

London 2023 Highlights



Dear all,

Welcome to Bookouture's London 2023 Highlights list, fully updating our catalogue to include highlights for the first half of the year.

We have an exciting range of new titles coming up in the next few months across our three imprints – Bookouture, Thread, and new SFF launch, Second Sky.

Best wishes,

The Bookouture Rights Team

ABOUT US

- **Bookouture** is a fast-growing UK publisher specialising in a broad range of fiction and non-fiction and building authors globally
- At just 11 years old, and with a team of 50 people, Bookouture has already scored **704 Amazon UK top-100 hits**, and sold **63 million copies**
- We have had over **100 UK top-five Kindle bestsellers** and over **135 top-ten Kindle bestsellers**
- From only 1,463 books and 292 authors, we sold **9.6 million copies** in 2022
- We published **284 new titles** in 2022 in the English language.

"Britain's hottest digital publisher" *Publishers Weekly*

WINNER Digital Business of the Year 2015, Bookseller Industry Awards

THE RIGHTS TEAM



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I joined Bookouture in February 2017. We are now almost 5-times the size as a company. Bringing rights-selling in-house in 2021 was a key factor in growing this vital part of our business, and we have significantly increased our sub-rights revenue by bringing an expert focus on selling Bookouture titles only. We have also entered the German market through the launch of Bookouture Deutschland, translating and selling direct to German readers.



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I joined Bookouture in 2021 after 10 years in the Rights team at Orion, where I sold a wide variety of rights, including translation and film/TV rights, across the entire Orion list. Now Bookouture has brought our rights business in-house, I am the go-to person for **film/TV rights** across the Bookouture catalogue and for translation rights in the following languages:

Czech, Danish, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish and Ukrainian.



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I joined the Bookouture team as Rights and Contracts Executive in 2020, after 3 years in the Rights team at Bonnier Books. I manage the sale of **large print** and **audio rights** as well as translation rights in the following languages:
Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, Croatian, Chinese, Estonian, Greek, Hebrew, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Macedonian, Romanian, Serbian, Slovenian, Thai and Vietnamese.

OUR IMPRINTS

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Psychological Thriller
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Cosy Mystery
Romance
Romantic Comedy
Crime Thriller

SECOND SKY

Science Fiction
Fantasy
Fantasy Romance
Paranormal Mystery

Thread

Wellbeing
Memoir
Parenting
Self-development
True Crime

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Close Her Eyes – Lisa Regan

Lisa Regan is an Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author. Perfect for fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine.

In the next sinister and thrilling instalment of Lisa Regan's multi-million copy bestselling series, we dive into the past of the series' much-loved pathologist and friend of our titular heroine, Dr Anya Feist.

Having run from a marriage to her childhood sweetheart a decade previously, Dr Feist finds herself now tied up in a string of murders connected to a burn mark both she and the victims have in common. In a race to untangle the mind of a

killer vying for the good doctor's attention, Detective Josie Quinn must uncover the truth before the killer gets any closer.



Now You See Me – D.K. Hood

It's deep winter in the town of Black Rock Falls when an abandoned car is found on the side of the road. Much-loved bartender Maisy Jones has gone missing, and as the search for her progresses, there are less answers uncovered and only a longer list of towns people now missing.

As the dark, cold nights of December pass, the detectives search shifts from missing people, to that of a twisted killer, who plucks victims from their everyday lives without leaving a trace.

With fear building in the tight-knit town, the community gets steadily more fearful that their loved ones might be next, so Kane and Alton must find the killer among them before even more lives are lost...

The Kane and Alton series has now sold over 1 million copies.

Option Publishers: Könyvmolyképző (Hungary), Grada (Czechia), Publicat (Poland), Sofoklis (Lithuania), Boekerij (Holland), Olimpos (Turkey), Karieta (Russia)
Pub: 03/05/2023
Extent: 280pp

Option publishers : Chambre Noire (France), Storytel (Russia)

Pub: 07/03/2023
Extent: 262pp

Queens of crime



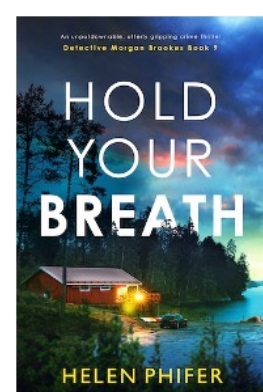
Deadly Fate – Angela Marsons

The latest instalment in the phenomenally successful Detective Kim Stone series opens with the violent murder of a psychic, whose body is discovered in a local church not long after her last reading with a group of women who want to do anything but tell the truth about the circumstances of that night.

As Detective Stone unravels their lies, and exposes connections to an unsolved murder case that has been closed for years, another body is found—the killer having struck again.

There begins a race against time to stop these frenzied attacks before the killer strikes again.

Book 18 in the internationally bestselling crime series, which has now sold a staggering 5 million copies in English alone.



Hold Your Breath – Helen Phifer

Helen Phifer's UK-set procedural thriller series featuring Morgan Brookes is inventive and addictive and one of the top-selling series across our whole list, with now over 530,000 copies sold.

On an isolated shoreline, looking out of the deep, murky waters of the Lake District, Helen Phifer sets her scene for the ninth deliciously-dark thriller in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. The body of a young woman has been found, a creepy mask of her face has been left on Morgan's desk at Police Headquarters, and she's about to begin a desperate race for her own life.

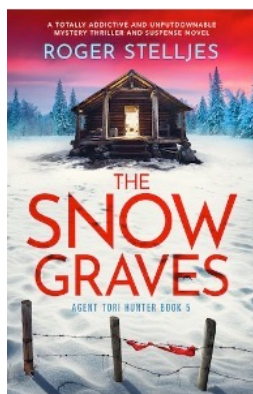
This series has amassed a legion of loyal followers who love Morgan and her team's complex cases and tangled relationships. It's a small town with big problems.

Angela Marsons is Bookouture's top selling author. The Kim Stone series is sold in 30 languages and has reached #1 in UK and Italian bestseller charts.

Pub: 25/05/2023
Extent: tbc

Option Publishers: Computer Media (Czechia), Vigmostad & Bjørke (Norway)

Pub: 02/06/2023
Extent: tbc



The Snow Graves – Roger Stelljes

The fifth instalment of Agent Tori Hunter's action-packed adventures in Minnesota is no ordinary police procedural.

In a Killing Eve-esque setup, when a young couple is shot dead a series of clues are delivered to Tori Hunter by an anonymous, revenge-driven female killer. Over a series of tantalising phone calls and close encounters, Tori is forced to confront the darkest side of herself, and wrestle with the true meaning of justice, all against the beautifully atmospheric backdrop of Minnesota's vast lakes and pine forests.

The Tori Hunter series has sold over 180,000 copies, with the first in the series; *Silenced Girls*, reaching #1 in the UK and US Amazon charts.

Roger Stelljes is the acclaimed New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of pulse-pounding murder mystery and suspense novels.

Pub: 10/03/2023
Extent: 416pp



The Girls on Chalk Hill – Alison Belsham

From the international bestselling author of *The Tattoo Thief* (Trapeze, 2018) comes a brand new serial killer thriller series, featuring the brilliant and complex Detective Lexi Bennett.

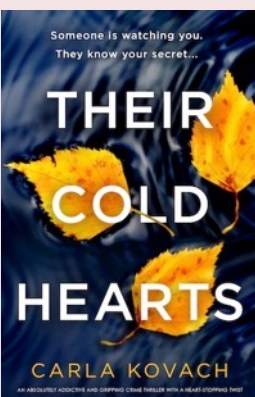
One of triplets, Lexi was abducted with her two sisters as a child. Two of them escaped... and one of them was lost. Her need for justice has driven Lexi and led her to work with the FBI's specialist serial killer unit in the US. Now back in her home country, she's leading a new homicide team in Canterbury in South East England and contending with new shocking cases.

In this first novel, Lexi discovers the bodies of two sisters... triplets like her. Where is the third sister? Is this a message? Lexi has to race against time to save the missing girl while confronting her own memories.

Publishers: Jentas (Denmark), Albatros (Czechia)
Option Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), Bertrand (Portugal)

Pub: 06/06/2023
Extent: 398pp

Death is just the beginning



Their Cold Hearts – Carla Kovach

She shuts the door behind her, relieved to be in the safety of her own home. But tonight her house is the most dangerous place she could be. Someone has been waiting for her, and they know she's home alone...

