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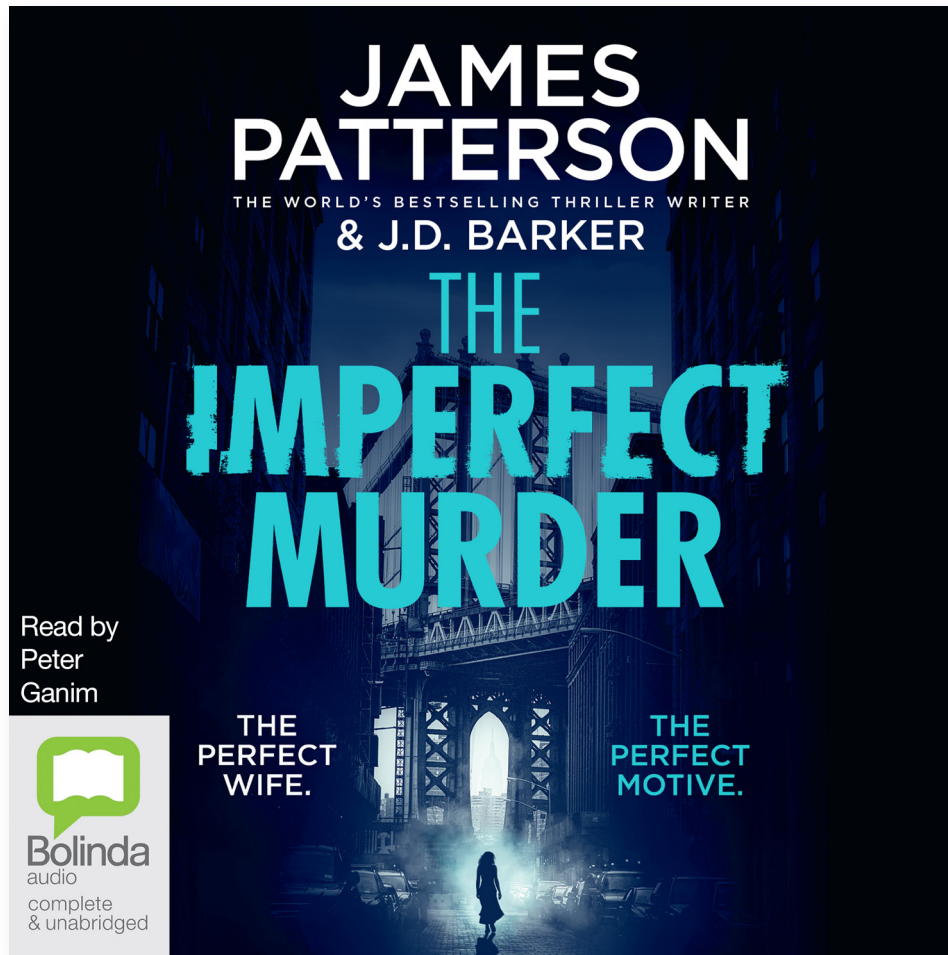
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August new releases 2025

The Imperfect Murder

James Patterson & J.D. Barker

Read by Peter Ganim



Prepare to be hooked by this compulsive cat-and-mouse thriller from bestselling thriller author, James Patterson, in which a brilliant cop must nail down an ingenious true crime writer for murder.

Wife. Writer. Murderer?

When Denise Morrow is discovered standing over the body of her husband, a bloody knife between them, Detective Declan Shaw thinks it's an open-and-shut case. But Denise is no ordinary murder suspect. She's a famous true crime author, who knows how killers operate. And how they get away with it.

Then, Declan discovers the subject of Denise's next book – the violent murder of a girl called Maggie Marshall. A case that Declan worked on. A case that has haunted him for years. Denise knows much more about Declan than she's letting on, and she might just be the slipperiest suspect he has ever encountered ...

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

J.D. Barker is a New York Times and internationally bestselling crime writer, who has been nominated for multiple awards

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

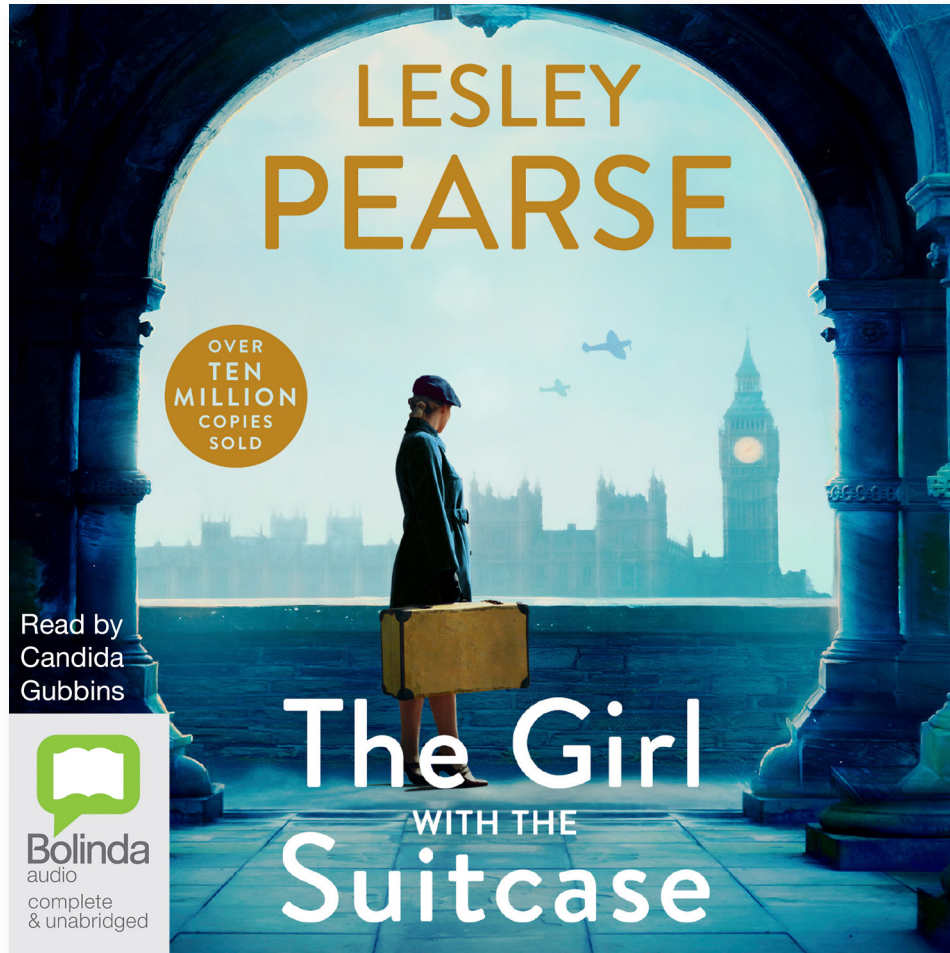
Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | August 2025

The Girl with the Suitcase

Lesley Pearse

Read by Candida Gubbins



A captivating historical fiction from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Lesley Pearse.

London 1941.

When Mary meets a glamorous stranger named Elizabeth, she realises their lives couldn't be more different. But when an air raid forces them to take shelter underground, Mary's life is set to change forever.

After waking up in the hospital, injured but alive, the nurse mistakes her for Elizabeth and hands over her suitcase with Elizabeth's money and tickets to Ireland inside. This is Mary's chance to escape the hardship of her life and start afresh. What could go wrong?

Lesley Pearse's titles have sold over ten million copies

Pearse is the author of *Liar*, *Suspects*, *Charity*, *You'll Never See Me Again*, *The Woman in the Wood*, *Tara*, *Faith*, *The House Across the Street*, *Till We Meet Again* and *A Lesser Evil*

'Compelling, rich in detail and vividly told ... Storytelling at its best.' – The Daily Express (on *You'll Never See Me Again*)

'An evocative and nostalgic novel from one of the UK's most prolific, bestselling authors.' – CultureFly (on *The House Across the Street*)

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The Scene of the Crime

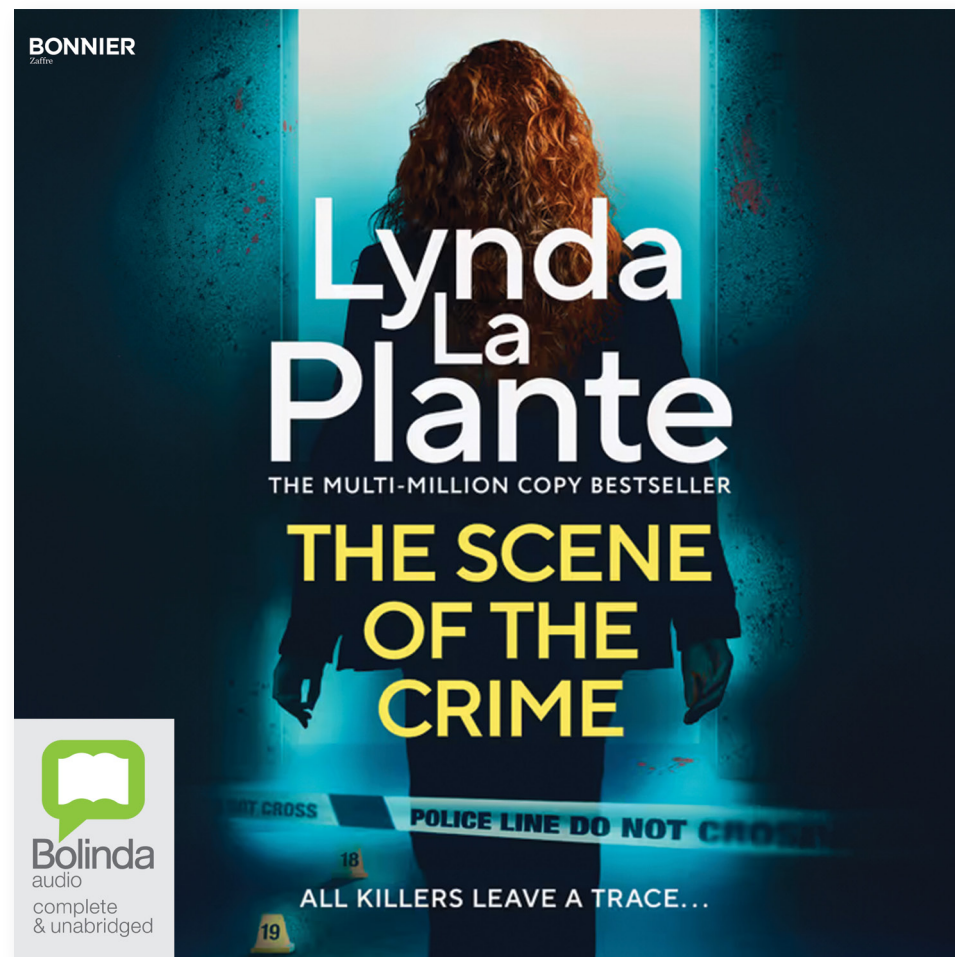
Jessica Russell #1

Lynda La Plante

Narrator to Come

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2025



The first instalment in a brand-new crime series from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Detective Jane Tennison*, Lynda La Plante.

The husband of a prominent and infamously ruthless barrister is found in horrific condition after a robbery and brutal assault. Now in a coma, a major investigation is launched using the newly formed, experimental Metropolitan Police Serious Crime Analysis Unit.

Jessica Russell is an experienced CSI with degrees in psychology and criminology with an exceptional Masters in Investigative psychology and behaviour analysis. But Jessica's first job as team leader of MSCAN is entirely new to her: to bring together a team of three trusted officers.

Between them, the team has dealt with every kind of murder and major crime scene - their expertise ranges from forensic DNA to blood splatter analysis, digital forensics and beyond.

Now they must piece together the complex puzzle at the heart of this brutal crime. If it was a robbery gone horrifically wrong, what was so important to have been stolen?

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

'La Plante excels in her ability to pick out the surprising but plausible details that give her portrayal of everyday life in a police station a rare ring of authenticity.' – *Sunday Telegraph* (on *Pure Evil*)

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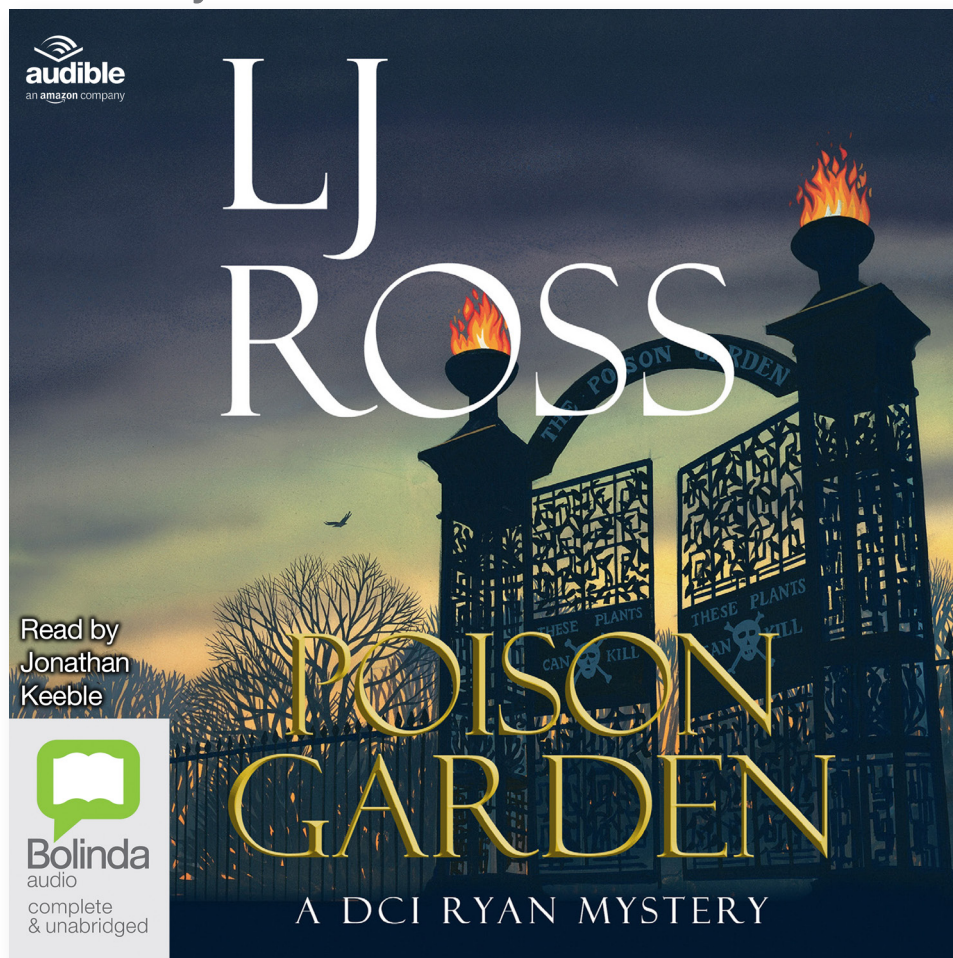
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Poison Garden

The DCI Ryan Mysteries #22

L.J. Ross

Read by Jonathan Keeble



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2025

From the #1 international bestselling author of *Holy Island* comes a fast-paced crime whodunnit, set amidst the spectacular Northumbrian landscape.

The clock is ticking ...

For Detective Chief Inspector Ryan, the stakes have never been higher. Most of the world thinks he's dead, killed by an assassin's rifle in his own home. But another man took the bullet intended for him, and now Ryan's living on borrowed time. As long as he stays 'dead', in the sanctuary of his parents' home in Devon, there's a chance to find the people behind the deadly killing network. It's only a matter of time before his secret's uncovered, and nowhere will be safe.

Back in Northumberland, Ryan's team are called in to investigate the mysterious death of a man in Alnwick, who collapsed yards from the walls of its Mediaeval castle. When a second person is rushed to hospital with the same symptoms, her life hangs in the balance unless they can discover the toxic substance that's killing her. For DCs Lowerson and Reed, there's only one place to look for inspiration – the Poison Garden ...

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

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

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

'A literary phenomenon.' – Evening Chronicle

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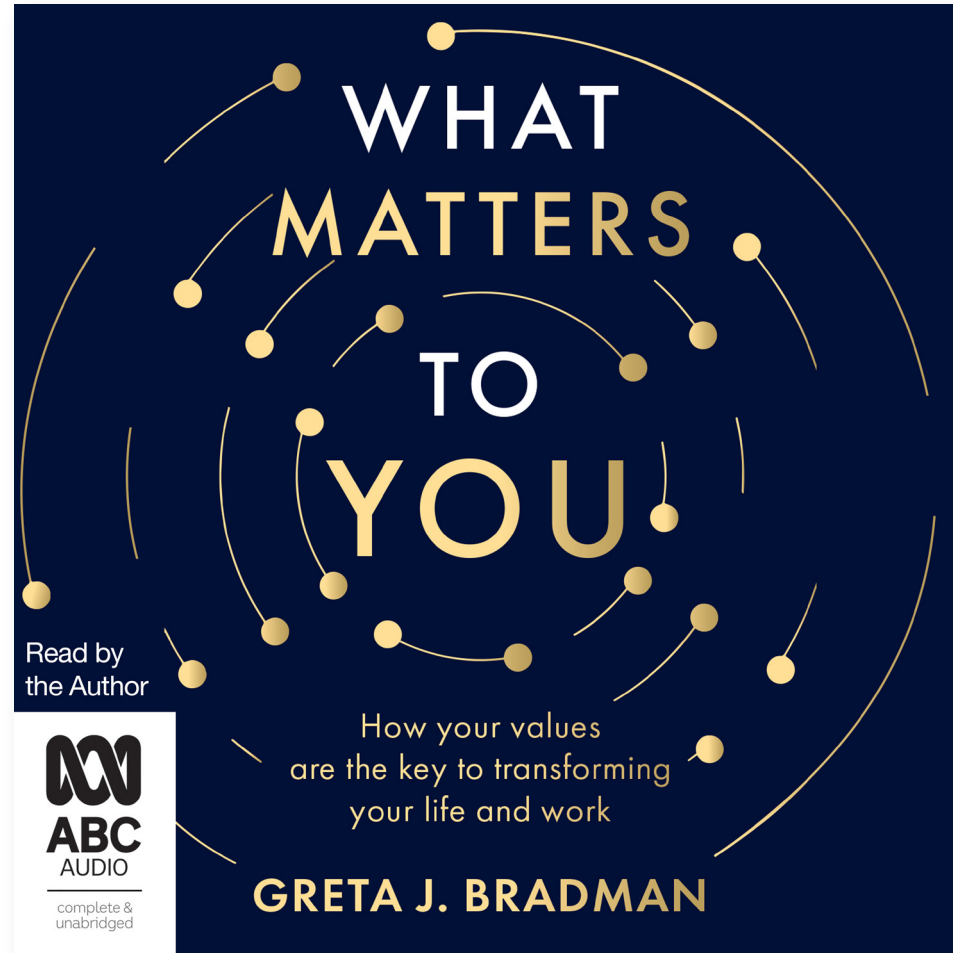
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A Neighbour's Guide to Murder

Louise Candlish

Read by a Full Cast



The brand-new psychological suspense domestic crime thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *Our House*.

One woman's secret is another's scandal ...

It's rare for a room in beautiful, iconic Columbia Mansions to be up for grabs, and retiree Gwen is thrilled when its new occupant Pixie turns out to be the most delightful neighbour she could have wished for. Before long the two women have formed an unlikely age-gap friendship, and Gwen is making herself useful to Pixie in all kinds of ways.

But when a crime comes to light, Gwen's protective instincts go into overdrive, igniting an appetite for revenge that none of the residents are prepared for. The last thing they need in Columbia Mansions is a scandal. The last thing they want is a murder.

Louise Candlish is the bestselling author of 17 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

'Twisty, warped, credible. Brilliantly plotted and compelling. Deserves to be such a hit.'

– Sarah Vaughan, bestselling author of *Anatomy of a Scandal* (on *Our House*)

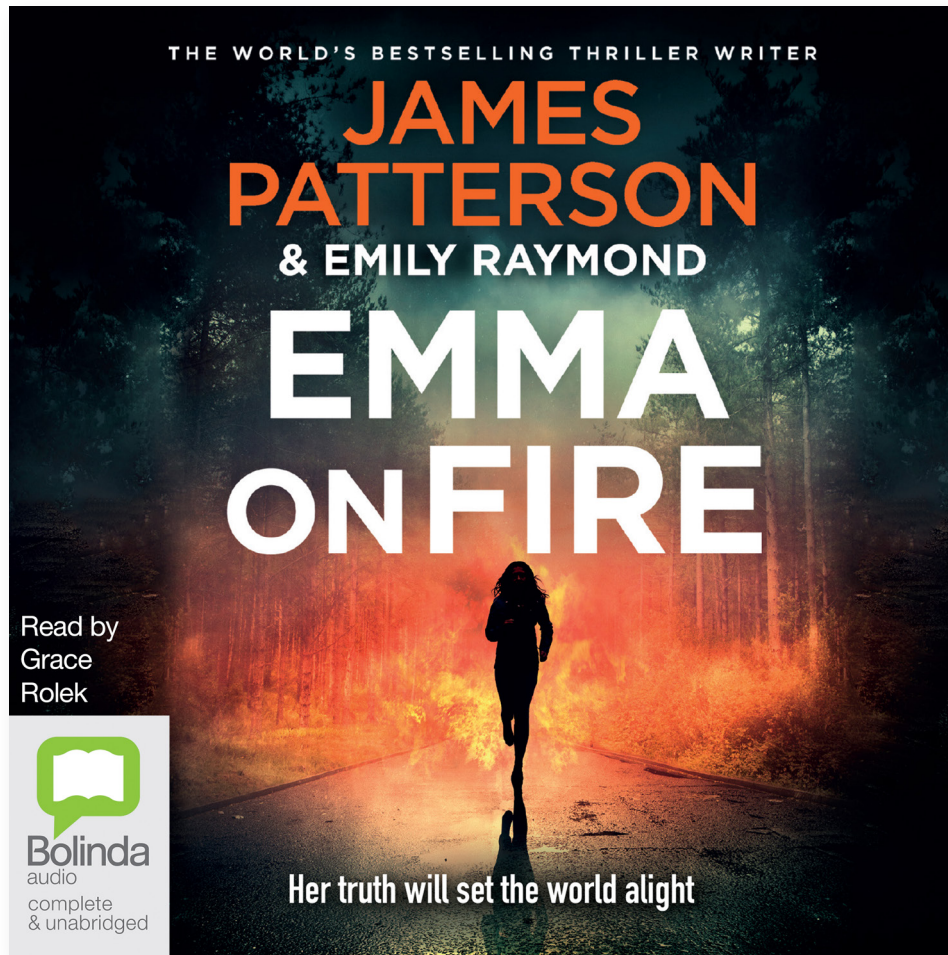
'Another slice of compelling, gripping escapism from Louise Candlish. Absolutely loved it.'

– Jane Fallon, author of *Over Sharing* (on *Our Holiday*)

Emma on Fire

James Patterson & Emily Raymond

Read by Grace Rolek



Bestselling author James Patterson's most emotionally gripping thriller ever about the story of Emma Blake, a young woman who puts everything on the line for the world – and herself.

You – all of you – are sleepwalking through global catastrophe. And I intend to wake you up.

What Emma Caroline Blake has planned at New Hampshire's Ridgemont Academy is shocking. Her school blames a heartbreaking tragedy in her family. Her best friends point to her most recent social media. Her teachers, even her father, say it's a drastic cry for help.

But Emma doesn't want help. She wants to make a difference. Not tomorrow. Today. Now. She's going to walk through fire to change the world.

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

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

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

Human Rites

Her Majesty's Royal Coven #3

Juno Dawson

Read by Nicola Coughlan

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | August 2025

With Her Majesty's Royal Coven in shambles and the fate of the world hanging in the balance, the sisterhood of friends and witches must find a new way forward if (wo)mankind is to stand a chance.

Niamh, Ciara, Leonie, Elle and Theo. Five very different witches with one thing in common: they were unwittingly chosen by the dangerously charming Lucifer, the demon king of desire, to fulfil a dark prophecy – Satanis will rise and the daughters of Gaia will fall.

The coven is reunited – but broken. Niamh is back from the dead ... but she hasn't come back alone. Elle mourns a son she never had. Ciara languishes in a prison for witches, and Leonie reels from a very unexpected surprise.

Meanwhile, Lucifer offers fledgling witch Theo a deal: if she helps him, her coven – her family – will be spared. But the magic he asks for will take her out of London – out of time, entirely.

