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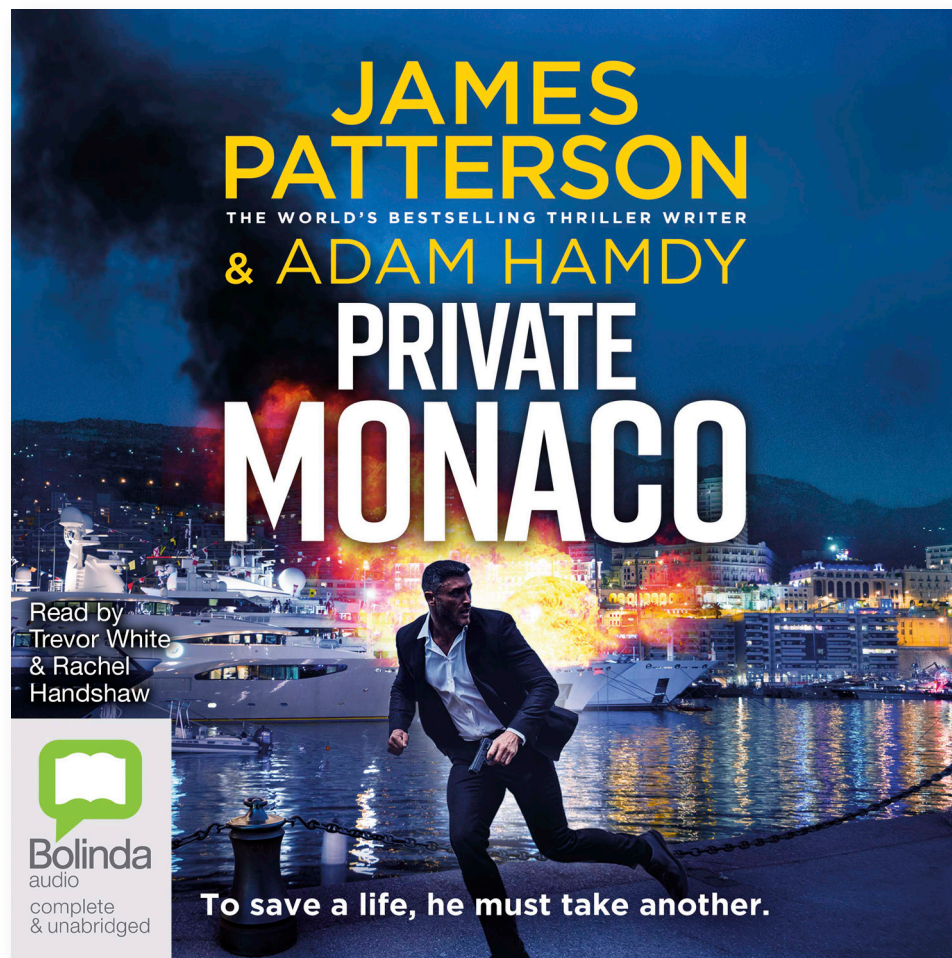
Private #19

James Patterson & Adam Hamdy

Read by Trevor White & Rachel Handshaw

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024



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

The clock is ticking.

When Jack Morgan is invited to the luxurious Monaco coast to set up a new Private office, it seems like the perfect opportunity to relax in an iconic destination. But the vacation is quickly cut short when Jack's partner Justine is abducted.

The kidnappers send Jack clear instructions – and a gun. If he wants to see the woman he loves again, he must take a life in exchange for hers. Jack soon becomes entangled in a dangerous conspiracy that will come to a head at the Monaco Grand Prix.

Hours from disaster, Jack must find Justine and her kidnappers – and put a stop to whatever they have planned next.

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

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

'An unmissable, breakneck ride ...' – James Swallow, bestselling author of *Nomad* (on *Private Moscow*)

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

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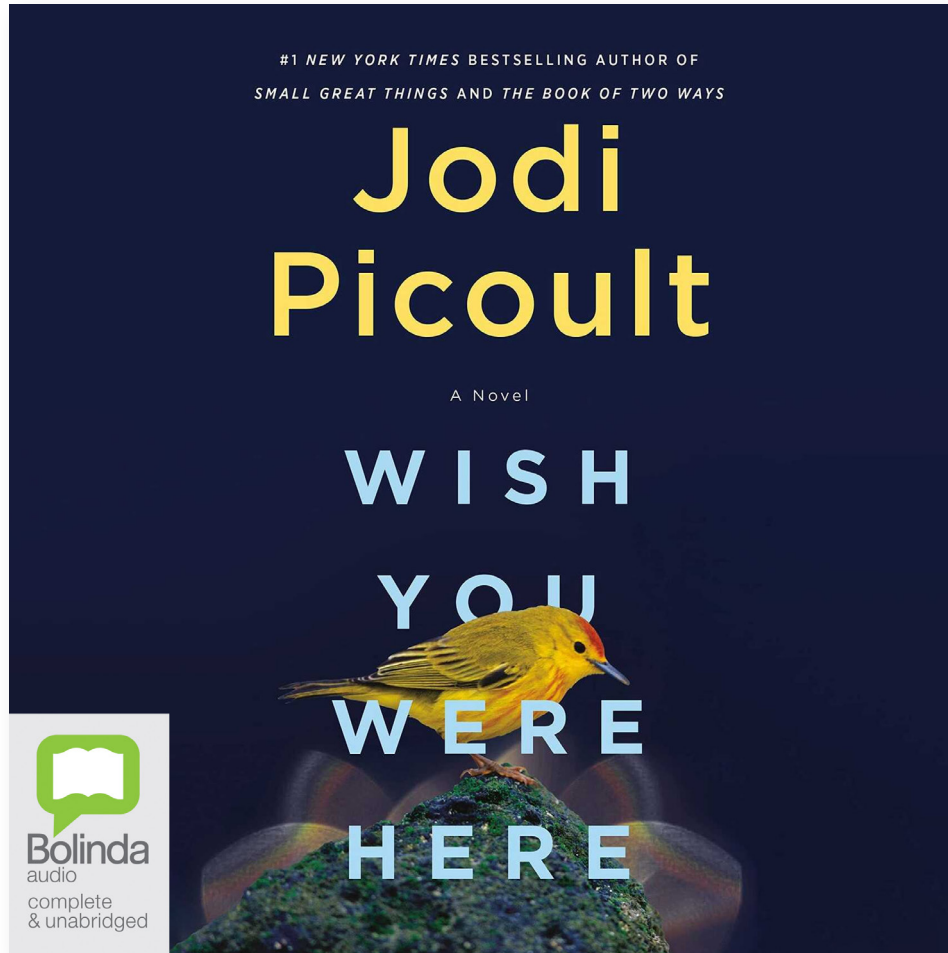
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Wish You Were Here

Jodi Picoult

Read by Marin Ireland



From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Small Great Things* comes a deeply moving story about the resilience of the human spirit in a moment of crisis.

Diana O'Toole is perfectly on track. She will be married by 30, done having kids by 35 and move out to the New York City suburbs, all while climbing the professional ladder in the cutthroat art auction world. She's not engaged just yet, but she knows her boyfriend Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose – days before her 30th birthday. Right on time.

But now she is stranded, alone on what was planned to be a romantic idyll with Finn. Unfortunately, Finn is trapped thousands of miles away, and Diana is on one of the world's most beautiful islands with no food, no luggage and no place to stay, forced to test her personal limits to survive.

Struggling to find her feet, Diana gradually connects with a local family when a teenager with a secret opens up to her. As Diana helps her fight her demons she learns more about herself, and about the islands of Galapagos, where Darwin developed his theory of evolution. The dramatic and sometimes dangerous terrain reflects Diana's own experiences, her new relationships and growing awareness that she too is evolving into someone quite different.

Jodi Picoult is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of 28 novels, which have been translated into 34 languages in 35 countries

Picoult is the recipient of many awards, including the New England Bookseller Award for Fiction, the Alex Awards from the YALSA, the NH Literary Award for Outstanding Literary Merit and the Sarah Josepha Hale Award

'A satisfying and thought-provoking narrative of a woman whose entire ecosystem has shifted.' – Minneapolis Star-Tribune

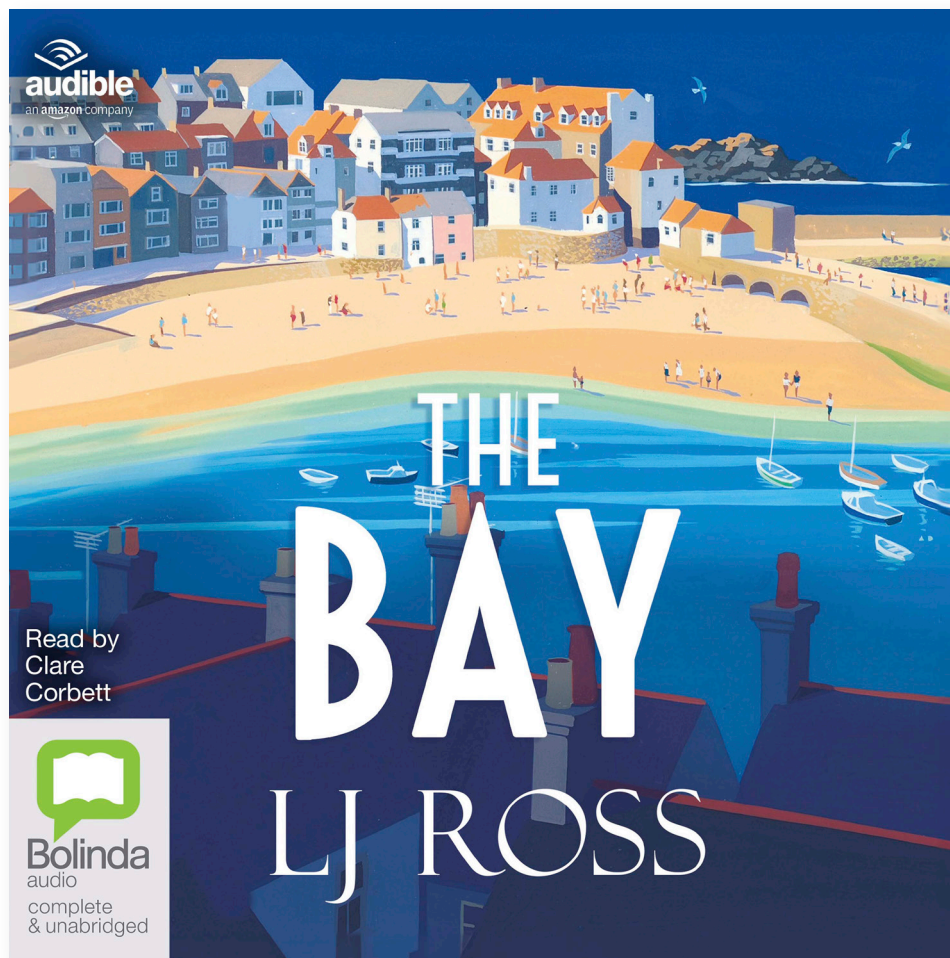
'Wish You Were Here is a transporting and transcendent novel about seeking out glimmers of light in the darkness, and following them wherever they lead.' – Emily Henry, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Beach Read*

The Bay

Summer Suspense Mysteries #3

L.J. Ross

Read by Clare Corbett



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024

Suspense is peppered with romance and humour in this fast-paced mystery, set amidst the spectacular Cornish landscape by bestselling author L.J. Ross.

Secrets never stay buried for long ...

In the picturesque seaside town of St Ives, Detective Sergeant Sophie Keane is a pillar of the community. Between the occasional collar and lazy weekends spent on the beach, it seems a perfect life. But for Sophie, the golden sands and crystal waters hide a dark secret, one that's lain buried for 20 years.

When a body turns up on the opening night of a glittering new art gallery on the seafront, the town is left shaken – especially Sophie, who recognises the killer's style but knows that what she fears just couldn't be possible ...

With a killer on the loose, everyone's a suspect – especially newcomer Gabriel Rowe, who seems to have settled in far too quickly for her liking. For Sophie, he's guilty until proven innocent ...

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

In May 2021, Ross was shortlisted for the prestigious Crime Writers' Association Dagger in the Library award

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

'L.J. Ross keeps company with the best mystery writers.' – The Times

'A literary phenomenon.' – Evening Chronicle

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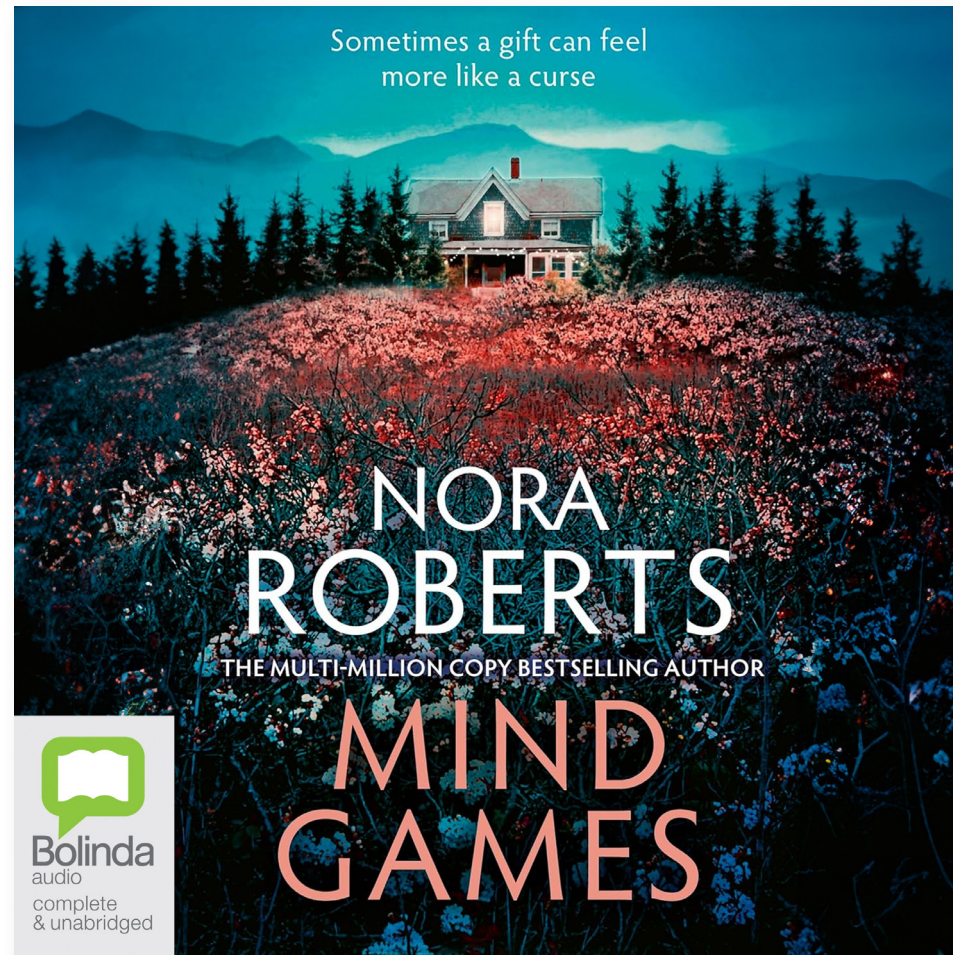
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Crime & Thriller | August 2024

Mind Games

Nora Roberts

Read by January LaVoy



The #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Identity* presents a suspenseful new tale of tragedy and trauma, love and family, and the evil that awaits.

As they do each June, the Foxes drop off their children for a two-week stay at their grandmother's. Here, 12-year-old Thea can run free and breathe in the smells of pine and fresh bread and Grammie's handmade candles. But as her parents head back to suburban Virginia, they have no idea they're about to cross paths with a ticking time bomb.

Back in Kentucky, Thea and her grandmother Lucy both awaken from the same nightmare. And though the two have never discussed the special kind of sight they share; they know as soon as their tearful eyes meet that something terrible has happened.

The kids will be staying with Grammie now in Redbud Hollow, and thanks to Thea's vision, their parents' killer will spend his life in Supermax. Over time, Thea will make friends, build a career, find love. But that ability to see into minds and souls still lurks within her, and though Grammie calls it a gift, it feels more like a curse – because the inmate who shattered her childhood has the same ability.

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

Roberts also authored the bestselling *In Death* series under the pen name J.D. Robb

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

'Fans of Roberts' enticing brand of storytelling will find everything they crave in her latest polished thriller, including compelling characters, an evocative, richly realized setting, and a captivating plot enlivened a generous dash of romance and just the right measure of nerve-jangling, nail-biting suspense.' – Booklist

'Nora Roberts is, quite simply, a one-woman phenomenon' – Heat

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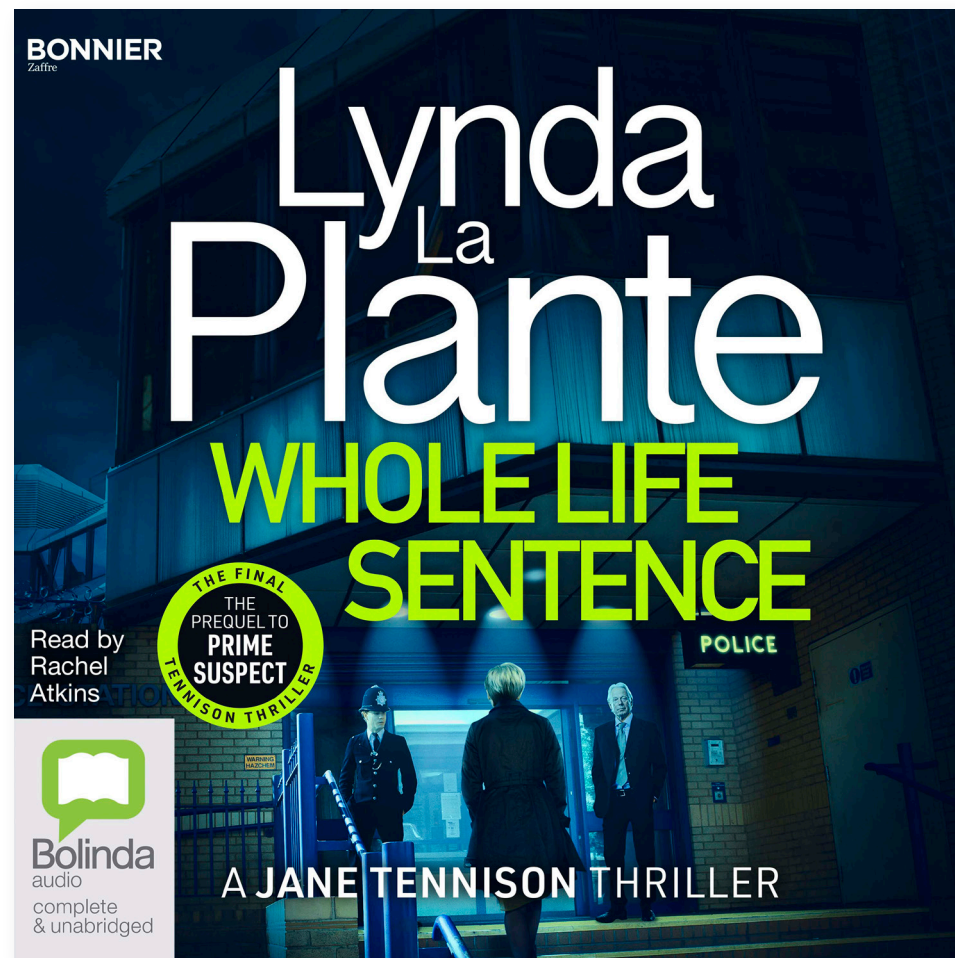
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Whole Life Sentence

Tennison #10

Lynda La Plante

Read by Rachel Atkins



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024

Bestselling author Lynda La Plante's pulse-pounding final Tennison thriller, bringing listeners up to the point at which the famous television series *Prime Suspect* began.

Newly promoted Detective Chief Inspector Jane Tennison has elbowed her way into the Area Major Incident Pool, or AMIP, an elite team investigating non-domestic murders.

With her new position, she hopes things will change – the rampant sexism, the snide remarks, the undermining. Then she gets her first assignment: a five-year-old cold case of a missing teenager no one else has any interest in investigating, and an assumed suicide Tennison suspects is, in fact, murder.

But as Tennison gathers the crucial evidence to secure arrests, her new colleagues watch like vultures circling prey. And one by one the cases that she has built from the ground up are taken from her – and the glory along with them.

Lynda La Plante is the author of numerous bestselling titles, including *The Legacy*, *Cold Shoulder* and *Sleeping Cruelty*

La Plante has won BAFTA, Emmy, British Broadcasting and Royal Television Society awards, as well as the 1993 Edgar Allan Poe Writer's Award

In 2008, La Plante was awarded a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to Literature, Drama and Charity

'Lynda La Plante is a mastermind. Rather than tire of her heroine, La Plante ensures we grow along with her, throwing at Jane new challenges, obstacles, threats and hopes at every possible turn.' – Better Reading (on *Taste of Blood*)

'As always, La Plante's stunning police procedural, complex, multi-layered plotting and richly detailed character portrayals, are the best in the business, and her fine line in sardonic humour and no-nonsense Eighties-style policing are the icing on another delicious slice of top-notch crime writing.' – Lancashire Post (on *Taste of Blood*)

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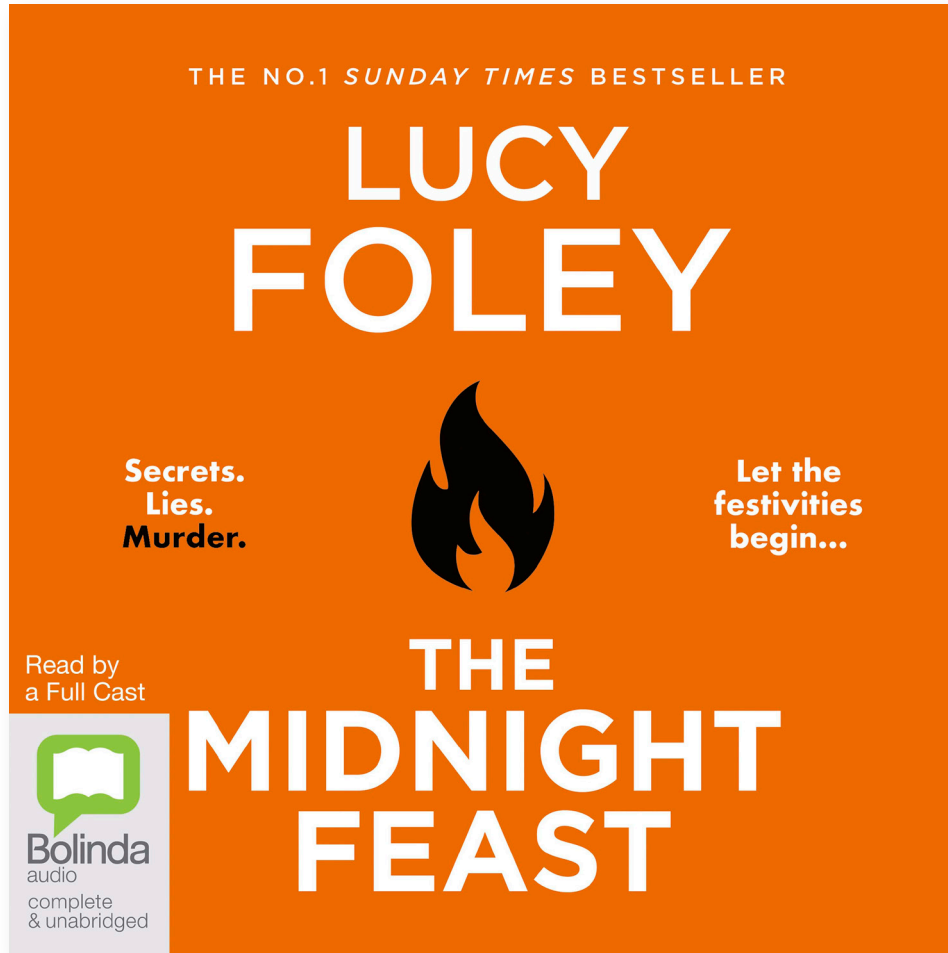
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The Midnight Feast

Lucy Foley

Read by a Full Cast



The brand-new murder mystery thriller from the no.1 and multi-million copy bestselling author Lucy Foley.