The thirteenth book in the Detective Gina Harte series introduces Sasha, a young woman attempting to escape the secrets of her dark past by making amends in her present. But when a body is found at a local homeless shelter where she often helps the homeless with accommodation, the location can't be a coincidence. This is the same place where her life changed forever fifteen years ago.

Now, her phone won't stop ringing in the middle of the night, with only silence on the other end. So, when another body is found, and it's a friend from her past, Sasha must prove her innocence and prevent being next on the killer's list.

Option publishers: Boekerij (Holland), Computer Media (Czechia), Virtualo (Poland)

Pub: 19/04/2023
Extent: 340pp



Their Angel's Cry – Shannon Hollinger

Ex-detective Maggie Riley is the new chief of police in a tiny, rural town called Coyote Cove. All she wants is to start over and settle somewhere quiet to forget the secrets of her past.

Without the community on her side, things aren't easy in the small town, and when, on the eve of a ferocious storm heading towards the isolated town, Maggie gets a call about three bodies on Rattlesnake Mountain, half a day's hike from civilisation, small-town life only gets more complicated.

There's a murderer on the loose, and with a tiny baby girl the only survivor, Maggie must connect the dots before the storm clears and the murderer will be able to flee. But she hasn't counted on the killer taking matters into their own hands, and going after Maggie first...

This is the second in the new Chief Maggie Riley series, books 1 & 2 publishing in August

Option Publishers: Libreria pienogiomo (Italy)

Pub: 02/08/2023
Extent: tbc



The Party – Triona Walsh

A twisting rollercoaster of a psychological thriller, The Party is the propulsive second book from Triona Walsh.

Set in a grand Irish mansion buried deep in a remote forest, two families gather for the first time to celebrate Claire and George's marriage. But the festivities are interrupted by the arrival of Claire's long-dead husband – he's back, and he won't give his family up again without a fight.

So when he's found dead the next morning – for real this time – everyone has a motive.

As with *The Snowstorm*, the writing is once again stylish, the setting imaginatively and beautifully drawn, but here there is even more domestic drama and big thrills at breakneck pace.

Option Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), Fischer (Germany), Znanje (Croatia), Pub: 23/06/2023
Suma (Spain), Euromedia (Czechia), Vulkan (Serbia), Niculescu (Romania) Extent: tbc



The Truth About the Accident – Nicole Trope

I am by my husband's hospital bedside ever since the car crash last night. Holding his hand, biting back my tears. But then my phone beeps with a message: He got what he deserves.

My mind reels as I stare at my phone, my hands trembling. Blinking away tears, I look at my husband of twenty years – the father of my children. What did he do? But then the police start asking questions. It's only a matter of time until they find out that we were arguing in the car, just seconds before he got out and was hit. It won't be long until they find out about his secret.

How I have spent our entire marriage hiding the truth from our son and daughter. But if someone killed him, why are the police arresting me?

Option Publishers: Filia (Poland), Presença (Portugal), Alomgyar (Hungary), Euromedia (Czechia), Ersen (Estonia), Parola Basim (Turkey)

Pub: 30/06/2023
Extent: tbc

Keep your enemies close



The Surgeon – Leslie Wolfe

Bestselling author Leslie Wolfe returns with her most ambitious, most accomplished and most high-concept novel yet.

This is a heart-racing story about a brilliant surgeon, Anne Wiley, with an immaculate track record, who realises with heart-stopping certainty that the patient on the operating table in front of her is the same man who visited evil upon her family years before, and was responsible for her sister's death.

Minutes later she pronounces him dead.

But what choice did she have once she recognised him? And what will she do if someone learns the truth?

A gripping psychological thriller that that shot to #1 on the UK Kindle Store Top 100. If you love Freida McFadden you won't be able to put this down.

Publishers: Alma dos Livros (Portugal), Newton Compton (Italy), Jentas (Denmark), Sofoklis (Lithuania)

Pub: 08/03/2023
Extent: 288pp



The Perfect Patient – Luana Lewis

Enter the world of clinical psychologist Tara Black as she takes on her first big case – discovering if her client, Jade, is capable of murder.

Found in a hotel room next to the body, Jade has always denied killing Carl Rees, but when Tara digs into Jade and her family, can she really believe everything Jade says?

Previously published by Transworld in the UK, this is established author, Luana Lewis's first book with Bookouture.

As well as being a crime writer, Luana is also a clinical psychologist, and her novels are based on her professional experience.

New Author!

Pub: 28/09/2023
Extent: tbc



The Marriage Counsellor – Dea Poirier

Adele, has a successful job as a marriage counsellor, bringing couples back together. She thought she had a secure marriage herself until she discovers that her husband is missing and has been leading a double life.

In an instant her world crumbles.

Adele's entire career has been built on separating the truth from the lies. Her husband may think he has pulled off the greatest lie of all, but he is not the only one keeping a secret in this marriage...

A totally addictive and unputdownable psychological thriller about deadly obsession and twisted lies perfect for fans of *The Perfect Marriage* or *The Wife Before Me*.

Pub: 22/05/2023
Extent: 250pp



The Housemaid's Secret – Freida McFadden

"Don't go in the guest bedroom." A shadow falls on Douglas Garrick's face as he touches the door with his fingertips. "My wife... she's very ill." As he continues showing me their incredible penthouse apartment, I have a terrible feeling about the woman behind closed doors. But I can't risk losing this job—not if I want to keep my darkest secret safe...

The explosive and shockingly twisty SEQUEL to the international sensation *The Housemaid*, now sold in 35 territories and optioned for film by Hidden Pictures in partnership with Lionsgate following a major Hollywood auction.

Millie is back in book 2, *The Housemaid's Secret*, which is sure to be the psych thriller event of 2023!

***The Housemaid* is now sold in 35 territories and optioned in a major motion picture deal!**

Pub: 20/02/2023
Extent: 314pp

Behind closed doors



The Marriage Retreat – Laura Elliot

Serenity Falls is a marriage retreat in Ireland run by Lorraine and her husband David. They've been married happily for years until the day she receives the devastating news that David has been killed in a car accident and a young woman was with him who is now lying in a coma.

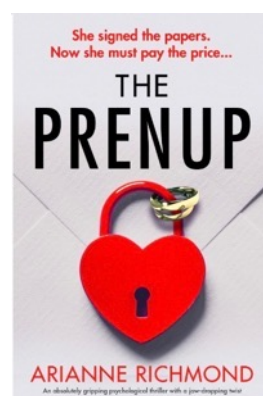
As Lorraine starts to piece together the identity of the woman, she begins to unravel the secrets her husband has been hiding for years. Secrets she will do anything to prevent surfacing.

This is tense, atmospheric and upmarket psychological suspense perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell and Liane Moriarty.

Laura Elliot's novels have sold over half a million copies worldwide and regularly hit the top of the Amazon bestseller lists in the UK, US and Australia.

Option Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy)

Pub: 01/06/2023
Extent: tbc



The Pre-Nup – Arianne Richmond

Three years ago, Ava signed a pre-nup when she married her dream husband, Lucas. A pre-nup which she's barely thought about, until now... Lucas has been growing increasingly shifty and Ava has been making excuses to herself about his behaviour. And when Lucas insists that Ava went on a holiday she doesn't remember, Ava begins to question not only Lucas's loyalty, but her own sanity.

Searching for evidence, Ava is horrified to find a video of herself, bed bound and unconscious, Lucas standing over her. Suddenly, the pre-nup she signed has tied her to a man who

is not only lying to her, but might be a threat to her life. And when the police declare the woman Ava suspects Lucas of having an affair with missing, Ava realises she might not be the only one in grave danger...

Pub: 27/07/2023
Extent: tbc



The One Who Fell – Kerry Wilkinson

In the seaside town of Whitecliff, everyone looks out for each other. Everyone knows your name... and your secrets...

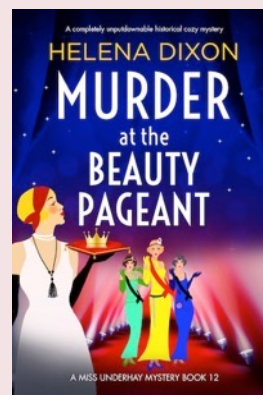
Volunteering at the local nursing home is Millie Westlake's one escape from the rumours that swirl around Whitecliff about her past. But speaking with resident, Ingrid, as they play board games, Millie gets chills at her strange story about a young girl being pushed from a roof, somewhere across the valley...

Everybody thinks Ingrid is confused, but Millie knows how it feels to not be believed. Her parents died a year ago, and the residents of Whitecliff are still convinced she killed them.

