a Japanese scientist working at a Chinese research facility, wants to save the world. He has discovered a way to mutate a virus. Instead of making people sick, instead of causing death, it's going to make them ... nice. Instead of attacking the lungs, it will work into the brain and increase the host's ability to feel and show compassion. It will make people kind.

But governments don't want a population in agreement. They want conflict and outrage and fear. Reasonable people are harder to control.

Ikeda's quest is thoughtful and noble, and it just might work. Maybe humanity can be saved. Maybe it doesn't have to be the end.

Will Carver is the international bestselling author of the January David series

Carver's title, *Hinton Hollow Death Trip*, was longlisted for the Not the Booker Prize, while *Nothing Important Happened Today* was longlisted for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year

His novel *Good Samaritans* was a book of the year in *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph* and *The Daily Express*

'Laying bare our 21st-century weaknesses and dilemmas, Carver has created a highly original state-of-the-nation novel.' – Literary Review

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Nemesis

A DS Walker Thriller #4

Patricia Wolf

Read by Adam Fitzgerald

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2025

The fourth thrilling instalment in the bestselling DS Lucas Walker series is full of breathtaking twists and dark turns.

DS Lucas Walker is on assignment for the Australian Federal Police, and it couldn't be more personal. This is his last chance to take down Stefan Markovich – the Vandals leader who tried to have him killed after Walker uncovered his drug operation, and has evaded justice for years.

Having tracked Markovich to Berlin, Walker heads to Germany to lure his nemesis out of hiding and into custody. And there is another draw for Walker in Berlin – he finally gets to see Barbara again.

Still dealing with the trauma of her sister's ordeal in outback Australia, Barbara is working her own case – a suspicious death that casts a dark shadow over a peaceful lake colony. Everything about the horrific scene tells Barbara it's murder, and when a second body emerges she realises she is hunting a killer who is watching their victims die in agony.

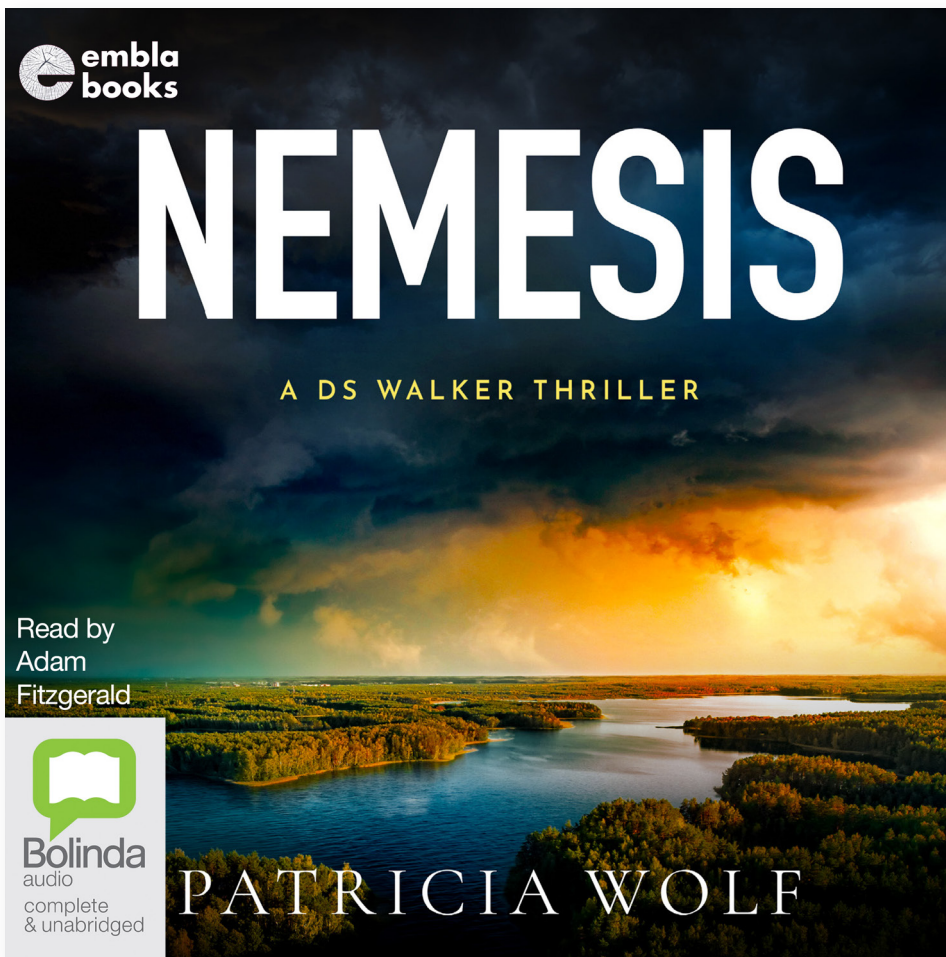
As Walker and Barbara grapple with their cases, they must also face their feelings for each other – amid the constant threats of the world they inhabit.

Patricia Wolf has been a journalist for more than 15 years and is a regular contributor to *The Guardian*, the *Financial Times*, *The Independent* and *The Telegraph*, among others

She grew up in outback Australia, in a mining town in far north-west Queensland, which informs the setting of her novels

Her debut *novel*, *Outback* was nominated for the CWA New Blood Dagger, and her second book *Paradise* was longlisted for the Davitt Awards

'A tense, twisty read that gripped me from its shocking start, immersed me in its sun-scorched landscape, then raced to its satisfying conclusion.' – Sarah Yarwood-Lovett, bestselling author of *A Murder of Crows* (on *Outback*)



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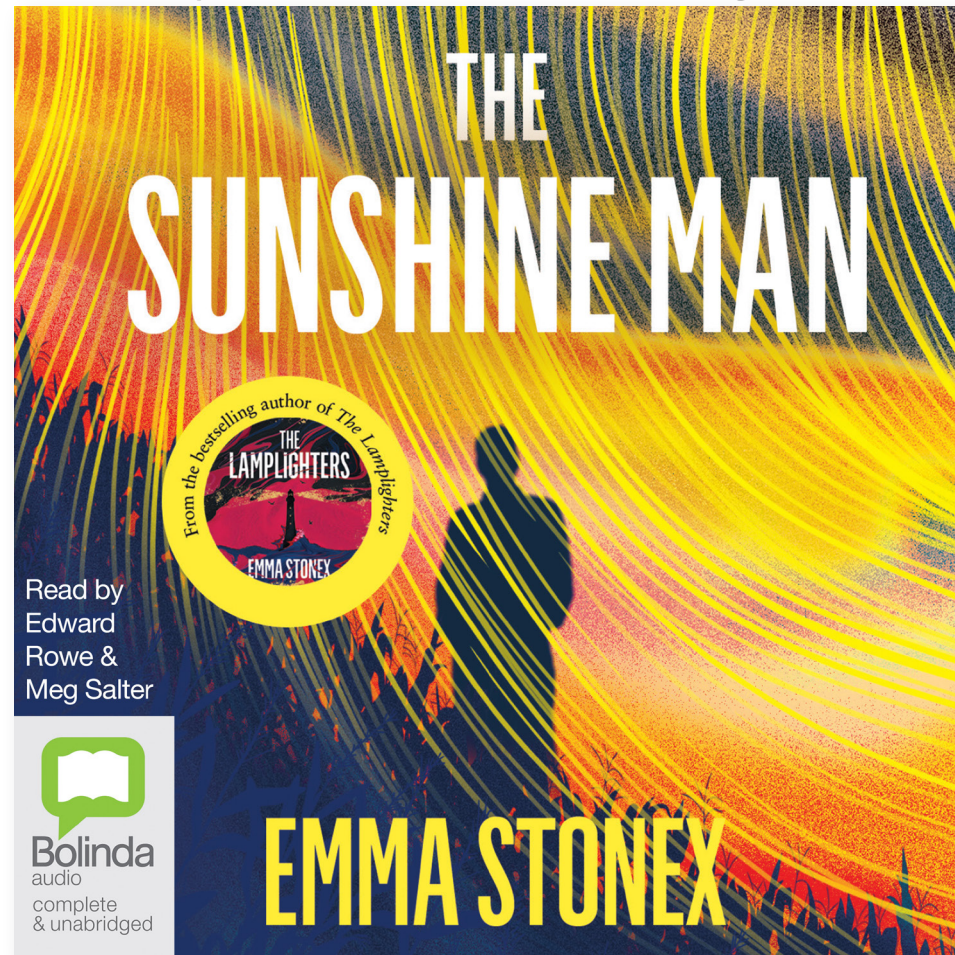
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The Sunshine Man

Emma Stonex

Read by Edward Rowe & Meg Salter



From Emma Stonex, the bestselling author of *The Lamplighters*, comes a tangled mystery about a terrible crime and a revenge plotted over decades.

In January 1989, Birdie wakes to the news she's been waiting 18 years to hear. Jimmy Maguire, the man who killed her sister, has been freed from jail. Birdie leaves for London with a gun and a plan – to find him and make him pay. But there's another side to the story, and she's about to enter a world of family lies, worn-out loyalties and long-buried betrayals.

Did Jimmy kill Birdie's sister, or is he the only one she can really trust? And when the truth is finally revealed, will she choose forgiveness – or retribution?

A heart-stopping new story of murky shared pasts and a fury-fuelled present, *The Sunshine Man* is a thrilling cat-and-mouse chase set against the salt-drenched backdrop of England's south coast, from bestselling author Emma Stonex.

Emma Stonex is the author of *The Lamplighters*, which was a *Sunday Times* bestseller and has been translated into more than 25 languages

The Lamplighters was longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award and shortlisted for the Indie Book Awards, both in 2022

'The Sunshine Man is a masterful literary thriller. Stonex's exquisite line by line writing lifts this dark tale into the light, and provokes nuanced thinking about revenge and redemption. A deeply thrilling and emotionally rich page-turner.' – Lucy Clarke, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Castaways* and *One of the Girls*

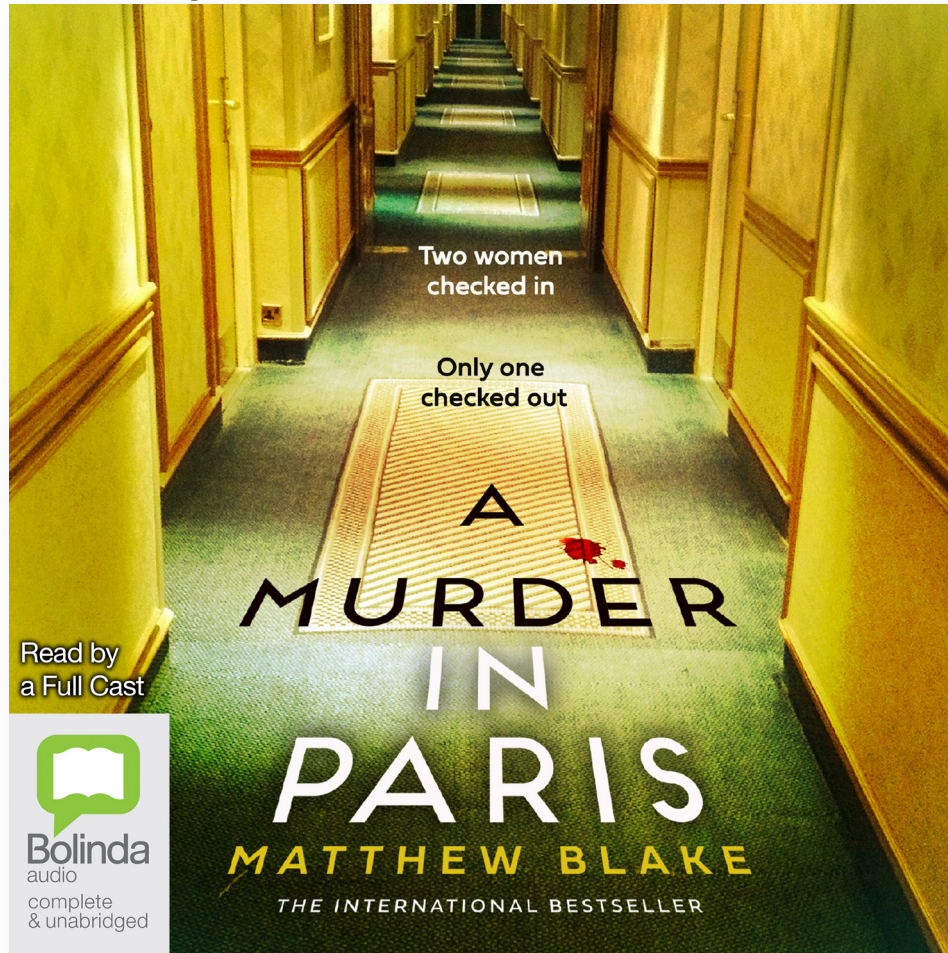
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Crime & Thriller | July 2025

A Murder in Paris

Matthew Blake

Read by a Full Cast



An expert in memory must uncover the truth about her family's wartime past in this dazzling psychological thriller from the #1 international bestselling author of *Anna O*.

Olivia Finn is a memory expert at Charing Cross Hospital in London. One night, she receives an urgent call from the police at the Hotel Lutetia on Paris's famous Left Bank. Olivia's French grandmother, Josephine Benoit, has appeared at the Lutetia in a distressed state claiming she once committed a murder in the hotel at the end of the Second World War.

Travelling to Paris, Olivia finds her grandmother confused. But Josephine insists it is a recovered memory from the past. More disturbingly, hotel records show that a woman did die in that room of the Lutetia in 1945. Could her story really be true?

As people start dying in the present day, Olivia is plunged into a race against time to uncover the truth about Josephine and what really happened all those years ago.

Set among the glamorous streets of Paris, this addictive thriller asks: what if a memory could get you killed?

Matthew Blake is author of the global #1 bestseller *Anna O* which is published in 41 territories and is being developed for the screen by Warner Bros. & Netflix

Anna O hit bestseller lists across the world and was called 'the most talked about thriller of 2024' by NBC's *Today* show

As a screenwriter Blake currently has feature film and TV projects in development with production companies on both sides of the Atlantic, including Berlanti, Temple Hill, Ink Factory, Double Dutch, Cowboy, House, Tall Story, Firebird, Adorable and Passenger

'An irresistible concept beautifully executed – certain to be one of the year's best thrillers.'
– Lee Child, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *Anna O*)

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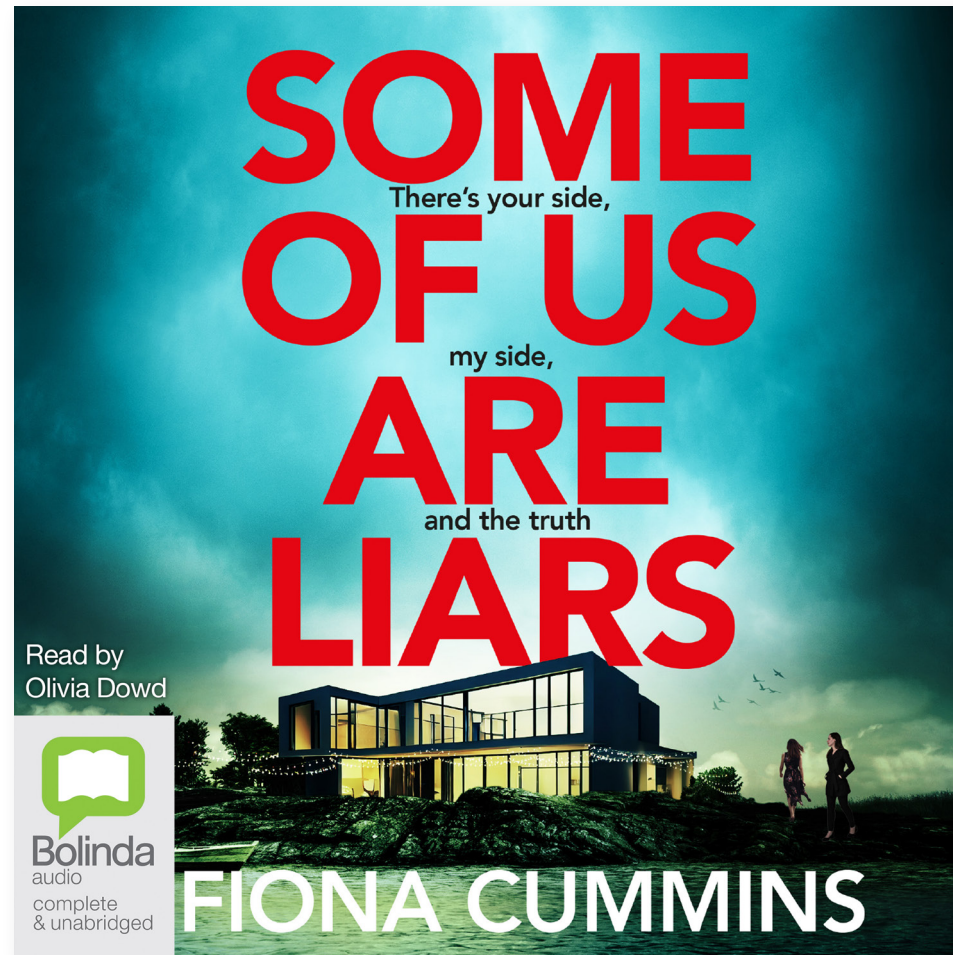
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Some of Us Are Liars

Fiona Cummins

Read by Olivia Dowd



Lisa Jewell meets Jodi Picoult in this gripping new story of betrayal and deception in the aftermath of family tragedy from bestselling author Fiona Cummins.

When Jen Miller entrusts her youngest child to the care of her beloved sisters, she has no idea of the devastating tragedy that is about to unfold.

To celebrate her sister's wedding, global superstar Winter Kellaway throws the party of the decade at her luxurious beachside estate. The decorations are flawless. The champagne is on ice. The guests have arrived. But one misstep will have heartbreaking consequences that will rock this close-knit family to their core.

With her life in pieces, how can Jen ever begin to forgive?

Saul Anguish, a brilliant but tormented young detective, is called in to investigate and uncovers a long-buried and shocking family secret. As the trail takes a dramatic turn, they must now all face the truth that you can never truly leave the past behind ...

Fiona Cummins is an award-winning former journalist and a graduate of the Faber Academy Writing a Novel course

Cummins is the bestselling author of five crime thriller novels, all of which have received widespread critical acclaim from household names including Val McDermid, Lee Child, David Baldacci, Martina Cole and Ian Rankin

Cummins is the author of *Rattle*, *The Collector*, *The Neighbour*, *When I Was Ten*, *Into the Dark* and *All Of Us Are Broken*

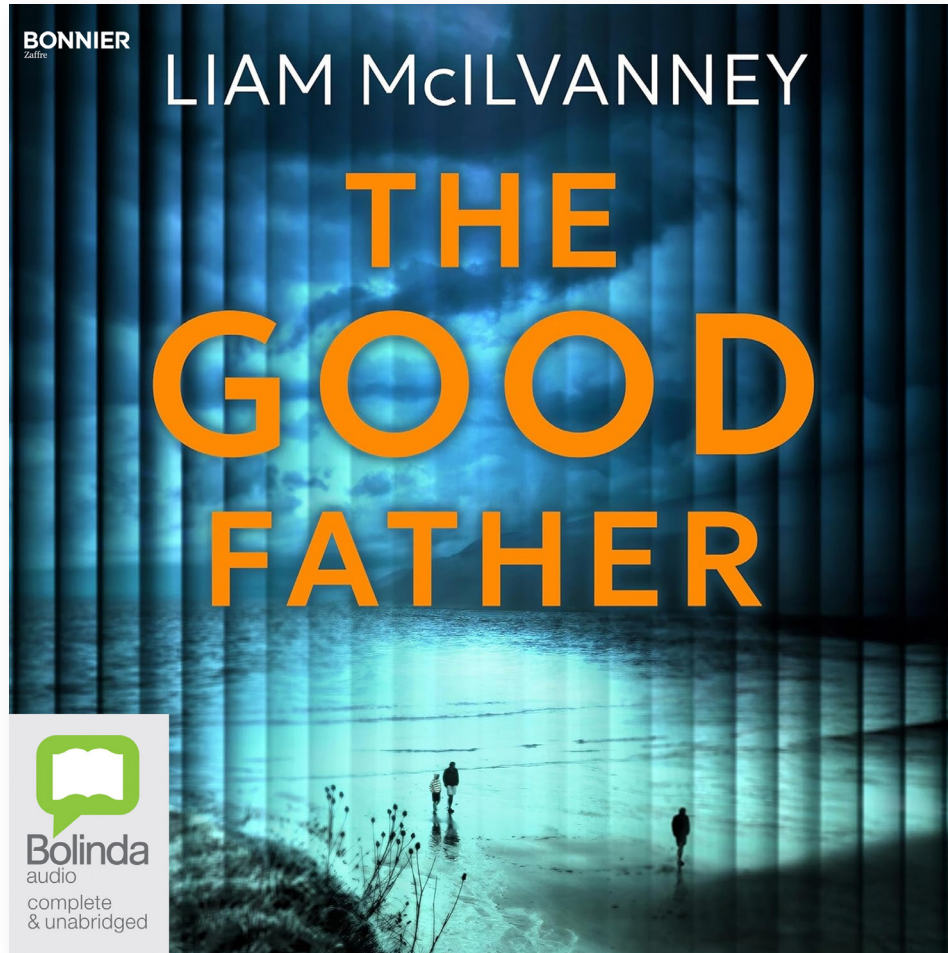
'A gripping thriller. Absolutely intriguing. Loved it.' – Liz Nugent, bestselling author of *Strange Sally Diamond* (on *All of Us Are Broken*)

'A master class in suspense ...' – David Baldacci, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *All of Us Are Broken*)

The Good Father

Liam McIlvanney

Read by Angus King



What could be worse than your child disappearing? An emotional, and brilliantly clever thriller about a child's disappearance, and the disintegration of a family in the aftermath, from award-winning author Liam McIlvanney.

Gordon and Sarah Rutherford are normal, happy people with successful, fulfilling lives. They have a son they adore, a house on the beach and a safe, friendly and honest community in a picture-postcard town on the Ayrshire coast.

Until one day, when Bonnie the lab comes in from the beach alone. Their son, Rory, has gone – the only trace left behind is a single black Adidas slider.