Juno Dawson is a #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling novelist, screenwriter, journalist and a columnist for *Attitude Magazine*

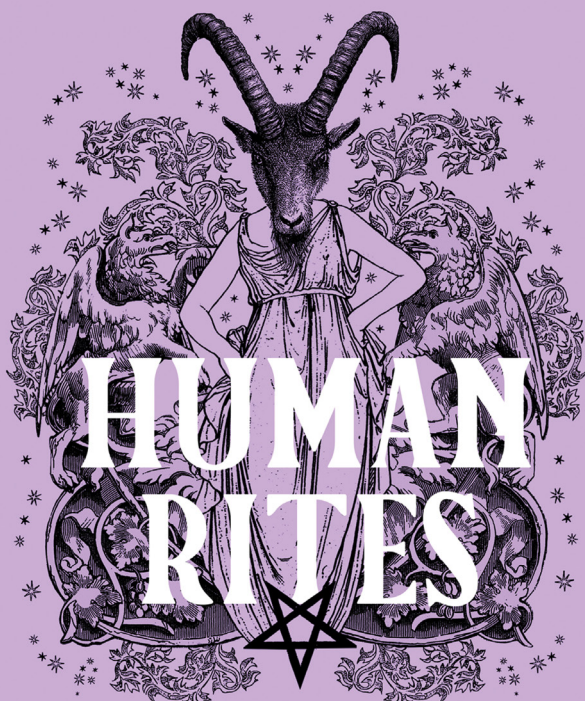
Dawson's titles include the global bestsellers *This Book is Gay* and *Clean*

'Juno Dawson has created your new obsession ... full of her trademark heart and humour, with a delicious slick of darkness. I fell in love with her coven – and I need the next installment now!' – Kiran Millwood Hargrave, author of *The Girl of Ink and Stars* (on *Her Majesty's Royal Coven*)

'Juno Dawson is at the top of her game in this vibrant and meticulous take on witchcraft. Her characteristic wit and grit shine through.' – Samantha Shannon, international bestselling author of *The Bone Season* and *The Priory of the Orange Tree* (on *Her Majesty's Royal Coven*)

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JUNO DAWSON



THERE'LL BE THE DEVIL TO PAY

Read by
Nicola
Coughlan



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Crossfire

Courtney #25

Wilbur Smith & David Churchill

Read by Sean Barrett

Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | August 2025

Wilbur Smith returns to his legendary Courtney series with a brand new race against time thriller set during World War II.

1943. The tide of the Second World War is turning. The Russian victory at Stalingrad – the bloodiest battle in history – has opened the door for the Allies. Now, they must strike decisively at the heart of Hitler's Reich. But military success cannot be guaranteed without total secrecy.

Special Operations Executive Saffron Courtney is sailing from the west coast of Scotland to New York on the Queen Mary. Her mission – to identify the mole in the British Embassy in Washington, DC before Churchill and Roosevelt begin the talks that will determine British and American military strategy in the wake of the Russian victory.

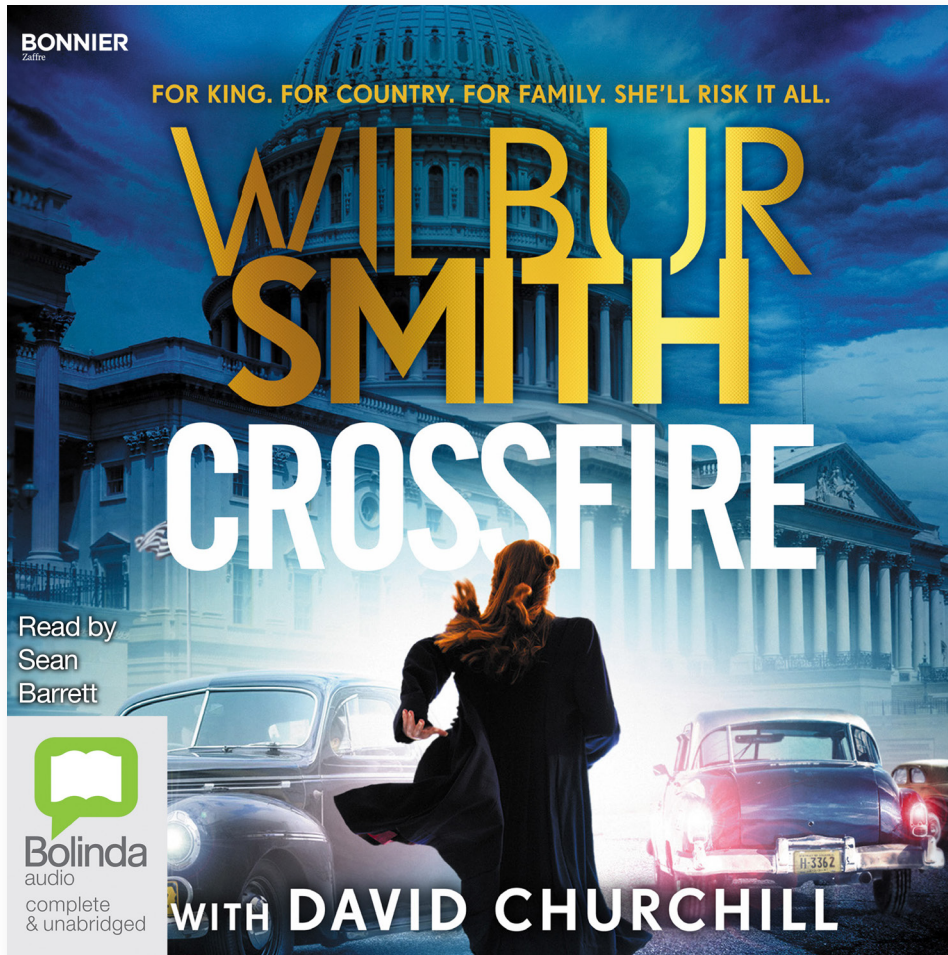
Haunted by the ghosts of her previous mission in the Low Countries, and with dangerous agents on her tail, Saffron must find the spy who could derail the Allied advance. Time is running out. Will Saffron complete her mission? Or will she succumb to the shadows of her past?

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

David Churchill is the author of The Leopards of Normandy, the critically acclaimed trilogy of novels about the life and times of William the Conqueror

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

'This fast-paced plot at times becomes gripping while the storyline kept me interested ...'
– Historical Novel Society (on *Ghost Fire*)



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Dear Miss Lake

The Emmy Lake Chronicles #4

A.J. Pearce

Read by Anna Popplewell



Adult New Release

Historical Fiction | August 2025

From the author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *Dear Mrs Bird*, *Dear Miss Lake* returns us to wartime London where Emmy Lake is facing her greatest challenge yet.

London, July 1944. Journalist Emmy Lake's career is soaring: *Woman's Friend* magazine is a huge success, and she is finally realising her dream of becoming a Lady War Correspondent. On the personal front, Emmy's husband Charles has been posted closer to home, and they and their friends Bunty and Harold have escaped to the countryside for a few precious summer days. They all know how lucky they are.

But after nearly five years of war, the nation is struggling. The 'Yours Cheerfully' advice column receives more letters than ever, and even though it looks like the war might finally be over by Christmas, the situation is far from resolved. For Emmy and her team, it's all about pulling together and pushing on. But then disaster strikes. Soon Emmy finds herself facing her greatest battle yet. Now she needs her friends more than ever ...

Endearing, engaging and full of heart, *Dear Miss Lake* is a testament to the power of friendship in the hardest of times.

Dear Mrs Bird, the first instalment in the hugely popular Emmy Lake Chronicles series, was shortlisted for the 2019 British Book Awards Debut of the Year

Pearce's second novel, *Yours Cheerfully*, was published in 2021 and was a *Times* Top 10 hit

'A joyous story of friendship, courage and love.' – The Independent (on *Yours Cheerfully*)

'A winning combination of warmth, humour and a compelling story of the power of friendship.' – Katie Fforde, bestselling author of *A Summer at Sea* (on *Mrs Porter Calling*)

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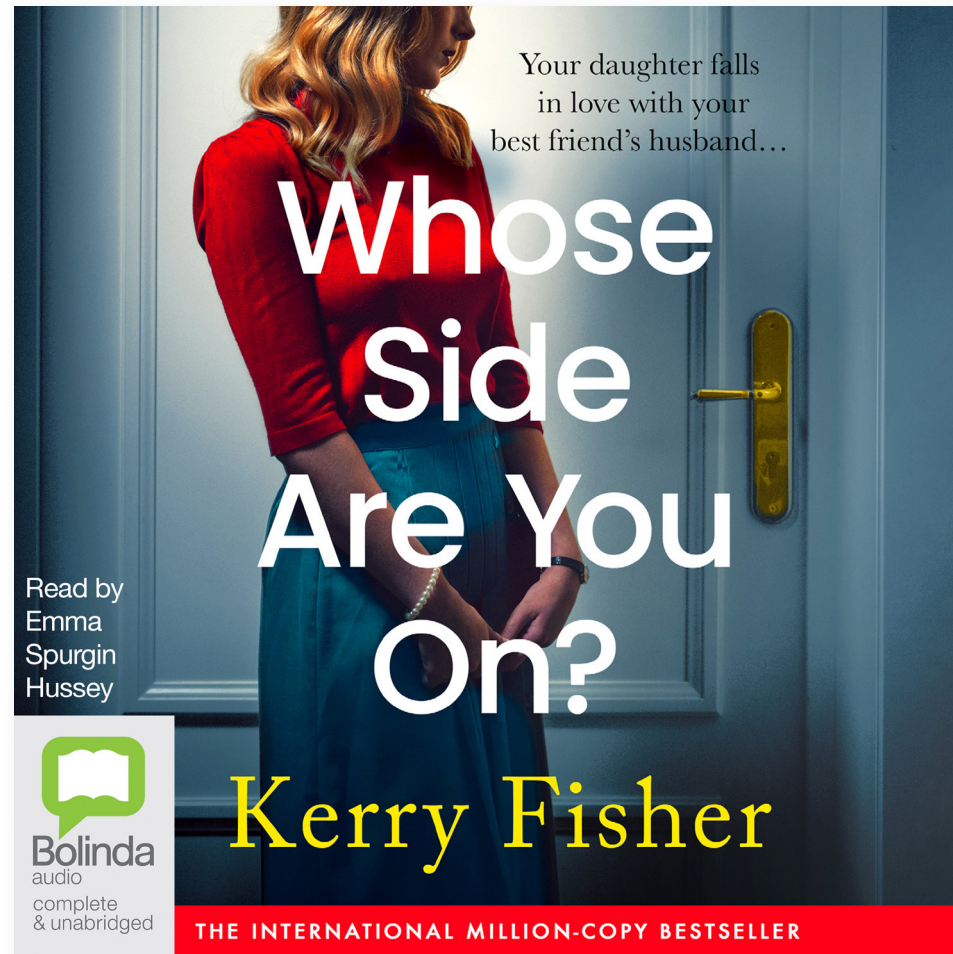
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Whose Side Are You On?

Kerry Fisher

Read by Emma Spurgin Hussey



From bestselling author Kerry Fisher comes a gripping story about secrets and family.

Your daughter falls in love with your best friend's husband. Whose side are you on?

As I walk through the front door of my daughter Scarlett's house, looking forward to the birthday lunch we have planned, nothing can prepare me what I see. Andrew is here too, my best friend's husband ... Scarlett and Andrew say they are in love. Despite the 25-year age gap, they want to be together.

My best friend Philippa and I have known each other for 50 years. Our daughters are more like sisters. We know everything about each other. And Philippa's the only person in the world who knows my darkest secret.

She'd decided to leave Andrew. They'd drifted apart. My husband and I were devastated – her desire for a different kind of life broke up our happy little group – but I supported her.

Now, seeing Andrew and Scarlett together ... I can't take it in.

My husband is horrified, and my loyalties are all over the place. Scarlett begs me to keep her secret from Philippa. Begs me to understand that, despite the age gap and the way in which they came together, she and Andrew are perfect for each other.

I cannot lose my daughter over this but how can I betray my best friend? How can I risk her sharing the secret that could break apart my own family?

And what would happen if my family found out who I really am?

Kerry Fisher is the international bestselling author of *The Woman I Was Before*, *The Silent Wife* and *Other People's Marriages*, as well as a non-fiction memoir, *Take My Hand*

Fisher's books have been translated into 16 languages

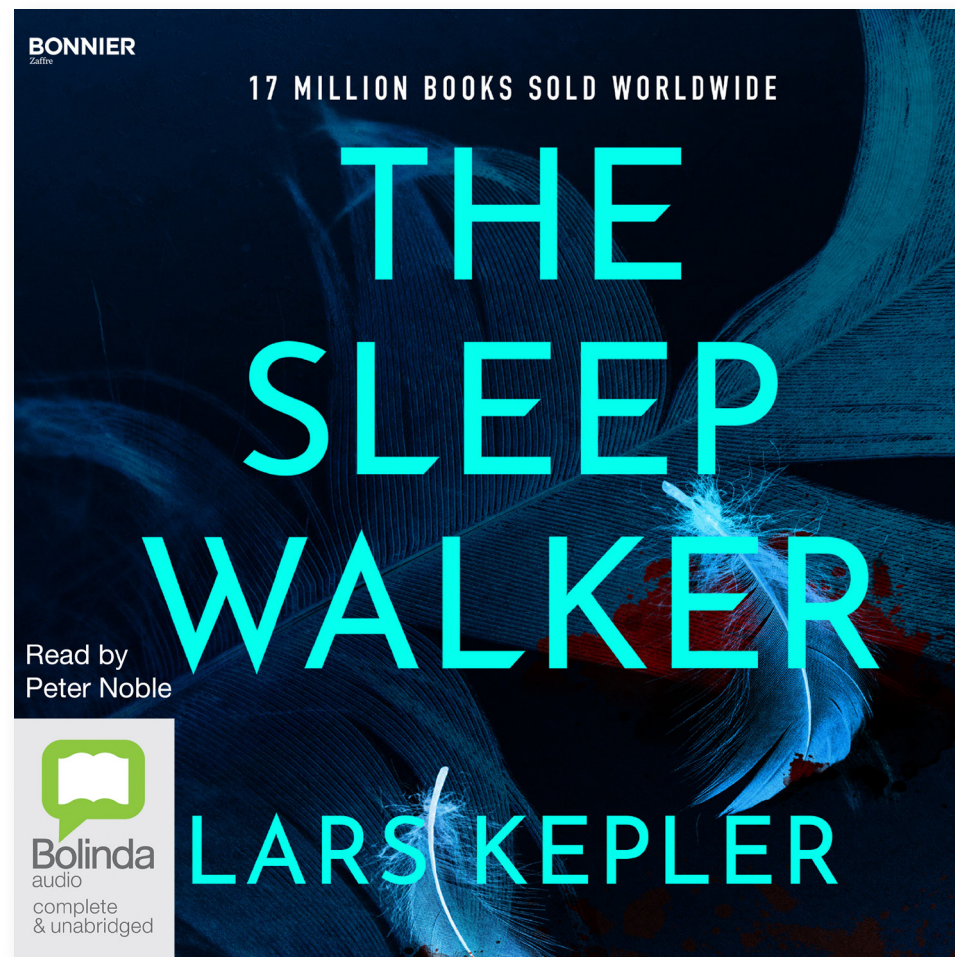
'Brilliant! Very highly recommended. Cannot wait for Kerry's next!' – Renita D'Silva, author of *The Forgotten Daughter* (on *The Silent Wife*)

The Sleepwalker

Joona Linna #10

Lars Kepler

Read by Peter Noble



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2025

The stunning new crime thriller from the master of Scandinavian noir, Lars Kepler.

An emergency call comes in the middle of the night, reporting an ongoing burglary at a winter-closed camping site in Bredäng outside Stockholm.

The nearest police car responds to the call. There is a light on in one of the farthest caravans in the otherwise dark area, and when the officers open the door to the caravan, they are greeted by a horrific sight. Floors, walls and furniture are completely covered in blood. A person has been killed with an axe and brutally dismembered.

In one of the rooms, a young man is sleeping on the floor with a severed arm as his pillow. He is arrested and taken into custody at Kronobergshäktet. There he is identified as the 17-year-old Hugo Sand, son to a famous author.

It turns out that Hugo is suffering from a rare kind of somnambulism which is triggered by nightmares. He can either be the perpetrator or a witness, but claims, nevertheless, that that he remembers nothing from that night.

Joona Linna, who is asked to take on the case, contacts his old friend Erik Maria Bark in order to use hypnosis in the quest to find out what happened inside the caravan. This becomes the starting point of a complicated hunt for a bestial killer who has just entered an extremely active phase.

The Sleepwalker was the most sold novel in Sweden of 2024 and has been shortlisted for the Storytel Awards and the Mofibo Awards

Lars Kepler is the pseudonym of critically acclaimed husband and wife team Alexandra Coelho Ahndoril and Alexander Ahndoril

'The ability of Kepler to ratchet up the tension en route to a stunning reveal and an eminently fair solution is remarkable. This merits comparisons with the best of Thomas Harris.' – Publishers Weekly, starred review (on *The Mirror Man*)

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The Cruise Club

Cruise #2

Caroline James

Read by Patience Tomlinson



Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | August 2025

Escape to the sun with the #1 bestselling author of *The Cruise* in a feel-good rom-com full of romance, fun and mischief.

Set sail on the Diamond Star for sunshine, romance and just a little bit of mischief ...

Cosy crime writer Carmen Cunningham is in trouble. Her inspiration has vanished, her deadline is looming and her meddling elderly mother Betty consumes her every waking moment.

Hoping to revive her creativity, Carmen books a dream cruise, featuring workshops with her literary idol, Ruskin Reeve. It's the perfect plan – until Betty insists on tagging along ...

However, as the *Diamond Star* sails through sun-soaked ports and magical Mediterranean islands, Carmen finds the escape she needs as she discovers new friendships, and unexpected sparks with the grumpy, but charming, Ruskin.

But mischief is afoot on board the ship, with talk of items going missing and a secret club that's got everyone talking. Will the cruise reignite Carmen's writing muse or plunge her into the biggest plot twist of her life? Because, as she's about to find out, anything can happen at sea ...

Escape this summer on a holiday like no other, where fun and frolics are the order of the day!

Caroline James is the celebrated author of later-life fiction

As a member of the Romantic Novelists' Association, the SoA, ARRA and The Society of Women's Writers and Journalists, James is a passionate advocate for the written word and a champion of life-long creativity

'Fabulous ...' – Woman & Home (on *The Spa Break*)

'A laugh out loud, naughty, enlightening heart-warming story ...' – Yours Magazine (on *The Spa Break*)

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Never Say Die

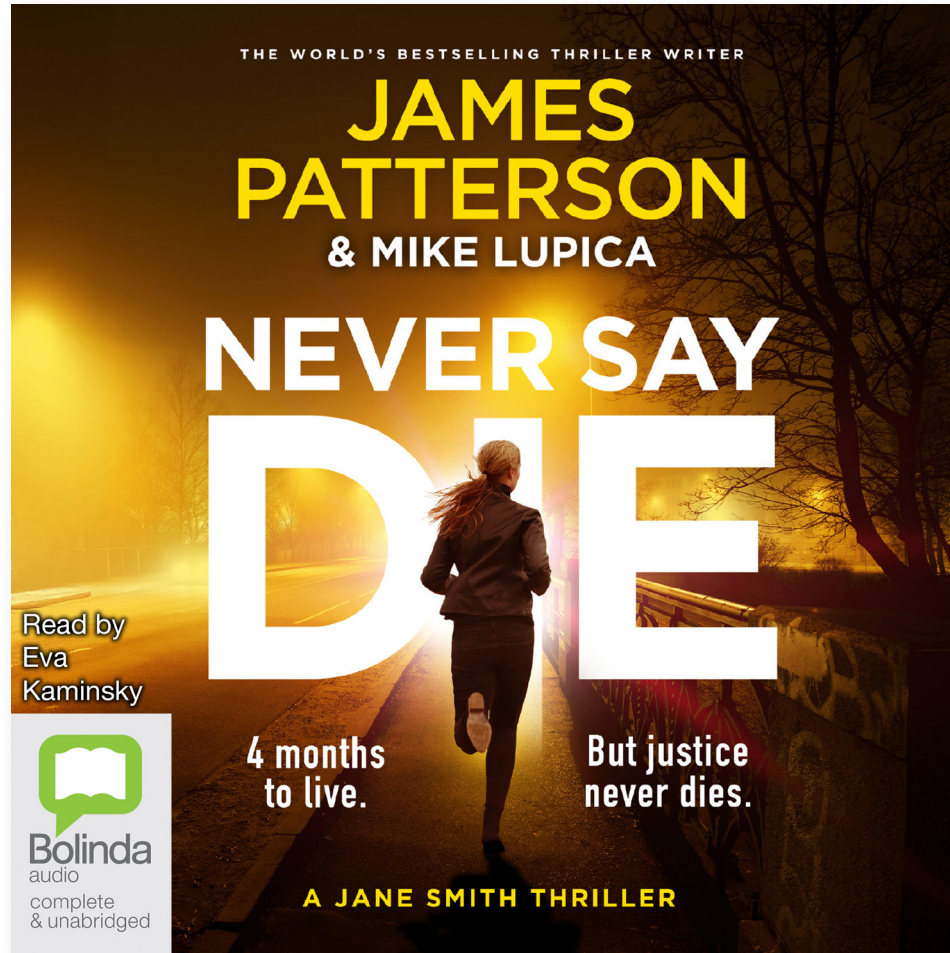
Jane Smith #3

James Patterson & Mike Lupica

Read by Eva Kaminsky

Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2025



Since taking on a famous celebrity client, defense attorney Jane Smith has been chased down, shot at, and threatened with contempt of court. She's a survivor – for now.

Jane Smith is the best lawyer in town ... but she's on a deadline.

Her repeat client, Rob Jacobson, seems to attract misfortune wherever he goes. Only just acquitted of a triple homicide, he is quickly accused of brutally killing another family. And this time, the evidence against him is even more damning. Jacobson insists he's being framed – again. Despite the odds, Jane believes him.

Jane must now tackle the most complex case of her career whilst battling an even bigger threat. A terminal medical condition. Will she uncover the truth before it's too late? Or will the clock run out on her final case?

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

Mike Lupica is one of the most prominent sportswriters in America as well as being a New York Times bestselling author

'The phenomenal Patterson, one of the great storytellers of our time, does not often produce a new character, but he does here to stunning effect.' – Daily Mail (on *12 Months to Live*)

'A gutsy heroine. A ticking clock. A breathless pace. Wow! This one had me reeling.'
– Jane Corry (on *12 Months to Live*)

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My Imaginary Mary

The Lady Janies #5

Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton
& Jodi Meadows

Read by Morag Sims



Young Adult New Release

Romance | August 2025

The *New York Times* bestselling authors of *My Lady Jane* present an electric, poetic and (almost) historical tale of the one and only Mary Shelley – perfect for fans of young adult fantasy and romance.

Mary may have inherited the brilliant mind of her late mother, Mary Wollstonecraft, but she lives a drab life above her father's bookstore, waiting for an extraordinary idea that'll inspire a work worthy of her parentage – and impress her rakishly handsome (and super-secret) beau, Percy Shelley.

Ada Lovelace knows a thing or two about superstar parents, what with her dad being Lord Byron, the most famous poet on Earth. But her passions lie far beyond the arts – in mechanical engineering, to be exact. Alas, no matter how precise Ada's calculations, there's always a man willing to claim her ingenious ideas as his own.

Pan, a.k.a. Practical Automaton Number One, is Ada's greatest idea yet: a machine that will change the world, if only she can figure out how to make him truly autonomous ... or how to make him work at all.

When fate connects our two masterminds, Mary and Ada learn that they are fae – magical people with the ability to make whatever they imagine become real. But when their dream team results in a living, breathing, thinking Pan, Mary and Ada find themselves hunted by a mad scientist who won't stop until he finds out how they made a real boy out of spare parts.

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

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

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The Art of a Lie

Laura Shepherd-Robinson

Read by a Full Cast



A beguiling cat-and-mouse thriller from the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Square of Sevens*, Laura Shepherd-Robinson.

That's the trouble with stories, especially the ones you write for yourself. Sometimes you think they've ended, when they've barely begun ...

London, 1749. Following the murder of her husband in what looks like a violent street robbery, Hannah Cole is struggling to keep her head above water. The Punchbowl and Pineapple, her confectionary shop on Piccadilly, is barely turning a profit. Henry Fielding, the famous author and new magistrate, is threatening to confiscate the money in her husband's bank account because he believes it might have been illicitly acquired. And even those who claim to be Hannah's friends have darker intent.

Only William Devereux seems different. A friend of her late husband, Devereux helps Hannah unravel some of the mysteries surrounding his death. He also tells her about an Italian delicacy called ice cream, an innovation she is convinced will transform the fortunes of her shop – if only she can learn how to make it. But their friendship opens Hannah to speculation and gossip and draws Henry Fielding's attention her way, locking her into a battle of wits more devastating than anything, even her husband's murder.

Laura Shepherd-Robinson is the author of *The Square of Sevens*, *Blood & Sugar* and *Daughters of Night*

Shepherd-Robinson's *Blood & Sugar* was the winner of the HWA Debut Crown in 2019 and the Specsavers Debut Crime Novel Award in 2020

'Told with authority and panache, Shepherd-Robinson takes us on a breathtaking, tension-filled, kaleidoscopic whirl through the Georgian London of the striving middle classes and those who would prey upon them. Masterful.' – Abir Mukherjee, bestselling author of *Hunted*

The Perfect Home

Daniel Kenitz

Read by Michael Crouch & Amanda Stribling



Fixer Upper meets *Gone Girl* in this suspenseful and witty domestic thriller set in the world of home renovation TV.

Dawn Decker is an American everywoman and the salt to her husband Wyatt's sweet, media-friendly charm on their Tennessee-based home renovation reality TV show, *The Perfect Home*. While Dawn bristles at the trappings of their D-list celebrity status, Wyatt hungers for greater fame. The couple also faces infertility issues stemming from Wyatt's low sperm count. He secretly orders experimental fertility drugs, and they conceive, but his personality takes a dark turn – he becomes moody, withdrawn and even cruel.

When Dawn discovers his horrifying plot to manufacture a tragedy in order to skyrocket their celebrity status, she takes their infant twins and goes on the run. Wyatt appears on national television to turn the public against her, painting Dawn as an unstable kidnapper suffering from postpartum psychosis. His charm is so compelling that even Dawn's closest friends doubt her. She will have to dig deep into the past – both hers and Wyatt's – to find allies, protect her children and beat this beloved all-American celebrity at his own game.