With the town against her and desperate to prove Ingrid was telling the truth, Millie will have to face up to her own secrets to solve the mystery before it becomes deadly.

Option Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), Alomgyar (Hungary), Nemesis (Turkey)

Pub: 17/04/2023
Extent: 302pp



Murder at the Beauty Pageant – Helena Dixon

Spring, 1935. Kitty Underhay has been enlisted by her old nemesis Mrs Craven to help organise the Miss Dartmouth Jubilee pageant at the Dolphin Hotel. Sparkling smiles are quickly replaced by audible gasps however, when one of the girls goes missing during the interval...

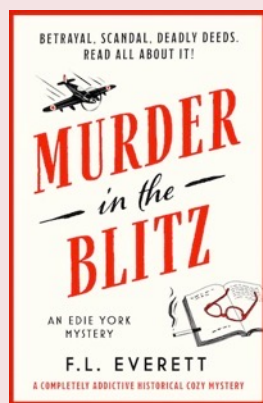
Soon after, pretty Peggy Blaine is discovered dead. Kitty can't help but notice that none of the other contestants seem particularly shocked. Can jealousy over a sash and a diamante tiara be a motive for murder? And when another entrant turns up dead after an apparently accidental overdose, Kitty must work quickly to uncover the threat, before anyone else is killed.

With over a quarter of a million copies sold, and stand-out reviews, *Murder at the Beauty Pageant* is the perfect place to dive into the Miss Underhay series!

Option publishers: Vintage (Italy), SoftPress (Bulgaria), Eesti Raamat (Estonia), City (France)

Pub: 02/05/2023
Extent: 256pp

One clue at a time



Murder in the Blitz by F.L. Everett

F.L. Everett's new cosy crime series is Foyle's War meets Agatha Christie, with a dash of Richard Osman.

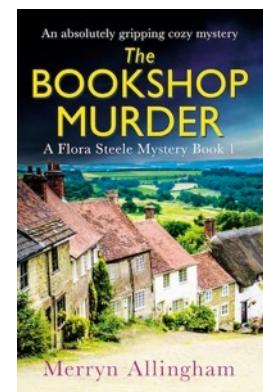
England, 1940. All Edie York has ever wanted is to be a real reporter. Instead, she's stuck answering the telephones on her local newspaper, coughing through the chief editor's pipe smoke as he dictates the wartime headlines.

So, when Edie stumbles upon the seemingly accidental death of a Home Guard soldier, she's determined to investigate fully, hoping that if she solves it, she might be given a few column inches of her own.

Edie gets tangled into the investigation led by grumpy, albeit handsome, DCI Louis Brennan, and barrels headfirst into solving the mystery, and potentially putting herself top of the murderer's list as the bodies begin to pile up.

Debut author!

Pub: 21/09/2023
Extent: tbc



The Bookshop Murder – Merryn Allingham

When Flora Steele opens up her bookshop one morning she's surprised to find amongst her bookcases, the body of a young man. But who was he? And how did he come to be there?

Determined to save her beloved bookshop's reputation and solve the mystery, Flora enlists the help of handsome and brooding Jack Carrington: crime writer, recluse and her most reliable customer.

As the trail of clues takes Flora and Jack all over the village it becomes clear there's more than one person hiding secrets in Abbeymead... But does Flora have what it takes to uncover the truth – or will her amateur sleuthing put her in harm's way?

This is the first novel in the Flora Steele mystery series set in Sussex in the 1950s, It was Bookouture's biggest cosy crime title of 2022, selling more than 40,000 copies.

Option publishers: WAM (Poland), City (France)

Pub: 26/07/2021
Extent: 246pp



The Polish Girl – Gosia Nealon

The start of a new series, *The Polish Girl* follows twenty-three-year-old Wanda, who vows to follow in her late father's footsteps and join the resistance against the German occupiers.

Under the cover of shadows, Wanda meets an informant who could provide crucial supplies for their fight. But the sight of the man waiting turns Wanda's blood to ice. She instantly recognises him as the soldier who killed her father.

Who is this man: Nazi soldier, or double agent? Why did he kill her father—could her Tata be a traitor? If Wanda chooses to trust the man who destroyed her family, will she put the whole resistance network in danger—or is this her chance to save hundreds of innocent lives?



The Storyteller of Auschwitz – Siobhan Curham

Loosely inspired by the life of Irene Nemirovsky - but deliberately giving our heroine in this tale a different ending than Irene's own murder in Auschwitz - we follow Claudette 'Etty' Weil, a lapsed Jewish woman and French novelist, whose publisher can no longer work with her after the edicts during French occupation. Ultimately, Etty will be arrested and moved to Auschwitz where she draws on her gift as a storyteller to lift the spirits of her fellow women prisoners.

There's a magical beauty within this powerful novel about storytelling in the darkest times that contrasts so sharply with the horrors also portrayed. This book is powerful yet tender, beautiful yet wise and very very emotional - and selling quickly this book fair season.

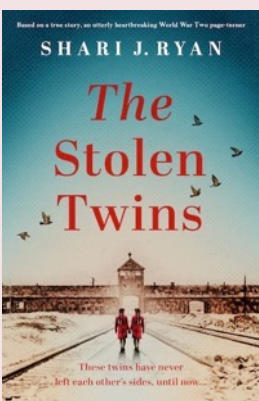
The series continues with connected standalone stories *The Polish Daughter* (March 2023) and *The Polish Wife* (April 2023).

Pub: 24/02/2023
Extent: 264pp

Publishers: City (France), Newton Compton (Italy & Spain)

Pub: 12/07/2023
Extent: tbc

A spark of hope

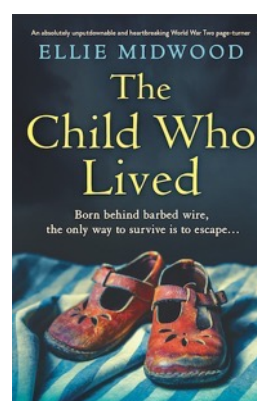


The Stolen Twins – Shari J. Ryan

Auschwitz, 1944: "You can't leave me," I whisper, my hand trembling as I reach for her cheek. "You can't. We're in this life together, always, just you and me." This utterly heartbreaking yet beautifully hopeful World War Two page-turner tells the story of identical twin sisters in Auschwitz. Born minutes apart, Arina and Nora have never left each other's side—until now...

Shari J. Ryan has written another tender, poignant and devastatingly beautiful page-turner. It is written exceptionally – Shari has such a way with words, and each sentence feels like magic. Despite the horror of the subject matter, this

sublime, emotive and utterly compelling narrative is filled with hope and has the most gorgeous happy ending.



The Child Who Lived – Ellie Midwood

Set in the unimaginable horrors of Mauthausen concentration camp, *The Child Who Lived* is Ellie Midwood's most heart-breaking and inspiring novel to date. It tells the story of Lore, a young Austrian woman who is brutally imprisoned for trying to save her Jewish neighbour. Initially, Lore's sole focus is to survive, but when she unexpectedly finds love and falls pregnant, she knows she must save her child no matter the cost - even if that is her own life.

Ellie vividly brings to life some of the darkest moments in history, and balances it with such beautiful prose that always reminds the reader about the power and strength of the human spirit.

The Child Who Lived tells the story of the ultimate mother's love and will stay with you long after you've finished reading!

Option Publishers: Dobrovský, Newton Compton, City, House of Books, Zara, IPC, Arkadya, Dressler Dublin, Sofoklis

Pub: 14/02/2023
Extent: 282pp

Ellie Midwood's books have been translated into 20 languages.

Pub: 19/01/2023
Extent: 262pp



The Airman's Girl – Carly Schabowski

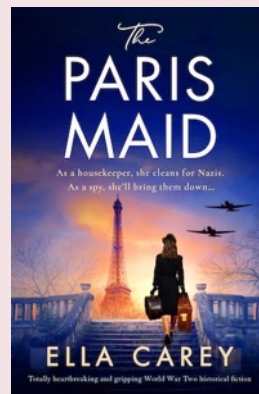
Poland, 1939: As I stare into the German pilot's frightened eyes, I realise I have no choice but to help him. And in that moment, I know that this young man, and this decision, will change my life forever...

When a wounded airman lands in the field behind her parents' house, Helena is at first terrified. But when she looks into the eyes of the injured soldier, she sees a fear and desperation that pulls at her heartstrings. In that moment, she knows she has to save his life - no matter what side of the war he is on, and no matter the personal cost.

