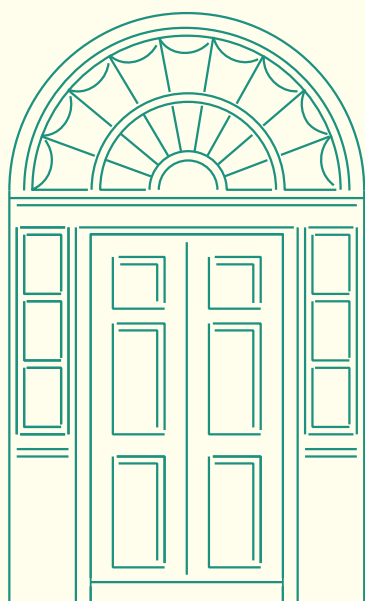


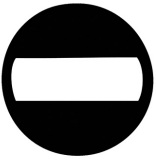
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Jess Shannon

A major new literary talent: a raw and unfiltered new voice; an authentic, unapologetic, and sometimes brutal portrayal of millennials.

A woman in her mid-twenties moves back home to live with her parents, where her listlessness fuels an obsession with cleaning, and sets in motion a series of events that leads to her posing as a model in a gallery where she encounters a woman whose life will intertwine with her own.

'Shannon's debut is a tremendous display of talent. Contemporary in its composition and fearless to experiment, the book elegantly makes bold thematic suggestions which avoid heavy-handedness'

Gonzalo Ceron Garcia, author of *We Are The End*

Jess Shannon is a writer from Birmingham and proud graduate of the Warwick Writing Programme. She completed her MA in Writing in 2021. As well as writing fiction, Jess is an avid theatre goer and performer.

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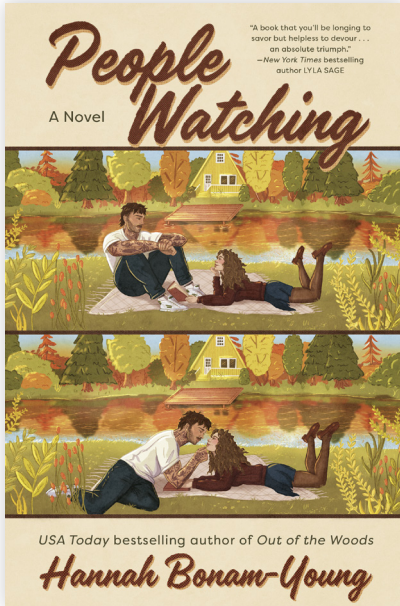
Esther Walker

The funny, heartfelt, surprising and sharply observed first novel from the lifestyle columnist and podcaster.

Mairéad is single, child-free and head of a successful influencer talent agency. The young people at work may be mean to her, she hasn't seen her only sister for nine years and she's one bad date away from giving up on men completely – but other than that, she's got life sorted.

Until Sunshine shows up. When her militant, off-grid sister has a mysterious accident, Mairéad's inscrutable niece comes to stay, turning life upside down. Just for a couple of weeks. Or is it?

Esther Walker is a lifestyle journalist whose work has appeared in *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, the *Daily Mail*, the *Guardian*, the *Daily Telegraph*, the *i* and *Grazia*. She is the author of the cult cooking blog *Recipe Rifle* and now writes the Substack newsletter *The Spike*, which has 6,000 subscribers. Her first two non-fiction books *The Bad Cook* and *The Bad Mother* are available as ebooks. Esther also co-hosts an award-nominated weekly topical podcast with her husband for *The Times*, called *Giles Coren Has No Idea*.



People Watching

Hannah Bonam-Young

Introducing Prue and Milo in the brand new heart-warming and spicy strangers-to-lovers romcom and the start of a new duet from viral TikTok author Hannah Bonam-Young!

Prudence Welch has always valued her introverted lifestyle in the small town of Baysville, Ontario. She is content with working at her father's gas station, writing her beloved poetry, and caring for her mother who has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimers. Despite her father's continuous remarks that she should venture out of the town to have a more fulfilling life, Prue just can't leave it behind.

Milo Kablukov is a free spirit, who has had his fair share of worldwide adventures and wild nights. But when he is called by his brother for an urgent family matter in Baysville, he finds that he just might have to stay put a while. After an intriguing encounter with Prue, Milo sets his sights on getting to know her, but he finds that a friendship with Prue may be different to what he had been expecting...