Daniel Kenitz has published several short stories, including the Pushcart Prize-nominated *A Hand to the Plow*, *Tickleneck*, *The Cycle*, *Seen*, *The Parent License* and *Sunset 9037*.

Kenitz's freelance work has appeared in blogs like *Skillshare*, *Atlassian* and *Big Cartel*.

'A unique and enthralling thriller from a great new voice in the genre. Kenitz takes a wrecking ball to the fable of the perfect home while at the same time skewering the culture of fame. Both dark and fun with twists you won't see coming.' – Alex Finlay, bestselling author of *If Something Happens to Me*

The Second Chance Convenience Store

Kim Ho-Yeon

Read by Jennifer Kim



A moving and joyful story of a woman fighting for her community and a man who has lost everything except the will to try again.

In this million-copy bestseller from Korea, the owner of a corner store takes in a homeless man who does a good deed – a kind soul whose presence will transform the whole neighbourhood.

Seoul Station is home to Dokgo, a man with no memories of his past. Until one day his subdued existence is disrupted when he stumbles upon a lost wallet, triggering a chain of events that will change the course of his life.

Enter Mrs Yeom, a retired teacher turned convenience store owner, who, upon discovering Dokgo's act of kindness in returning her purse, offers him a meal as a token of her gratitude. Their chance encounter blossoms into an unexpected alliance when the man's bravery saves the store from ruin, earning him not just a job but a place in the heart of the neighbourhood.

But just when things are looking up for Dokgo, Mrs Yeom's troubled son, eager to sell the store, hires a detective to dig into the mysterious man's past and unearth what he seems to be trying so hard to forget . . .

Kim Ho-yeon has worked as a novelist, playwright and comic book writer

Considered a complete storyteller, Ho-yeon won the Segye Literary Prize in 2013, and in 2021, was awarded Yes24 Book of the Year and Millie Audiobook of the Year

'Dok-go's realistic and encouraging relationship with the store's customers, who have their problems and aspirations resolved so well through the pages, wins everyone's hearts.' – The Korea Times

Time Together

Luke Horton

Read by Elizabeth Parisi

TIME TOGETHER



LUKE HORTON

Read by
Elizabeth
Parisi



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The story of a beach holiday told by four different people, *Time Together* is an audiobook about different kinds of love, different kinds of loneliness, and the way spending time together can bring out the best and worst in each other.

We saw a sign on the freeway. It said, "Once Perilous Now Safe," something like that, about a bridge or something, and I said – she was looking at Tim – 'that's me!

Trying to avoid the loneliness that's come in the wake of his mother's recent passing, Phil has invited a bunch of old friends to stay with him on the coast. Tomorrow, Bella and Tim will arrive with their two kids, one on the brink of puberty; and the next day, Jo and Lucas will come too, with their little one. Then there's Annie, who will be by herself. Maybe this is a mistake. Maybe it's just what they all need.

Luke Horton is the author of critically acclaimed *The Fogging*, and his work has appeared in various publications, including *The Guardian*, *The Saturday Paper* and *Meanjin*

The former editor of *The Lifted Brow Review of Books*, Horton currently teaches creative writing at RMIT and the Faber Writing Academy, and is a member of acclaimed indie-rock band Love of Diagrams

'Time Together is a slow burn of a novel. Beautifully written and impossible to put down. I loved it.' – Sophie Cunningham, author of *This Devastating Fever*

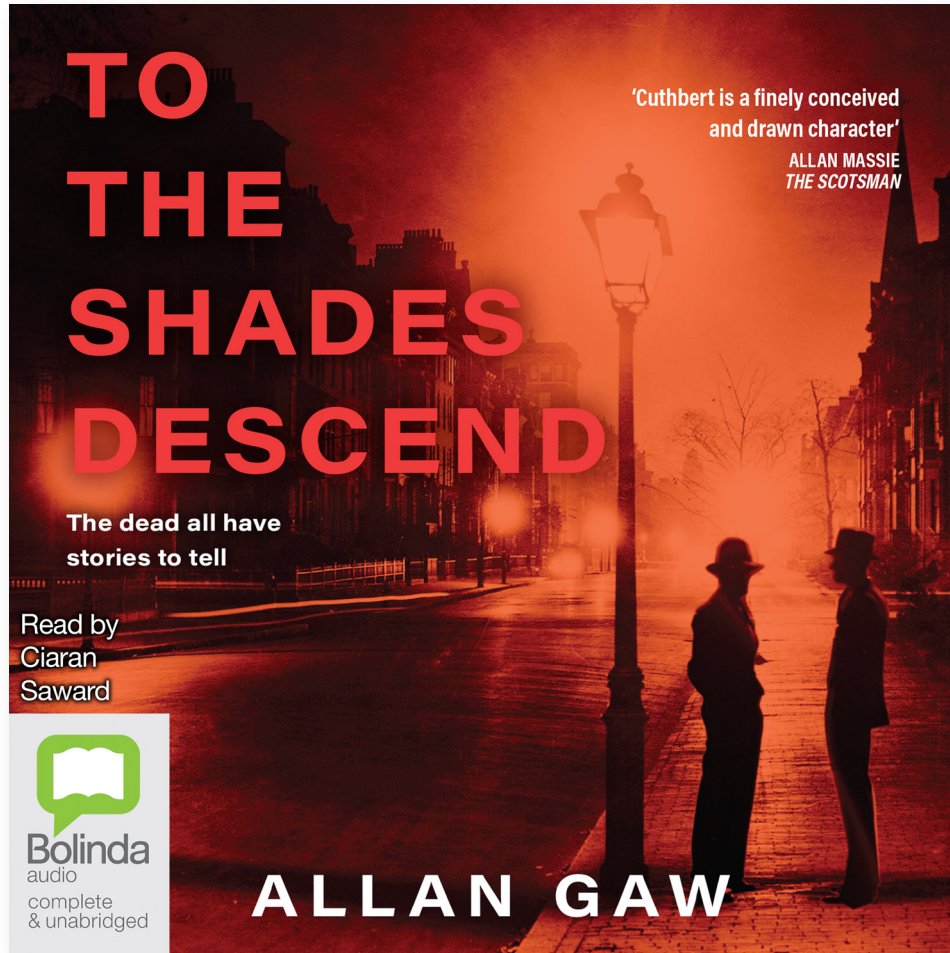
'An artful, deliciously acerbic portrait of family, friendship and the indignities of middle age. Horton is a master of domestic unease.' – Laura Elizabeth Woollett, author of *Beautiful Revolutionary*

To the Shades Descend

The Dr Jack Cuthbert Mysteries #3

Allan Gaw

Read by Ciaran Saward



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2025

The third instalment in the gripping Dr Jack Cuthbert Mysteries series from award-winning author Allan Gaw.

Giving them back their names is one thing; giving them justice is quite another.

A visit to Glasgow for a job interview in 1931 unexpectedly places Cuthbert at the centre of a devastating crime. Unwittingly, he finds himself working at the intersection between rising British fascism, anti-Semitism and the infamous Glasgow razor gangs. To solve the case, Cuthbert needs to rely on all the expertise he can gather from those around him. But who can he trust?

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

Gaw has won numerous writing prizes, including the UK Classical Association Creative Writing Competition and the International Alpine Fellowship Writing Prize

His work has been published in literary journal *From Glasgow to Saturn* and anthologies from the Edinburgh Literary Salon and Clan Destine Press in Australia

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

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

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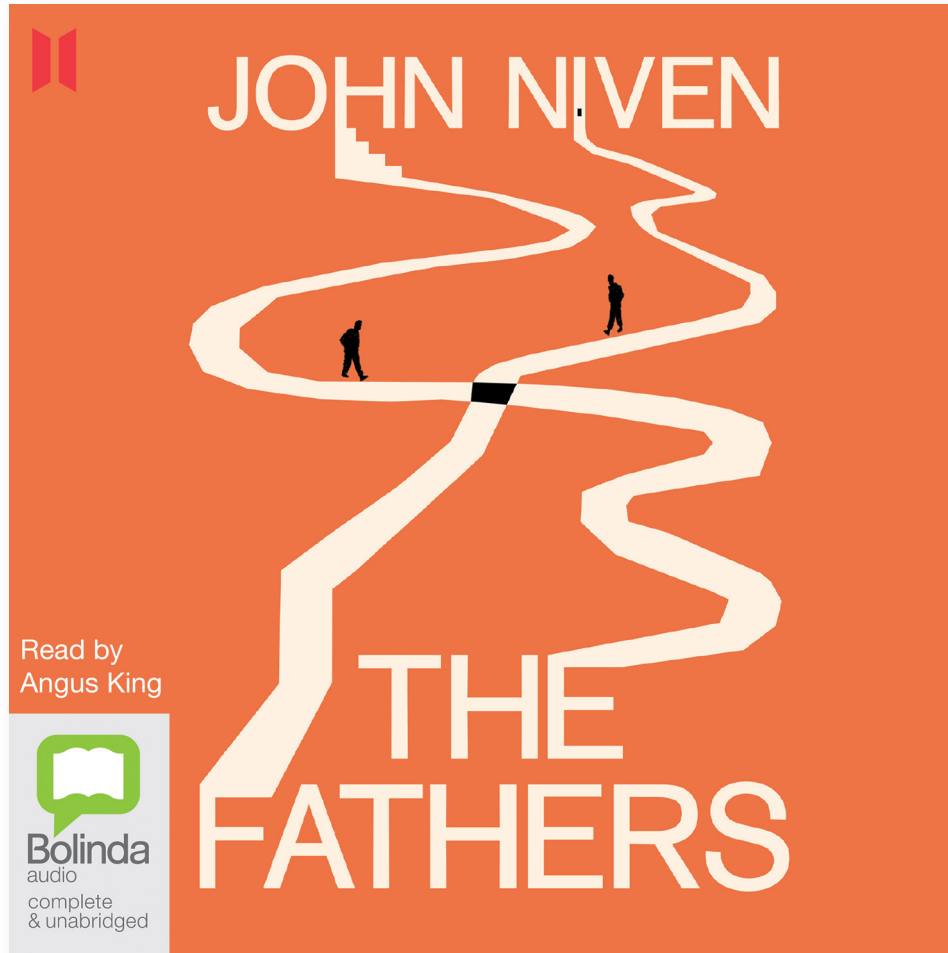
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The Fathers

John Niven

Read by Angus King



Scalpel-sharp yet laced with compassion, this wry look at modern fatherhood from the author of *Kill Your Friends* finds the lives of two very different dads brought together by unexpected tragedy.

In a busy maternity ward, first-time father Dan meets Jada, a dad welcoming his fifth – no, sixth? – child into the world. Dan and Jada come from very different places – both called Glasgow. Dan is a successful TV writer with a townhouse in the West End and a shiny Tesla ready to drive his wife and baby home. Jada is a hustling, small-time criminal who is already planning how to separate Dan from some of the luxuries Jada has never been able to enjoy in his tiny flat in a Brutalist sixties council block.

Both men find that the birth of their sons has fired their ambitions. Dan plans to walk away from his saccharine TV success and finally knuckle down to writing that novel he always felt he had in him. While, for Jada, it's the opportunity for one last get-rich-quick scheme – ripping off a local airport. When a tragedy occurs, their worlds are brought closer than either could ever have imagined – close enough that it could mean destruction for both of them ...

John Niven is the author of several books, including *Kill Your Friends*, *The Second Coming* and *Straight White Male*

He has written a memoir, *O Brother*, which became a *Sunday Times* bestseller

'Bitingly funny, inkwell black and surprisingly tender.' – Adam Kay, bestselling author of *This Is Going To Hurt*

Scientists on Survival

Personal Stories of Climate Action

Scientists for Extinction Rebellion

Read by Helen Keeley & Thomas Judd

Adult New Release

Science & Technology | August 2025

An inspirational and compelling collection of stories from scientists detailing their personal responses to the climate and ecological crisis and the motivations that led them to work with Extinction Rebellion.

In this important and timely audiobook, scientists from a broad range of disciplines detail their personal responses to climate change and the ecological crises that led them to form Scientists for Extinction Rebellion and work tirelessly within it. Whether their inspiration comes from education or activism, family ties or the work environment, the scientists writing here record what drives them, what non-violent direct action looks like to them, what led them to become interested in the environmental crisis that threatens us all and what they see as the future of life on Earth.

From biologists to mathematicians, physicists to biochemists, ecologists to zoologists, each one is on a path to communicate the story behind the irrefutable science that drives them. Their inspirations are drawn from myriad sources – life-changing walks, inspirational stories of communities coming together, teaching climate change to 15-year-olds and deciding not to fly being a few. This collection adds compelling evidence we can all understand, as they turn science stories into human stories.

Scientists for Extinction Rebellion are a group of scientists from many disciplines who agree with Extinction Rebellion that it is time to take non-violent direct action to confront catastrophic climate change and ecological breakdown

'Scientists are usually restrained by academic dogma but here they talk from the heart about what the planetary emergency means to them as individuals. This collection of essays is deeply moving, inspiring and profoundly important.' – Matthew Todd, writer and broadcaster



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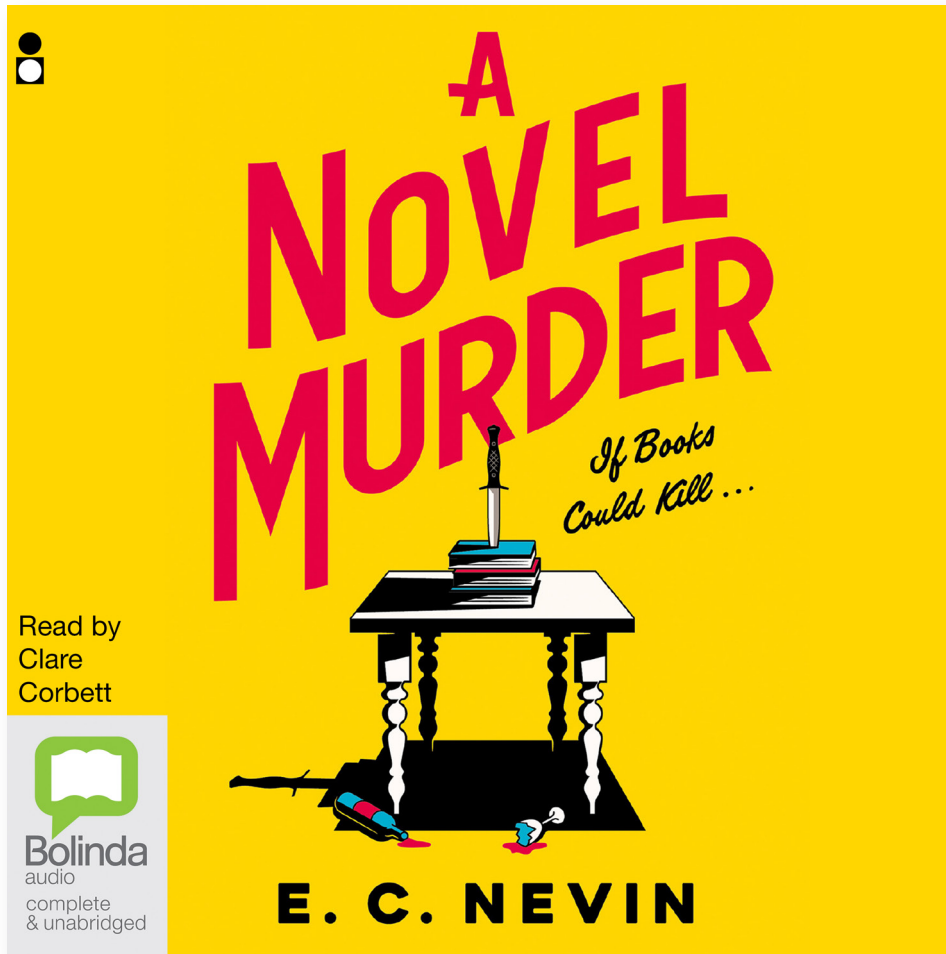
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A Novel Murder

E.C. Nevin

Read by Clare Corbett



Welcome to the Killer Lines Crime Fiction Festival, the place for star writers of the genre to meet their adoring fans. But be careful – this year the murders aren't just on the page.

In the quaint town of Hoslewit, the biggest names in crime writing have congregated to celebrate all things bookish and murderous. With a programme packed with seminars and signings, egos and alcohol, it's sure to be a thrilling weekend.

Author Jane Hepburn is determined this is going to be her year. She's not quite reached the heady heights of best-sellerdom yet, but is convinced that if she can just make the right connections at the festival, it could be the start of a whole new chapter for her and her books.

Then her literary agent is killed, and Jane's plans are derailed. But if she can solve the murder, perhaps it will provide the boost her writing career needs? If she lives to tell the tale, that is.

Perfect for fans of Richard Osman, Richard Coles, Janice Hallett and Nita Prose

E.C. Nevin is the pen name for Eve Hall, who is a fiction editor as well as a writer

Nevin worked for large trade publishers focusing on crime/thriller publishing and established brands

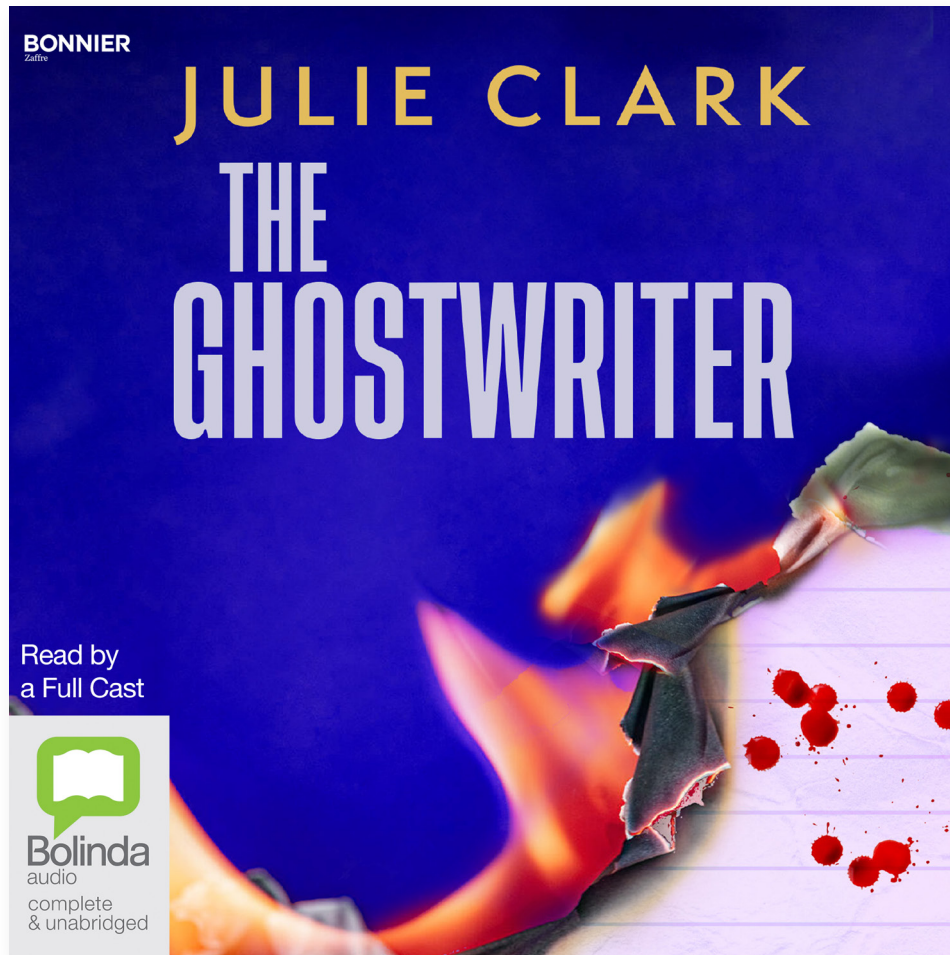
'A witty, razor-sharp take on the publishing world, unfolding through a brilliantly crafted mystery with characters you can't help but love. An excellent debut!' – Sophie Flynn, author of *All My Lies*

'A fun and well plotted murder mystery with a hugely engaging author amateur sleuth, Jane Hepburn. A great debut by E.C. Nevin.' – C.L. Miller, *USA Today* bestselling author of *The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder*

The Ghostwriter

Julie Clark

Read by a Full Cast



From the instant *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Flight* and *The Lies I Tell* comes a dazzling new thriller.

June, 1975.

The Taylor family shatters in a single night when two teenage siblings are found dead in their own home. The only surviving sibling, Vincent, never shakes the whispers and accusations that he was the one who killed them. Decades later, the legend only grows as his career as a horror writer skyrockets.

Ghostwriter Olivia Dumont has spent her entire professional life hiding the fact that she is the only child of Vincent Taylor. Now on the brink of financial ruin, she's offered a job to ghostwrite her father's last book. What she doesn't know, though, is that this project is another one of his lies. Because it's not another horror novel he wants her to write.

After 50 years of silence, Vincent Taylor is finally ready to talk about what really happened that night in 1975.

Julie Clark is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Flight*, which has earned starred reviews from Kirkus, Publishers Weekly and Library Journal

Clark's debut, *The Ones We Choose*, has been optioned for television by Lionsgate

'Expertly plotted and exquisitely twisted ... Julie Clark masterfully weaves together a daughter's long-held suspicions and her father's deadly secrets with the tragic events from the past.' – Ashley Elston, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *First Lie Wins*

'Beautifully written, utterly immersive and completely thrilling. A surefire hit.' – Jo Spain, #1 bestselling author of *The Confession*

Seven Recipes for Revolution

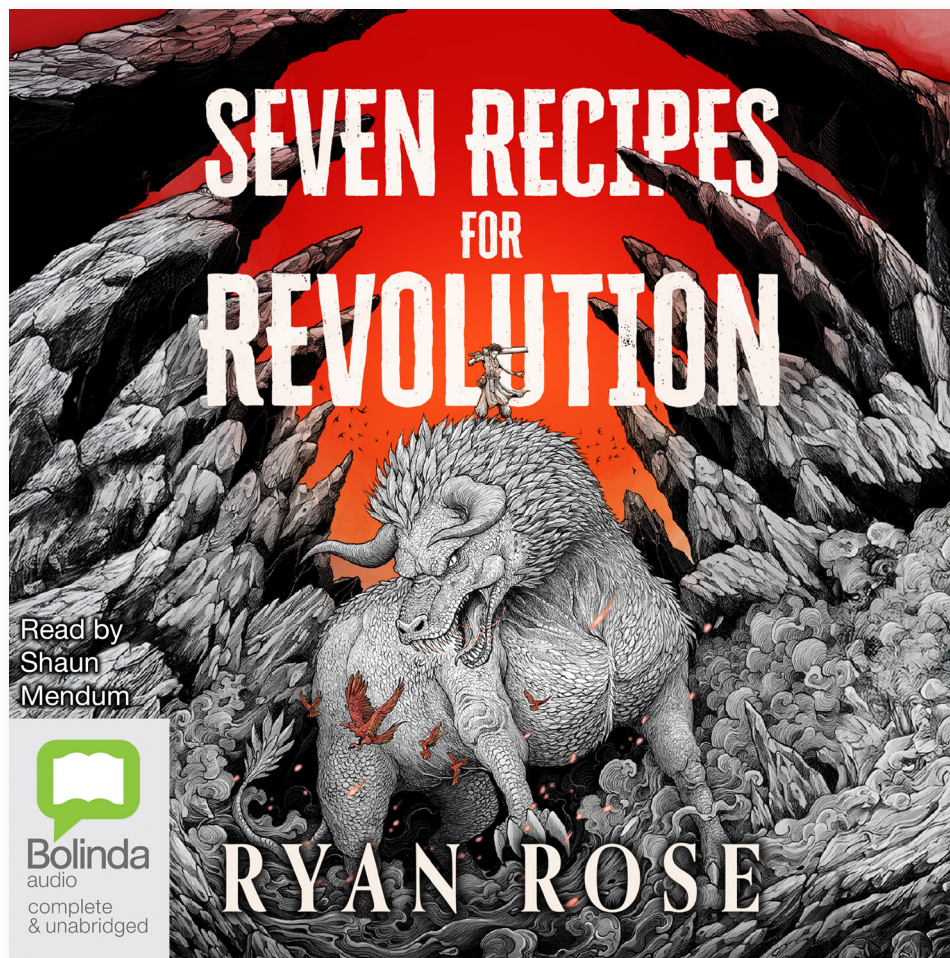
What We Eat #1

Ryan Rose

Read by Shaun Mendum

Adult New Release

Fantasy Fiction | August 2025



The Bear meets Attack on Titan in this exhilarating, food-based epic fantasy filled with high stakes and monster steaks.

Paprick is a common butcher, carving slabs of meat from gargantuan monsters so elite chefs can prepare magic-granting meals for the rich. But Paprick's true passion is cooking, and if he can learn the secret art, his dreams of liberating his people and sharing the monsters' magic with the world could come true. He steals the precious ingredients needed to practise recipes at home, but if he's caught, he'll be executed.

As his desperation grows, he ventures into the black market and uncovers a spice imported from unknown lands. Combining it with the last of his stolen meat, he cooks a dish the world has never tasted before, with side effects he couldn't have foreseen.

The dish's magic grows Paprick to kaiju-size, and legends of his powers spread among the people. Immediately, the rulers arrest him, but Paprick convinces them to make him a chef's apprentice – if they ever want to learn his recipe. However, his exposure to the world of high cuisine reveals the rot at its centre, and with his new power, rebellion is only a few recipes away ...