In Carly's latest unforgettable wartime tale, she tells the story of Helena and Max, whose courage and love for one another shines through on the page. Her story is one of hope, love and resilience in the face of unimaginable odds.

Option publishers: Dobrovsky (Czechia), Newton Compton (Italy), Politikens (Sweden, Netherlands & Denmark), City (France), Kossuth (Hungary), Dressler Dublin (Poland), RAO (Romania), Sooriya (Sri Lanka)

Pub: 02/05/2023
Extent: 306pp



The Paris Maid – Ella Carey

Louise Basset works as a housemaid at The Ritz Hotel, home to the most powerful Nazis in France. As she changes silk sheets and scrubs sumptuous marble bathtubs, she listens and watches, reporting all she can to the Resistance. The only secret she never tells is her own.

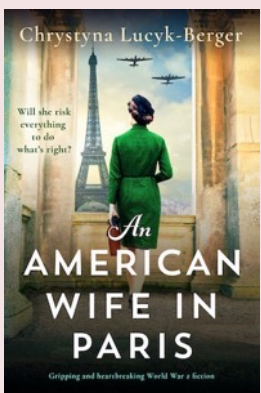
Everything changes for Louise on the day a young Allied pilot, hunted by the Nazis, is smuggled into the hotel. As he and Louise share a small carafe of red wine hidden amongst her cleaning bottles, she feels her heart begin to open. But if Louise trusts someone with the truth, what will happen?

An utterly heart-shattering and gripping novel about love, betrayal and how one courageous young woman paid a terrible price to save those she loved. For fans of Fiona Valpy and The Nightingale will never forget The Paris Maid.

Option publishers: Aufbau (Germany), Printz (Sweden), Sata (Croatia), Euromedia (Czechia), Lindhardt og Ringhof (Denmark), Bastion (Norway), Litera (Romania)

Pub: 06/04/2023
Extent: 274pp

Heroines of war



An American Wife in Paris – Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger

An unputdownable, heart-breaking and emotional historical fiction novel about courage in the far of war.

In this second book in The Diplomat's Wife series, this story continues to follow Kitty Larson, an American wife of a diplomat living in Vienna in 1943, as she teams up with her husband to secretly save as many people as possible from the Nazis.

The second book in a planned trilogy, this novel is perfect for fans of *The Nightingale*, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, and *The Edelweiss Sisters*.

Option publishers: Jota (Czechia), Newton Compton (Italy)

Pub: 22/06/2023
Extent: tbc



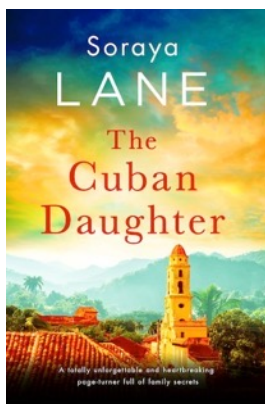
The Girl Who Escaped – Angela Petch

In this stunning, escapist, heartbreaking and beautiful read, Angela Petch explores a little-told story: that of the Jewish inhabitants of Urbino, Italy in World War Two. Sent to an internment camp that bears little resemblance to the concentration camps we are familiar with, a young Jewish Italian medical student called Devora must navigate her feelings of resentment towards people who were once her friends, her family who seem to believe they are safe, and even her own religion.

And when she is separated from her family in a terrifying attempt to flee, Devora must make her own way through the war, drawing on all her medical skills to do whatever she can to help the Italian resistance.

Option publishers: Athenaeum (Hungary), List (Bulgaria), Newton Compton (Italy), City (France)

Pub: 19/04/2023
Extent: 402pp



The Cuban Daughter – Soraya Lane

A group of women meet in the offices of a lawyer, strangers who discover they have a shared history. They all have a lineage that was supposed to remain hidden.

This second book starts in London, where Claudia is about to uncover her grandmother's lost history. Her only clue is a family crest, which she learns is for the Diaz family, once one of the wealthiest dynasties in Cuba. Impulsively, Claudia books a ticket to Havana, feeling sure in her heart that she will be able to uncover her family's true story: what she discovers is a story of a forbidden love, family secrets and new beginnings.

This is a sweeping and spellbinding new historical romance series, *The Lost Daughters* – all dual timeline stories that weave the past and the present together. For fans of Lucinda Riley and Santa Montefiore this series will be an absolute must.

This series has been sold into 15 languages, including a major German deal with Droemer Knaur following an 8-way auction.

Pub: 23/03/2023
Extent: 294pp



Secrets of the Italian Island – Barbara Josselsohn

One night, under the Italian stars, as the Nazis invade the island she calls home, Annalisa makes a terrible mistake. A mistake that will echo down the generations and lead her granddaughter Mia to journey back to Italy seventy years later.

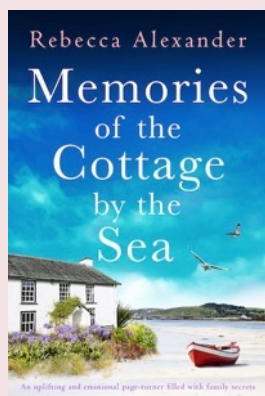
Barbara Josselsohn sends readers to an isolated, forgotten island on the stunning Italian coast in this historical novel. Book 1 focusses on Mia, who is desperate to find out the truth about her grandmother and falls in love with Italy and a man helping her unlock the past. This is the epic start to a mesmerising dual timeline series featuring all three Italian sisters.

Book 2, *The Lost Gift to the Italian Island*, following Annalisa's sister, will follow in December 2023 with the potential for more sequels to follow.

New series!

Pub: 11/05/2023
Extent: 322pp

Swept away into the past

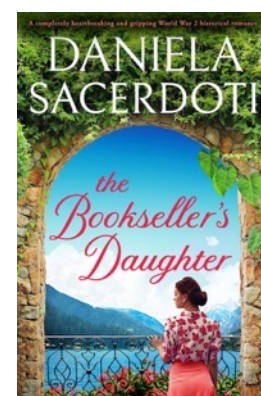


Memories of the Cottage by the Sea – Rebecca Alexander

This gorgeous, dual time-line narrative, packed with lost family secrets and set on the stunning Scilly Isles, is full of beautiful, atmospheric descriptions and heart-warming romance.

This second novel from Rebecca Alexander, which can be enjoyed as a standalone or as part of the series, follows a young teacher, sent to the tiny island to close the local school.

But as she spends more time with the tiny, isolated community, she begins to realise that her own family history is connected to the island, and that there might a local islander with whom she might share her future...



The Bookseller's Daughter – Daniela Sacerdoti

In her latest heartfelt, sweeping family saga, million-copy bestselling author Daniela Sacerdoti explores the endurance of the human spirit and the power of love. Readers will be swept away to a remote Italian island as Elena flees from the Nazis in the middle of the Second World War.

Arriving on the gorgeous sanctuary of Santa Caterina, she finds solace and comfort. But before long, a young Jewish girl and blinded soldier arrive on the island, bringing danger and fear with them. Elena knows she must help them, but at what cost...

In the present day, travel with Francesca back to the island to uncover the mysteries and long-forgotten secrets that Elena concealed in a book before she was forced to leave the island behind. Breathtakingly beautiful and painfully heartfelt, this book will whisk you away to another world.

New series!

Pub: 16/01/2023
Extent: 330pp

Option Publishers: Newton Compton (Italy), City Editions (France), Gabo (Hungary)

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Extent: tbc

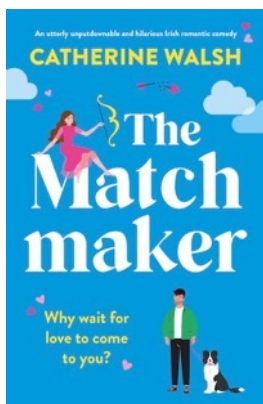
The Matchmaker – Catherine Walsh

Katie Collins has barely ever left her tiny Irish village of Ennisbawn. Though with its beautiful lakes, tightknit community and the friendly local pub where she works, why would she?

So, when annoyingly hot redeveloper Callum Dempsey turns up to build a hideous hotel outside the village and then sets his sights on knocking down her beloved pub, it's THE LAST STRAW. Katie makes it her mission to save the pub and her last connection to her parents with it. Her solution? Reinstating the village's matchmaking festival held on the pub's grounds.

But Katie might just find that sometimes love can't be found in her formulas, and the wrong person could be so very right.

The Matchmaker is everything you could want in a rom com. Perfect for fans of Emily Henry and Christina Lauren.