Their lives don't fall apart immediately. While there's still hope (and no body) they dig deep and try to carry on. It's a process of abrasion – a wearing away of happiness and normality; a slow degradation, a gradual breakdown – until they'll never be the people they were before. This sort of tragedy impacts a whole town. Does the community still feel the same after? What are folk saying about you? Who are your friends? Who can you trust?

When the worst thing has happened and you've lost everything, you either go under or you rebuild and start again.

Liam McIlvanney has written for numerous publications, including the *London Review of Books* and the *Times Literary Supplement*

McIlvanney's crime novels have won multiple awards, including the Bloody Scotland McIlvanney Prize, and he has also been shortlisted for the Theakston Crime Novel of the Year

He currently works as an academic at the University of Otago in New Zealand

'Heart-stopping and heart-rending, this is Liam McIlvanney's best novel yet.' – Val McDermid, bestselling author of the Lindsay Gordon series

The Fall

Martin Kemp

Read by Paul Thornley



Johnny Klein is back! Discover the latest thriller from music, film and TV legend Martin Kemp.

The bigger the star, the harder they fall.

Johnny Klein, fallen '80s pop icon, thinks life is finally on the up. He's basking in the luxury of the French Riviera – hoping his worst days are behind him. But when a man falls from a window to his death in London, Johnny is forced to confront the darkest corners of his fame.

Thrust into a dangerous game of lies and betrayal, Johnny must uncover a deadly secret, before somebody else dies ...

Martin Kemp is an actor and musician, known for being the bassist in Spandau Ballet and for his role as Steve Owen in *EastEnders* as well as his charitable work

'Johnny Klein is a great character!' – Kimberley Chambers, #1 bestselling author of *Queenie* (on *The Game*)

'Masterful.' – Susan Lewis, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Believe in Me* (on *The Game*)

'Gritty, compelling and heartbreaking ... loved it.' – Catherine Cooper, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Chateau* (on *The Game*)

I Will Scream to the World

My Story. My Fight. My Hope for Girls Everywhere

Jaha Marie Dukureh

Read by the Author

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My **STORY**. My **FIGHT**.
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EVERYWHERE.

**JAHA MARIE
DUKUREH**

Foreword by actor, activist and
New York Times bestselling author,
ASHLEY JUDD

This extraordinary memoir details the monumental journey of one young Gambian woman from survivor of FGM and forced child marriage, to global activist and political leader.

On the wedding night of her first arranged marriage, 15-year-old Jaha learned that she had undergone Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) as an infant. That painful discovery, coupled with her experiences with a second arranged marriage, set Jaha on her path as an activist – a courageous mission that would require her to brave hostility in her community and family, and even attempts on her life.

Despite the challenges, and with ever-growing determination, Jaha founded Safe Hands for Girls, an organisation that succeeded in having FGM banned in Gambia. She is now working to eradicate FGM and forced child marriage worldwide by 2030, as well as running to be the next President of the Republic of The Gambia.

I Will Scream to the World recounts Jaha's ongoing, uphill journey to be seen as a survivor, activist, but most of all as a human. She dives into her childhood to show the root causes of her crusading, shares her personal and professional life, and explores, as only a survivor can, a practice that while violent and troubling, is often culturally misunderstood.

Jaha Marie Dukureh is a Gambian American women's rights activist, the first UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for Africa and one of the youngest Africans ever to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize

'Jaha is truly an authentic woman telling her deeply moving story that goes beyond being a survivor and global activist. She also reminds us what it is to be human. Jaha epitomizes a Great Dame.' – Sharon Kelly Hake, Founder and President of Great Dames.

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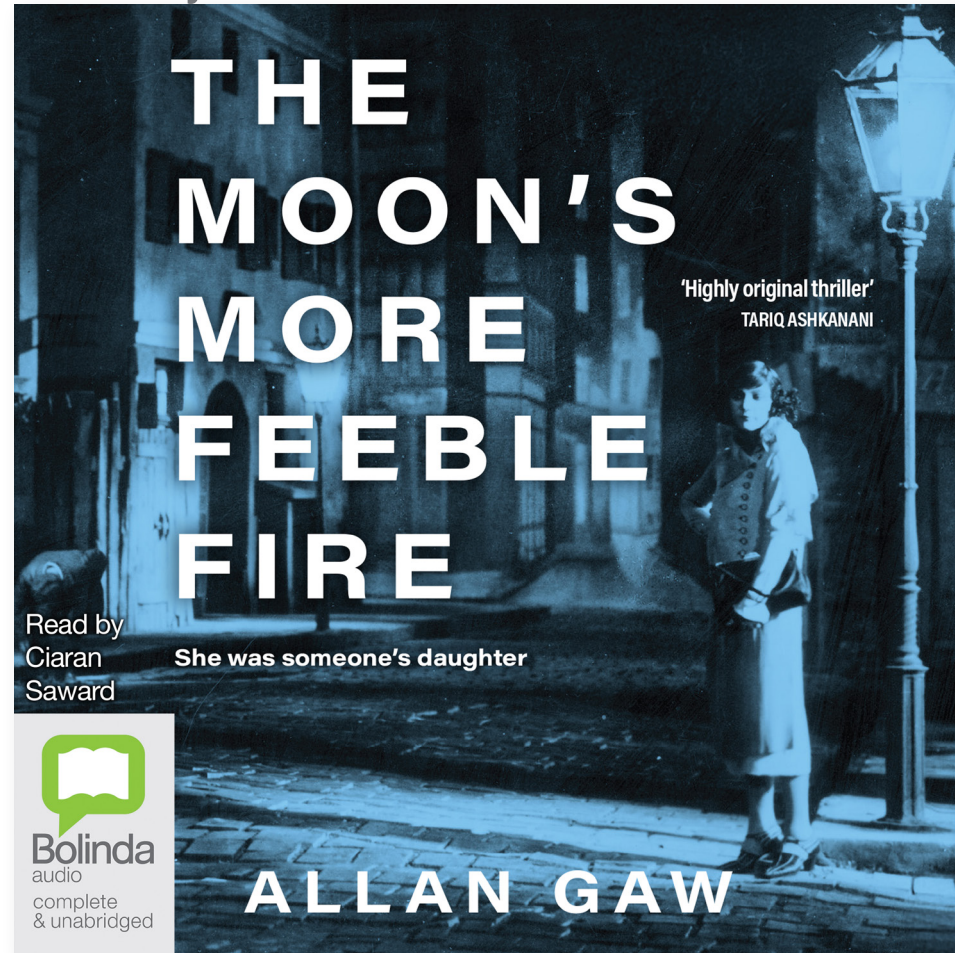
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The Moon's More Feeble Fire

Dr Jack Cuthbert Mysteries #2

Allan Gaw

Read by Ciaran Saward



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2025

Don't miss the second instalment in the gripping Dr Jack Cuthbert Mysteries series by author Allan Gaw.

In 1930, the killing of a Soho sex worker is hardly a priority for Scotland Yard. But when a second, similar murder comes to light, and then a third, everything changes. Cuthbert and his team find themselves in a nightmarish world of people-trafficking, sex work and drug use amongst the upper classes.

Using all his forensic skills, Cuthbert sets out to solve one of the most baffling cases of his career. One final question remains unanswered until a faded photograph reveals its tragic secret.

Allan Gaw is the author of the *The Silent House of Sleep*, which won the Bloody Scotland Debut Prize 2024

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

Gaw is a trained pathologist, whose experiences inform the situations his protagonist Dr Jack Cuthbert faces

Gaw has had prose and poetry published in anthologies from the Edinburgh Literary Salon and Clan Destine Press, and collections by Dreich, Black Bough Poetry and Soor Ploom Press

'It's deliciously dark, vividly visceral, heartbreakingly harrowing and jam packed with all the emotions. I can't wait to meet Dr Jack Cuthbert again!' – Sharon Bairden, author of *Sins of the Father* and *You Need Me* (on *The Silent House of Sleep*)

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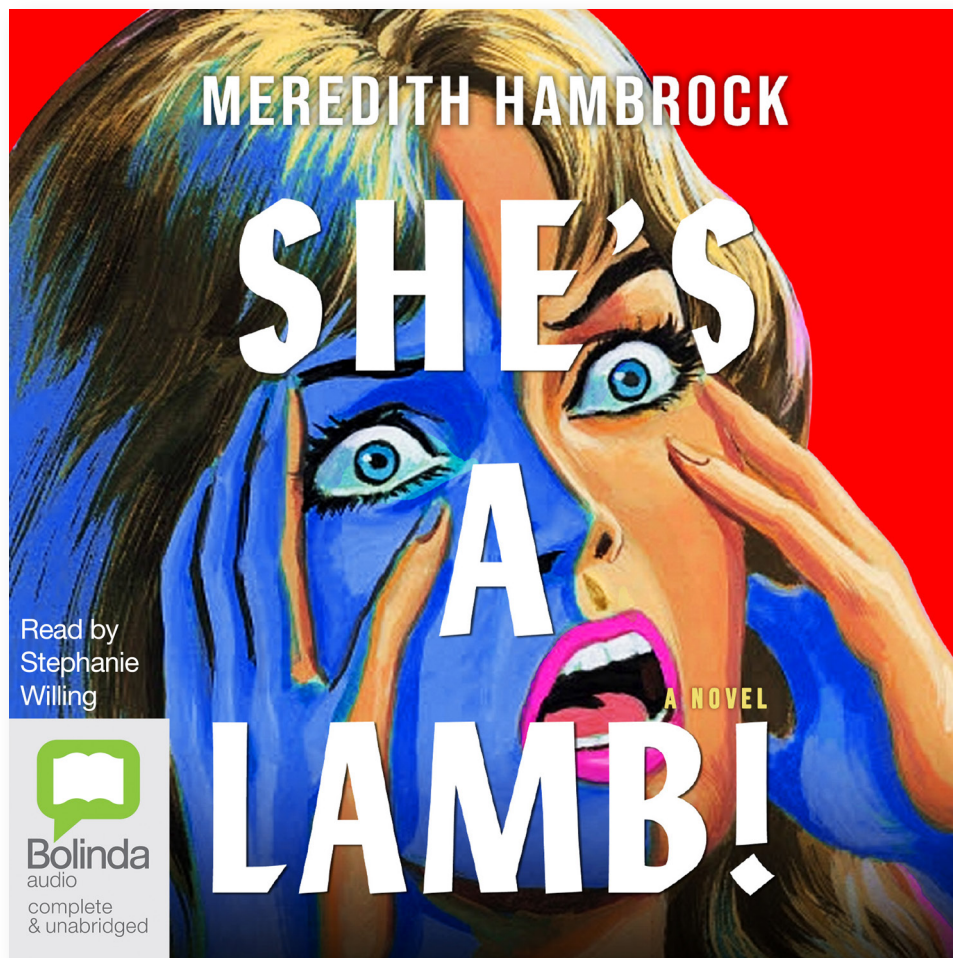
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She's a Lamb!

Meredith Hambrock

Read by Stephanie Willing



Adult New Release

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An edgy and incisive story about the dangers of magical thinking and the depths of delusion, that marches toward showtime with a growing unease.

Jessamyn St. Germain is meant to be a star. Not an actor who occasionally books yogurt commercials and certainly not a lowly usher at one of Vancouver's smallest regional theatres. No, she is bound for greatness, and that's why the part of Maria in the theatre's upcoming production of *The Sound of Music* is hers. Or it's going to be.

Jessamyn may have been relegated to the position of childminder for the little brats playing the von Trapp children, but it's so obvious she's there for a different reason – the director wants her close to the role so when Samantha, the lead, inevitably fails, Jessamyn will be there to take her place in the spotlight.

This must be it. Because if it isn't, well, then every skipped meal, every brutal rehearsal, every inch won against a man attempting to drag her down will have all been for nothing.

Sharp, relentless and darkly funny, *She's a Lamb!* is a cutting satire about the grotesque pall patriarchy casts over one woman's delusional quest to achieve her dreams.

Meredith Hambrock is the author of *Other People's Secrets*, which was called 'audacious' and 'fabulous' by the *New York Times*

Other People's Secrets was one of The Rap Sheet's Mags Best Reads of 2022, was a Whodunit Mystery Bookstore Book of the Year Finalist and was nominated for a Lefty Award for Best Debut Mystery

Hambrock has been a finalist for the CBC Short Story Prize and worked extensively in television, most recently in the writers' room for the Canadian Screen Award-winning sitcom *Corner Gas Animated*

'Dark, hilarious and thought-provoking, *She's a Lamb!* is a biting satire about a deluded woman's quest for stardom. A wildly entertaining ride!' – Robyn Harding, bestselling author of *The Drowning Woman*

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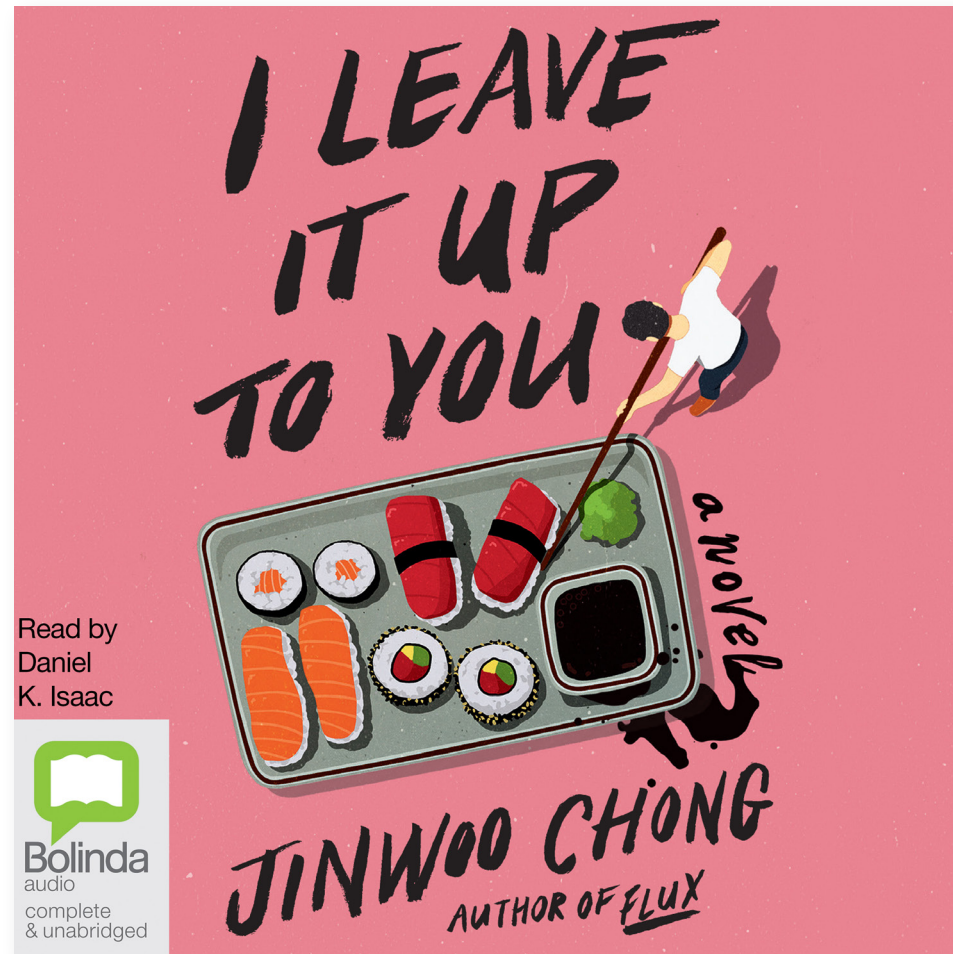
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I Leave It Up to You

Jinwoo Chong

Read by Daniel K. Isaac



A dazzling story about love, family and the art of sushi that asks: what if you could return to the point of a fateful choice, wiser than before, and find the courage to forge a new path?

Jack Jr woke up from a two-year coma with a sore neck, a brand-new ex-fiancée and the distinct feeling he'd missed something big. Like, global pandemic big. Reluctantly returning to New Jersey, and a kitchen job at the sushi restaurant his family runs, he finds himself suddenly dependent on his dysfunctional and very estranged Asian-American family: his headstrong fishmonger father, Jack Sr; his recovering alcoholic brother, James; and his rebellious teenage nephew, Juno. And then there's Emil Cuddy, Jack Jr's former nurse, who may offer a glimmer of hope, but who's struggling with complicated feelings of his own ...

Can Jack Jr navigate the family chaos, rebuild his life and maybe even find love (or at least a decent date) in a world that's moved on without him?

Jinwoo Chong is the author of *Flux*, a *New York Times* Editor's Choice and a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Novel and the VCU Cabell First Novelist Award

Flux was named one of the best books of 2023 by *Esquire*, *GQ*, Goodreads, Powell's, *Cosmopolitan* and *Debutiful*

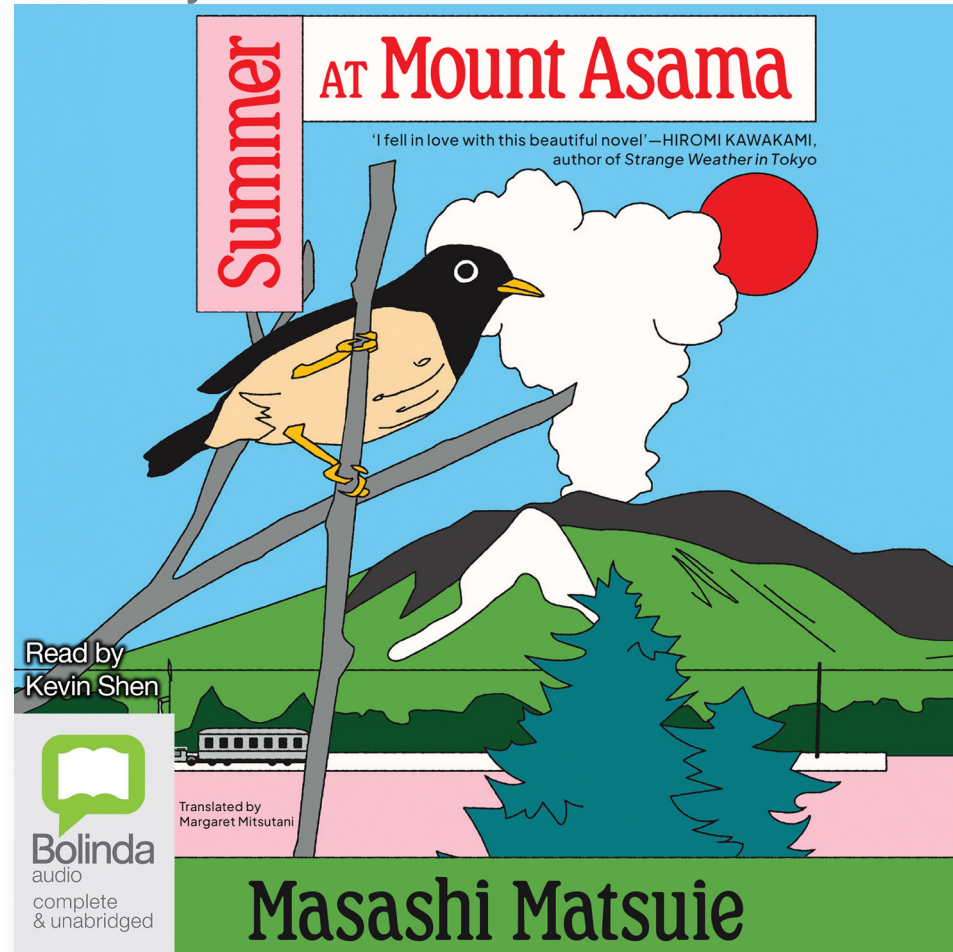
Chong's work has appeared in *Guernica*, *The Southern Review*, *The Rumpus*, *LitHub*, *Chicago Quarterly Review* and *Electric Literature*.

'www is funny and tender, with characters whose lives are satisfyingly messy. Jinwoo Chong is a writer for those of us who exist between cultures and identities.' – Gabrielle Zevin, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*

'Sweet and satisfying without sacrificing bite, *I Leave It Up to You* achieves that which we cherish in our most favorite works: an unvarnished reflection of reality.' – Mateo Askaripour, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Black Buck*

Summer at Mount Asama Masashi Matsuie

Read by Kevin Shen



This prize-winning debut offers a compelling, insightful portrait of 1980s Japan, portraying a group of architects competing to design a major new building in Tokyo.

Tōru Sakanishi is a recent university graduate who joins a small, prestigious architecture firm founded by Shunsuke Murai, a former student of Frank Lloyd Wright. Sensitive and Observant, Sakanishi is captivated by the artistic quality and careful consideration the Murai Office shows to each of its designs. As the sweltering summer months approach, the team migrates from Tokyo to Kita-Asama, a mountain village and artists' colony whose heyday has passed. There, they set out to design the National Library of Modern Literature, competing against a rival firm that snaps up one government project after the next. Over the course of this summer, Sakanishi encounters four remarkable women who change the course of his life.

Beautifully translated by National Book Award–winner Margaret Mitsutani, *Summer at Mount Asama* is a character-driven story with prose that highlights the natural beauty of Japan, the ingenuity of architecture and the clashing of modernity and tradition.