Ryan Rose is a speculative fiction author and tabletop roleplaying game designer

After years of working in live entertainment production, he began to write a fantasy novel that would become his debut, *Seven Recipes for Revolution*

'Tremendously unique; what fantasy needs at the moment.' – Richard Swan, author of the Empire of the Wolf series

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Vital Science

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

Read by Dr Laura Driessen



Get your pulse racing with Australia's most popular scientist, Dr Karl Kruszelnicki.

Discover why people tell lies, why some planets are hotter than stars and how humans are terraforming the Earth. Is cockroach milk really the next Superfood? Why are birds so smart? Why do trees need each other to grow and how do they communicate? Why did a group of scientists voluntarily starve to death while surrounded by tonnes of food?

How long does a decapitated head stay 'alive'? What human artefacts can be seen with the naked eye from the International Space Station? Who is Bertha Benz and how did her first car trip revolutionise how we use petrol today?

Finally, monitor your breathing and learn why whales are so big, why oral histories are surprisingly accurate and try the five tried-and-tested steps to becoming a wellness guru.

In March 2012 Dr Karl Kruszelnicki was named as a National Living Treasure by the National Trust of Australia (NSW), and in 2016 Dr Kruszelnicki was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the Sunshine Coast

In 2019 he was awarded the UNESCO Kalinga Prize for the Popularisation of Science, of which previous recipients include Margaret Mead, David Attenborough, Bertrand Russell and David Suzuki

Dr Kruszelnicki has been the Julius Sumner Miller Fellow at the University of Sydney, where his 'mission' is to spread the good word about science and its benefits began

'Vital Science, will entertain and educate kids and teens of all ages (and adults too!). Topics covered in Vital Science are perfect to kick off a school project or a "Did you know" conversation.' – Kids' Book Review

Die by the Sword Tony Park

Read by Marli Van Der Bijl



A heart-stopping chase across South Africa to find Napoleon's priceless lost sword, by Australia's master of adventure.

Three bodies are found scattered across South Africa. One on the shores of the Indian Ocean, one in a farm invasion in modern KwaZulu-Natal, and one in 1880, in the aftermath of the Anglo-Zulu War.

Detective Sannie van Rensburg and marine biologist and former soldier Adam Kruger are each on the trail of a mystery, while more than a century ago colonial police officer Peter Gregory has a secret mission – to find the lost sword of the great Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.

But he's not the only one who wants it.

From the blood-soaked battlefields of colonial-era Zululand to the modern-day political struggles over land and poaching in South Africa and war in the Middle East, these investigations are on a dangerous collision course.

Because people will kill for a symbol of power.

Tony Park has now sold over 400,000 copies of his books across all formats in ANZ, making him one of the most successful and prolific Australian authors

Tony Park hit #1 on the bestselling fiction list in South Africa with *Last Survivor*, *Blood Trail*, *The Pride* and *Vendetta*

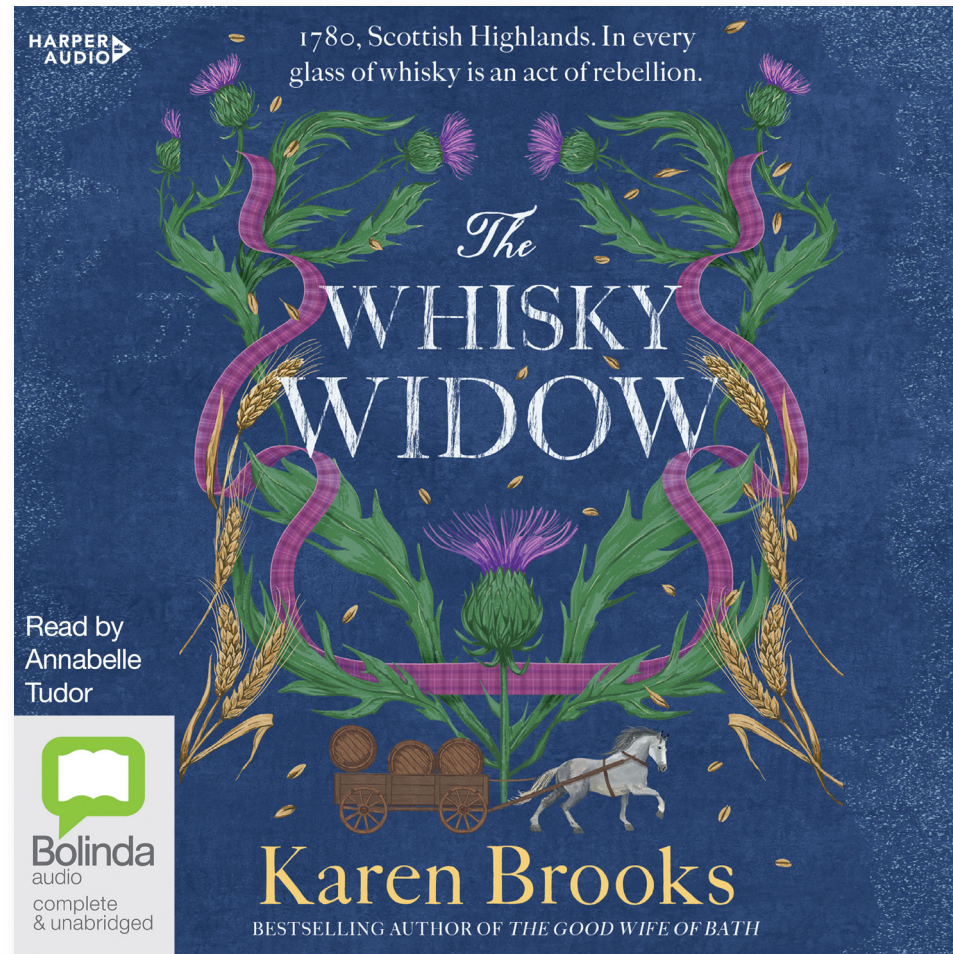
'Park writes with vigour and the story unfolds at a steady pace with plenty of action and gunshots.' – The Canberra Times (on *Blood Trail*)

'Since Wilbur Smith in his heyday, no one has written as well about southern Africa than Tony Park.' – Crime Review (UK) (on *Blood Trail*)

The Whisky Widow

Karen Brooks

Read by Annabelle Tudor



From the bestselling and award-winning author of *The Good Wife of Bath* comes this rollicking historical adventure that celebrates the art of whisky distilling, the defiant spirit of the Scottish Highlanders and a woman's fearless quest.

1780, Scottish Highlands. In every glass of whisky lies a small act of rebellion ...

When Greer MacKenzie's despised husband dies, she and her young daughter Fen find themselves in a remote whisky-smuggling community in the heart of the Highlands. Here, illicit whisky-making is a means of survival in a Scotland under occupation by the British, decades after the disastrous Battle of Culloden. The villagers are suspicious of the widow, but when Greer tricks excise officers away from the illegal stills with a courageous and daring act, they warm to her.

But the excise men are out for revenge, smuggling is a dangerous business, and whisky – a drink that has long ignited passions, songs, stories and danger – is at the rebellious heart of it all. Greer and Fen have no choice but to fight for the life they want.

This rollicking story of bravery, adventure, love and murder brings to vibrant life the Scottish Highlands of long ago. It is a poem to the art of whisky distilling and the Highland way of life, as well as a eulogy for those who were forced to leave it.

Australian-born Karen Brooks is an author, an academic, a newspaper columnist and social commentator, and has appeared regularly on national TV and radio

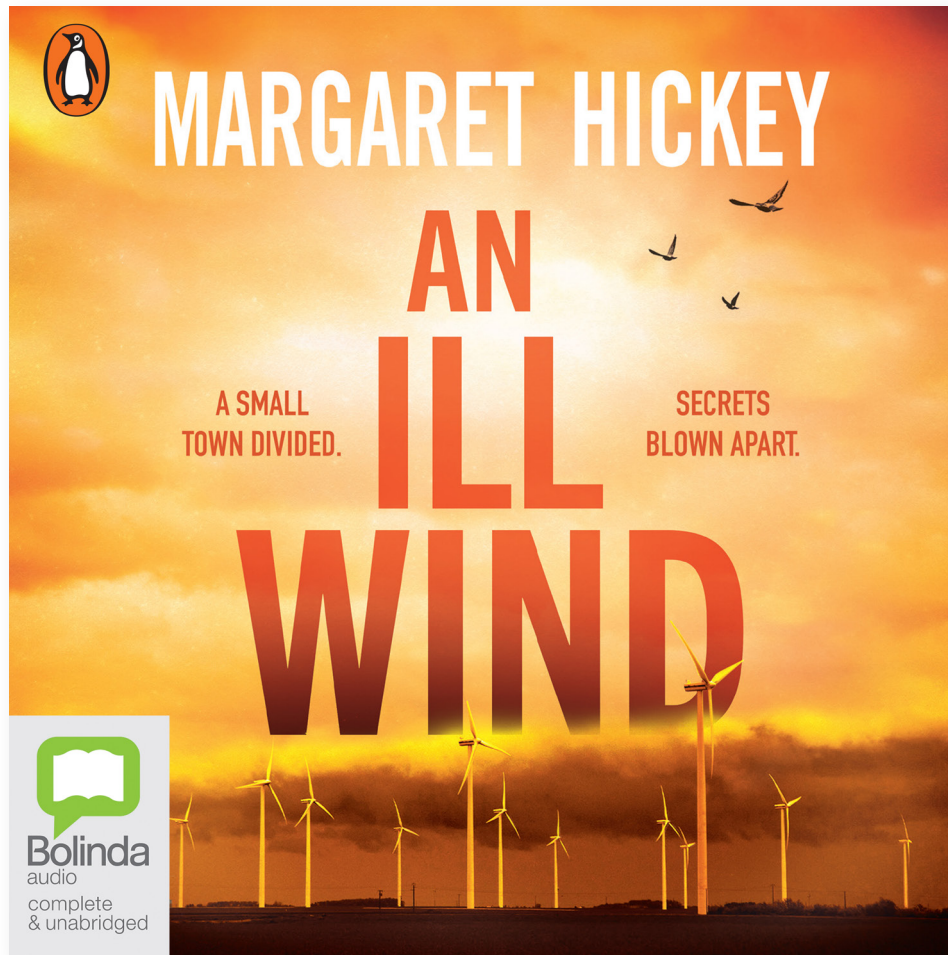
Brooks's titles include *The Good Wife of Bath*, *The Escapades of Tribulation Johnson*, *The Chocolate Maker's Wife*, *The Brewer's Tale*, *The Darkest Shore* and *The Locksmith's Daughter*

'The author's diligent work sorting fact from poetry creates a fictional but believable character who lives and breathes in every word of this satisfying, page-turning novel. Karen Brooks defiantly rewrites history into herstory. Cue the chorus: kudos!' – New York Journal of Books (on The Good Wife of Bath)

An Ill Wind

Margaret Hickey

Read by Sam Rechner & Emma Harvie



The exciting new rural thriller from the bestselling author of *Broken Bay* and *The Creeper*. When a massive wind farm is erected on its outskirts, a small Victorian town is ripped apart in the deadliest of ways.

High on a hill above the small Victorian town of Carrabeen, 300 wind turbines constantly spin. Except one is now deadly still – a body hanging from its huge white blade.

Detective Sergeants Belinda Burney and Will Lovell are shocked to discover the dead man is Geordie Pritchard, a rich local philanthropist and owner of the wind energy farm. Suicide at first seems the likely explanation, until Geordie's widow Lucinda insists her husband was murdered – and she has the death threats to prove it.

Certainly the wind farm has ripped the rural town in two. Some welcome the jobs and prosperity it brings, others are enraged by the loss of farming land. In short, Pritchard was both saint and sinner. But who in the small community hated him enough to want him dead?

Margaret Hickey has been shortlisted for and won prizes for a host of awards, including the Grace Marion Emerging Writer's Prize and the Victorian Regional Writing Prize

Hickey is the bestselling author of *Cutters End*, *Stone Town*, *Broken Bay* and *The Creeper*

Her plays have been performed in Melbourne (La Mama), Brisbane, New York and regional Victoria

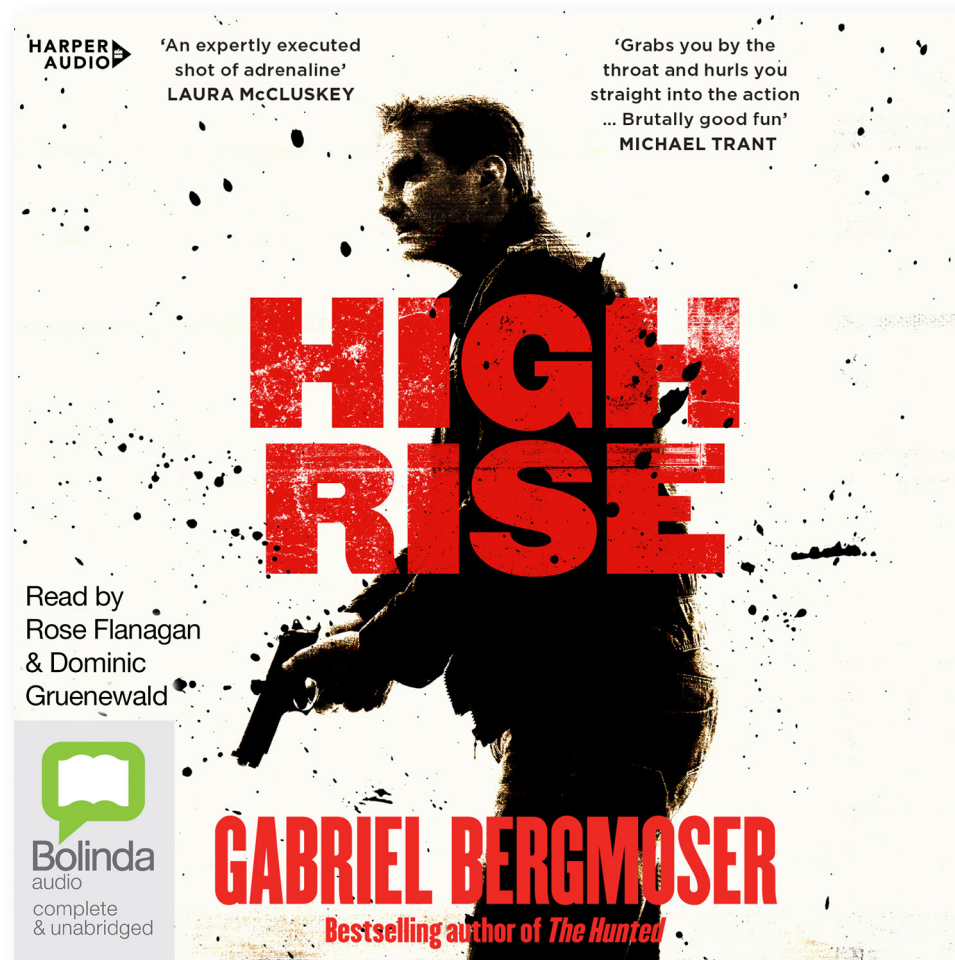
'*Astonishingly assured crime novel. A pitch perfect outback noir.*' – The Weekend Australian (on *Cutters End*)

'*An impressive piece of crime fiction, with good characters, a twisty plot and crisp descriptions of an outback town undergoing change.*' – Canberra Weekly (on *Stone Town*)

High Rise

Gabriel Bergmoser

Read by Rose Flanagan &
Dominic Gruenewald



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2025

A heart-pounding, high-stakes, high-adrenalin relentless blast of an action-packed thriller, from bestselling author Gabriel Bergmoser.

After a year of searching, rogue ex-cop Jack Carlin has finally found his estranged daughter, Morgan, holed up in the top floor of a rundown, grimy high-rise building. The trouble is, Jack's unconventional policing and information-gathering methods in the past have made him some serious enemies. And what Jack doesn't know as he heads into the building, intent on saving his daughter, is firstly, that Morgan doesn't want to be saved – particularly not by him – and secondly, that the entire criminal underworld in the city are on their way too. There's a bounty on his head, and they're after his blood – and they don't mind if Morgan is collateral damage.

As bounty hunters and gang members converge on the building, father and daughter are thrown into a desperate fight for survival through 15 storeys of deadly enemies – with only each other to rely on.

Think *Die Hard* meets *The Raid*, but the funnier, grittier Australian version. Fast, furious and ferocious, this is thriller writing at its nail-biting, unputdownable best.

Gabriel Bergmoser is an award-winning Melbourne-based author and playwright, who won the prestigious Sir Peter Ustinov Television Scriptwriting Award in 2015 and was nominated for the 2017 Kenneth Branagh Award for New Drama Writing

His novels *The Hunted* and *The True Colour of a Little White Lie* have been translated into multiple languages and are both being adapted for film

'Strap yourself in for a fast high-octane ride ... everything we've come to expect from Gabriel Bergmoser's novels: unpredictable, wild and impossible to put down.' – Lyn Yeowart, author of *The Silent Listener* (on *The Caretaker*)

'Completely absorbing, highly addictive and supremely unsettling; also whip-smart and darkly funny. This is Bergmoser at his unputdownable best.' – Anna Downes, author of *The Safe Place* (on *The Caretaker*)

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You Went to Emergency for What?

Bizarre, Bloody and Baffling True Stories from the Hospital ED

Tim Booth

Read by the Author

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PARAMEDIC AND BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF YOU CALLED AN AMBULANCE FOR WHAT?



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Bizarre, bloody and baffling true stories from the hospital emergency department, told by bestselling author and paramedic Tim Booth.

When paramedic Tim Booth finds himself rushing a patient's dead cat to a (human) hospital's Emergency Department for resuscitation, he finds himself wondering where it all went wrong.

From bedroom mishaps and hypochondriacs to suspicious rashes and freak cattle incidents, the doctors, nurses and paramedics of our hospital EDs have seen everything. Every day, Booth and his colleagues battle burnout, an overburdened healthcare system and compassion fatigue, powered only by caffeine, dark humour and a heartfelt drive to save lives. But the moments of Hollywood heroism are few, as they struggle to navigate the chaotic, absurd and sometimes downright ridiculous side of emergency medicine.

Written like a night shift in Emergency – dark, unpredictable and likely to make you question humanity's collective IQ – *You Went to Emergency for What?* reveals the weirdest, funniest and most heart-wrenching true stories of what really goes on in our hospitals.

Tim Booth is an intensive care paramedic who worked for six years in south-west Sydney, patching up the sickest, strangest and silliest of patients who called 000 for all manner of trauma and triviality

Booth's first book, *You Called an Ambulance for What?*, dived headfirst into the gritty, chaotic world of emergency medicine in south-west Sydney, a setting infamous for its high-stakes drama and absurdity

'The funny stories are deadly serious and deserve to be widely read.' – Books+Publishing (on *You Called an Ambulance for What?*)

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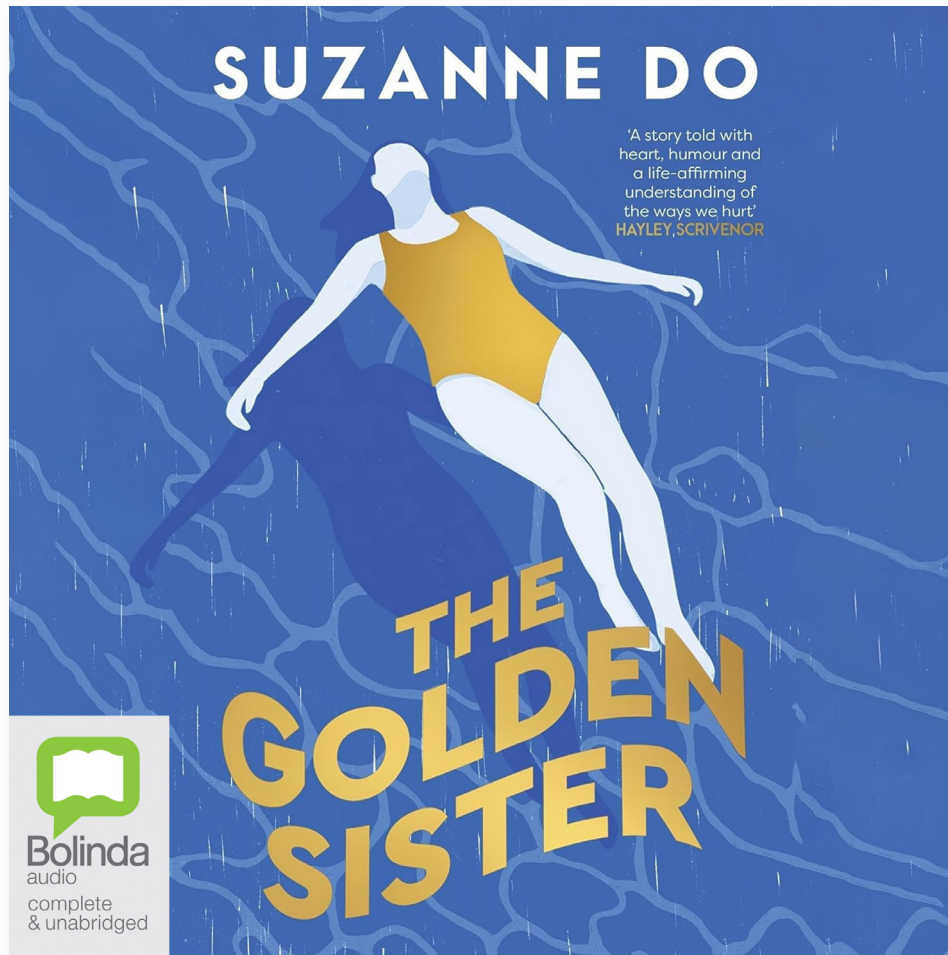
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The Golden Sister

Suzanne Do

Read by Briana McGeary



A twin sister's death, a lost child, a coastal community that's not always close-knit. *The Golden Sister* celebrates the intensity of families, the solace of unexpected friendships and the all-consuming messiness of love.

Lili Berry is busy curating a life for herself in the charming coastal village of Swanning, before the death of her twin sister, Honey, upends everything.

A devastated Lili sets out to discover the cause of Honey's death, finding relief from her raw grief amid a flurry of investigative activity.

Pete, a cultivated man who seems to live on the streets, has his own tragedy to bear: the disappearance of his little boy fifteen years ago.

When Lili learns Pete was the one who found her sister's body, the two of them plunge head-first into a web of secrets and lies, before emerging to confront the shocking truth.

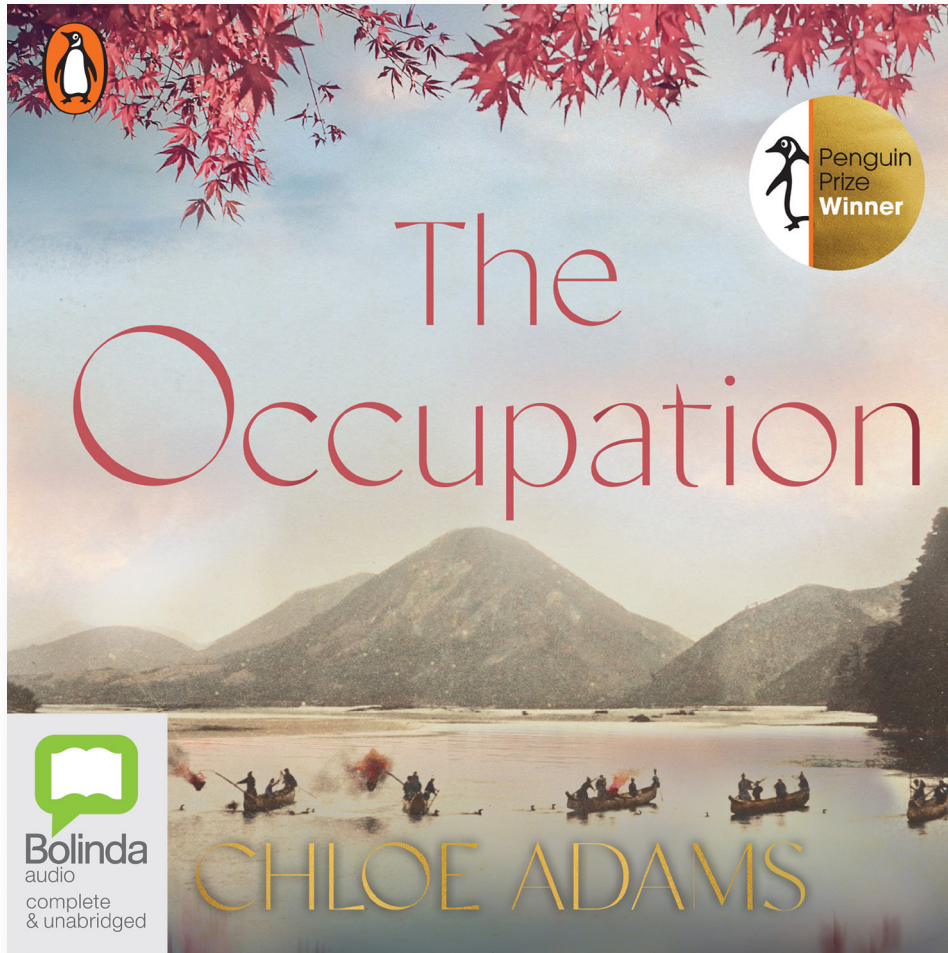
Suzanne Do is an Australian writer and former lawyer. She co-wrote the feature film, *Footy Legends*, with her husband, Anh Do, and his brother, Khoa Do

She lives with her family on the south coast of NSW, and *The Golden Sister* is her first novel

The Occupation

Chloe Adams

Read by Leeanna Walsman



The Occupation tells the story of a young woman who travels to Japan in 1948 as part of the Allied occupation force. While there, she is confronted with moral ambiguity and the consequences of her own transgressions.