Hannah Bonam-Young is a bestselling author from Ontario, Canada. She lives with her childhood-friend-turned-husband Ben, two kids, and bulldog near Niagara Falls on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples.

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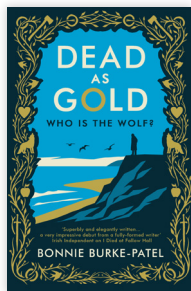
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Dead as Gold

Bonnie Burke-Patel

Adam Conlan has made a new life for himself in Morrow-on-Sea. After a wild youth, the goldsmith had settled down, determined to be around for his young son. But now Ophelia Richards appears at his studio door, asking if he will buy her gold. The writer entices and unsettles him; he sees she is adrift in the same cold pain and loneliness as he is.

At the same time, faces begin appearing at the studio window, an unwelcome gift arrives in the post, gold goes missing.

Then comes death, then comes Detective Inspector William Kent.

'Superbly and eloquently written... A very impressive debut from a fully-formed writer'

Irish Independent on I Died at Fallow Hall



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Nearly Departed

Lucas Oakeley

Joel Foster is a hapless twenty-something. His girlfriend, Beth Lewis, would likely have been a hapless twenty-something, too, had she not been obliterated by a very large cement truck. Some time after Beth's tragic death, Joel is still trying to juggle grief with the world of modern dating. And while he still feels like a widower, he has to find a new love before three years is up.

The catch? Just as Joel thinks he's finally falling for someone, he starts getting haunted by Beth.

It's not a ghost story, it's a love story. With ghosts.

An emotionally intelligent and funny debut: a love triangle where one of them is dead, by writer and journalist Oakeley.

Park Avenue

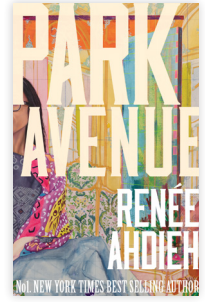
Renée Ahdieh

The daughter of Korean bodega owners, Jia Song promised herself that she would have every luxury when she grew up. Now she's made junior partner at her prestigious law firm, and it's all finally within reach. So when her boss asks her to sit in on the hush-hush family implosion of a client, she accepts without hesitation – only to find out that it is one of the most famous Korean families in the world.

The Parks and their mega-successful Korean beauty brand are worth a billion dollars. But the father is filing for divorce while his wife is dying, and the children can't stop fighting. With both the family fortune and their legacy under threat from the worst kind of scandal, it's up to Jia to set things right – and she only has a month to do it...

'I can't remember the last time I had so much fun reading a book!'

Nicola Yoon, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Everything, Everything*



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Mrs Plansky Goes Rogue

Spencer Quinn

Mrs. Plansky, fresh from winning a thrilling senior tennis championship with her doubles partner Kev, is gearing up to celebrate with him on his yacht. Until the yacht is destroyed in a fire. Kev claims the fire was caused by a lightning strike, pure bad luck, but Mrs. Plansky didn't see any lightning.

Already certain there's more going on than she's being told, Mrs. Plansky's curiosity turns to concern when Kev goes missing...

'I absolutely adored this book. Mrs. Plansky is a terrific character.'
Stephen King on *Mrs Plansky's Revenge*



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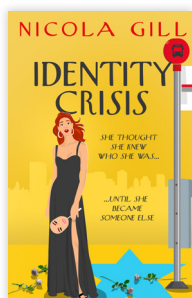
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Identity Crisis

Nicola Gill

Be yourself, people say. But the last person Clare Palmer wants to be is herself – she's lost everything she once had and now can barely get through a bus ride without wanting to thump someone. (People who don't wear headphones, sniffers, fried chicken guzzlers.)

So when she discovers her resemblance to beloved reality TV presenter Jenna Cox, Clare jumps at the chance to become a lookalike, earn some cash and get her life back together.

But it's all too easy to cross the line between celebrity lookalike and pretending to be the real Jenna – and becoming someone else is about to take Clare's life down a track that's even rockier than the one she's on...

*Funny, uplifting and poignant: feel-good fiction for fans of Beth O'Leary and Sophie Kinsella, by the author of the hit *Swimming for Beginners*.*

The Good Boy

Stella Hayward

On the eve of Genie's thirtieth birthday, her grandmother gives her an unexpected gift: a wish at midnight. Genie laughs it off and returns home to her empty house and her golden retriever, Rory.