Winner of The Yomiuri Prize for Literature in Japan

Masashi Matsuie began his literary career as a fiction editor for the Shinchosha Publishing Company, where he worked with writers such as Yoko Ogawa, Banana Yoshimoto and Haruki Murakami, and launched Shincho Crest Books

'I fell in love with this beautiful novel.' – Hiromi Kawakami, award-winning author of *Strange Weather in Tokyo*

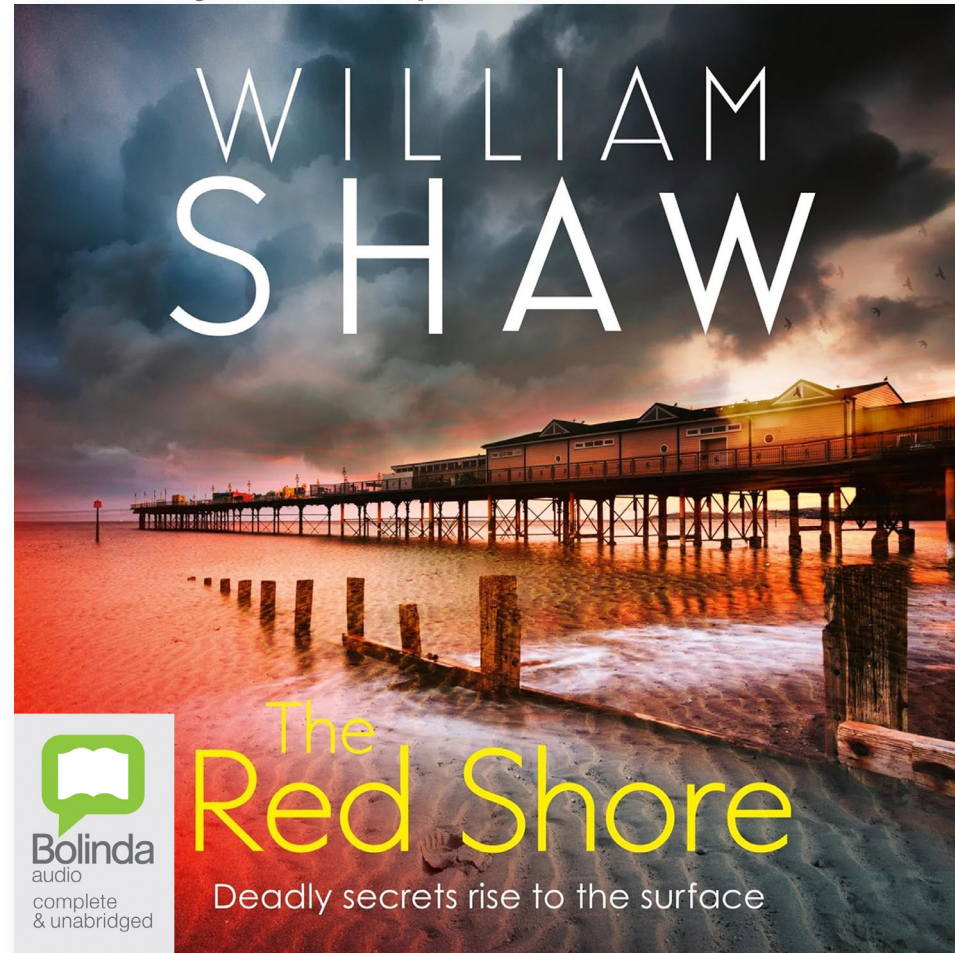
'Like an expertly-crafted wooden chair, the prose sustains the perfect degree of tension.'
– Mariko Ozaki

The Red Shore

DS Eden Driscoll #1

William Shaw

Read by Christopher Bonwell



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2025

The first instalment in a brand-new series of Devon-set crime thrillers featuring DS Eden Driscoll from award-winning novelist William Shaw.

Met detective Eden Driscoll never wanted a child, but when his estranged sister vanishes from her sailboat, he is asked to look after her son Finn – the nephew he hadn't even known existed.

Resettled in the seaside town of Teignmouth, Eden adjusts to his newfound parenthood. Then Finn disappears from school, and Eden knows something is dreadfully wrong.

When Eden's sister's body is finally found, floating in the sea, local police rule her death an accident, but Eden isn't convinced. She was an experienced sailor and would never sail without a life jacket. Eden starts searching his sister's life for answers, and what he discovers changes everything.

Before becoming a crime writer, William Shaw was an award-winning music journalist and the author of several non-fiction books including *Westsiders: Stories of the Boys in the Hood*, *Spying In Guru Land* and *A Superhero For Hire*

Shaw has been longlisted three times for the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year and shortlisted for the CWA Historical Dagger, the Barry Award, The CWA Golden Dagger and the Golden Bullet

In 2021 Shaw created the community bookshop The Book Makers, working with the charity Creative Future and Brighton and Hove City Council

'Authentic plots, an atmospheric setting and believable dialogue make this another Shaw-fire hit by one of Britain's leading crime writers.' – The Sun (on *The Trawlerman*)

'A thrilling climax that will keep you guessing until the end.' – Candis Magazine (on *Deadland*)

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July new releases 2025

Great Australian Volunteer Surf Life Saving Stories

Bill 'Swampy' Marsh

Read by the Author & Janet Watson Kruse

Adult New Release

History | July 2025



Filled with bravery, humour, heartache and joy, *Great Australian Volunteer Surf Life Saving Stories* shows that the power of the ocean is matched only by the hearts of those who guard its shores.

Surf Life Saving Australia is Australia's largest volunteer organisation with over 300 affiliated clubs and over 198,000 members – that's 198,000 Australians each with a few amazing stories to tell.

From the golden sands of Bondi to the remote coastlines of Arnhem Land and the chilly waters of Tasmania, Bill 'Swampy' Marsh has drawn together some of the best of those stories – from acts of pure bravery and daring rescues against the odds, to light-hearted and humorous yarns of encounters with crocodiles and sharks. But each shines a light on the dedication, community spirit and the extraordinary experiences of everyday Australians who freely give their time to protect others.

Bill 'Swampy' Marsh is an award-winning writer and performer of stories, songs and plays and one of ABC Books' bestselling authors of Australian stories

Marsh is the author of *More Great Australian Flying Doctor Stories*, *Great Australian Railway Stories*, *Great Australian Droving Stories*, *Great Australian Shearing Stories* and *Great Australian Volunteer Fires Stories*

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Elsa's Stand

Outback Brides #3

Cathryn Hein

Read by Stephanie Wall



Adult New Release

Romance | July 2025

The third instalment in the Outback Brides series – a delightful outback romance from bestselling Australian author Cathryn Hein.

When the sudden death of his mother forces outback opal miner Jack Hargreaves home to Wirralong, his plan is simple: mourn his mother, sort out the family farm and get the hell out of the town that has always hated him. But Elsa O'Donoghue, the beautiful hairdresser with a big heart and even brighter smile, has other plans.

From the moment Jack strides into her salon and helps himself to her clippers, Elsa is in lust. He might be a poster boy for the strong silent type, but she senses there's a good man behind that stoic facade. With her business taking off, Elsa is finally ready for a relationship and Jack is just her kind of man. Not to mention, she's never said no to a challenge.

Worried their association will harm Elsa's business, Jack tries to avoid her, but Elsa is irresistible. Soon, she has him believing and hoping for a future with her in Wirralong, but another family tragedy shatters Jack's fragile dream. Jack knows he must leave Elsa to protect her, no matter the cost to himself.

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

A South Australian country girl by birth, Hein loves nothing more than a rugged rural hero who's as good with his heart as he is with his hands

'I finished this on Friday night and it was an utter dream of a story. Just ... perfect. Highly recommended!' – Michelle Douglas, RITA nominated author (on *Eddie and the Show Queen*)

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

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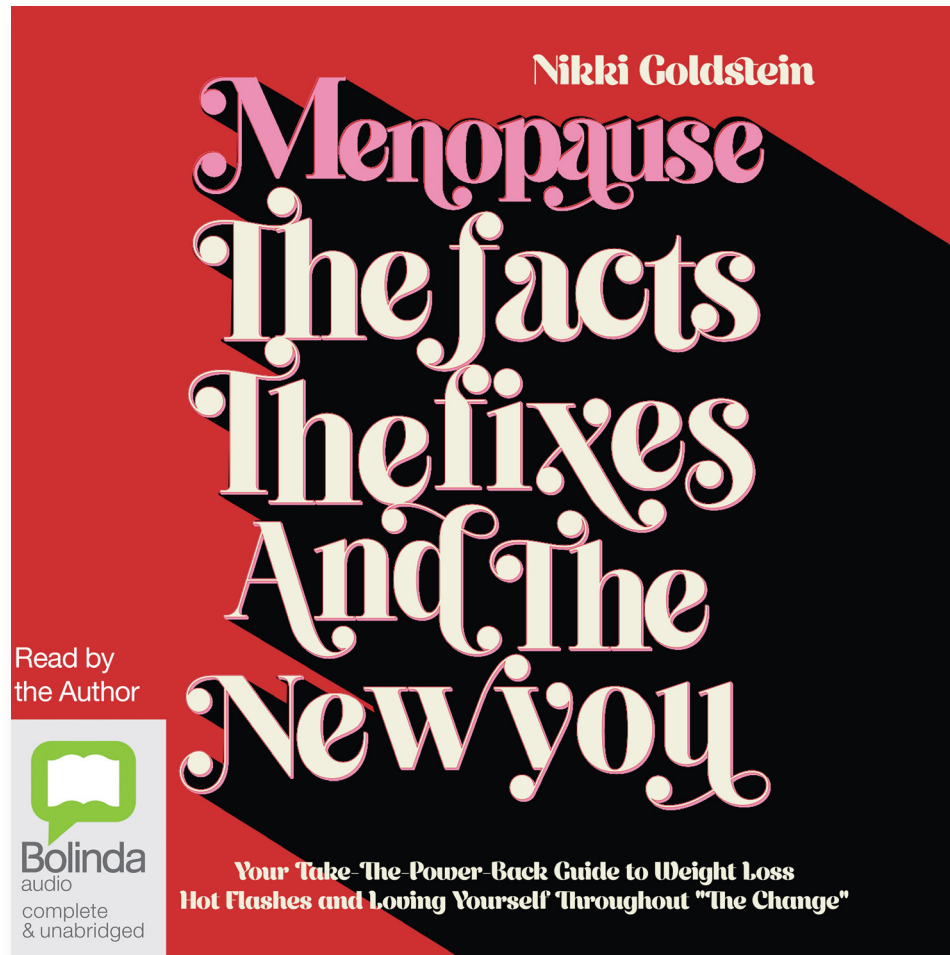
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Menopause

The Facts, the Fixes and the New You

Nikki Goldstein

Read by the Author



Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | July 2025

Get ready for a transformative journey with *Menopause: The Facts, the Fixes and the New You* – your empowering guide to the multifaceted stages of 'The Change'.

Embrace the Rebirth of You:

Part I, 'The Facts', cuts through the noise, demystifying the science of menopause with clear, easy-to-grasp language, enabling you to make informed choices about your health and happiness.

Discover Your Toolkit for Wellness:

Part II, 'The Fixes', is a treasure trove of the latest, scientifically backed wellness strategies. Learn how to soothe hot flashes, enhance your sleep, manage weight and find emotional balance. It's a blueprint to rebuild your confidence and vitality for the next stage of your life.

Celebrate Your Evolution:

Part III, 'The New You', invites you to fall in love with yourself anew. This section is a celebration of self-love and renewal, offering style advice, beauty secrets and confidence-boosting tips to rejuvenate your essence inside and out.

Nikki Goldstein is the author of *Shadow Work Oracle* and *Fearlessly Me*

Goldstein began her career at *Vogue* and went on to hold senior editorial positions at *Elle* and *Marie-Claire*

'A wonderful what to expect when menopause knocks on your door and barges right in guide. It's like having a support group of women who know exactly what your going through and how to cope with the various changes happening in and outside of your body due to menopause on speed dial except in book form.' – The Nile

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Someone Somewhere Knows Something

Meni Caroutas

Read by the Author



A gripping collection of true-crime stories based on the hit podcast *The Missing Australia*, for fans of *I Catch Killers* and *Stalking Claremont*.

Fifteen missing people, fifteen families grieving and one person looking for answers – a forensic and moving re-examination of some of Australia's most heartbreaking missing-persons cases.

What would you do if someone you loved disappeared without a trace? Every 14 minutes in Australia, someone vanishes. Of the 38,000 missing-persons reports made each year, most return. But for the families of those who don't, it's a nightmare they never wake up from.

In this powerful and gripping collection of real-life mysteries, Meni Caroutas – a former cop turned investigative journalist – reveals the awful pain and the desperate searches behind 15 missing-persons cases, as he reviews old evidence, hunts new leads and recounts shocking new developments. From the baffling case of a newborn baby sent in the mail from Melbourne to Darwin, to the haunting abduction of 16-year-old Gordana Kotevski in 1994, and the chilling possibility of a 14-year-old girl falling victim to notorious serial killer Ivan Milat, these are cases that have left behind shattered parents, siblings and friends still searching for answers.

Meni Caroutas is the host of *The Missing Australia*, which has garnered almost three million downloads and consistently ranks at the top of the True Crime charts

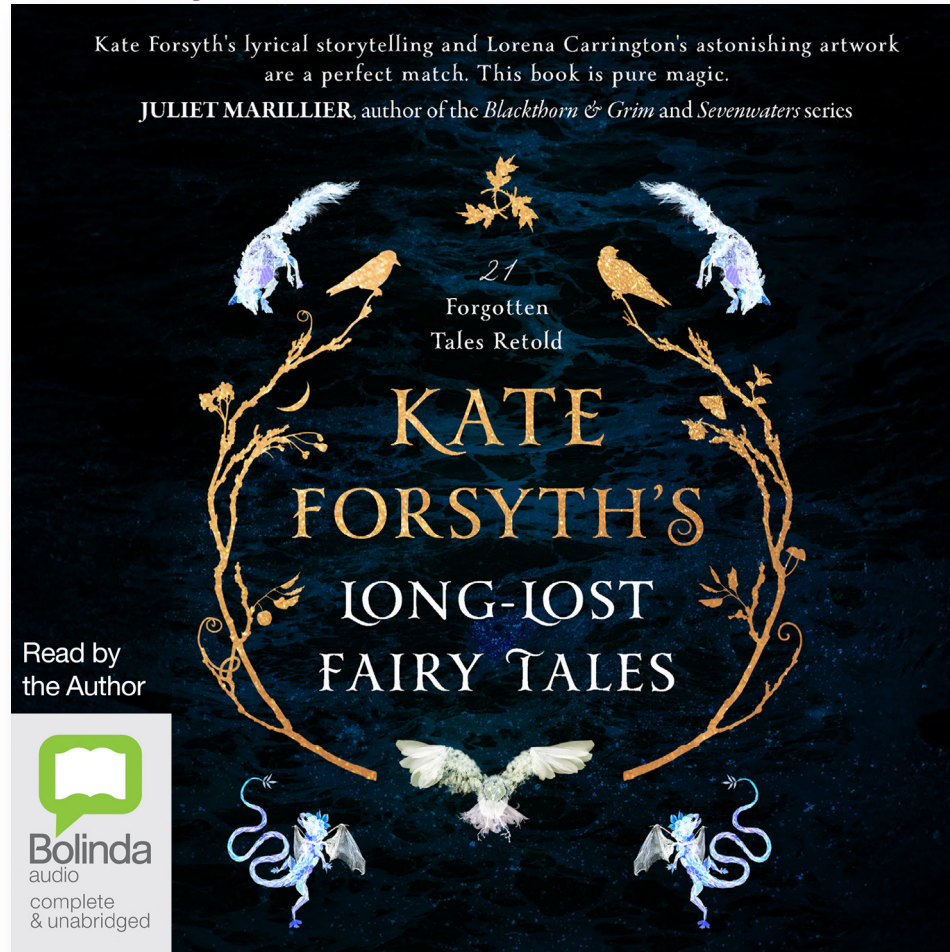
A former policeman at Kings Cross in the 1980s, Caroutas turned to journalism and has since worked on Channel 10's *Hard Copy* and Channel Nine's *Missing Person's Unit*

Caroutas has appeared as a guest on many shows and media outlets, including Gary Jubelin's *I Catch Killers*, Justine Ford's *Unsolved Australia*, *Kidspot*, *Mamamia* and many true crime podcasts

Kate Forsyth's Long-Lost Fairy Tales

Kate Forsyth

Read by the Author



In this collection of long-lost fairy tales, author Kate Forsyth brings tales of wisdom, compassion and courage to life for the modern-day listener.

Fairy tales are as old as language itself.

Long, long ago, storytellers all around the world told tales of wonder both to enchant and entertain us, and also to teach us that – if we are good and kind and courageous enough – we can change the world for the better.

For this is what fairy tales do. They give us hope.

As we travel through the dark and dangerous world of the fairy tale; as we fight dragons and outwit ogres and save our sisters and brothers, we learn that we are capable of anything. And then we return to our own world with all that we have learned along the way, stronger and braver than before.

The stories in this audiobook come from all the corners of the world. Some were told in deep time before history was recorded, and some were written not so long ago. All of them have been unjustly forgotten.

Kate Forsyth is the author of *The Impossible Quest*, which was shortlisted for the REAL Awards in 2017, and *The Puzzle Ring*, which was named an 'Unsung Hero' of 2009 by international bloggers

Forsyth has written many essays and articles for publications such as *Womankind*, *Good Weekend*, *Spectrum*, *The Conversation*, *Griffith Review*, *Text Magazine*, *Meanjin*, *The Age*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *Vogue* and *Good Reading*

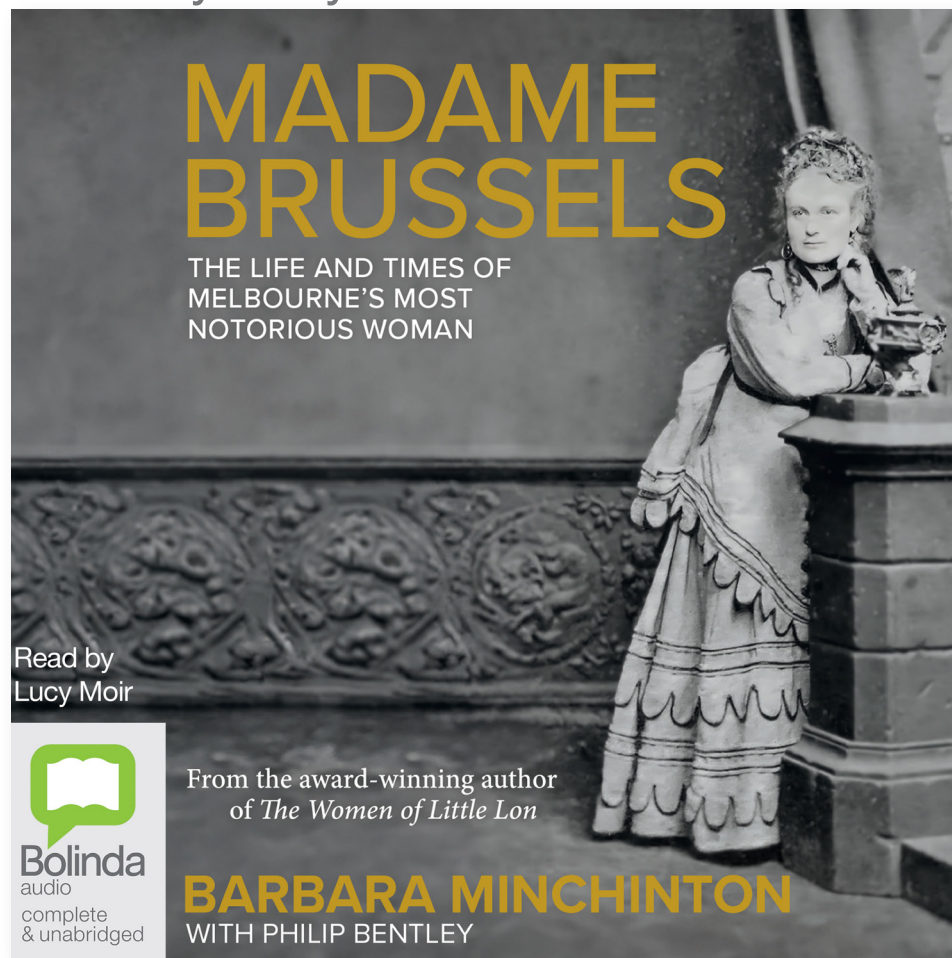
'This book is pure magic' – Juliet Marillier, award-winning author of the *Sevenwaters* and *Blackthorn & Grim* series

Madame Brussels

The Life and Times of Melbourne's
Most Notorious Woman

Barbara Minchinton

Read by Lucy Moir



Adult New Release

History | July 2025

A must-listen biography of an enigmatic personality who helped shape early Melbourne. from the author of the award-winning *The Women of Little Lon*.

Madame Brussels, the most legendary brothel keeper in 19th-century Melbourne, is still remembered and celebrated today. But until now, little has been known about Caroline Hodgson, the woman behind the alter ego.

Born in Prussia to a working-class family, Hodgson arrived in Melbourne in 1871. Left alone when her police-officer husband was sent to work in remote Victoria, she turned her hand to running brothels. Before long, she had proved herself brilliantly entrepreneurial – her principal establishment was a stone's throw from Parliament House, lavishly furnished, and catered to Melbourne's ruling classes.

Hodgson rode Melbourne's boom in the 1880s, weathered the storm of the depression years in the 1890s and suffered in the moral panic of the 1900s. Her death in 1908 signified the end of one kind of Melbourne and the beginning of another – in terms of prostitution, the city went from tolerance to complete prohibition in her lifetime.

Drawing on extensive research, author and historian Barbara Minchinton deftly pieces together Madame Brussels's story and recreates a fascinating, colourful period in Melbourne's history. This is a major biography of an Australian icon.