In the autumn of 1949, two women convene in the parlour of a Melbourne hotel. Tess is married and childless. Mary, unwed and pregnant. Surrendering to the unimaginable, Mary agrees to a life-altering pact – she will give her child to Tess.

One year earlier, Mary stands on the deck of an Australian naval ship, awaiting arrival in the ruined Japanese city of Kure. There, thousands of Australians have established an occupation of the Hiroshima prefecture.

As she settles into her new life, Mary finds carefree expats touring the countryside, hosting picnics and even throwing parties, all while the war-ravaged locals try to rebuild their lives.

When she meets Sully, an Australian journalist, Mary's idealised notion of the occupation crumbles. Confronted by moral ambiguity on such a grand scale, she becomes reckless.

Returning home may seem the answer, but even there, echoes of the occupation linger.

Chloe Adams is the winner of the 2024 Penguin Literary Prize

Adams is a journalist and fiction writer and has been published widely by Australian news mastheads and literary journals

She holds a master's degree in creative writing and a graduate certificate of international and community development

'Assured, deft, sophisticated. Chloe Adams is the real deal.' – Emily Bitto, author of *The Strays* and *Wild Abandon*

Until the Red Leaves Fall

Alli Parker

Read by Kimie Tsukakoshi



Alli Parker, author of the bestselling and much-loved *At the Foot of the Cherry Tree*, returns with another engrossing and moving story of courage and conviction.

Emmy Darling has a secret. She has a few. Her lemon meringue pie is a recipe from a women's magazine, she's always wanted to be a playwright, and the best parts of her husband Sebastian's plays are the scenes she's written during edits. But when charismatic theatre impresario and leading lady, Virginia van Belle, insists Emmy write about her wartime experiences as the lead play in her 1957 season, Emmy is faced with every writer's dilemma.

Because Emmy's biggest secret is that her name is actually Emiko Tanaka. She and her Japanese-Australian family were arrested, brutally split up and held in internment camps by the Australian government after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. And it's this secret that Virginia wants to bring to the masses.

As opening night looms and rewrites threaten to transform Emmy's personal history into something unrecognisable, wounds of the past are torn open, jeopardising everything Emmy holds dear. As the cast take their places and the curtain goes up, Emmy must decide which is right – tell the story or tell the truth.

Alli Parker is an Australian screenwriter of Japanese heritage who has co-written episodes of *Jack Irish*, *Secret Bridesmaids' Business* and *Ms Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries*

Parker's feature script *Strain* was a finalist in the Open Channel and Australian Writers' Guild New Writers' Competition 2016 and was subsequently accepted into the AWG Pathways Program

'Parker has taken the time (a lifetime in her case) to research the characters ... with careful and considered detail.' – Better Reading (on *At the Foot of the Cherry Tree*)

Sins of the Fathers

John Byrnes

Read by Tamblyn Lord



In 1910s Australia, the sins of the fathers leave behind a bloody legacy in this historical epic saga, perfect for fans of Bryce Courtenay and Jeffrey Archer.

Two fathers, their sons and the feud that binds them.

In the early years of the 20th century, Billy and Tommy Smith are growing up on the mean streets of Sydney's Millers Point. It's a hungry, hard-scrabble life, made even worse when their violent father returns home from a long stint in prison.

In the wealthy eastern suburbs, Charles Davies is living an entirely different life, the beneficiary of his father's business acumen and insatiable, unyielding greed. Charles wants for nothing – except perhaps his father's approval.

When an incident on The Point leads to the deaths of both Charles's and the Smith boys' fathers, a hatred is born that will follow the three men through their lives. In an epic saga taking them from Sydney to Gallipoli and the killing fields of France in World War I, to the melting pot of Darwin and the goldfields at Lightning Ridge, the men's paths all lead to one final destination – revenge.

But in the end, what price must be paid for the sins of the fathers?

John Byrnes is the bestselling author of *Headland*

Byrnes has worked bars and doors in pubs and clubs all over Australia, on fishing trawlers out of Darwin and served in the Australian Army

He started writing in 2015 and has a fascination with the darker aspects of the human condition; the addicted, the malevolent, the scarred

'The best Australian fiction that dares to go somewhere dark and unfathomable ... It's a cracker.' – Sydney Morning Herald

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The Submarine Fiasco that Sank Australia's Sovereignty

Andrew Fowler

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**The Submarine Fiasco that Sank
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ANDREW FOWLER

The spectacular fallout from Australia's duplicitous AUKUS deal.

Like all military acquisition programs worth billions of dollars, Australia's decision to buy a new submarine fleet was expected to be a torturous process. But no one could have predicted the trail of wreckage it left behind, from the boulevards of Paris to the dockyards of Adelaide, as deep inside the Australian government a secret group conspired to overthrow the winning French bid.

In this tale of treachery and intrigue, Andrew Fowler exposes the lies and deception that so outraged the President of France. Interviewing many of the main people involved and talking to sources in Paris, London, Washington and Canberra, Fowler pieces together the plot to sink the French and switch to a nuclear-powered US submarine – a botched operation that severely compromised Australia's ability to defend itself.

Andrew Fowler is an award-winning investigative journalist and a former reporter for the ABC's *Foreign Correspondent* and *Four Corners* programs

Fowler's two other books are *The War on Journalism* and *Shooting the Messenger: Criminalising Journalism*

He is a winner of the United Nations Peace Prize, has lectured on journalism at universities in Australia and the UK and has contributed to various academic papers

'The essential first guide to understanding the origins of the AUKUS agreement. Deeply researched and finely crafted, this book raises important and serious questions about the failure of the Morrison and Albanese governments to undertake the most basic, essential tests of policy due diligence concerning the risks and the feasibility of Australia's aspiration to acquire nuclear-powered submarines.' – James Curran, professor of Modern History at Sydney University and the author of *Fighting with America*

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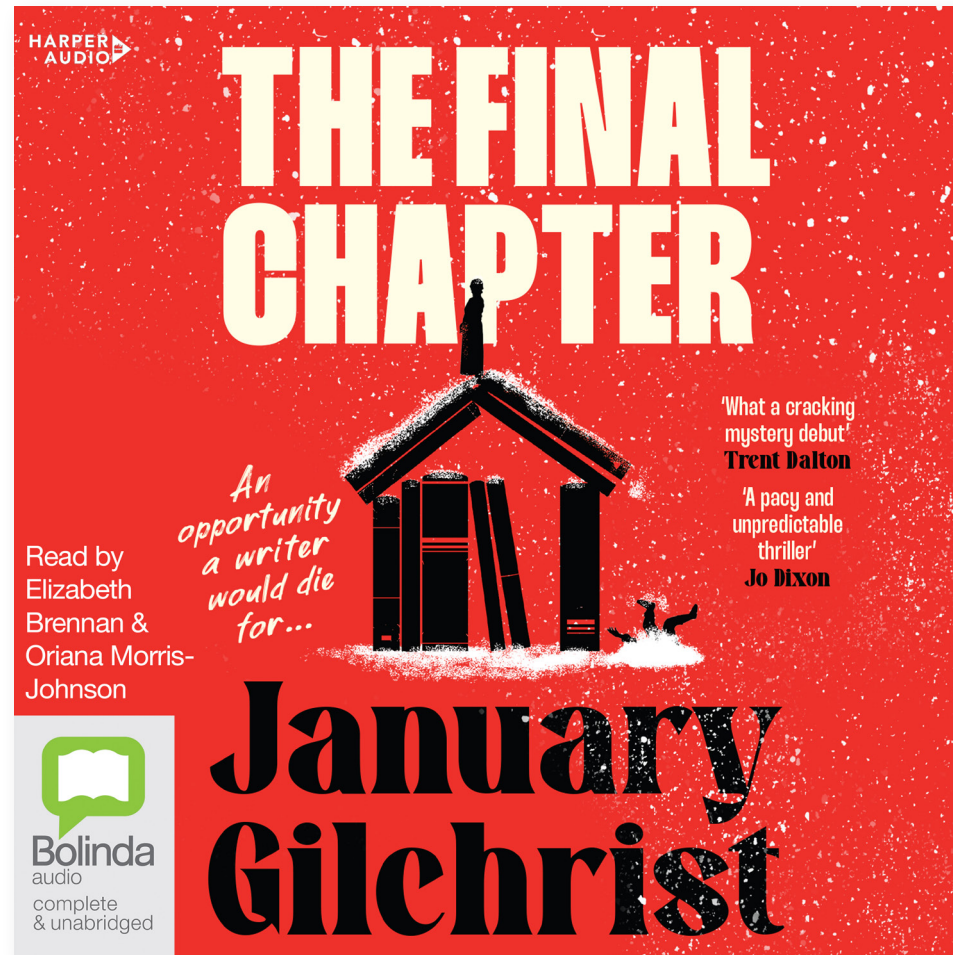
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The Final Chapter

January Gilchrist

Read by Elizabeth Brennan &
Oriana Morris-Johnson



Adult New Release

Crime & Thriller | August 2025

A fresh, bold and gripping thriller about writerly ambition, self-discovery and – of course – revenge from a spectacular new Australian talent.

Desley Barron is ready to prove her doubters, and herself, wrong about her flagging writing career. She's won a spot at an exclusive writing retreat in the Blue Mountains. Only instead of feeling creative, Desley finds her insecurity increases while the ghost stories about the house have her jumping at shadows.

This reclusive house is the last place anyone will think to look for high-profile author Colette Halifax, which is perfect as she is hiding from a looming scandal. Unfortunately, someone here is threatening to ruin the one part of Colette's life that isn't already a shambles.

Meanwhile, Maia McKenzie has plans that don't involve writing at all. She's schemed to ensure the one person she wants to see is here – the man who almost killed her mother.

All have a secret. All will do anything to keep it hidden. And they're not alone. The retreat is perched on the edge of a forest steeped in the horrors of Australia's worst serial killer – and no-one knows just who is watching.

When a storm unleashes its fury and they're trapped, a body is left in the snow ... and any one of them could be next.

January Gilchrist holds a Bachelor of Creative Arts, majoring in Literature and Performing Arts and was longlisted for the 2019 Richell Prize

Gilchrist is the author of *My Sister's Shadow*

'Gilchrist's entrancing prose casts an eerie spell, resplendent with Gothic atmosphere and laced with dreamlike dread. Her characters live and breathe—fully human in their flawed, dynamic desires.' – Paulette Kennedy, bestselling author of *The Devil* and *Mrs. Davenport* and *Parting the Veil* (on *My Sister's Shadow*)

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What Matters to You

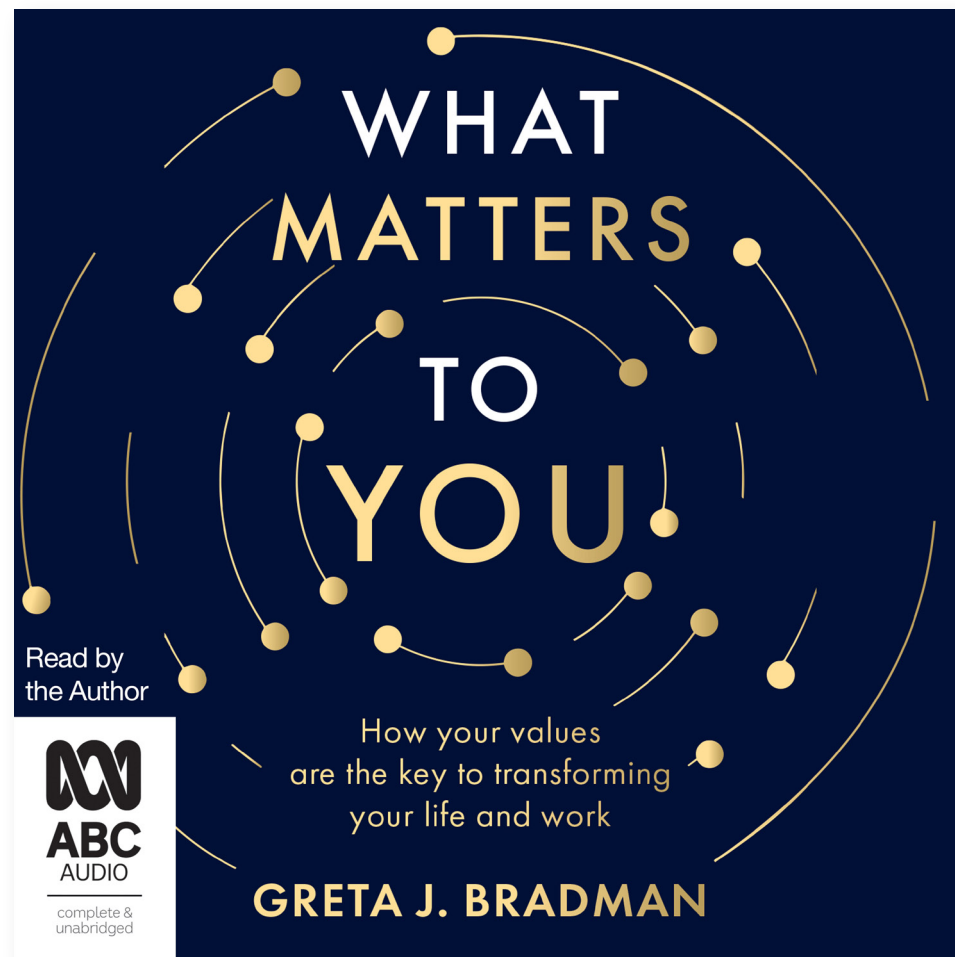
How Your Values Are the Key to Transforming Your Life and Work

Greta J. Bradman

Read by the Author

Adult New Release

Lifestyle - Wellbeing | August 2025



Whether you want to make better decisions, improve your relationships or find more meaning in your work, harnessing your core values is the key to your future success, contentment and contribution.

Have you ever heard a voice inside you whispering, 'There's got to be more than this'? Or simply felt some kind of disconnect between the life you lead and the life you want?

That's a signal you're living out of alignment with your core values.

In *What Matters to You*, psychologist Greta Bradman explains how our values impact the way we interpret, evaluate and respond to the world, whether we have insight into them or not. They're more than beacons that inspire; they're drivers that deeply affect us, even when we're out of alignment with them. Your values offer you a roadmap to making sense of what matters most to you. They can anchor and help explain your convictions and beliefs, and motivate actions with long-term benefits. Values also help make sense of the way we prioritise things differently when we feel threatened. In a nutshell, values help us understand our world and express ourselves with authenticity and courage.

By helping us explore our core and threat-based values – why they're important to us, and how to use those core values in both the big and little decisions in day-to-day life – Greta Bradman teaches us to align more of our choices with our values, so we can grow into our own version of a life well lived.

Greta Bradman is a registered psychologist, researcher, writer, broadcaster and performing artist whose four solo classical albums have all hit #1 on the ARIA charts

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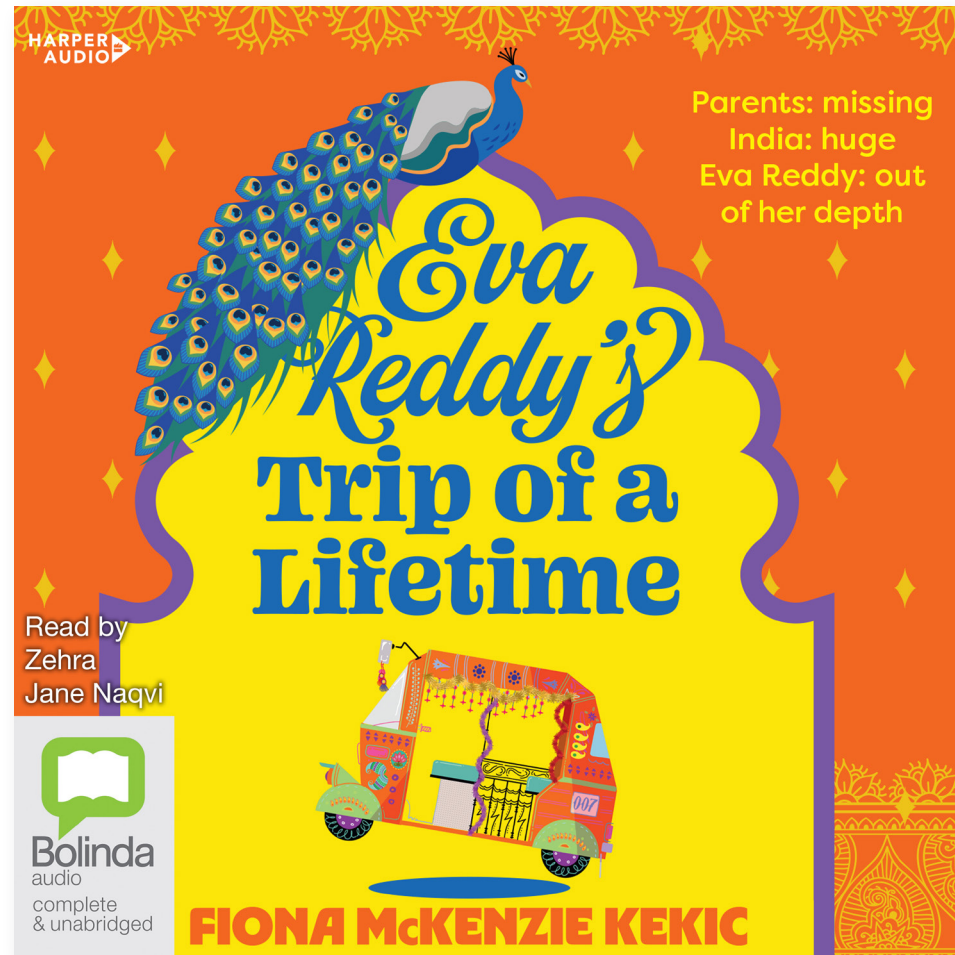
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Eva Reddy's Trip of a Lifetime

Fiona McKenzie Kekic

Read by Zehra Jane Naqvi



Mrs Winterbottom Takes a Gap Year meets The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel and Where'd You Go, Bernadette in this witty story about coming of (middle) age and discovering that you don't have to be who you've become.

How hard can it be to find a pair of Bollywood-dancing septuagenarians?

When Eva Moore wakes up on her 50th birthday, her drab middle-class life immediately starts to unravel. First, she receives an anonymous Facebook message claiming her husband is having an affair. Next, she is restructured out of her job by her obnoxiously young boss. Then, just when she thinks her life can't get any worse, her elderly parents wilfully go missing from their group tour of India. The only clues they've left behind is an increasingly bizarre series of TikTok videos.

Eager to put some distance between herself and her failing marriage, Eva undertakes a rescue mission, determined to save her parents from certain disaster. She wants to find them. But what Eva really needs is to find herself. If she can do that, she might get a second chance at life and love – and, along the way, become an inspiration to anyone who fears their best days are behind them ...

Perfect for fans of Joanna Nell, Marian Keyes and Kathy Lette

Fiona McKenzie Kekic is a recovering television professional with credits ranging from *60 Minutes* to *Married at First Sight*

Kekic co-wrote *Boned* with her colleague Jane Hansen

The Visitor

Rebecca Starford

Read by Lucy Moir



Adult New Release

Contemporary Fiction | August 2025

A compelling exploration of intergenerational trauma, dispossession and the ghosts we can't outrun, from the bestselling author of *The Imitator*.

Ghosts live in the sunshine too.

For most of her adult life, Laura has lived in the UK, her ties to her Brisbane upbringing all but severed. When her parents, Bruce and Eliza, perish in mysterious circumstances in the Queensland outback, she and her family must return to settle their affairs and sell the now-dilapidated house of her childhood.

But as the renovations progress, Laura starts to experience strange happenings in the house that cannot be explained away. Is it haunted? Or is the woman next door, who had inveigled her way into Bruce and Eliza's lives, testing her as she copes with the grief and trauma of their deaths?

Fourteen-year-old Tilly, alarmed by her mother's increasingly erratic behaviour, is drawn into the disturbing atmosphere of the house as the distance between them grows. And with both of them seeing things, Laura realises that unless she unearths what drove her parents to flee the house, they will never be free of the past.

Rebecca Starford is the author of *Bad Behaviour*, a memoir about boarding school and bullying, which has been optioned for television by Matchbox Pictures

Starford is the co-founder and publishing director of *Kill Your Darlings*, a freelance editor and creative writing teacher

'Smart, twisty and impossible to put down ...' – Better Reading (on *The Imitator*)

'... gripped me to the end: I devoured it. What a rare treat to find a novel that offers both white-knuckled suspense and evocative, beautiful prose. I loved it.' – Hannah Kent, author of *Burial Rites* and *The Good People* (on *The Imitator*)

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Smoke Encrypted Whispers

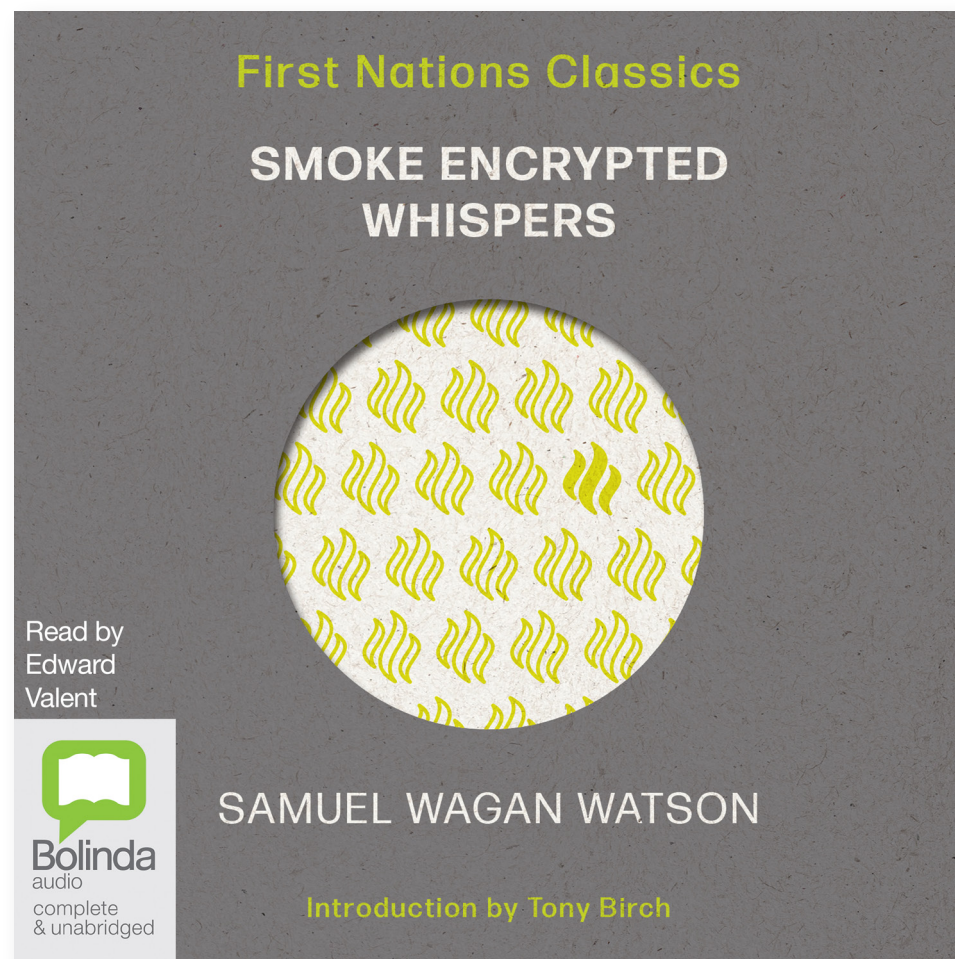
First Nations Classics

Samuel Wagan Watson

Read by Edward Valent

Adult New Release

Poetry | August 2025



Smoke Encrypted Whispers is a stunning collection of exhilarating poems, urban songlines and ancestral ties that have become the hallmarks of this poet.

Smoke Encrypted Whispers showcases Samuel Wagan Watson's imaginative brilliance and exceptional poetic skills. In this audiobook, which also includes work from three previous collections, his poems pulse with the language and images of a mangrove-lined river city, the beckoning highway, the just-glimpsed muse, the tug of childhood and restless ancestors.

Wagan Watson's poetry is the work of an artist who speaks to a sense of our common humanity, and to a communal attachment to place.