Option publishers: Soysal (Turkey), Goldmann (Germany), Piratforlaget (Sweden), Newton Compton (Italy), Znanje (Croatia), Latvijas Mediji (Latvia)

Pub: 18/04/2023
Extent: 344pp



problems.

The Fake Out is a perfect read for fans of Olivia Dade, Tessa Bailey and Ali Hazelwood.

The Fake Out – Sharon M. Peterson

Mae Sampson has everything under control. She's achieved her dream of being a librarian, and even if the pay isn't great, she doesn't mind taking a secret second job to pay her mom's medical bills, even if she's only one unexpected car breakdown from everything being out of control.

Even so, life is relatively simple for Mae, and the last thing she expects is to find world-famous American football player Chris Sterns asleep in the Life Sciences section.

There begins a series of run-ins where the two become friends and realise that they might just be the solutions to each other's

Option publishers: Aufbau (Germany), Dobrovský (Czechia), Yabancı (Turkey)

Pub: 05/07/2023
Extent: tbc

Fun, flirting and fake dating

Not in a Million Years – Sophie Randal

Kate is winning at life. She's got the dream house, a great group of friends and has finally mastered the perfect chocolate cake. The only fault in an otherwise perfectly executed life plan? Her non-existent love life.

Still, when Kate learns that her oldest friend Andy is travelling abroad and needs her help, she decides to book a flight straight out. But when Kate finds out Andy's friend Daniel is coming with her, suddenly the friend she blames for Andy's wild lifestyle is ruining the only holiday she's been on in years. Lounging by the pool becomes less of a dream and more of a nightmare.

They say there's a fine line between love and hate, but who can tell when sparks start to fly...

A must read enemies-to-lovers romance for fans of Emily Henry and Sophie Kinsella.



Option publishers: Albatros (Czechia), Eksmo (Russia), HarperCollins (France)

Pub: 22/02/2023
Extent: 316pp



There's Something About Greece is a completely addictive summer romance for fans of Jenny Colgan and Kate Frost.

There's Something About Greece – Sue Roberts

Stuck in a rut and single, doctor's receptionist Tania is ready for a change from small village life. So, when Tania finds out that her wonderful aunt is alone on the Greek island of Crete and has fallen ill, she jumps on the first flight she can to help.

But when Tania finds her aunt's villa in disrepair and can't fix it on her own, bumping into quiet and grumpy local builder Nicos feels a lot like fate. As they grow closer over repairs, Tania sees the kind heart underneath the brooding demeanour. So, when the villa is finished and Tania's aunt is on the mend, will Tania return to England or take a chance on a future in Greece with Nicos?

Option publishers: Ciela Norma (Bulgaria), Dobrovsky (Czechia), Eesti (Estonia), Kossuth (Hungary), Newton Compton (Italy), Dressler (Poland), Orman (Turkey)

Pub: 15/06/2023
Extent: tbc



Summer at the Cornish Beach Café – Donna Ashcroft

Broken-hearted and jilted at the altar, thirty-year-old Jessie runs away to the Cornish coast, determined not to trust again.

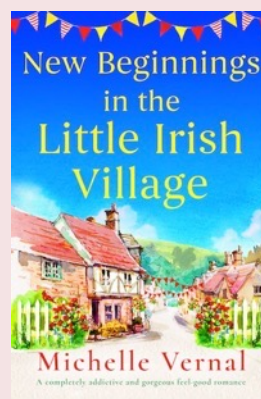
So when fate intervenes and brings Jessie face-to-face with tall and brooding Ashton, her first love, she is determined not to have her heart broken again. But as Jessie reconnects to her old self over a photography project, she allows herself to grow closer to mysterious Ashton.

But when Jessie discovers a secret from Ashton's past, she can't help the doubts that surface. Can Jessie trust Ashton, and can she take a leap of faith when he asks her to?

Summer at the Cornish Beach Café is the perfect summer second chance romance for fans of Nicola May, Sarah Morgan and Cathy Bramley.

Option publishers: Ersen (Estonia), Heyne (Germany), Grada (Czechia)

Pub: 15/05/2023
Extent: 248pp



New Beginnings in the Little Irish Village – Michelle Vernal

There's something missing from thirty-year-old Imogen Kelly's bright city life in Dublin. So when the chance to re-design a big country manor in her childhood village arises she grabs it.

After arriving at Benmore House, Imogen discovers her builder is none other than former enemy classmate turned gorgeous hot guy Ryan O'Malley. Forced to work together on refurbishments, Imogen begins to see the heartache in Ryan's cheeky charmer act and can't help but fall under his spell.

But as Imogen's first love Lachlan Leslie returns will Imogen run from heartache and mistakes? Or will she realise that home, and Ryan, is where the heart is?

A must read forced proximity story for fans of Nicola May and Trisha Ashley.

Pub: 04/05/2023
Extent: tbc

New beginnings



The Accidental Inheritance – Cate Woods

Dumped and fired, Cassidy Beeswhistle discovers her father's connection to tiny English village Dithercott, and the secret lost deed that would entitle her to its beautiful manor, at the perfect time.

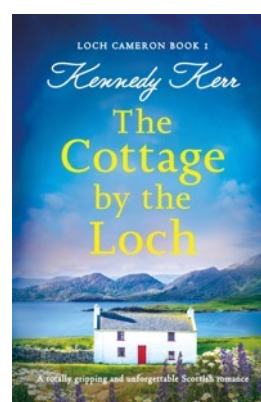
After arriving in the village, Cassidy finds current lord of the manor, fiendishly attractive Ned Bamford-Bligh, is not interested in entertaining the woman who's potentially after his home. But as Cassidy finds herself wanting to uncover what keeps Ned tucked away behind the ground walls, the spark between them grows undeniably.

But when Ned turns up at Cassidy's door with an old parchment, will the contents of the letter bring them further together or pull them apart...?

A heartwarming and hilarious story for fans of Elgin Hildebrand and Robyn Carr.

Option publishers: Ersen (Estonia), Prozorets (Bulgaria)

Pub: 27/03/2023
Extent: 330pp



The Cottage by the Loch – Kennedy Kerr

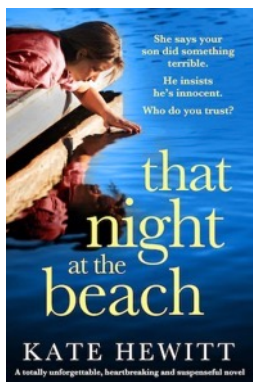
Utterly heartbroken after the loss of her mother, Zelda Hicks escapes to the Scottish village of Loch Cameron.

After stumbling on a tiny cottage, Zelda makes her first connection in months to it's elderly owner, Gretchen Ross. So when Zelda learns that Gretchen's in danger of losing the cottage that has been in her family forever, she vows to help. Zelda doesn't plan on butting heads with handsome, blue-eyed Hal Cameron doing so, but when she can't forget Hal's shy smile she begins to think they might have more in common than she first thought.

But when Zelda discovers a tattered letter, the secret it holds could threaten the sense of belonging she's finally found again in Loch Cameron...

An uplifting tale of loss and belonging. Perfect for fans of Susanne O Leary.

Pub: 24/01/2023
Extent: 304pp



That Night at the Beach – Kate Hewitt

Cara and Rose have been best friends for most of their lives.

They saw each other get married, have children and build happy homes. But when the two families meet for their usual holiday to the beach and the children are left to have fun together, the two friends' relationship begins to collapse as Rose's eldest daughter claims Cara's eldest son assaulted her, something Cara can't bring herself to believe.

With the two families pitted against each other not just privately, but publicly, all their lives begin to spiral. And when the truth comes out, no one is prepared for the damage it may cause.

Kate's books have sold over 900,000 copies to date and have been in the top 10 in both the UK and US Amazon charts

Option publishers: Ikar (Slovakia), Alomgyar (Hungary), Newton Compton (Italy), Euromedia (Czechia), AST (Russia), Filia (Poland)

Pub: 19/01/2023
Extent: 312pp



The Irish House – Ann O'Loughlin

Beautiful Killeelagh House in Ireland, with its avenue of trees and its acres of wildflowers, was somewhere Marianne thought she'd never be again. At least, not without her beloved grandmother Collie. But when Collie passes away, she has just one request – for Marianne to leave behind her glamorous life in New York and raise Collie's orphaned granddaughters in the wild Irish countryside.

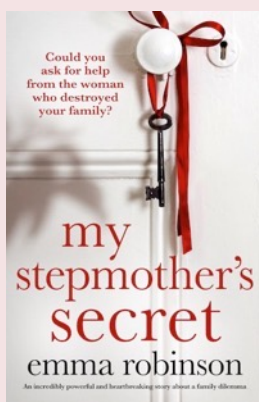
Heartbroken and determined to fulfil her grandmother's dying wish, Marianne has no choice but to say yes...