Midsummer, the Dorset coast.

Guests gather for the opening of The Manor hotel, the new jewel on the Dorset coastline. The champagne is flowing, the guest list sparkling, the sun setting on an unforgettable summer solstice. But under the cloak of celebration, something dark is stirring. The Manor has a secret history; built in the shadows of an ancient wood.

Now old friends and enemies are creeping out of the shadows. And they'll soon discover what other deadly secrets come out at night ...

Lucy Foley is the #1 *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Hunting Party*, *The Guest List* and *The Paris Apartment*

Foley's books have been translated into over 40 languages and all three murder mysteries are currently being adapted for TV and film

The Guest List was a Reese's Book Club pick, a Goodreads Choice Awards winner, a Waterstones Book of the Month and has sold over three million copies

'The bestselling author of our former Thrillers of the Month *The Hunting Party* and *The Guest List* serves up another champagne-fuelled murder mystery as a Midsummer party at an age-old manor house on the Dorset coast turns deadly.' – Waterstones

'A modern-day Agatha Christie.' – Entertainment Weekly (on *The Paris Apartment*)

The Hunter

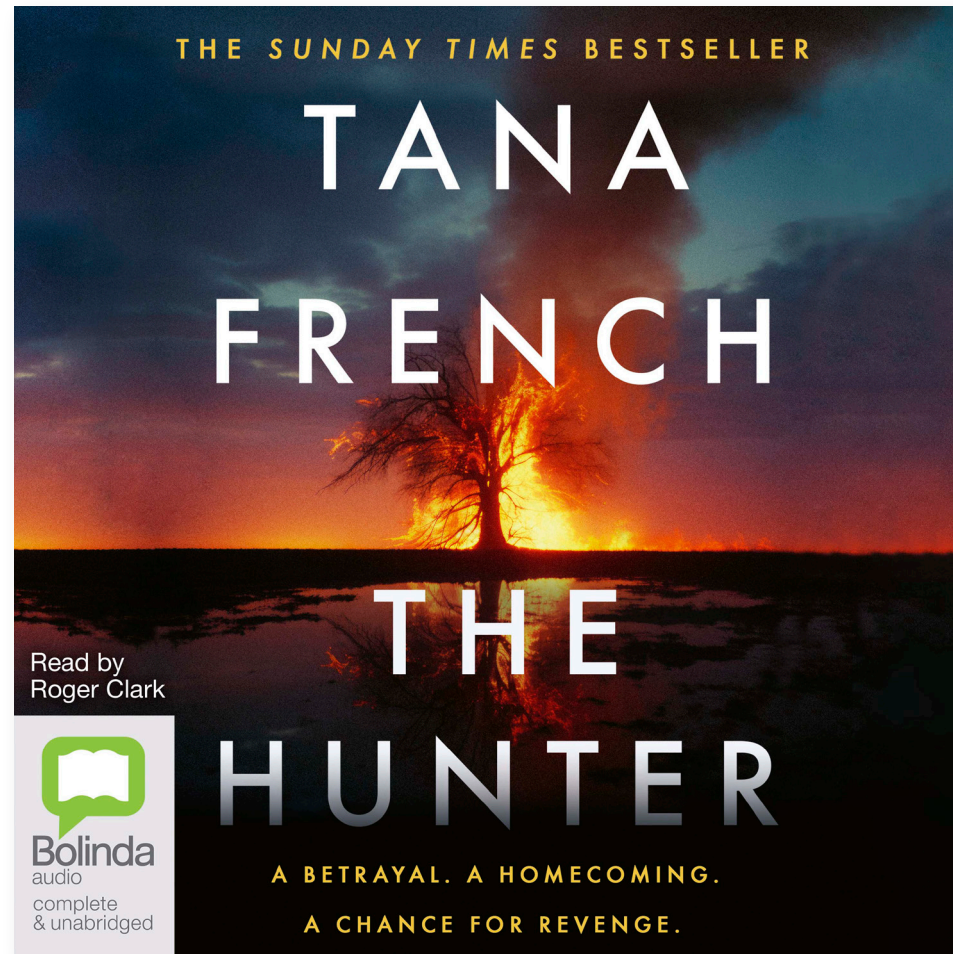
Cal Hooper #2

Tana French

Read by Roger Clark

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024



The gripping and atmospheric new crime drama from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Searcher*.

It's a blazing summer when two men arrive in the village. They're coming for gold. What they bring is trouble.

Cal Hooper was a Chicago detective, till he moved to the West of Ireland looking for peace. He's found it, more or less – in his relationship with local woman Lena, and the bond he's formed with half-wild teenager Trey. So when two men turn up with a money-making scheme to find gold in the townland, Cal gets ready to do whatever it takes to protect Trey. Because one of the men is no stranger – he's Trey's father.

But Trey doesn't want protecting. What she wants is revenge.

Crackling with tension and slow-burn suspense, *The Hunter* explores what we'll do for our loved ones, what we'll do for revenge and what we sacrifice when the two collide, from the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestseller Tana French.

Tana French is the *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestselling author of *In the Woods*, *The Likeness*, *Faithful Place*, *Broken Harbour*, *The Secret Place*, *The Trespasser* and *The Wych Elm*

French's titles have won awards including the Edgar, Anthony, Barry and Macavity awards, the *LA Times* Book Prize for Best Mystery/Thriller and the Irish Book Award for Best Crime Fiction

'A richly told tale of tangled loyalties. French ratchets up the tension in increments ... By the end, these characters have taken on such solidity that, long after finishing it, I often catch myself wondering how they're doing – a testament to the author's mastery of her craft.' – The Guardian

'Tana French's immersive, thought-provoking *The Hunter* revels in the quiet moments, but knows true peace is elusive.' – Sarah Hilary, author of *Someone Else's Skin*

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Agatha Christie's Marple: Expert on Wickedness

Agatha Christie & Mark Aldridge

Read by Jane Slavin

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024

A new investigation from Dr Mark Aldridge, exploring a lifetime of Agatha Christie's Miss Jane Marple.

In *Agatha Christie's Marple: Expert on Wickedness*, 'Agathologist' Dr Mark Aldridge looks at nearly a century of St Mary Mead's most famous resident and uses his own detective skills to uncover new information about Miss Jane Marple's appearances on page, stage, screen and beyond.

Drawing on a range of material, some of which is newly discovered and previously unpublished, this audiobook explores everything about Miss Marple, from her origins in a series of short stories penned by Christie to the recent bestselling collection *Marple: Twelve New Stories*.

This accessible and entertaining guide to the world of Miss Marple pieces together the evidence in order to tell you everything you need to know about the world's favourite female detective.

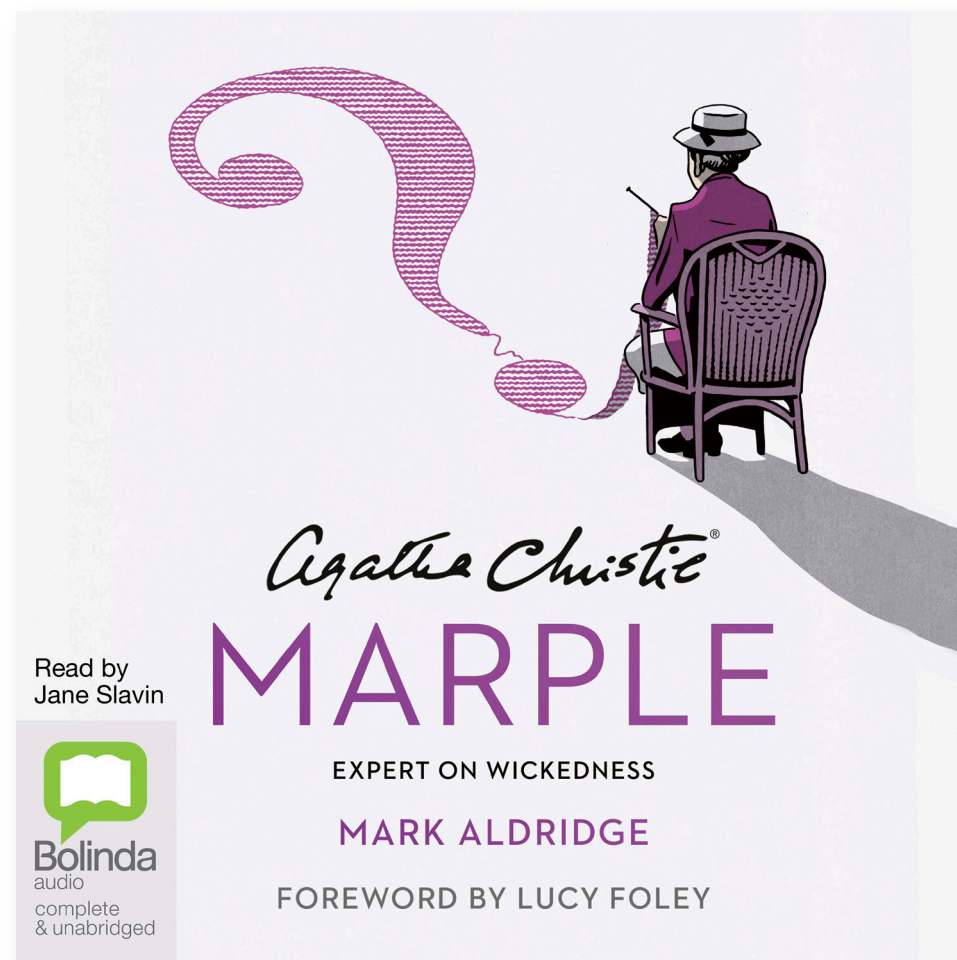
Agatha Christie is known throughout the world as the Queen of Crime. Her books have sold over a billion copies in English with another billion in over 70 foreign languages

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

Mark Aldridge is an academic, speaker and historian, specialising in the world of Agatha Christie

In 2016 Aldridge's book *Agatha Christie on Screen* was published, a comprehensive guide to the film and television adaptations of the *Queen of Crime*

'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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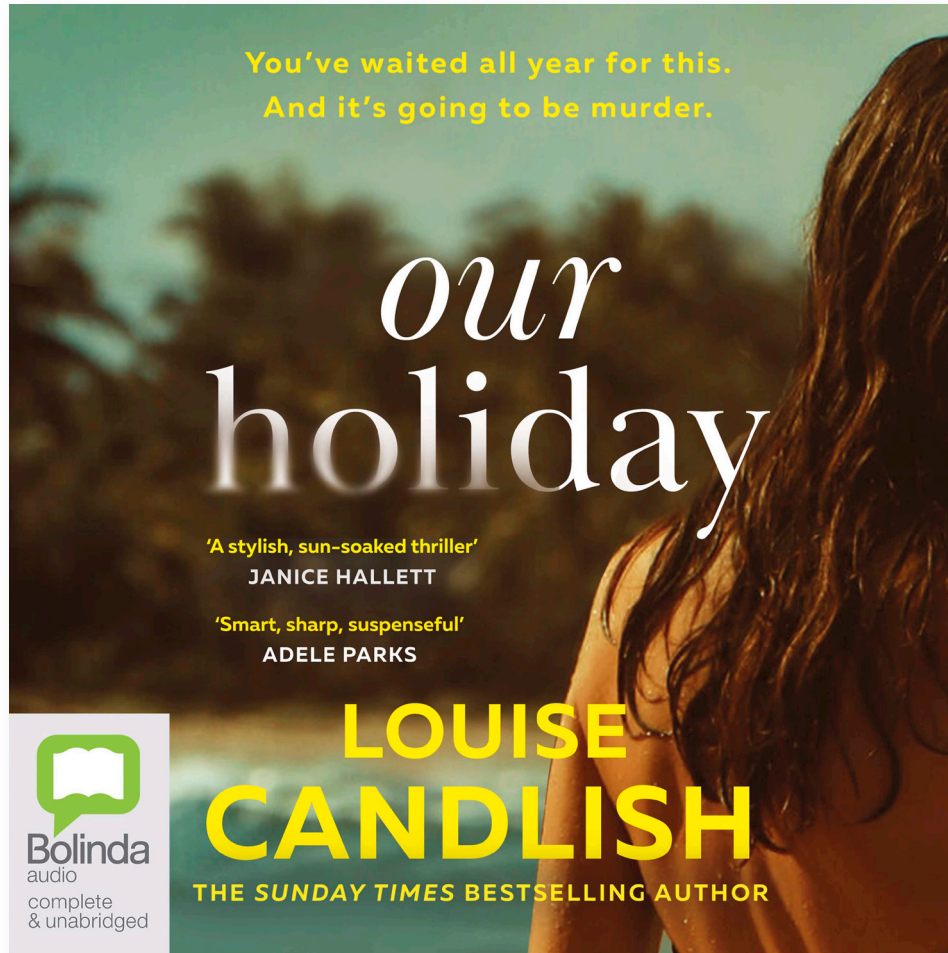
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Our Holiday

Louise Candlish

Read by a Full Cast



A gripping, twisty new thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Our House*.

Charlotte and Perry have owned their clifftop holiday home in Pine Ridge for years. They've worked hard for it – why shouldn't they enjoy it? Even if the locals can't afford to live in the village these days ...

Now city friends Amy and Linus have bought a second home nearby and when the two families descend, they plan lazy days at the beach and evenings sipping rosé and watching the sun set from Charlotte's summerhouse veranda.

But this summer is different. A group of locals – headed by the charismatic Robbie – will stop at nothing to make the second home owners pay for their holiday. By the end of their break, marriages will be torn apart, friendships shattered and crimes exposed.

And one of them will have lost their life.

Louise Candlish is the bestselling author of 16 novels and her books are published all over the world

Candlish's title *Our House* was adapted into a major four-part ITV drama and won the 2019 British Book Awards Crime and Thriller Book of the Year

Candlish's other titles such as *The Only Suspect*, *The Heights*, *The Other Passenger*, *The Swimming Pool* and *The Day You Saved My Life* have all been optioned for the screen

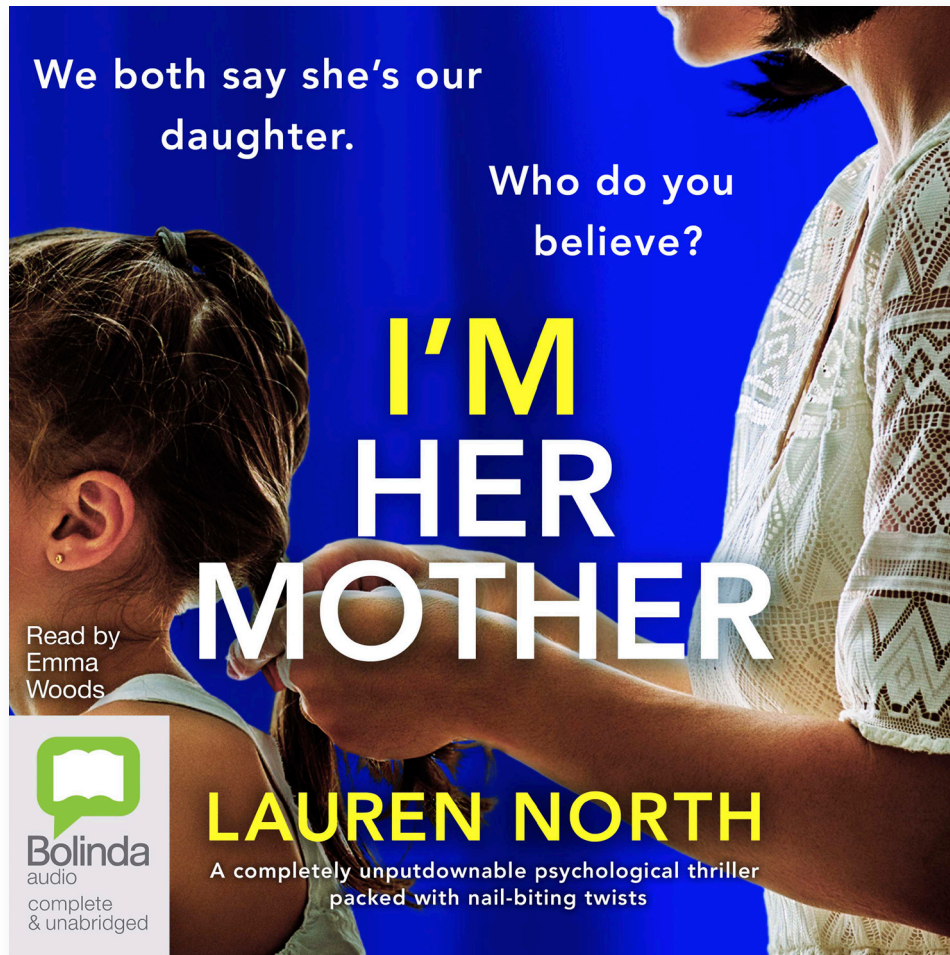
'You liked *Our House*? You'll love *Our Holiday*. Another smasher from Louise Candlish. Take a drop of thieving, adultery, addiction, lying and murder ...' – Fern Britton, bestselling author of *Daughters of Cornwall*

'Another slice of compelling, gripping escapism from Louise Candlish. Absolutely loved it.' – Jane Fallon, author of *Over Sharing*

I'm Her Mother

Lauren North

Read by Emma Woods



Two women claim that Lola belongs to them. Two women with something to hide. Only one is telling the whole truth. Who will you believe?

We both say she's our daughter. But one of us is lying ...

My little girl Lola is my whole world. Three years old and so beautiful – all golden curls and dimpled cheeks. But on our way home from holiday she was stolen, whisked away in the blink of an eye.

I can't breathe without Lola. I don't know how to get her back. The woman who has my daughter is on the run. And she has no intention of bringing Lola home. Because she says she's her mother. But that's impossible, because I'm Lola's mother.

Though really, I should have known my secrets would come back to haunt me. That this day was always going to come ...

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

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

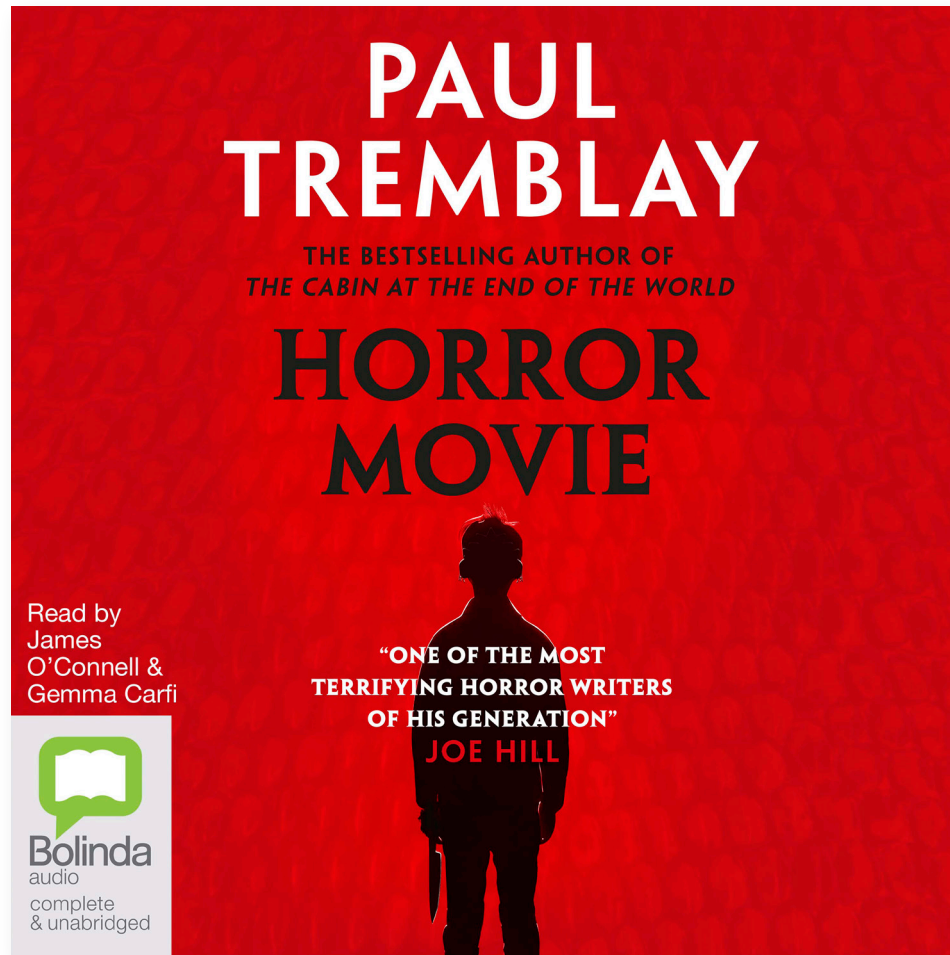
'A captivating, suspenseful thriller that draws you in – with a twist that will take your breath away.' – T.M. Logan, bestselling author of *The Curfew* (on *The Perfect Betrayal*)

'Utterly gripping, dark, twisty and cleverly written.' – Karen Clarke, author of *Your Life For Mine* (on *Safe At Home*)

Horror Movie

Paul Tremblay

Read by James O'Connell & Gemma Carfi



A chilling twist on the ‘cursed film’ genre from the bestselling author of *The Pallbearers Club* and *The Cabin at the End of the World*.

In June 1993, a group of young guerilla filmmakers spent four weeks making *Horror Movie*, a notorious, disturbing, art-house horror flick.

The weird part? Only three of the film’s scenes were ever released to the public, but *Horror Movie* has nevertheless grown a rabid fanbase. Three decades later, Hollywood is pushing for a big budget reboot.

The man who played ‘The Thin Kid’ is the only surviving cast member. He remembers all too well the secrets buried within the original screenplay, the bizarre events of the filming and the dangerous crossed lines on set that resulted in tragedy. As memories flood back in, the boundaries between reality and film, past and present start to blur. But he’s going to help remake the film, even if it means navigating a world of cynical producers, egomaniacal directors and surreal fan conventions – demons of the past be damned. But at what cost?