Hailing from the honourable ancestors of the Birra-Gubba, Mununjali, Germanic and Gaelic peoples, Samuel Wagan Watson grew up in a family of accomplished authors, political players, entrepreneurs, academics, artists and raconteurs

Watson has written *Hotel Bone*, *Itinerant Blues*, *The Curse Words* and *Love Poems* and *Death Threats*, which won the 2016 Scanlon Award for Indigenous Poetry and was shortlisted for the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature

Watson's work has been translated into seven languages, inspired various musical compositions, and has been the subject of film and television productions and visual art projects

'His work is sharp, urban [and] brilliant.' – The Age

'Watson's writing is fast-paced, with multiple interconnections and restless perceptions, drawn from life on the road.' – ABC Radio National

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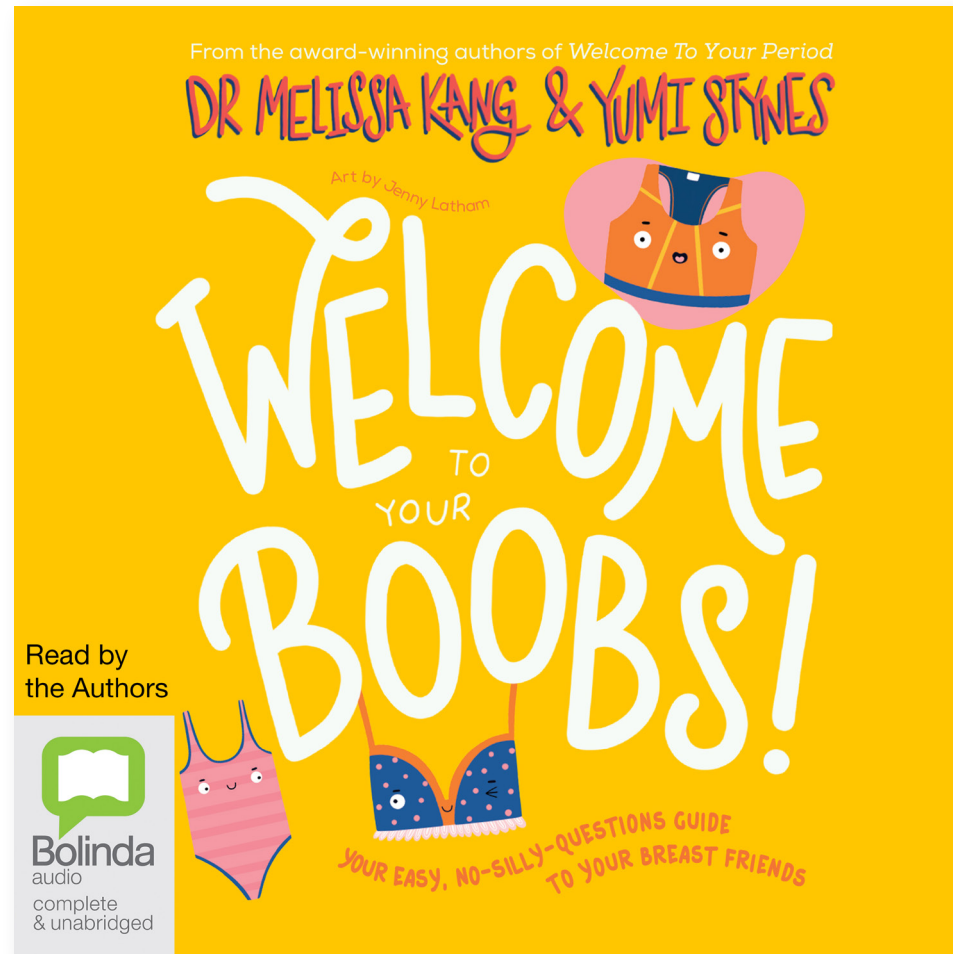
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Welcome to Your Boobs

Yumi Stynes, Dr Melissa Kang & Jenny Latham

Read by the Authors



A frank, funny and inclusive guide to dealing with your breasts, from the multi-award-winning authors of *Welcome to Your Period* and *Welcome to Consent*.

There's no getting around it – boobs can be pretty weird! Even though just about EVERYONE, of every gender, gets at least some boob growth when they hit puberty. So whether you're worried your boobs won't grow, or that they are growing too quickly, this audiobook has all the info in a perfectly reassuring, inclusive, intersectional and entertaining package! Including:

- Are my boobs 'normal'?
- How do I look after them?
- Why do boobs hurt sometimes?
- Do I have to wear a bra? How do I even BUY a bra?
- What does safe binding look like?
- Hairy nipples!?
- How do I deal with awkward or uncomfortable boob situations?
- And is it all right to sometimes feel a bit annoyed about the whole boob situation?

This audiobook is packed with honest advice on all the things you need to know: from the easiest way to put on a bra, to the nitty gritty of the titty, to why boobs get so much attention. *Welcome To Your Boobs* includes case studies, first-person accounts and questions from real teens, answered by real experts – US. Don't worry – you've got this!

Yumi Stynes is the co-host of KIIS FM's 3PM Pick-Up radio show, and the presenter of the ABC Radio podcast *Ladies, We Need to Talk*, which explores female health and sexuality

Dr Melissa Kang is the expert behind the long-running Dolly Doctor column. She's also a practising medical doctor with marginalised young people in western Sydney and an academic at the University of Technology Sydney

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August new releases 2025

Burnout to Brilliant

A Practical Guide to Recharging, Resetting and Redesigning Your Life

Dr Marny Lishman

Read by the Author

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Burnout to Brilliant

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DR MARNY LISHMAN, PSYCHOLOGIST

Read by
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A practical and accessible guide to recharging, resetting and redesigning your life after burnout, from well-known psychologist and coach Dr Marny Lishman.

Noticed that you're dragging yourself to work lately? Feeling cynical all the time? Exhausted throughout the day? Productivity reduced? Ready to quit? Passion you once had all but disappeared?

You might be suffering from burnout.

Written by psychologist and life coach Dr Marny Lishman, *Burnout to Brilliant* will give you the knowledge, mindset and motivation to create a satisfying, fulfilling and successful life post-burnout.

From understanding your values to learning how to communicate boundaries, this guide will give you greater self-awareness about your mental health, strengthen your ability to manage your stress levels, assist you in designing a healthier personal and professional foundation from which to operate and reignite a passion for your career.

Dr Marny Lishman is a regular media commentator on *Today Extra*, *Sunrise*, *Nine News Perth* and has been a columnist for *Australia's Body+Soul* and *The Sunday Times*

Lishman is a sought after national mental health and wellbeing expert that provides commentary on a variety of mental health topics on local and national TV, radio and in print. Lishman is the author of *Crisis to Contentment*

'A perfect read to kickstart your new year.' – Woman's Day

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Stress Tested

How the New Science of Stress Hormones Can Transform Your Health

Dr Richard Mackenzie & Peter Walker

Read by Peter Walker

Adult New Release

Science & Technology | August 2025

Stress Tested



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**DR RICHARD MACKENZIE
AND PETER WALKER**

A groundbreaking investigation into the new science of stress hormones and their impact on our bodies, from one of the UK's leading hormone scientists and a *Guardian* journalist.

Why do we feel stress? And how can we change things?

Stress Tested is a pioneering collaboration between leading researcher Richard Mackenzie and journalist Peter Walker. Investigating the science of stress hormones, real-life case studies, the history of stress, societal factors and how they interact with stress, Mackenzie and Walker explain exactly how stress works, and what we can do to mitigate its long-term health impact. This is the audiobook exploring the nuances of stress and how it affects you.

In *Stress Tested*, the authors present the view that much (if not most) stress is caused by factors outside of your control. It's not your fault if you're stressed. But having the knowledge and understanding of what is happening in your body when stress occurs is a powerful step towards minimising it.

Dr Richard Mackenzie is one of the UK's foremost experts on glucose metabolism, insulin resistance and their interactions with stress hormones

Peter Walker is senior political correspondent with the *Guardian* and a well-known commentator and frequent broadcaster on active living and health, as well as on politics

'Real, down-to-earth and urgently needed.' – Oliver Burkeman, author of *The Antidote*

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August new releases 2025

The Girl on the Cliff

Lucinda Riley

Read by Jessica Regan



An evocative, moving story of family, loss and hope, from Lucinda Riley, the international bestselling author of The Seven Sisters series.

After a devastating loss, Grania Ryan flees her life as an artist in New York and returns home to Ireland and the arms of her loving family.

While out walking the windswept cliffs of West Cork, she comes across Aurora, an enigmatic eight-year-old girl. Mysteriously drawn to the troubled child, Grania soon discovers that the histories of their families are strangely and deeply entwined.

From a bittersweet romance in wartime London, to betrayals and close-guarded family secrets, the two families, past and present, have been entangled for a century.

Can Aurora help Grania to come to terms with her loss, and look forward to a brighter future?

Lucinda Riley is the bestselling author of the Seven Sisters series

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

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

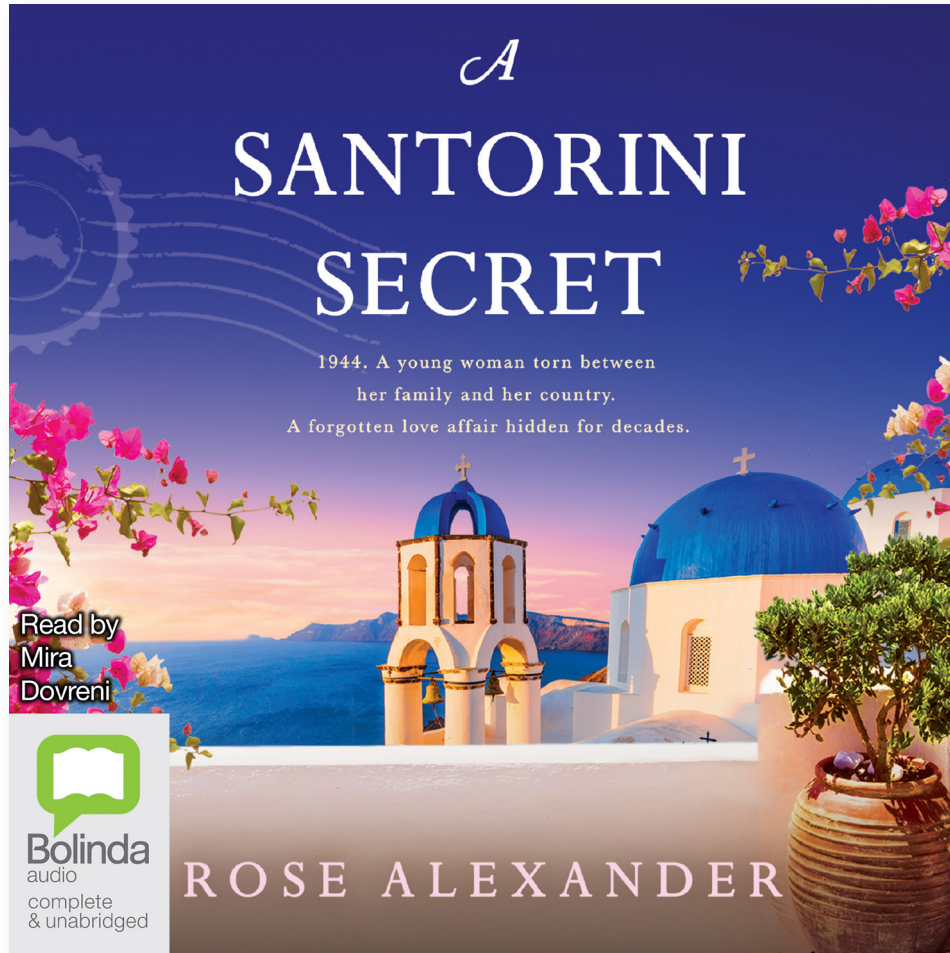
'Riley brings us a cast of exquisitely drawn characters and as you slip effortlessly into their lives and share their hopes, dreams and fears, prepare to be intrigued, moved to tears ... and ultimately uplifted.' – Pam Norfolk, Lancashire Evening Post (on *The Butterfly Room*)

'A real Forsythe Saga of a novel; layered, complex, fascinating and, in the end, deeply satisfying. Put your feet up, settle back, and enjoy.' – Judy Finnegan, Richard and Judy's Autumn Book Club (on *The Butterfly Room*)

A Santorini Secret

Rose Alexander

Read by Mira Dovreni



A Santorini Secret is an epic tale of love, loss and secrets in World War II that will sweep you away to the hidden coves and sun-kissed beaches of Santorini.

Single mother Carrie is heart-sore when she arrives on the sun-drenched island of Santorini with her daughter Nell, her adored uncle Sol's tattered sketchbook clutched to her chest. Even as they explore the winding cobbled alleys, Nell can't forgive Carrie for keeping a secret – the truth about her own father. But Carrie hopes that seeking answers to a family mystery will heal their fractured relationship and show Nell that the family she desperately wants has been there all along.

Carrie is certain Sol was hiding a private pain – and has vowed to find out who the striking young woman with wavy hair is in Sol's drawings, tucked between the sketches of soldiers and sweeping cliffs.

Asking around the close-knit locals, the elderly women Carrie and Nell meet speak of a brave young woman named Vassia, and a secret allied mission to rid their beautiful island of German troops. But when pressed, they refuse to say more. When Nell finds a letter written by Vassia, the pair learn how Sol was left stranded, fighting for his life, and how Vassia risked everything to save him ...

Perfect for fans of Victoria Hislop, Fiona Valpy and *The Letter*

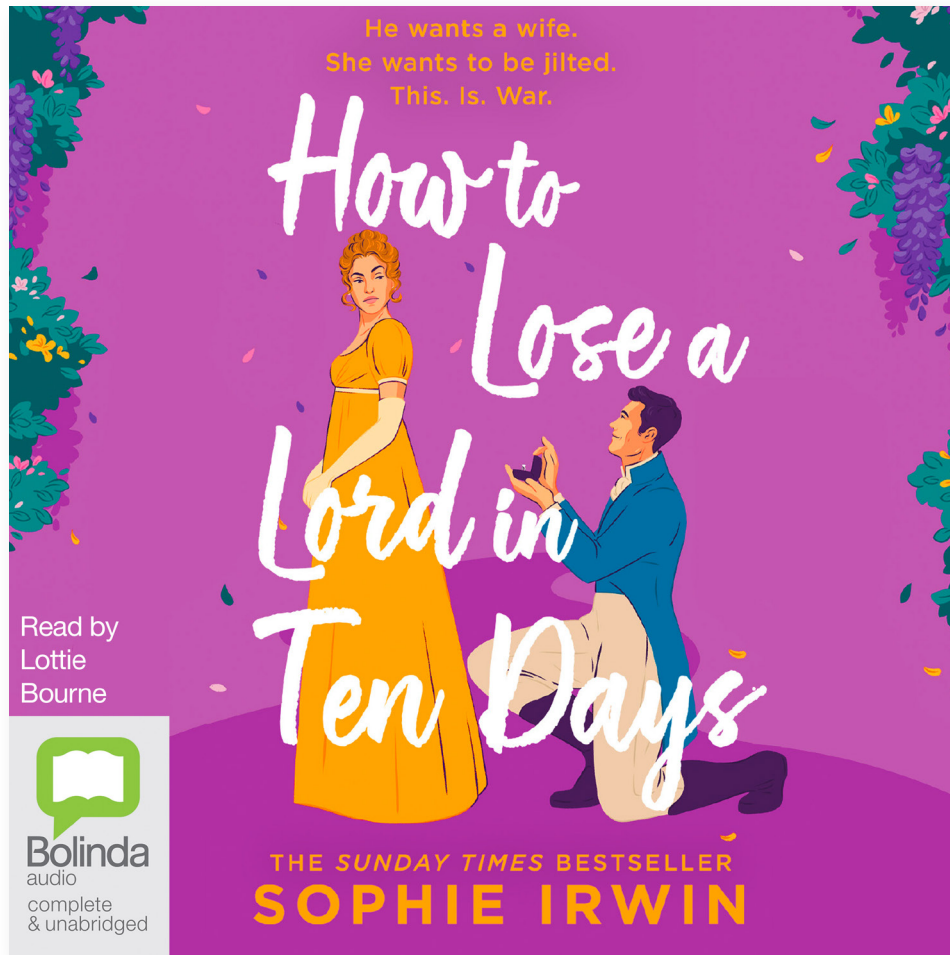
Rose Alexander is an author and secondary school teacher, who has sold over 65,000 copies of her books in the UK alone

She is the author of *A Letter to Italy*, *The Lost Diary*, *Garden of Stars*, and many other novels

How to Lose a Lord in Ten Days

Sophie Irwin

Ready by Lottie Bourne



From the *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *A Lady's Guide to Fortune-Hunting* comes a delicious new Regency romance.

Rich, handsome and titled Lord Ashford has every lady in England longing for his hand in marriage.

Everyone, that is, except Miss Lydia Hanworth – the only young woman Ashford wishes to marry.

Pressured into accepting Ashford's proposal, the announcement must be kept secret for ten days. Can Lydia free herself from her obligations before the engagement is publicly announced, without ruining her reputation? You can achieve an awful lot in ten days, after all ...

Sophie Irwin is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestseller *A Lady's Guide to Fortune-Hunting*, which has already sold in nearly 30 countries worldwide

Irwin's love and passion for historical fiction bring a breath of fresh air and a contemporary energy to the genre

'An artfully slow burn!' – Ashley Poston, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Dead Romantics* (on *A Lady's Guide to Scandal*)

'Funny, fresh and original – with two delicious and loveable central characters – you'll want to put it straight on your dance card.' – Cesca Major, author of *Maybe Next Time* (on *A Lady's Guide to Fortune-Hunting*)

New Horizons for the Woolworth Girls

Woolworths #11

Elaine Everest

Read by Annie Aldington

Adult New Release

Sagas | August 2025



There are fresh challenges and new beginnings on the horizon for the girls at Woolworths. Discover the final instalment in Elaine Everest's much-loved Woolworths series.

When the Bexleyheath branch of F.W. Woolworths is bombed, Annie must help save her fellow staff members. Thankfully uninjured, she is moved to the Erith store, where she soon finds her feet. But a tragedy close to home is another stark reminder that life can turn on a sixpence.

When Annie meets Dean, an American soldier who promises to care for her and her family, she has more than just the end of the war to celebrate. With wedding bells and a new life in America beckoning, great change lies ahead.

Suitcase in tow, Annie must remember one thing – if she follows her heart, it will always lead her in the right direction.

Elaine Everest is the author of the *Sunday Times* bestselling series *The Teashop Girls* and has written widely for women's magazines and national newspapers, with short stories, serials and features

Everest's non-fiction books for dog owners have been very popular and led to her broadcasting on radio about our four-legged friends

'A warm, tender tale of friendship and love ... sweet as a Woolies pick'n'mix.' – Milly Johnson, bestselling author of *The Teashop on the Corner* (on *The Woolworth Girls*)

'The story is full of authentic touches and warm memories. There is a strong theme of love and loss throughout the book and it is interesting to see how each of the characters responds to their changing circumstances.' – The Bookbag (on *The Woolworths Girls*)

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The Wartime Nurse

The Dutch Girls #3

Imogen Matthews

Read by Fleur De Wit



Adult New Release

Romance | August 2025

Inspired by an incredible true story, *The Wartime Nurse* is an utterly heart-wrenching and emotional tale fiction of one woman's courage and the power of true love.

1944, *Nazi-occupied Holland*. As Nurse Freddie cycles through the tulip fields, she looks like any other law-abiding citizen. But beneath her innocent smile lies an iron will to fight for freedom. The Nazis have no idea she is part of the resistance, and that she risks her life every day to deliver food and messages to hidden refugees.

After a failed attempt to take the life of a Nazi collaborator, Freddie is sent to an underground hospital to tend to a group of injured Allied airmen. And when unconscious English pilot Will wakes up and locks his dazzling blue eyes with hers, her heart jolts. As she tends to his wounds, she can't help but fall deeply in love with this charming English officer.

Will and Freddie start to dream about a future after the war, but when the hospital is bombed by the Nazis, they lose each other in the chaos.

Freddie's world comes crashing down when she learns that Will has been captured. To save him, Freddie must infiltrate the hospital where he is held captive.

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

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

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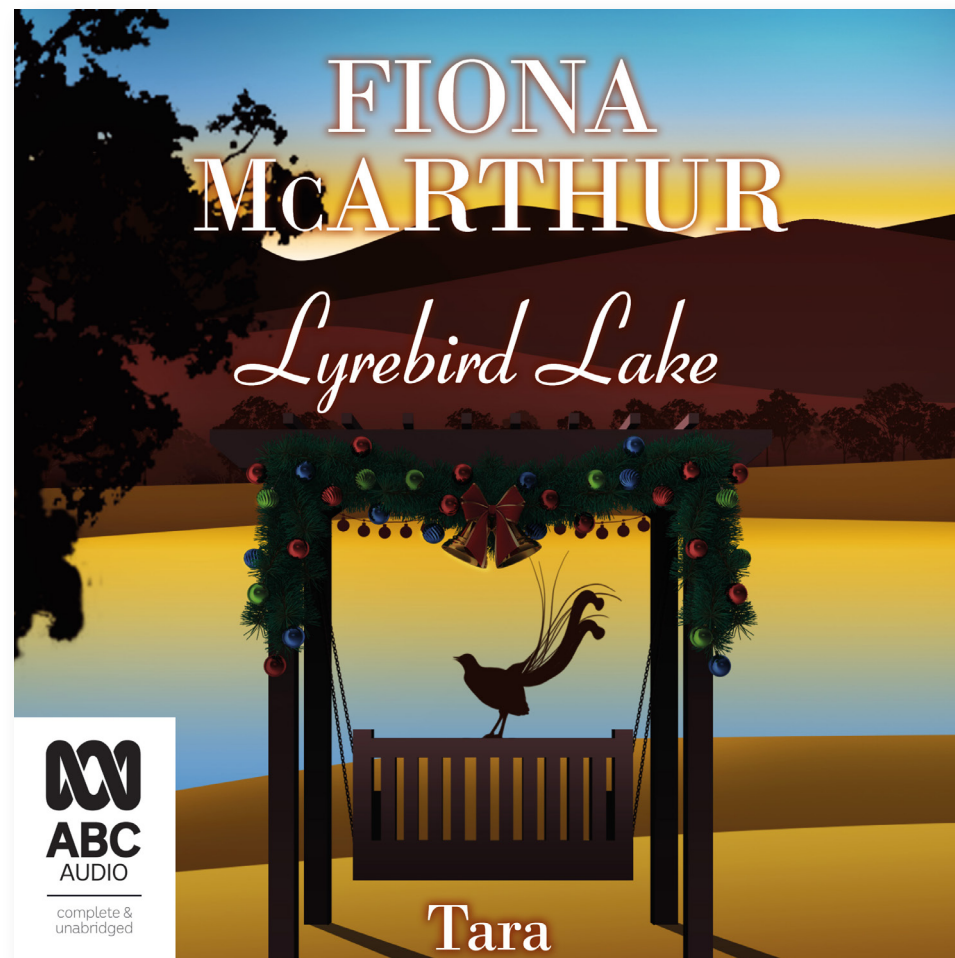
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Tara

Lyrebird Lake #5

Fiona McArthur

Read by Catherine Lee



Adult New Release

Romance | August 2025

Award-winning author Fiona McArthur returns with the fifth instalment in the sweet medical romance Lyrebird Lake series.

Lyrebird Lake is the perfect place for Tara to build a new life. Especially at Christmas. And then there's the magical myth of the lyrebirds ...

Midwife Tara Dutton loves her new job and feeling a part of the new mums' special moments – especially when she's had so few special moments in her own life. The magical festive spirit of Lyrebird Lake has charmed her. For the first time, she's actually looking forward to Christmas!

Even more charming – but much more dangerous! – is gorgeous Dr Simon Campbell. The heat in his eyes promises Tara the future she's always dreamed of. Does she dare believe that his Christmas proposal will finally lead to forever?

Fiona McArthur won the Australian Ruby Award for Contemporary Romantic Fiction in 2020 for her novel *The Desert Midwife*

McArthur has written more than 50 titles and shares her medical knowledge and her love of working with women, families and emergency services in her stories

McArthur was awarded the NSW Excellence in Midwifery Award in 2015

'McArthur has the highest admiration for outback pioneers and the medical staff who care for them and this adoration is evident throughout the novel. She has created strong female characters and a strong description of the medical plights that are expertly managed by staff.' – GLAM Adelaide (on *The Desert Midwife*)

'A heart-warming story set in the rugged outback about finding out who you really want to be.' – Annie Seaton, author of *Kakadu Sunset* (on *The Opal Miner's Daughter*)

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Betsy's War

Liverpool Orphans Trilogy #3

Eliza Morton

Read by the Author



Adult New Release

Sagas | August 2025

A heartfelt saga of new love and hope in times of war, set in Liverpool, from the acclaimed author of *Angel of Liverpool*.

Betsy Drew has one thing on her mind. And that's the hope that Alvis Dooley might glance in her direction. But it's the outbreak of World War II in Liverpool and whilst everyone is fearful of what Hitler might do next, Betsy is full of dreams for a future with Alvis. But one afternoon when he eventually does take notice of her, her life changes forever.

On the fateful night when Hitler drops his bombs on Mill Road Maternity Hospital Liverpool, Betsy's mother, full of shame over Betsy being an unwed mother, sees an opportunity to give her daughter a second chance and tells her daughter a devastating lie – that her baby is gone.

Years later, when Betsy falls in love with handsome RAF pilot, James, it seems that their love can conquer their differences. But it's a love that's built on a terrible secret. And whilst her mother and the nuns at the orphanage thought that they were doing the very best for Betsy by giving away the child, how soon will the lie destroy her?

Eliza Morton is author of *A Liverpool Girl* and *A Last Dance in Liverpool* under the name Elizabeth Morton

'An absolute gem – full of humour, heartbreak and love, vividly bringing to life the people and places of post-war Liverpool.' – Kate Eastham, author of *Coming Home to Liverpool* (on *Angel of Liverpool*)

'Heartstrings are tugged in this gritty Liverpool saga which is beautifully written ... Saga writing at its best ... a poignant reminder of how society has changed.' – Diane Allen, bestselling author of *For the Sake of Her Family* (on *Angel of Liverpool*)

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The Codebreaker's Daughter

Suzanne Fortin

Read by Tamaryn Payne



Bestselling author Suzanne Fortin is back with a moving, sweeping and utterly gripping World War II historical story of love, courage, secrets and betrayal.

Bletchley Park, 1942. When teacher Hana Phillips is unexpectedly recruited to Bletchley Park she's determined to do her bit for the war effort. A talented linguist, she's soon put to work cracking Japanese naval codes and her newfound talents make her confidence soar, even as her work puts pressure on her already fracturing marriage.