Barbara Minchinton is author of the award-winning *The Women of Little Lon: Sex Workers in Nineteenth-Century Melbourne*

Minchinton is the co-editor of *The Commonwealth Block, Melbourne*, a historical archaeology of the city's working-class and immigrant communities

'This new biography of Madame Brussels should intrigue readers who already have an interest in nineteenth-century Victoria, and catch the interest of those new to the subject. Caroline Hodgson was a fascinating woman and her story enriches and complicates Melbourne's history.' – Marian Quartly, *Inside Story*

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Through Fear and Fire

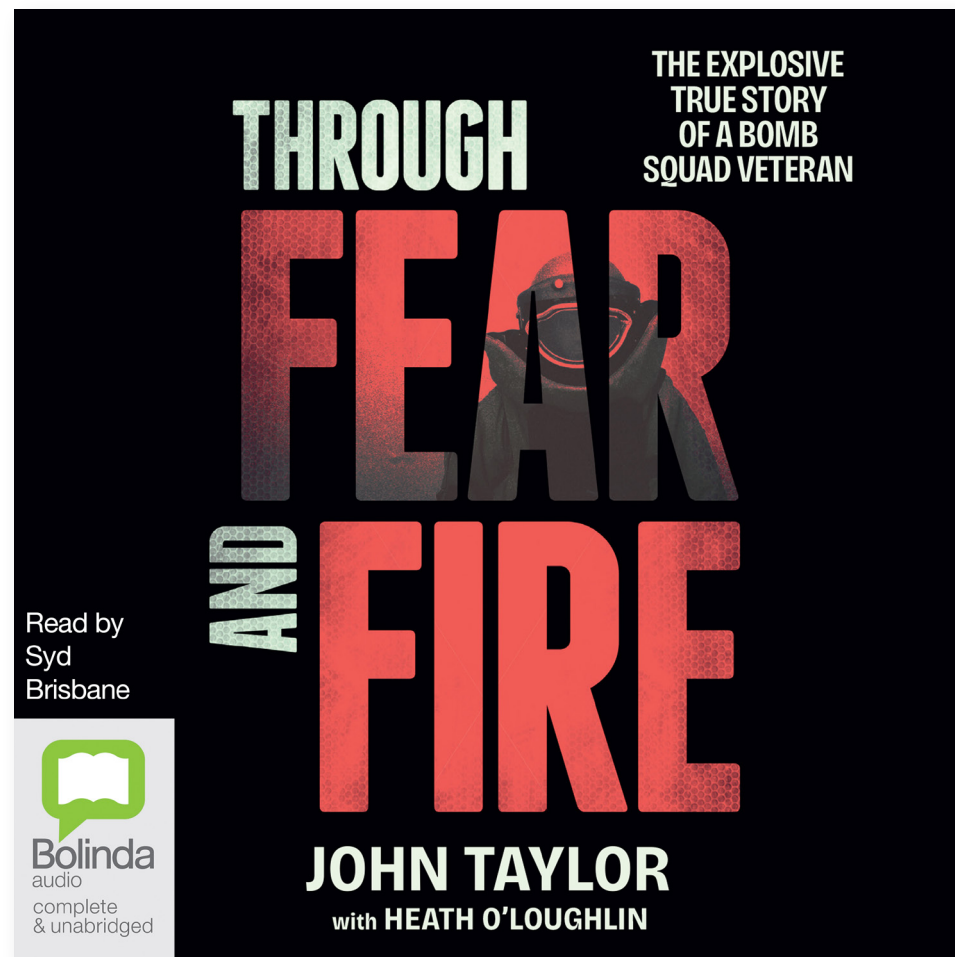
The Explosive True Story of a Bomb Squad Veteran

John Taylor & Heath O'Loughlin

Read by Syd Brisbane

Adult New Release

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The thrilling memoir of Special Operations Group bomb squad veteran John Taylor.

The Special Operations Group are Australia's most elite policing unit. They are who we turn to in times of crisis – shootouts, armed robberies, terrorism. And when the threat gets explosive, enter the Bomb Response Unit.

John 'JT' Taylor has seen it all, from backyard blow-ups to the largest bomb to ever go off in Australia. He became the force's longest serving bomb-disposal expert and one of its most distinguished members.

Between handling unpredictable homemade explosive devices, daring driving manoeuvres and swapping bullets with hostage-takers, Taylor has stared down death. He's an adrenaline addict, having scaled some of the highest peaks in the world, including Mount Everest.

From armed robberies to counterterrorism, bombs and booby traps, this tell-all memoir reveals details of chilling true-crime stories that have never been told before, and shows the grit and bravery of the world's toughest police unit.

Heath O'Loughlin is an Australian journalist, who has worked for multiple news organisations across Australia

He is a former member of the national volleyball team, and was headed to the Olympics before leaving to pursue a career in journalism

He is currently the Chief Media & Communications Officer for the National Basketball League

John Taylor is the longest-serving bomb squad expert in the Special Operations Group. After decades of frontline work in Victoria Police's tactical group, Taylor is now retired and lives in Melbourne with his wife

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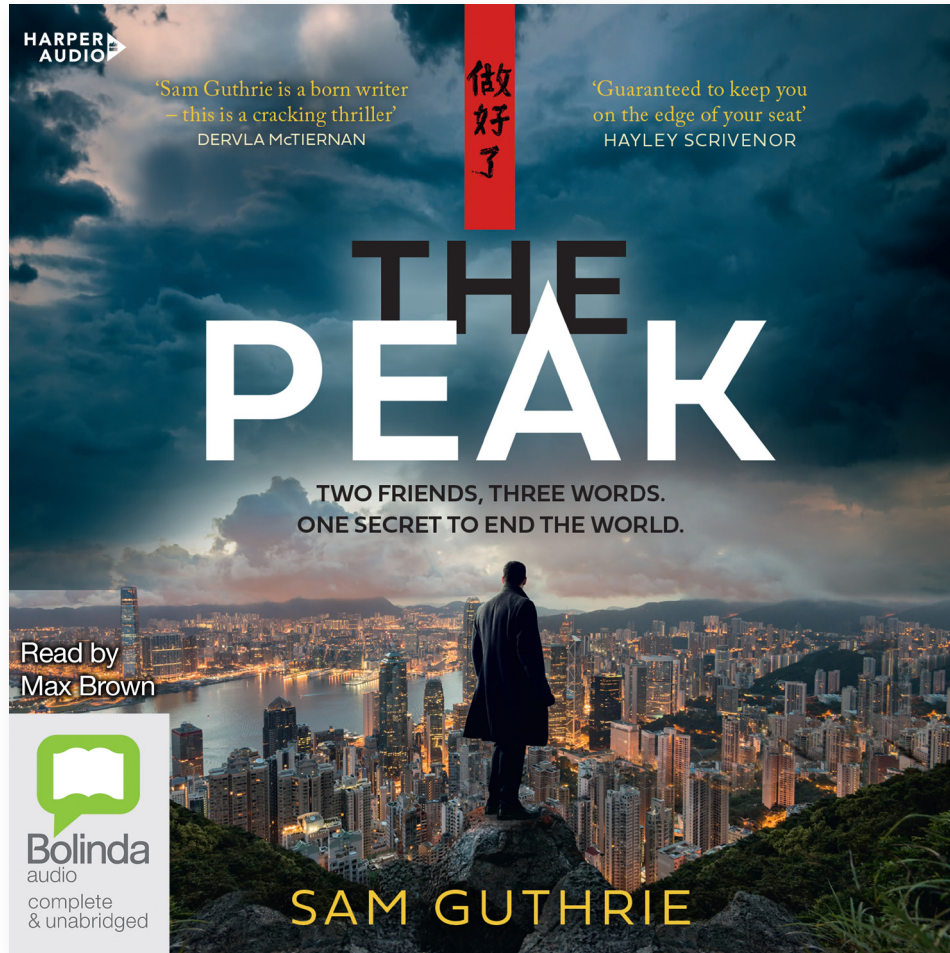
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The Peak

Sam Guthrie

Read by Max Brown



An exciting and gripping new espionage thriller, perfect for fans of John le Carré, Daniel Silva and Robert Harris.

Political hatchet man Charlie will do anything to protect Sebastian, government minister and his best friend since their brutal private school days. Rising to power and prominence through international diplomatic postings and then the rough and tumble of Australian politics, they are as close as brothers – or so Charlie thinks – while both keep the secret that lies at the very heart of their relationship – a secret that in one way or another will change the world.

But then a single phrase in Mandarin is spoken in Sebastian's ear and he does the unthinkable. As Charlie tries to piece it all together – from their youth spent in Hong Kong to the recent past in Beijing and Washington – things in the outside world start to fall apart too. Planes can't land, the phone lines go down and the power is out. Then the secret intelligence services comes knocking. Charlie wonders, what the hell did Sebastian do?

From the jostling streets of Hong Kong to Beijing's shadowy halls of power and the backstabbing Machiavellian workings of Parliament House in Canberra, *The Peak* is a powerful, propulsive and nailbitingly tense international thriller.

Sam Guthrie writes international political thrillers based on his experience working at the nexus of business, politics and international diplomacy

His character-driven fiction explores the human desires and frailties that shape world-altering events, drawing on an insider's knowledge of the machinations of power, political intrigue and the geostrategic challenges confronting the global order

Guthrie has worked extensively across Europe, the US and Asia, and has spent close to a decade living and working in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Prague

The Complete Guide to Postpartum

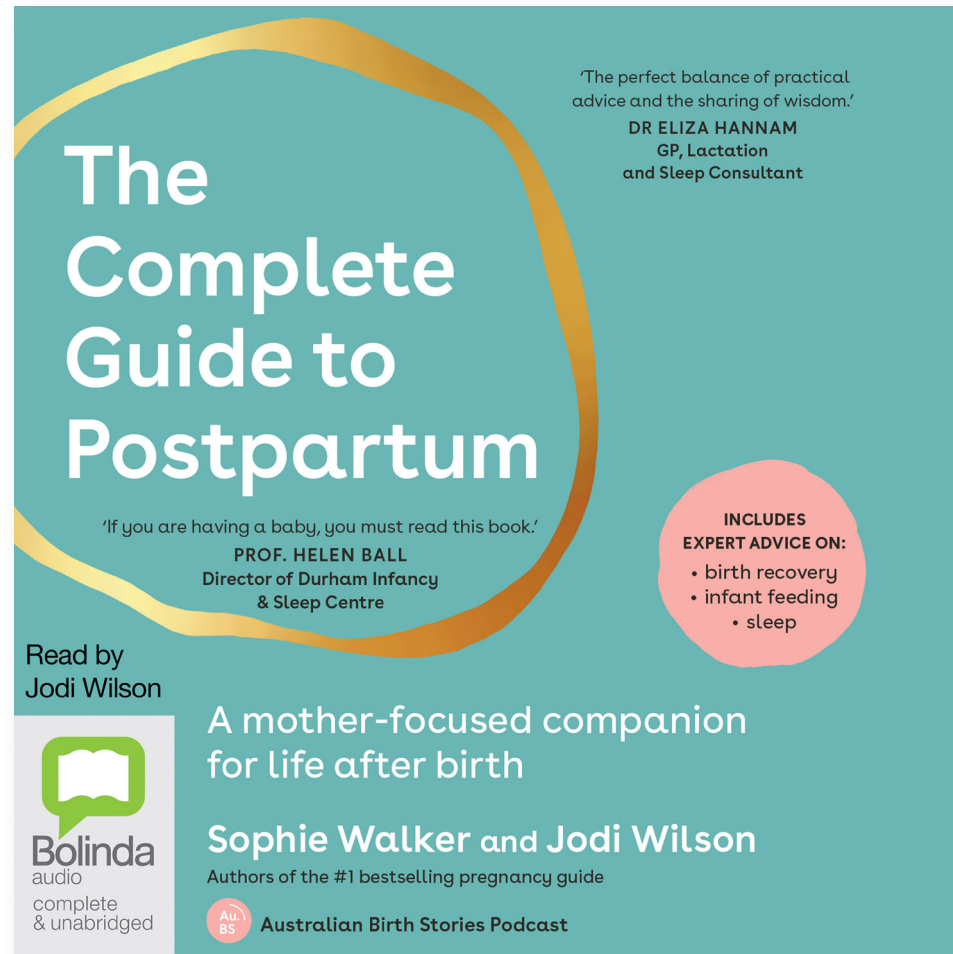
A Mother-Focused Companion for Life after Birth

Sophie Walker & Jodi Wilson

Read by Jodi Wilson

Adult New Release

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The audiobook every new mother or pregnant woman needs – the ultimate expert-endorsed companion to life post-birth.

Is it supposed to be this hard? It's a question all new mothers ask.

The moment after birthing your baby, you enter postpartum. It's the blurriest of transitions – there's joy and awe but also intense physical recovery, fluctuating hormones, a brain that can't find the right words, and so much to learn. It's beautiful and it's hard.

The Complete Guide to Postpartum is your comforting and enlightening companion to navigating this entirely new life, from the earliest moments post-birth to many years later.

Full of expert advice, mothers' stories and evidence-based information, this invaluable guide will support you into motherhood with confidence and reassurance.

Sophie Walker is the founder of *Australian Birth Stories*, the number one podcast for birth and postpartum advice and an online education hub offering support and guidance from pre-conception through to the first 12 months

'The perfect balance between practical advice, balanced breakdown of available evidence, and the sharing of wisdom and understanding.' – Dr Eliza Hannam, GP and lactation and sleep consultant

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Unbranded

First Nations Classics

Herb Wharton

Read by Greg Fryer



Adult New Release

Literary Fiction | July 2025

A unique, authentic tale of friendship and brotherhood, based on the author's long years droving on stock routes of inland Australia.

Herb Wharton, former drover now celebrated author, unleashes a strikingly original vision of outback Australia. From the riotous picnic races to the famous Mt Isa rodeo, from childhood in the yumba to gutsy outback pubs, presents a rollicking cast of stockmen, shearers, barmaids and tourists.

At its heart this is the story of three men: Sandy is a white man; Bindi, a Murri; Mulga is related on his mother's side to Bindi, and on his Irish father's side to Sandy. Their lives and enduring friendship cover 40 years in the mulga country of the far west. *Unbranded* recounts how Sandy achieves his dream of owning a cattle empire, how Bindi regains part of his tribal lands for his people, and how Mulga finally sits down to write about their shared experiences.

Herb Wharton is an Indigenous Australian former stockman turned writer, who began writing poetry and novels in his 50s

Wharton was awarded the Australia Council Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature in 2012

Wharton was the recipient of a black&write! Fellowship in 2022

'One of the most important Black texts ... a creative work of significance. I read Herb's novel throughout the night, not being able to put it down. I found it enthralling.'

– Mudrooroo

'One of the greatest outback books I have ever read.' – Jack Davis

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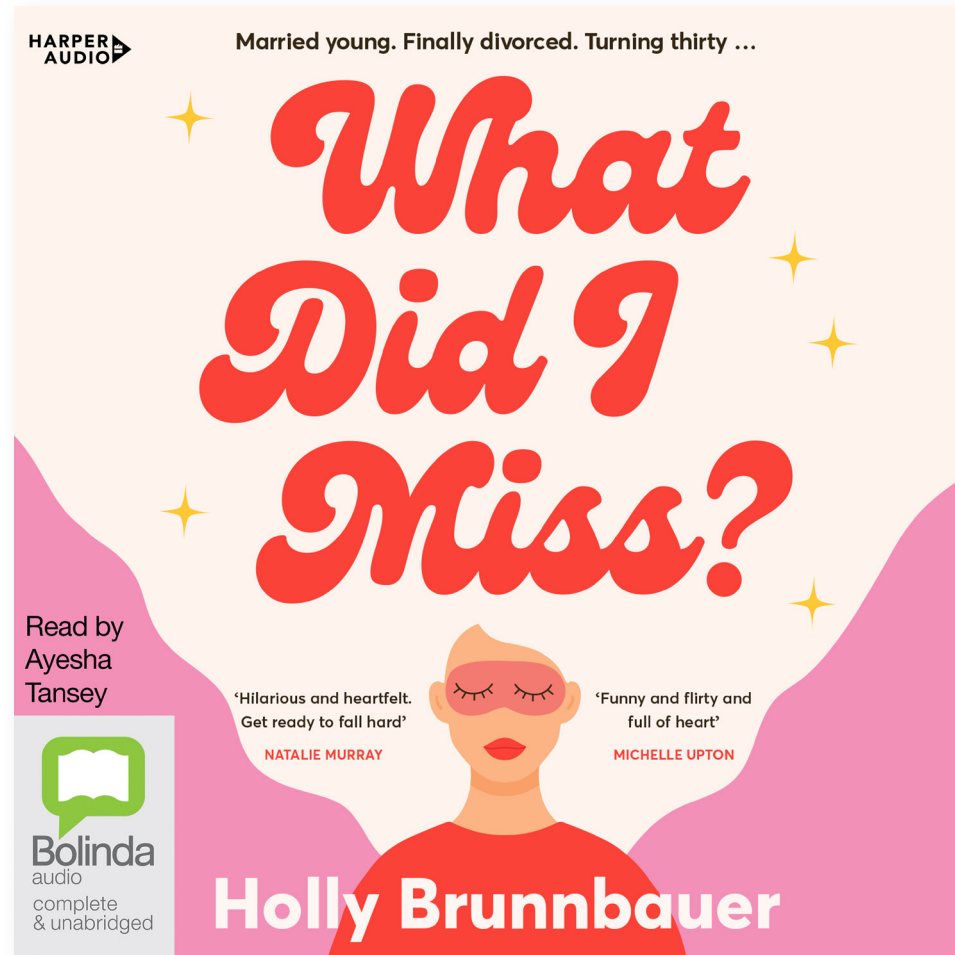
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What Did I Miss?

Holly Brunnbauer

Read by Ayesha Tansey



Can she cram a wild decade into a few months without losing her mind ... or her heart? A fun and refreshing new romantic comedy, from exciting debut author Holly Brunnbauer.

Right person, worst time ever!

Teacher Makayla has many regrets: a Chiko Roll impulse buy, not visiting the Big Pineapple and marrying her high school dud.

Now, newly divorced, determined to hold on to her independence and facing the big 3-0, Makayla makes a list of all the things she missed out on while her friends were single and running amok in their 20s.

But when her one-night stand turns up again, and a revenge plot on her ex spirals out of control, she has to decide if some things are worth missing. And if Makayla can't sort herself out before her birthday, she might face the biggest regret of her life.

A fresh and feisty romantic comedy about what happens when you meet someone special before truly knowing yourself.

Perfect for fans of Mhairi McFarlane, Michelle Upton and Steph Vizard

Holly Brunnbauer is a multi-award-winning emerging fiction author with numerous accolades in writing competitions across Australia, New Zealand and the US

Brunnbauer first caught the writing bug via blogging and later transitioned into copywriting. She is now a sought-after virtual assistant for published and aspiring authors

Big Feelings

An Anti-Romantic Comedy

Amy Lovat

Read by Stevie McKeon

Adult New Release

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An anti-romantic comedy



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AMY LOVAT

Sadie Thomas is obsessed with love stories, and whether hers stacks up. A relatable, neurotic, anti-romantic comedy from Australian author Amy Lovat, perfect for fans of *Fleabag* and *High Fidelity*.

The truth is, I had never seen a more delicious collarbone.

The perfect love story is all Sadie Thomas has ever wanted. Her parents' story is what rom-com dreams are made of: love at first sight, a whirlwind romance, a pursuit across the globe, a happy couple becomes a happy trio. But so far, no one has offered the Happily Ever After that Sadie is searching for.

Then she met Chase. And fell in love.

Sadie is ready for her sail-off-into-the-sunset, credits-roll happy ending. But will Sadie's needling insecurity about her and Chase's relationship, her choices, her life – herself – mess everything up?

Signs point to yes.

Self-sabotage is one of Sadie's greatest skills.

Cue the break-up ...

Amy Lovat is the Australian author of *Mistakes* and *Other Lovers*

In 2017 she founded Secret Book Stuff as a bookstore and literary subscription

For the past decade, she has been teaching creative writing at the University of Newcastle and UNSW, and is also the program manager of the Newcastle Writers Festival

'Amy Lovat is one to watch.' – Hannah Kent, author of *Burial Rites* and *The Good People* (on *Mistakes and Other Lovers*)

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He'll Be OK

Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men 20th Anniversary Edition

Celia Lashlie

Read by Helen Brown

Adult New Release

Health & Fitness | July 2025



The 20th anniversary edition of the iconic parenting guide to the mysterious world of boys, with a new foreword, introduction and tribute to the author.

How do you raise boys to men in a world where trouble beckons at every turn? How do you make sure they learn the 'right' lessons, stay out of danger, find a path to follow? How do you ensure they'll be OK?

Celia Lashlie has some of the answers. After years working in the prison service, she knows what can happen when boys make the wrong choices. She also knows what it's like to be a parent – she raised a son on her own and feared for his survival. As a crucial part of the Good Man Project, she talked to 180 classes of boys. Her insights into what boys need – and what parents can do to help them – are groundbreaking.

In this new edition of her honest, no-nonsense and bestselling audiobook, Lashlie reveals what goes on inside the world of boys. With clarity and insight, she offers parents – especially mothers – practical and reassuring advice on raising their boys to become good, loving, articulate men.

Celia Lashlie worked for 15 years within the prison service, starting in December 1985 as the first woman to work as an officer in a male prison in New Zealand

Lashlie has written *The Journey to Prison: Who Goes and Why* and *The Power of Mothers: Releasing Our Children*

In September 2004, Lashlie completed the 'Good Man Project' that focused on her research from discussions with pupils in 25 boys' schools throughout the country

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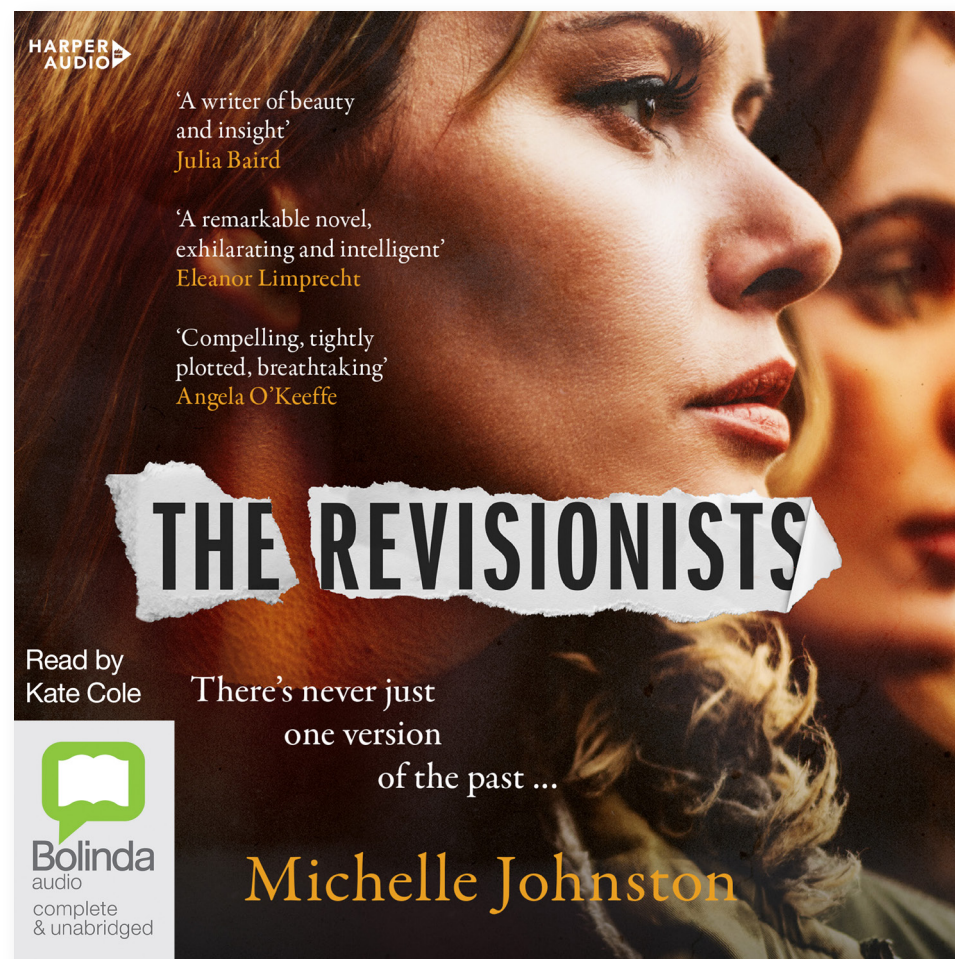
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The Revisionists

Michelle Johnston

Read by Kate Cole



Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | July 2025

Gripping, propulsive and intelligent, *The Revisionists* is a tour de force, an absorbing, unputdownable story about the price of ambition.