Soon, she can't help but begin to fall in love with this place that is so full of memories, of secrets, and perhaps even a little bit of Irish magic. But will Marianne ever be able to decide where her heart truly belongs? Or will she have to run away from the only people who have ever truly understood her?

The Irish House is bestselling author, Ann O'Loughlin's, first book with Bookouture.

Pub: 14/04/2023
Extent: 360pp

What would you do?



My Stepmother's Secret – Emma Robinson

Gabbie and her stepmother have never had a good relationship. She'd escaped the house as soon as she could, and after her father died, despite leaving the house to her, she couldn't go back. Not to the woman who destroyed her family.

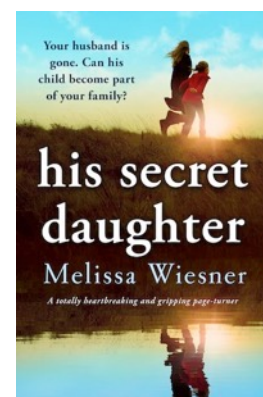
But now, years later, Gabbie's own marriage has fallen apart due to her husband's lies, and with nothing but her two daughters to take care of, there is only one place Gabbie can go.

As the layers of Gabbie and her stepmother's past are peeled back, it becomes clear that not everything is as Gabbie remembers, and when her daughter's life ends up in peril, she only has her stepmother to turn to.

Emma's books have sold over 270,000 copies

Option publishers: Könyvmolyképző (Hungary), AST (Russia), Latvijas (Latvia)

Pub: 03/04/2023
Extent: 274pp



His Secret Daughter – Melissa Wiesner

When Emma is called to the hospital to find her husband unconscious after a car crash, her heart shatters. Their life had been perfect; just the two of them and their teenage daughter.

But, when she sees a little girl named Luna by her husband's bedside, with eyes just like his, Emma can only think the worst. Luna is desperate for her mother, and only Emma can protect her from the truth of her death in the crash Luna survived.

Despite her pain and the questions surrounding whether the little girl is a product of her husband's infidelity, Emma must decide what to do with her, and whether the truth might tear what's left of her family apart.

His Secret Daughter reached #6 in the UK Amazon chart and has sold over 10,000 copies.

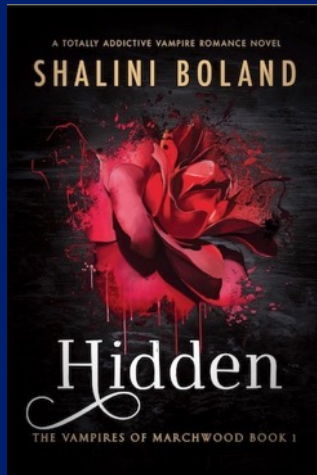
Option publishers: Ersen (Estonia)

Pub: 03/01/2023
Extent: 260pp



Discover new worlds...

The Marchwood Vampires, Shalini Boland



From **USA Today** bestselling author **Shalini Boland** comes the addictive **Vampires of Marchwood** series, perfect for fans of **K.F. Breene**, **Sarah J. Maas**, and **Tracy Wolff**.

My name is Maddison Greene. On my sixteenth birthday, I inherited an old mansion and wealth beyond my wildest dreams. I thought it was a joke, but as I step through the creaking door of the sprawling building, I realize my life in foster care is in the past. I've been chosen and my world has changed forever.

But I wasn't told that Marchwood House came with a secret... As I explore every inch of the crumbling property, I stumble upon a set of large, dusty boxes in the basement. When I pull back the lid and look down, I find myself staring at the most handsome face I've ever seen. High cheekbones, porcelain skin... And when he wakes up and locks eyes with me, I realize my heart already belongs to him.

Alexandre is everything I ever wanted, except he has a dark and dangerous past. My head is screaming at me to get as far away from Marchwood as possible, because I know what he really is. I never planned to fall in love—but it's too late now. He needs me and I have to help him. But can a human really save a vampire?

World all languages rights

3-book series

Book 1: March 2023

Publishers: City (French),
Newton Compton (Italian)

THE SPIRIT GIRLS, Dawn Merriman



World all languages rights

3 books in planned 7-book series

Book 1: May 2023

A heart-pounding mystery with a touch of romance, *The Spirit Girls* begins a new series of paranormal thrillers that are impossible to put down.

Rylan Flynn has always been able to see what others don't—the restless spirits haunting Ashby, Indiana. She's learned to live with her "gift," but sometimes she longs to escape.

The woods have always been peaceful for Rylan. But on a visit to her aunt's cabin, she catches sight of a spirit in the trees. The ghost of a young woman approaches, leading Rylan to her body.

With a flood of horror, Rylan realizes that the girl, Celeste Monroe, has been murdered. An outgoing newcomer to town, Celeste had no enemies. Who would want to see her dead?

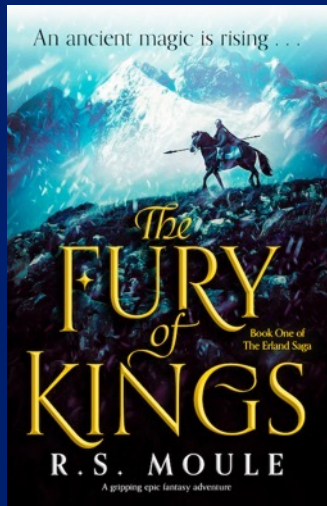
When a coin carved with strange symbols is discovered in Celeste's throat, it's clear that a twisted, cold-blooded killer is at work.

Rylan's abilities could be the only way to prevent further deaths. But Ashby's handsome head detective, Ford Pierce, has made it very clear that he doesn't want her help.

And any unexplained knowledge of the case could make Rylan the perfect suspect.

When another body is discovered and blood at the scene points to Rylan's family, she is more determined than ever to uncover the truth. She must race against time to untangle a web of dark secrets... but can she find answers before the murderer claims another victim?

THE FURY OF KINGS, R.S. Moule



World all languages rights

3-book series

Book 1: May 2023

Race through the pages of an epic new series and enter a world of intrigue, battles, and destiny that will leave you breathless. *The Fury of Kings* is a classic fantasy adventure, perfect for fans of George R.R. Martin, John Gwynne, and Raymond E. Feist.

Andrick the Barrelbreaker first led an army at sixteen. His victories secured the throne of Erland for his brother and shattered the rebellious noble houses in the West. Decades later, a fragile peace still holds.

But when the king's only son is murdered, Erland is plunged into crisis. The new heir will stop at nothing to secure his claim. The king, maddened by grief, stalks the halls and hidden passages of his keep, growing more unpredictable by the day.

As war and magical disaster loom, Andrick must decide between protecting his family and marching out to serve a brother he barely recognizes.

His children must also choose their destinies.

Training in the practice yard every day, Orsian dreams of fighting beside his father. Now, for the first time, he faces the brutal reality of battle.

And Pherri is haunted by very different dreams—of figures struggling up the mountain, of a voice more chilling than the wind, of blood on the snow. Only she can resist the darkness that waits on the slopes above...

HEIR TO THORN AND FLAME, Ben Alderson



World all languages rights

3-book series

Book 1: July 2023

Ben Alderson's passionate and page-turning new series is a slow-burn M/M romance fantasy packed with tension, banter, and a touch of spice, perfect for fans of Holly Black, Jennifer L. Armentrout and C.S. Pacat.

Drawn into deadly games of marriage and magic at a ruthless noble court, living a lie to survive...

Maximus has always hated magic. But when he is attacked by the bullying heir to the throne, a spell erupts from him.

With his attacker dead and his body marked by the enchantment, Maximus is certain he will be executed. But his power is too precious for that.

Instead, he is forced to become the boy he killed, taking on the identity and duties of the heir.

That includes an arranged marriage—to the handsome and dangerous Camron, who seems to understand Maximus and his new abilities better than anyone.

Trapped in the deadly schemes of court, Maximus cannot trust old friendships or the intense new bond with Camron. And powerful new forces are moving against him.

The lands to the north—where magic still reigns and dragons still fly—will stop at nothing to control his power.

TO CHARM A DARK PRINCE, Kathryn Ann Kingsley



World all languages rights

4-book series

Book 1: August 2023

A totally gripping dark fairy-tale adventure and a steamy fantasy romance, with slow-burning attraction, enemies-to-lovers banter, and an alluring villain, The Iron Crystal series will enchant fans of Sarah J. Maas, Shelby Mahurin, and Raven Kennedy.