Then Hana is tasked with a secret mission. There is a mole in her team, sharing secrets with the enemy, and Hana must search them out. There's no one she can trust, and she knows others – including her own father – have already been targeted for their attempts to find the spy. With the clock ticking, Hana must get to the truth – no matter the personal cost ...

Inspired by the incredible wartime work that took place at Bletchley Park, *The Codebreaker's Daughter* will appeal to fans of Anna Stuart, Mandy Robotham and Kathleen McGurl

Suzanne Fortin also writes as Sue Fortin, a *USA Today*, *Amazon UK* and *Amazon USA* bestselling author

Fortin has sold over a million copies of her titles, which have been translated into multiple languages, and won the Jackie Collins Award for Romantic Thrillers with her novel, *All That We Have Lost*

'This story has great depths of emotion, highs and lows, and I found it utterly gripping!' – Christina Courtenay, award-winning author (on *The Forgotten Life of Arthur Pettinger*)

'A deeply moving story of love in all its forms – I adored it.' – Mandy Baggot, international bestselling and award-winning author (on *The Forgotten Life of Arthur Pettinger*)

The Bridge to Always

Lynda Marron

Read by Aoife McMahon

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From the author of *Last Chance in Paris* comes a story about identity and place – about finding out who you are, who your people are, and what it means to be a family.

Maeve Gaffney arrives in a small West Cork town in pursuit of a dream – to be reunited with Tim, the lad she fell for years ago and who, unbeknownst to him, fathered her daughter, Emer.

For Tim, now married and a pillar of the community, Emer's existence is a shock – but the chance to rekindle an old flame with her mother is tempting.

For Agnes, a lonely landowner, Maeve and Emer's arrival is an opportunity to make money – and maybe new friends.

For Malachi, a man of few words but deep emotions, it's ... complicated.

For Emer, it's about growing up and finding her voice.

For all five, the arrival of this beautiful, wild mother and her silent, observant daughter sparks a devastating chain of events none of them could have predicted.

Lynda Marron graduated from University College Cork in the mid-'90s with two degrees in microbiology, neither of which brought her any closer to her dream of writing a novel

Marron opted for the longer route, the Life Experience Creative Writing Course, which included teaching English to Italian teenagers, filing letters in a GP's surgery and writing listicles for an online bookseller

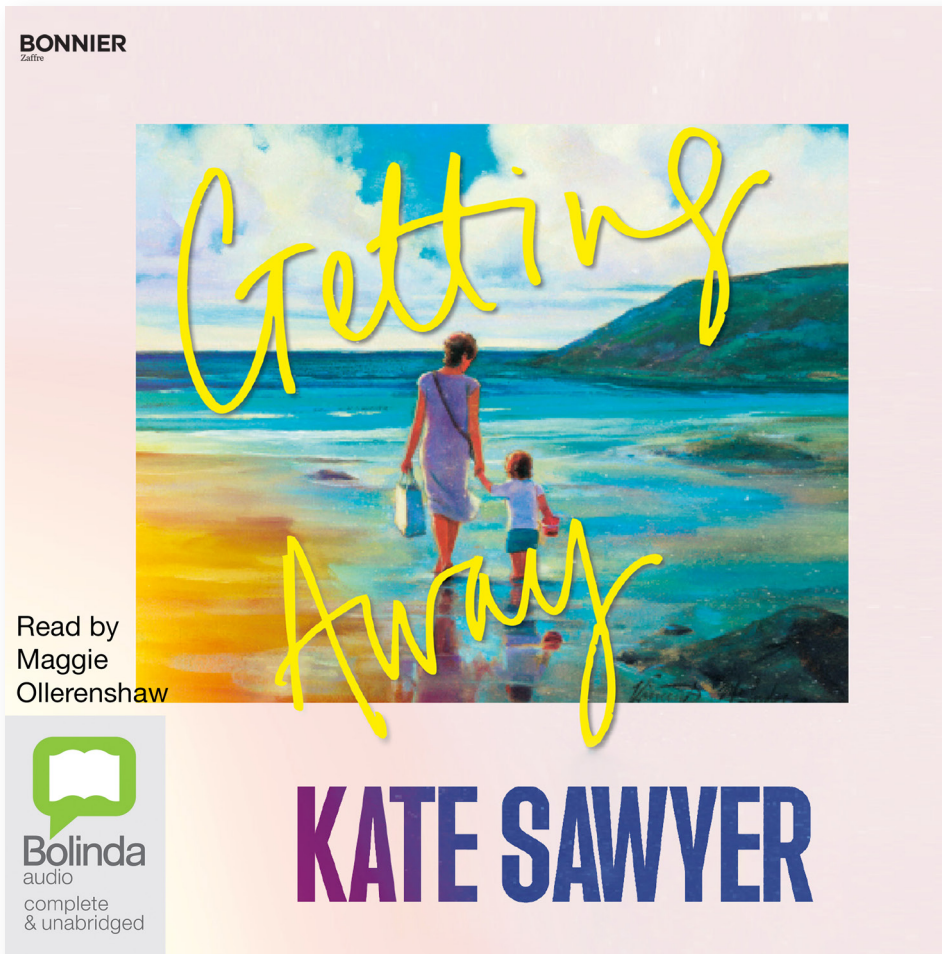
'Lynda writes memorable characters with great warmth and compassion, and The Bridge to Always is a compelling story of life, love and what really matters.' – Sheila O'Flanagan, bestselling author of *What Happened That Night*

'A fresh new voice in Irish fiction, a story peopled with original and well-drawn characters ...' – Roisin Meaney, author of *Life Before Us* (on *Last Chance in Paris*)

Getting Away

Kate Sawyer

Read by Maggie Ollerenshaw



A dazzlingly ambitious story from the author of Waterstones's Fiction Book of the Month, *This Family*, and the Costa First Novel Award–shortlisted *The Stranding*.

Margaret Smith is at the beach. It is a summer day unlike any other Margaret has ever known. The Smith family have left the town where they live and work and go to school and come to a place where the sky is blue, the sand is white, and the sound of the sea surrounds them. An ordinary family discovering the joy of getting away for the first time.

Over the course of the coming decades, they will be transformed through their holiday experiences, each new destination a backdrop as the family grows and changes, love stories begin and end – and secrets are revealed.

Kate Sawyer is the author of *The Stranding*, which was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award, won the East Anglian fiction prize and was adapted for BBC Radio 4 Book at Bedtime

Sawyer works as the Programme Curator for the annual Bury St Edmunds Literature Festival

'From its brilliant, ambitious premise (a story told through family holidays) to its complex and wholly absorbing characters, Getting Away is a moving insight into the beautiful complexity of ordinary lives.' – Jennie Godfrey, bestselling author of *The List of Suspicious Things*

'Cleverly and patiently, Kate unfolds this layered novel through the decades, showing all her skill as a writer. As a portrait of an evolving family, it is moving, and Kate makes big family moments work alongside gorgeous glimpses into the tiny details of their lives.' – Georgina Moore, *Sunday Times* bestselling author of *The Garnett Girls*

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August new releases 2025

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Deborah Moggach

Read by Nina Wadia



The story that inspired the box office hit movie of the same name starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Celia Imrie, Dev Patel and Penelope Wilton.

Enticed by advertisements for a luxury retirement home in India, a group of strangers leave England to begin a new life.

On arrival, however, they discover the palace is a shell of its former self, the staff are more than a little eccentric and the days of the Raj appear to be long gone.

But, as they soon discover, life and love can begin again, even in the most unexpected circumstances.

Deborah Moggach is the author of *Tulip Fever* and two collections of stories

Moggach's screenplays include *Pride and Prejudice*, which was nominated for a BAFTA

'Superb ... Moggach has served us a treat with this novel. Moving, sincere, funny.'
– The Independent on Sunday

'A glorious romp that will inspire roars of recognition.' – Sunday Express

Daisy

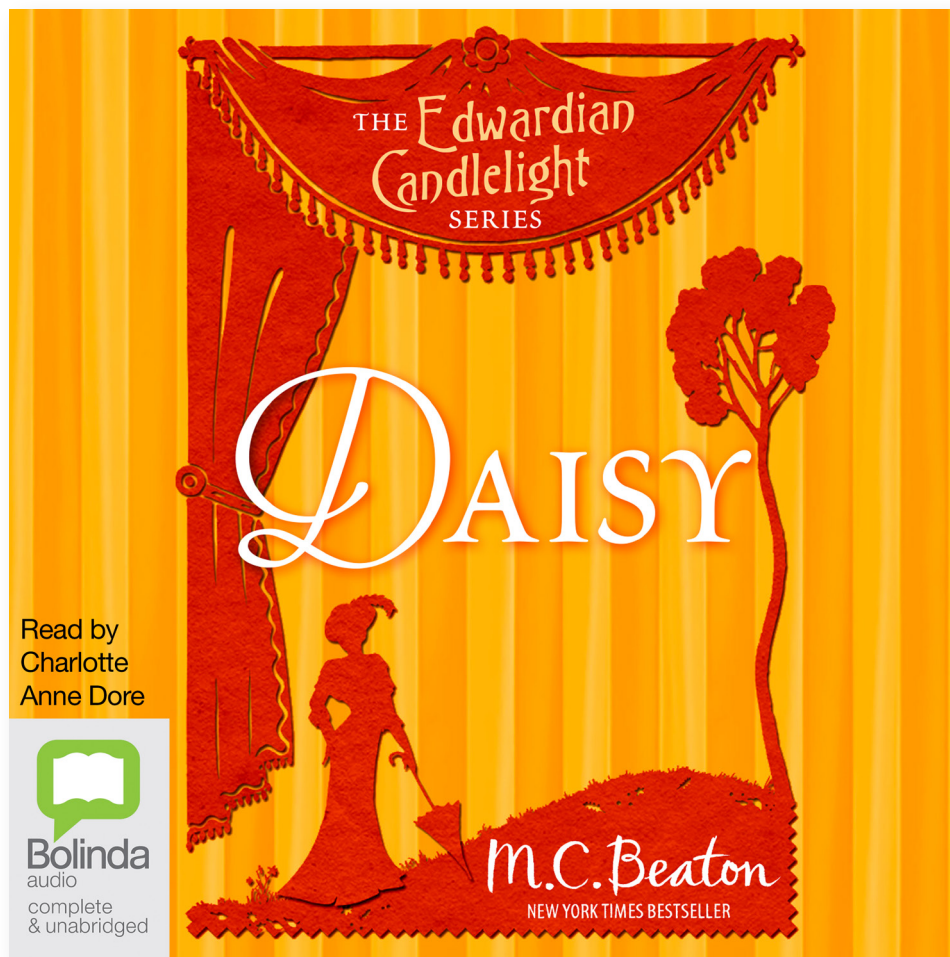
Edwardian Candlelight #7

M.C. Beaton

Read by Charlotte Anne Dore

Adult New Release

Romance | August 2025



When her guardian dies, Daisy Jenkins discovers the true secret of her birth and finds herself moving in a higher social circle, where she meets the elegant Duke of Oxenden.

Daisy Jenkins never expected to be anything more than a trespasser on the idyllic lawns of Marsden Castle. Then suddenly she was admitted into the seemingly magic circle of the Earl and Countess of Nottenstone, where she awaited the arrival of the notorious Lord Chatterton, her father – a stranger whose very name was foreign to her.

She was suddenly Daisy Chatterton, surrounded by aristocratic sharks who seemed to both court as well as mock her. And why did the elegant Duke of Oxenden offer his protection to this newcomer who made him laugh at the very word love? She was determined to show them all! She'd prove there was such a thing as true love, no matter how hard or how far she had to search to find it!

M.C. Beaton, hailed as the 'Queen of Crime' by the *Globe and Mail*, was the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling Agatha Raisin novels

Beaton was also the author of the bestselling Edwardian Candlelight series, which carry her trademark intrigue and irresistible charm

'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 White Book

Han Kang

Read by Jennifer Kim

WINNER OF THE 2024 NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE

HAN KANG

'Sublime'
Financial Times

'Astonishing'
Irish Times



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THE WHITE BOOK

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An exploration of personal grief through the prism of the colour white, from the internationally bestselling author of *The Vegetarian*.

From the author of *The Vegetarian* and *Human Acts* comes an audiobook like no other. *The White Book* is a meditation on colour, beginning with a list of white things. It is an audiobook about mourning, rebirth and the tenacity of the human spirit. It is a stunning investigation of the fragility, beauty and strangeness of life.

Han Kang is a South Korean writer who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2024

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

The Vegetarian, Kang's first novel, won the 2016 Man Booker International Prize

'A brilliant psychogeography of grief, moving as it does between place, history and memory ... Poised and never flinches from serene dignity ... Translated seamlessly by Smith, *The White Book* succeeds in reflecting Han's urgent desire to transcend pain with language.' – Deborah Levy, *Guardian*

'The White Book is a profound and precious thing, its language achingly intimate, each image haunting and true. It is a remarkable achievement. Han Kang is a genius.'

– Lisa McNerney, author of *The Blood Miracles*

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August new releases 2025

Bunny vs Monkey: Machine Mayhem

Bunny vs Monkey

Jamie Smart

Read by Ciaran Saward

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025



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

Genius inventor Skunky has just designed a brand-new creation ... a robot called Metal Eve! She needs to learn everything there is to know about life, so it's probably not the best idea that she's surrounded by Bunny, Monkey, Weenie, Pig and the gang. The only thing she's going to learn from them is that life in the Woods is very, very silly indeed!

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

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

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

The audiobook of Bunny vs Monkey won Fiction Audiobook of the Year at the British Book Awards 2024

'Machine Mayhem contains an entire year's worth of stories ... they are his usual exuberant mix of madcap action, surreal situations, constant surprises, and extraordinary mechanical gadgets.' – BLoveReading4Kids

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

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Emerald Collection 3

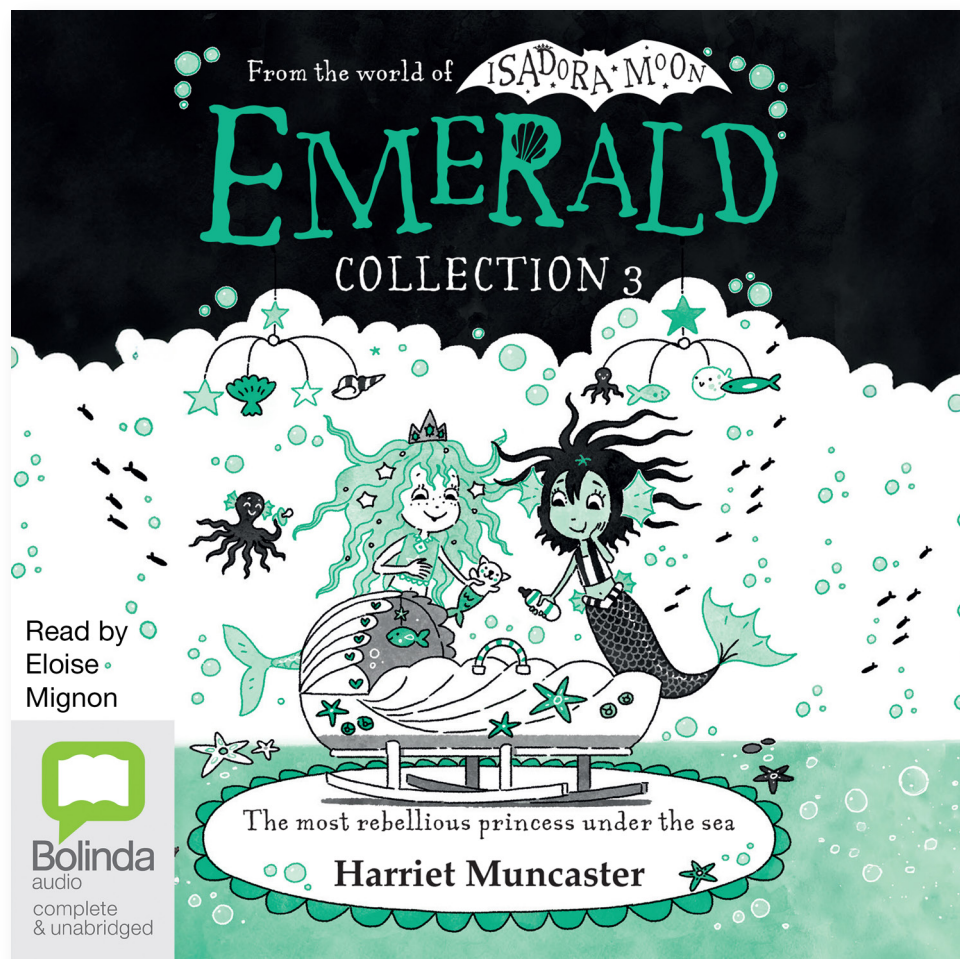
Emerald #5 & 6

Harriet Muncaster

Read by Eloise Mignon

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025



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 Magic Shell: Emerald goes on a camping holiday with her mum, stepdad King Auster and stepsister Delphine. But it isn't like the camping trips Emerald used to take with her dad when she was little. King Auster uses his magic shell at every opportunity to make the trip more luxurious. Emerald is determined to do camping the proper way, without magic, but when she wakes up in the night feeling cold, she decides to use the shell after all – to disastrous effect! When, instead of magicking herself a super cosy sleeping bag, she brings Delphina's plushie pufferfish to life, and it escapes.

Emerald and the New Arrival: Emerald's mum is expecting a baby and there's so much to do before the big day! Everyone is excited but Emerald can't help feeling a little ... unsure. What if she gets woken up at night by all the crying? And what if Mum and her step-dad Auster are too busy with the new baby to think about her? But family life is full of surprises and Emerald is about to find out that being a big sister is a very special thing indeed.

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

'It's a lovely story about identity and finding what matters. In the same world as Isadora Moon and Mirabelle, Emerald will be loved by fans of those books.' – Books for Topics (on *Emerald and the Ocean Parade*)

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Bravepaw and the Clawstone of Rotwood Mire

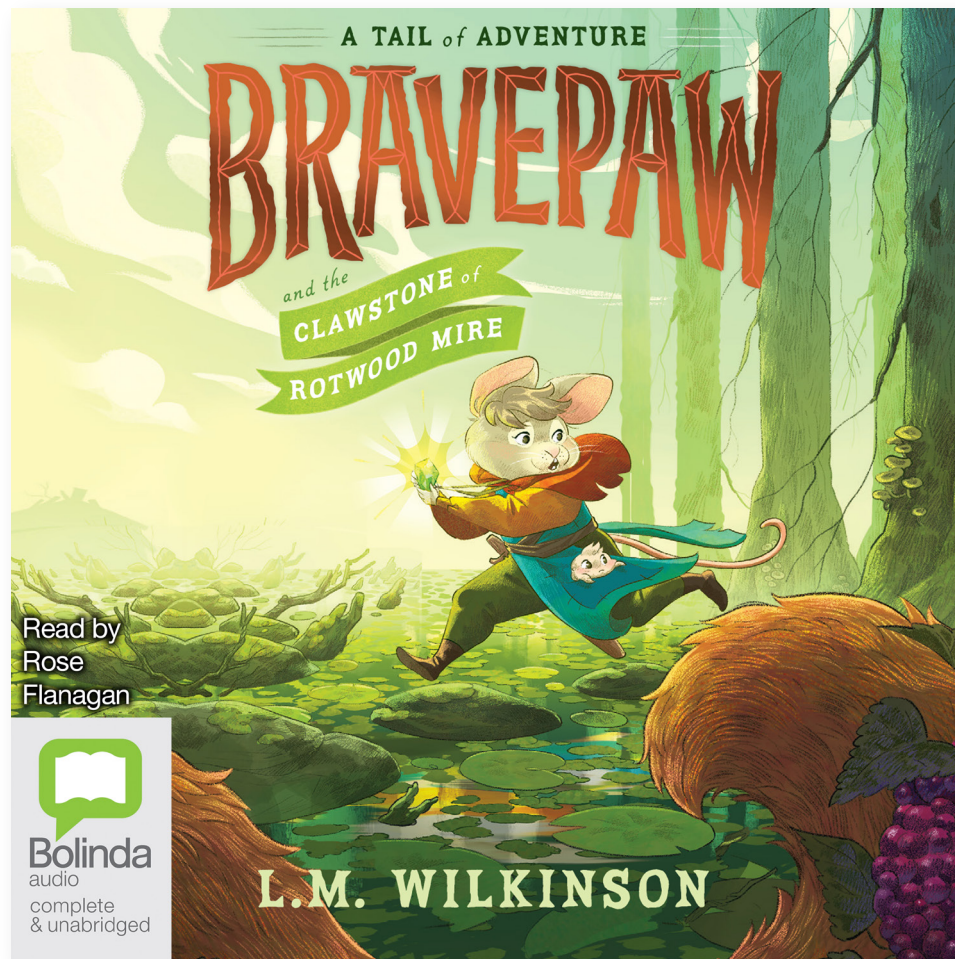
Bravepaw #2

L.M. Wilkinson

Read by Rose Flanagan

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025



Can one gallant mouse find the Gems of Harmony and save her homeland from destruction? Find out in this epic adventure full of magic and prophecy, quests, heroism and loyal friendship from award-winning author L.M. Wilkinson.

Titch and Huckleberry are on an epic quest. They have followed their hearts ... right into the path of a terrifying swamp monster, and a village full of brainwashed squirrels!

Maybe their hearts aren't to be trusted? Maybe Titch is just an ordinary little mouse and not Bravepaw after all ...?

But Bravepaw or not, Titch is not about to give up. Can she defeat the greedy turtle controlling the squirrels, and discover what his glowing green gem has to do with the legend of Bravepaw and her quest to save Alluria?

L.M. Wilkinson is the award-winning author of more than 20 books for children and teenagers, including *A Hunger of Thorns*, *Deep is the Fen* and *How to Make a Pet Monster*

Wilkinson helped establish InsideADog.com.au and The Inky Awards – Australia's first national teen choice award – at the State Library of Victoria's Centre for Youth Literature

'Imaginative and full of fast-paced action, the characters are fantastic with carefully chosen names which makes things more exciting.' – Kids' Book Review (on *Bravepaw and the Heartstone of Alluria*)

'Completely entrancing ... It's full of magic – the real thing.' – Amie Kaufman, *New York Times* bestselling co-author of the *Aurora Cycle* (on *A Hunger of Thorns*)

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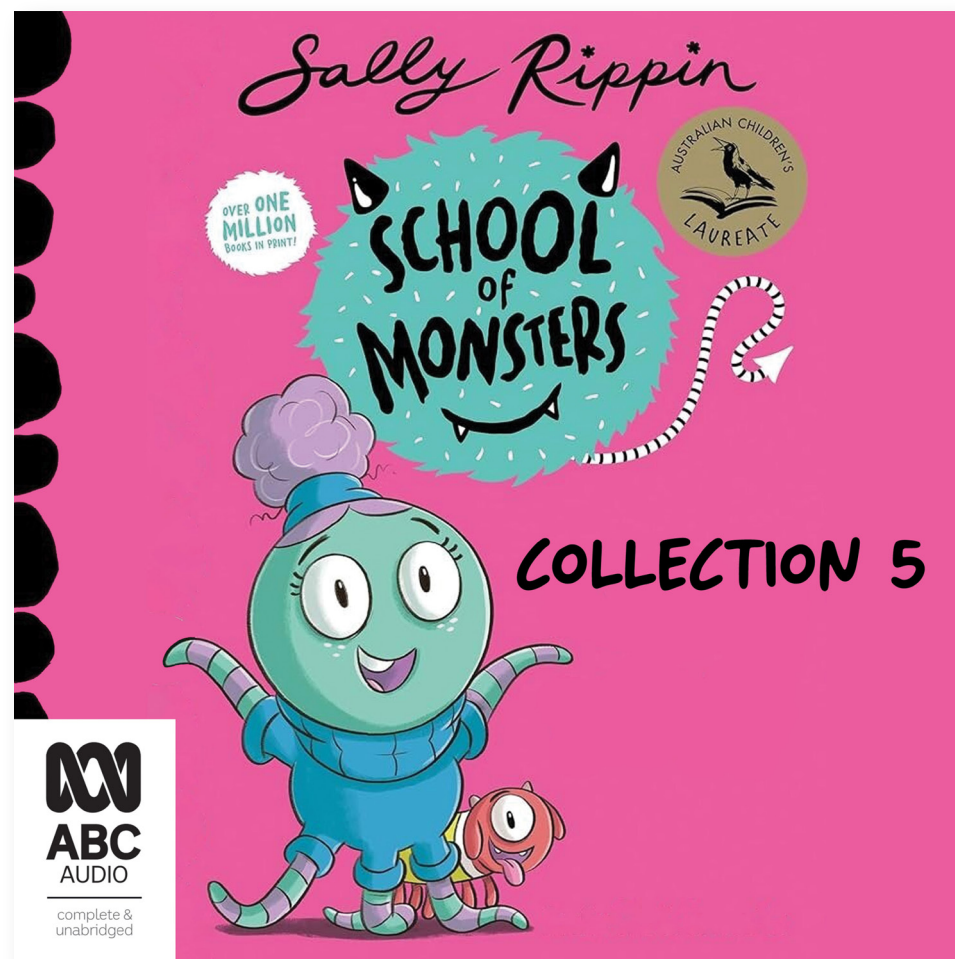
Sally Rippin

Read by Gareth Prosser

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025

The fifth collection of the funniest, silliest and most accessible series from one of Australia's bestselling and most beloved children's authors, Sally Rippin.