She really should've listened to her grandmother.

She's turned Rory into a human with big golden retriever energy. But he doesn't like being a human. He doesn't like wearing clothes, or human manners. It's like she suddenly has a child.

Genie needs to turn him back. She enlists her oldest friend and boy next door, Miles, to help. Their quest brings them closer than they've ever been – and maybe, just maybe, her messed up wish is the key to granting her heart's desire after all...

Funny and poignant romcom guaranteed to make you hug your dog; the first from a pseudonym of bestselling author Rowan Coleman.

A Scottish Teashop in Napoli

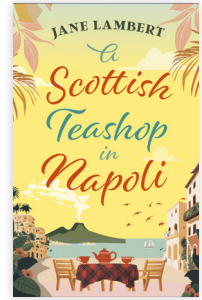
Jane Lambert

When Lucy's childhood sweetheart stands her up on their wedding day, leaving her alone on a plane eloping to the tropical location of his choosing, her dream of their future disappears in a heartbeat.

In Naples, Elena is recently widowed and struggling to keep her husband's family's beloved mozzarella factory afloat. At risk of losing the business, she advertises a job and hopes for the best.

The stars seem to align and Elena and Lucy, each suffering from a very different sort of loss and loneliness, set about trying to rescue the struggling business and each other.

A charming, tender and funny novel about the power of female friendships, the importance of letting go and the joys of eating pasta!



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Fix Them Up

Maggie Grant

Kat has lost her mojo at work and her estranged dad has passed away. When her boss suggests she take a two month sabbatical, she moves to a small town near Manchester to refurbish her father's childhood home. She thinks it will be a quick turnaround and is determined not to let lingering resentment or her ADHD goblin distract her.

But Kat arrives in Everly Heath to find her dad's house is completely uninhabitable. Worse, her grumpy builder is none other than the grouch who stole her parking space on the day of the funeral. Sparks will fly over faulty wiring...

A heartfelt and witty small-town romcom perfect for fans of Talia Hibbert and Tessa Bailey.



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A Spell For Midwinter's Heart

Morgan Lockhart

Rowan Midwinter gave magic up for good after a fateful night she erased from her memory. So she's not exactly thrilled when she's guilted into returning to her mountain hometown for the first time in years. But it's already Yule and much-needed snow still hasn't fallen, so Rowan reckons she can put up with her family, friends, and former coven if it means saving the town's beloved winter festival from the megacorporation threatening to buy it out.

Rowan's plans to save the festival and make it through the holiday magic-free go awry when Gavin McCreery, prodigal son of the festival's landlord, insists on helping, and their unwanted chemistry keeps setting off holiday lights... literally.

A holiday romance with an enchanting twist – perfect for fans of Jen DeLuca and Sangu Mandanna.

Say It Out Loud

Ashley Schumacher

After Juniper's mother died, life's magic left. Having sold her podcast too soon, she finds herself back in her hometown and jobless. When a mysterious email invites her to audition for an audio drama adaptation of the beloved vampire romance of her teenage years, it's the opportunity of a lifetime.

Or it seems to be, until she learns that it all hinges on her co-star, a man she shared a magical moment with in college, now on the cusp of breaking through as one of Hollywood's leading actors. He broke her heart ten years ago. Can she trust him now?

A romcom love letter to *Twilight* and general millennialism.

Can't Help Faking in Love

Swati Hegde

Harsha Godbole is struggling to make ends meet as a photographer making a name for herself away from the glitz and glamour of her family's Bollywood fame.

With her cousin's wedding looming, and the pressure from her family to bring a date, she finds herself in a fake dating contract with the handsome but hesitant barista at her favourite coffee shop, Veer Kannan.

Veer needs money to help support his younger brother through university, and so he can't refuse Harsha's generous offer. As the two learn how to make their relationship convincing, sparks begin to fly, and their two different worlds may end up being just what they needed.

'A fake dating delight with all the warmth and charm of a classic Bollywood movie'

Naina Kumar



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Life can change in an instant, and Cass Brooks wishes she could turn back time...



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Mindf*ck

101 ways to trick, confuse
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Victor Mids & Oscar Verpoort

How can you stop your brain being manipulated, deceived, and led astray?

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- How to bend spoons like a psychic

...and create the illusion that you can read everybody's mind!