Is it ever possible to outrun the truth?

Manhattan, 2023. High up in her exclusive Upper East Side apartment, Christine Campbell, former journalist, turns on the television to watch a documentary paying homage to her Pulitzer Prize–shortlisted coverage of the unrest in 1999 in the North Caucasus. She is newly widowed, wealthy and attempting to write a memoir celebrating her bold life and significant achievements in writing about the silencing of women during conflict.

But truth has a way of resurfacing, even when buried deep beneath money, memory and reinvention. When Dr Frankie Pearson, Christine's oldest – and estranged – friend, knocks on her door, the pair must reconcile their memories and come to terms with the far-reaching and disastrous decisions they both made over 20 years ago. What really happened in that small mountain village in Dagestan in the dying days of the millennium, while Christine was hell-bent on getting the scoop of a lifetime?

Perfect for fans of Sarah Winman and Heather Rose

Michelle Johnston is the author of *Dustfall*, which was shortlisted for the MUD Literary Prize for a debut novel in 2019

Johnston is also the author of *Tiny Uncertain Miracles*

'The writing is sharp, clever, and delicate ...' – Sydney Morning Herald (on *Tiny Uncertain Miracles*)

'Johnston ... touches on difficult subjects with a light hand and a gentle tone, delivered through clean, supple, accessible prose. There is a deceptive simplicity to the work, which, on closer inspection, turns out to be the elegance of a right fit. Johnston has skilfully crafted a cohesive and engaging tale ... with an empowering message of hope and meaning.' – Australian Book Review (on *Tiny Uncertain Miracles*)

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The Let Them Theory

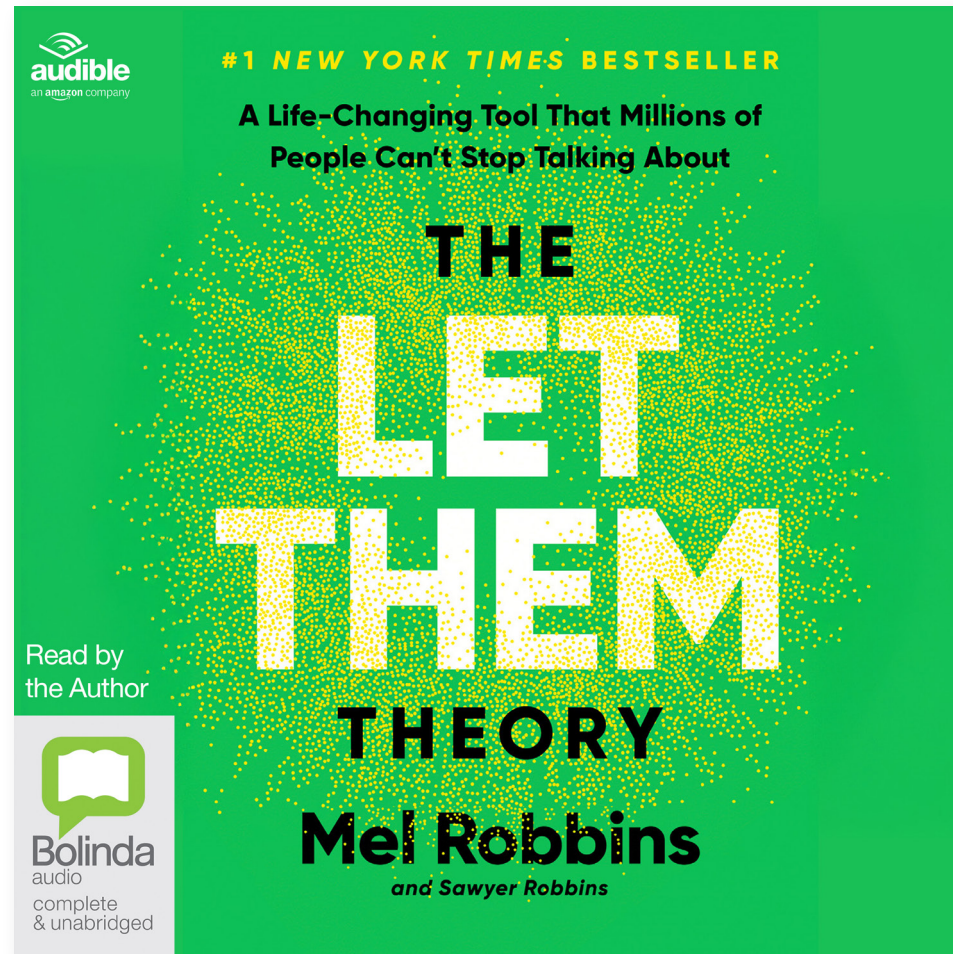
That Millions of People Can't Stop Talking About

Mel Robbins

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | July 2025



Mel Robbins, *New York Times* bestselling author and world-renowned podcast host, introduces *The Let Them Theory* – a groundbreaking approach to reclaiming your life by focusing on what you can control and releasing what you can't.

What if the key to happiness, success and love was as simple as two words?

If you've ever felt stuck, overwhelmed or frustrated with where you are, the problem isn't you. The problem is the power you give to other people. Two simple words – Let Them – will set you free. Free from the opinions, drama and judgments of others. Free from the exhausting cycle of trying to manage everything and everyone around you. The Let Them Theory puts the power to create a life you love back in your hands – and this audiobook will show you exactly how to do it.

In her latest groundbreaking audiobook, *The Let Them Theory*, Mel Robbins – *New York Times* bestselling author and one of the world's most respected experts on motivation, confidence and mindset – teaches you how to stop wasting energy on what you can't control and start focusing on what truly matters: YOU. Your happiness. Your goals. Your life. Using the same no-nonsense, science-backed approach, Robbins explains why *The Let Them Theory* is already loved by millions and how you can apply it in eight key areas of your life to make the biggest impact.

Mel Robbins is the creator and host of the award-winning *The Mel Robbins Podcast*, one of the most successful podcasts in the world, and a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

'A truly helpful treatise on seeing others as they are, and letting that be.' – Kirkus Reviews

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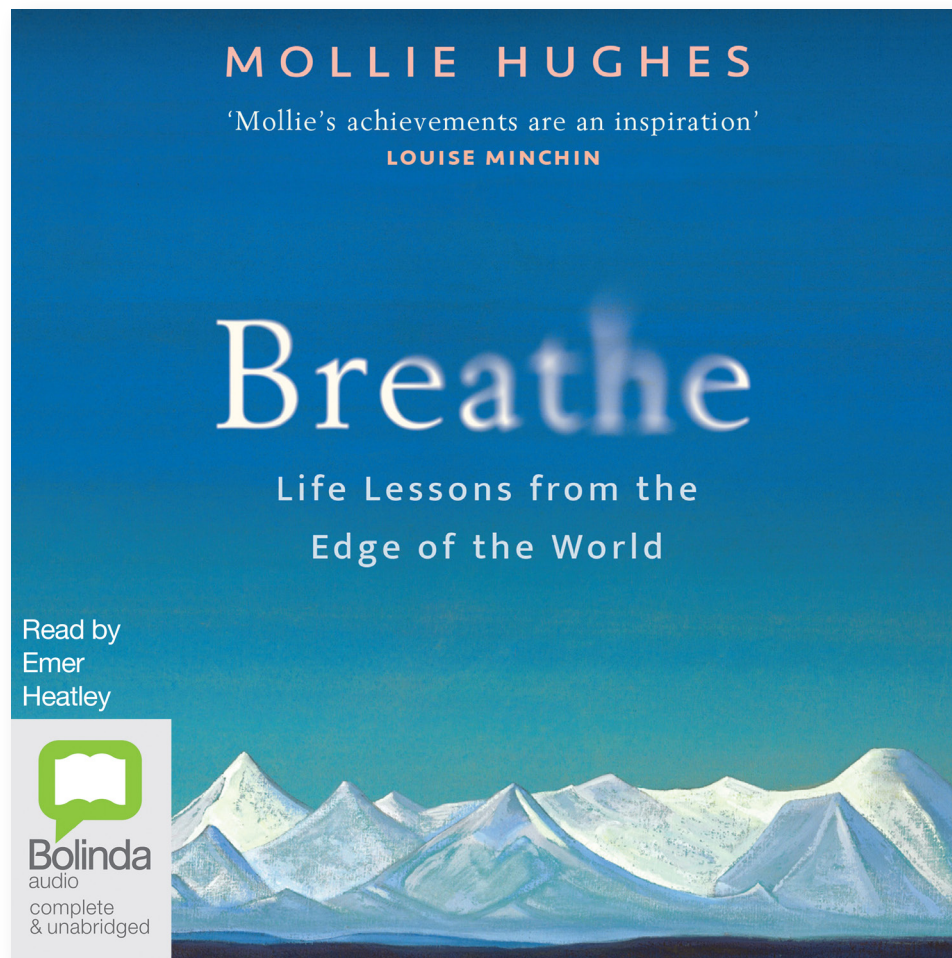
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Breathe

Life Lessons from the Edge of the World

Mollie Hughes

Read by Emer Heatley



Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | July 2025

Breathe encompasses tales of bravery, risk and pressure on an epic scale and expertly turns them into valuable lessons.

Mollie Hughes has explored some of the wildest environments on earth, from the top of Mount Everest to the vast frozen wastes of Antarctica, where at the age of 29 she skied solo from the edge of the continent to the South Pole in a journey of more than 700 miles through storm-force winds, eight-day whiteouts and temperatures as low as -45C.

With reference to her all-extreme experiences, and backed with psychological research, *Breathe* encompasses tales of bravery, risk and pressure on an epic scale and expertly turns them into valuable lessons that can be applied to more everyday challenges. In doing so, Hughes shows how we can unlock our potential, regulate emotion, overcome fear, cope with psychological pressure and understand the importance of silence and headspace in our mental wellbeing.

Mollie Hughes is a world record-breaking sports adventurer, mountaineer, polar explorer and international motivational speaker

In 2017 Hughes broke the world record for becoming the youngest woman to climb both sides of Mount Everest and in 2020 became the youngest woman to ski solo to the South Pole

In December 2020 Hughes became the first female president of Scouts Scotland

'Mollie's achievements are an inspiration. There is so much pressure to achieve, so many mental barriers to overcome in sport and adventure. The tools she shares here are brilliant in helping us to chase our doubts away.' – Louise Minchin, author of *Dare to Tri*

'Very useful and informative.' – Swim The World (on *Blue Scotland: The Ultimate Guide to Exploring Scotland's Wild Waters*)

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High Hopes for the Bomber Girls

Bomber Command Girls #4

Vicki Beeby

Read by Sofia Engstrand

Adult New Release

Sagas | July 2025

The war may nearly be over, but danger is ever-present as storms lie ahead. Dive into the dramatic and inspiring finale to the Bomber Command Girls series.

Even with peace on the horizon, Met WAAF Jenny Hazleton is as busy as ever. Her keen weather-forecasting allows the pilots to continue their missions, including food drops to starving allies and the repatriation of prisoners of war.

Navigating many of these missions is Flying Officer Edwin Holland, whose rejection of her advances at Christmas still stings. Edwin is increasingly haunted by his role in the war, including the bombing of Dresden, and Jenny yearns to comfort him. But when he reveals the shocking reason he turned her down, she must decide if their friendship is well and truly over.

After a local young woman is found dead under suspicious circumstances, Jenny and Edwin come together to track down the killer. Can they rebuild their friendship – and can they ever be more than just friends? Or are the scars of war too deep to truly heal?

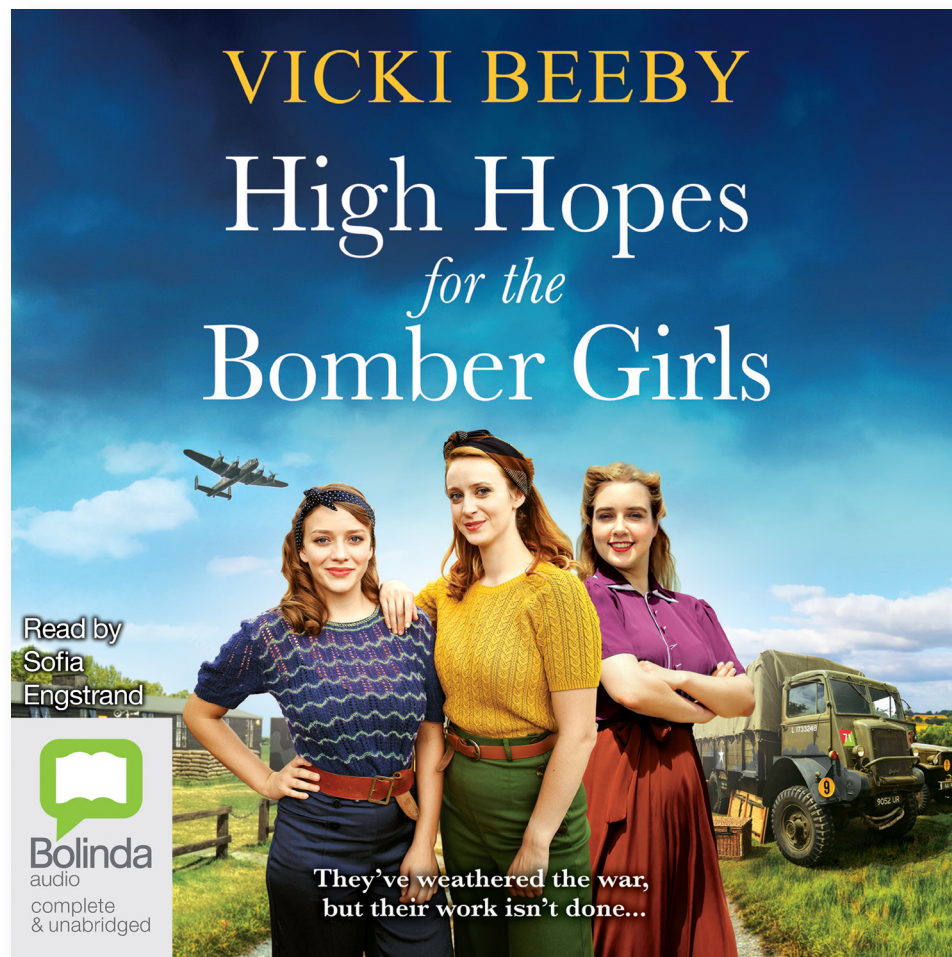
Perfect for fans of Kate Thompson, Daisy Styles and Soraya M. Lane

Vicki Beeby writes historical fiction about the friendships and loves of service women brought together by the Second World War

Beeby is the author of The Women's Auxiliary Air Force series and *The Wrens*

'A wonderful mix of love, loss, friendship, action and romance. There were parts of the book that had me on the edge of my seat for all kinds of reasons!' – Johanna Bell, author of the Blitz Girls series (on *The Girls of Bomber Command*)

'Fast-paced, exciting and superbly researched, this story brings World War II to life.' – Lesley Eames, author of The Wartime Bookshop series (on *The Girls of Bomber Command*)



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The Tuscan Sister's Secret

Tuscan Sisters #2

Daniela Sacerdoti

Read by Sara Alexander

Adult New Release

Romance | July 2025



An unputdownable and heart-wrenching story packed with family secrets and forbidden love.

Ever since her twin sister returned to the family home, Bianca has felt more lost than ever. For the first time in her life, she's not the only one taking care of her family. But her new-found freedom makes it impossible to stop thinking about Lorenzo. She has loved him since they met beneath a tree between their houses as children, but a long-seated family feud means they can never be together ...

Determined to distract herself from her heartache, Bianca is delighted when she runs into a childhood friend, Brando, who secures her a job at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. And the more time she spends with him in the archives, cataloguing the museum's precious library, the more she becomes captivated by his warm brown eyes.

But when Bianca discovers a long-lost diary in the archives, written by a young woman who once lived in her family's villa, she is gripped by the story of forbidden love that mirrors her own. As she reads, Bianca wonders whether she should take courage from this stranger's story.

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

'Atmospheric, romantic and compelling. Daniela writes with huge warmth and sincerity'
- Rosanna Ley, bestselling author of *The Forever Garden* (on *I Will Find You*)

'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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No Greater Love

Margaret Dickinson

Read by Joan Walker



From bestselling author Margaret Dickinson comes a powerful, heartwarming family drama set in Derbyshire around World War I.

Derbyshire, 1904. After a family tragedy and a broken engagement dramatically alter her circumstances, Lady Elizabeth Ingham seeks employment by training to be a nanny. Known only as Lizzie, she secures a post at Alstone-in-the-Dale Manor to care for a four-year-old boy, Charlie Spendlove, who badly needs her kindness and understanding.

When Lizzie arrives at the manor, she is appalled at Charlie's condition. He is a little wild thing; his hair is a tangled mass of ringlets, and he does not speak but screams and kicks most of the time. The family and staff are at their wits' end and no-one expects Lizzie to stay long.

But with patience and love, Lizzie soon brings a change and the attitude of the staff towards her alt -Dale Manor, and new love enters her life when she meets James, the brother of the master of the house.

But as the First World War looms and young men from the village begin to enlist – can Lizzie's new-found happiness withstand the hardships of war?

Margaret Dickinson is the *Sunday Times* Top Ten bestselling author of numerous saga series and standalone novels

She is the author of the Lincolnshire Fleethaven Trilogy, as well as hit titles such as *Fairfield Hall*, *Jenny's War* and *The Clippie Girls*

'With instantly likeable characters and a thoroughly engrossing story, you'll be gripped from the very first page.' – Sunday Express (on *The Buffer Girls*)

'Another page-turner with warm characters and an enthralling plot.' – My Weekly (on *Daughters of Courage*)

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | July 2025

The Last Agent in Paris

Sharon Maas

Read by Tania Rodrigues



An utterly gripping and emotional World War II tale inspired by the incredible true story of Noor Inayat Khan, the first female radio operator sent by SOE into Nazi-occupied France.

Paris, 1940. As Nazi soldiers march down the Champs-Élysées, Noor's heart is shattered. Her family is forced to flee their home to the safety of England, and as Noor watches the French coast disappear in the distance, she vows to do everything she can to stop Germany from devouring her beloved country.

Training as a wireless operative with the Special Operations Executive with the Special Operations Executive in England, Noor's perfect French makes her the ideal candidate for undercover work in her beloved Paris, and she is soon assigned to an illustrious spy network led by a mysterious man named Prosper.

Day after day, Noor walks the treacherous streets of Paris looking for safe places to broadcast messages to London. But Nazi officers lurk around every corner, and Noor's heart thunders in her chest as she evades detection. She knows it would take just one stop and search for her life to be over.

With each passing day, her mission becomes more lethal as, one by one, her fellow agents are captured. Someone is betraying them, but who? And when Noor becomes the last agent in the network, can she keep the links with England alive to help win the war?

Sharon Maas is the author of *The Violin Maker's Daughter*, *The Soldier's Girl*, *Her Darkest Hour* and many other novels

Maas writes historical fiction, and the settings of her novels are a reflection of the places she knows best, including Guyana, Germany, France and South India

'I absolutely adore Sharon Maas's books – she is one of my favourite authors, someone whose stories give me hours of reading pleasure. And this wonderful book is one of her best!' – Renita D'Silva, author of *The Forgotten Daughter* (on *The Girl from the Sugar Plantation*)

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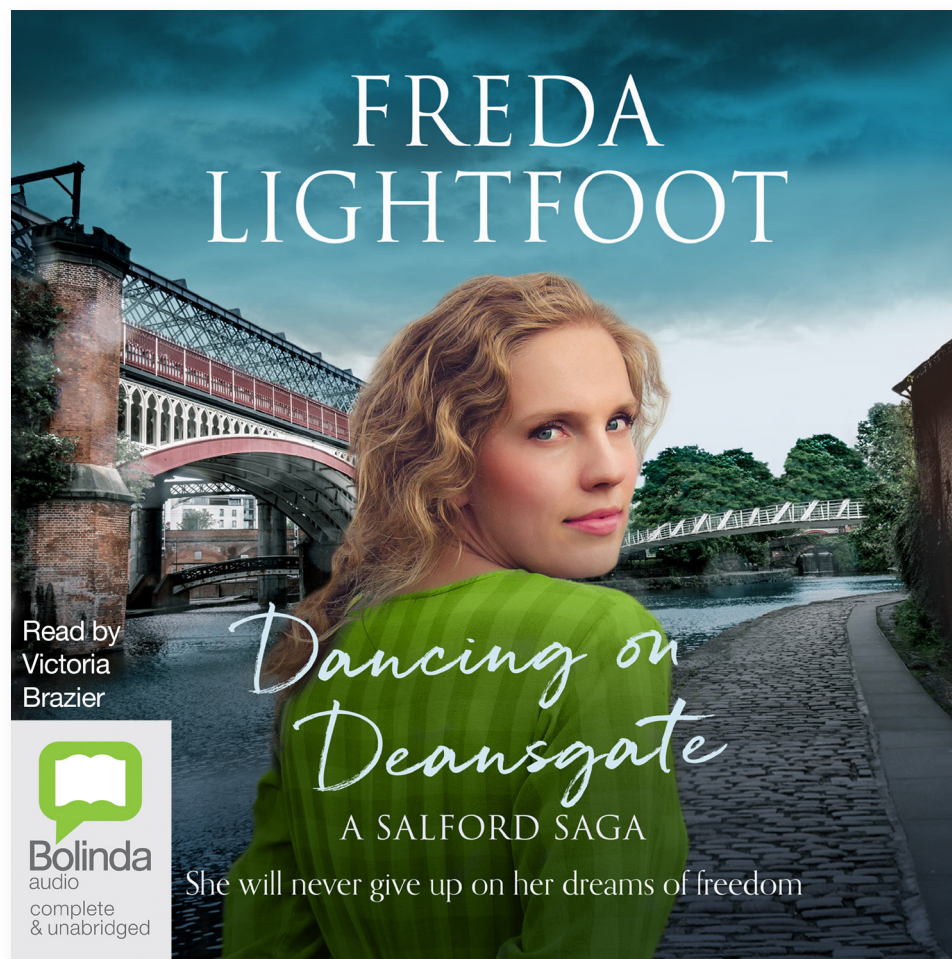
A Salford Saga #4

Freda Lightfoot

Read by Full Cast

Adult New Release

Sagas | July 2025



A sweeping saga of hope and resilience from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Freda Lightfoot.