Paul Tremblay has won the Bram Stoker, British Fantasy, Sheridan Le Fanu and Massachusetts Book awards

Tremblay is the national bestselling author of *The Beast You Are*, *The Pallbearers Club*, *Survivor Song*, *Growing Things and Other Stories*, *Disappearance at Devil’s Rock* and *A Head Full of Ghosts*

Tremblay’s novel *The Cabin at the End of the World* was adapted into the Universal Pictures film *Knock at the Cabin*

‘Paul Tremblay is one of the most terrifying horror writers of his generation and his new chiller, *Horror Movie*, is a reason for excitement.’ – Joe Hill, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Fireman*

Karma

My Autobiography

Boy George

Read by the Author



Adult New Release

Autobiography | August 2024

Karma is the definitive autobiography from the incomparable Grammy, Brit and Ivor Novello award-winning lead singer of Culture Club and LGBTQ+ vanguard, Boy George.

'I went to a lot of trouble to create Boy George and then I went through a whole battle for years about not wanting to be him. But now I enjoy and embrace it in a way that I wasn't able to as a young person ... I'm finally learning to be George Alan O'Dowd from Eltham.'

Told in his inimitable style, *Karma* tells the story of the charismatic frontman – the drama, the music, his journey of addiction and recovery, surviving prison, meeting legends like David Bowie, Prince and Madonna, and the highs and lows of a life lived in the spotlight and in the headlines.

This is the explosive and searingly honest account of Boy George's life as a child growing up in '60s London, coming out to his Irish Catholic family and exploring his sexuality through the hedonism of the '70s – the glam rock and punk rock revolution that birthed Culture Club – and the heydays of the '90s, to finally embracing the man and artist that he is today. With all the humour, honesty, sarcasm (and hats!) that you'd expect, *Karma* gives us a unique insight into Boy George's incredible story and the true evolution of a music icon.

#1 new release in Gay Studies and LGBTQ+ Biographies

If you enjoy LGBTQ+ celebrity autobiography books such as *Pageboy*, *Unprotected* or *Starving In Search of Me*, then Boy George's *Karma* is for you

'Funny, smart and heartbreaking. Incredible ... go listen to it or read it.' – Robbie Williams

'The most entertaining music memoir since Elton John's Me ... This is George O'Dowd in all his exhausting glory.' – The Observer

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Husband and Wife

K.L. Slater

Read by Clare Corbett



Secrets unravel and tensions rise in this gripping and unputdownable psychological thriller from bestselling author K.L. Slater, perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell and Freida McFadden.

We promised to keep each other's secrets. Until they found the body ...

The wife: My husband and I are fighting for our lives in hospital after a terrible car accident. But despite my pain, all I can think about is what our families will find behind our front door. The scarf that has been all over the news, belonging to a dead young woman with honey-coloured hair. I have to speak to the police before my husband can ...

The husband: I'm drifting in and out of consciousness, but when I hear my wife talking to the police, accusing me of the murder of an innocent woman, a cold fear grips me. I know I've got a temper. That I've not always been faithful. Will they think I killed her?

I think of my wife's jealous streak, of the lies she's told our loved ones. But if I tell the whole truth, they'll look into her past. And that will destroy me, too ...

Two people fighting for their lives. Two people with secrets to hide. Who will you believe?

K.L. Slater is the #1 bestselling author of 20 psychological crime thrillers

Slater has sold over three million copies of her titles worldwide, and she has also written four Carnegie-nominated young adult titles as Kim Slater

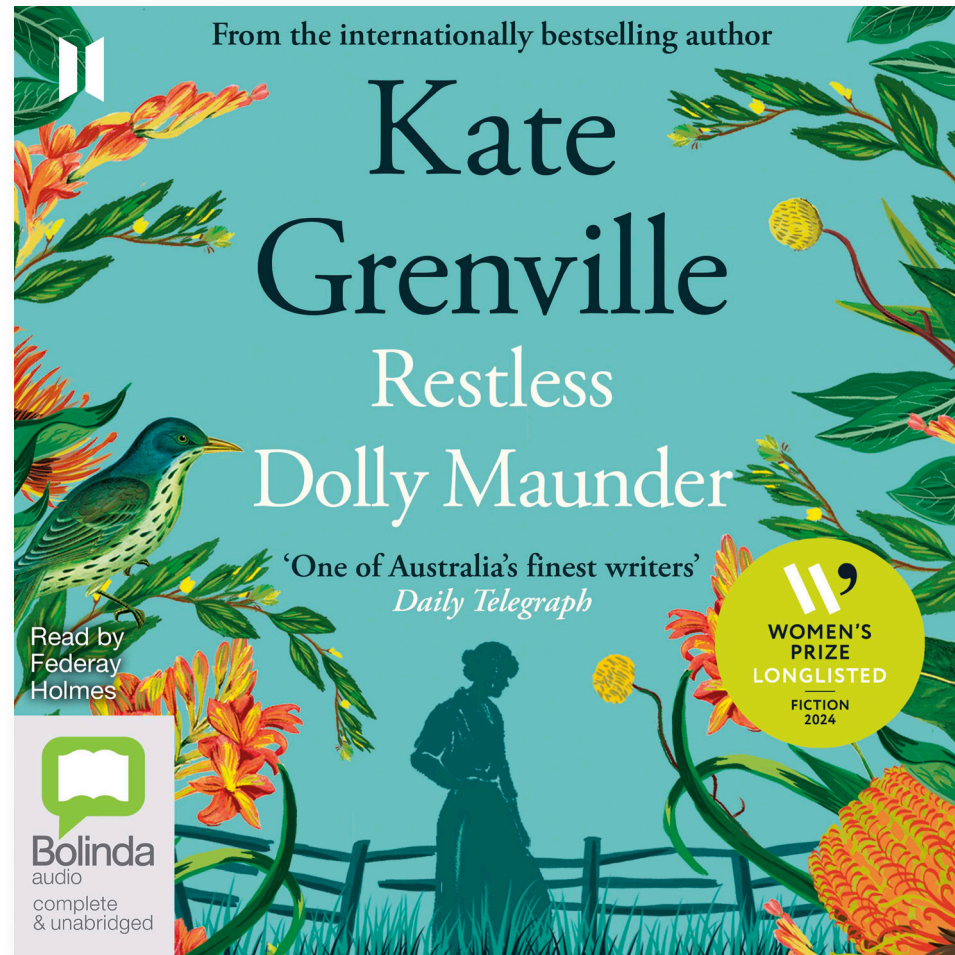
Slater is the bestselling author of psychological crime thrillers *Safe With Me*, *Blink*, *Liar*, *The Mistake*, *The Visitor* and *The Secret*

'Brilliant, very clever ... I absolutely recommend it.' – B.A. Paris, author of *Behind Closed Doors*, *The Therapist* and *The Prisoner* (on *Blink*)

Restless Dolly Maunder

Kate Grenville

Read by Federay Holmes



An exquisite portrait of Kate Grenville's complex, conflicted grandmother – a woman Kate feared as a child, and only came to understand in adulthood.

Dolly Maunder was born at the end of the 19th century, when society's long-locked doors were starting to creak ajar for women. Growing up in a poor farming family in country New South Wales but clever, energetic and determined, Dolly spent her restless life pushing at those doors.

Most women like her have disappeared from view, remembered only in family photo albums as remote figures in impossible clothes, or maybe for a lemon-pudding recipe handed down through the generations. *Restless Dolly Maunder* brings one of these women to life as someone we can recognise and whose struggles we can empathise with.

In this compelling new novel, Kate Grenville uses family memories to imagine her way into the life of her grandmother. This is the story of a woman, working her way through a world of limits and obstacles, who was able – if at a cost – to make a life she could call her own. Her battles and triumphs helped to open doors for the women who came after.

Restless Dolly Maunder was longlisted for Women's Prize for Fiction and Best Fiction Fiction in the Indie Book Awards 2024

Kate Grenville is one of Australia's most celebrated writers, whose international bestseller *The Secret River*, now a much-loved classic, was awarded local and overseas prizes, has been adapted for the stage and is an acclaimed television miniseries

'Vivid and memorable ... [Kate Grenville] offers us the ambivalence and complex textures of experience without losing the rhythm and pace of realist fiction' – Sarah Moss, author of *Ghost Wall*

'... the writing sparkles with Grenville's gift for transcendently clear imagery ... a work of history, biography, story and memoir, all fused into a novel that suggests the great potential of literary art as redeemer, healer and pathway to understanding.' – The Guardian

Why Mummy Drinks on Holiday

Why Mummy #6

Gill Sims

Read by Gabrielle Glaister

Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | August 2024

A laugh-out-loud rollercoaster of friendship, family and the quest for the perfect summer – warts and all. Dive into Ellen Russell's unforgettable journey, proving that the most unexpected moments create the most enduring memories.

Ellen Russell embarks on the Ultimate Summer – two whole months without the stifling confines of work drudgery, school runs or juggling the household's never-ending demands. This year promises the idyllic, laughter-filled summer of her dreams with her best friend, Hannah, and their Precious Moppets.

But can a summer filled with wicker picnic hampers, vintage bicycles and a sun-kissed trip to the in-laws' almost-chateau truly live up to The Vision?

As Ellen navigates the siren call of relaxation, Simon's sudden 'work crises', inevitable family drama, and the realities of trying to keep two feral hell-beasts alive on a daily basis threaten to derail Ellen's carefully laid plan of the 'Summer of Happy Memories'. Will her idealistic dreams shatter under the weight of reality, or can she salvage the joyous moments she so desperately seeks to mark one of the #18PreciousSummers?

The globally bestselling Why Mummy series has now sold over a quarter of a million copies

Gill Sims's first book *Why Mummy Drinks* was the bestselling hardback fiction debut of 2017, spending over six months in the top ten of the *Sunday Times* Bestseller Charts

Sims is the author of the hugely successful parenting blog and Facebook site *Peter and Jane*

'... honest, hilarious and painfully relatable. The author's deeply honest look at life with kids is also a refreshing counterpoint to those carefully curated mummy blogs that paint such perfect pictures of parenthood ... laugh-out-loud funny while dealing with the important stuff.' – Better Reading (on *Why Mummy Swears*)



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The Burial Plot

Elizabeth Macneal

Read by Olivia Vinall



From Elizabeth Macneal, the Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Doll Factory*, *The Burial Plot* is a spellbinding Gothic thriller about murder and manipulation.

London, 1839. With the cemeteries full and money to be made in death, tricksters Crawford and Bonnie survive on wicked schemes and ill-gotten coin. But one blistering evening, their fortunes flip. A man lies in a pool of blood at Bonnie's feet and now she needs to disappear.

Crawford secures her a position as lady's maid in a grand house on the Thames. As Bonnie comes to understand the family – the eccentric Mr Moncrieff, obsessively drawing mausoleums for his dead wife, and their peculiar daughter Cissie, scribbling imaginary love letters to herself – she begins to question what secrets are lying behind the house's paper-thin walls and whether her own presence here was planned from the beginning.

Because Crawford is watching, and perhaps he is plotting his greatest trick yet ...

Elizabeth Macneal is the author of two *Sunday Times* bestselling novels, *Circus of Wonders* and *The Doll Factory*, which won the 2018 Caledonia Novel Award and has been adapted into a major TV series on Paramount+

Macneal's work has been translated into 29 languages

'Propulsive, rich and properly gripping. Macneal is a masterful storyteller – I genuinely could not put this down.' – Stacey Halls, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Familiars*

'Dark, clever, with a twist worthy of your attention. Macneal gets better and better.' – Kiran Millwood Hargrave, author of *The Girl of Ink and Stars*

A Bitter Remedy

The Oxford Mysteries #1

Alis Hawkins

Read by Ffion Aynsley & Iestyn Arwel

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024

Join the quest for truth amidst the academic intrigues of Victorian Oxford in this compelling first instalment of The Oxford Mysteries series by master crime author, Alis Hawkins.

Jesus College, Oxford, 1881. An undergraduate is found dead at his lodgings and the medical examination reveals some shocking findings. When the young man's guardian blames the college for his death and threatens a scandal, Basil Rice, a Jesus College fellow with a secret to hide, is forced to act and finds himself drawn into Sidney Parker's sad life.

The mystery soon attracts the attention of Rhiannon 'Non' Vaughan, a young Welsh polymath and one of the young women newly admitted to university lectures. But when neither the college principal nor the powerful ladies behind Oxford's new female halls will allow her to become involved, Non's fierce intelligence and determination to prove herself drive her on.

Both misfits at the university, Non and Basil form an unlikely partnership, and it soon falls to them to investigate the mysterious circumstances of Parker's death. But between corporate malfeasance and snake-oil salesmen, they soon find the dreaming spires of Oxford are not quite what they seem ...

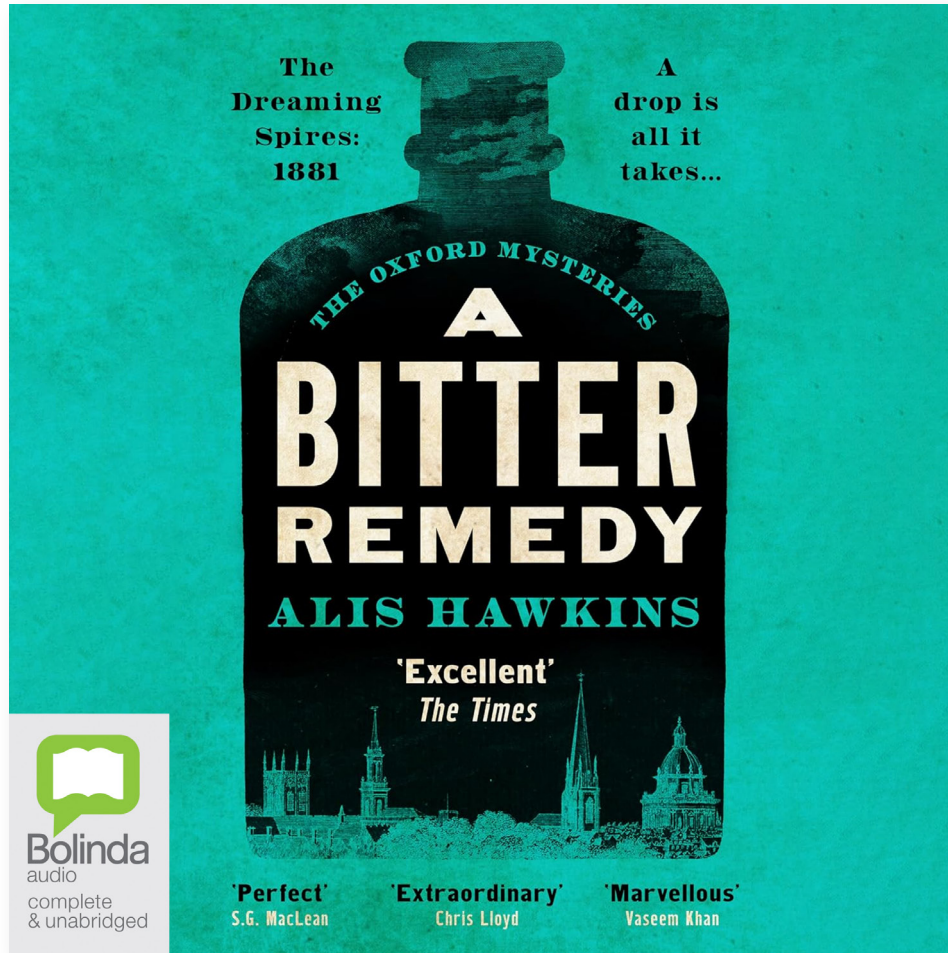
Perfect for fans of Laura Shepherd-Robinson, S.G. MacLean and Kaite Welsh

Alis Hawkins is a CWA Dagger shortlisted author of historical crime fiction and mysteries

A former speech and language therapist and current freelance writer and editor, Hawkins is a founder member of Welsh crime writers' collective, Crime Cymru, and a member of the Society of Authors and the Crime Writers' Association

'An excellent historical mystery dripping with atmosphere that exposes the chauvinism, misogyny and bigotry of late Victorian England.' – The Times

'Her inventiveness is prodigal.' – Financial Times



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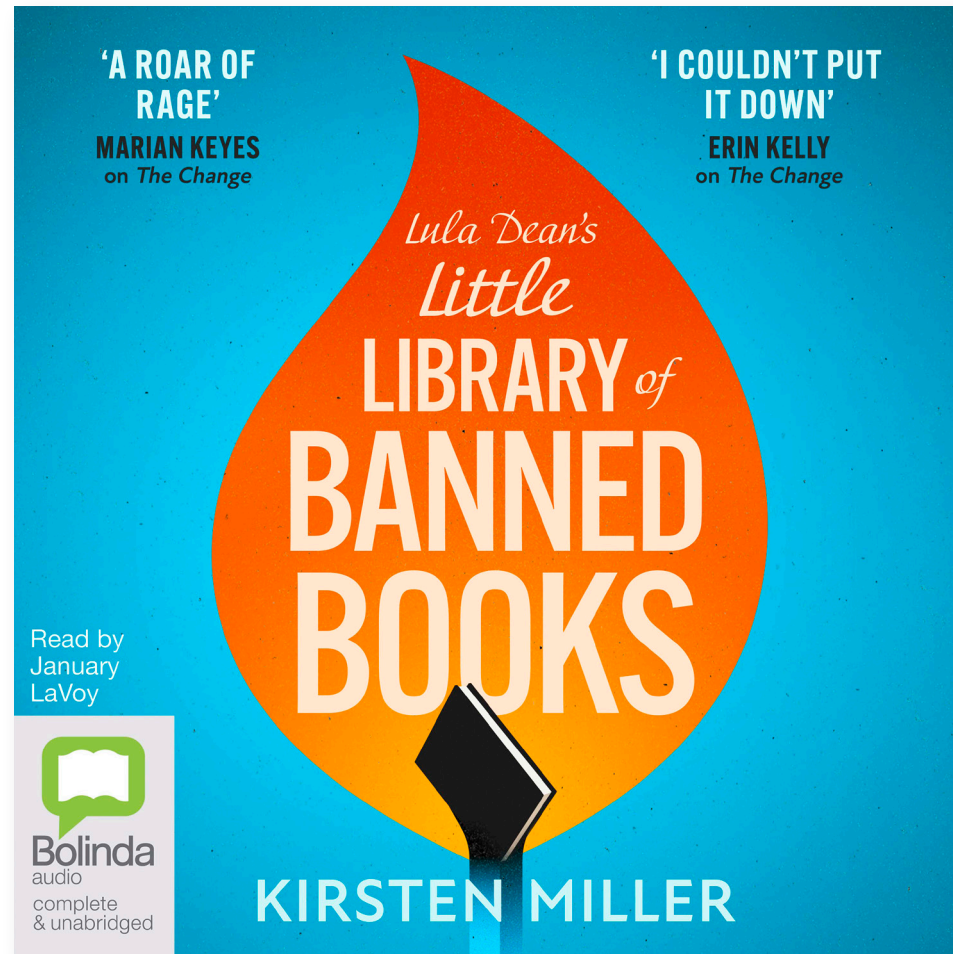
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Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books

Kirsten Miller

Read by January LaVoy



Kirsten Miller, author of *The Change*, brings us a bracing, wildly entertaining satire about a small Southern town, a pitched battle over banned books and a little lending library that changes everything.

Beverly Underwood and her arch enemy, Lula Dean, live in the tiny town of Troy, Georgia, where they were born and raised. Now Beverly is on the school board, and Lula has become a local celebrity by embarking on mission to rid the public libraries of all inappropriate books – none of which she's actually read. To replace the 'pornographic' books she's challenged at the local public library, Lula starts her own lending library in front of her home – a cute wooden hutch with glass doors and neat rows of the worthy literature that she's sure the town's readers need.

What Lula doesn't know is that a local troublemaker has stolen her wholesome books, removed their dust jackets and restocked Lula's library with banned books: literary classics, gay romances, Black history, witchy spell books, Judy Blume novels and more. One by one, neighbours who borrow books from Lula Dean's library find their lives changed in unexpected ways. Finally, one of Lula Dean's enemies discovers the library and decides to turn the tables on her, just as Lula and Beverly are running against each other to replace the town's disgraced mayor.

Kirsten Miller is the author of the feel-good feminist revenge fantasy, *The Change*

The Change was selected by *The Guardian*, *Prima* and *Woman & Home* in their 'Books of Year' round ups

'Powerful and original.' – Tammy Cohen, author of *The Wedding Party* (on *The Change*)

Elusive

The Scarlet Revolution #2

Genevieve Cogman

Read by Georgia Maguire

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | August 2024

The thrilling follow-up to *Scarlet*, *Elusive* by Genevieve Cogman is a witty, inventive retelling of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, packed with magic and vampires.

1793. Eleanor, once a lowly English maid, is now a member of the League of the Scarlet Pimpernel – renowned for their daring deeds, and for rescuing aristocrats and vampires from the guillotine.

When the notorious French diplomat Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand goes missing, Eleanor and the League leap into action. But they uncover two vampire factions feuding for control over humanity's fate. Talleyrand's disappearance is part of a larger, more dangerous scheme – one that threatens to throw France into bloody chaos ...

As the mutiny continues, a once-dead queen stalks the streets of Paris and the Scarlet Pimpernel is nowhere to be found. Eleanor must take control of her own fate. If she doesn't, she may find herself the victim of the very people she came to save.

Perfect for fans of Kim Newman and Gail Carriger

Genevieve Cogman is the author of *The Invisible Library*, *The Masked City*, *The Burning Page*, *The Lost Plot* and *The Mortal Word*

Cogman's title *Scarlet* has been included in Chapters Indigo's Most Anticipated Sci-Fi & Fantasy Books

'Utterly stunning. The intrigue and adventure keep you turning the page in this exciting tale of revolution, vampires and the guillotine. Cogman writes with beauty and wit to create a heroine we should all root for.' – T.L. Huchu, bestselling author of *The Library of the Dead* (on *Scarlet*)



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Dark Harvest

Hazel Atkinson

Read by Sofia Engstrand

COVER COMING SOON

Dark Harvest

Hazel Atkinson



A visceral, vivid and mesmerising new perspective on Ovid's *Heroides*, from the stunningly talented debut writer Hazel Atkinson.

The women you know, the stories you don't ...

Two thousand years ago, a Roman poet picked up his pen and dared to wonder what a heroine might sound like. Now, the women of Greco-Roman myth are speaking once more. And they have stories to tell ...

A murderous Medea stalks the streets of Belle-Epoque Paris, knife in hand, while a 17th-century Penelope faces accusations of witchcraft. Phaedra languishes, a bored and lonely Hollywood housewife until her husband brings home his dashing young son. Candac battles the dangers of the American Frontier, Sappho rebels against the rigid confines of East Coast academia and her relationship, while Dido must decide between desire and duty ... in a 12th-century nunnery. And Helen? Helen just longs to be given a choice.

It's not going to be easy – it will be grisly at times – but in their determination to break free from the shadows of myth, to harvest a new ending for themselves, there's bound to be darkness, bound to be a little collateral damage ...

Hazel Atkinson has put pen to paper and written the intertwining stories of some of Ovid's most famous heroines – Helen of Troy, Penelope, Phaedra – to name a few – and brought them into our everyday world.