Victor Mids was a doctor and **Oscar Verpoort** was a filmmaker; they were two magic-obsessed kids. They saved up their allowances to buy a smoke machine and went through dozens of decks practicing card tricks. *Mindf*ck* reflects Oscar's cinematic flair and Victor's medical knowledge.



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Curious World

Mick O'Hare

A mind-bending adventure the whole family will enjoy!

Packed with amazing trivia, weird world records, and mind-blowing facts, this book is perfect for curious kids, trivia-loving teens, and even grown-ups who can't resist a quirky fact or two.

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- Are spiders faster than Usain Bolt? (*you will never look at your house spiders in the same way again!*).
- Where's the coldest place life can survive?
- Which creature has the longest neck (*and no, it's not a giraffe*)?
- What are the smallest known things to exist?

A must read for all curious minds!

Mick O'Hare is an author, journalist and editor of the *New Scientist* bestsellers *Does Anything Eat Wasps?* and *Why Don't Penguins' Feet Freeze?* He writes for UK & US publications and, in addition to science, he specialises in topics as diverse as the history of spaceflight, Cold War politics, polar exploration, food and drink, motorsport and rugby league. He lives in Northwood, Middx.

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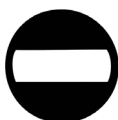
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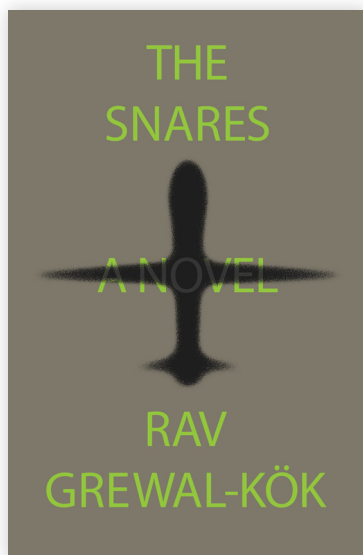
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The Snares

Rav Grewal-Kök

'Here is, at long last, our immigrant John le Carré'

Xuan Juliana Wang, author of *Home Remedies*

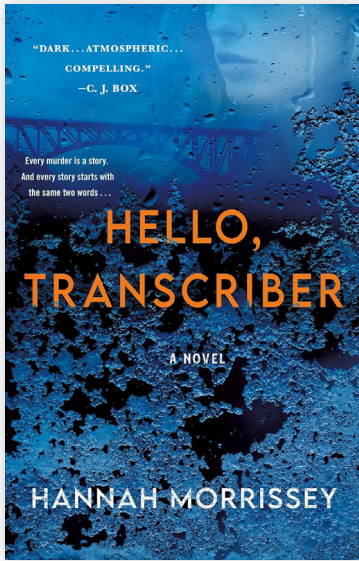
While America is still reeling from the events of September 11th, Neel Chima is recruited into a new, ruthless federal intelligence agency – eager to seek revenge for their recent tragedy.

Neel soon finds himself intimately involved in the selection of foreigners for drone assassination – men who often look just like his Sikh family members.

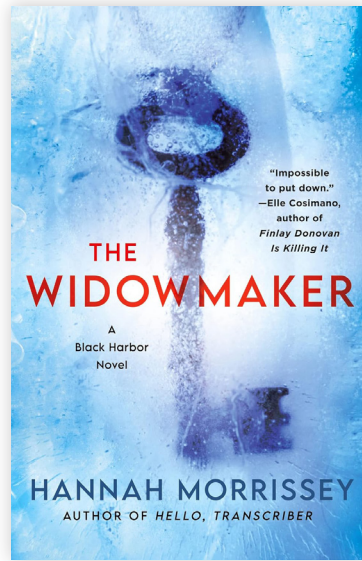
As both his ambitions and his moral qualms mount, he is drawn farther and farther away from his wife and two young daughters, vulnerable to shadowy figures in the intelligence world...

Rav Grewal-Kök's stories have appeared in the *Atlantic*, *Ploughshares*, *New England Review*, *Missouri Review*, *Gulf Coast*, and elsewhere. He has won an NEA fellowship in prose and is a fiction editor at *Fence*. He grew up in Hong Kong and on Vancouver Island and now lives in Los Angeles. *The Snares* is his first novel.

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Hannah Morrissey

Every night police transcriber Hazel Greenlee listens as detectives divulge Black Harbor's gruesome crimes. Hazel, an aspiring novelist, believes that writing a book could be her only ticket out of this frozen hellscape. Her life isn't exactly brimming with inspiration, until her neighbor confesses to hiding the corpse of an overdose victim.