Where there's community, there's courage ...

Jess Delaney has always longed for independence. But when the Blitz reaches Manchester, she is locked in the cellar by her feckless mother, Lizzie. As bombs rain down from a sky turned blood red with flame, Jess waits for Lizzie to return.

But fortunes are fickle, and soon Jess finds herself packed off to live with her tyrant Uncle Bernie, a bullying black marketeer. Though he treats her like a servant, she seeks refuge in the Salvation Army, and her natural musical talent offers both an escape route and the chance for love.

But Uncle Bernie never forgives his niece for refusing to join his illegal schemes and threatens to deprive Jess of her hard-won freedom once and for all.

Perfect for fans of Kitty Neale and Rosie Goodwin

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

'Compelling and fascinating.' – Middlesborough Evening Gazette (on *The Favourite Child*)

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

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A Lasting Promise

Mary Wood

Read by Antonia Beamish



A gripping and emotional story from the bestselling author of *The Jam Factory Girls*.

London, 1963.

Angelica harbours a dark secret from the war. Having made a new life for herself in East London's Stepney, she has created a family of her own. Sometimes the ghosts of France feel far away. Finally, she's ready to move on.

But secrets catch up with you, whether you like it or not ...

France, 1943.

The Nazis arrive at the gate of Sister Angelica's convent. Inside, the nuns are harbouring children – if discovered, it would mean certain death. All the children need is love, food and safety. Angelica made a promise to protect them, but when there's a knock on a door, protection is a promise she's struggling to keep ...

Mary Wood is the author of *The Jam Factory Girls Fight Back*, *Secrets of the Jam Factory Girls*, *The Street Orphans*, *Brighter Days Ahead*, *Proud of You* and *In Their Mother's Footsteps*

Wood is the author of multiple series including *The Breckton* trilogy and *The Girls Who Went to War* Series.

Wood also writes sagas as Maggie Mason and crime thrillers under her second pseudonym, Molly Kent

'Wood is a born storyteller.' – Lancashire Evening Post

'These heartbreaking but also inspirational tales are full of the grit and hardship that have become hallmarks of a storyteller who writes straight from the heart.' – Lancashire Evening Post (on *The Orphanage Girls Come Home*)

Triple Play

Chicago Heartbreakers #3

Ally Wiegand

Read by Kate Handford



Adult New Release

Romance | July 2025

The third instalment in the swoony sports romance Chicago Heartbreakers series by author Ally Wiegand.

Sports reporter Harper Nelson has spent far too long on the sidelines. So, when her boss sends her to Chicago to cover the upcoming baseball season for the Cougars, she knows this could be her last shot to prove to the network – and her parents – that this is where she belongs.

Now is no time for distractions, especially one in the shape of Jamil Edman – the hottest Major League Baseball player of the moment, and the man she woke up next to just a few weeks earlier. It's not that she regrets sneaking out, it's just that she wasn't expecting to see him again so soon ...

But for Jamil that night with Harper was the first time he'd felt free in months. He might be coming into this season at the top of his game, but he's learnt that success comes at a price as he fights to keep certain pieces of his life out of the spotlight.

Soon, tensions simmer to boiling point, but will they end the season with a home run, or will the pressure leave them in the dust?

Ally Wiegand is an American author based in Texas

She writes contemporary romance stories set in the sports world, including baseball and American football

Her writing is accessible and addictive, a perfect blend of spice, tension and sweetness

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The Trap

Mary Jane Staples

Read by Alex Tregear



A brilliantly uplifting Cockney saga you won't be able to put down, from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Mary Jane Staples.

When Jamie Blair, 24, unemployed and back from the trenches, takes lodgings at Larcom Street in Walworth, he has no idea he is walking into a trap. The house is owned by Henry Mullins – a big, burly, hard drinker who makes life hell for his four stepchildren, all half-starved and frequently hit.

It's Kitty, 17, who Jamie feels most sorry for. She takes the brunt of Mullins's bad temper, whilst trying to protect her sisters and brother.

When Mullins suddenly dies – in somewhat suspicious circumstances – Kitty realises they could be in trouble. If she isn't careful, the authorities could take the younger children away – split the family up ...

Too late, Jamie finds himself with a ready-made family and a stubborn lady called Kitty, determined not to let him go.

Perfect for fans of Maggie Ford, Kitty Neale and Katie Flynn

Mary Jane Staples is a pseudonym used by British author Reginald Thomas Staples who also published under the names Robert Tyler Stevens, R.T. Stevens and James Sinclair

Staples is the author of over 30 bestselling titles including the ever-popular cockney sagas featuring the Adams family

'Mary Jane Staples makes you care about her characters, which explains why her books have enjoyed so much popularity.' – Take a Break (on the Adams Family series)

'Mary Jane Staples completely capture the feel of the period and the essence of the people ... has warmth, humour and charm.' – Finesse (on the Adams Family series)

The Pilot's Wife

Cynthia Anderson

Read by Laurence Bouvard



A stunningly beautiful and heartfelt World War II story about the power of love, family and learning from our mistakes.

Three generations of women. One dark family secret. A truth that time never forgot.

1944, Switzerland. Nineteen-year-old Hedy can't bear her country's neutrality in the face of the ultimate evil. This is not the Switzerland she loves, and she cannot stand by any longer. Undeterred by the risk of German patrols, she starts helping to smuggle lost Allied soldiers through the forest to safety across Lake Geneva.

Then one night she stumbles across a wounded American airman. Despite the grave danger it will bring to her family, Hedy can't leave the airman injured and alone, so she hides Samuel in her father's mountain hut.

As Hedy and Samuel grow closer, the dangers of their resistance work become ever more deadly, and soon the pair will be faced with a choice that will tear them apart ...

2018, America. Nineteen-year-old Gina looks at her grandmother's ageing hands and wonders how much time they have left together. Since her mother died, Mamie Hedy is all Gina has left. But then her grandmother reveals a shocking secret that takes them back to her home in the Swiss mountains for the last time.

Cynthia Anderson writes historical fiction, exploring intergenerational stories that highlight lesser-known historical events

After earning a BA from the University of Colorado and an MSc from the London School of Economics, Anderson held various corporate roles in Asia, the US and the UK

Over a decade ago, Anderson settled with her French husband in a village near Geneva, Switzerland, where she worked for the United Nations before turning to writing fiction

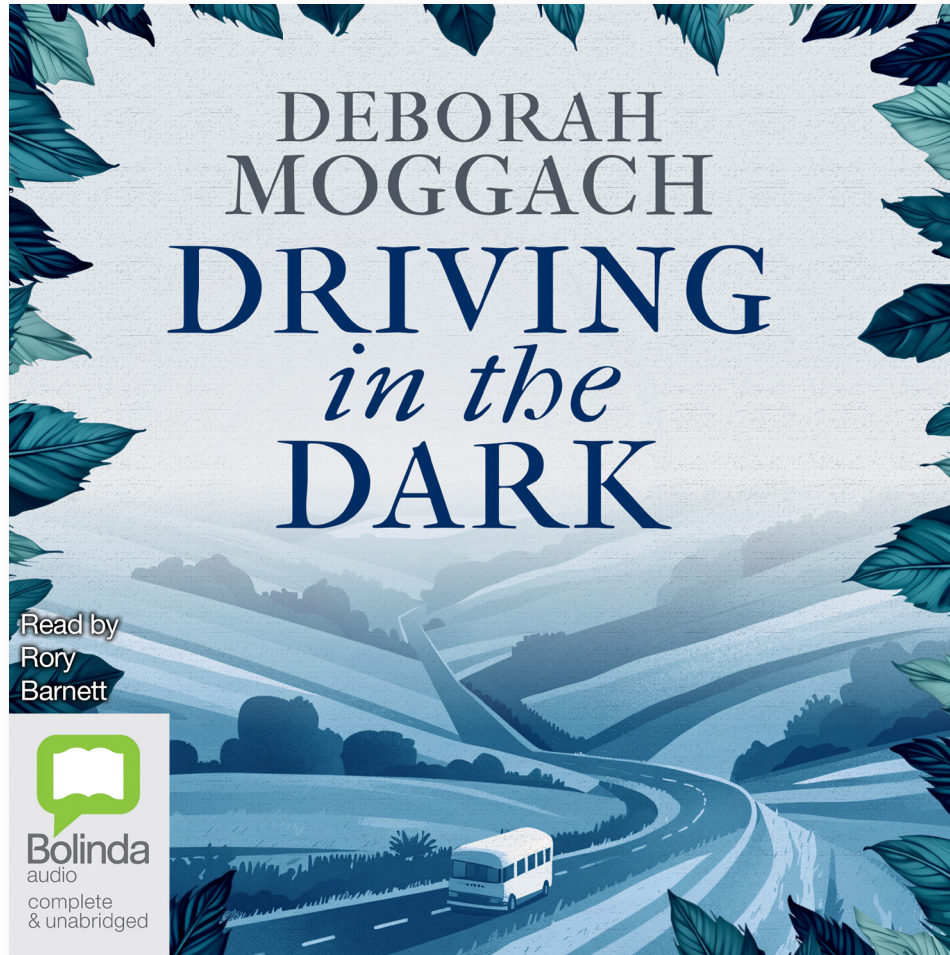
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Driving in the Dark

Deborah Moggach

Read by Rory Barnett



From the bestselling author of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* comes a story of a coach driver who travels around Britain searching for his son.

Desmond never did have much luck with women – except in getting them through their driving tests. Now a coach driver, he is at the most crucial crossroads of his life. His wife has thrown him out. The crisis serves only to deepen his despair over another failed liaison – until he elects to steer his coach on a spectacularly reckless quest for the son he has never seen.

Deborah Moggach is the bestselling British screenwriter and author of 19 novels, including *The Ex-Wives* and *Heartbreak Hotel*, as well as two collections of stories

Moggach's screenplays include *Pride and Prejudice*, which was nominated for a BAFTA, and an adaptation of Anne Fine's novel *Goggle-Eyes*, which won a Writers Guild Award

Several of Moggach's novels have been made into films, including *Tulip Fever* and *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

'Moggach, for the purposes of the book, has turned herself into a bloke. His monologue throughout strikes me as totally authentic, but not only does Moggach get his lingo right, she thinks through his head, dramatizing his confusion, decency, wit, pain and determination. This is not just ventriloquism, but empathy so complete as to be phenomenal.' – Irish Times

'At once acutely funny and sad ... a woman's protest at the inequality thrust on men by the worse excesses of the women's movement.' – Mail on Sunday

Death of an Honest Man

A Hamish Macbeth Murder Mystery #33

M.C. Beaton

Read by David Monteath

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | July 2025

Nobody loves an honest man – as police sergeant Hamish Macbeth discovers, in this 33rd instalment of M.C. Beaton's *New York Times* bestselling series.

Paul attended church in Lochdubh. He told the minister, Mr Wellington, that his sermons were boring. He told tweedy Mrs Wellington that she was too fat. Angela Brody was told her detective stories were pap for the masses and it was time she wrote literature instead. He accused Hamish Macbeth of having dyed his fiery red hair. He told Jessie Currie – who repeated all the last words of her twin sister – that she needed psychiatric help.

'I speak as I find,' he bragged. Voices saying, 'I could kill that man,' could be heard from Lochdubh to Cnothan.

And someone did.

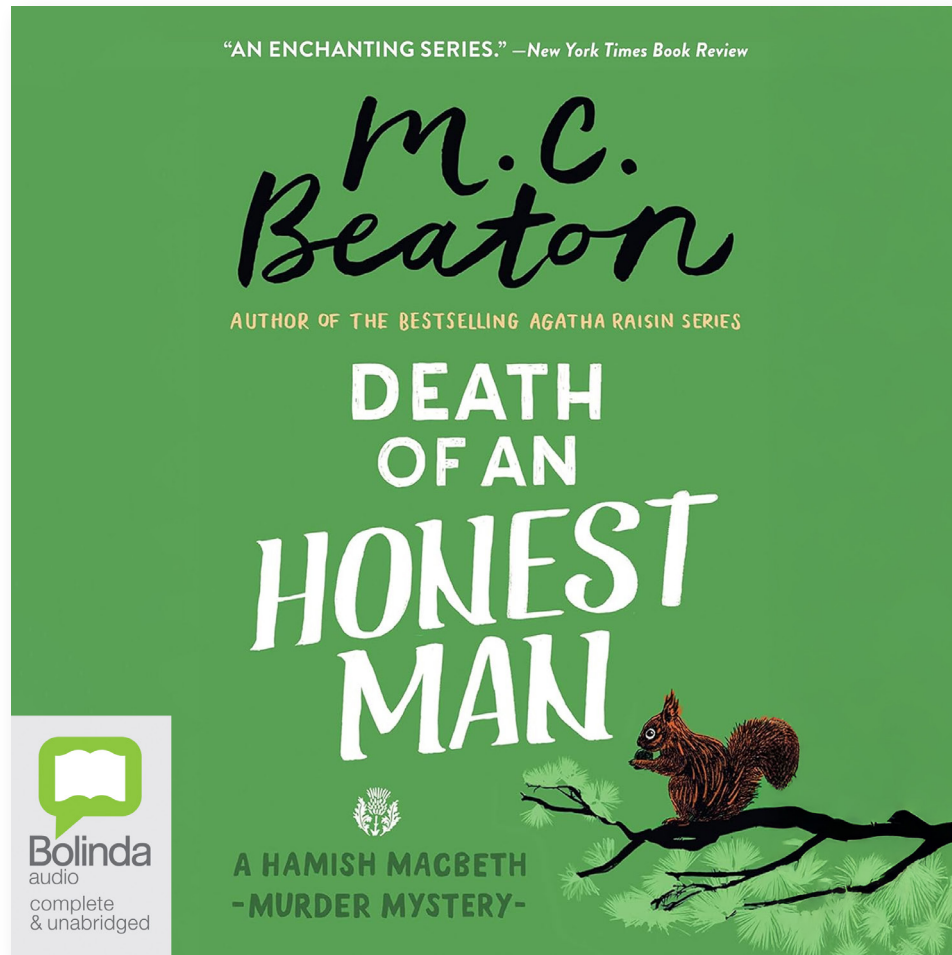
Now Hamish is faced with a bewildering array of suspects. And he's lost the services of his clumsy policeman, Charlie, who has resigned from the force after throwing Chief Inspector Blair into the loch. Can Hamish find the killer on his own?

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

'Beaton keeps this lighthearted series fresh by introducing several important changes for some recurring characters and assigning Hamish a surprising new assistant..' – Publishers Weekly



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Human Acts

Han Kang

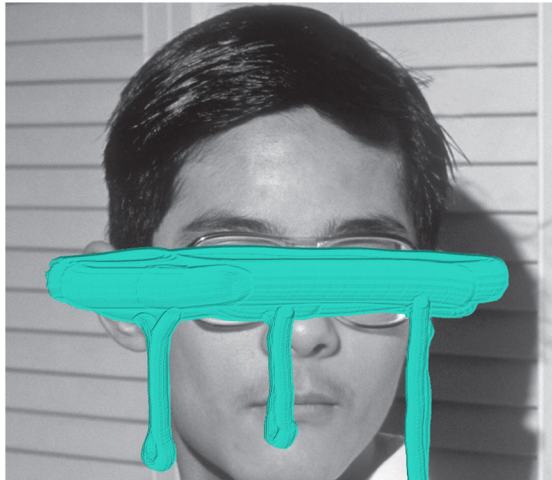
Read by a Full Cast

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'Remarkable'
Eimear McBride

'Universally heartbreaking'
Independent



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HUMAN ACTS

소년이 온다

A riveting, poetic and powerful work from Korean author Han Kang, the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Gwangju, South Korea, 1980. Amid a violent student uprising a young boy named Dong-ho is killed. As his friend searches for Dong-ho's corpse, we also meet an editor struggling against censorship, a prisoner and a factory worker, each suffering from traumatic memories, and Dong-ho's grief-stricken mother. Through their collective heartbreak and acts of hope comes a tale of a brutalised people in search of a voice.

A modern classic, *Human Acts* has been both a controversial bestseller and an award-winning book in Korea, and it confirmed Han Kang as a writer of international importance

Han Kang's writing has won the Yi Sang Literary Prize, the Today's Young Artist Award and the Korean Literature Novel Award

The Vegetarian, Kang's first novel to be translated into English, won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize

Kang was awarded the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature

'Exquisite, painful and deeply courageous.' – Philippe Sands, Best Books of the Year, *Guardian*

'Human Acts is a stunning piece of work. The language is poetic, immediate, and brutal. Han Kang has again proved herself to be a deft artist of storytelling and imagery.' – Jess Richards, author of *Snake Ropes*

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The World's Worst Superheroes

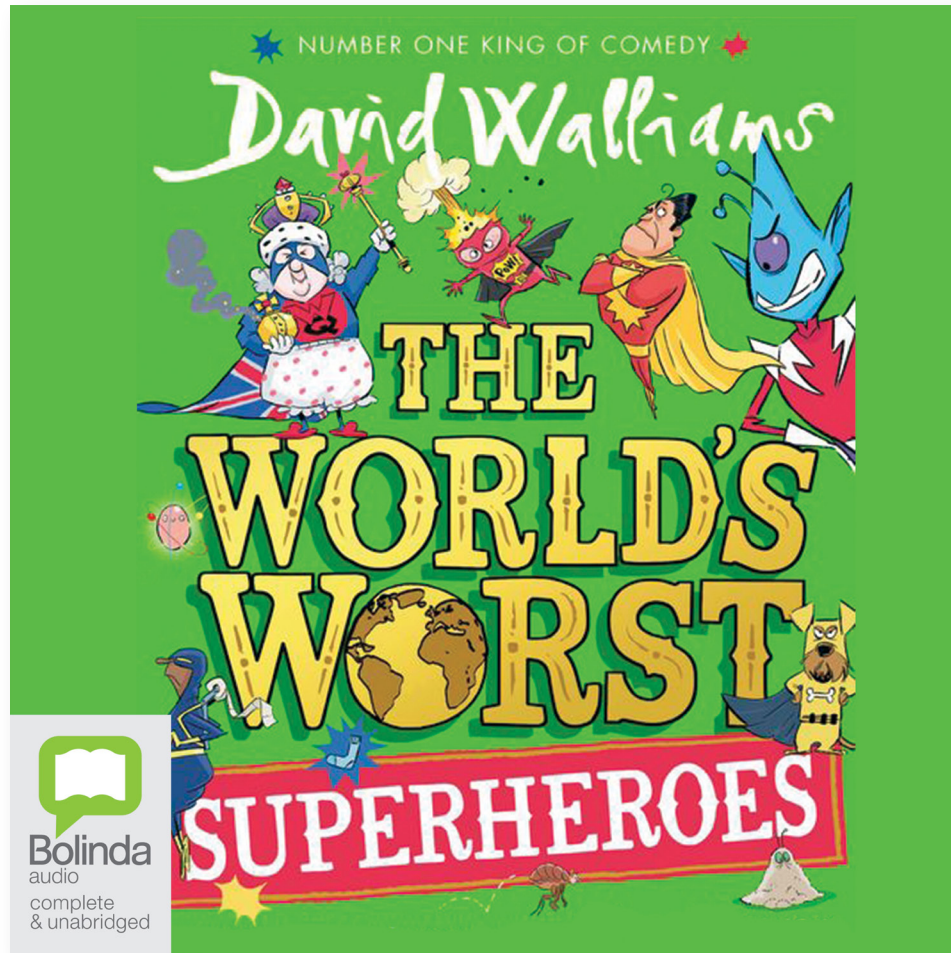
World's Worst

David Walliams

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2025



Be amazed by these ten thrilling adventures, featuring the bravest, strongest and silliest superheroes the world has ever seen, alongside more secret lairs, disguises and surprises than you will believe possible!

GET READY FOR SOME SUPERSIZED FUN!

When is the queen not just the queen? When she is WONDERQUEEN!

KAPOW!

Is that an especially large bird? Is it a weirdly small plane? No – it's THUNDERHOUND!

BLAM!

When her schoolteachers turn into deadly dinosaurs, who can possibly stop them? Why, DINO-KID, of course!

ROAR!

