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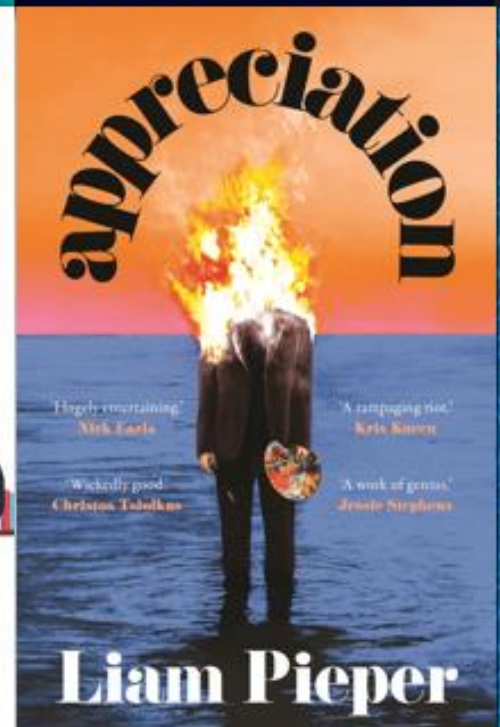
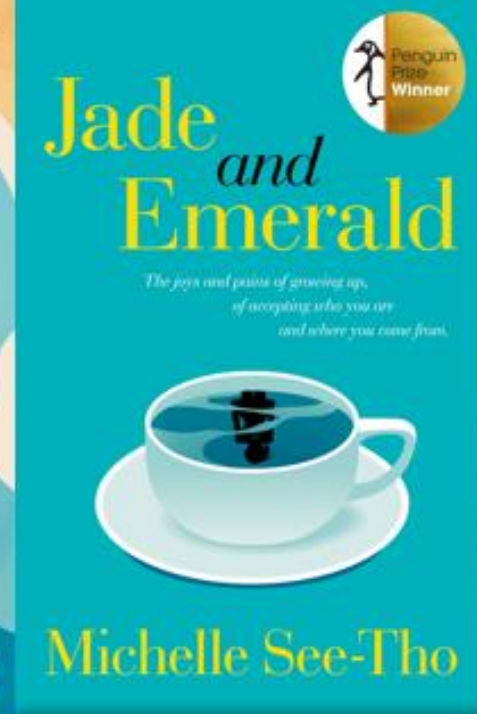
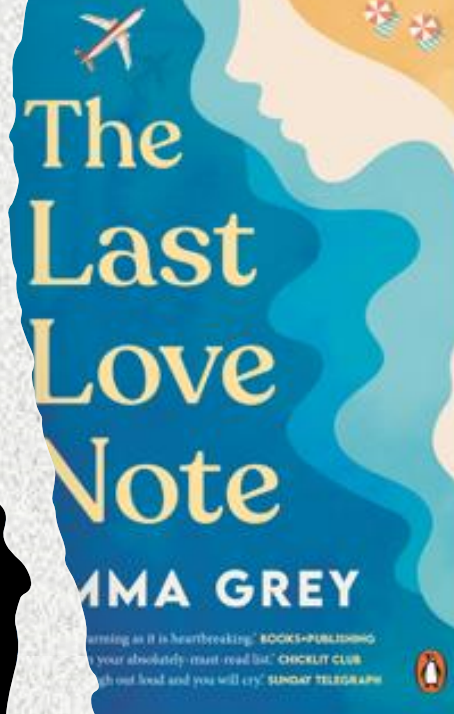
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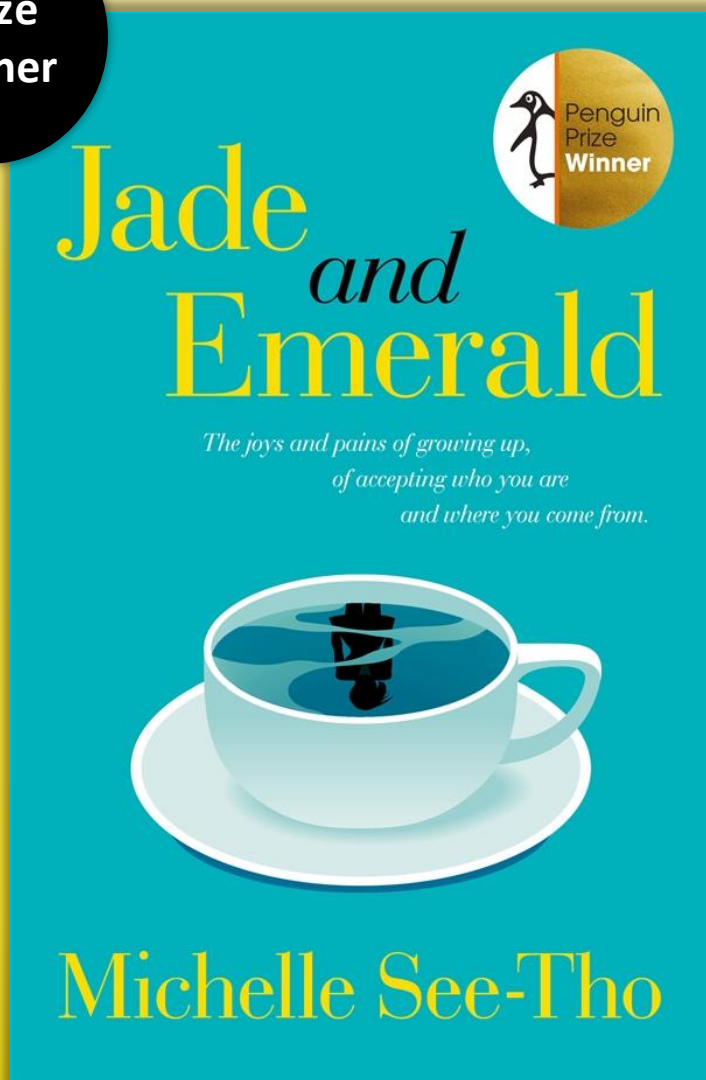
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FICTION



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Prize
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Jade and Emerald

Michelle See-Tho

- Winner of the 2023 Penguin Literary Prize.
- Written by an important new voice, *Jade and Emerald* bristles with life and powerful commentary around family, class and desire.
- Warm and accessible writing. The author, like her characters, is Chinese-Malaysian and raised in Australia.

Mei Cha Wen is lonely. Born in Australia, her Chinese-Malaysian mother insists on after-school tuition and violin lessons - cheap ones, at that. Not only is she frugal with finances, she's also frugal with affection.

Malaysian socialite Gigi Nui befriends Mei, encourages her to flout her rigid routines and shows her how to enjoy life's pleasures and luxuries. When Mei discovers her mother and Gigi were in love back in Malaysia, she questions the friendship that had become the primary force in her life.

Gigi's subsequent death brings the walls between Mei and her mother down. Finally, Mei learns how her mother came to be working two jobs in Australia to ensure her daughter could enjoy greater freedom in her life.

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MICHELLE SEE-THO is a freelance writer and copywriter. She has had articles and stories published in *Kill Your Darlings*, *Meanjin*, *Overland*, *Time Out* and *The Big Issue*.
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Passion
Pick!

The Venice Hotel

Tess Woods

- *Nine Perfect Strangers* meets *The White Lotus* in this publisher 'passion pick' for 2024.
- Modern & Contemporary / Suspense / Commercial Fiction with intelligent, entertaining and character-based drama, filled with twists. Part romantic travel adventure, part family drama, part dark mystery. Perfect holiday reading for fans of Liane Moriarty, Celeste Ng and Sally Hepworth.

When the lives of four very different women become entangled in a boutique Venice hotel, dark secrets unravel and not everyone who checked into the hotel will check out again. Signora Loretta Bianchi, the world-famous cook at Venice's Hotel Il Cuore, is forced to choose between once-in-a-lifetime passion and her devoted husband.

Sophie, on assignment in Venice as a food writer, finds a lot more than Signora Bianchi's secret recipes to love, but what is the charming Rocco hiding?

Law graduate Elena is sinking just like the endangered city she's returned home to, and she'll stop at nothing to be free from her marriage.

Grandmother Gayle's dream Venetian holiday turns sinister as she finds herself embroiled in a life-or-death escape.

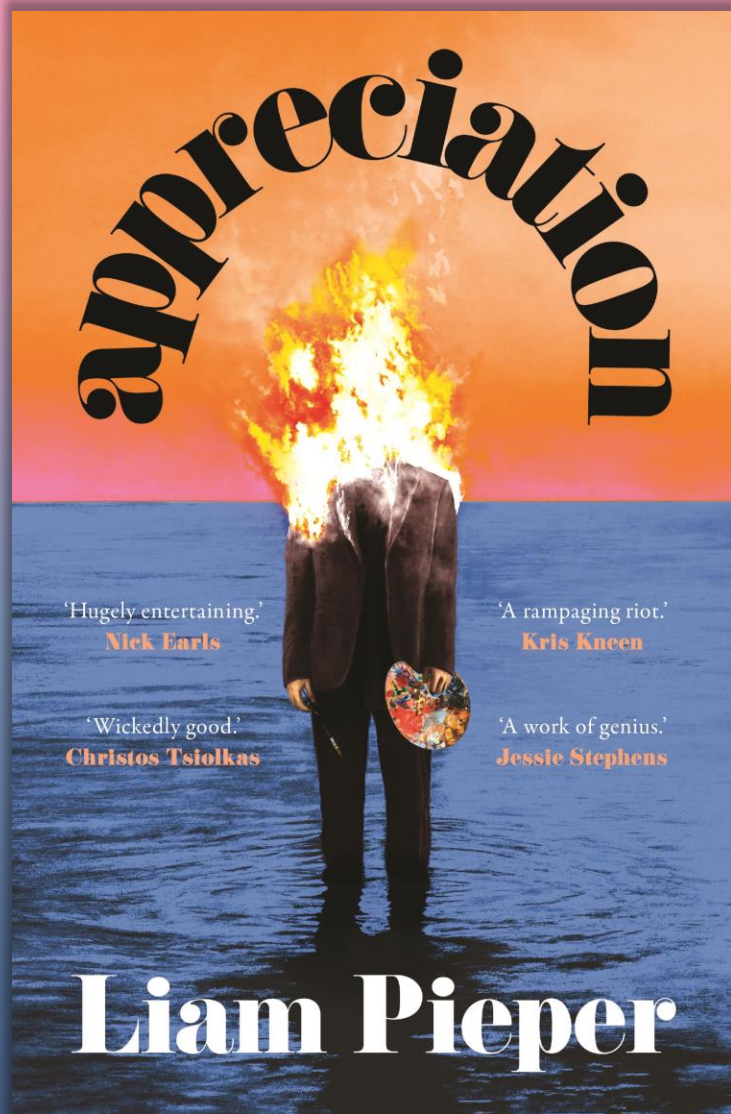
Set against a backdrop of the romance and tragedy of magical Venice, *The Venice Hotel* explores the powerful bonds that develop between women in times of crisis, and the healing power of female connection.

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TESS WOODS once had a simple life until her compulsion to write made-up stories complicated everything. She's now an award-winning and bestselling author of contemporary fiction. Tess also works as a physiotherapist in private practice. She shares a clinic and a home on the stunning Western Australian coast with her lovely and long-suffering husband. She's a mother of two brilliant grown-up children and one grumpy grown-up cat. She's obsessed with her little street library and her veggie patch, she hoovers desserts with complete disregard for all health advice, she's forever dreaming about moving to Italy, and she's the first to deep dive any celebrity scandal.

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Appreciation Liam Pieper

- A wild romp through Australian celebrity culture that's as bold and scathing as it is hilarious!

Everything in this world has a price. A great work of art is no exception. And what fortune was ever built without a little subterfuge?

Oli Darling is a queer artist from the country – it says so right at the top of every press release. His art has brought him fame, money, fashionable substance abuse issues and only a little imposter syndrome. But then he goes on live TV and says the one thing that can get a rich white guy cancelled.

With his reputation in tatters, nobody is buying Oli's schtick or his art. That's a problem for all the people who've invested millions in him. Powerful, dangerous people. To save his own skin, Oli will need to restore his public image. Together with... [READ MORE](#)

Praise for Liam Pieper

'A deft skewering of contemporary values – as hugely entertaining as it is piercingly relevant.' Nick Earls, Praise for *The Toymaker*

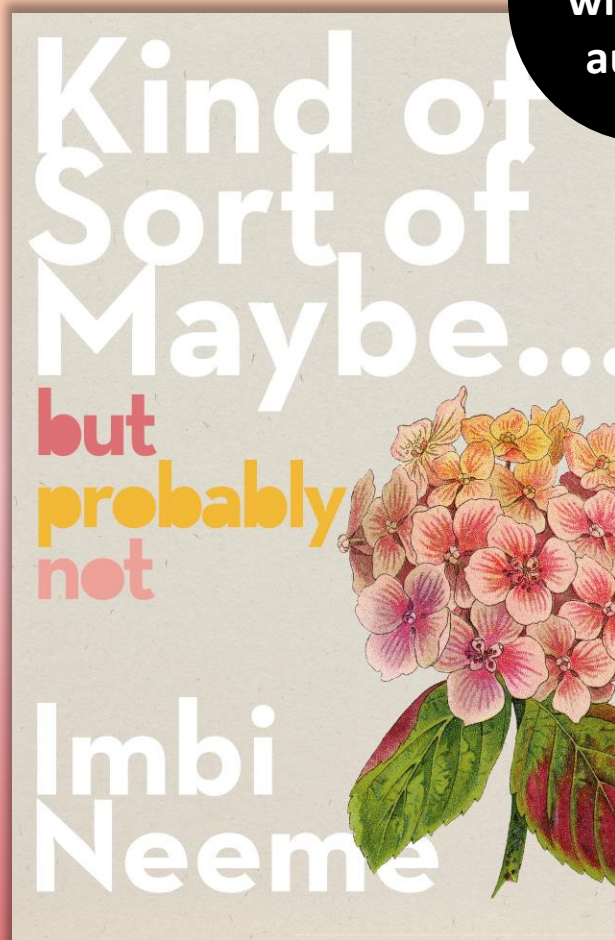
'Made me laugh gleefully, and also made me squirm. Pieper's pen is a sharply honed blade – there's a hell of a lot of truth in this deceptively jaunty satire. I gulped it down.' Christos Tsiolkas



Liam Pieper is an author and ABIA-winning ghostwriter of global bestsellers as well as more modest successes with his name on the cover. The first was a memoir, *The Feel-Good Hit of the Year*, shortlisted for the National Biography Award and the Ned Kelly Best True Crime award. His second was the Penguin Special *Mistakes Were Made*, a collection of funny true stories. He was co-recipient of the 2014 M Literary Award, winner of the 2015 Geoff Dean Short Story Prize, the inaugural creative resident of the UNESCO City of Literature of Prague, and the 2018 National Library of Australia Creative Arts Fellow for Australian Writing. His novels are *The Toymaker*, *Sweetness and Light* and *Appreciation*, which is objectively the most fun of the three. Image © Matt Collins



Prize
winning
author



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Kind of, Sort of, Maybe, But Probably Not Imbi Neeme

- *Kind of, Sort of Maybe, But Probably Not* has sold into Italy (Nord). Imbi Neeme's prize winning debut novel, *The Spill*, sold in auction to Germany (Atrium) and Estonia (Eesti Ramut).
- *The Spill* was the winner of the 2019 Penguin Literary Prize.
- *The Rosie Project* meets *Eleanor Oliphant* in this quirky and lovable coming-of-age story.