With an insider's look at the investigation, Hazel becomes spellbound by the lead detective and the chilling narrative he shares with her.

From destroying her marriage, her career, and any chance she has of getting out of Black Harbor alive – just how far will Hazel go for her story?

The Widowmaker

Hannah Morrissey

When business mogul Clive Reynolds disappeared twenty years ago, his name became synonymous with 'murder' and 'mystery'. Now, lured by a cryptic note, struggling photographer Morgan Mori returns to Black Harbor and into the web of their family secrets. The night she photographs the family gathering, Morgan witnesses a cop's murder unearthing a clue that could crack the cold case wide open.

'One of the brightest new voices in crime fiction'

Riley Sager

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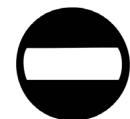
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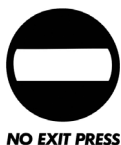


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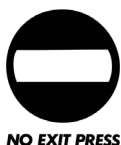


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The Unravelling of Julia

Lisa Scottoline

When Julia's husband is brutally murdered in a random attack, her life unravels in ways she never could have foreseen. Haunted by his death and spiraling into despair, Julia seeks refuge in a secluded Italian villa she has mysteriously inherited from a stranger. But her sanctuary becomes a prison as she uncovers disturbing connections to her own past – and faces chilling threats that may not be imaginary.

Caught between a heritage she doesn't understand and a darkness she can't escape, Julia must confront secrets that could cost her what little she has left...

'Scottoline is a powerhouse'

David Baldacci

A Sting in Her Tale

Mark Ezra

When seventy-something former spy Felicity Jardine's mission to drown herself is interrupted by the cries of a baby drifting down river, her training kicks in at once. She manages to save the baby, and conceals them both from the shady looking man who is clearly looking for it.

Then an elderly neighbour to whom she bears a resemblance is found dead, and Felicity knows she's been rumbled. She has to dust off the highly trained and resourceful secret service officer she used to be, ensure the safety of the baby, and re-enter the fray...

A fast-paced, entertaining debut spy thriller with a dash of humour, perfect for the *Marlowe Murder Club*/*Killing Eve* readership.

Lay Your Armour Down

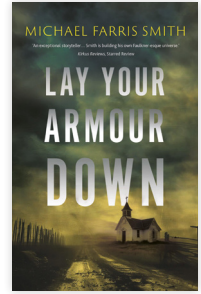
Michael Farris Smith

An old woman, riddled with dementia, walks off into the woods in the middle of the night. A light in the wood draws her to a campfire with two strange, dangerous men, one young and one old, who are there plotting a crime of as-yet-indeterminate purpose. The two men have a job to do. They are hunting something precious but have only been told: you'll know it when you see it.

When they arrive at the place, an abandoned church cellar in the burned-out countryside, they find an answer they never could have predicted.

'A prophetic, propulsive tale that is sure to leave its lasting mark on the Southern gothic canon'

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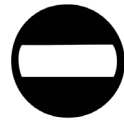
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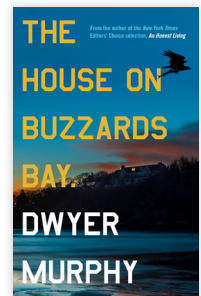
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The House on Buzzards Bay

Dwyer Murphy

As they hurtle into midlife, Jim and his closest college friends get together to rekindle the bonds of their friendship in his family's beautiful, generations-old vacation home along Buzzards Bay, the demands of work and family having caused them to drift apart over recent years. But what begins as a quiet and restorative seaside escape takes a darker turn when Bruce, an aloof but successful writer, disappears from the house without a trace, sending the group into an uneasy tension.

A chilling, atmospheric page-turner that explores the bonds of friendship, the growing accumulation of life's responsibilities, and whether our youthful dreams can endure the complexities of adulthood.



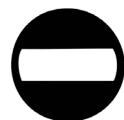
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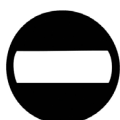


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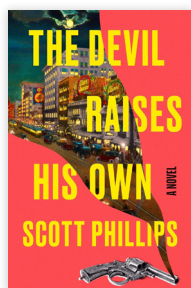
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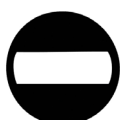


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As Eli and Petra's paths converge, they discover that in the shadow world of international espionage, the greatest threats often come from within...