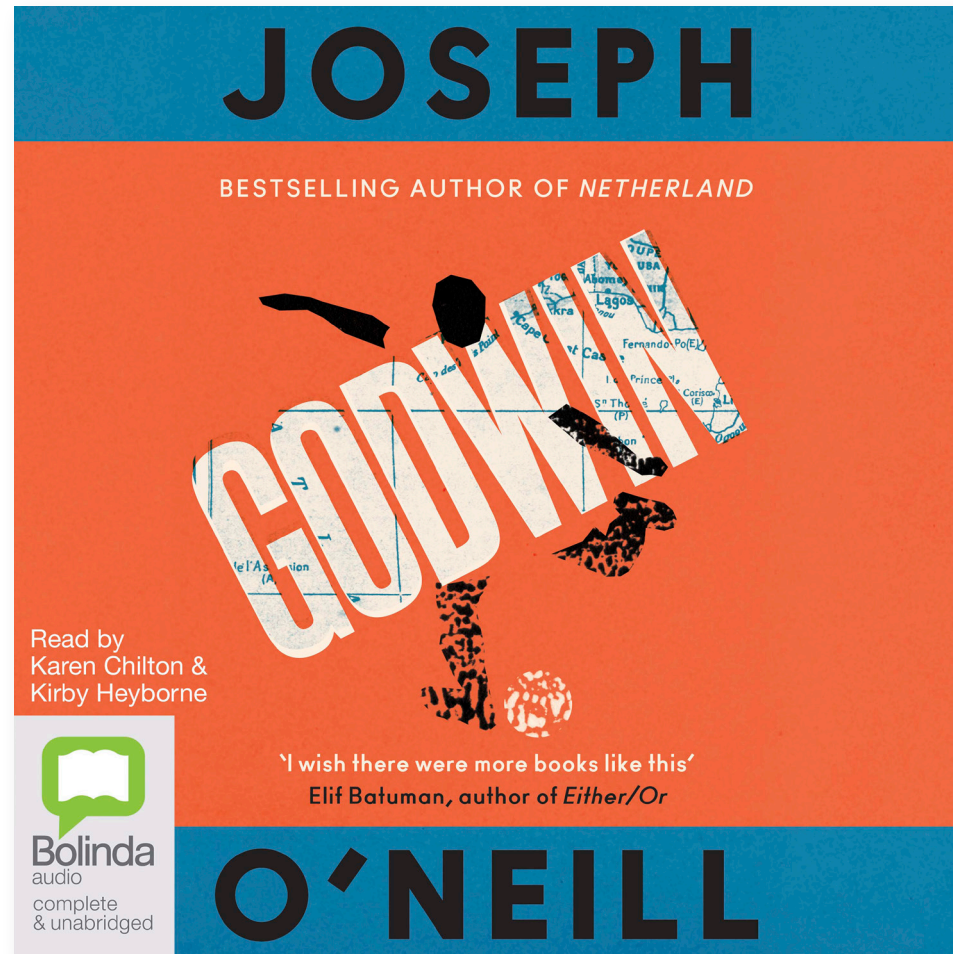
Think Sally Rooney, Pat Barker and Natalie Haynes writing a book together – the result is this remarkable novel, *Dark Harvest*, from a powerful debut writer, Hazel Atkinson

Having been writing from a young age, Atkinson has been placed in several competitions over the past few years, including the V.S. Pritchett Memorial prize and the H.G. Wells Short Story Competition

Godwin

Joseph O'Neill

Read by Karen Chilton & Kirby Heyborne



The odyssey of two brothers crossing the world in search of an African soccer prodigy who might change their fortunes, from the acclaimed author of *Netherland*.

Mark Wolfe, a brilliant if self-thwarting technical writer, lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Sushila, and their toddler daughter. His half-brother Geoff, born and raised in the United Kingdom, is a desperate young soccer agent. He pulls Mark across the ocean into a scheme to track down an elusive prospect known only as 'Godwin' – an African teenager Geoff believes could be the next Lionel Messi.

Narrated in turn by Mark and his work colleague Lakesha Williams, *Godwin* is a tale of family and migration as well as an international adventure story that implicates the brothers in the beauty and ugliness of soccer, the perils and promises of international business, and the dark history of transatlantic money-making.

As only he can do, Joseph O'Neill investigates the legacy of colonialism in the context of family love, global capitalism and the dreaming individual.

Joseph O'Neill has written five novels including *The Dog* and *Netherland*. He is also the author of a family history, *Blood-Dark Track*, and the short-story collection *Good Trouble*.

Netherland won the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and the Kerry Fiction Prize, and was longlisted for the Booker Prize.

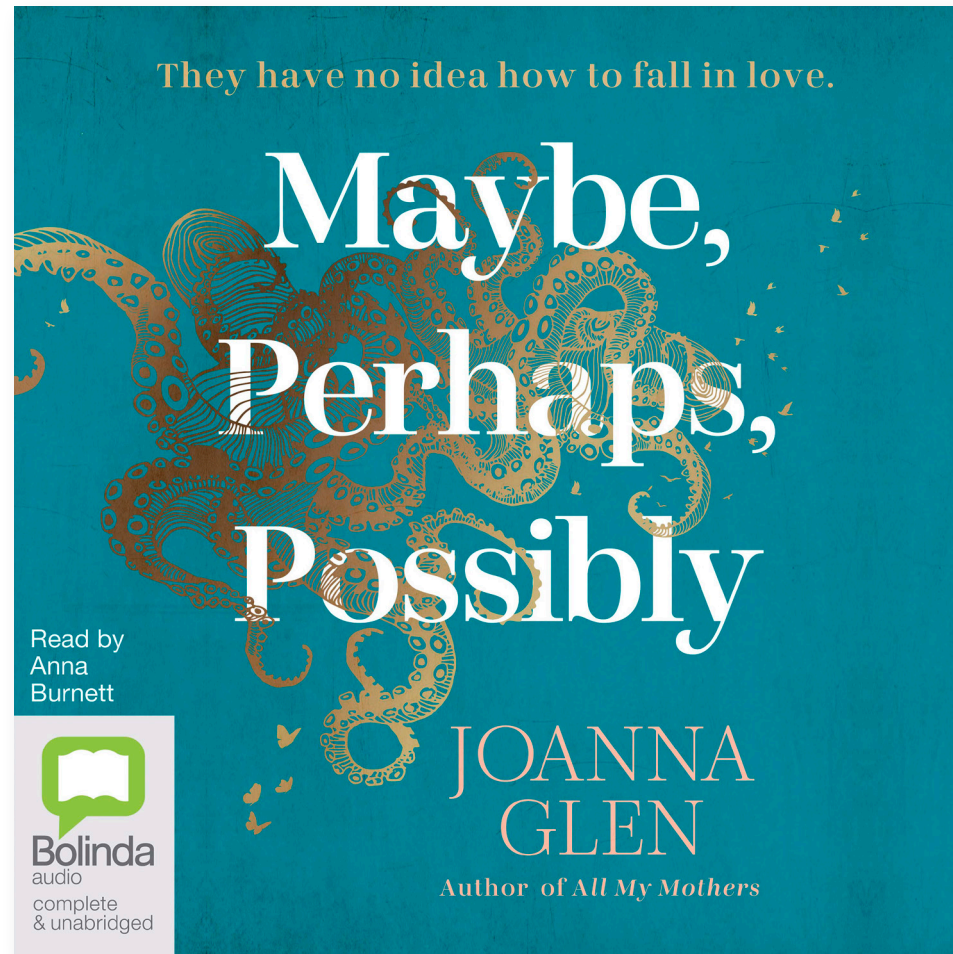
The Dog was longlisted for the Booker Prize and shortlisted for the Wodehouse Prize.

'An astonishing marathon of storytelling ... that highlights the avarice of sports recruitment and the legacy of colonialism ... Another exceptional entry in the O'Neill corpus.' – Kirkus Reviews, starred review

Maybe, Perhaps, Possibly

Joanna Glenn

Read by Anna Burnett



From the Costa-shortlisted author of *The Other Half of Augusta Hope* and *All My Mothers*, this is a beautifully observed and life-affirming novel about finding yourself, and then allowing someone else to find you.

The story of two people who have no idea how to fall in love ...

On the tiny island of Rokesby, Addie helps her mother run a women's retreat. Dreaming daily of escape, she consoles herself by swimming in the ocean that surrounds them.

On the neighbouring island, joined to Rokesby by a bridge at low tide, Sol has sought refuge at a wind-swept prayer house, grieving both his mother's death and his father's devastating betrayal. Alone and anxious, he takes comfort in birdwatching, books and the sounds of the sea.

Introverts with turbulent pasts and wary hearts, Sol and Addie are both drawn to nature far more than to people – until they catch sight of one another in the wild. Can they break free from past lessons in love to risk a better future together?

Joanna Glen's novels include *All My Mothers* and *The Other Half of Augusta Hope*, which was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award and the Authors' Club Best First Novel Award

Glen is an experienced editor, who has worked on a wide range of non-fiction books and courses – and her short fiction has appeared in the *Bath Flash Fiction Anthology*

'One of those rarest of books: so beautiful I almost couldn't bear it, and so moving I was reading through tears.' – Stacey Halls, Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Familiars* (on *All My Mothers*)

'Uniquely witty, beautifully observed, intricately woven.' – Miranda Hart (on *All My Mothers*)

Lucky Day

Beth Morrey

Read by Imogen Church

Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | August 2024

From the Sunday Times bestselling author of *Saving Missy* comes a fierce, joyful and uplifting story about putting life on pause, pleasing yourself and getting your own back. Whatever it takes.

Clover Hendry, 46, is a mum of two with a husband, a nice house and a TV career. But keeping the plates spinning is a struggle.

Clover is a people-pleaser – a woman who tips her hairdresser even when the cut is a disaster. She's endlessly patient with her horrendous mother, says yes every time her boss asks her to work late and goes to a book group she hates. She can't say no.

Until one day, when something happens that changes Clover. Today, things are going to be very different. Because Clover is taking the day off. She's taking a break, from ... everything. Today, she's going to do and say whatever she likes – even if that means her whole life unravels.

What happened to make Clover change her ways? Why doesn't she care anymore? There's more to this than meets the eye ...

Beth Morrey is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Saving Missy*, which was longlisted for the Authors' Club First Novel Award

For a long time Morrey was Creative Director of Development at RDF Television, where she was involved in numerous productions, and helped create *The Secret Life of Four Year Olds* series on Channel 4

'Hilarious, inspiring and peri-menopausal – Clover Hendry is a heroine for our times. She made me laugh, cry, and want to blow stuff up. A superhero for middle-aged women everywhere.' – Clare Pooley, bestselling author of *The Authenticity Project*

'This empowering, hilarious and messy attempt at grabbing back her life – just for a day – will leave you squealing and cheering.' – Lizzy Dent, author of *The Summer Job*



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Writing on the Wall

Graffiti, Rebellion and the Making of Eighteenth-Century Britain

Madeleine Pelling

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

History | August 2024

Hear the voices of the 18th-century – an eye-opening new history of Britain's most tumultuous period, told through its graffiti.

What if walls could talk? For historian Madeleine Pelling, they can – if you know where to look.

A brilliant new cultural history of the long 18th-century, *Writing on the Wall* is told through the marks its citizens left behind, bringing into focus lost voices from the highest to the lowest in society. From the centre of London to the islands of the Caribbean, Pelling goes in search of graffiti, evidence of how ordinary people experienced the world-changing events that defined their lives – from political prisoners to sex workers, homesick sailors, Romantic poets and the artisans of the industrial revolution.

Here are lives, loves, triumphs and failures, scratched into the walls of prisons and latrines, chalked up on doors and etched into windows. The names of their creators may be lost to history, but together they tell the real story of Britain's most rebellious and transformative century.

Madeleine Pelling is a cultural historian, author and broadcaster, holds a PhD from the University of York and has held research fellowships at the universities of Yale, Edinburgh, and Manchester

Pelling is co-host of *After Dark: Myths, Misdeeds and the Paranormal*, a podcast that brings a rigorous historical lens to folklore and true crime

Pelling is also a regular contributor for television, most recently for *Titanic in Colour*, *Mayhem! Secret Lives of the Georgian Kings*, *Queens That Changed The World* and *Who Do You Think You Are? Australia*

'Fascinating ... not only a history of graffiti, but also a history of the 18th century through lost voices of the people who lived through it.' – The Times

'From the ingenious starting point of a humble scratch on glass or daub on brick, Madeleine Pelling crafts a rich and complex portrait of a society in transition.' – Jacqueline Riding, author of *Hogarth: A Life in Progress*

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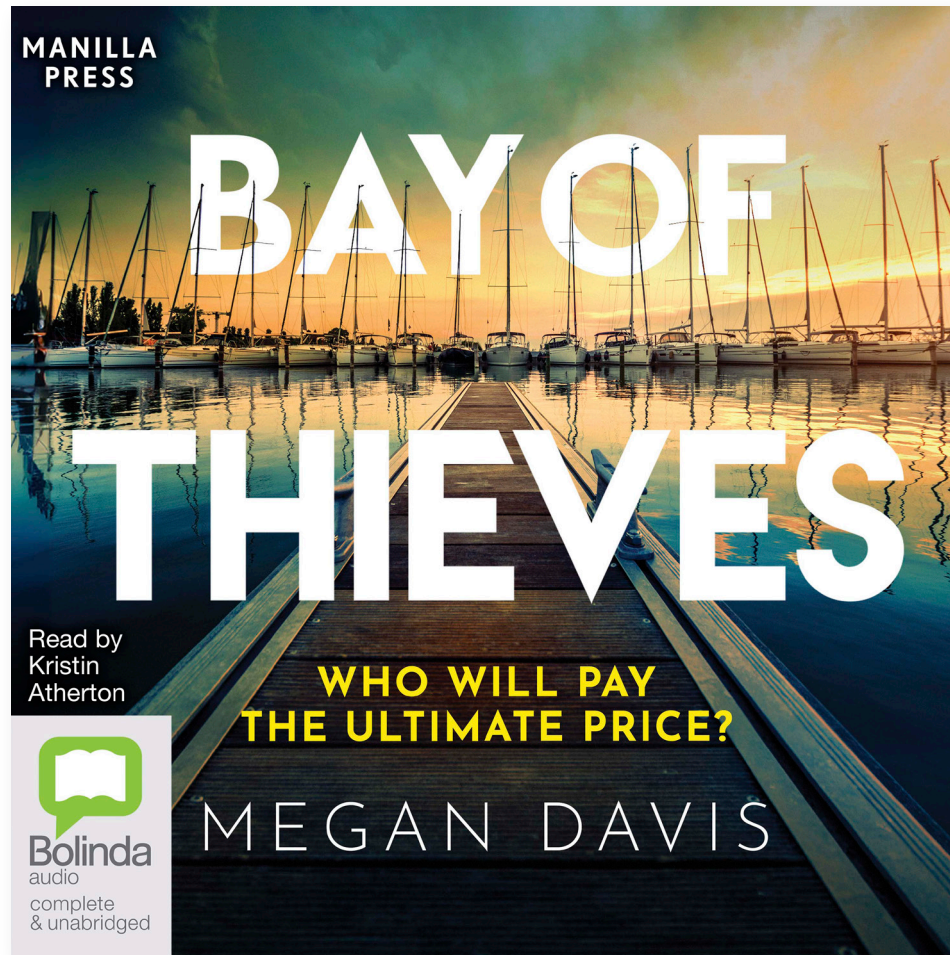
Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024

Bay of Thieves

Megan Davis

Read by Kristin Atherton



Two female lawyers living the high life in the South of France explore the limits of their own corruption when they find themselves at the mercy of their dangerous clients who would prefer to kill them, than be exposed ...

Vanessa and Kate live a glamorous life in the South of France helping the rich stay richer by hiding their money. While they know it's wrong, that their clients are corrupt, they are professionals and good at their jobs. Plus, there is the money ...

When their boss draws them deeper into his web of corruption, the chic veneer of their existence falls away, along with their excuses, leaving both women dangerously exposed to the lures of greed, gambling and hazardous liaisons. While one woman pulls away from corruption, the other is drawn in. But just how far will each of them go for money – their clients' and their own – before a woman is killed?

Amidst the opulence of the Côte D'Azur, *Bay of Thieves* explores the distorting power of wealth and its ability to destroy beliefs held over a lifetime.

Megan Davis is the author of *The Messenger*, which won the Bridport Prize for a First Novel in 2018 and the Lucy Cavendish Prize for unpublished writers in 2021

Davis has worked in the film industry and her credits include *Atonement*, *In Bruges*, *Pride and Prejudice* and the Bourne films

Davis is also a lawyer and is currently an associate at Spotlight on Corruption. She has an MA in Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia

'An intelligent, gripping and stylish literary thriller – I couldn't put it down. Megan Davis is a major new talent.' – Sophie Hannah, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *The Messenger*)

'A well-written, intriguing novel with an excellent sense of place.' – Kamila Shamsie, bestselling author of *Home Fire* (on *The Messenger*)

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August new releases 2024

Little Things

A Positive Toolkit for When Life Feels Stressful

Fearne Cotton

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle – Wellbeing | August 2024

Little Things will appeal those who adore Fearne for her down-to-earth mental health advice and relatable voice.

This audiobook is a way to make small changes to feel better, even when under stress.

Stress is a normal part of life, but it can be overwhelming. The habits, tools and advice in this audiobook will help you cope better, understand your own worries and learn how to pause and respond rather than react when life feels too much.

This is the advice I've received – the lessons I've learned in my own ups and downs, the expert conversations from my *Happy Place* podcast, the therapies I've tried and the habits I've created – to keep working towards good days.

By focusing on the little things, practising self-awareness and getting creative with the exercises and simple ideas, daily tricks and practical tools in this audiobook, you can find balance in our hectic world and unlock daily happiness.

Fearne Cotton is a mental health advocate, bestselling author of *Happy*, long-standing broadcaster and creator of *Happy Place*.

Cotton was a BBC Radio Show host for many years. In 2007 she became the first regular female presenter of the Radio 1 Chart Show

Cotton has over seven million X followers and a combined Facebook and Instagram following of over 2.2 million with live, innovative content around her programming and off-air projects, ranking her amongst the world's top 250 most influential X posters

'The much-loved presenter and podcaster shares the wisdom she's gleaned about coping with stressful situations in this practical and reassuring guide.' – Waterstones

'It's the perfect helping hand for you to make some time for yourself, to reflect, and look for peace.' – LoveReading (on Calm)



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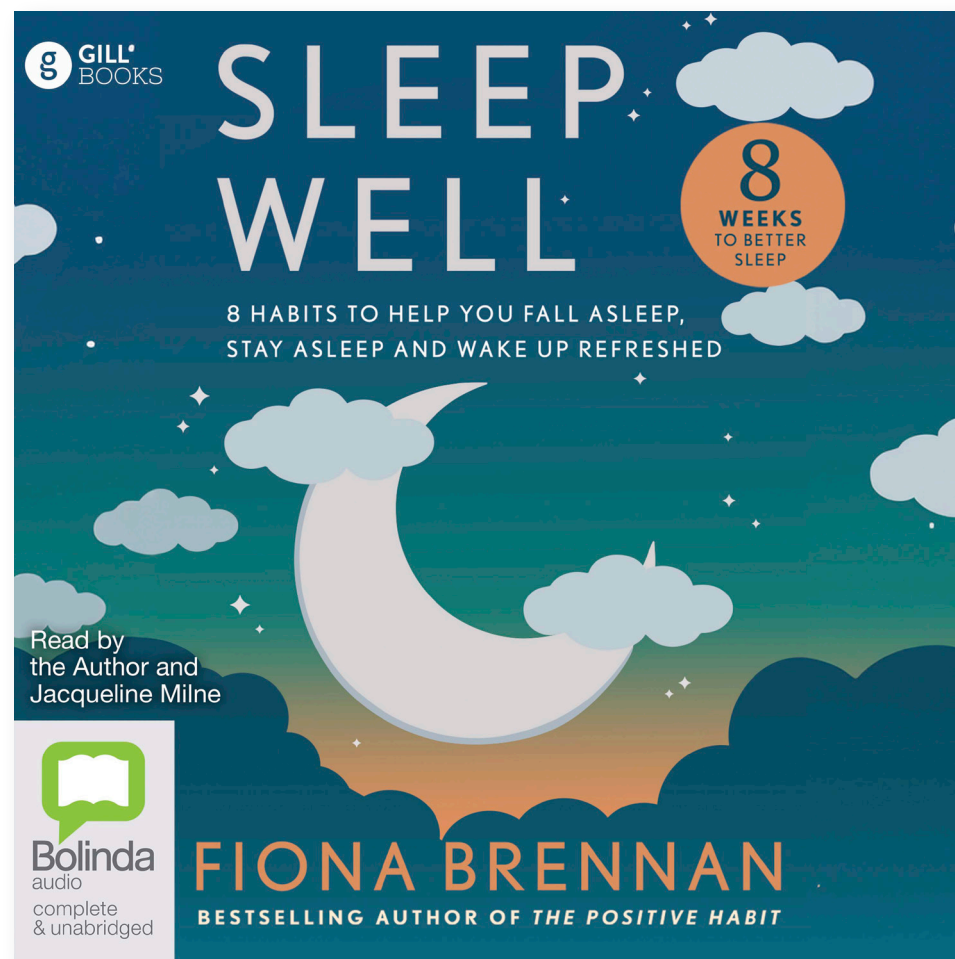
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Sleep Well

8 Habits to Help You Fall Asleep, Stay Asleep and Wake Up Refreshed

Fiona Brennan

Read by the Author & Jacqueline Milne



Adult New Release

Lifestyle – Wellbeing | August 2024

From best-selling author Fiona Brennan, discover the power of eight transformative habits, offering a roadmap to optimise your sleep and awaken your full potential.

Transform your sleep, transform your life.

Imagine getting into bed every evening and drifting off quickly into a deep and restorative sleep, awakening refreshed and glowing with life and vitality. You feel calm and powerful and you know that you can cope with anything that comes your way. It is time to meet your best-slept self!

Over the course of the eight-week Sleep Well programme, you will learn the surprising and effective habits necessary to optimise the length and quality of your sleep and transform your relationship with rest, resulting in long-term benefits to your health, mood and productivity. The unique blend of hypnotherapy, spirituality and sleep science will help you to wake up fully to who you are and develop faith in your innate ability to get to and stay asleep – every night.