Librarian Phoebe Cotton lives with misophonia. The sound of other people crunching an apple, slurping their tea, or snapping chewing gum fills her with rage she keeps inside. Her condition mortifies her, and she shrinks further inside herself. That is, until she starts receiving mysterious postcards at 6 Salmon Street, her grandmother's house . . .

A charming, nostalgic, quirky and uplifting novel of people young and old finding their tribe, gaining the courage to be themselves, and perhaps falling in love, too.

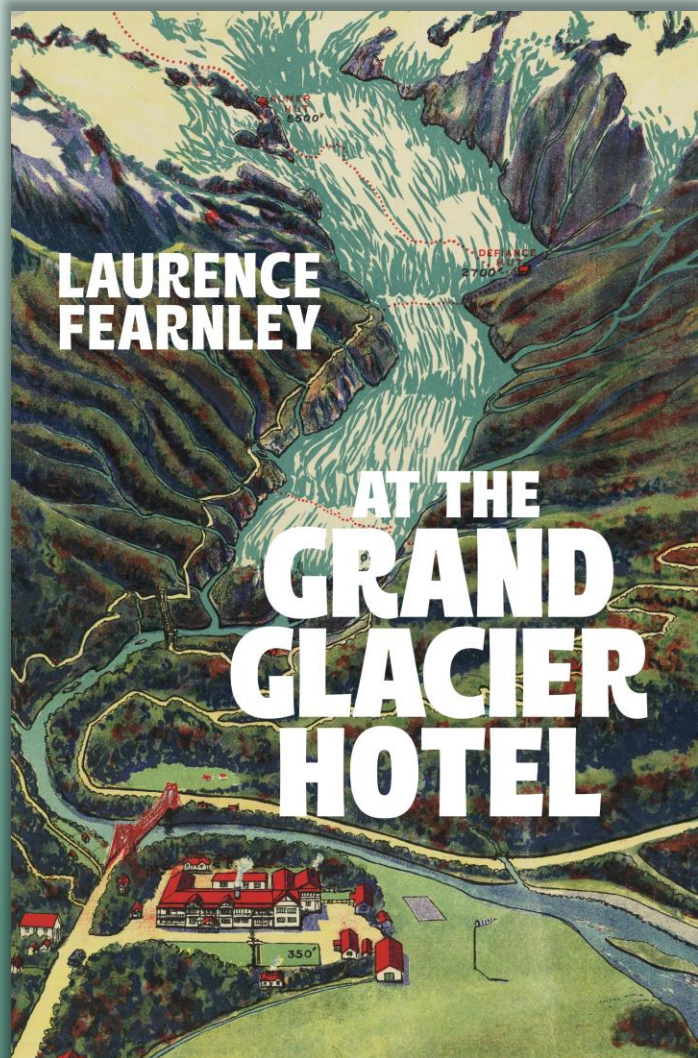
REVIEWS

"A narrative pacing that glides, allowing readers to melt into the story of these two heart-warming characters." - THE AGE

"In our current, hellish era, a cosy, comforting and humane tale of love and friendship is a welcome respite." - TASMANIAN TIMES



IMBI NEEME is a recovering blogger, novelist and compulsive short story writer. Her manuscript *The Spill* was awarded the 2019 Penguin Literary Prize. She was also the recipient of the 2019 Henry Handel Richardson Fellowship at Varuna for excellence in Short Story Writing. Her short fiction has won prizes in the 2019 Newcastle Short Story Awards, the 2018 Boroondara Literary Awards, and has been shortlisted for the 2018 Peter Carey Short Story Award.
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At The Grand Glacier Hotel

Laurence Fearnley

- Laurence Fearnley's previous work has been published into France (Editions Paulsen)
- Beautifully written and carefully observed, it is a vivid story with a likeable protagonist who is on an intriguing quest.
- *"Fearnley pulls the reader into her story with a deft and inescapable grip that keeps you peering into the plot, arms out in front to keep your place in the narrative, to the last page."* — SALLY BLUNDELL

From award-winning novelist Laurence Fearnley comes an intriguing story about recovery, reflection and reconnecting with ourselves and others.

Following a disastrous family holiday, Libby and Curtis make a promise: if they ever visit the West Coast of the South Island again, it will be to stay at the majestic Grand Glacier Hotel.

Twenty years later, Libby is recovering from cancer and the couple finally return to the resort. Except the glacier has retreated, nothing goes to plan, and after a storm separates her from Curtis, Libby finds herself alone in the isolated hotel.

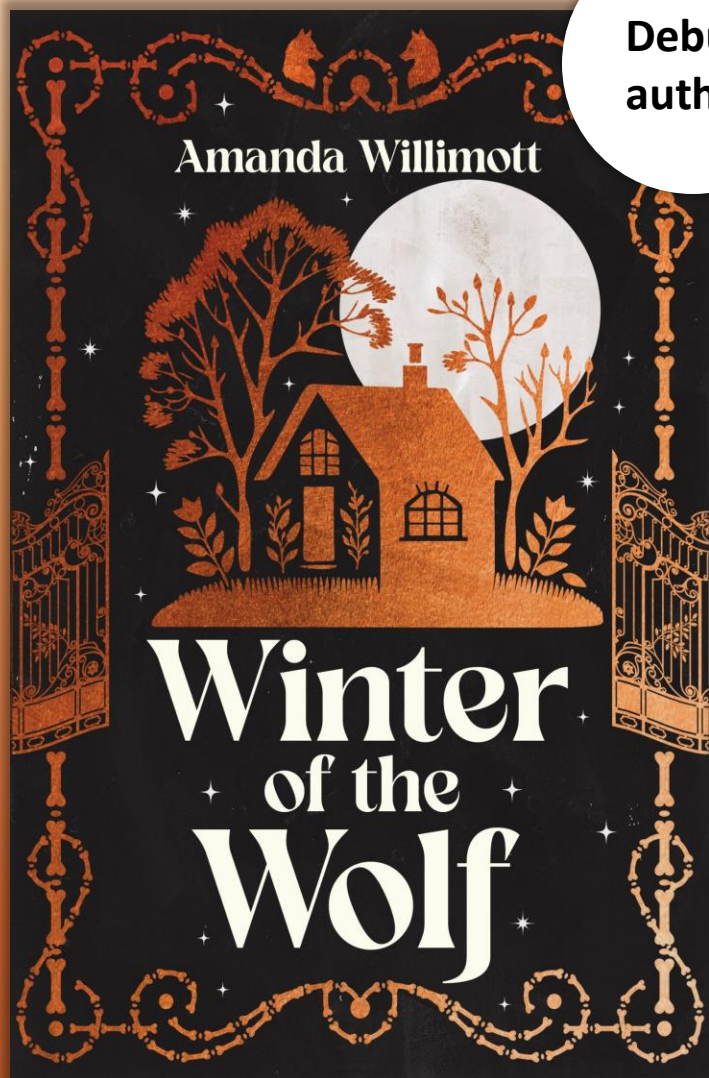
Disappointed, she tentatively begins to explore her surroundings. Could the inaccessible hotel and its curious collection of staff and guests hold the key to Libby reconnecting with the person she once was?

Drawing on a varied soundscape, this tangible, moving portrait of physical and emotional recovery offers a way forward, one hopeful step at a time.



LAURENCE FEARNLEY is an award-winning novelist. Her novel *The Hut Builder* won the fiction category of the 2011 NZ Post Book Awards. In 2014 her novel *Reach* was longlisted for the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards, and, in 2008, *Edwin and Matilda* was runner-up in the fiction category of the Montana New Zealand Book Awards. Her second novel, *Room*, was shortlisted for the 2001 Montana New Zealand Book Awards. In 2004 Fearnley was awarded the Artists to Antarctica Fellowship and in 2007 the Robert Burns Fellowship at the University of Otago. In 2016 she won the NZSA/ Janet Frame Memorial Award and in 2017 she was the joint winner of the Landfall essay competition. She was named a New Zealand Arts Foundation Laureate in 2019. She lives in Dunedin.

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Debut
author

Winter of the Wolf

Amanda Willimott

- Inspired by a notorious werewolf trial, with a blend of history, paranormal and feminist themes, and centred around a moving queer romance, this is an unmissable debut!

Eastern France. Winter. 1572

When Sidonie's guardian dies, she flees Paris rather than submit to a forced marriage, seeking sanctuary in the home of her estranged aunt in Dole.

A town consumed by fear and superstition.

Apolline left behind a violent and troubled past, hoping for a new life with her husband, where she can sell her herbs and assist women from the privacy of her forest home. But it is dangerous to be different, and as Sidonie and Apolline's lives become intertwined, they are soon both being hunted.

The hunt for a werewolf.

Aspiring witch-hunter Pierre is drawn to Dole amid rumours of a werewolf hunting children. Desperate for respect and power, he allies himself with a priest who is fanning the flames of fear and hatred.

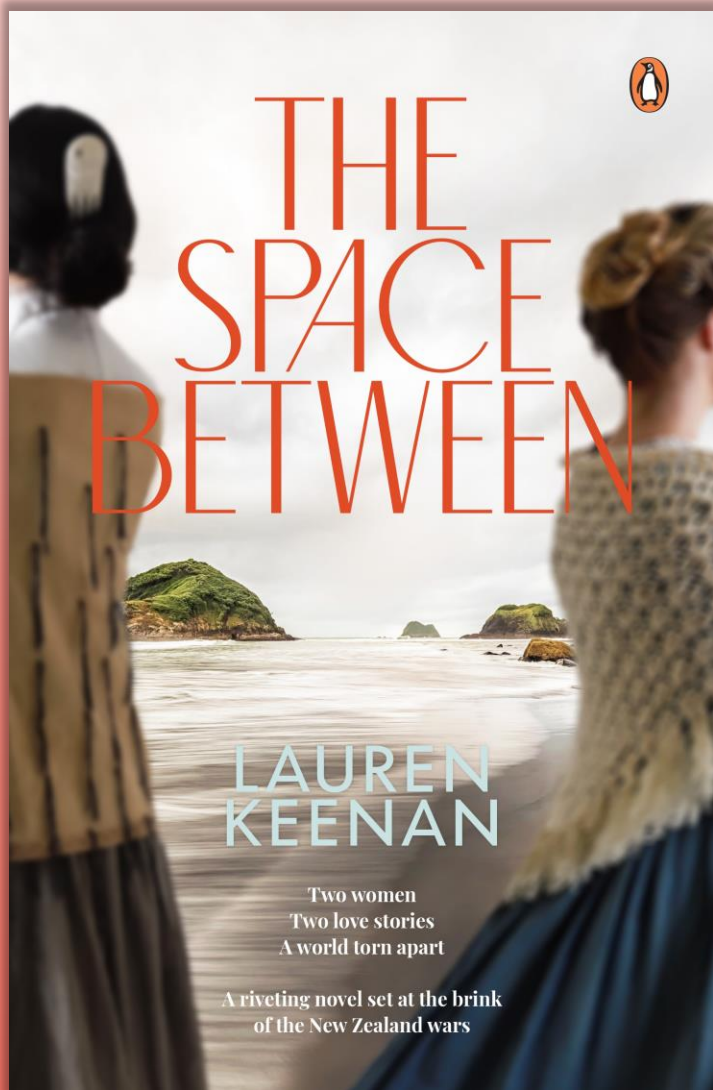
Set in a time when women's lives were not their own, and to be different was to be suspect, *Winter of the Wolf* is a sweeping tale of family secrets, betrayal and the abuse of power, the redeeming power of friendship, and finding your true home.



AMANDA WILLIMOTT writes historical fiction centring the experiences of women. She has always been captivated by history, mythology and folklore, which led to her pursuing a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History and Anthropology with Honours in Anthropology, where she wrote her thesis on witchcraft and paganism. Her first novel, *Winter of the Wolf*, is based on a real werewolf trial that took place in eastern France in the winter of 1572-1573. When she's not researching, writing or editing, you can find her singing popular show tunes, reading from or adding to her to-read pile of books, or trying to find gluten-free bread that tastes like real bread. Amanda lives in Melbourne, Australia with a large, co-dependent rescue tabby named Titus.

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The Space Between Lauren Keenan

- A gripping historical novel set amidst the New Zealand Wars in 1860
- A story of the transformative power of hope, the unbreakable bonds of land and family, and the discovery of love in the least likely of places
- A stunning breakout historical fiction writer

As English settlers wage war upon local iwi in colonial Taranaki, two women confront their pasts to survive the present.

Frances is an unmarried Londoner newly landed in New Zealand, 1860, at the dawn of the First Taranaki War. Once well-regarded, her family's fall from grace sees them struggling to learn the strange etiquette of settler life.

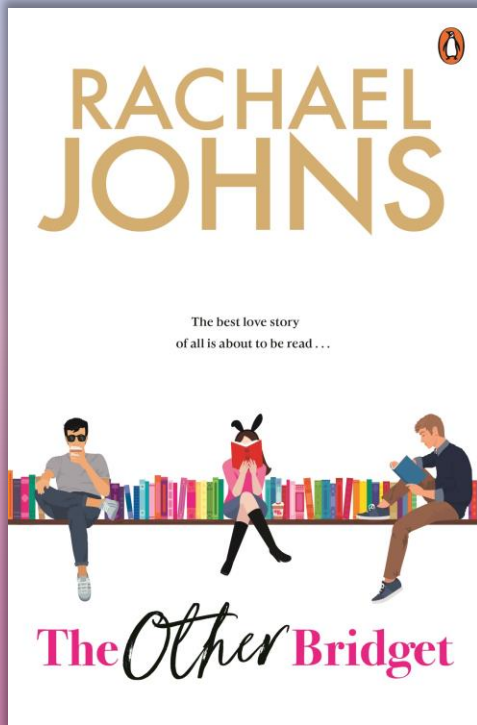
When Frances comes face-to-face with Henry White, the man who jilted her a decade earlier, he's standing outside Thorpe's General Store with a sack of flour in his arms. Henry is married now — to the proud and hardy Matāria, who is shunned by her whānau due to this controversial marriage.