'Nygate is not afraid to get her hands bloody'

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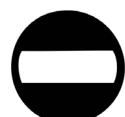


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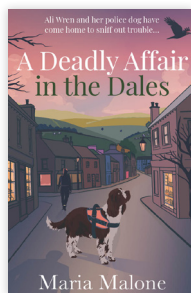
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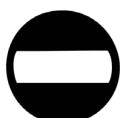


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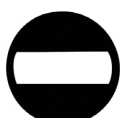


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Meet Sergeant Ali Wren and her companion Officer Police Dog Wilson, a springer spaniel with a nose for trouble. They serve the town of Heft, where everyone knows everyone else's business.

Ali needs all her diplomatic skills to navigate the requirements of her job. Drama lurks around every corner, from rogue parking in the disabled bays to a feud between the long-established Hooley bakery and a fancy new 'cakery-bakery'. When Brian Bright reports his wife Melody missing, at first Ali thinks it's just another routine case. But something niggles...

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Kay Blythe

Mrs Cornelia van Doorn has leased Castle Gloaming intending to launch herself and her stepdaughter, Honor, into British society. The castle stands in rugged Welsh countryside. Its hills are haunted by tales of mythic creatures, including the ghost-dog, Gelert.

Dressmaker-sleuth Jemima Flowerday is hired to dress Mrs van Doorn and Honor in the privacy of Castle Gloaming. Except that Honor is nowhere to be found and Jemima is asked to investigate. The nineteen-year-old seems to have melted into thin air...

The second 1920s Jemima Flowerday mystery in which the dressmaker-sleuth follows in the tradition of clever women set free by the social upheaval of the years after the First World War.

The Man Next Door

E M Scott

Retired police detective inspector Thomas Maitland has rented a house in Cornwall; he's going to paint his way to recovery from the experiences of the spring. A local woman with an intriguingly expensive collection of modern art wants to put on a show of his work. But Maitland's next door neighbour, also his landlord, is unsettling, and when he finds his benefactor dead at the bottom of her garden, Thomas Maitland feels death casting its net over him again...

'An elegantly written and thoroughly involving thriller that delivers a slew of satisfying narrative twists'

Barry Forshaw, *Crime Time on The Missing and the Dead*



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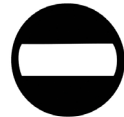
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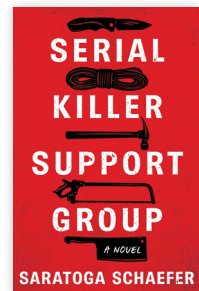
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Saratoga Schaefer

When the investigation into the death of Cyra Griffin's sister hits a standstill, Cyra must take matters into her own hands.

She infiltrates a serial killer support group that meets in New York City in an effort to unearth the truth about her sister's death. But the dangerous men in the group aren't the only obstacle to finding her sister's killer. The longer Cyra stays in the group, the looser her grip becomes on her own morality...

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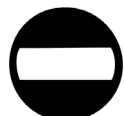
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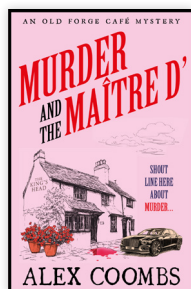
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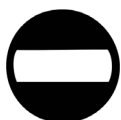


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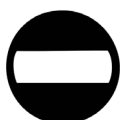
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Murder and the Maître D'

Alex Coombs

The Chilterns are at their best in May and The Old Forge Café is flourishing, which makes Charlie think about furniture that lives up to the standards her menu sets. Which is what persuades her to take on a job for a wealthy local businessman who suspects his daughter has fallen for a man who is not only a gold-digger but also a murderer.

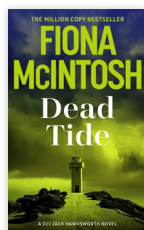
To Charlie's surprise, she knows him – he's the Maitre d' at the Michelin-starred restaurant in her village. Does his charm conceal a killer?

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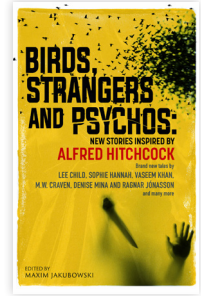
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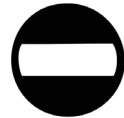
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