Imprisoned at the court of the enigmatic and dangerous Mordred, Gwen's only hope of escape is drawing him closer.

Crashing to the ground in flames, Gwen finds herself in the strange and beautiful land of Avalon, with fiery new abilities that she cannot control.

What's worse, the sarcastic creature that brought her there—the creature she thought was her family cat—will not allow her to leave. Not until she helps him.

For an age, Mordred—the King in Iron—has kept magic, and his powerful elemental rivals, locked away in a crystal prison. If Gwen can destroy the crystal, she will be free.

Seeing no other option, Gwen enters Mordred's castle, to steal his heart and destroy his prize.

But the King in Iron is a dark and formidable tyrant. With god-like powers and a savage temper, his form and his mood can shift in an instant.

Despite the attraction that sparks between them, Gwen would be foolish to trust him. And even more foolish to betray his trust.

HEART OF NIGHT AND FIRE, Nisha J. Tuli



With gripping adventure and romance that will sweep you away, *Heart of Night and Fire* begins an epic new series of magic, love, and family rivalry. Enter a mesmerizing new world inspired by South Asian mythology and prepare to discover your new obsession.

Held captive since childhood, Zarya knows nothing of her past. But she knows that her magic is dangerous, that she must always keep it hidden.

Seizing a chance to escape, Zarya flees to the dazzling city of Dharati.

Home to seductive, blood-drinking rakshasa and magic-weaving aazheri, the city is rich with enchantment, ambition, and intrigue. But every night, dark creatures attack the walls, seeking a way inside. And since Zarya's arrival they are growing stronger.

To protect her new home and the friends she finds there, Zarya will fight. Passion sparks with the warrior Vikram as they train and battle side by side.

But the darkness grows ever stronger. Strange disasters threaten to tear the city apart and Zarya races to uncover dangerous truths.

Where does her magic come from? Would revealing it help the city or destroy everything Zarya has fought for?

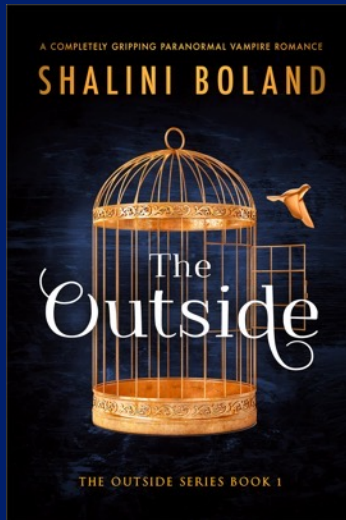
And who is the darkly handsome figure haunting her dreams?

World all languages rights

4-book series

Book 1: September 2023

THE OUTSIDE, Shalini Boland



World all languages rights

3-book series

Book 1: August 2023

From *USA Today* bestselling author Shalini Boland comes a completely unputdownable, nail-biting dystopian fiction novel of love and survival that will keep you flipping the pages until the final twist. Perfect for fans of Veronica Roth, *The Hunger Games*, and Sarah J. Maas.

All my life I've been trapped, living in a luxurious compound, protected from the dangers of the outside world. Everything changes when my little sister is brutally murdered. I'm devastated, Riley was only fourteen, and I'm determined to find her killer and bring him to justice.

The outside is a dangerous place. But I have to find the person responsible for my sister's death, even if it means risking my own life...

Leaving the safety of the perimeter walls to face the unknown landscape beyond it terrifies me. But my best friend, daring and smart Luc, promises to help me, and together we set off into the pitch black of the night.

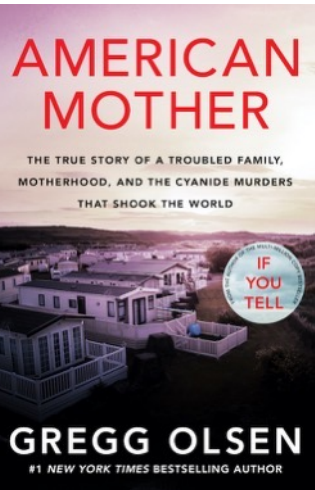
As we navigate the unknown, sparks begin to fly between us. Fighting to survive in this harsh world, my feelings for Luc grow stronger. I never expected to feel this way, not when so much is at stake.

I couldn't face losing Luc now. Can we find the truth and make it back home alive?

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True Crime



American Mother – Gregg Olsen

From the #1 bestselling author of international sensation *If You Tell* comes the shocking true-crime story of a mother and wife, her disturbing family secrets and how she became a cold-hearted killer.

At 5.02 pm on June 5th, 1986, a call came into the local sheriff's office in the small town of Auburn, Washington State from Stella Nickell. Her husband Bruce was having a seizure. When the officers arrived on the scene, Bruce was already dead.

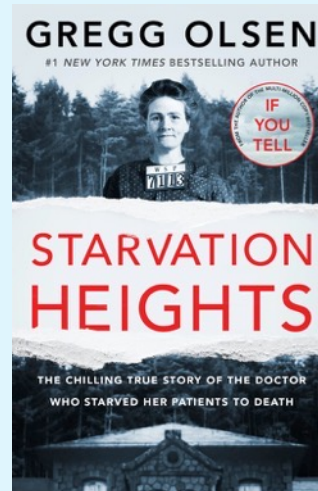
Forensics identified that Bruce had consumed headache pills laced with cyanide and in an attempt to cover her tracks, Stella saw to it that a stranger

would also become her next victim of the cyanide-tainted painkillers.

What would drive a seemingly normal outgoing and popular mum and wife to kill?

As the investigation began to unfold, Stella's daughter Cynthia notified federal agents of her mother's crimes. But she didn't reveal everything ...

An extraordinary and absolutely gripping true-crime story rooted in the secrets of a poor and troubled family, the complex relationship between a mother and daughter and the ambition of one woman to live the American Dream whatever the cost.



Starvation Heights – Gregg Olsen

In this chilling true story of deception and murder, Gregg Olsen brings us inside the disturbing world of Doctor Linda Hazzard who would stop at nothing to achieve her dream of creating the most renowned sanatorium in the world – but ended up a convicted serial killer.

In 1911 two wealthy British heiresses, Claire, and Dora Williamson, arrived at an unfinished sanatorium in the forests of Olalla, Washington to undergo the revolutionary "fasting treatment" of Doctor Linda Burfield Hazzard. It was supposed to be a holiday for the two sisters, but within a month of arriving at what the locals called 'Starvation Heights', the women underwent brutal, evasive procedures and became emaciated shadows of their former selves.

They believed it would improve their health, but one sister would never survive.

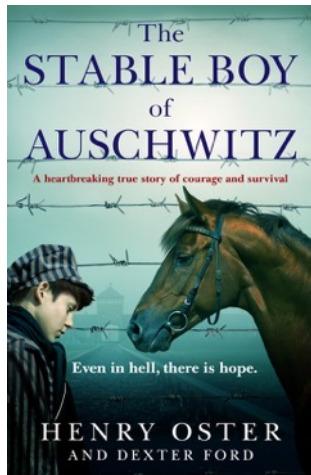
How did Hazzard persuade the sisters to undergo such monstrous treatments? And why, on Claire's deathbed, did Dora, near to death herself, still hold such an extreme belief in Hazzard's methods?

This fascinating and shocking account of the female serial killer dubbed the 'Starvation Doctor' has already been optioned for film by screen writer and actor Tracy Letts (*The Woman in the Window*, *Killer Joe*).

"A fascinating turn-of-the-century story of medical malpractice and murder. If you liked *The Alienist*, you'll find *Starvation Heights* all the more gripping because this story is true."
Michael Connelly

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Inspiring Memoir



The Stableboy of Auschwitz – Henry Oster

A courageous and heart-wrenching memoir by holocaust survivor Henry Oster, co-authored by Dexter Ford, originally self-published as *The Kindness of the Hangman*, now republished following the author's death for a wider audience.

Henry was just five years old when Adolf Hitler took power in 1933. One of the 2,011 Jews who were rounded up by the Gestapo and deported from Cologne to the Łódź ghetto, and from there to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Here, in Auschwitz, Henry performed forced labour in the stables, where horses were bred for the German war machine. Henry had to tend his mares, Mutti, Olga, and the stallion, Barbarossa from dawn into the night. It was

back-breaking labour, but Henry clung to the belief that if he made himself hard to replace, he might just stay alive.