As conflict between settlers and iwi rises, both women must find the courage to fight for what is right, even if it costs them everything they know. As their lives intersect in surprising and catastrophic ways, the question remains — will they ever belong, or do their fates lie in the uncomfortable space between?



LAUREN KEENAN (Te Āti Awa ki Taranaki) is a writer of creative non-fiction, novels, short stories and popular psychology. Lauren was a winner at the 2017 Pīkihiua Awards for Māori writers and a finalist in the 2019 awards. She was also a participant in Te Papa Tupu mentoring programme. Her short stories have appeared in Huia Short Stories collections in 2015, 2017 and 2019. In 2020 her book *The 52 Week Project: How I Fixed My Life by Trying a New Thing Every Week for a Year* was published, and in 2022 her children's novel *Amorangi and Millie's Trip Through Time* was published. It was a finalist in the 2022 NZ Book Awards for Children and Young Adults and longlisted in the ARA Historical Novel Prize. It also won the 2023 Book Lovers Award. Lauren has a Master of Arts in Taranaki Māori History.

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"The Other Bridget is pure sunshine for the soul. I just loved it!" - Tess Woods, author of *The Venice Hotel*

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The Other Bridget

Rachael Johns

- A heartwarming new romcom from Australia's bestselling romance and women's fiction writer!
- Everything a rom-com should be – funny, uplifting and, best of all, a book about books and book-lovers. Absolutely adored it! - *The Sunday Book Club*.

Named after a famous fictional character, librarian Bridget Jones was raised on a remote cattle station, with only her mother's romance novels for company. Now living alone in Fremantle, Bridget is a hopeless romantic.

She also believes that anyone who doesn't like reading just hasn't met the right book yet, and that connecting books to their readers is her superpower. If only her love life was that easy...



Once Upon a time (briefly) RACHAEL JOHNS was an English teacher, then her dreams of becoming a novelist came true. Now she spends her days writing romance and women's fiction in the Swan Valley, Western Australia. Her book *The Patterson Girls* won the ABIA Award in 2016 for General Fiction and she has also won the prestigious Romance Writers of Australia RUBY Award twice.

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The Bad Bridesmaid

Rachael Johns

- A companion novel to *The Other Bridget* that follows the hilarious and heartwarming story of Bridget's best friend, Winifred Darling!

Winifred "Fred" Darling is writing the ultimate anti-dating guide, *How Not To Catch Feelings*, for women who want to avoid falling in love. When her mother announces she's getting married (for the fifth time) Fred is not impressed. Neither, it turns out, is her future stepbrother, Leo.

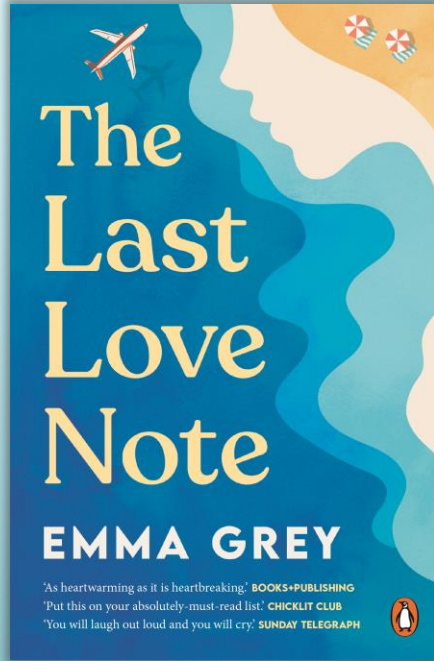
After a few drinks, Fred and Leo vent their misgivings about their parents upcoming nuptials and promptly hatch a scheme to stop the wedding from going ahead.

Is Fred the worst bridesmaid ever? Or is she about to find herself betraying all her beliefs and "catching feelings" for her prospective stepbrother-to-be?



ROMANCE





"An exquisitely heartbreaking emotional love story, packed with light, tender touches. I will be recommending this to everyone."
— PAIGE TOON

"Funny and heartbreaking and ultimately filled with hope." -
ALEXANDRA POTTER

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The Last Love Note

Emma Grey

- Sold into North America (Zibby Books) and Czech Republic (Jota)
- A Book of the Month Selection, Target Book Club selection and a December Indie Next Pick.

In the aftermath of crushing grief, sole parent Kate Whittaker must learn to live and love again. It's been tough raising her young son and wrangling a university fundraising job, an overbearing mother and a best friend intent on matchmaking her with someone new.

When Kate and her boss, Hugh, become stranded in a sleepy hamlet north of Byron Bay, she finally has a chance to... [READ MORE](#)



Over 40K copies
of *The Last Love
Note* sold in
the US

EMMA GREY wrote her first adult novel in the wake of her husband's death. It's a fictional tribute to their love, an attempt to articulate the magnitude of her loss and a life-affirming commitment to hope, which has gone on to win hearts around the world. In the US it was selected as a featured title for the Book of the Month and Target Book Clubs, a *Washington Post* noteworthy book and listed in the top 25 new releases by the American Bookseller's Association.

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Pictures of You

Emma Grey

- A heartwarming tear-jerker of a novel packed with all the feelings!

Phoebe Hudson should be grieving her dead husband, but since their car crash that claimed his life, she can't remember him at all.

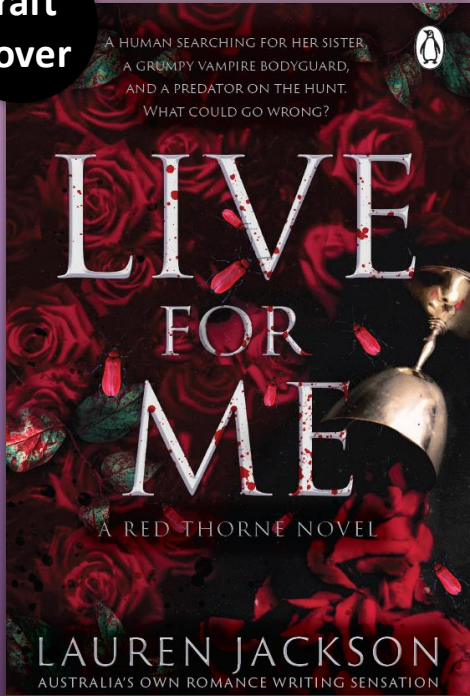
The only person who can help Phoebe piece her past together is high-school best friend, Drew Kennedy – someone she pushed away years ago...



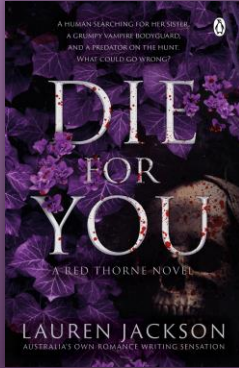
ROMANCE



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Cover



The Red
Thorne Series
continues . . .



A dark, spicy vampire
romantasy for lovers
of *Twilight* and *The
Vampire Diaries*

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Live for Me (Red Thorne Book 2)

Lauren Jackson

- Supernatural romantic suspense – vampires + crime + romance.
- GrumpyXsunshine dynamic between hero and heroine.
- Book 1, *Die for You*, sold into India (Penguin Random House India)

A human searching for her sister, a grumpy vampire bodyguard in charge of keeping her alive, and a malicious creature hunting them down. What could go wrong?

Live for Me continues the addictive Red Throne series, following on from *Die for You*.



LAUREN JACKSON lives in a small coastal town in Australia. Her hobby of writing stories developed into a passion when she discovered the website Wattpad at age fourteen. Since 2012, she has garnered thousands of followers and millions of views on her stories, which have helped grow and develop her love of writing. She lives close to the beach with her partner and her little dog, Ace. Lauren loves to write sweet, steamy romances, and is always writing a new book.

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Break the Rules

Lauren Jackson

- Contemporary sports (football) romance + first book in a planned trilogy.
- Tropes: Second-chance, brother's best friend, forced proximity.

Dating your teammate's little sister is totally off-limits. But Mason and Anya have serious history, not least due to everything that went down three years ago. Now that Anya has to stay at her brother's house (which is also Mason's house!) after leaving her ex, things are going to get dangerous.

Will Anya and Mason be able to keep their hands off each other? (No!)

Will Anya's brother find out? (Yes!) There is also loads of family drama and football. And, of course, 🌶️ spice 🌶️



ROMANCE



Series Title: Blood Wine Dynasty

Book 1: *Last Shot*

Book 2: *Last Breath*

Tropes and Themes:

- Great banter
- Slow burn romance
- Murder mystery
- Wine dynasty
- Family feud
- Small town
- Overprotective male main character

A NEW
ROMANTIC
SUSPENSE
SERIES!

*Pulse-pounding
romance perfect for
fans of Devney Perry
and KA Tucker*

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Last Shot

Emma Pignatiello

Solving a murder that hasn't happened yet should be easy, right? But when ex-prisoner Maxella Conrad barges her way onto the illustrious Barbarani family property to warn them of a murder plot, her life becomes anything but easy.

For one thing, there's Greyson Hawke – the Barbarani family's "fixer" whose job is to protect the family's reputation. He refuses to believe Max, especially when he realises who she is – a disgraced ex-cop who's just spent the last six months behind bars.

With enemies circling, the family closing ranks and betrayal lurking behind every secret passageway of the mansion, Max and Grey are running out of options on who to trust if they stand a chance of stopping a killer.

As the clock starts ticking it becomes clear that they won't be able to stop this murder unless they solve the secrets of the past. Can Max and Grey confront their own demons before the last shot fires?



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Emma Pignatiello is a high-school teacher living on the land of the Wadjuk Noongar people in Perth, Western Australia. Her romantic suspense novel *Last Shot* won the CYA 2022 Competition in the Adult Fiction category, and she was one of the recipients of the 2020 Varuna/Affirm Press Mentorship Award for her YA fantasy novel *The Bone Painter*.

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Last Breath

Emma Pignatiello

Nella Barbarani knows she doesn't deserve a happily ever after. Since the events of six months ago that tore her family apart, she has been partying her demons away, living up to her "nepo baby" reputation.

When a rival wine-making family slaps the Barbarani estate with a lawsuit, Nella's entire life is under threat, and she's forced to turn to Jett, the Barbarani driver, for help.

Jett Randall has never belonged anywhere. Raised in the foster care system, he's never stayed in one place long enough to call it home. Nella lives in a world Jett could never inhabit, and she's always made it perfectly clear where he stands in her eyes.

When the Barbarani's lawyer is found dead, Jett is forced to step in as Nella's guard, despite her protests. Jett will do anything to keep Nella safe. Meanwhile, the closer Nella gets to the truth, the more she fears her family's buried secrets...

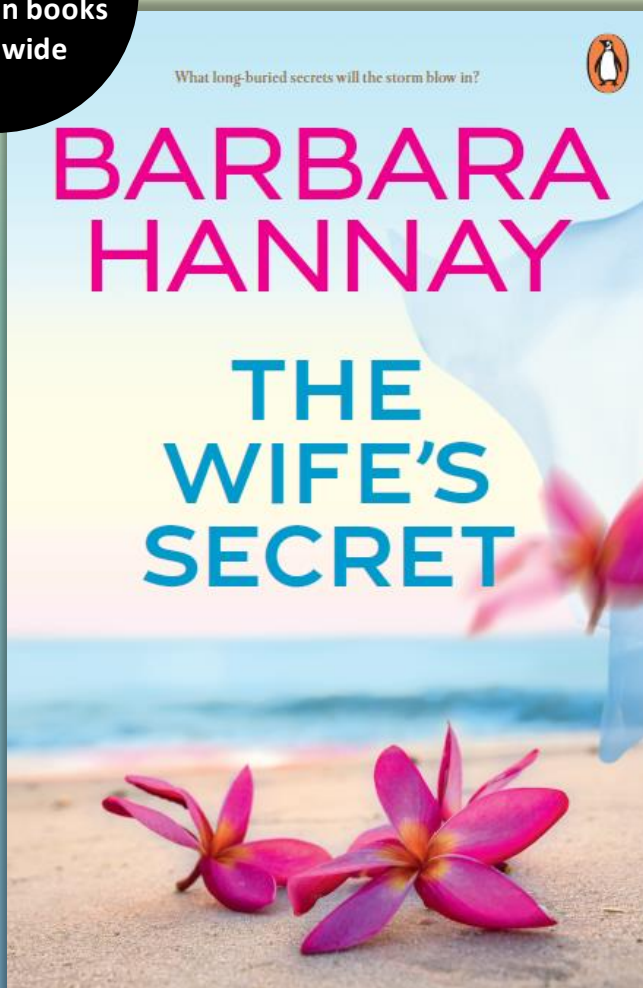


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Barbara Hannay
has sold over
12 million books
worldwide



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The Wife's Secret

Barbara Hannay

- The heartfelt new second-chance romance by the international award-winning author of *The Life Swap*.

Two different dreams

Since their bitter divorce, Lisa and Rolf have forged new and separate lives. Rolf has moved out of Beacon Bay, while Lisa has remained in the tiny tropical town, a pillar of her community.

One violent storm

When a cyclone brings a massive tree smashing into Lisa's roof – into the home Rolf built and where they raised their family - their son Dave convinces Rolf that he must do the repairs. Tensions abound when Rolf arrives with glamorous stage star Renata, along with a pretty young publicist who stirs up complications for Dave and his new restaurant business as well.

Is the damage beyond repair?

Their combined efforts to rebuild the community see them confronting old wounds of their own, but will Lisa be brave enough to risk her heart again, especially if that means revealing the one guilty memory that has haunted her for decades?

Set on the picturesque coastline of Queensland's tropical far north, this is an uplifting story about resurrecting hope and unearthing love - even in the most turbulent of times.



BARBARA HANNAY writes women's fiction, with over 12 million books sold worldwide. Her novels set in Australia have been translated into twenty-six languages, and she has won the Romance Writers of America's RITA award and been shortlisted five times. Two of Barbara's novels have also won the Romance Writers of Australia's Romantic Book of the Year award.