David Walliams is a literary phenomenon whose books have sold more than 55 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 55 languages

Walliams's *The World's Worst Pets* was the bestselling children's book of 2022

'This really is Walliams at his most indulgently gross and silly – the perfect combination for thousands of his loyal fans.' – Daily Mail (on *World's Worst* series)

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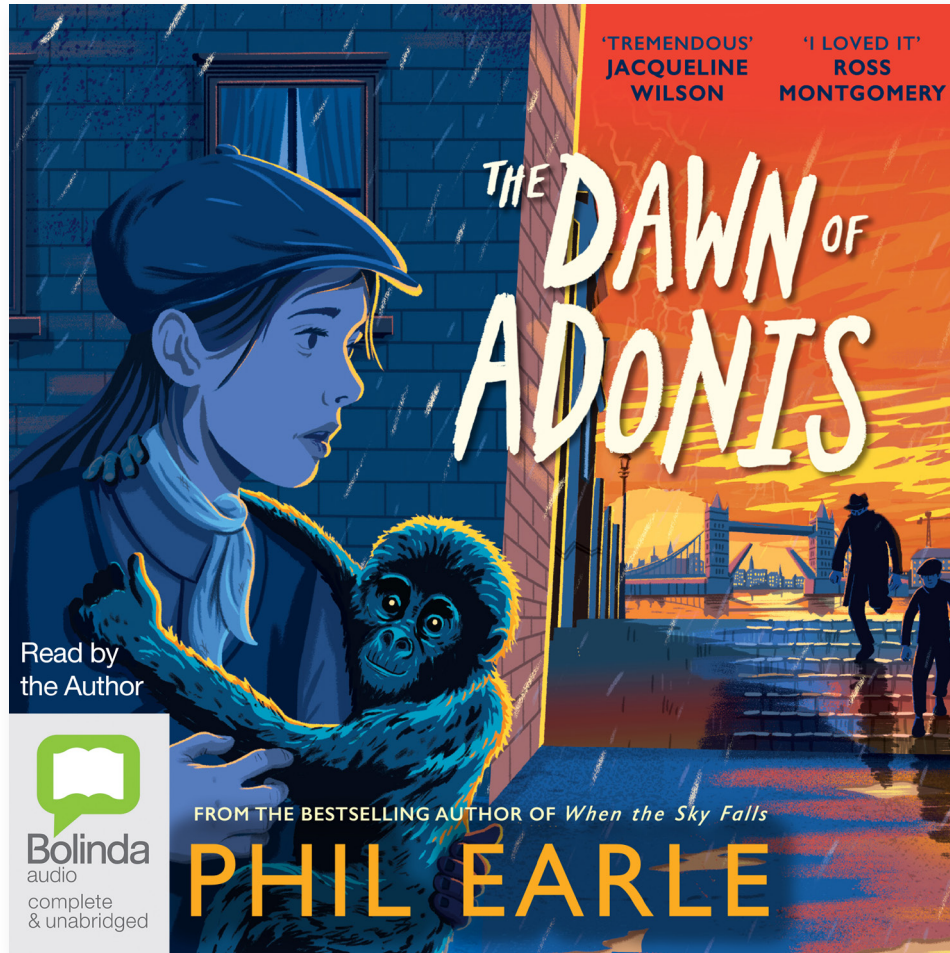
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The Dawn of Adonis

Phil Earle

Read by the Author



Multi-award-winning author Phil Earle returns with a new historical animal story about loyalty, loss, betrayal and rebirth.

It is 1911 and London's docks thrum with underhand deals, none so great as the arrival of a valuable, rare and exotic animal, smuggled from the depths of the Congolese rainforest. The baby gorilla stands to make one man, the shady Goliath Deeds, very, very rich – he and his right-hand man, juvenile pickpocket Toff Squabble. Heaven help anyone who dares stand in their way, not least the brave and innocent 12-year-old Nettie Beecroft, who finds herself embroiled in a dangerous rescue attempt where she encounters toshers, bone-grubbers and gangsters.

Whom can Nettie trust? And can she save the life this very special creature?

Phil Earle is the author of numerous acclaimed, award-winning titles for children and teenagers, including *When the Sky Falls*, *Until the Road Ends* and *While the Storm Rages*.

When The Sky Falls won the Books Are My Bag Readers Award and the British Book Award for Children's Fiction

'Nobody writes striking, heartfelt adventure like Phil Earle. The Dawn of Adonis is a showcase of everything he does best: humour and peril and towering stakes all wrapped up in stark, spare, powerful prose. I loved it!' – Ross Montgomery, author of *Perijee* and *Me*

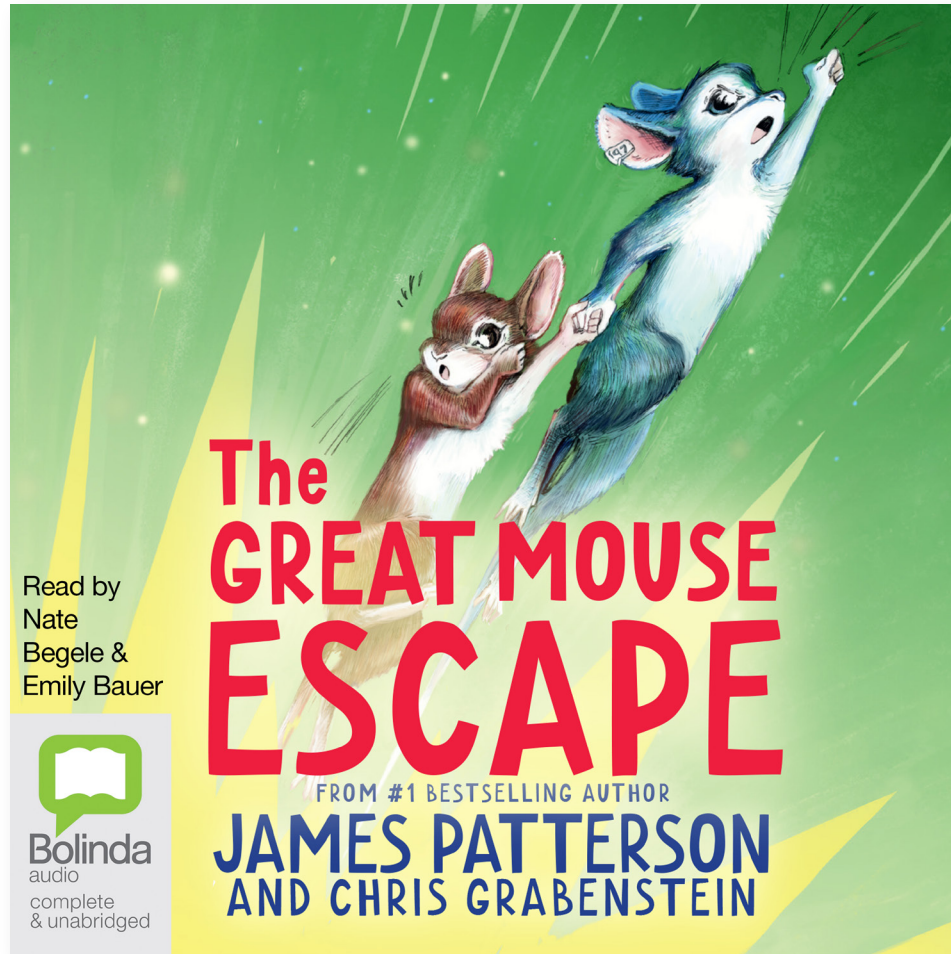
'I absolutely raced through The Dawn of Adonis! It's a tremendous nail-biting read, tender and terrifying in equal measure. Both Toff and Nettie are fantastic characters, and little Adonis is the most endearing little creature ever.' – Jacqueline Wilson, award-winning author of *The Story of Tracy Beaker* and *Hetty Feather*

The Great Mouse Escape

Word of Mouse #2

James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein

Read by Nate Begle



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2025

A tiny talking mouse sets off on a giant adventure to rescue his friend in this fun, heartwarming adventure, perfect for fans of *Stuart Little* and *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*.

Talking mouse Isaiah is free from the experiments that left him with blue fur and a big voice, and living a picture-perfect life with his human friend, Hailey. But the evil scientists – and their evil talking cats – are hot on Isaiah's trail. When they mouse-nap his friend Mikayla, it's up to Isaiah and Hailey to rescue her.

Their search takes them on a cross-country adventure, where they face foes and make unexpected friends. If they can find Mikayla, they might even find a way to free Isaiah's siblings and create a happy ending for all of the lab mice.

This endearing and whimsical tail tale from bestselling authors James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein is a celebration of bravery and determination in all shapes and sizes.

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

Chris Grabenstein is a *New York Times* bestselling author who has collaborated with James Patterson on the I Funny, Jacky Ha-Ha, Treasure Hunters and House of Robots series

'With smart witticisms to launch each quick-paced chapter, Isaiah is truly a mouse that roars.' – Kirkus Reviews, starred review (on *Word of Mouse*)

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Boy vs Beast Collection 2

Boy vs Beast #5–8

Mac Park

Read by Dominic Gruenewald



Children's New Release

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Join Kai Masters, Border Guard, as he battles beasts to keep Earth safe, in this wildly popular fantasy adventure series.

Enjoy the four latest exciting adventures in the Boy vs Beast series!

Mud Beast: Mud starts falling from the sky, and Kai knows things are going to get dirty. His Sludge Bot will have to work hard to stop the beast.

Ice Beast: When it starts to snow in the middle of summer, Kai knows things will need to heat up. Will his Sub-Mobile stop the ice beast?

Storm Beas: Kai will need to power up to face the storm beast. Will his Jet Charger win against the attacks?

Lava Beast: Will Kai's Jet Drill be enough to stop the volcano beast before they're all buried in ash?

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Mac Park is the pseudonym of Louise Park and Susannah McFarlane, who between them have sold more than ten million books

Their partnership is the perfect fusion of education, literacy and reading acquisition, and cutting-edge children's trade publishing

They have published, edited or written numerous bestselling children's series, including Go Girl!, Zac Power, EJ12 Girl Hero, Star Girl and Harriet Clare

'The fun and action-packed plot will keep you excited and engaged. Boy Vs Beast is like a rollercoaster for the mind! Highly recommended for reluctant and disengaged readers.'

– Kids Book Review (on *Water Beast*)

'There are plenty of thrills, spills and action galore to engage the attention of the intended audience as Kai battles the mutant beast.' – ReadPlus (on *Water Beast*)

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Cross Bones: The Hottest Dogs

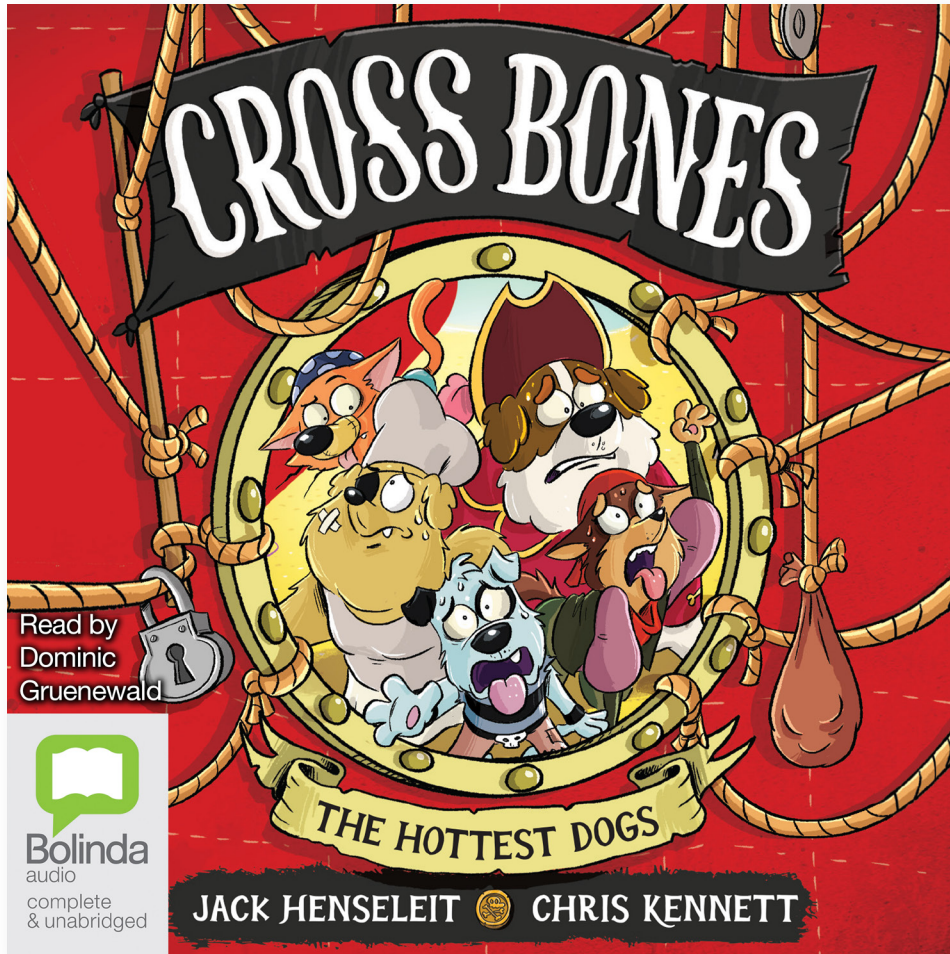
Cross Bones #3

Jack Henseleit & Chris Kennett

Read by Dominic Gruenewald

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2025



The triumphant finale of the hilarious Cross Bones trilogy is here! Will this band of mischievous dog pirates finally find their life-changing treasure, or will their undercover feline crewmate bring them down once and for all?

After answering a DISTRESS CALL from a doggy damsel, Magnus, Daisy, Ed and Spot must enter the DEADLY DESERTS of Cat Island. With the Spymaster beside them, the dogs are sure to succeed – but is this CATTY CREWMATE really the dogs' best friend?

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

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

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

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

– Reading Time (on A Dog's Breakfast)

'This is a terrific, Australian hybrid text ... that is filled with humour and adventure and is sure to drag in more reluctant readers.' – Lamont Books (on A Dog's Breakfast)

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The Unlikely Diary of Prince Kal the Alien

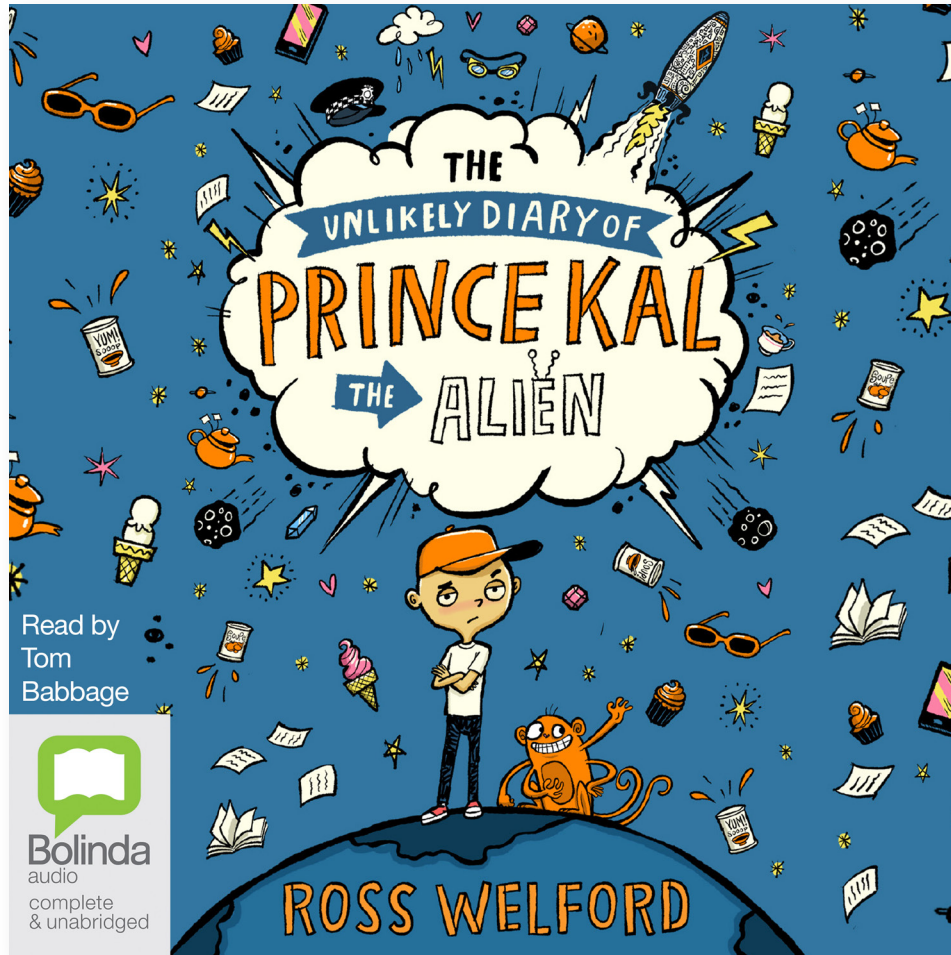
Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2025

Prince Kal #1

Ross Welford

Read by Kris Dyer



The first instalment in a hilarious new diary-format series from Ross Welford, the bestselling author of *Time Travelling with a Hamster*.

Prince Kallimonka Evergreen Wildgore – you can call him Prince Kal – is stranded.

Two days ago, on his home planet of Imaginaria, he entered the Anywhere Cabinet – a magical, intergalactic vessel – and things did not go according to plan ... and along with his beloved pet, he accidentally crash-landed on Planet Earth, where he now finds himself stranded. Before he can return home, Kal must repair the Anywhere Cabinet and find his pet.

But no-one on Earth who meets Kal believes him when he tries to explain his predicament, and so he decides to keep a diary to document his struggles in this strange new land.

Perfect for fans of Tom Gates, *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good*, and *Hercules: The Diary of a (Sort of) Hero*

Ross Welford is the author of *The Dog Who Saved the World*, *The Kid Who Came From Space*, *Into the Sideways World*, *The Monkey Who Fell From the Future* and *What Not to Do If You Turn Invisible*

Welford is also the author of *Time Travelling with a Hamster*, which was nominated for every major award in children's books, winning the Awesome Book Award in 2017

'Extremely clever and totally engaging.' – The Irish Times (on *Time Travelling with a Hamster*)

'Welford has done it again. A cracking, plotty adventure with added science ... and a hard emotional hit.' – The Times (on *The Dog Who Saved the World*)

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The Mushroom in the Sky

Jackie French

Read by Edwina Wren



In the 80th anniversary year, Jackie French explores the dropping of the bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, which ended World War II.

1942. Japan has bombed Sydney Harbour. Sixteen-year-old Ossie lies about his age to protect his country, even though it means abandoning his only family, a one-eyed dog named Lucky.

Kind-hearted Mrs Plum is already looking after 46 dogs for soldiers. She's becoming desperate because there are no wartime rations for dogs. Help arrives when 13-year-old Kat Murphy volunteers to take Lucky and persuades the girls at her school to also help.

As Kat grows to love Lucky, she realises he can still see his master. And Kat can see him, too, as Ossie is captured and taken as a prisoner of war to Japan, where he will see a strange mushroom cloud rise above Nagasaki. The result of a bomb that will change lives and forever leave the question: was it worth it?

Including true accounts of that extraordinary but often misunderstood time, this is a story of quiet heroism, endurance and an unimaginable occurrence that continues to resound to this day.

Jackie French is an award-winning Australian author, historian and ecologist

She was the Australian Children's Laureate from 2014 to 2015, and was named Senior Australian of the Year in 2015

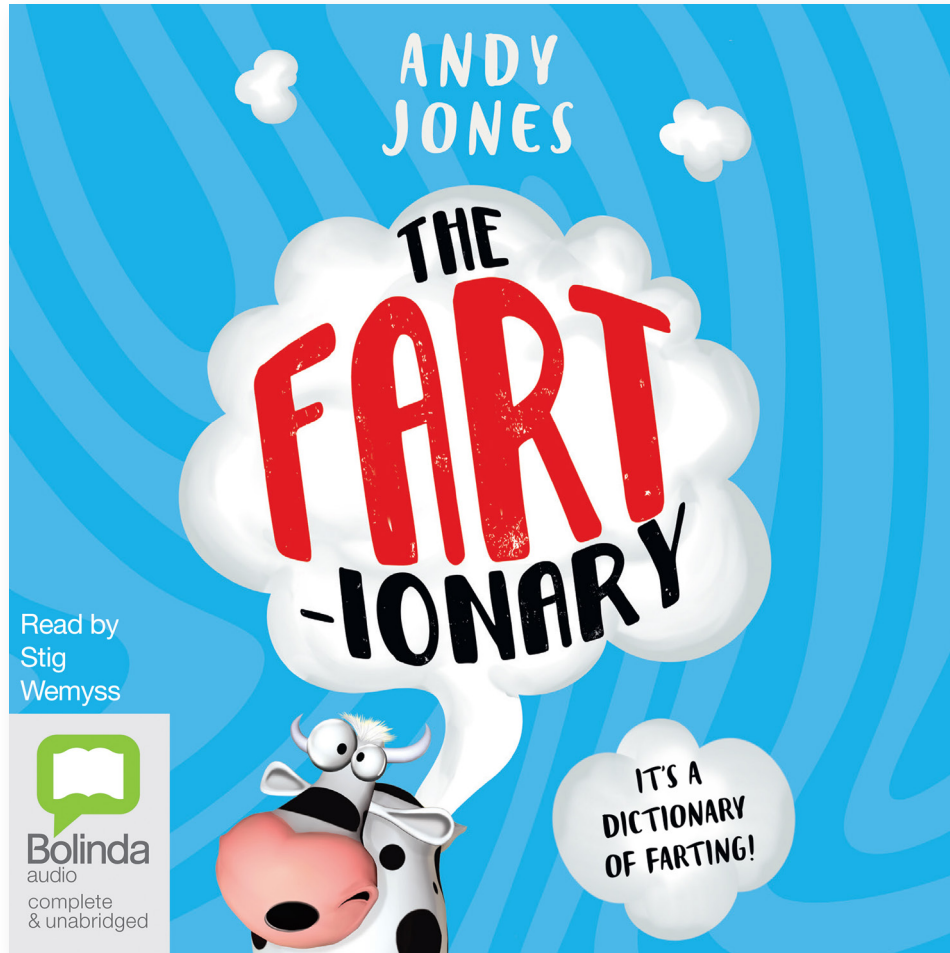
Her books have sold millions of copies and won over 60 awards in Australia and internationally

'French writes in such an enjoyable, humorous style.' – Better Reading (on *Ming* and *Flo Fight for the Future*)

The Fartionary

Andy Jones

Read by Stig Wemyss



Full of hilarious jokes, trivia, facts and cartoons, *The Fartionary* is guaranteed to be a hit with kids everywhere.

Why do farts smell? Which foods make the best bottom burps? What happens if you let one rip in space? All these stinking questions and more will be answered in ... *THE FARTIONARY!*

Andy Jones explodes the farty facts! Find out:

- the do's and don'ts of the babbling bottom
- why the family that farts together stays together
- what to do when Pop goes POP!

Plus, discover your farting personality type, learn how to talk your way out of a stinky situation and impress your friends with the funniest fart jokes. The coolest collection of all things farty!