Fiona Brennan is a Clinical Hypnotherapist with a busy practice in Blackrock, Co Dublin

Brennan is the mental health expert on Dermot and Dave's morning show on Today FM, a regular contributor to *A Lust for Life* and author of the bestseller, *The Positive Habit*

'A map to guide you toward a lifetime of beautiful, restorative, restful sleep.' – Dermot Whelan, media presenter & CEO of Mindful

'A much-needed compassionate and insightful guide to promote restful sleep.' – Lucy Wolfe, Sleep Consultant

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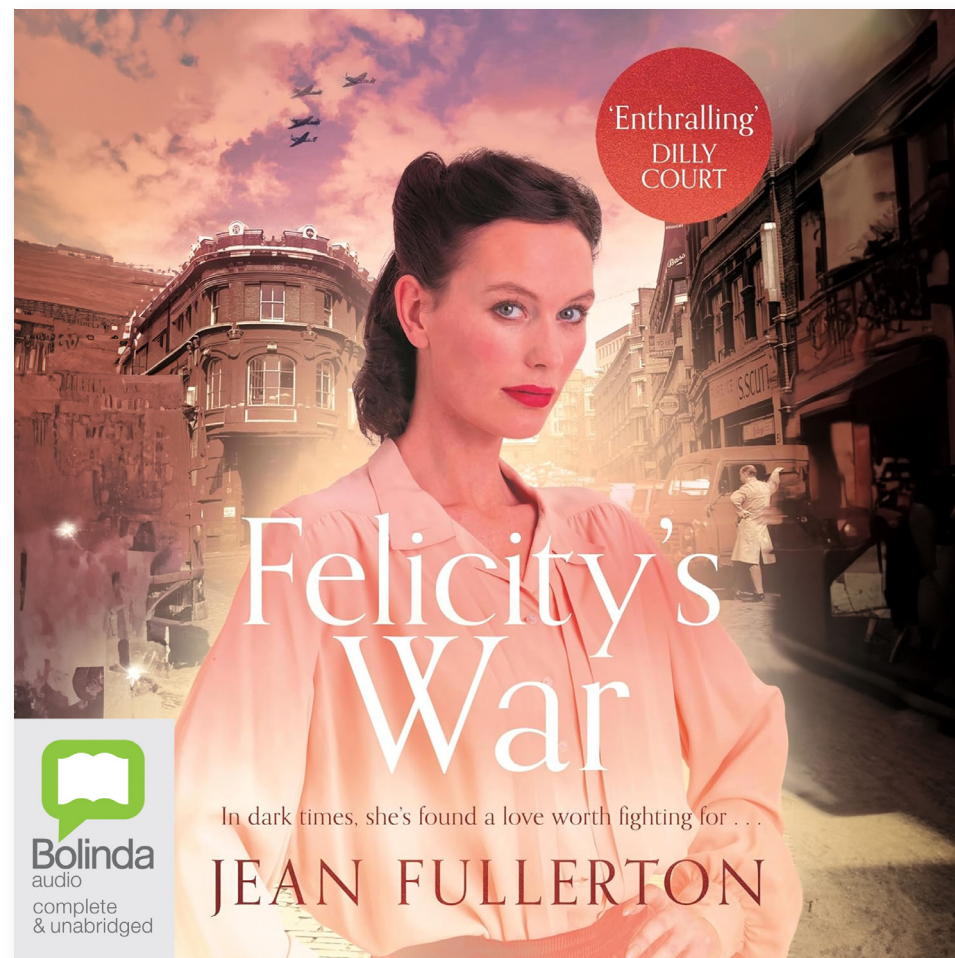
August new releases 2024

Felicity's War

The Stepney Girls #3

Jean Fullerton

Read by Heather Long



Adult New Release

Sagas | August 2024

In a city under siege, Fliss and Tim forge an unlikely bond. But can their blossoming romance endure the perils ahead? Find out in this heartwarming and atmospheric saga from Jean Fullerton.

1941. Whilst London is battered by air raids, Felicity 'Fliss' Carmichael has troubles of her own. Still reeling from catching her fiancé cheating, she flees to her childhood home at St Winifred's Rectory, reuniting with her sister Prue and Hester Katz, a Jewish doctor sheltering there.

Though heartbroken, Fliss finds purpose again as a journalist. On assignment, she crosses paths with Detective Inspector Timothy Wallace, who shares her passion for truth and justice – though not her political beliefs. Despite their differences, an instant spark ignites between them.

But their love faces twists and turns ahead. While Fliss stumbles upon a crime and bravely intervenes, Tim's investigation into black market racketeering puts him in mortal danger ...

Jean Fullerton is the bestselling author of 19 historical novels that are filled to the brim with family drama, romance and heartwarming moments

Fullerton is a qualified District and Queen's nurse who has spent most of her working life in the East End of London. Fullerton is also a qualified teacher and spent 12 years lecturing community nursing studies. She now writes full time

'A heart-warming WW2 love story.' – Rosie Goodwin, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *A Stepney Girl's Secret*)

'An enthralling page-turner.' – Dilly Court, *Sunday Times* bestselling author (on *A Stepney Girl's Secret*)

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The Nightingale

Kristin Hannah

Read by Polly Stone



The Nightingale tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France, from bestselling author Kristin Hannah.

France, 1939.

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France ... but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything. Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious 18-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G  tan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can ... completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

The novel was named Goodreads Best Historical fiction novel for 2015 and won the coveted People's Choice award for best fiction in the same year

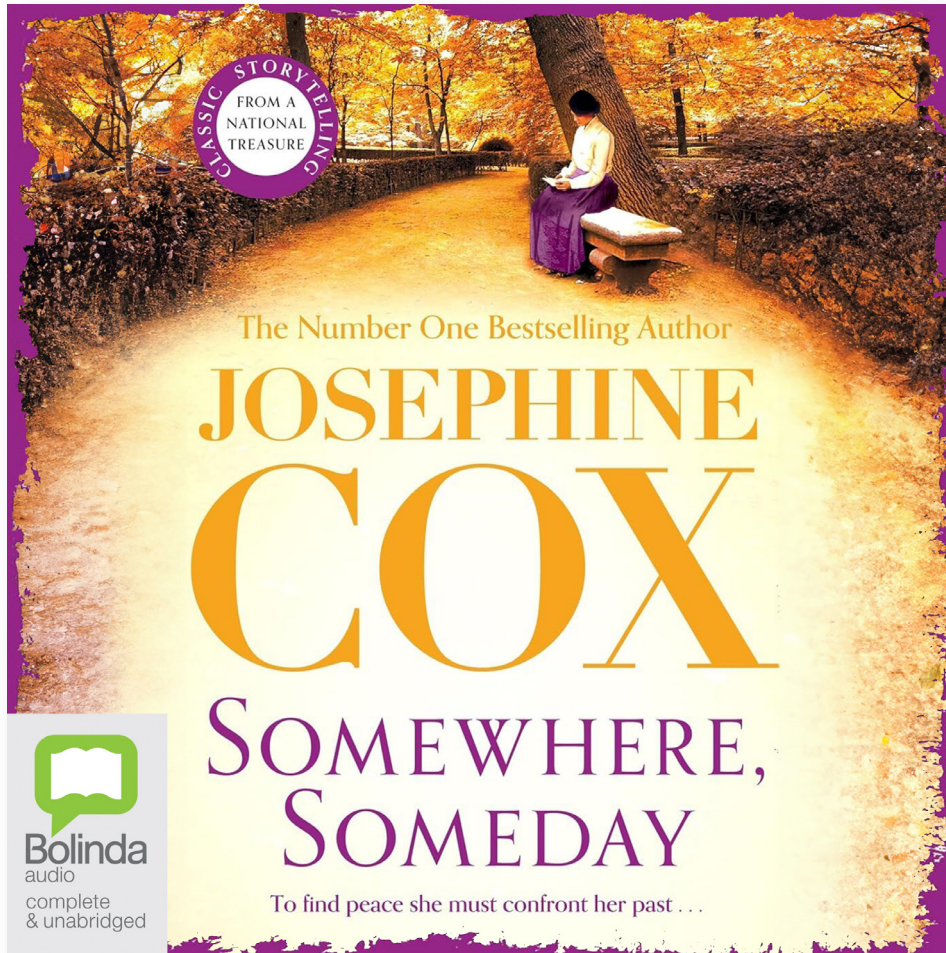
Additionally, *The Nightingale* was a selection of the Reese Witherspoon Book Club in 2023 and was named a Best Book of the Year by Amazon, iTunes, *Buzzfeed*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Paste* and *The Week*

The Nightingale is currently in production at Tri Star, with Dakota and Elle Fanning set to star

Somewhere, Someday

Josephine Cox

Read by Sherry Baines



Somewhere, Someday is a heartfelt and breathtaking story about learning to live with the past, from bestselling author Josephine Cox.

Kelly knew that, although Barney would always love her, his restless soul would never allow him to stay, but she could never have envisaged how his leaving would alter her life.

Alone once more, Kelly finds herself remembering the past – in particular, what happened in the autumn of 1877 and how it destroyed her family. Filled with regrets and wishes that life may have been different, Kelly begins to see that she must confront her past – and only then will she finally be free.

Perfect for fans of Rosie Goodwin and Lindsey Hutchinson

Josephine Cox was an English author. Her books were frequently bestsellers and the UK Public Lending Rights figures often listed her in the top three borrowed authors

The author of more than 60 titles, written over a career which spanned three decades, Cox sold over 20 million copies of her family sagas, which combined romance and tragedy to dramatic, bestselling effect

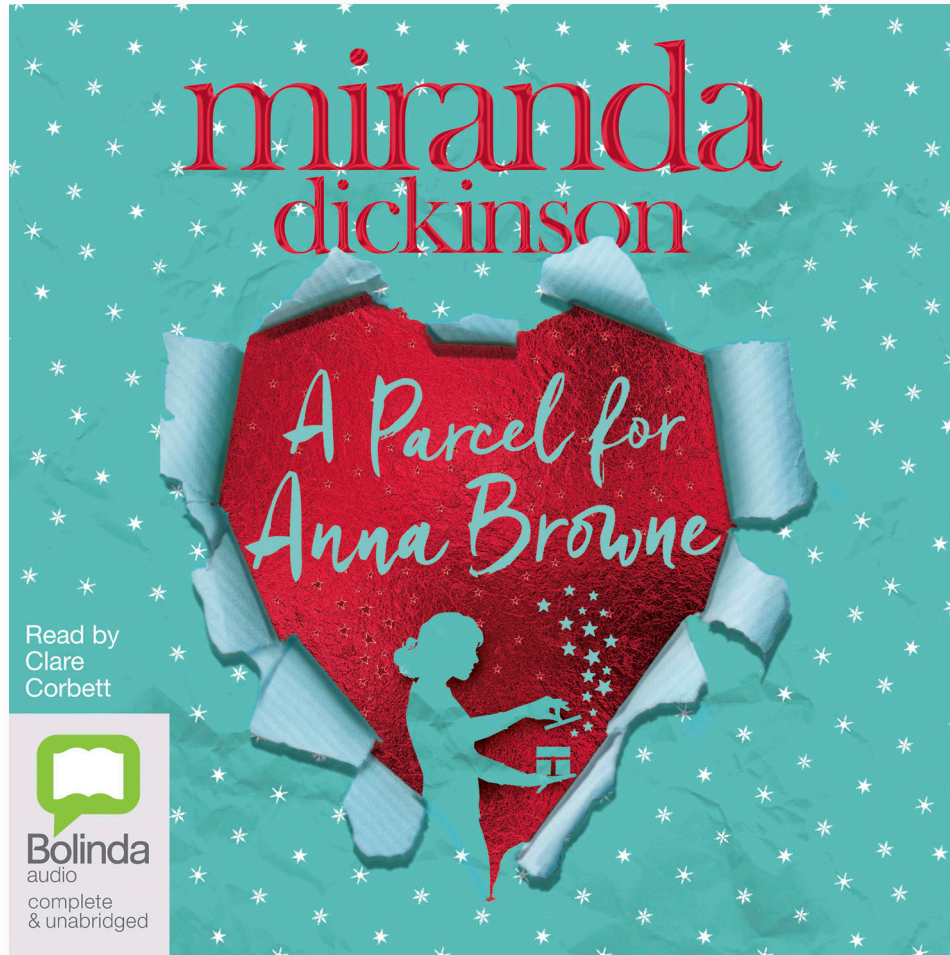
'Josephine Cox brings so much freshness to the plot, and the characters ... A Cookson by any other name.' – Birmingham Post (on *A Little Badness*)

'Another top-notch saga from the hugely popular Josephine Cox, acclaimed by many readers as the "new" Catherine Cookson.' – Publishing News (on *Rainbow Days*)

A Parcel for Anna Browne

Miranda Dickinson

Read by Clare Corbett



A series of mysterious gifts inspires a woman to transform her life in this captivating and feel-good tale by *Sunday Times* bestselling author Miranda Dickinson.

The gift of a lifetime?

Anna Browne is an ordinary woman living an ordinary life. Her day job as a receptionist in bustling London isn't exactly her dream, yet she has everything she wants. But someone thinks Anna Browne deserves more ...

When a parcel addressed to Anna Browne arrives, she has no idea who has sent it. Inside she finds a beautiful gift – one that is designed to be seen. And so begins a series of incredible deliveries, each one bringing Anna further out of the shadows and encouraging her to become the woman she was destined to be. As Anna grows in confidence, others begin to notice her – and her life starts to change.

But who is sending the mysterious gifts, and why?

Miranda Dickinson is a *Sunday Times* bestselling author and has been shortlisted twice for RNA awards and for Contemporary Novel of the Year

Dickinson is the bestselling author of *Fairytale of New York*, *Welcome to My World*, *It Started with a Kiss*, *When I Fall in Love*, *Take a Look at Me Now* and *I'll Take New York*

To date, Dickinson has sold over one million copies of her books worldwide

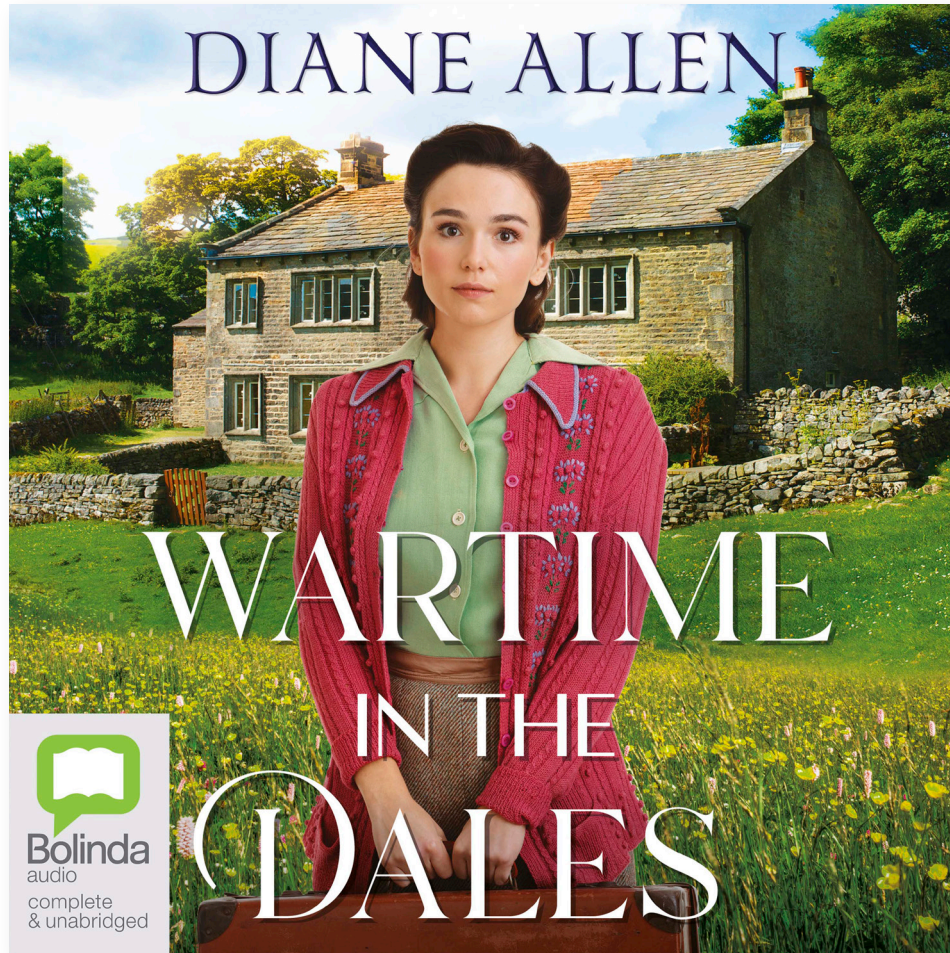
'A Parcel for Anna Browne is a heart-warming delight.' – Good Housekeeping

'Enchanting and captivating.' – The Sun

Wartime in the Dales

Diane Allen

Read by Mira Dovreni



A gritty, heartwarming Yorkshire saga set in World War II, from Diane Allen, the author of the sweeping saga *A Precious Daughter*.

September 1939.

Friends Maggie Shaunessy and Lizzie Taylor are heartbroken to be evacuated from their Liverpool homes to rural Yorkshire.

Lizzie is sent to live with a vicar in the village of Gargrave while Maggie finds herself delivered by chauffeur to Hawith Hall and Lady and Lord Bradley.

Both the hall and the vicarage are far different to what the girls are used to – and both are very homesick. Though Maggie finds friendship too in the form of Alice, a young servant at the hall who takes her under her wing.

But change is coming to the Dales too leaving the girls feeling harbouring desperate plans of run away, back to Liverpool ...

Yorkshire-based Diane Allen is the author of *A Precious Daughter*, *The Girl from the Tanner's Yard*, *The Miner's Wife*, *Daughter of the Dales*, *Like Father*, *Like Son* and *For A Mother's Sins*

Allen is the Honorary Vice President of the Romantic Novelists' Association

'A warm-hearted and compassionate tale, evoking the long and tough working hours of farming life, but Allen also brings us romance, the shining light of shared adversity and proof of the enduring power of love and family to transform even the darkest days.' – Lancashire Post

'If you are a lover of historical sagas and the sweep of the northern hills and their romance, then this novel is definitely for you.' – Historical Novel Society (on *Like Father, Like Son*)

New Arrivals in Byland Crescent

Cowgill Family Saga #4

Bill Kitson

Read by Nathaniel Priestley



Adult New Release

Sagas | August 2024

Memories of the war are finally fading and a new era is beginning. But for the Cowgill family there are fresh challenges to face and new battles to be fought, in this heart-breaking family saga from bestselling author Bill Kitson.

Yorkshire, 1959.

Reminiscing over times gone by at Number 1 Byland Crescent, Jenny Cowgill takes a break from her baking to sit and enjoy the long-awaited postcard from Spain from her son, Andrew.

But she is soon disturbed by a knock at the door. The policeman says a member of the Cowgill family has suffered a serious accident in London and her husband Mark must go at once. It's Mark's estranged sister Lizzie.

Lizzie's accident leaves her with life-changing injuries. Her career is over. Now perhaps she will finally come home to reconcile with the family in Scarborough?

After all, her father Sonny is soon turning 90 and a grand celebration with all the family is planned. And young Andrew is about to return from his travels in Spain. He has quite the surprise in store ...

Perfect for fans of Sheila Riley, Tania Crosse, Dilly Court and Dinah Jeffries

Bill Kitson is the author of the DI Mike Nash thrillers and the Eden House Mysteries

Kitson also writes The Greek Island Romances along with several other titles, all published independently in support of a Greek charity for disabled children, ELEPAP

'The author keeps the story moving with his fine drawing of the characters.' – Gazette & Herald (on The Cowgill Family Saga)

'Faultless historical detail and superb dialogue make this a hugely enjoyable family drama.' – Books Monthly (on The Cowgill Family Saga)

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The Guernsey Girls Go to War

Mary Wood

Read by Emma Vane



From the bestselling author of *The Jam Factory Girls*, comes the second heartfelt instalment in Mary Wood's *The Guernsey Girls* trilogy.

War separates them, but it cannot dampen their spirits ...

Spring, 1940. Annie's new husband Ricky leaves to fight, but she soon discovers battles brewing closer to home. As her sister Janey begins to unravel, only Annie can pick up the pieces – and, with London's police officers on the front line, she must also step up at work and do her bit for the country.

In Guernsey, Olivia finds herself without her husband and son just as Hitler's forces invade the island. Trapped and heartbroken, she faces untold horrors as the Germans tighten their hold on the islanders.

How will Annie manage her responsibilities to her family and her country in the thick of the Blitz, while suffering the heartache of not knowing what is happening to her beloved Ricky? And can Olivia survive in Guernsey at the hands of the enemy?

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*

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*)

The Mistress of Dara Island

Averil Kenny

Read by Sarah Kants



Journey to a tropical paradise where beauty conceals secrets, in this captivating story from the author of *Those Hamilton Sisters* and *The Girls of Lake Evelyn*.

In the 1960s, a tropical island in the Coral Sea hides dark secrets behind its primordial beauty.

Thalia 'Tally' Ramsey has grown up barefoot, wild and free on the island purchased by her maternal grandfather. It is a paradise with two faces – an idyllic honeymoon resort for the rich and famous; and an untamed coastline with steeply rising peaks covered in impenetrable jungle.

Tally has always known she will one day become the Mistress of Dara Island in her mother Nerissa's stead. A belief founded on her mother's promise. But as she matures, her determination and wilfulness bring her into conflict with her ruthless father, 'Bullshark' Richard Ramsey, a powerful figure feared by everyone, including his wife. Ultimately, Tally must face the heartbreaking realisation that her promised future is slipping from her grasp.

After a sudden disappearance from the island, Tally embarks on a desperate search that leads her deep into Dara's treacherous wilderness, a journey that will challenge all her assumptions about herself, her home and the people she loves.

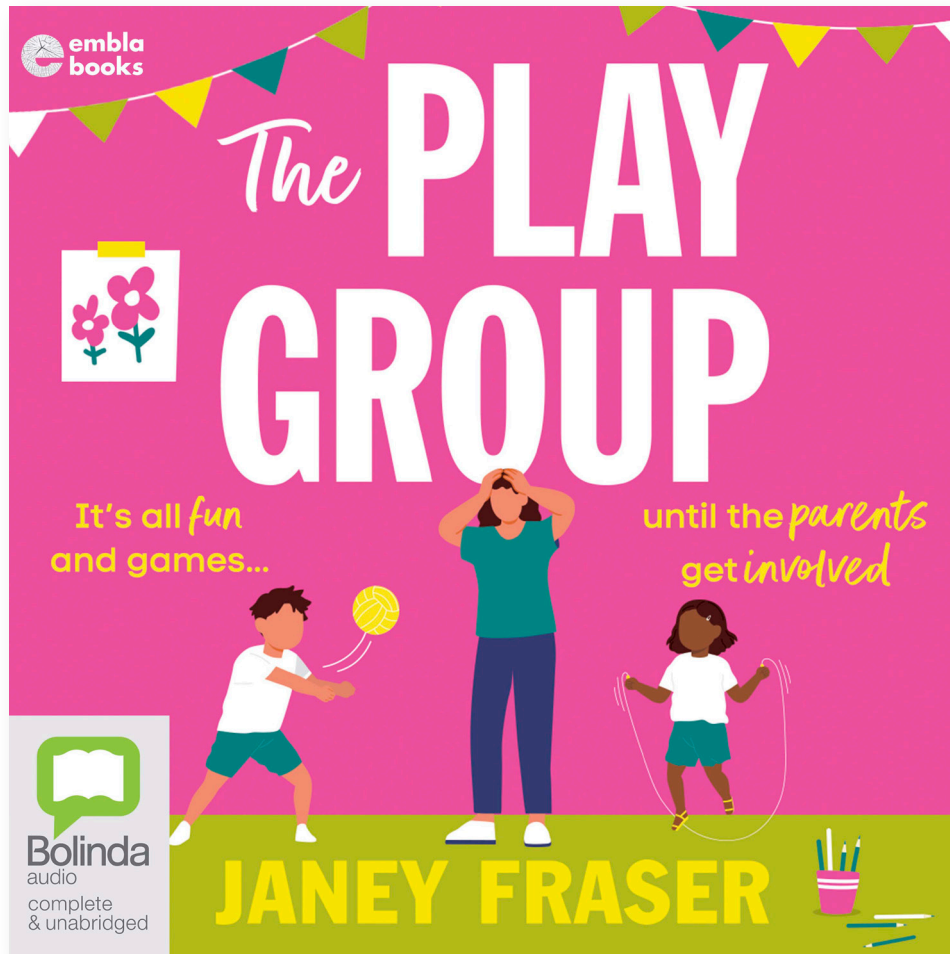
Averil Kenny is an Australian author who writes evocative fiction, featuring strong, spirited heroines – her storytelling is imbued with a love of literature and the magnificent Australian landscape

'The Mistress of Dara Island is a phenomenally gripping story of magical realism, and Tally is a protagonist who charges through the story. The alluring mystery of the seemingly idyllic island offers a haunting setting for the story, and the rich, layered conflict in the Ramsey family gives twists and turns until the final page. A shimmering, powerful read with supremely talented writing, this is perfect for fans of Natasha Lester and Kimberley Freeman.' – Books+Publishing

The Playgroup

Janey Fraser

Read by Melissa Vaughan



From the author Janey Fraser comes a funny, uplifting and feel-good audiobook about motherhood bound to make you cry with laughter.