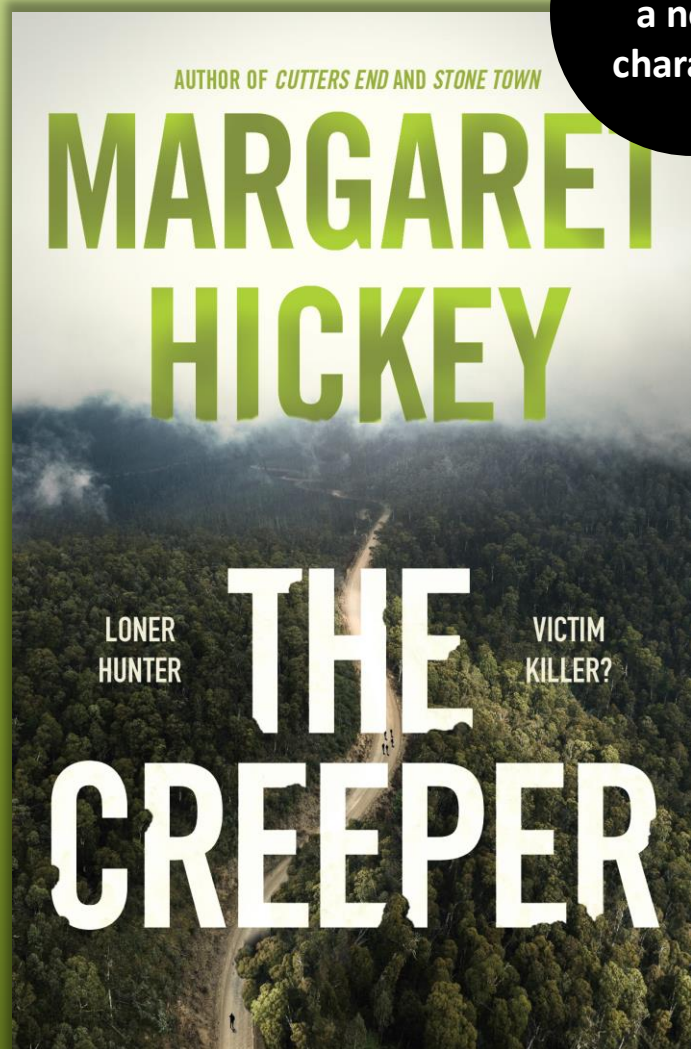
Barbara lives in Townsville with her writer husband and enjoys being close to the Coral Sea, the stunning tropical scenery and colourful characters, all of which find their way into her popular stories. Image © Elliot Hannay

ROMANCE





Introducing
a new
character



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The Creeper Margaret Hickey

- The chilling new mystery novel from the award-winning author of bestsellers *Cutters End*, *Stone Town* and *Broken Bay*.

Victim . . . or killer?

For the last decade, the small mountain town of Edenville in Victoria's high country has been haunted by the horrific murders of five hikers up on Jagged Ridge.

Also found dead near the scene was Bill 'Creeper' Durant, a bushland loner, expert deer-hunter, and a man with a known reputation for stalking campers . . .

Conclusion: murder-suicide. Case closed.

But, as the ten-year anniversary of the massacre draws near, Detective Constable Sally White – the only officer at Edenville's modest police station – finds herself drawn into the dark world of the notorious Durant family.

Lex Durant, in particular, has started to publicly protest his brother's guilt and accuse the police of persecution.

As Sally combs the investigation to prove him wrong, it becomes all too clear that each murdered hiker had skeletons in their own closet - and possible enemies in their past . . .

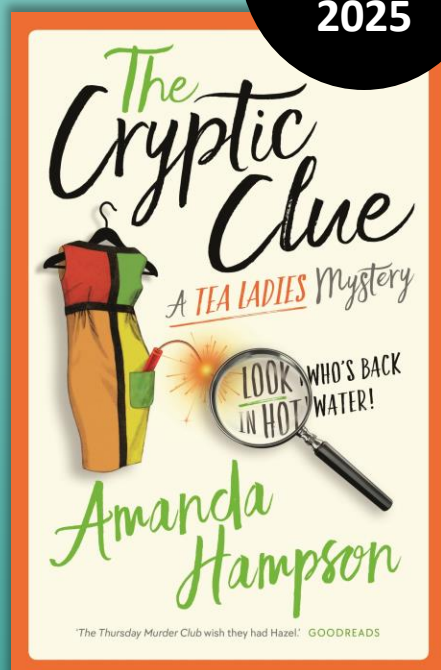
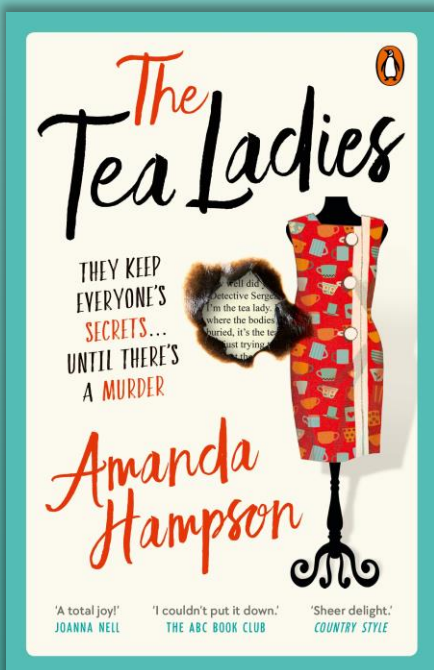


Margaret Hickey is an award-winning author and playwright from North-East Victoria. She has a PhD in Creative Writing and is deeply interested in rural lives and communities. *Cutters End* won the BAD Sydney Danger Prize and was shortlisted for the Ned Kelly Award for Best Debut. Image © Charlotte Guest



'Crime, comedy and fashion, it's a layer cake of which any tea lady would be proud.' – THE AGE

**Book #3
coming in
2025**



The Deadly Dispute The Tea Ladies (Book 3) Amanda Hampson

- This is the third book in the bestselling cosy crime series, following on from *The Tea Ladies* and *The Cryptic Clue*.
- *The Tea Ladies* has sold into Germany (Verlagsgruppe Droemer Knaur).
- Ideal for fans of Richard Osman, Bonnie Garmus and *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*.

They keep everyone's secrets... until there's a murder.

Welcome to Zig Zag Lane in the heart of the rag-trade district, where our intrepid tea ladies, Hazel, Betty and Irene, have their work cut out for them.

Solving a murder, kidnapping, arson case and outwitting an arch criminal has earned them the respect of a local police officer. Now he needs their assistance to help solve a plot that threatens national security.

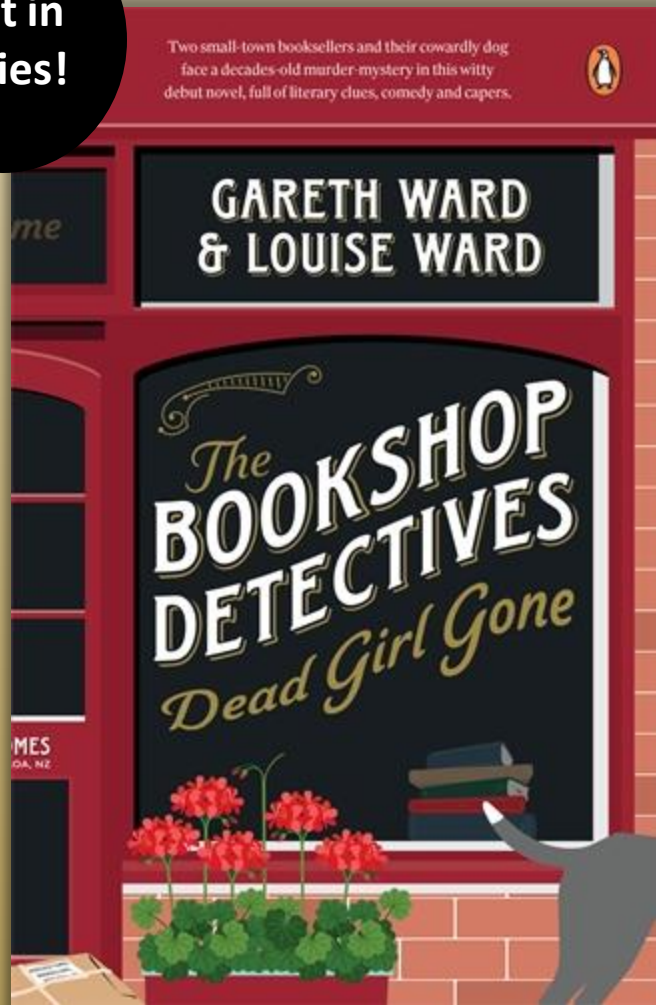
The tea ladies are back in hot water again!



AMANDA HAMPSON grew up in rural New Zealand. She spent her early twenties travelling, finally settling in Australia in 1979 where she now lives in Melbourne. Writing professionally for more than 20 years, she is the author of two non-fiction books, numerous articles and novels including *The Olive Sisters*, *Two for the Road*, *The French Perfumer*, *The Yellow Villa*, *Sixty Summers*, *Lovebirds* and *The Tea Ladies*. Image © Christian Trinder

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The Bookshop Detectives: Dead Girl Gone

Gareth Ward & Louise Ward

- *Diary of a Bookseller* meets *Thursday Murder Club* in this witty and charming cosy crime debut from real life bookshops owners (and husband and wife team), Gareth Ward and Louise Ward.
- Gareth and Louise are both UK born and previously worked in the police force.
- Two small-town booksellers (and their cowardly dog) solve a decades-old murder-mystery in this witty debut novel, full of literary clues, sparkling dialogue, and comedic insights into the world of bookshops.

Introducing...the Bookshop Detectives!

When a mystery parcel arrives at Sherlock Tomes bookshop in small-town Havelock North, New Zealand, husband-and-wife owners Garth and Eloise (and their petrified pooch, Stevie) are drawn into the baffling case of a decades-old missing schoolgirl.

Intrigued by the puzzling, bookish clues the two ex-cops soon become tangled up in a web of crime, drugs, and floral decapitations, while endeavouring to pull off the international celebrity book launch of the century.

With their beloved shop on the chopping block, and the sinister suspect who forced them to run away from Blighty re-emerging from the shadows, have Garth and Eloise Sherlock finally met their Moriarty?



GARETH AND LOUISE WARD are the real-life owners of independent bookshop Wardini Books in New Zealand. Louise is known among the staff as Fearless Leader and Gareth is the author of the *Tarquin the Honest* and *The Rise of the Remarkables* book series, as well as being the bestselling and award-winning author of *The Traitor and the Thief* and *The Clockill and the Thief*.

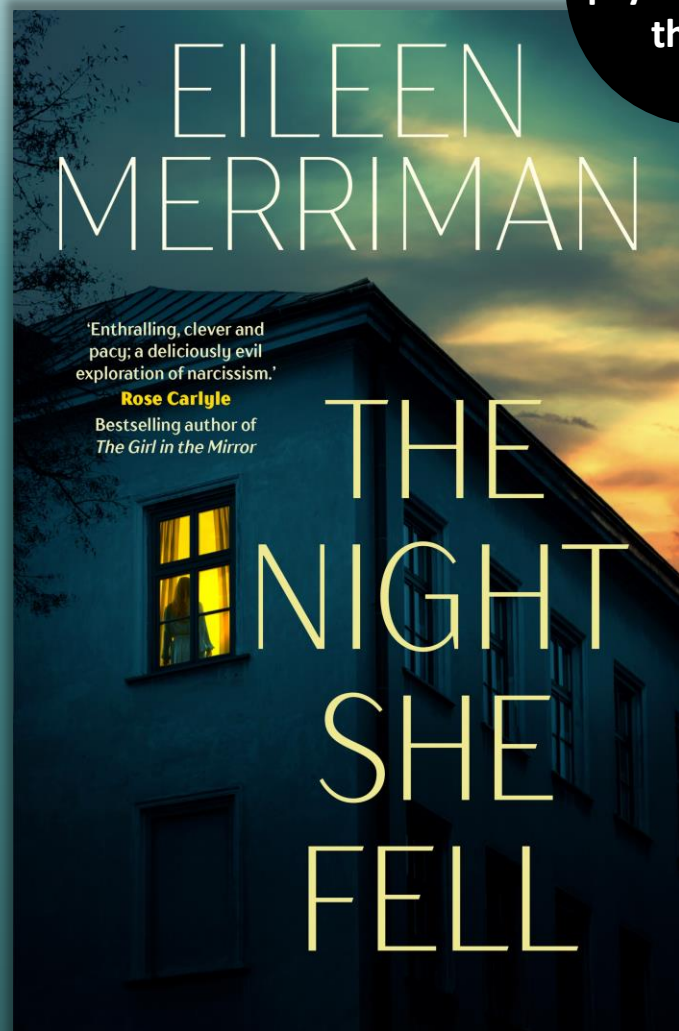
Gareth and Louise met at police training college in the UK and are both ex-coppers. Louise has one murder arrest to her name, is an English Literature Graduate and as an ex-teacher inflicted Shakespeare on inner-city twelve-year-olds. She regularly reviews books on RNZ. Both are obsessed with their rescue dog Stevie, avoid housework and gardening, and live in the cultural centre of the universe that is Hawke's Bay, Aotearoa New Zealand. The Bookshop Detectives is Gareth and Louise's first book together.

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A chilling
psychological
thriller



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The Night She Fell

Eileen Merriman

- 'Pacy, clever and enthralling, *The Night She Fell* is a deliciously evil exploration of narcissism. A thriller that will keep you awake long into the night.' - Rose Carlyle, bestselling author of *The Girl in the Mirror*.
- *Eileen Merriman's YA novels have been optioned for screen adaptations.*

'When I last saw Ashleigh, she was lying in a pool of blood . . . Her eyes were open, staring sightlessly into the sky. I'd like to think she saw the stars before she died; that in her last moments she flew, soaring on serotonin, dreamy with dopamine. I'd like to think she didn't suffer . . .'

A beautiful young law student dies on the concrete below her third-storey window in chilly Dunedin.

It's clear enough how she died. What isn't as clear is why ... or who's involved.

Plenty of people have a reason to hate Ashleigh, with her straight As and perfect looks. She'd fallen out with her flatmates, and her boyfriend Xander is having second thoughts about their future together. And then there are the weird messages.

The Night She Fell is a gripping psychological thriller from one of New Zealand's most multi-talented contemporary novelists.