Andy Jones is a bestselling children's author, entertainer, musician, songwriter and comedian

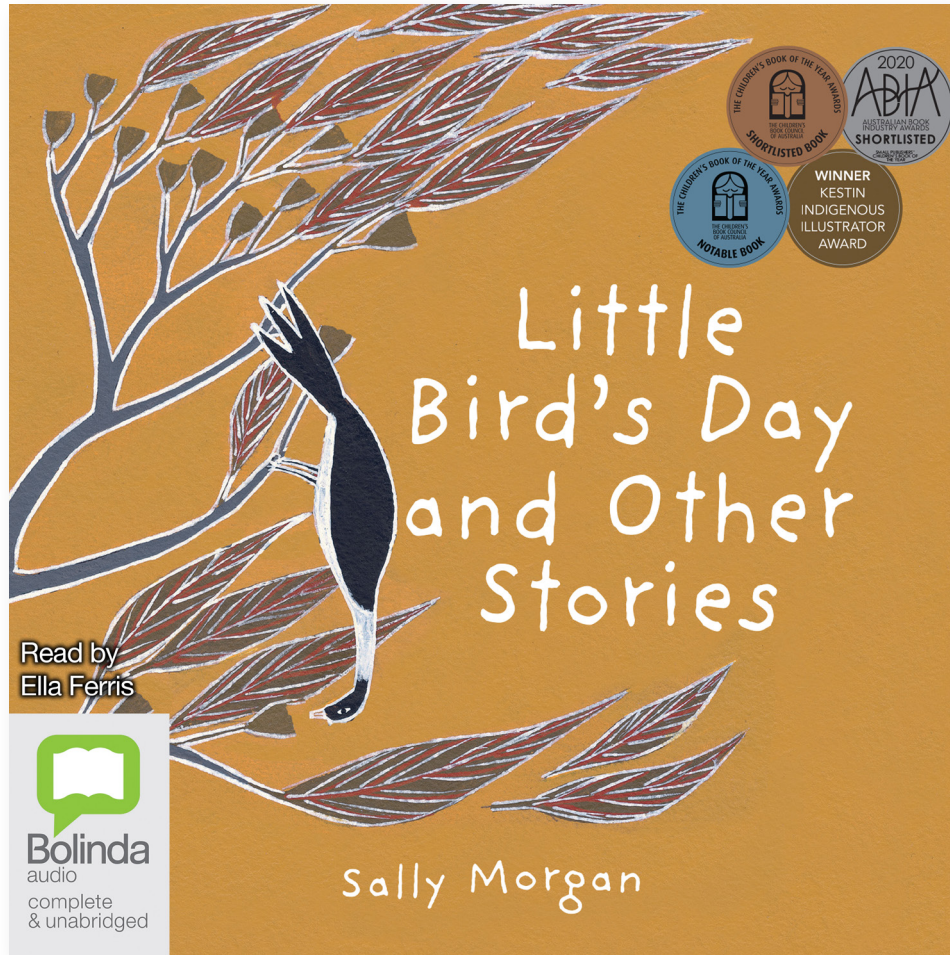
The bestselling *Fartionary* has elevated the already popular topic of flatulence and blown this gassy phenomenon to the next level by explaining and exploding the facts, science and language with a huge dose of ripe raspberry humour

Jones performs up to 300 shows a year in schools, clubs, libraries and festivals all over Australia, and has produced six albums of music for ABC Kids

Little Bird's Day and Other Stories

Sally Morgan

Read by Ella Ferris



A collection of simple, universal stories from Australian author Sally Morgan.

Little Bird's Day: A simple, universal story of a day in the life of Little Bird as she sings the world alive, flies with Cloud, travels with Wind, nestles with Moon and dreams of flying among the stars.

The River: *The River* takes the listener on a journey of what their eyes can see and their ears can hear. See green ants crawling, hear frogs croaking, a goanna running, a fish splashing, and discover many more creatures along the river ...

Thank You Rain!: A joyful listen full of the plants and animals that welcome rain – raindrops in the treetops; birds singing in the rain; raindrops wetting the dry earth and filling creek beds; birds, frogs and kangaroos all enjoying the rain and finishing with Johnny dancing with happiness!

Sally Morgan is one of Australia's best-known artists and writers. She belongs to the Palyku people from the eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia

Morgan's widely-acclaimed first book, *My Place*, has sold over half a million copies and is one of Australia's most celebrated works

'Morgan does a wonderful job of assembling simple words that tell a powerful story. Through her, our children get a real sense of what a vital resource the rain is to our dry land. And when it falls, we celebrate.' – Reading Time (on *Thank You Rain!*)

'A gentle call and response text invites the reader or listener into country to meet and enjoy the birds and animals to be found there. This is a wonderful book, urging us to slow down, to savour what we encounter, to listen carefully and to see quietly.' – Writing WA (on *The River*)

Big Words, Small Stories: Abigail and Davey's Adventures Collection 1

Big Words, Small Stories #3

ABC Audio

Read by a Full Cast



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2025

As seen on the ABC and TVOKids animated series, *Big Words, Small Stories* slides one big word into each fun and silly adventure in a laugh-out-loud way, bringing the power of new words to small kids.

In this third collection of *Big Words, Small Stories*, meet Davey and his anthropomorphic sidekick Abigail for the first time and join them on eight adventures that introduce them to some delightful new words – from rambunctious chipmunks, to flabbergasting feats, to precarious machines! Including:

- *Sandy Paws*: Davey and his family are going to the beach. Abigail doesn't want to go, but reluctantly agrees. But she's lollygagging as she gets ready.
- *Wildlife Strike*: Davey wants a photo of a butterfly, but with every try, rambunctious chipmunks get in the way.
- *Cockatiel Choir*: Davey and Abigail listen to a cacophony of cockatiels.
- *Stick at It*: Davey wants to make an Eiffel Tower from popsicle sticks, but he will need perseverance.
- *Flickityball*: Davey audaciously challenges AI to a Flickityball game.
- *World Record Wipeout*: Davey flabbergasts everyone as he tries to set a world record.
- *Squeaky's Return*: Abigail becomes sentimental over her old toy Squeaky.
- *Balancing Act*: When Davey gets too much cereal, he builds a precarious machine to get just the right amount.

The Big Words, Small Stories animated series has an 8.5 out of 10 star rating on IMDB

In addition to being humorous and engaging, the overarching educational premise of Big Words, Small Stories is a winner. Vocabulary development in young kids is a contributor to lifelong success

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Andromache in the Dark

Andromache #2

Gabriel Bergmoser

Read by Ayesha Gibson



Children's New Release

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The action-packed sequel to *Andromache Between Worlds* from award-winning author Gabriel Bergmoser.

Andromache Peters thought that saving her dad from a parallel universe would be the end of her adventures. But then Vincent Black, the villain who sent him there, escapes from prison, and suddenly everything Andromache fought so hard for is at risk.

So when a secret organisation asks Andromache for her help catching Black, she's all too ready to say yes, especially with her best friends Rylee and Tobias along for the ride. They'd already defeated him once, after all; how hard can it be to do it again?

As Andromache's quest takes her to strange and dangerous new worlds filled with robot police, giant centipedes and suspicious soldiers, she'll soon learn that sometimes the deadliest threats come from the last place you'd expect.

Gabriel Bergmoser won the prestigious Sir Peter Ustinov Television Scriptwriting Award in 2015 and was nominated for the 2017 Kenneth Branagh Award for New Drama Writing

In 2016 Bergmoser's first young adult novel, *Boone Shepard*, was shortlisted for the Readings Young Adult Prize

Bergmoser is also the author of the young adult coming of age novel, *The True Colour of a Little White Lie*, which is currently in development as a feature film with Pirate Size Productions

'Andromache is a brave, rebellious and thoughtful character with enough heart to fill every universe.' – Books+Publishing (on *Andromache Between Worlds*)

'A thrilling adventure that moves at a brisk pace and is filled with plenty of twists and turns. Jam-packed with adventure, fantasy and mystery it also carries themes of friendship, loyalty and the power of self-discovery.' – ReadPlus (on *Andromache Between Worlds*)

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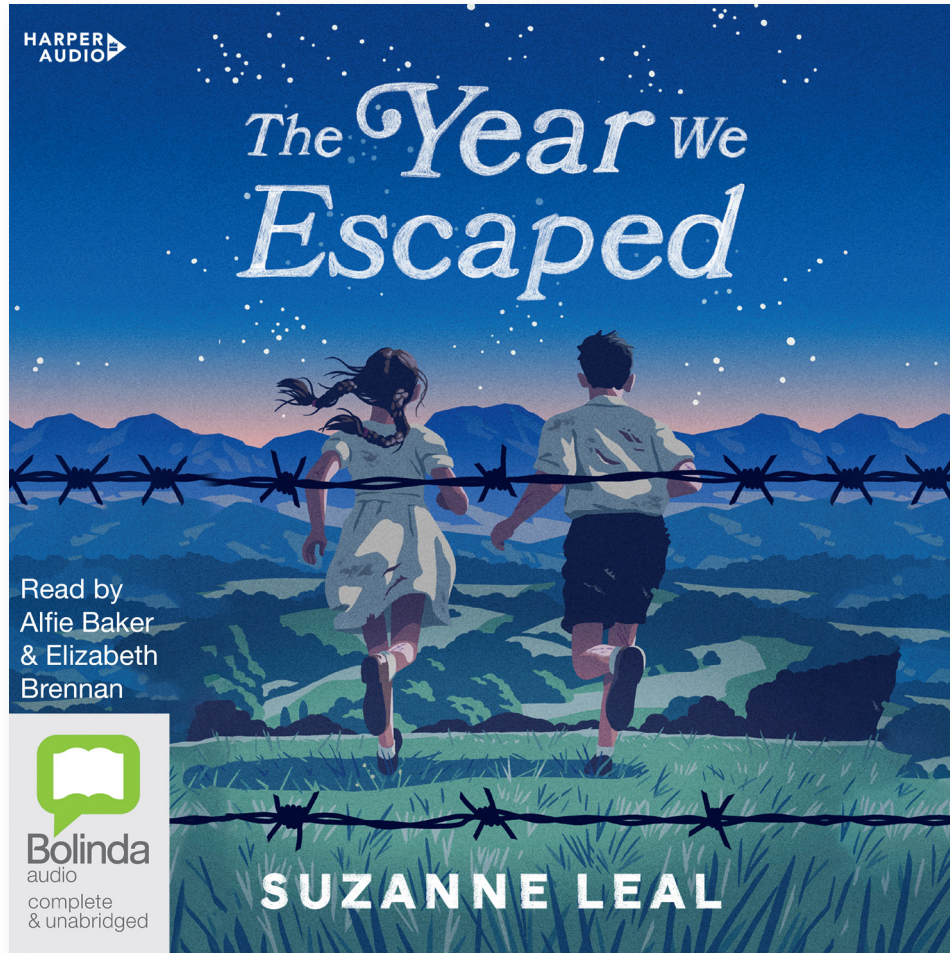
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The Year We Escaped

Suzanne Leal

Read by Alfie Baker & Elizabeth Brennan



For fans of Jackie French and Katrina Nannestad, *The Year We Escaped* is a heart-stopping and remarkable World War II story by talented author Suzanne Leal.

Europe, 1940.

With war on their doorstep, German classmates Klara and Rachel and French brothers Lucien and Paul are forced to leave their homes. They are taken to Gurs, a French detention camp in the south-west of France. It's a crowded place, with little comfort and even less food.

When Klara and Rachel are promised safe refuge in a remote French village, Lucien and Paul are anxious to join them – and will risk their own lives to get there.

Filled with adventure, danger and intrigue, this is the story of four unlikely friends desperate to escape from a war that keeps coming closer.

Suzanne Leal is the author of *Running with Ivan*, which is on the Children's Book Council of Australia Notables List for Younger Readers and was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's History Awards and the ARA Historical Novel Prize

An experienced facilitator and interviewer, Leal is the founder of *Thursday Book Club*, a relaxed book club connecting readers online

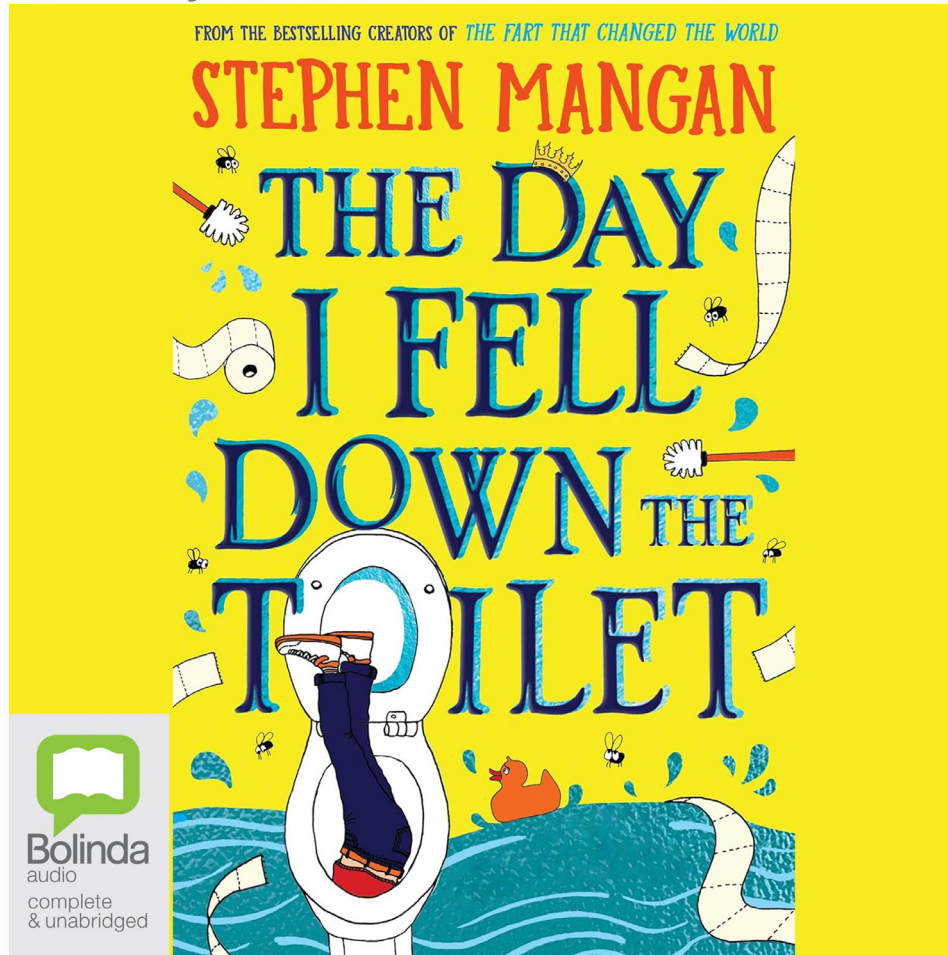
'This compelling time-slip novel of friendship and incredible courage, inspired by real historical events, is intensely gripping and suspenseful but sensitively narrated – and there's a brilliant twist at the very end that I'm dying to share but won't!'

– Readings (on *Running with Ivan*)

The Day I Fell Down the Toilet

Stephen Mangan

Read by the Author



A high-energy, laugh-out-loud adventure story from bestselling author Stephen Mangan.

Disaster!

The Queen of Dunny, the land where jokes come from, has lost her sense of humour and banned fun of any kind. Her subjects have one final shot at making her laugh otherwise NO NEW JOKES will be created EVER AGAIN!

Enter the hero the world needs.

Timothy Trench – straight-talking, uber-decisive child genius ... oh, wait. In an unfortunate case of mistaken identity, the wrong Timothy – a boy who finds it impossible to make decisions – is fetched to make the Queen laugh.

Can he work out what will tickle Her Majesty's funny bone and save the day?

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

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

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

'Overflowing with hilarious toilet humour, this laugh-out-loud tale ... follows a boy tasked with making an extremely unamused queen laugh.' – Waterstones

'A sure-fire way for kids to entertain themselves.' – LoveReading4Kids (on *The Fart That Changed the World*)

Most Haunted Houses

Most Haunted #3

Yvette Fielding

Read by the Author



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | July 2025

Discover the spooky histories of real-life places in this chilling non-fiction series from ghost-hunting expert and British television's first lady of the paranormal, Yvette Fielding.

Paranormal investigator Yvette Fielding has been uncovering the ghostly pasts of places for over 20 years. Join her as she brings to life the hauntings and chilling histories of some of the most notorious houses in the UK.

From the homes of kings and queens, to the 'Most Haunted House in Britain', and even Yvette's own home, these spooky stories are not for the fainthearted! Prepare to discover some truly terrifying paranormal activity, including the ghost of a barbaric priest, a witch who stood trial for murder and a pair of tragic lovers.

Yvette Fielding burst onto our screens in *Seaview* at the age of 13, and shortly after the producers of *Blue Peter* snapped her up to become their youngest ever presenter at just 17 years of age

Fielding co-created and presented the *Most Haunted* series, followed by *Ghosthunting With...*, establishing her as 'first lady of the paranormal'

Fielding is the author of *Archie the Ghost Hunter* and *the Rising and Ghost Hunters: A Guide to Investigating the Paranormal*

'Fearsome theatrical thrills abound in this spook-tacular account of real-life investigations into ghostly going-ons in British theatres.' – LoveReading4Kids (on *Most Haunted Theatres*)

'... will be relished by fans of real-life mysteries, spooky stories, and nifty non-fiction that goes bump in the night.' – LoveReading4Kids (on *Most Haunted Castles*)

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The Final Year & The First Year

Matt Goodfellow

Read by the Author



A powerful and heartwarming story from bestselling and award-winning author Matt Goodfellow.

The Final Year: Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side. But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan, is rushed into the hospital. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on.

The First Year: Nate's 11 and has just finished primary school. After a challenging final year, life is looking up. His brother has recovered from a life-threatening heart condition, he's got the love of his mum, brothers and Auntie San, and he's off to secondary school with his two best mates. But while he's making new friends and struggling to come to terms with a strict new teacher, a sudden surprise appearance in Nate's life threatens to throw him completely off course.

The Final Year is the winner of the CLIPPA (CLPE Children's Poetry Award) 2024

Matt Goodfellow is an award-winning poet from Manchester. He spent over ten years working as a primary school teacher before embarking on his poetry career

Goodfellow is a National Poetry Day Ambassador and spends his time visiting schools, libraries and festivals where his inspiring performances and workshops open new doors to poetry for both children and adults

'Powerful, compelling and heartwarming, I can't recommend it highly enough.' – Irish Independent (on *The Final Year*)

Additional Releases (Not Included in SOP)

July new releases 2025

You & Me and the Land of Lost Things

Adventures Unlimited #1

Andy Griffiths

Read by the Author

Children's New Release

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Come along with *New York Times* bestselling author Andy Griffiths on a brand-new adventure that plunks the listener right into the middle of all the wacky action and laughs with its unique storytelling style.

In our first adventure You and Me trek to the Land of Lost Things in search of my lucky rabbit's foot. Along the way we meet some wacky new friends, the Knucklehead brothers, a wristwatch that's lost its flock, a talking book, hundreds of snapping turtles and a pirate rabbit!

Did we find my lucky charm? You already know that, YOU were there! If you've forgotten you'll just have to read the book!

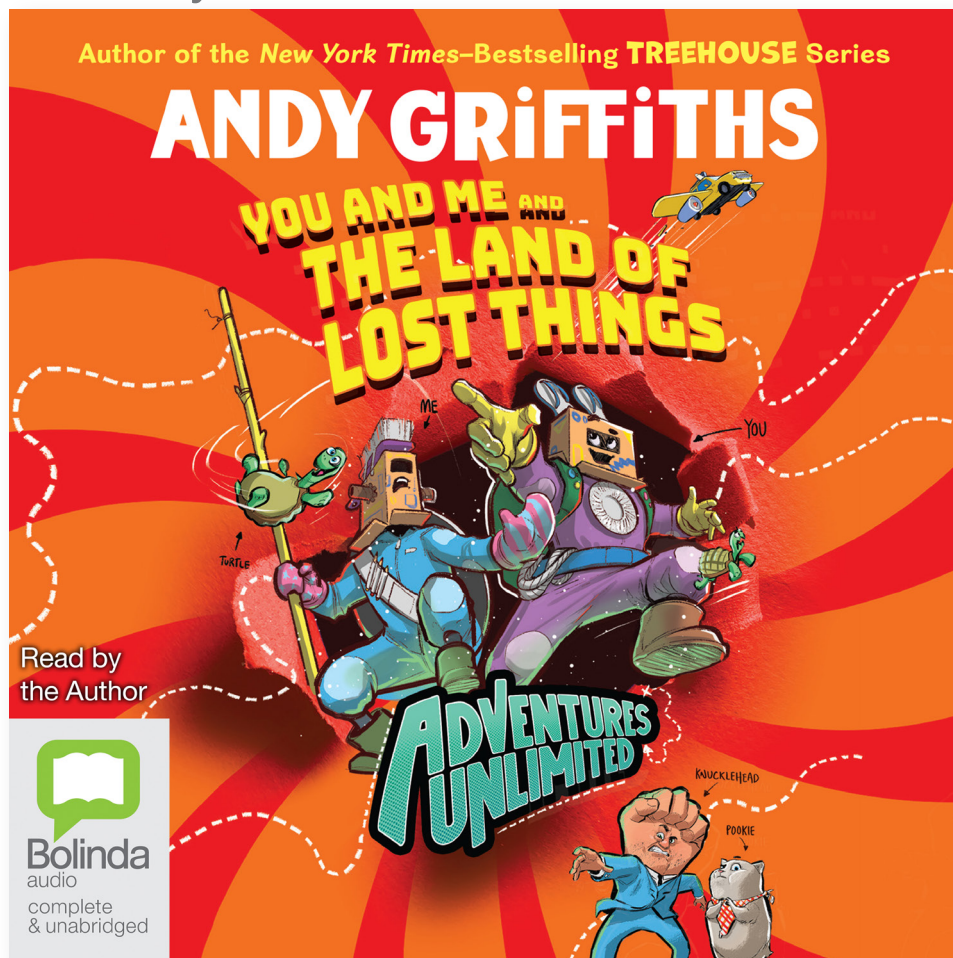
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