Puddleducks Playgroup has been run successfully for several years. Now, with an opportunity to prove herself Gemma Merryfield can't wait to take over running it in September. But the arrival of the new head of the infant school, Joe Balls soon tempers her enjoyment. Ex-banker Joe has been employed to bring the school back up to scratch, and that includes interfering with Gemma and her playgroup. Gemma adores her unruly group of children, and she can even find affection for the parents, but Joe's interference is the last thing she needs.

Meanwhile, Nancy is in turmoil. Her only son has just started playgroup and her husband has taken a temporary posting to Vietnam. Even before he left, there hadn't been much hope of conceiving her much-wanted second child. And with Danny gone for most of the day, what on earth is she meant to do now? Does she have the strength to find herself again, and maybe make some friends along the way?

Little do any of them realise what a tumultuous term it is going to be ...

Janey Fraser has been a journalist for over 25 years and contributes regularly to national newspapers and magazines including *The Daily Telegraph* and *Woman*

Fraser has also published books under the pen name Sophie King

As Sophie King, she is the author of such novels as *The School Run*, *The Supper Club* and *The Wedding Party*

'Hugely enjoyable.' – Katie Fforde, bestselling author of *A Summer at Sea*

'This has a sparkle, a lightness of touch and a deep, true charm. It is written from the heart.' – Elizabeth Buchan, author of *Two Women in Rome*

Zero Stars, Do Not Recommend

M.J. Wassmer

Read by Greg Lockett



A humorous love-story set in a post-apocalyptic world – featuring unlikely friends, cultish leaders, with a love-story twist. Emily Henry meets *This Is The End*.

Professional underachiever Dan Foster is finally taking a break. Sure, his life has been average at best and, yes, he has never quite lived up to his potential. But after a few Bud Lites in paradise with his girlfriend Mara, things are starting to look up.

Then the sun explodes.

With the island suddenly plunged in darkness, the ultra-rich guests hijack the remaining supplies and declare themselves as the new ruling class. Led by a fitness influencer turned ruthless dictator, martial law is declared and the hoi polloi are press-ganged into service. And it's just Dan's luck that he could land an even worse job while on holiday.

As temperatures drop and class tensions rise, Dan might have found a way for himself and Mara to escape the island. But sneaking away would also mean abandoning the burgeoning revolution that he might-have-kind-of-sort-of single-handedly started.

M.J. Wassmer is an author of speculative fiction who grew up in the suburbs of Memphis, Tennessee

Perfect for fans of Jackson Ford's *The Frost Files*, *Don't Look Up* and *The End of the F***ing World*

'Lord of the Flies crashes headfirst into The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy in this rollicking look at the end of the world.' – Benjamin Stevenson, bestselling author of *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*

'Explosively funny and terrifyingly plausible ... this cinematic debut had me LOLing, cringing and cheering throughout.' – Josh Winning, author of *The Shadow Glass*

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Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2024

Royal Flush

Lynda La Plante

Read by Paul Thornley



‘The Colonel’ was rumoured to have masterminded the most successful robberies of the past decade. Now he’s back playing his old game.

Wealthy racing yard owner Edward de Jersey has spent the last few years of his life reaping the rewards of his criminal mastermind past and spending his free time priming his star horse, Royal Flush, for a Derby win.

Having successfully pulled off some of the most lucrative heists in history as ‘The Colonel’, at the height of his activity, he was one of the most prolific criminals of his time. But, when his financial advisor invests his fortune in an internet company that crashes quickly after, he is left with no choice but to return to his old ways.

This time, with the biggest target of all in mind ...

Lynda La Plante is the author of numerous bestselling titles, including *The Legacy*, *Cold Shoulder* and *Sleeping Cruelty*

La Plante has won BAFTA, Emmy, British Broadcasting and Royal Television Society awards, as well as the 1993 Edgar Allan Poe Writer’s Award

In 2008, La Plante was awarded a CBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List for services to Literature, Drama and Charity

‘Lynda La Plante is a mastermind. Rather than tire of her heroine, La Plante ensures we grow along with her, throwing at Jane new challenges, obstacles, threats and hopes at every possible turn.’ – Better Reading (on *Taste of Blood*)

‘As always, La Plante’s stunning police procedural, complex, multi-layered plotting and richly detailed character portrayals, are the best in the business, and her fine line in sardonic humour and no-nonsense Eighties-style policing are the icing on another delicious slice of top-notch crime writing.’ – Lancashire Post (on *Taste of Blood*)

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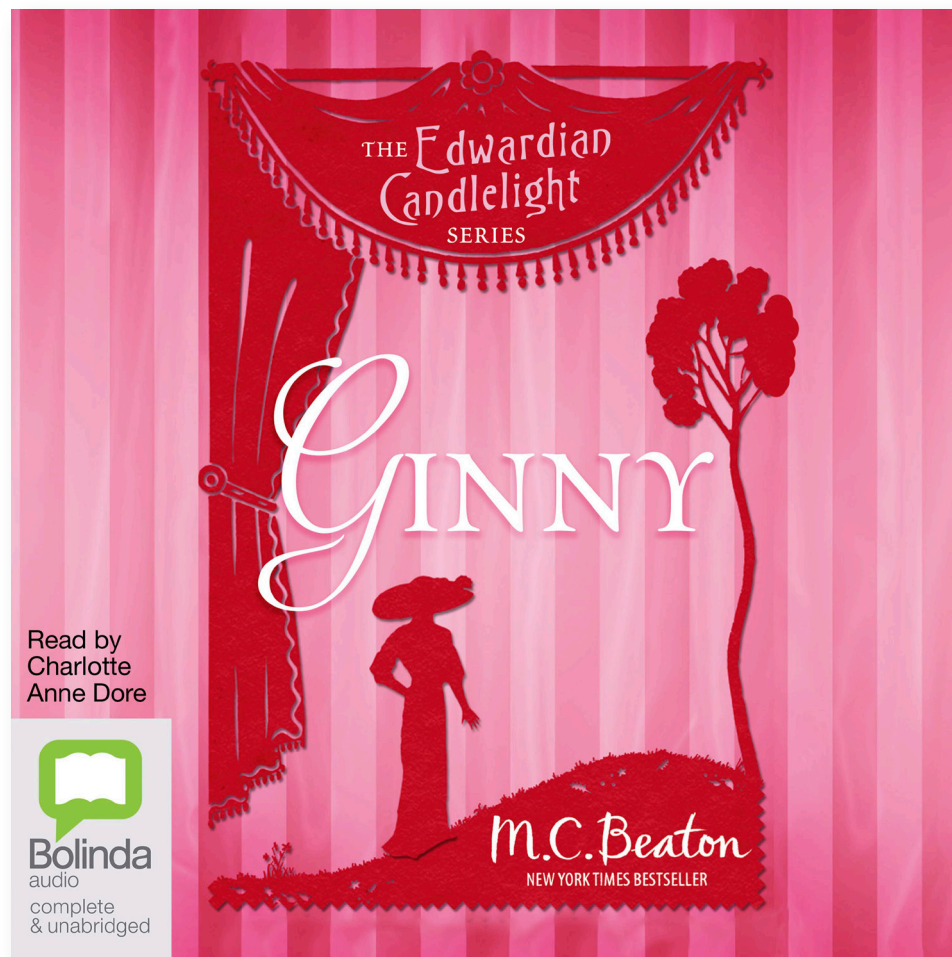
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Ginny

Edwardian Candlelight #3

M.C. Beaton

Read by Charlotte Anne Dore



Adult New Release

Romance | August 2024

When Ginny Bloggs, a coal miner's daughter, surprisingly inherits the estate of Lord Gerald de Fremney, his relatives are unwilling to accept her in this third instalment in bestselling author M.C. Beaton's charming Edwardian Candlelight series.

Poor Ginny Bloggs! She had inherited a fortune, a magnificent country estate and her benefactor's disgruntled relatives, a quartet of querulous schemers horrified to find themselves at the mercy of a low, common girl, a total stranger – the coal merchant's daughter!

The handsome Lord Gerald de Fremney had pledged to keep the more unruly relatives in line. He thought he understood thoroughly modern women. Her reluctant guardians thought they understood society. Such was Ginny Bloggs – as delicate as a china doll, as bold as brass. She understood them all, and now she was going to teach them all what it meant to be a lady!

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

'Chesney once again adroitly manipulates the floating upstairs population that keeps the downstairs on its toes.' – Publishers Weekly (on *Rake's Progress*)

'A witty, charming, touching bit of Regency froth. Highly recommended.' – Library Journal (on *Rake's Progress*)

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The Knife of Never Letting Go & The New World

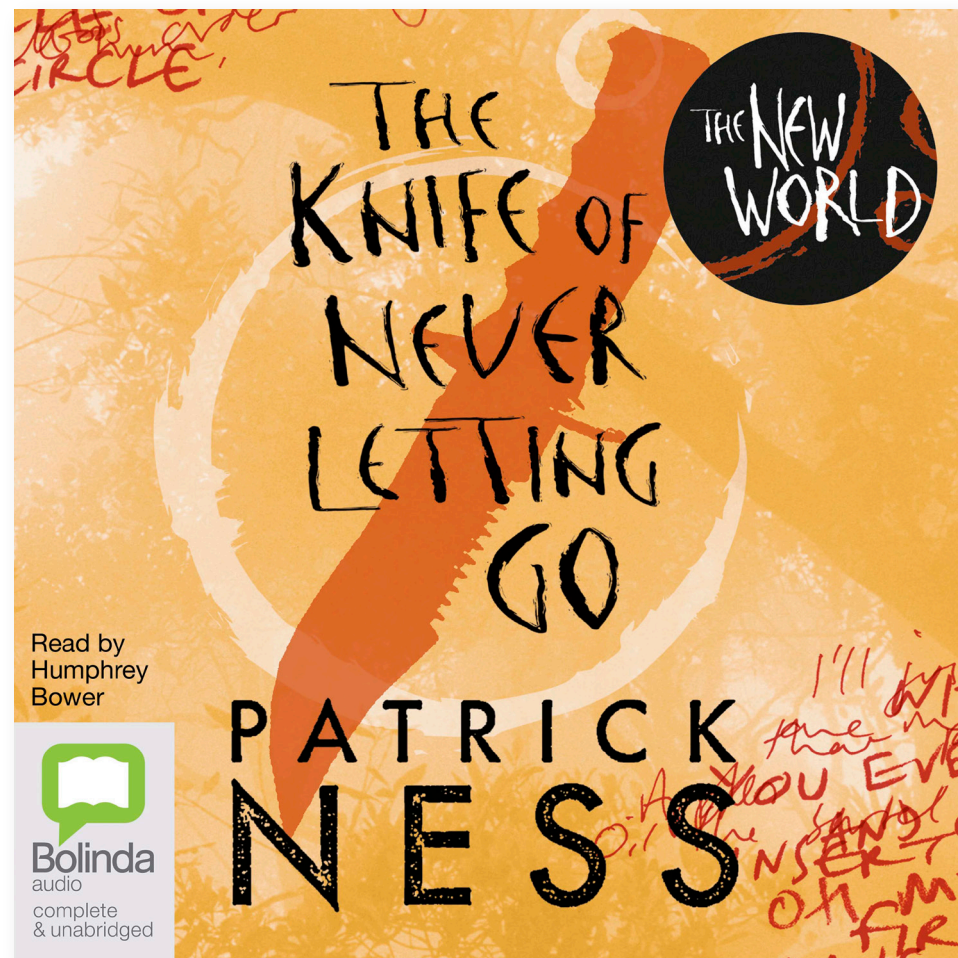
Chaos Walking #0.5 & 1

Patrick Ness

Read by Humphrey Bower

Young Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | August 2024



From bestselling and award-winning author Patrick Ness comes the unflinching tale about fear, flight and the terrifying path of self-discovery. Also features the short story of Viola's dramatic journey to the New World.

Todd Hewitt lives in a town unlike other towns. There are no women, and everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in an overwhelming, never-ending stream of Noise. But one day Todd meets someone who shouldn't exist – a girl.

Even in a town where privacy is impossible, there is a secret so terrible, the pair must run for their lives. But how do you escape when your pursuers can hear your every thought?

The New World: In this explosive Chaos Walking short story, discover what happened during Viola's terrifying voyage to the New World. Best listened to immediately after *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, find out exactly what happened before Viola and Todd's first meeting and get exciting hints of things still to come in the award-winning and bestselling trilogy.

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

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

The Knife of Never Letting Go is now a major motion picture starring Tom Holland and Daisy Ridley

'One of the best first sentences I've ever read and a book that lives up to it!'
– Frank Cottrell-Boyce

'The story, narrated sparkily and saltily by its hero Todd, unpeels Prentisstown's dark secrets like the layers of a very rotten onion. Ness, an acclaimed author of adult fiction as well, moves things along at a breakneck pace, and Todd's world is filled with memorable characters, foul villains.' – Financial Times (on *The Knife of Never Letting Go*)

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The Boy at the Back of the Class

Onjali Q. Raúf

Read by Imogen Wilde

Told with heart and humour, *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He never talks and never smiles and doesn't like sweets – not even lemon sherbets, which are my favourite!

But then I learned the truth. Ahmet really isn't very strange at all. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. With bombs and fires and bullies that hurt people. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

That's where my best friends Josie, Michael and Tom come in. Because you see, together we've come up with a plan ...

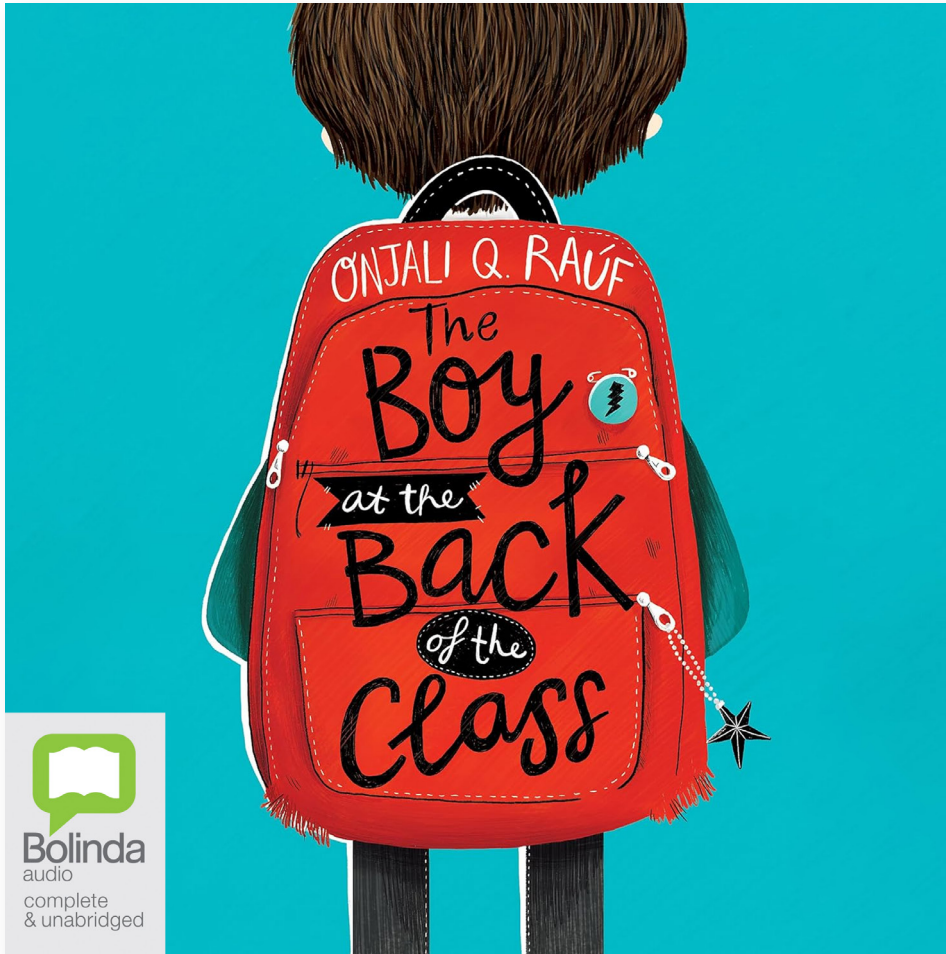
The Boy at the Back of the Class won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019 and was shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize

Onjali Q. Raúf is the founder of Making Herstory, an organisation mobilising men, women and children from all walks of life to tackle the abuse and trafficking of women and girls in the UK and beyond

Raúf is an award-winning and bestselling author of books for children that tackle the issues of today. Her other titles include *The Star Outside My Window*, *The Night Bus Hero* and *The Lion Above the Door*

'This is a lovely, warm book that is all about kindness, and putting yourself into someone else's shoes.' – Cressida Cowell, international bestselling author of the How to Train Your Dragon series

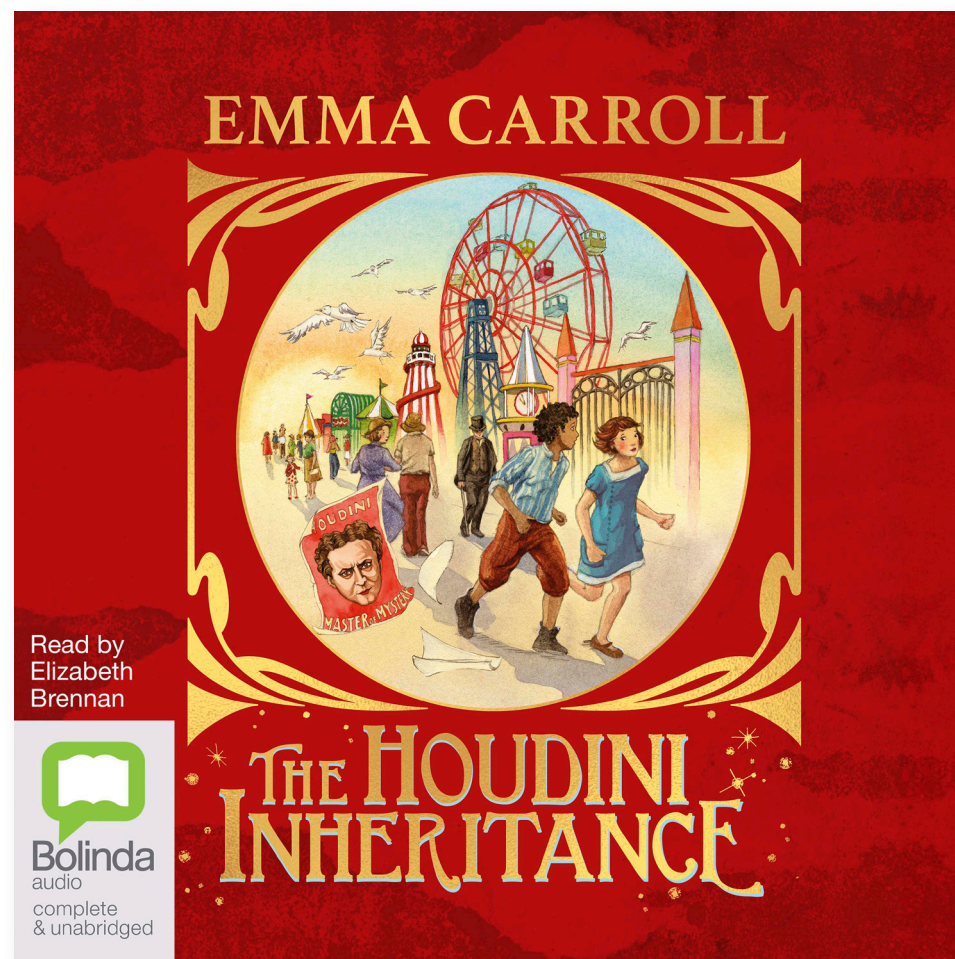
'A really lovely, moving book about a refugee boy that comes to the UK. Fab for understanding the plights and lives of others.' – Konnie Huq, author of *Cookie!*



The Houdini Inheritance

Emma Carroll

Read by Elizabeth Brennan



Magic shows and mysteries abound in this show-stopping new standalone from a bestselling author who has sold close to a million copies of her middle-grade adventures.

The English seaside, 1920s.

A world famous escape artist ...

A suitcase full of secrets ...

And a death-defying stunt ...

When Harry Houdini comes to visit the seaside town of Sidford-on-Sea, Glory and her friend Dennis are first in-line to see him. He is there to perform a daring trick – he will jump off the town pier in chains, pitching himself into the water below. But when Glory outsmarts the infamous Houdini, she is suddenly sucked into his world, and finds herself tasked with looking after his precious trunk – the one that contains all his secrets.

With Houdini in danger, Glory and Dennis are thrown deep into an adventure that takes them all the way to Coney Island in America, and the dark underbelly of its amusement parks ...