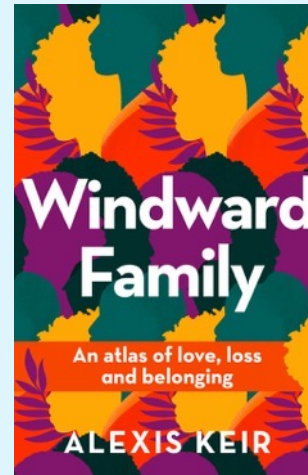
Eventually Henry was liberated in 1945, having been moved to the Buchenwald camp, and he was one of only 18 German-speaking Jewish boys to emerge alive from the concentration camps after the war. Henry would later join his extended family in Los Angeles with no money, no English and no education – yet he rose from the ashes and became an optometrist, with his own practice, and would also speak at schools, colleges and museums about his experiences during the war.

Here we have the heart-wrenching and inspiring true account of a little boy who, against incomprehensible odds, after losing almost everything a human can lose, survived to tell his story. Sold in 11 languages

Publishers: Newton Compton, De Fontein, Alomgyar, Verus, Euromedia, Minerva, Bookzone, Planeta Mexico, Dressler, Shinchosa, City



Pub: 04/04/2023
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Windward Family – Alexis Keir

'It took two decades for me to go in search of the parts of myself I had left behind in the Caribbean. What ghosts were waiting for me there? There was a thick, black journal in my flat, stuffed with letters, postcards, handwritten notes, and diary entries. For the first time in years, I opened it.'

Twenty years after living there as a child, Alexis Keir returns to the Caribbean island of Saint Vincent. He is keen to uncover lost memories and rediscover old connections. But he also carries with him the childhood scars of being separated from his parents and put into uncaring hands.

Inspired by the embrace of his relatives in the Caribbean, Alexis begins to unravel the stories of others who left Saint Vincent, searching through diary pages and newspaper articles, shipping and hospital records, and faded photographs.

From the Caribbean to England, North America and New Zealand, from windswept islands to the wet streets of London, and spanning generations of travelers from the 19th century to the present, he uncovers tales of exploitation, endeavor and bravery of those who had to find a home far away from where they were born.

Windward Family is Alexis's breakout book, an unmissable read for fans of memoirs on identity and belonging, as well as literary fiction readers who will adore his stunning, lyrical writing style. In 2021 Alexis was shortlisted for The Cecile de Jongh Literary Prize.



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Big Ideas

How sharing the load makes a happy family



PAUL MORGAN-BENTLEY

The Equal Parent – Paul Morgan Bentley

As Head of Investigations at *The Times*, Paul Morgan-Bentley specialises in undercover work and in-depth reporting and is also an advocate for men properly sharing responsibility for caring for their children. In *The Equal Parent*, he shares his own personal journey and examines why society and modern culture still need to undergo a major transformation in order to encourage and support equal parenting.

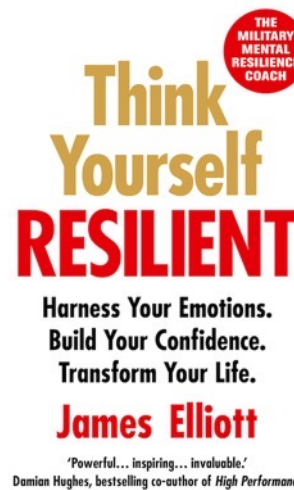
Through first-person interviews with Catherine Cho, Nils Bergman, Malala's father – Ziauddin Yousafzai – Freddy McConnell, along with insights from an anthropologist, psychologist, and neuroscientist, Paul explores everything from how hospital maternity wards are not designed for modern families, why skin-to-skin contact is scientifically proven to be vital in ensuring fathers bond

with their baby, why parental leave policies must change and how equal parenting plays an important part in a child's development.

With research and case studies along with Paul's own unique story, *The Equal Parent* exposes the myths about fatherhood and shows us how we can change the conversation about what it means to be an equal parent and why it's so important.



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Think Yourself Resilient – James Elliott

Airborne Forces soldier, psychotherapist and mental resilience coach, James Elliott shows you how to transform your life in five simple steps.

James Elliott never had it easy in life – from going to bed hungry, to homelessness and the brutal reality of being a soldier. His own struggles with mental health led him to train as a psychotherapist and develop the Mental Resilience Training (MRT), a revolutionary course available in the British Army.

James will guide you through his M.I.N.D. method, designed to help you develop the five essential pillars of a strong mindset: emotional intelligence, confidence, goals, relationships, physical health, and show you how to:

- Manage your emotional response to any situation
- Harness your fears and overcome anxieties
- Find strength in your vulnerabilities
- Identify the positive and negative behaviours which add or detract from mental resilience
- Be proactive and reactive on bad mental health days

Packed with practical tried-and-tested techniques, *Think Yourself Resilient* will help you understand yourself better, empower you to overcome self-doubt and fulfil your potential.



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Self Help



Sarah Rayner

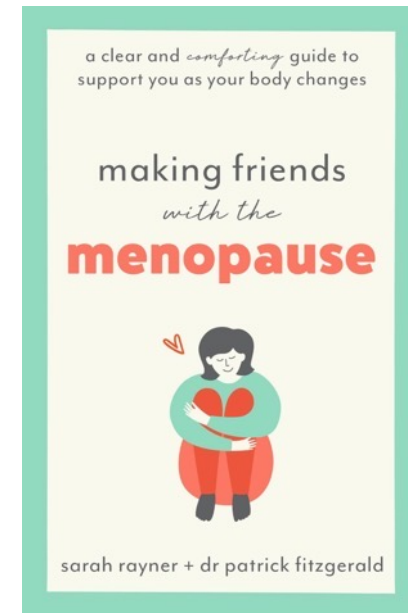
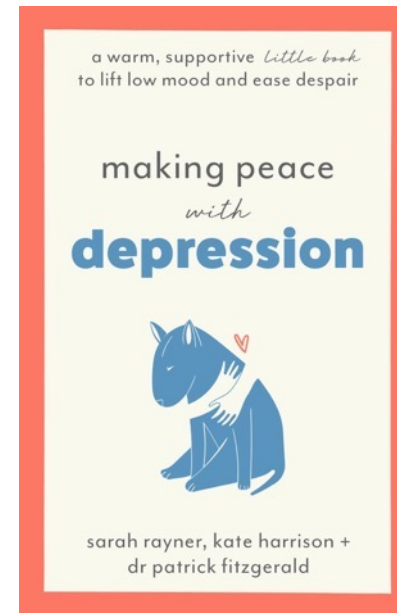
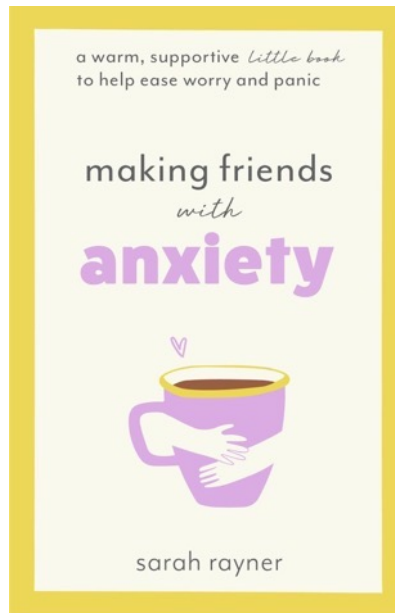
Making Friends with Anxiety
Making Peace with Depression
Making Friends with the Menopause

A simple, warm and highly accessible series of books on how to deal with different aspects of mental health, including anxiety, depression and the menopause in a kind and gentle way. Sarah writes like an old friend, one with wit and wisdom, and uses her own lived experience of dealing with anxiety to gently guide you through difficult periods. Previously self-published, we are repackaging them for a wider audience.

'Simple, lucid advice on how to accept anxiety.'
Matt Haig, Sunday Times bestselling author of Reasons to Stay Alive

All three books read like a chat with an old friend, where the authors draw on their own experiences and share bite-sized tips and life-changing coping techniques to help you navigate the psychological and physical symptoms of anxiety, depression and the menopause. These books are true gems for the self-help market, taking things back to basics in a clear and a compassionate manner. Perfect for readers who would be daunted by weightier tomes and would like a little gentle hand-holding in their journey back to mental wellbeing and happiness. For fans of Matt Haig and Louise Hay.

***Making Peace with Depression* is co-authored by bestseller Kate Harrison and Dr Patrick Fitzgerald and *Making Friends with the Menopause* is co-authored by Dr Patrick Fitzgerald.**



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