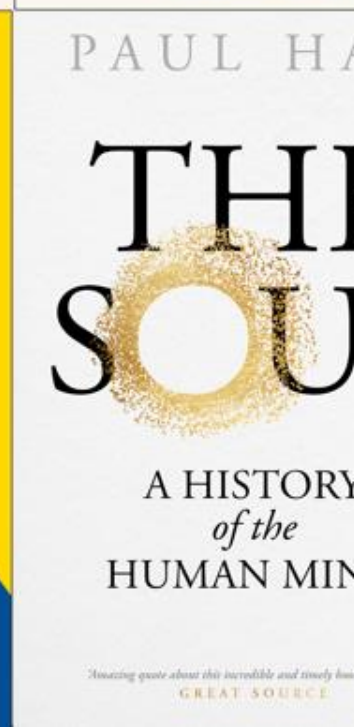
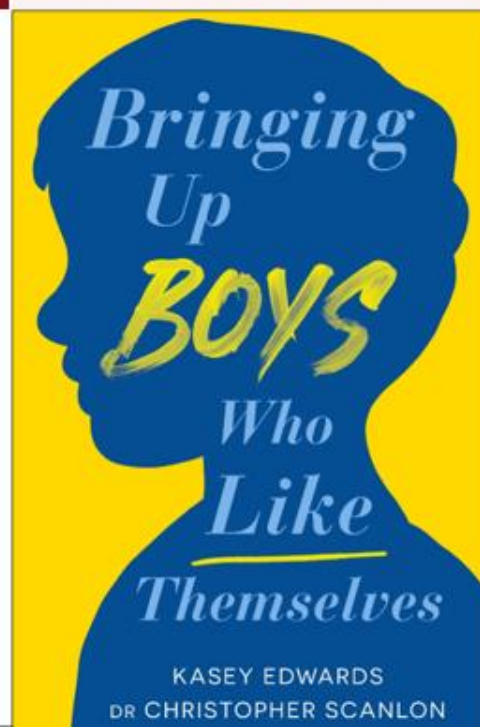
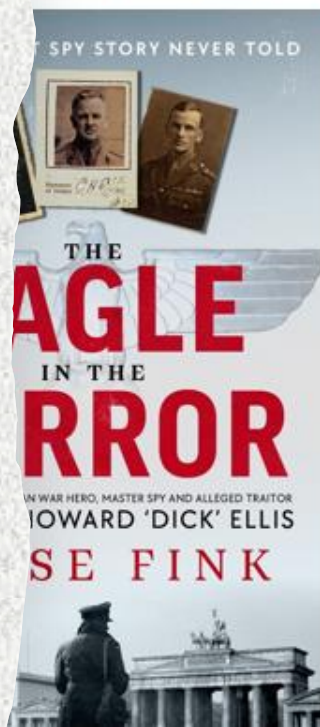
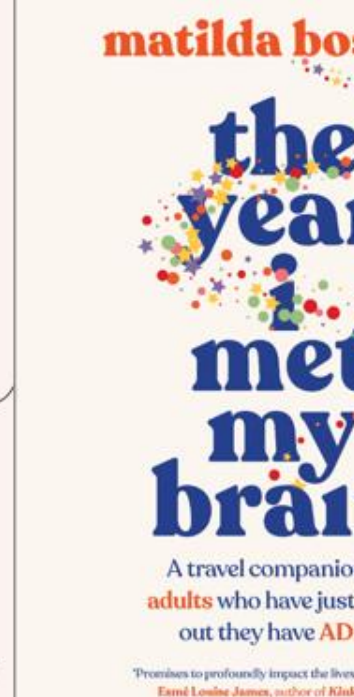
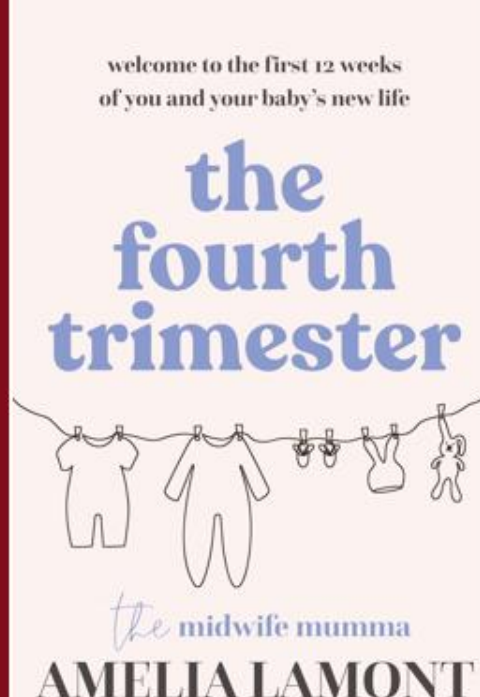
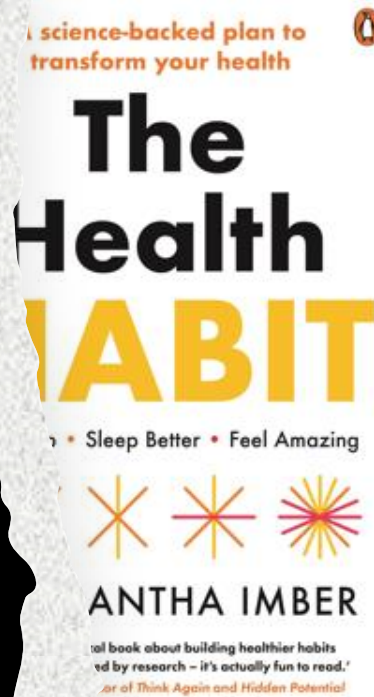
EILEEN MERRIMAN

Eileen Merriman is a much-loved New Zealand author, and has received huge critical praise, with one reviewer saying: 'Merriman is an instinctive storyteller with an innate sense of timing.' In addition to being a regular finalist in the NZ Book Awards for Children and Young Adults, Merriman was a finalist in the 2021 Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Crime Novel and *Moonlight Sonata* was longlisted for the Jann Medlicott Acorn Prize for Fiction 2020. Editions of some of her young adult novels have been released in Germany, Turkey and the UK and three have been optioned for film or TV, including the *Black Spiral Trilogy*.
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From the
author of
Time Wise

A science-backed plan to
transform your health

The Health HABIT

Shape Up • Sleep Better • Feel Amazing



Dr AMANTHA IMBER

'Finally: a practical book about building healthier habits
that's not only backed by research – it's actually fun to read.'

ADAM GRANT, author of *Think Again* and *Hidden Potential*

The Health Habit: Shape Up, Sleep Better, Feel Amazing Amantha Imber

- *Time Wise*, Amantha's last book, was a Top 10 non-fiction bestseller, sold into multiple territories, including The United Kingdom (PRH UK), Korea (Dasan Books), Brazil (Alaúde Editorial), Mexico (VR Editoras) and Taiwan (The Eastern).
- Clear and practical guide: this book distils the latest peer reviewed scientific research by professors at Harvard and Oxford.
- In-built podcast audience: *How I Work* has been downloaded more than 5 million times, and regularly sits at the top of Business charts.

Are you trapped in a cycle of unhealthy habits? You are not alone – we all have unique barriers that get in the way of making permanent changes to our health.

In *The Health Habit*, psychologist Dr Amantha Imber steps away from the one-size-fits-all approach and brings together:

- The specific psychological barriers stopping you from achieving better health;
- Cutting-edge research into what we should eat, how to get fit, and how to sleep better, by professors from Harvard and Oxford, plus various health experts;
- The latest behavioural science that helps us make these changes stick for good;
- and an easy method to create your own personalised and actionable plan to change your habits.



DR AMANTHA IMBER is an organisational psychologist and founder of behaviour change consultancy Inventium. Amantha is also the host of the number one ranking life improvement podcast *How I Work*, which has had over 5 million downloads, where she interviews some of the world's most successful people about their habits, strategies and rituals. In 2019, Amantha was named as one of the *Australian Financial Review's* 100 Women of Influence. In 2021, she won the Thinkers50 Innovation Award (described by the *Financial Times* as the "Oscars for Management Thinking"), which recognises the thinker who has contributed the most to the understanding of innovation globally over the last two years. Amantha's thoughts have appeared in *Harvard Business Review*, *Forbes*, *Entrepreneur* and *Fast Company* and she is the author of three bestselling books, *The Creativity Formula*, *The Innovation Formula* and *Time Wise*, which unlocks the productivity secrets of the world's most successful people.

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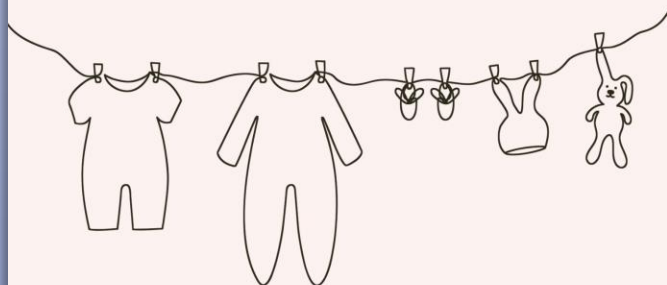
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A guide to
the first
12 weeks
of motherhood

welcome to the first 12 weeks
of you and your baby's new life

the fourth trimester



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AMELIA LAMONT

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The Fourth Trimester Amelia Lamont

- A must-have guide to the all-important and often neglected first 12 weeks after your baby is born by midwife, mother and certified sleep consultant Amelia Lamont (aka The Midwife Mumma).

In her authentic and down-to-earth voice Amelia will guide new mums through this time of great physical and emotional change. After all the build-up and focus on pregnancy and birth, the fourth trimester is often swept aside.

However, as every new mum knows, the first twelve weeks after birth is possibly the most challenging and important part of becoming a mum. Honest and unfiltered, Amelia's professional and personal experience will support mums with humour and heart as they adjust to life as a mum.



AMELIA LAMONT is a midwife, lactation & sleep consultant and entrepreneur. She has been termed 'out there and real' by her purchasers and a 'sleep and baby whisperer' by her clients after selling close to 10,000 guides that educate women and their partners about pregnancy, birth, sleep and beyond.

Amelia started her career in Midwifery almost 10 years ago but soon realised there is a gap in the market for help for new families and babies that extend beyond the hospital and into the 4th trimester. After attending a sleep school facility with her first child, she naturally went on to assist thousands of families after certifying herself as a sleep consultant and assisting them via her social media platforms which resulted in well rested, happier family units. Today, her knowledge extends well beyond sleep and midwifery practice with recently becoming a certified IBCLC consultant. Her passion is helping ease the burden that a challenging pregnancy may bring along with ensuring families are well educated about their birth, the postnatal period, sleep and beyond. When Amelia is not sharing her wealth of knowledge with her clientele or chasing her kids in and out of the car you will find her front and centre of her Instagram account giving a frank account of the day that was. From the highs and lows of motherhood, Amelia has no filter when it comes to sharing her life with the wider audience, and she wouldn't have it any other way.



From the
author of
*This Changes
Everything*

NIKI BEZZANT
bestselling author of
This Changes Everything

The Everything Guide

Hormones,
health and
happiness in
menopause,
midlife and
beyond.

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The Everything Guide Niki Bezzant

- Every woman's honest, healthy guide to eating, moving and feeling your best — for the rest of your life
- A beautiful two-colour package with line drawings throughout

This is the essential new book from bestselling health writer and trusted menopause advocate, Niki Bezzant, author of *This Changes Everything*.

In *The Everything Guide*, Niki brings together her decades of research and writing about food, exercise and personal health with the very latest, evidence-based expert advice in an informative, practical, easy-to-read (and always honest!) style. This is a must-have manual for every woman in midlife and beyond.

Niki re-frames ageing for a new generation, tackling body image struggles; mental health challenges; feeling 'lost' in midlife and re-connecting with ourselves during a time of hormonal transition. The book is also packed with easy-to-follow, practical advice on eating, movement, stress, energy, sleep and more.

This is an inspiring guide full of long-term strategies for feeling great in your body and mind. *The Everything Guide* really does contain everything every woman needs to feel great now and for the decades to come.



NIKI BEZZANT is a New Zealand writer, journalist, editor and commentator who has built a reputation for translating complex health and science jargon into easy-to-understand information for everyone over more than 20 years. A trusted advocate and sought-after speaker on menopause, perimenopause and midlife, Niki is passionate about women's health, especially empowering midlife women to become vibrant, kick-ass old ladies. Niki's career in publishing saw her found and edit *Cuisine* online, and as founding editor, she took *Healthy Food Guide* magazine from indie start-up to New Zealand's top-selling food magazine, a position it held for over a decade. She is a frequent contributor to New Zealand's top print, online and broadcast media including the *NZ Listener*, *RNZ*, *Good* magazine and *Newstalk ZB*. Niki's first, and bestselling, menopause guide *This Changes Everything* was published by Penguin Random House in 2022.



A 4-week toolkit for rediscovering your best self

REBOOT

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KAYLA ITSINES

Featuring workouts, recipes, tips and journal

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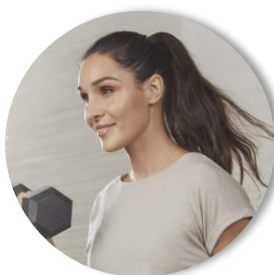
- Kayla is one of the biggest fitness influencers in the world, with over 45 MILLION followers across all platforms, located all over the globe!
- UK + Commonwealth English Language Rights sold to PRH UK.

The all-in-one toolkit for kickstarting your health and fitness, from Sweat's co-founder and head trainer, Kayla Itsines.

The book features a four-week holistic program with incremental exercise plans, mobility and HIIT exercises, 30 recipes, meal planning templates, Kayla's wellbeing tools, and daily journal plus bonus journal pages.

It has broad appeal and easy entry – not for fitness fanatics but is for anyone looking to get back into or start their fitness journey.

Format is a gorgeous flexiback paperback with full colour design and photography.



KAYLA ITSINES is the co-founder and Head Trainer of Sweat - is a leading women's fitness app and global community that has transformed the lives of millions of women around the world. Kayla has made it her mission to provide women with the tools they need to improve their health and fitness, revolutionising the female fitness landscape and making movement more accessible to women across the globe. Home to over 45 unique programs and more than 13,000 workouts designed by women, for women, Sweat is available in over 145 countries and in eight languages. Image © Stuart Miller



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Mindset, motivation and creating your dream life

Tammy Hembrow

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Show Up: Mindset, Motivation and Creating Your Dream Life

Tammy Hembrow

- A motivational guide to owning your life, balancing your priorities, achieving whatever you set your mind to and bringing your best self to it all.
- Simultaneous publication with PRH UK (Cornerstone).
- Tammy has a highly engaged online following with 12M Instagram followers. 1.9M TikTok followers and 1.3M YouTube subscribers.

Women across the world look up to Tammy for inspiration – she has almost 20 million followers across platforms. In this, her first book, Tammy breaks down life into its eight main areas and explains how she shows up and them all and balances them all.

She shares her secrets about setting goals, building habits, staying motivated, tackling challenges, embracing vulnerability and having fun. Tammy also offers behind-the-scenes insights into the high and low experiences of her life and the moments that her followers recognise from her social media channels.



TAMMY HEMBROW is an entrepreneur and one of Australia's most successful creators, with over 20 million followers. As the founder of fitness platform Tammy Fit and luxury athleisure label Saski, Tammy's mission is to motivate and inspire people to feel their best. Tammy has been listed in *Business News Australia's* 40 under 40, won Young Entrepreneur of the Year Australia in her category for *Business News Australia*, and been voted *Cosmopolitan* magazine's Social Media Star of the Year, Fitness & Travel. She is mum to Wolf, Saskia and Posy.

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Main Character Energy Bianca Hunt

- An upbeat, empowering and illuminating guide for twenty-to-thirtysomethings about how to take control of your life, career and self.
- “Main Character Energy” is a way of taking charge and living life to its fullest. A wake-up call: you must change your life. You are the main character in your life!

Traditional narratives: Previously, the traditional path for people in their twenties was to have their whole life mapped out by this point. But as Bianca knows, you don’t have to have it all figured out at this age! Instead, your twenties can be a time to explore, to find what brings you joy and to be open to possibilities. Here Bianca would delve into traditional narratives in more detail: her own, those modelled by previous generations, the decisions facing young First Nations people and more.