Leggy Peggy: Peggy's legs help her to read and climb and jump and run with speed! When chaos breaks out during the school play, can Peggy – and her guide pet – save the day?

Super Fast Skelly: Skelly's scared to ride too fast. But when he does, he has a blast! Skelly's used to riding his scooter at his own pace. When he tries a billy cart for the first time, he has so much fun that soon, he's going faster and faster. But what happens when he goes too fast?

A Birthday Wish for Bee: Bee makes a wish. The monsters stare. What's that growing from her hair? It's Bee's birthday, and her friends have given her a special wishing cake! But what will they do when Bee's wish gets out of control?

Bill and Ben Love to Sing: Bill and Ben both love to sing, but each one sings a different thing! Can Bill and Ben learn to sing in harmony?

Snow for Heti: Heti's homesick for the snow. Will a spell help? Oh dear! Oh no ... Heti's friends are determined to make it snow, but it seems their magic spells only spell disaster! Can they figure out how to make winter magic for Heti?

Produced with sound design and music for an immersive listening experience

Sally Rippin is Australia's highest-selling female author and has written over 100 books for children and young adults, many of them award-winning

Rippin is best known for her Billie B Brown and Hey Jack! series, as well as her hugely popular Polly and Buster series

'Sally Rippin writes stories children love – and these will be no exception. Highly recommended for ages 5+.' – Readings (on the School of Monsters series)

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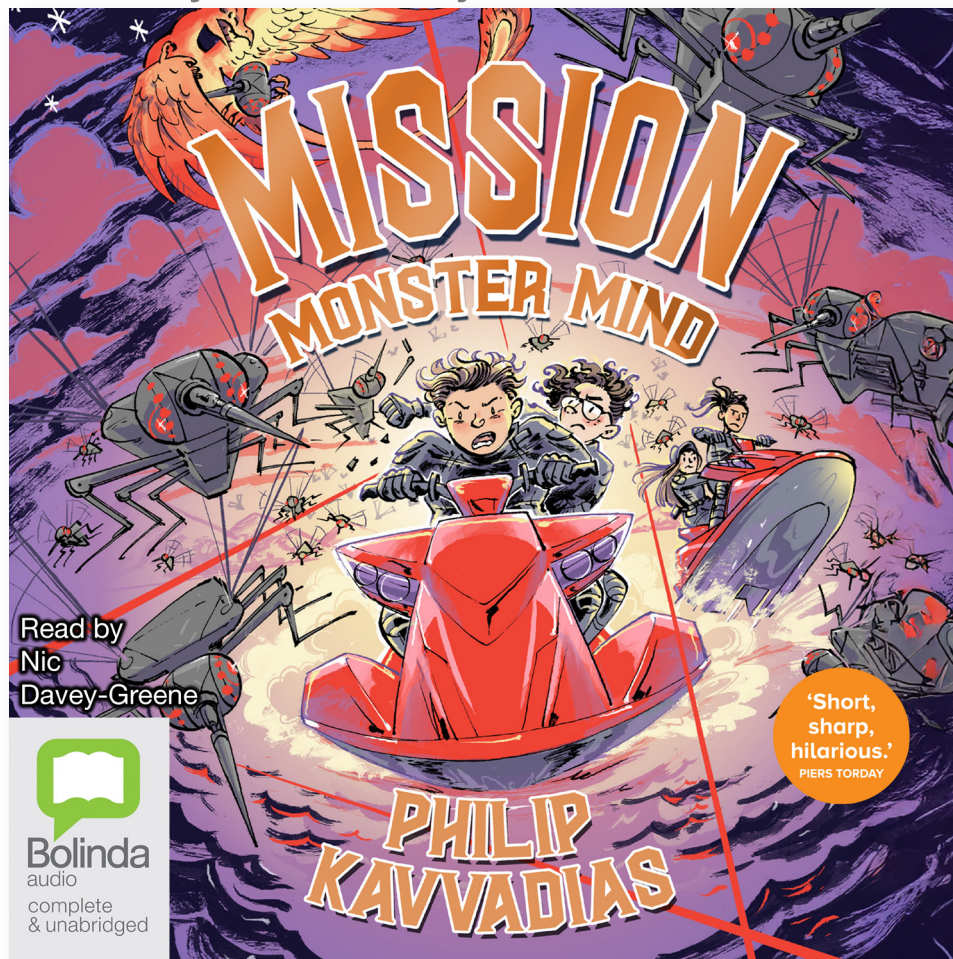
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Mission Monster Mind

Mission Microraptor #3

Philip Kavvadias

Read by Nic Davey-Greene



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025

Jurassic Park meets Wimpy Kid in the third instalment of the lively and action-packed Mission Microraptor series!

Junior agents Finn, Milo and Tasi, along with a young hacker, Ether, and Arty the microraptor, are dispatched to Scotland to recover stolen technology that could plunge the world into chaos.

It's their most nail-biting mission yet – even before they wake a monster from the deep ...

Philip Kavvadias is an author, playwright, poet, illustrator and screenwriter

Kavvadias also sketches, and as an engineer, he works in sustainability for one of the biggest brands in the world

'Funny and fast paced with more twists and turns than a microraptor in flight. It's a great set up for lots more adventures to come. I really enjoyed it.' – Mo O'Hara, author of New York Times bestselling series My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish (on Mission Microraptor)

'Brilliant! Finn and Milo are going to be such hits. And the kids are going to fall in love with Arty. KEAR!' – David Barker, author of The London Falling Trilogy (on Mission Microraptor)

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Neeka and the Storm

Wilder Zoo #2

Tina Strachan

Read by Belle Parkinson

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025

The second instalment in the series about lucky Neeka Wilder who lives at a zoo, from Australian children's author Tina Strachan.

Eleven-year-old Neeka Wilder has always loved animals and is lucky enough to live at Wilder Zoo, where her mum is head vet.

The deadline for the school reading challenge is only a few days away, and Neeka has a lot of reading to do! A fun day at the waterpark and new sports equipment for the school are on the line, and every student must complete their books.

Then a wild and damaging storm hits. Roads are blocked, and emergency evacuation plans for some of the animals are put in place. But when Neeka's bedroom is turned into an animal nursery, focusing on reading becomes her biggest challenge of all.

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

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

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

'Full of surprises.' – Gabrielle Tozer, author of *Remind Me How This Ends* (on *Neeka and the Missing Key*)

'Ultimate zoo adventure.' – Samera Kamaledine, author of *The Sideways Orbit of Evie Hart* (on *Neeka and the Missing Key*)



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Greenwild: The Forest in the Sky

Greenwild #3

Pari Thomson

Read by Sophia Nomvete



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025

Journey to a spectacular magical land in *The Forest in the Sky*, the much-anticipated final instalment in Pari Thomson's bestselling, award-winning Greenwild trilogy.

With the support of the Iffenwilders and their mighty water magic, Daisy and her friends are finally setting off to rescue the Botanists held prisoner in the heart of the Amazon rainforest – including Daisy's Ma. But when an unexpected attack sends the rescue mission spinning off course, Daisy and Max are separated, and Max shipwrecked on an impossible shore with no way of escape. Even Daisy's arrival in Amazeria – the stunning Amazonian pocket of the Greenwild, teeming with green magic – is in jeopardy as the mysterious Great Reaper draws ever closer.

In the shadows of the great rainforest, it's impossible to know who to trust. Daisy and her friends must draw on every ounce of courage they have to fight for Daisy's Ma, for the Greenwild and for everything they hold most dear.

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

The first instalment in the Greenwild series, *The World Behind the Door*, was the Overall Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner and Blackwell's Children's Book of the Year

'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*)

'Thomson has created a gorgeous, utterly believable world as magical and magnificent as the Amazon rainforest itself.' – Aisling Fowler, author of the Fireborn series (on *Greenwild: The World Behind the Door*)

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Bindi

Kirli Saunders

From the point of view of Bindi and her friends on Gundungurra Country, *Bindi* explores climate, bushfires and healing.

Meet 11-year-old Bindi. She's not really into maths but LOVES art class and playing hockey. Her absolute FAVOURITE thing is adventuring outside with friends or her horse, Nell.

A new year starts like normal – school, family, hockey, dancing. But this year hasn't gone to plan! There's a big art assignment, a drought, a broken wrist AND the biggest bushfires her town has ever seen!

Kirli Saunders is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist, writer, singer-songwriter and consultant

Saunders's books have been celebrated by the Prime Ministers, Queensland, Western Australia, Victorian Premier's, Adelaide Festival, Kate Challis RAKA, ABDA, ABIA and CBCA awards

Saunders has partnered with global organisations, including Google, Fender, Sydney Opera House, Qantas, Spotify, Mecca, *Vogue*, *National Geographic*, Aesop, ABC and Denver Zoo on visual art, speaking, singing and writing projects

'Beautifully written novel ... a call to action for young people to understand their role in conservation and caring for Country.' – Australian Geographic Explorers

'This story deals with feelings of anger, despair and frustration, while also rejoicing in growing up on country and surrounded by love ...' – The Guardian

Naughty Dragons Camp Out!

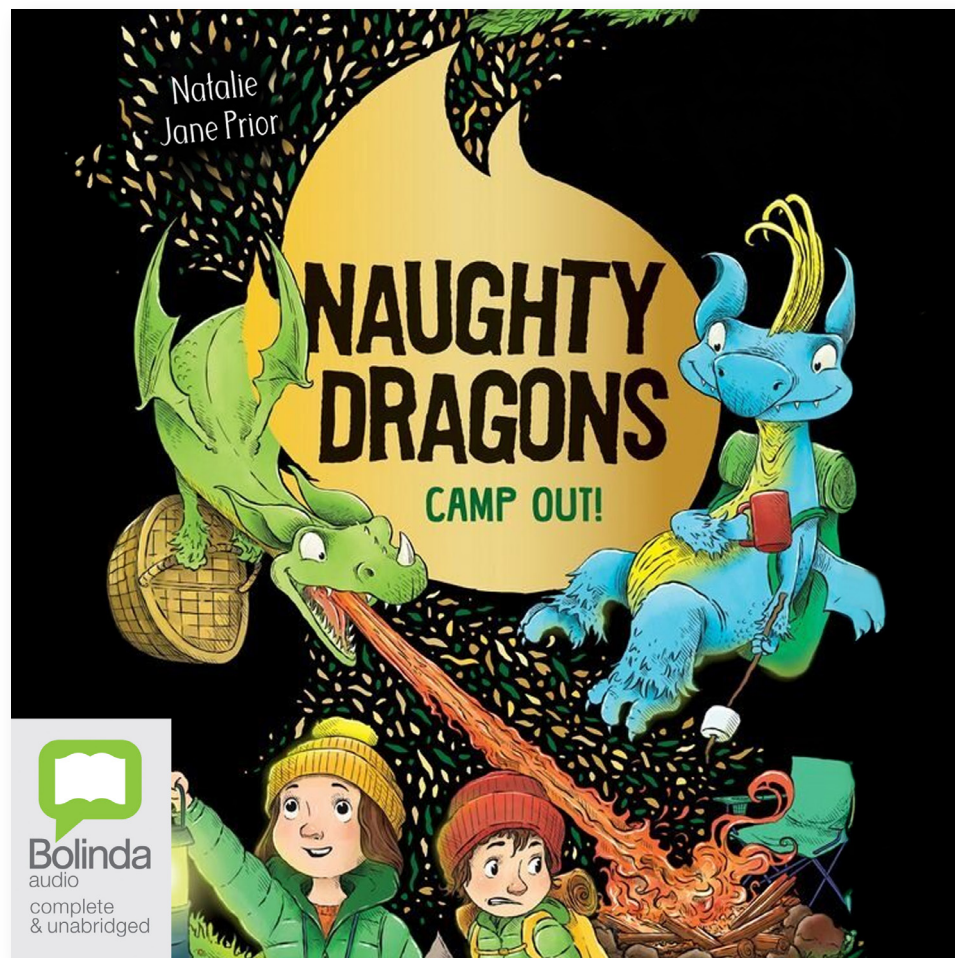
Naughty Dragons #4

Natalie Jane Prior

Read by Nic Davey-Greene

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025



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

Pack your bags – it's time for Dragon Camp! Ava and Jack are excited for an adventure in the High Country with Graun, Fafnine and their friends from the Dragons at Home Project. There'll be songs around a campfire, roasted marshmallows and even a treasure hunt!

But when the treasure hunt leads them to a secret dragon egg seller, the naughty dragons make it their mission to shut it down. Will the naughty dragons protect the eggs from being sold ... and will they make it home as happy campers?

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

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

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

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

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

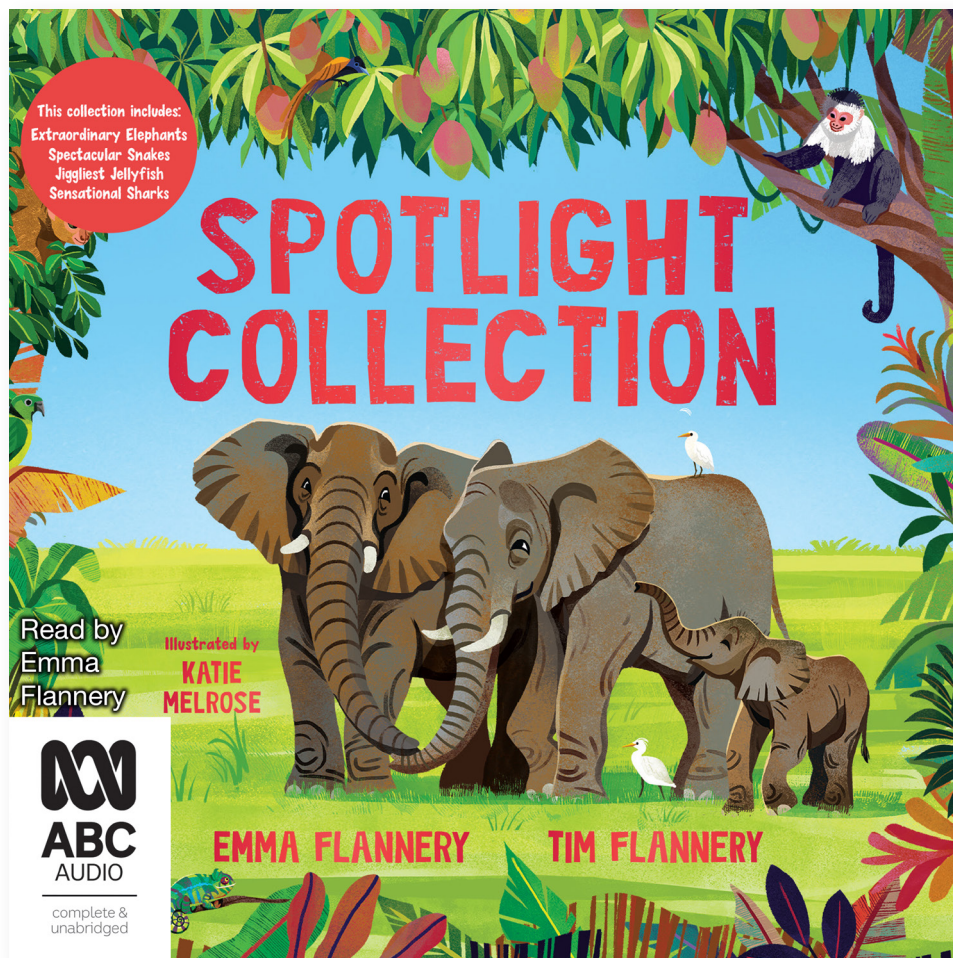
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Spotlight Collection

Tim Flannery, Emma Flannery
& Katie Melrose
Read by Emma Flannery



Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025

Discover the worlds of elephants, jellyfish, sharks and snakes with explorer and scientist Tim Flannery and his daughter, Emma, as they shine the spotlight on some of the world's most beloved and surprising creatures.

Extraordinary Elephants: There's so much more to elephants than their enormous size! Have you heard about their excellent memory or their adorable sense of humour? Did you know that they actually walk on their tippy toes? And wait till you see who their cousins are – you're in for a surprise!

Jiggliest Jellyfish: Did you know that jellyfish can thrive in waters that would suffocate other sea creatures? Or that some jellyfish can flash different colours from purple to green? Or that they have the world's most powerful venom?

Sensational Sharks: Have you ever heard about the cookie-cutter shark, which bites out cookie-shaped morsels of flesh from much larger animals than itself? Or the goblin shark, which was thought to have become extinct 100 million years ago until a living specimen was discovered in 1898? And did you know that the whale shark has jaws the size of a 12-year-old child?

Spectacular Snakes: Did you know a snake can still grow even when it hasn't eaten for months? Or that snakes have flexible jaws that allow them to eat prey that's much larger than them? Or that snakes are masters of disguise?

Professor Tim Flannery has worked at museums and universities in Australia and around the world, including as Director of the South Australian Museum, Visiting Chair in Australian Studies at Harvard University and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Australian Museum

Emma Flannery is the co-founder of Museophilliac, an independent curatorial service that has produced programs for the City of Sydney and the Australian Museum, with the aim of bringing science to life for a range of audiences

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Mac Park

Read by Dominic Gruenewald

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Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025

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

Rock Mutant: Kai Masters is a border guard and beast battler. Things have changed again in Beastium. There are new beasts. Bigger, stronger beasts. Mutants. Kai must mix things up. Can he win against the rock mutant?

Storm Mutant: Kai Masters is a border guard and beast battler. Things have changed again in Beastium. There are new beasts. Bigger, stronger beasts. Mutants. Kai must mix things up. Can he win against the storm mutant?

Air Mutant: Kai Masters is a border guard and beast battler. Things have changed again in Beastium. There are new beasts. Bigger, stronger beasts. Mutants. Kai must mix things up. Can he win against the air mutant?

Water Mutant: Kai Masters is a border guard and beast battler. Things have changed again in Beastium. There are new beasts. Bigger, stronger beasts. Mutants. Kai must mix things up. Can he win against the water mutant?

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

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

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

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

– Kids Book Review (on *Water Beast*)

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

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Horse Show Surprise

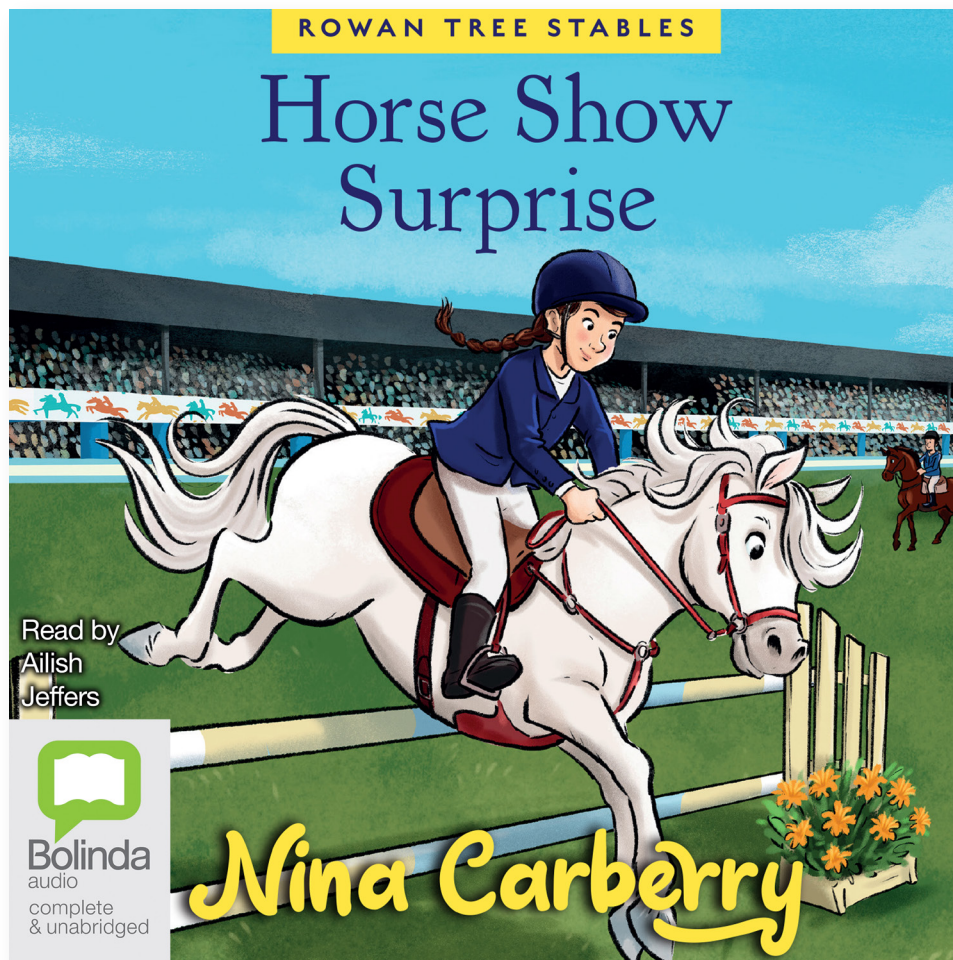
Rowan Tree Stables #3

Nina Carberry

Read by Ailish Jeffers

Children's New Release

Children's Fiction | August 2025



Grace and her best friend Aaron love helping out at Rowan Tree Stables, where their ponies are best friends too. Together, they have lots of adventures.

Grace and Aaron are both working hard to qualify for the much-anticipated Dublin Horse Show. But when Aaron falls ill, Grace has to face up to the possibility of attending the biggest horse-riding event of the year without her best friend by her side. Then, on the morning they're due to leave for Dublin, there's a crisis at the stable. Will either of them get to ride?

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

'Filled with musings on friendship, valuable life lessons and a portrayal of the Irish horse riding experience, any budding young equine athlete will not be able to put it down.'

– Children's Books Ireland (on *Pony Camp Chaos*)

'A lively adventure.' – The Echo (on the Rowan Tree Stables series)

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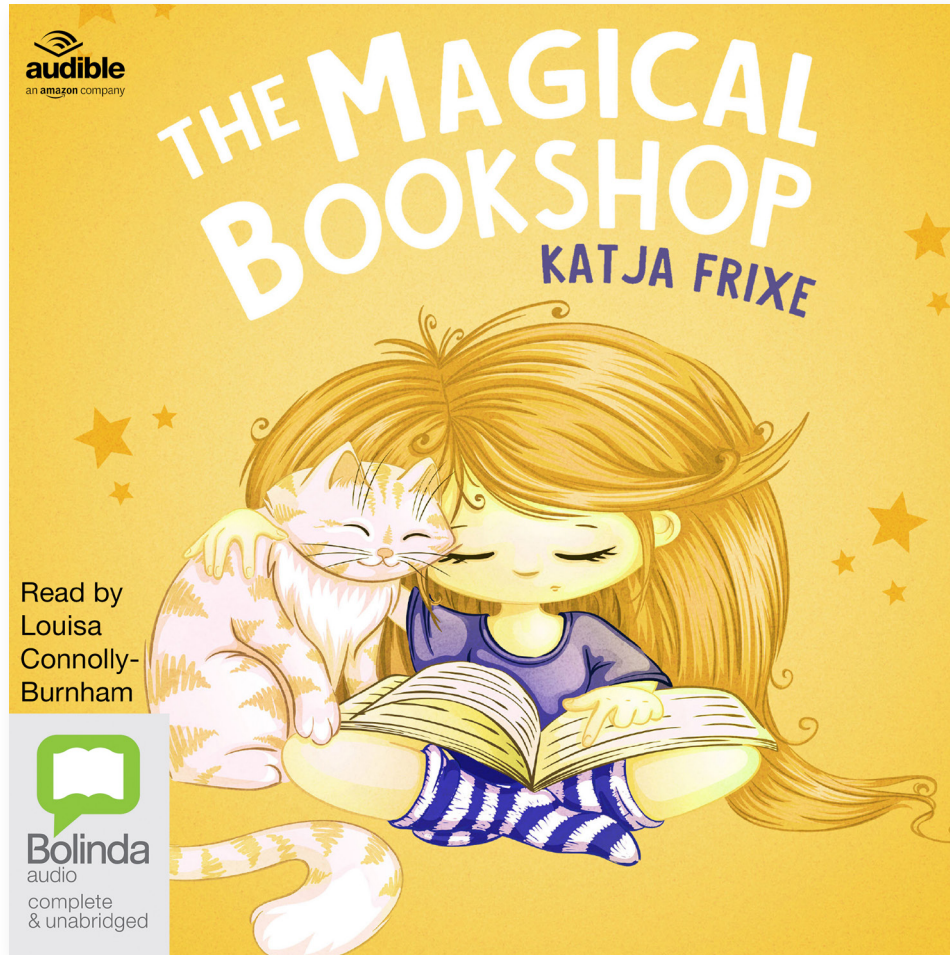
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July new releases 2025

The Magical Bookshop

Katja Frixe

Read by Louisa Connolly-Burnham



Mrs Owl had a knack for finding the perfect book for every customer, before they even realised what it was they were looking for.

What do you do when your best friend moves away? Clara takes comfort in her favourite place – Mrs Owl's bookshop. Surrounded by books that spring to life, a rhyming cat and mounds of cinnamon buns, Clara never feels alone.

But someone is determined to close the bookshop down. Now it's up to Clara and her new friends to save it.

Katja Frixe is an author from Lower Saxony, Germany, who has written over 30 books for children and young adults

Frixe spent several years working as a reader for various children's and YA publishers, before becoming a freelance author and translator in 2013

'A delightful tale of friendship with a generous sprinkling of magic.' – The Week Junior

'Frixe's world is imaginative and inviting, and, despite Clara's real struggles, the setting always feels supportive and snug ...' – Booklist