Emma Carroll has won and been nominated for numerous national, regional and schools awards, including the Books Are My Bag Readers' Award, the Branford Boase Award, the CILIP Carnegie Medal, the Young Quills award, the Teach Primary New Children's Fiction Award and the Waterstones Book Prize

Carroll's title, *The Somerset Tsunami* was selected by indie booksellers as their Book of the Month and was The Times Children's Book of the Week

'Emma Carroll's writing is magical. She is one of our finest writers ...' – Katya Balen, author of *The Space We're In*

'Utterly thrilling ... Emma Carroll just gets better and better! I was absolutely gripped ... Emma is in a class of her own; this is historical fiction for children at its very best.' – Abi Elphinstone, author of the Ember Spark series

Pizza Pete and the Perilous Potions

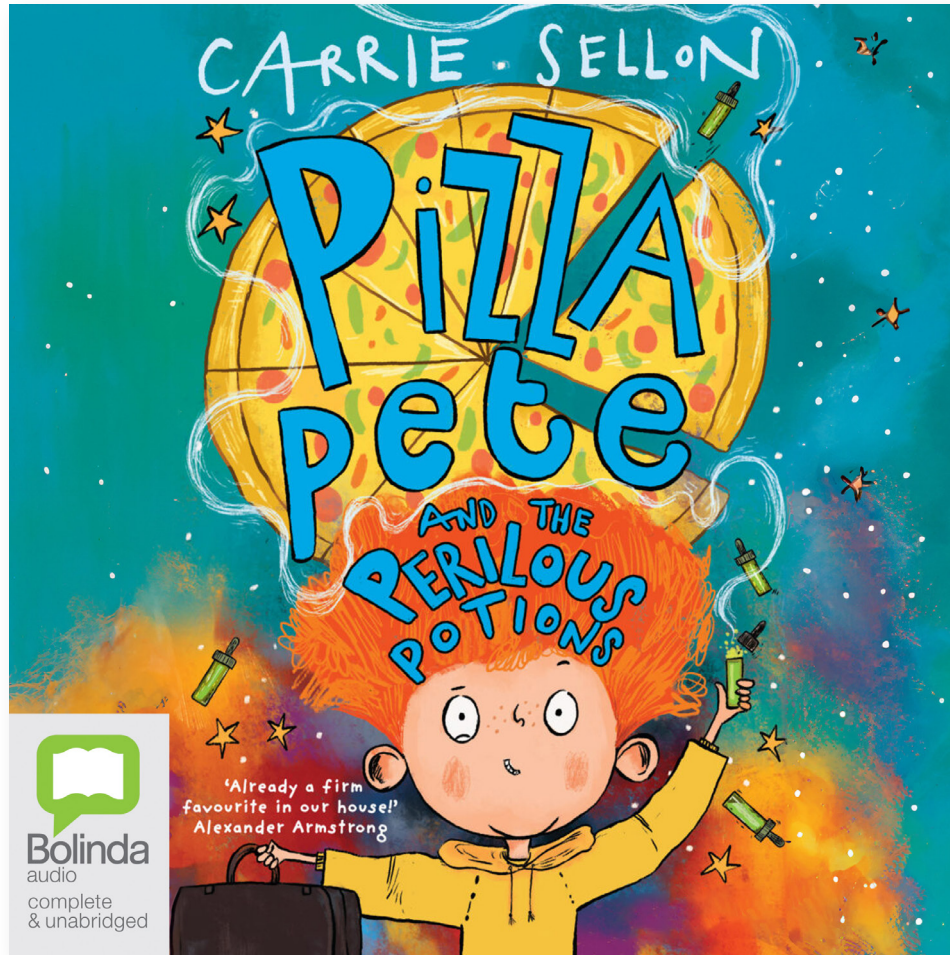
Pizza Pete #1

Carrie Sellon

Read by Brenock O'Connor

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024



A magical funny pizza-filled adventure about a boy who discovers a suitcase of incredible magic potions in his attic – could this be the answer to saving his dad's pizza shop?

Twenty-five days ago, something awful happened, and I made a promise to myself. Never to leave home again.

Pete loves the pizza shop, where he lives with his dad, and is terrified of the outside world. But when a new restaurant steals their customers, Pete and his friend Anna have to come up with an **INGENIOUS** plan to sell more pizzas, otherwise he'll be forced to move.

When they find a mysterious briefcase in the attic, they create the most extraordinary magical pizzas, and soon a queue of customers snakes down the road. But can they make enough money in four days to save Pete's home?

Throw in an exploding headmistress, a fire-breathing dog and a vengeful bully and Pete's life soon ramps up from Margherita to Spicy Pepperoni!

The Times Children's Book of the Week.

Carrie Sellon used to travel the world making wildlife films for the BBC

'It has all the reckless fun of George's Marvellous Medicine ... a lively upbeat story that is as enjoyable as a Sloppy Giuseppe with all the toppings.' – The Times

'Already a firm favourite in our house!' – Alexander Armstrong

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Let Sleeping Gods Lie

Thiago de Moraes

Read by Annabelle Tudor



Award-winning author Thiago de Moraes returns with an engaging and hugely entertaining adventure in *Let Sleeping Gods Lie*.

When Trixie's grandma's magical cauldron goes missing, Trixie is thrust into the underworld, and the only friends she can call on are the hardest to keep in line: Loki, the Monkey King and more of the most devious gods on this or any other planet.

Thiago de Moraes has won the Sheffield Children's Book Award, been longlisted for the Klaus Flugge Prize and twice nominated for the Kate Greenaway Medal

de Moraes's books have been translated into 24 languages

'A little piece of mythological magic ... a triumph.' – Maz Evans, bestselling author of *Who Let the Gods Out* series (on *Old Gods New Tricks*)

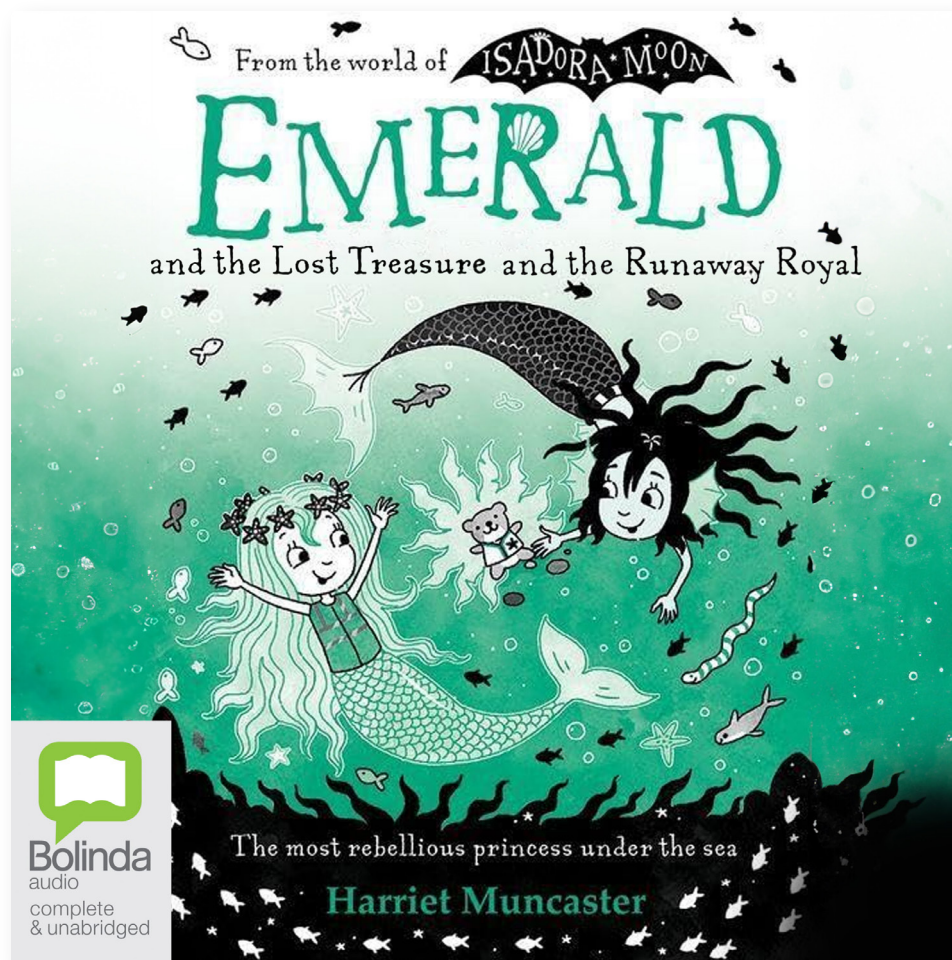
'A feast of tricksters wrapped up in a deliciously apocalyptic coating.' – Louie Stowell, bestselling author of *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* (on *Old Gods New Tricks*)

Emerald Collection 2

Emerald

Harriet Muncaster

Read by Eloise Mignon



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024

Dive into the enchanting underwater world with Emerald, the rebellious mermaid princess, in this delightful series from the creator of Isadora Moon and Mirabelle.

Emerald and the Lost Treasure: Emerald's class are spending the day sea combing – picking up human rubbish that ends up on the ocean floor. When Emerald finds a precious teddy lying in a clump of seaweed, she's tempted to keep it for herself, but the tag says it belongs to a human called Jack. Emerald asks her land-loving friend, Isadora Moon, and Isadora's cousin, Mirabelle, to help her return it and together they embark on an exciting adventure across the land and sea!

Emerald and the Runaway Royal: Emerald's mum and stepdad King Auster are busy preparing for a very important visit from another royal family – The Seadragons! Emerald is on her best 'princess-like' behaviour even though she'd much rather be wearing her comfy clothes, hanging out with her friends and pet Octopus, Inkibelle. When Prince Mola Seadragon takes a Manta Ray from the royal stable and runs away, Emerald follows. On an adventure across Scallop City, Emerald and Mola discover they have much more in common than they thought.

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

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

Perfect for children who are looking for a mermaid story with a splash of wildness and wonder

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

'This is another lively and engaging story ... mixing a fun adventure with an important message, deftly delivered.' – LoveReading4Kids (on *Isadora Moon Goes on Holiday*)

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Greenwild: The City Beyond the Sea

Greenwild #2

Pari Thomson

Read by Sophia Nomvete



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024

Across the ocean, a magical adventure awaits in *The City Beyond the Sea*, the spellbinding sequel to Overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner and Blackwell's Children's Book of the Year, *Greenwild: The World Behind the Door* by Pari Thomson.

Daisy Thistledown is on a mission. She might have defeated a terrible enemy, but her journey to find her kidnapped mother is just beginning. After smuggling aboard a long-awaited expedition to the heart of the Amazon, Daisy and her friends soon find themselves in danger on the high seas, pursued across the waves by Grim Reapers. Their only hope – to find the legendary Iffenwild, a mysterious city hidden beyond the sea and lost to time.

But a strange, wild magic is stirring beneath the waves. It will take all of Daisy's courage and determination – and the trust of a new friend – if she is to discover the truth that haunts Iffenwild, and save the magical world before it's too late.

Pari Thomson is Editorial Director for picture books at Bloomsbury Children's Books

Greenwild: The World Behind the Door was the Overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner and Blackwell's Children's Book of the Year

'A spectacular, sweeping fantasy filled with intrigue – secret cities, magic, and mystery ... bursting with heart and courage.' – Rashmi Sirdeshpande, author of *How to Change the World*

'Phenomenal ... If you don't believe in magic, you will after you've read *Greenwild*.' – A.F. Steadman, author of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* (on *Greenwild: The World Behind the Door*)

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Yomi and the Curse of Grootslang

The Nkara Chronicles #3

Davina Tijani

Read by Yasmin Mwanza

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024

Join Yomi and her brother Kayode as they embark on a quest to break a powerful curse, in the third instalment of the fun and fast-paced Nkara Chronicles series.

When Yomi and her younger brother Kayode arrive in South Africa, they are greeted with stories of an abandoned town, cursed by the powerful Nkara Grootslang. They soon learn the curse is real when it's triggered and they team up with a group of children who are determined to break it once and for all. They set out on a quest for answers, but with secrets and surprises along the way, will Yomi be ready to face the beast?

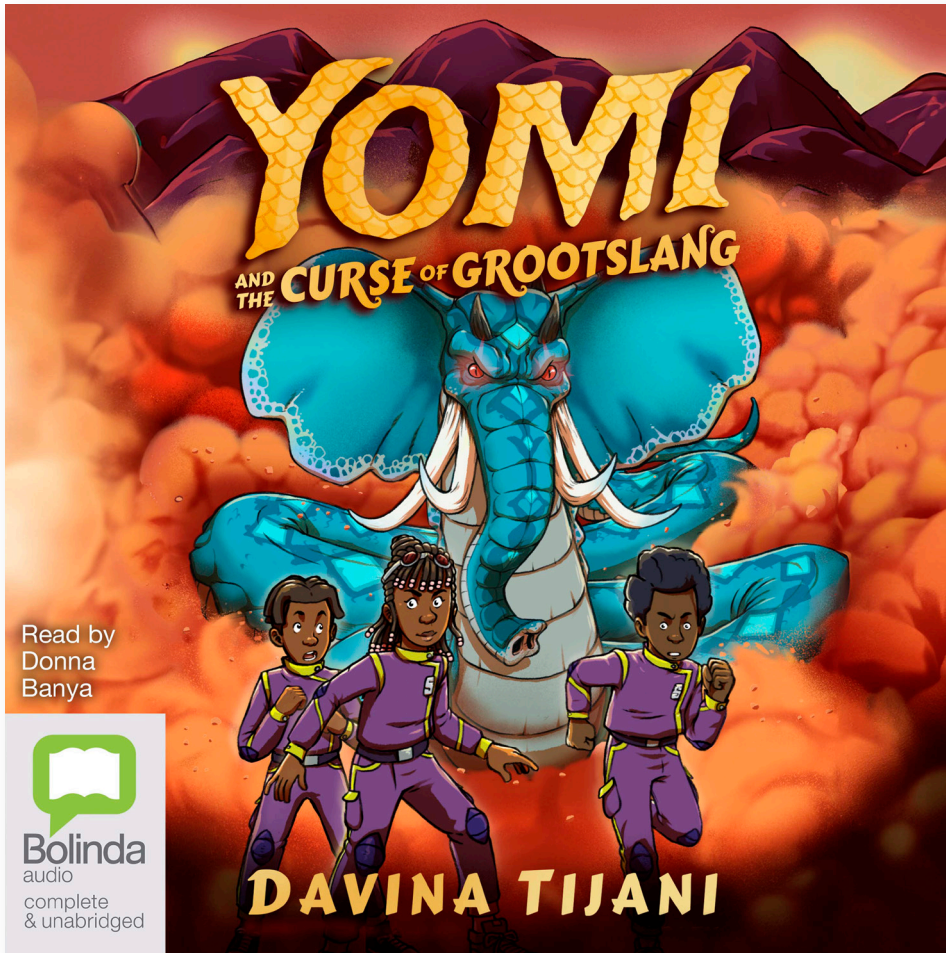
Beast Quest meets Pokémon in the series perfect for fans of How to Train Your Dragon, Future Hero and Dragon Mountain

Davina Tijani is a speculative fiction author for adults and children with a passion for world mythology, which she enjoys incorporating into her writing

Tijani grew up an avid lover of films and books especially Star Wars which sparked a lifelong love of storytelling in all its forms

'It's a thrilling adventure and also a fabulous introduction to the fascinating folklore and rich mythology of The Gambia.' – BookTrust (on Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Nanka)

'A monstrously fun adventure full of dragons, secret societies and mysterious uncles.'
– Louie Stowell, bestselling author of *Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good* (on Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Nanka)



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Ambush at Sorato

Ranger's Apprentice The Royal Ranger #7

John Flanagan

Read by John Keating



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024

International bestselling author John Flanagan returns to the world of Ranger's Apprentice in the seventh instalment of the Royal Ranger series in which Will and Maddie must travel through Toscana and encounter the dangerous Temujai forces.

Will and Maddie are in Toscana on a diplomatic mission when word comes of a cavalry force crossing the northern border and marauding through the countryside.

At the behest of the emperor, the rangers head north to investigate. They discover that the invaders are a group of Temujai – a reconnaissance force searching for a place to penetrate and invade. So Will and Maddie must split up to gather forces and information in order to push the Temujai back once again.

As the Temujai move their forces ahead, cutting at the Toscan forces, Maddie and Will must step up and lead their allies to victory, despite the danger of one of their greatest enemies.

John Flanagan's bestselling Ranger's Apprentice The Royal Ranger series has appeared on the *New York Times* Bestsellers list

Flanagan won the Australian Publishers Association's Book of the Year for Older Children and the International Success Award in 2008 for *Erak's Ransom*

Flanagan is also the bestselling author of the Brotherband Chronicles

'Flanagan builds suspense with well-practiced skill and a flair for the dramatic.' – Booklist (on *The Missing Prince*)

'Flanagan expertly juggles the overall plot line ... with a logically constructed campaign that culminates in a hard, suspenseful battle.' – Kirkus Reviews, starred (on *Oakleaf Bearers*)

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Ride to the Rescue

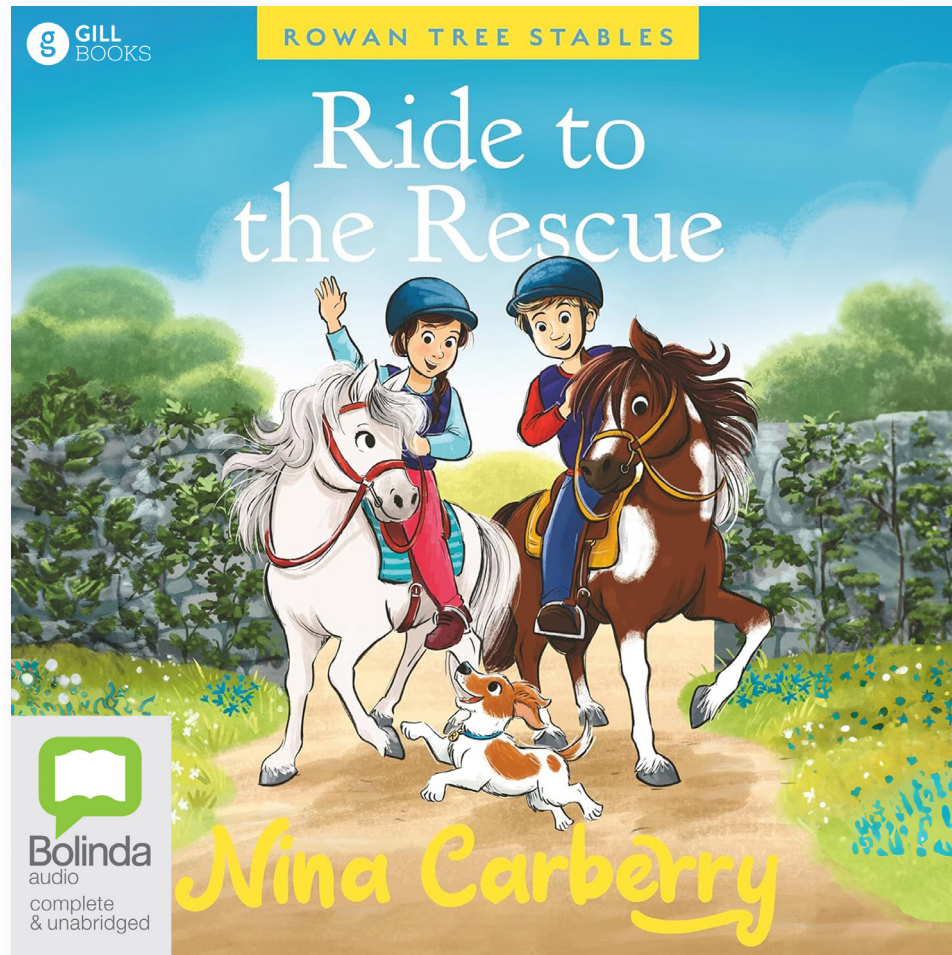
Rowan Tree Stables #1

Nina Carberry

Read by Ailish Jeffers

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024



Ride to the Rescue is the exciting first instalment in the Rowan Tree Stables series, inspired by Nina Carberry's own childhood, featuring ten-year-old Grace and her best friend, Aaron.

Grace and Aaron attend different schools but meet at the local riding stables, where they like to ride out together. Though opposite in character, they are the best of friends, bonded by their shared love of ponies and adventure. Their ponies Daisy and Nipper are best friends too!

In *Ride to the Rescue*, Grace and Aaron discover something fishy about the local river. It's up to them – and their ponies – to track down who is behind it. But how will they manage when Grace's pony, Daisy, gets injured?

Nina Carberry is a retired champion Irish National Hunt jockey who has won both the Irish Grand National and Cheltenham Festival

Widely regarded as one of the greatest amateur riders of all time, Carberry enjoyed a terrific near 17-year career in the saddle

Carberry rode 398 winners in Ireland (National Hunt and Flat) and along with 23 in Britain and two in Germany

Carberry won Dancing with the Stars in 2022 and most recently has been a coach on Ireland's Fittest Family on RTÉ

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Beastlands: Race to Frostfall Mountain

Beastlands #1

Jess French

Read by Billie Fulford-Brown

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024

An epic fantasy adventure featuring three unlikely heroes, a realm of mighty beasts and an adventure quest like no other.

Before there were people, there were beasts ...

The island of Ramoa was once lush and populated with mighty beasts. Now though, it is home to barren and tamed cities, where nature is locked out and trouble is brewing.

When Kayla's beloved animal companion, a rare winged pangron, is stolen, she's determined to get him back. But to do so, she'll have to leave her city and journey into the wild and forbidden Beastlands.

There, she meets Rustus, an exiled young warrior, and Alethea, a healer desperately seeking a cure for a mysterious disease. As their quests unite them, they'll adventure across the lands they know so little about, leading them to discoveries both great and terrifying. Not least that the beasts they've always been taught to fear might not be so terrifying after all ...

Perfect for fans of *Dragon Realm*, *Fireborn* and *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*

Jess French is the author of over 20 books for children and the presenter of hit wildlife show *Minibeast Adventures with Jess*

French has worked all over the globe, including at a gibbon rescue centre in Thailand, a monkey sanctuary in Bolivia, a home for orphaned kangaroos in Australia and a dog shelter in India

'I loved how Jess combines animal expertise with infinite imagination to create an unputdownable fantasy adventure.' – A.F. Steadman, author of *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief*

'It's perfect for fans of Skandar and Fireborn, with brilliant world building, great characterisation, heaps of peril and a subtle but knowledgeable eco angle.' – Hannah Gold, author of *The Last Bear*



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The Dragonrider Heritage #6

Nicole Conway

Read by Josh Hurley & Khristine Hvam



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024

Dark power stirs beneath the throne of an ancient empire, but the dragonriders are not far behind, in this thrilling sixth instalment of The Dragonrider Heritage series.

Maylea Broadfeather is not a dragonrider like her parents. That small detail hasn't stopped her from sneaking aboard Reigh's latest mission, though. Why? Because she has a mission all her own – to rescue her childhood friend from a gruesome demise in the distant land of Nar'Haleen and prove that her family's legacy of greatness hasn't ended. But trying to fill her father's shoes may cost Maylea more than she ever imagined – especially when the God of Life, Paligno, offers her power in exchange for loyalty in the divine war now looming on the horizon.

Clarke is hiding something. Tormented with visions and confusing nightmares, he suspects that the fate of the Compendium Library may have had something to do with him and the strange power that threatens to overtake his mind. Clarke fears that confessing his suspicions would also mean banishment to the dangerous jungles of Nar'Haleen where imperial forces may kill him on sight. But as his power grows and reveals divine secrets buried for centuries, Clarke can't hide the truth for much longer.