Expectation and pressure: Leading on from the previous topic this would be about the weight of expectation and pressure, the forms it can take and the impacts it can have. Bianca would share some of her own experiences (how she feels she has been ‘pigeonholed’ at times), profile/interview other people and suggest strategies to deal with expectation and pressure.

Career and business: As a person in their late twenties with numerous high-profile achievements, Bianca is qualified to share the wisdom she wishes she had starting her career and to inspire those starting on their journey. Ultimately, she would break down the traditional parameters of success and determine her unique framework for productivity, ambition and success.



BIANCA HUNT, a proud Kamilaroi, Barkindji, Ballardong and Whadjuk woman, was always the ‘creative kid’ in her family. While her brother played AFL and her sister was a runner, Bianca loved dancing and singing.

Fast forward to 2023, and the now-27-year-old has an established career in the Australian media space, having been a host of the 2019 National NAIDOC Awards, a guest on The Drum, and also a co-host of Indigenous TV network NITV’s Yokayi Footy program. She also co-hosted Going Places with Ernie Dingo season 5 this year. She is a Queensland University of Technology, Business and Creative Industries Graduate, 2021 LinkedIn Changemaker, experienced broadcaster and freelancer. In 2021 Bianca launched her own talent agency, AGNT BLAK, aimed at providing a safe environment for First Nations media personalities, speakers and influencers to thrive in mainstream spaces.

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From the creator
of *Steph Pase
Planners*



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Mastering My Messy Life

Steph Pase

- Steph Pase is a mother of two and the powerhouse behind [@justanothermummyblog](#) and [Steph Pase Planners](#).

Funny, tragic, surprising and heartfelt, this memoir lifts the lid on Aussie social media star, renowned mummy blogger, podcaster and entrepreneur Steph Pase. For her 1M+ online fans, her life is filled with a string of successes, but now for the first time she reveals the real Steph hidden behind her seemingly glamorous lifestyle.

Steph Pase is the Aussie go-to girl online for all things home life, organisation, motherhood, health and fitness. And she's the first to admit: she's a hot mess too. She's also scatterbrained, a bit lazy, and can't throw a ball to save her life. So how did this former messy girl-next-door become renowned for cleaning routines, home hacks, organisation tips and successful entrepreneurship?

With a vulnerable, confessional writing style, Steph tells stories that will have you sobbing one minute and snort-laughing the next. This is not just another mummy memoir; it's a story of perseverance, growth, overcoming obstacles and learning how to live your best life using the most reliable tool at your disposal: YOURSELF.



STEPH PASE is the ultimate multi-hyphenate millennial woman. She's an entrepreneur, content creator, media personality, writer, mother and wife, who is simultaneously running a wildly successful business and online community of more than one million followers, while trying to get her kids out the door looking remotely presentable and trying to remember why she walked into the kitchen.



From the
author of
How to Endo



Figuring Out 30 Bridget Hustwaite

- Explore the chaos, confusion and clarity that comes with turning 30 with podcaster and popular radio presenter Bridget Hustwaite.
- For readers of Dolly Alderton, Nell Frizzell and Elizabeth Day.
- Her first book, *How to Endo*, was a lived-experience guide to life with endometriosis. It was a bestseller on release in 2018.

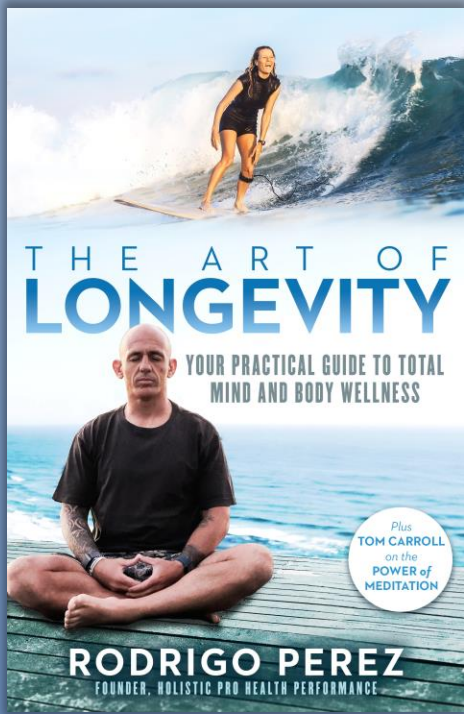
Just before turning 30, Bridget Hustwaite had a big romantic break-up, released her first book and was then plunged into lockdown. The big 3-0 did not turn out as planned – a common experience, it turns out, and one that led her to create her popular podcast, Figuring Out 30.

A relatable book of reflections, insights and tips from experts and personalities about crossing the threshold into your thirties and navigating all that awaits, *Figuring Out 30* is a reassuring read that transforms fear into excitement. Covering a broad range of topics including heartbreak, sexuality, work and money, marriage, grief, family dynamics and astrology, Bridget lends her warm and witty voice to the conundrums awaiting so many of us as our twenties come to and we realise: the only approval we need for our life choices is our own.



BRIDGET HUSTWAITE is a music presenter, author and podcaster. Her first book, *How to Endo*, a lived-experience guide to life with endometriosis, was a bestseller on release in 2018. Bridget's latest project is an independent podcast series called Figuring Out 30, exploring the chaos, confusion and clarity that comes with turning 30. Within days of release, Figuring Out 30 made Spotify's Top 20 Podcast Chart (AU/NZ) and made their top 5% most shared podcasts globally for 2022. The podcast also received a New & Noteworthy feature on Apple Podcasts and Bridget was asked to personally curate a playlist of songs to accompany the podcast, which was featured as Pick of the Day on Apple Music. Image © Michelle Grace Hunter

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RODRIGO PEREZ is a professional coach and founder of Holistic Pro Health Performance and has worked with some of the world's most successful athletes. *The Art of Longevity* draws on everything he's learned along his own journey, for one aim: keeping people in the water, on the trail, in the mountains – wherever their inspiration lives.

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The Art of Longevity

Rodrigo Perez

The Art of Longevity is a simple wake-up call, filled with practical, easy-to-understand principles to apply across your life—in your habits, exercise goals, nutrition, meditation and breathing practices, lifestyle choices and much, much more.

There is often a disconnect between the raw spirit of our younger selves—when energy and enthusiasm were inexhaustible, and our bodies rarely let us down – and the limitations and demands we increasingly face over time. Our vitality can fade as we stress over career, family, financial security and just staying mentally afloat. We allow poor nutrition and bad habits to take root, while our frantic mind takes the wheel. Worst of all, we neglect our 'fire' – the things that we love and give our lives meaning.



'What if you were already enough? And everything else was just one big distraction?'



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• Show Up, Stand Up, Speak Up Erika Cramer

Erika Cramer is renowned as The Queen of Confidence, a global leader in the world of confidence coaching, empowering women to reclaim their lives. She is an award-winning life coach and psychotherapist and to date, her programs and podcast *The Confidence Chronicles* have transformed the lives of hundreds of thousands of women globally.

Show Up, Stand Up, Speak Up is Erika's guide to becoming magnetic and taking up the space you deserve. Writing for any woman who feels they're staying small and quiet in parts of their lives, Erika explains how to stop hiding, start showing up and speak your truth. With these three principles you'll unlock the kind of confident, radiant energy that will draw people and opportunities to you and take your life in incredible new directions.

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LUCILLE SHACKLETON is an Australian Sex and Relationship Therapist whose passion for psychoeducation has led to an influential presence on social media. Lucille's posts on dating and relationships regularly go viral resulting in a following of over 200k and numerous posts reaching anywhere from 1-13 million people.

She also runs a private practice in Sydney where she works with couples and individuals to improve their relationships. Lucille has a Bachelor of Behavioural Science and Sociology from The University of Notre Dame, a Post Graduate Certificate in Public Health from Curtin University and Post Graduate Diploma in Counselling from The University of Tasmania. She is currently completing her Masters in Psychosexual Therapy at Sydney University.

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All In Lucille Shackleton

- **Do you want that feeling of being 'all in' with someone you love?**

Australian sex and relationship therapist- and Instagram star - Lucille Shackleton gives you the tools to create a thriving, loving and lasting relationship with the person you love.

Lucille shifts the focus away from finding the elusive "one" to instead focusing on what it means to have a healthy relationship couched in a common shared vision between two partners. She explores topics that really help relationships thrive, including self-awareness, vulnerability, and the natural messiness of relationships. All In is not about playing the blame game, but rather seeing what works for you, whether you are newly dating or drifting along in a long-term marriage and just need the tools to improve the relationship you love with the person you love.



RESET your mindset around 'dieting' and change your relationship to food

NOURISH your body with what it needs

BURN unwanted fat using six simple hacks

SUSIE BURRELL is a Sydney-based leading dietitian with qualifications in nutrition and psychology. She specialises in weight loss and the dietary management of hormone disorders in women. She is the author of Losing the Last 5kg, Lose Weight Fast, and the Monday to Friday Diet.

LEANNE WARD is a nutritionist, sports dietitian, and influencer. She specialises in coaching women about emotional eating, gut health, and sustainable fat loss. She has 12 years of clinical nutrition and dietetics experience in both public hospitals and private practice.

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Reset Nourish Burn Susie Burrell and Leanne Ward

- **Reset Nourish Burn: The 3 dietician-backed principles for lasting weight control.**
- **Designed by dietitians, discover this accessible guide to the three simple principles that will help you manage your weight with ease – forever.**

This science-backed guide is complete with easy-to-make, nutritionally balanced recipes and meal plans, and filled with helpful case studies to illustrate the powerful effects of Susie and Leanne's dietary coaching.

Practical, realistic, supportive and informative, Reset, Nourish, Burn is all the information and motivation you need to get back in control of your health.





From the
founder of
the Australian
Institute of
Human
Wellness

The Dopamine Brain

Dr Anastasia Hronis

- **Feel empowered to make both pleasurable and purposeful choices, leading to a full, rich and meaningful life.**

Sex, shopping, eating, social media, drugs and gambling are just some of the things that can trigger a release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter in the brain that is involved in the brain's reward system. The overindulgence of certain pursuits can disrupt the level of dopamine in our brain, which can steer us towards habits that do not align with our core values.

Fortunately, *The Dopamine Brain* by clinical psychologist and founder of the Australian Institute of Human Wellness, Dr Anastasia Hronis, offers a clear and practical way to help people find balance and harmony in their lives.

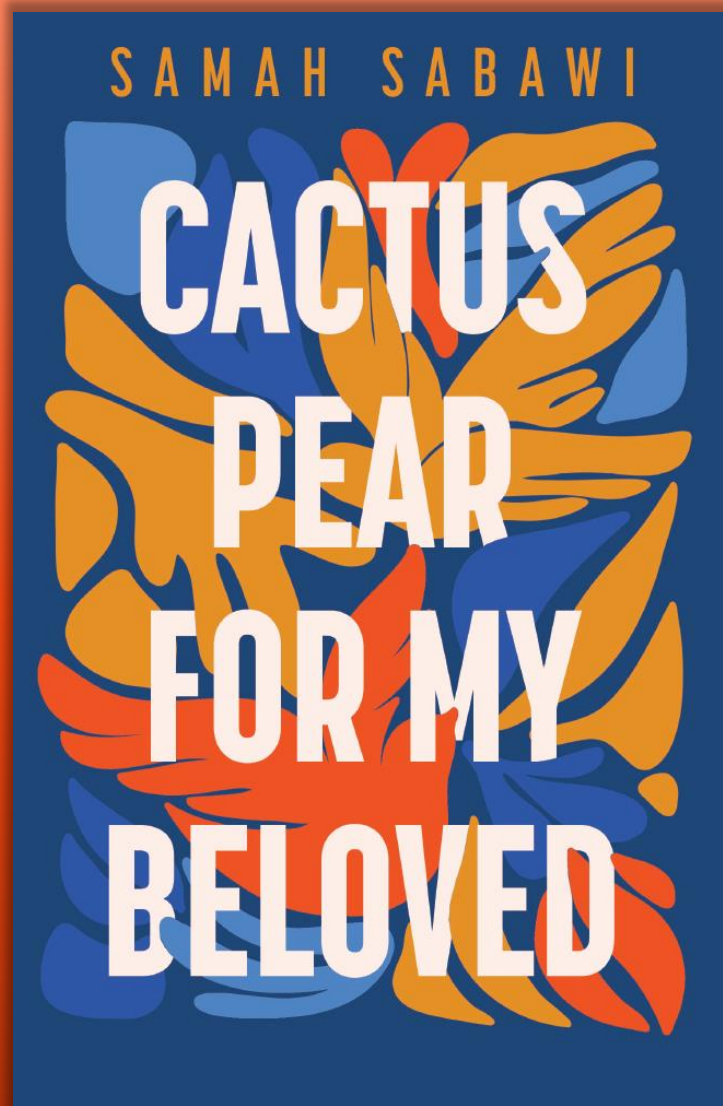
The book is divided into three parts, each made up of chapters that explore a specific topic in a clear, understandable way, weaving in the latest research in neuroscience and psychology, case studies and reflective questions. By the end of this guide, Dr Hronis will help you feel empowered to make both pleasurable and purposeful choices, leading to a full, rich and meaningful life.



DR ANASTASIA HRONIS is a clinical psychologist and founder of the Australian Institute for Human Wellness in Sydney. Her main area of research is also in addictions, with a specific focus on gambling. Anastasia also provides individual psychological therapy, group therapy programs, coaching courses and workshops. She has wide range of experience working in both the public and private sectors. She has presented at many national and international conferences and has published research in top rated journals. She also lectures and researches at the University of Technology Sydney.

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Cactus Pear For My Beloved Samah Sabawi

- The story of a family over the past 100 years, starting in Palestine under British rule, and ending in Queensland, Australia.
- A moving and optimistic memoir from an award-winning author, playwright and poet.

Samah Sabawi shares the story of her parents, and many like them, who were born as their parents were being forced to leave their homelands.

Filled with love for land, history and people, it is more than anything else a family story and a love story told with enormous humanity and feeling.

It follows the story set during the time of displacements, where one son (one of six), born to a disabled father and illiterate mother, became a leading poet and writer in Palestine, and an advocate for peaceful resistance. He was eventually forced, with his own young family in tow, to flee his homeland, and start a new life in Australia.

One of the gifts of Samah Sabawi's Baba is to remain open-hearted and optimistic.



Samah Sabawi is an author, playwright and poet and a recipient of multiple awards both nationally and internationally. Her theatre credits include the critically acclaimed and award-winning plays *Tales of a City by the Sea* and *THEM*. In 2020 Samah received the prestigious Green Room Award for Best Writing in the independent theatre category and was shortlisted for both the NSW and Victorian Premier's Literary Awards. With Stephen Orlo Samah edited the anthology *Double Exposure: Plays of the Jewish and Palestinian Diasporas*, winner of the Patrick O'Neill Award and she co-authored *I Remember My Name: Poetry by Samah Sabawi, Ramzy Baroud and Jehan Bseiso*, edited by Vacy Vlazna, winner of the Palestine Book Award. Samah received a Doctor of Philosophy from Victoria University for her thesis titled *Inheriting Exile, transgenerational trauma and the Palestinian Australian Identity*.

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Unreel

Diana Wichtel

- From the bestselling author of *Driving to Treblinka* comes this sharp, funny and poignant memoir, bound to resonate with Boomers and Gen Xers, whose touchstone memories from childhood and beyond are often tied to TV shows
- Diana Wichtel's previous work has been published into Canada (Heritage House)

Born in 1950, Diana's life encompasses the entire TV era – and this book tells it all, from *I Dream of Jeannie* to *M*A*S*H**, to *Coro and Shortie*, to *Eastenders* and *The Sopranos*, to reality TV and *Game Of Thrones*, and beyond.

From the bestselling author of the memoir *Driving to Treblinka* (about the author's search for her Holocaust survivor father father), this new book takes us back to Wichtel's early life story, and reveals more about her father and importantly, her mother.

Full of the author's trademark humour and pathos, this is a memoir of family and trauma, via growing up square-eyed in front of the tube in the 50s/60s/70s/80s in television's Golden Years.



DIANA WICHTEL is a revered name in New Zealand letters. She is the author of *Driving To Treblinka* (Awa Press) which won the Royal Society Te Apārangi Award for General non-fiction at the 2018 Ockham New Zealand Book Awards.

Wichtel was appointed staff writer at the New Zealand Listener in 1984 and has won many awards for her television criticism, profiles and feature writing. She was still writing for the Listener when its then publisher announced the magazine's closure in April 2020. The New Zealand Herald's weekend magazine Canva welcomed Wichtel as a fortnightly columnist in October 2020.

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A guide to
living boldly,
authentically and
unapologetically

Authentic: Your Path Back to Self

Kat John

- A guide to getting back in touch with your true nature and what matters to you so you can live as who you were really meant to be
- Kat has a strong online following, with 533k Instagram followers, and hosts the highly successful podcast *Real Raw Relatable*

Kat John is a coach, keynote speaker and podcaster with irresistible energy – loved as much for her fun and uplifting dance videos as for her candid and raw insights about her own growth and healing. Having overcome her own struggles, from eating disorder and drug addiction to chronic pain and an unexpected brain surgery, Kat has walked the talk of learning how to find and live as her real self. And she's on a mission to help others do the same.

- Many women turn to Kat for her advice when they reach a crisis point in their thirties and forties. This inspiring guide to cultivating authenticity will be the toolkit they can turn to in order to reclaim who they are and what they want.



KAT JOHN is a catalyst for transformation, empowering individuals to shed societal shackles and reclaim their authenticity. As an authenticity coach and host of the *Real Raw Relatable* podcast, she guides others on a journey of self-discovery, challenging limiting beliefs and encouraging radical self-acceptance. With her signature 'zerofks' approach, Kat emboldens her audience to break free from conformity, embracing their true essence with unwavering courage. Through her work, she ignites a ripple effect of empowerment, inspiring others to live boldly, authentically and unapologetically. Kat is not just a coach; she is a beacon of light, guiding souls back to their innate power and guiding them to lead lives of profound purpose and fulfilment. Image © Alexandra Drewniak

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From the
author of
*Things I
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The Mermaid Chronicles

A Midlife Mer-moir
Megan Dunn



The Mermaid Chronicles: A Mid-life Mer-moir Megan Dunn

- The true tale of how one woman's lifelong obsession became a midlife mermaid odyssey, from the irrepressibly witty author of *Tinderbox* and *Things I Learned at Art School*
- Cover art features Instagram star, Hannah Mermaid
- A beautifully written midlife memoir, for readers of *Leviathan* by Rosie Andrews and *Out of Rage* by Geoff Dyer
- Includes stories from dozen of professional mermaids as seen in recent documentaries like *MerPeople* on Netflix

Forty, freckled and facing infertility, writer and disgruntled project manager Megan Dunn hears the siren call that reawakens her lifelong obsession and sets off in pursuit of mermaids. Real mermaids.

From Coney Island and Copenhagen to Courtenay Place, Wellington, New Zealand; from Waterhouse's classic painting *A Mermaid* to the 1984 romantic comedy *Splash* to Skyping the first freelance mermaids of the new millennium, her odyssey takes her to strange and unlikely places, probing the collective unconscious and asking the question that has plagued humans for millennia: What *is* it about mermaids?

Diving into the caves of her own life, Megan loses the plot but finds her voice and hears the mermaids singing.

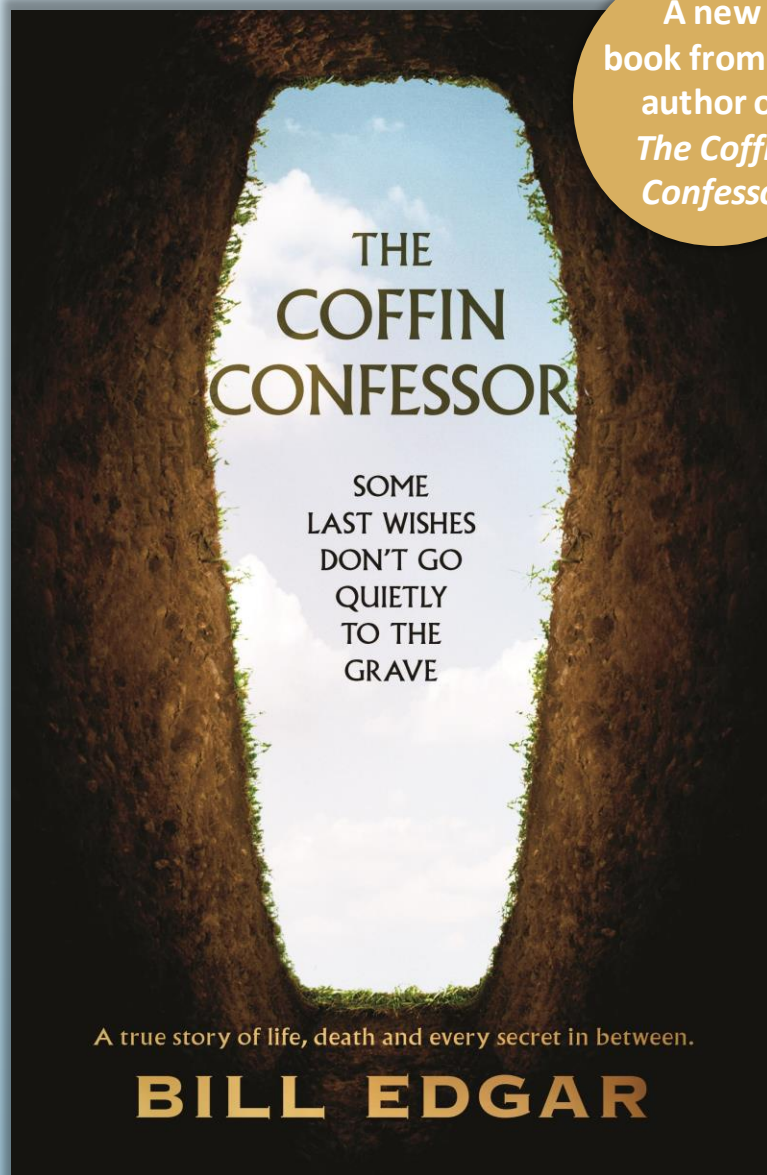
Shimmeringly intellectual and devastatingly deadpan, tragicomic and true, *The Mermaid Chronicles* is an off-the-hook tale about sex and marriage, mothers and daughters, middle age, women's work, obsession, the stories we tell ourselves and the myths that define us all. (And Daryl Hannah, too)



MEGAN DUNN is the author of two irreverent works of non-fiction *Tinderbox* (Galley Beggar Press, 2017) and her memoir in essays *Things I Learned at Art School* (Penguin Random House New Zealand, 2021.) Megan graduated with a master's in creative writing from the University of East Anglia. In 2006, she won an Escalator award from the New Writing Partnership (now the National Centre for Writing.) In 2022 she was the annual Writer in Residence at the International Institute of Modern Letters, based at Victoria University of Wellington, Te Herenga Waka. During this residency she worked on the first draft of her mer-moir and also curated an art exhibition *The Mermaid Chronicles*, based on her journeys to meet the world's leading professional mermaids. You can watch a short clip of Megan speaking about mermaids on TVNZ.

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The Afterlife Confessional Bill Edgar

- *The Coffin Confessor* is being adapted as a TV series.
- *The Coffin Confessor* has become a world-wide phenomenon. Bill is regularly interviewed on television, radio and podcasts across the globe: major US markets and rural radio – including an appearance on NPR's *This American Life* - Denmark, Brazil, Colombia, Canada, the UK, Iceland, Egypt, India, Japan, China and Malaysia, to name a few.

A private investigator with a haunting past, Bill Edgar's life was never destined to be ordinary. Rising to international fame as the 'Coffin Confessor' – the man who crashes funerals on behalf of the deceased, giving voice to their last wishes – Bill dismantled many of the assumptions we hold about truth, dignity and the business of dying.

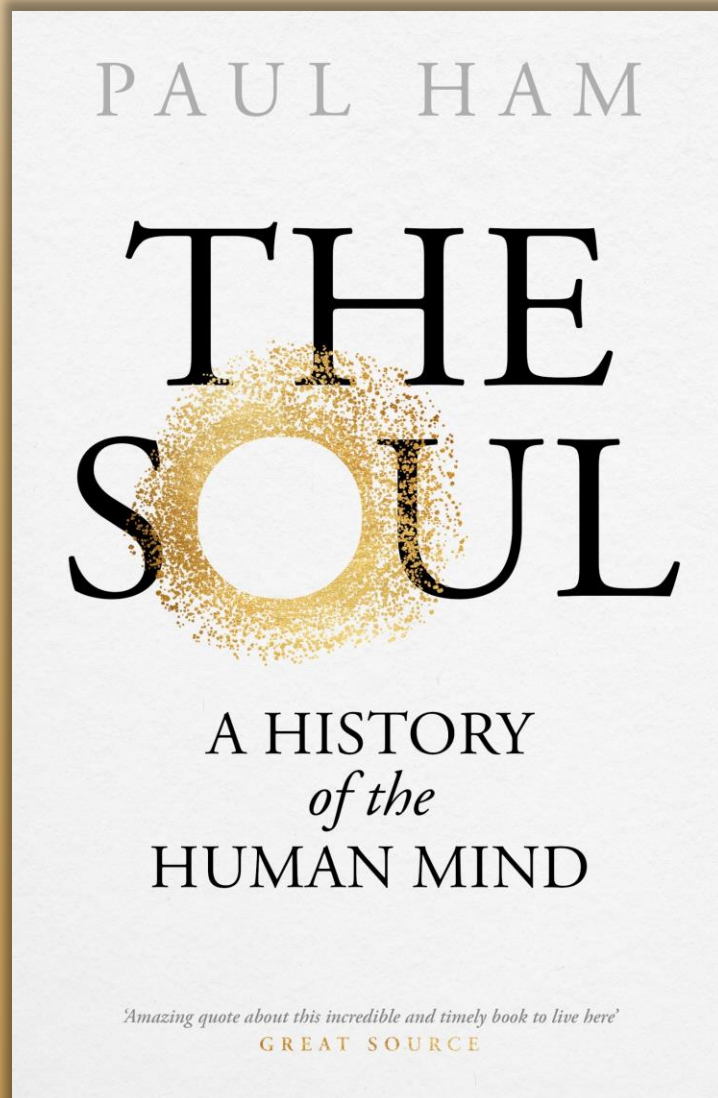
Swindlers, cheaters, vultures, liars and con-artists – there isn't a musty corner of the human soul Bill hasn't confronted. Loved and loathed in equal measure, his only concern is being the caretaker of the secrets and desires his clients have entrusted to him. Shame and outrage, healing and comfort are left up to those left behind.

But it's a request from one woman to hand-deliver a bottle of wine to her husband on the anniversary of her death that raises deeper questions: What do we make out of the handful of days we're given? If hate and injustice are so hard to bury, why does love have a knack for triumphing? Are the most profound acts in life sometimes the most quiet ones?

The Afterlife Confessional follows Bill's journey for answers as he looks through the dizzying kaleidoscope of his clients' lives – the widower who escaped an aged-care trap to take her husband's ashes on the road trip of a lifetime; the man who spent his life paying it forward to try to make up for one shameful act; the closet dominatrix who quietly confronts her husband's infidelity by comforting those truly in need; the devoted couple who insist on going hand-in-hand into the afterlife.



BILL EDGAR is the one they call 'The Coffin Confessor' – he's a successful businessman, counsellor, author and one of Australia's leading private detectives, who's known for doing what most lawyers, accountants and professionals won't, can't or fear: speak the truth of those silenced.



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The Soul: A History of the Human Mind

Paul Ham

- An epic history of the human mind that reaches both deep into our past and is urgently of its time
- *Sapiens* meets *Atomic Habits* by James Clear

The Soul explores the future of what it means to be human and redefines the essence of humankind by virtue of our ability to believe, befriend and fall in love.

The Soul tells the story of how we understand the human soul, from the earliest indigenous societies to the era of robotics and artificial intelligence.

The Soul challenges conventional ideas about the 'laws' of history. It shows convincingly that the soul is the engine of human history. How? Because the soul is the forge of human belief. And belief in something – a god, a religion, a prophecy, a political ideology, a charismatic leader, whether real or imagined – is the driver of historical change.