Nicole Conway is also the international bestselling author of Dragonrider Chronicles series

Conway's other published works include The Dragonrider Legacy series, the Spirits of Chaos series and the Mad Magic Saga

'This fantasy delivers a bright tsunami of hormones and heroism.' – Kirkus Reviews (on Scales)

'A worthy follow-up to its predecessor, with a cliffhanger of an ending that will leave readers eager for more.' – Kirkus Reviews (on Harbinger)

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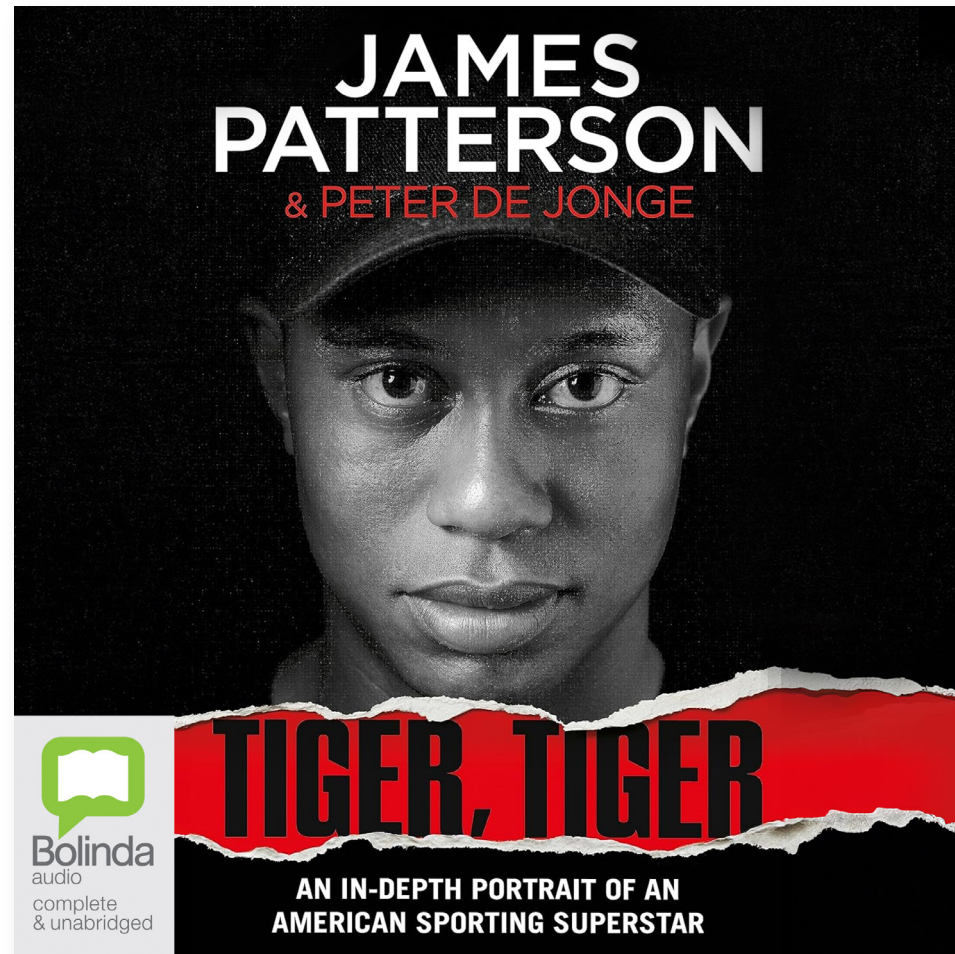
Additional Releases (Not Included in SOP)

August new releases 2024

Tiger, Tiger

James Patterson & Peter de Jonge

Read by Landon G. Woodson



The impossible life of Tiger Woods – how did he become the G.O.A.T., what drove him to fall so spectacularly and how has he made his way back to the pinnacle of golf? In Patterson's hands, Tiger's story is a hole-in-one thriller.

Tiger Woods is unrivalled as an athlete. He made the ultimate commitment to his chosen sport – and transformed it.

Before the age of 25, he rose to phenomenon status: twice named 'Sportsman of the Year' by Sports Illustrated, champion of more than thirty professional tournaments and the youngest player to win all four Grand Slam tournaments.

Tiger, Tiger taps into the transformative moments of Woods's life, revealing in vivid, dramatic scenes what he saw and felt on the course and in his inner life – from his only 'perfect' shot to his missed first putt at the 1995 Masters through his recent comeback tours.

Through a compelling series of original interviews, passionate golfer James Patterson and golf reporter Peter de Jonge get inside the impossible mystery of a global star.

James Patterson is the author of some of the most popular series of the past two decades and has written many other #1 bestsellers, including standalone thrillers and non-fiction

Patterson's #1 bestselling non-fiction includes *Walk in My Combat Boots*, *Filthy Rich* and his autobiography, *James Patterson by James Patterson*

Peter de Jonge is the author of the critically acclaimed crime novels *Shadows Still Remain* and *Buried on Avenue B*. Before collaborating on *Miracle at St. Andrews*, he and James Patterson cowrote *Miracle on the 17th Green* and *Miracle at Augusta*

'The master storyteller of our times.' – Hillary Rodham Clinton (praise for James Patterson)

The Star Outside My Window

Onjali Q. Raúf

Read by Lara Sawalha



Told through the innocent voice of a child, this is a story that explores the subtle faces and endless impacts of domestic violence and celebrates the power of hope and resilience, from award-winning and bestselling author Onjali Q. Raúf.

'I've always wanted to be a Star Hunter ... but I don't want to be the kind that looks for old stars that have already been burning for millions of years. I want to find the new ones – the ones that have only just been born and are searching for the people they have left behind...'

Following the disappearance of her mum, ten-year-old Aniyah suddenly finds herself living in foster care. With her life in disarray, she knows just one thing for sure – her mum isn't gone for ever. Because people with the brightest hearts never truly leave. They become stars.

So when a new star is spotted acting strangely in the sky, Aniyah embarks on the adventure of a lifetime to make sure everyone knows who it belongs to. An adventure that involves the Royal Observatory of London, a mischievous scurry of squirrels and the biggest star in Hollywood ...

The Star Outside My Window won the Diversity Book Award for Children's Fiction (UK) 2020

Onjali Q Raúf's first book *The Boy at the Back of the Class* won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019 and was shortlisted for the Jhalak Prize

Raúf is the founder of Making Herstory, an organisation mobilising men, women and children from all walks of life to tackle the abuse and trafficking of women and girls in the UK and beyond

'Tackled the aftermath of domestic violence with a shining innocence.' – Guardian

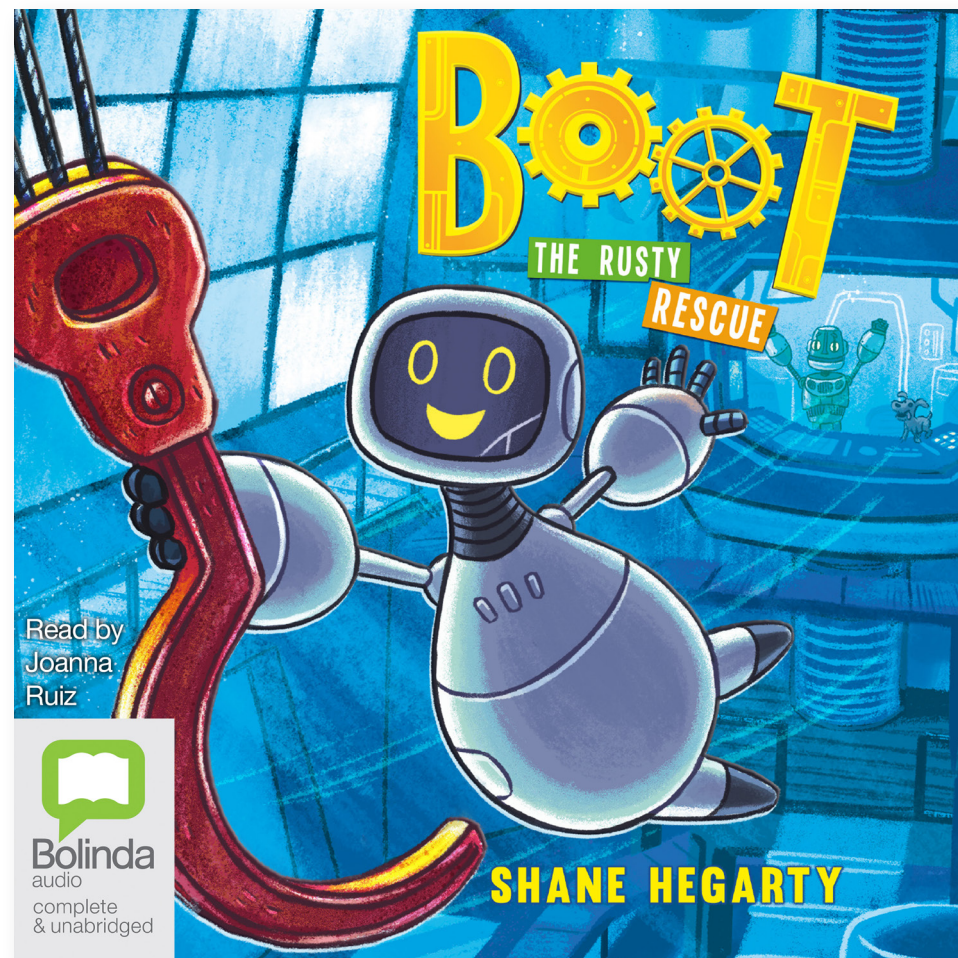
'Raúf, founder of the anti-trafficking and abuse nonprofit Making Herstory, brings to life an age-appropriate narrative about painful topics, giving her characters power and agency in weaving together their stories of survival.' – Kirkus Reviews

The Rusty Rescue

Boot #2

Shane Hegarty

Read by Joanna Ruiz & Ben Mantle



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2024

Fans of *Toy Story* and *Charlie Changes Into a Chicken* will love this hilarious, warm-hearted story about a small robot on a big adventure, full of fun, friendship and a warehouse full of bouncy castles.

Toy robot Boot has come a long way since it woke up in a scrapyard with only two and a half glitchy memories. It has a home with its robot pals in an abandoned amusement arcade, and has discovered what true happiness is – although it's still not sure why humans are so leaky and weird. But when Boot and the gang stumble upon Rusty, an old, broken robot, forgotten in the back of a testing lab, it's time to spring into action. Boot knows there's something special about Rusty – but can they free the old robot and help it find its purpose?

Boot was shortlisted for the Sainsbury's Book Award and nominated for An Post Irish Book Awards

Shane Hegarty is the author of *Darkmouth*, which was nominated for the Waterstones Prize and is being adapted for film by Alcon Entertainment

Hegarty's books have been translated into over 20 languages. His popular live events have included Edinburgh Book Festival, Hay On Wye Literary Festival and the Marburger Lesefest in Germany

'Fast, funny and heartfelt, this is a delightful adventure. The perfectly paced action kicks off straight away.' – Children's Books Ireland

'A tale of resilience and hope amid an adventure filled with friendship and fun.' – Irish Examiner

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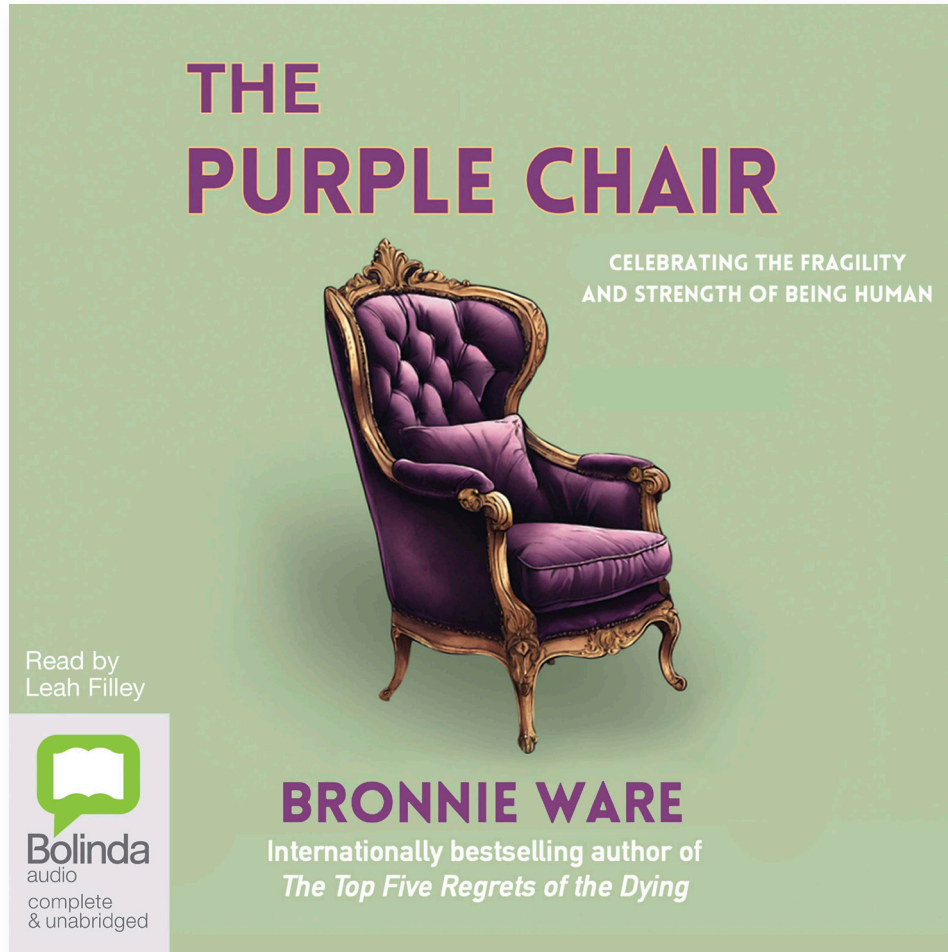
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The Purple Chair

Bronnie Ware

Read by Leah Filley



The Purple Chair is an inspirational, short story, fiction series celebrating the fragility and strength of being human, from international bestselling author Bronnie Ware.

Gwen is known as someone who listens well and solves problems. Clients pay for her counsel as they sit in the purple chair and untangle their emotions and stories. Word of mouth keeps people coming to her door.

But who listens to Gwen? Who helps solve her own problems?

As she supports clients to heal, her own life swirls in pain. She is sliding further down. Will she ever learn to take her own advice and who will catch her if she doesn't?

Bronnie Ware is the author of the internationally bestselling memoir *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*, published in 32 languages

Ware has published three non-fiction books that have inspired thousands around the globe and is currently working on some inspiring fictional works

Ware is a TEDx speaker and has been interviewed by *The Wall Street Journal*, ABC Radio National, Marie Forleo, *The Guardian*, Dr Wayne Dyer, *The Sunday Times*, Lewis Howes, *Harvard Business Review* and hundreds of publications worldwide

'Bronnie's work is a gift to the world.' – Marie Forleo, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author (on *Top Five Regrets of the Dying*)

'Bronnie really is a quite wonderful soul who is able to talk about death in a relatable, powerful and authentic way.' – Dr Rangan Chatterjee, author of *Happy Mind, Happy Life* (on *Top Five Regrets of the Dying*)

The Healthy Hundred

100 Ways to a Healthier, Happier and Longer Life

Dr Peter Larkins

Read by the Author & Paul F. Verhoeven

Adult New Release

Lifestyle – Wellbeing | August 2024

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*100 Ways to a Healthier,
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From sleep to exercise, gut health to immunity, caffeine to sunscreen, red wine to family time ... in *The Healthy Hundred*, you'll learn how everyday choices impact your wellbeing.

Growing older is inevitable. But you might be surprised to learn just how much control you have over your own future health!

Dr Peter Larkins is one of Australia's most trusted physicians. In *The Healthy Hundred*, he draws on his many years of experience to share 100 tips and lifestyle decisions that can influence your rate of biological aging. With this audiobook, you'll learn how you can feel better and get more out of every day.

- Get the facts on how lifestyle and aging affect your mind and body
- Understand why healthspan is more important than lifespan – and quality is more important than simple longevity
- Get moving, keep busy and stay positive: learn how your level of activity and productivity, your attitude, and your environment all impact your daily health
- Raise your awareness of common health issues like heart disease, diabetes, cancer and mental health – and learn simple, proactive measures for the long term
- Discover 100 facts and tips in 5 essential categories that influence your long-term health and wellbeing: Exercise, Nutrition, Habits, Mindset and Social

Dr Peter Larkins is the Epworth Sports and Exercise Medicine Group co-founder in Melbourne and a regular speaker and author on health, sports, and fitness topics

'Everyone will take away learnings to apply to their own lives from his practical advice.' – Cathy Freeman OAM, one of Australia's most admired and respected athletes

'Pete's well-learned lessons set a pretty compelling structure to getting to the big 100!' – Eddie McGuire, one of Australia's most acclaimed media personalities

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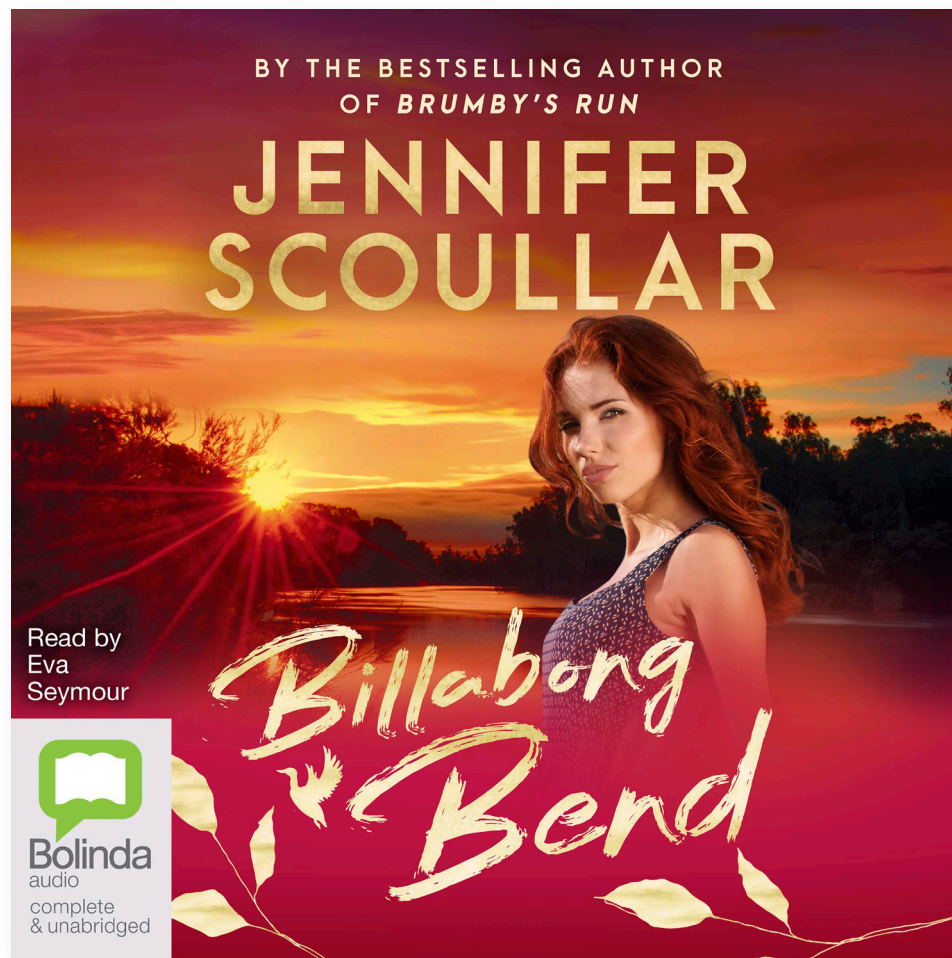
The Wild Australia Stories #3

Jennifer Scoullar

Read by Eva Seymour

Adult New Release

Romance | August 2024



From the bestselling author of *Brumby's Run* and *Currawong Creek* comes an evocative story of love and loyalty, set in the heart of Australia's riverlands.

For Nina Moore, the rare marshland flanking the beautiful Bunyip River is the most precious place on earth. Her dream is to buy Billabong Bend and protect it forever, but she's not the only one with designs on the land.

When her childhood sweetheart Ric returns home, old feelings are rekindled, and Nina dares to dream of a future for both of them on the river. But a tragic death divides loyalties and threatens to tear apart their fledgling romance.

This star-crossed rural romance sets Nina, a floodplains grazier, and Ric, a traditional cotton farmer, on a heart-rending collision course, amid the beauty of northern New South Wales.

Bestselling Australian author Jennifer Scoullar writes page-turning fiction about the land, people and wildlife that she loves

Scoullar is the author of *Wasp Season*, *Brumby's Run*, *Turtle Reef*, *Journey's End*, *Fortune's Son* and *The Lost Valley*

'Like *Currawong Creek* before it, *Billabong Bend* is yet another great read by Jennifer Scoullar.' – The Weekly Times

'An absorbing story ... beautifully written.' – Reading, Writing and Riesling

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Rocking Horse Hill

A Levenham Love Story #1

Cathryn Hein

Read by Jessica Stanley

Adult New Release

Romance | August 2024

An emotional story of family turmoil and second-chance love played out against the dramatic landscape of rural South Australia, from bestselling author Cathryn Hein.

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Rocking Horse Hill

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Who do you trust when a stranger threatens to tear your family apart?

When Emily Wallace-Jones's brother Digby arrives home with a secretive new fiancée, no one knows how to react. The Wallace-Jones are old-money rural aristocracy and Felicity Townsend is from a very different side of the tracks.

But Em is determined not to treat Felicity with the same teenage snobbery that tore apart her relationship with her first love, Josh Sinclair. A man who has now sauntered sexily back into Em's life and given her a chance for redemption.

As Felicity settles in, suspicions are raised about her intentions toward Em's beloved Rocking Horse Hill, the historic family property that Digby owns but has promised will be Em's home for as long as she wishes. Though worried for her future, Em sides with her brother and Felicity, until a near tragedy sets in motion a chain of events that will change the family forever.

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*

Hein is a regular Australian Romance Reader Awards finalist

'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)

'A fantastic, feel-good story. It's got Cathryn Hein's hallmark warmth and charm, with an Aussie country town/bush setting and an adorable hero.' – Annie West, bestselling author (on *Scarlett and the Model Man*)

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Matilda Next Door

Outback Brides Return to Wirralong #1

Kelly Hunter

Read by Hannah Vanderheide

Adult New Release

Romance | August 2024



An Australian girl will do almost anything for her childhood best friend, but falling in love with him and his motherless baby is an emphatic no. Out of the question. Or is it? A captivating romance from bestselling author Kelly Hunter.

Aussie farm girl Matilda Moore kicks off her dream trip to London by flat-sitting for her childhood friend. But London is daunting, crowded and noisy, and that's before Tilly finds a baby on the doorstep. There's a note attached: 'Henry, if you're reading this, please know the worst has happened.'

Probability expert Henry Church has finally returned home to Wirralong, Australia, to see his grandparents when he gets a phone call from Tilly that breaks every statistical analysis. The probability of him being the father is marginal. Plus, he knows nothing about caring for a baby. Emotions and socialising are even bigger mysteries. He begs Tilly for help – can she cut her holiday short and bring the baby to Wirralong?

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

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

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

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

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