Media and Reviews for Paul Ham

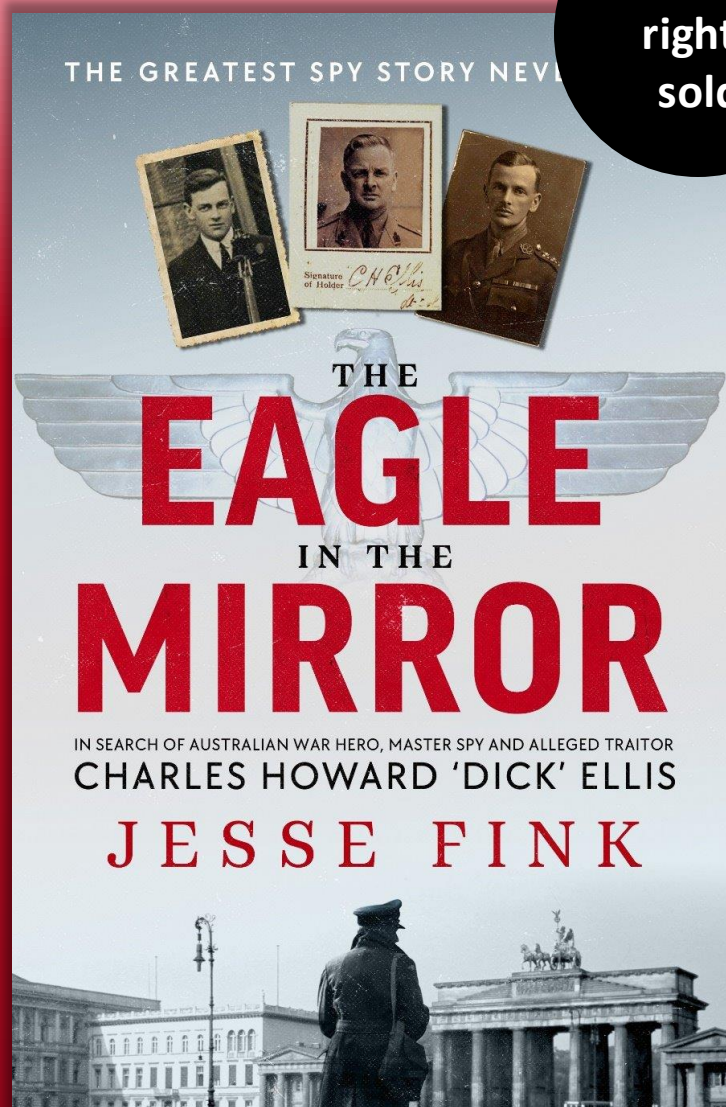
'Authoritatively researched, intelligently structured and beautifully written . . . Ham's work stands above the rest.' The Age



PAUL HAM is the author of award-winning books *Hiroshima Nagasaki* (2011), *Vietnam: The Australian War* (2007) and *Kokoda* (2004), *Sandakan: The Untold Story of the Sandakan Death Marches* (2012) and *1914: The Year The World Ended* (2014). A former *Sunday Times* correspondent, with a Master's degree in Economic History from the London School of Economics, Paul now devotes most of his time to writing history. He lives in Paris and Sydney with his family. Image © Mark Friezer



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The Eagle In The Mirror Jesse Fink

- The untold story of an Australian-born intelligence officer accused by some espionage experts of being the traitor of the century: Charles Howard 'Dick' Ellis.
- Perfect for readers of Ben Macintyre and John le Carré.
- Translation rights only! English Language Rights sold in the UK (Black + White Publishing) and US (Kensington Books)

Part biography, part forensic jigsaw puzzle, part cold-case detective investigation. Despite being MI6's longest serving spy, Dick Ellis was posthumously accused of having operated as a 'triple agent' for Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. But these accusations have never been comprehensively proven.

Jesse Fink attempts to find out the truth once and for all. *The Eagle in the Mirror* is not just a long-overdue biography of the unheralded Dick Ellis; it's a gripping real-life international whodunit.

Media and Reviews for Jesse Fink's Bestsellers

'Exhaustively investigative and engrossing.' Exclaim

'A new true-crime classic.' Booklist

'Gripping story... fascinating.' Publishers Weekly



JESSE FINK was born in London in 1973. He is the author of six books including *The Eagle in the Mirror*, *Pure Narco*, *Bon: The Last Highway* and *The Youngs: The Brothers Who Built AC/DC*. Visit his official website at jessefinkbooks.com.



**TikTok
Sensation!**

Tigga Mac's Cake Hacks

Tegan MacCormack

- The ultimate DIY guide to cake decorating – a no-nonsense, simple, affordable approach to creating the centrepiece to any kids' celebration
- UK + Commonwealth English Language rights sold (Ebury)
- Tigga has 1.8M TikTok followers, 855K YouTube Followers and 442K Instagram followers

Tigga has over two million online followers worldwide who love her creative and colourful cake designs, and now she's on a mission to bring these showstoppers to families around Australia and beyond with this book.

There will be recipes for her ultimate sponges and icings for those who wish to bake from scratch, as well as decorating magic. Even a readymade sponge cake from the supermarket can be transformed into something that will make a child's special day!



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TIGGA MAC is an Aussie cake decorator who has become a viral phenomenon for her incredible decorating skills and iconic voiceovers. Tigga created the perfect hook in her online content with her signature catch phrase 'Okie Dokie,' and her social media audience has grown into a global following of over two million people across multiple platforms (1.5M on TikTok, 515K on Instagram, 560K on YouTube). Image © Tegan MacCormack

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**FOOD
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From the
creator of the
internet's favourite
cookies!



Bake with Brooki Brooke Saward

- A stunning book of bakes by Brooke, owner of virally popular Brooki Bakehouse, beloved for its sellout iconic cookies, heart-shaped celebration cakes and so much more.
- With 1.8M Followers on TikTok, 695K on Instagram and 345K subscribers on YouTube and a newsletter with 58K subscribers, Brooke has a loyal and engaged online community and ships orders globally.
- Brooke's 'day in the life' videos are what helped her popularity explode. [Check out this video](#) as an example – 340k likes and 4.7m views!



BROOKE SAWARD is the owner of Brooki's Bakehouse. Before following her dream of owning an online bakery, Brooke was travelling the world in search of the best bakeries to bring together ideas from around the globe. Brooke's first book, *World of Wanderlust*, was inspired by her travel blog of the same name. She employs a small team of writers in London, Paris, Berlin, and New York. Brooke has amassed an incredible following online—including lots of international followers who buy her cookies from Brooki's Bakehouse for global shipping.

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New York Cookie

If you've turned to this page before reading anything else in this recipe book, I don't blame you! If there's one cookie recipe that made my bakery famous it is this one and there's a good reason why: it is hands down the best cookie recipe on the planet. While not everyone loves nuts, be sure to try this recipe with the inclusion of walnuts - they really produce

the perfect flavour profile and texture of this classic chunky cookie. And if you're wondering what makes this cookie so delicious, it's the harmonious blend of flavours thanks to the dark chocolate chips, the texture thanks to the walnuts and the fact that every bite is characterised by a crispy exterior with a soft centre that melts in your mouth.

MAKES: 8-10 LARGE COOKIES
PREPARATION TIME: 5 MINUTES
COOKING TIME: 16 MINUTES
COOLING TIME: 10-15 MINUTES

185 g unsalted butter (cubed and cold)
130 g castor sugar
130 g brown sugar
2 large eggs, at room temperature
160 g self-raising flour
240 g plain flour
¼ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1½ teaspoon baking powder
pinch salt
320 g dark chocolate chips
80 g walnuts

STORAGE

These cookies will last for a few days in an airtight container at room temperature once baked. Alternatively, you can freeze the dough for up to 3 months and bake for a few more minutes from frozen.

Add the dry ingredients and beat until fully incorporated.

On low speed, add the choc chips and walnuts.

Weigh each cookie dough ball to 150 grams. Chill in the fridge for at least 3 hours before baking.

When ready to bake, preheat your oven to 180°C. Place cookie dough balls onto a baking tray and bake for 16-18 minutes. Be sure to place each cookie at least 2 cm apart. Cookies will be baked when golden on top and continue to bake when cooling.

Allow to cool for 10-15 minutes before enjoying (try not to be impatient, the cookies need this time to continue cooking at room temperature!)

CUSTOMISATIONS

If you fancy smaller cookies, weigh the dough balls at 50 g per cookie. Bake for 10-12 minutes for the smaller size at the same temperature.

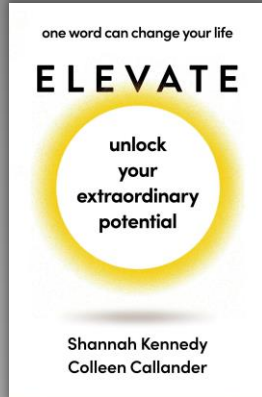
If you have a nut allergy or prefer your cookies sans nuts, you can choose to omit the walnuts in this recipe. Nuts do however add that bit of extra crunch and nutty richness, so results may vary.



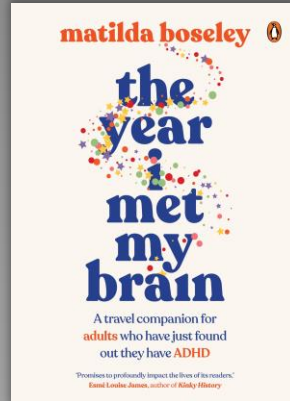
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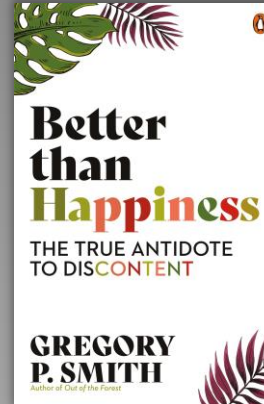
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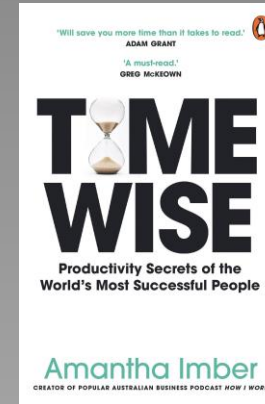
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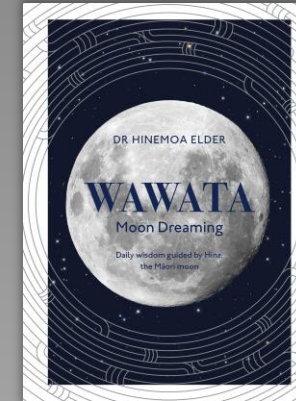
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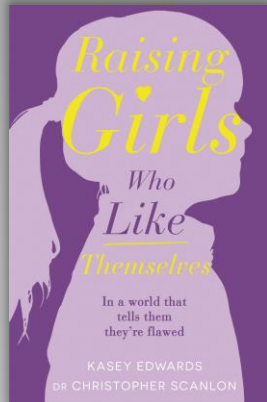
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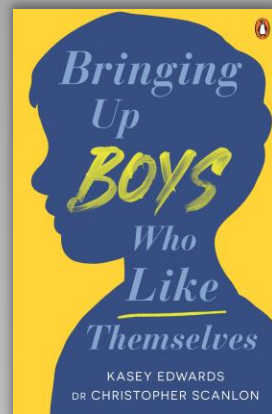
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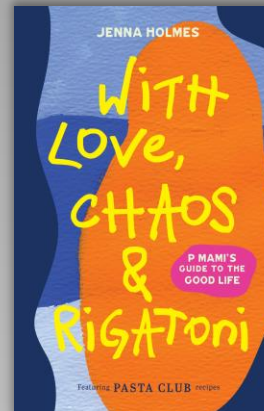
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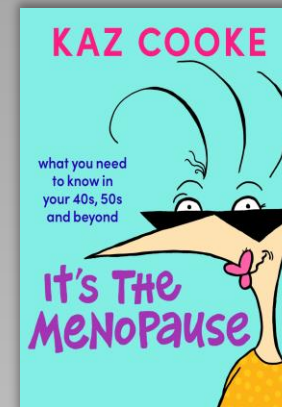
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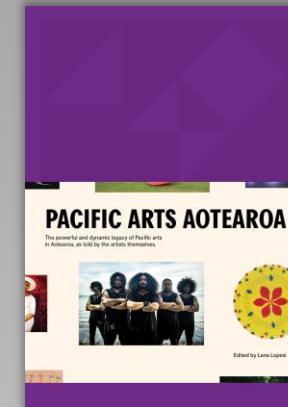
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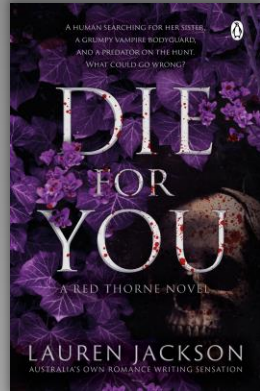


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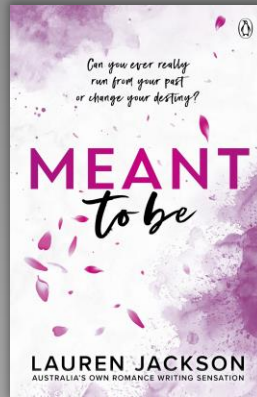
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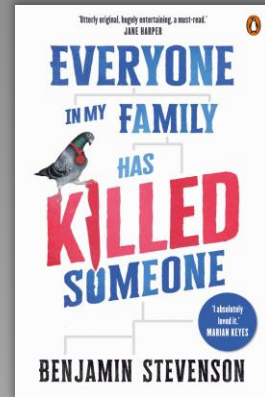
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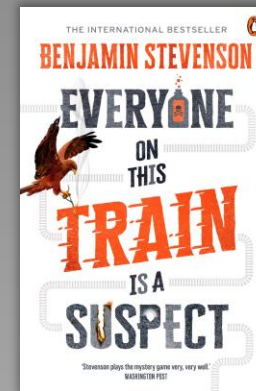
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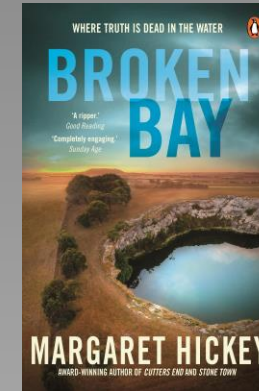
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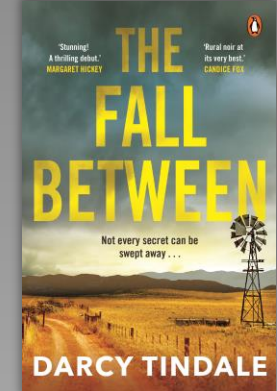
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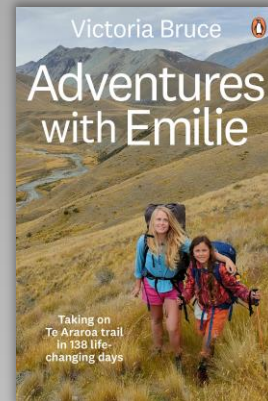
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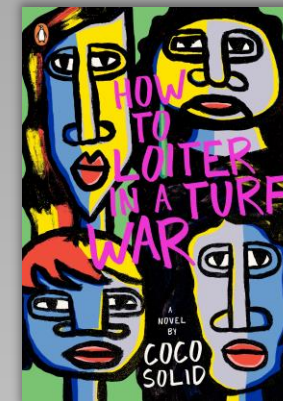
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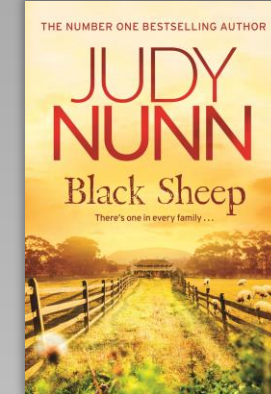
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