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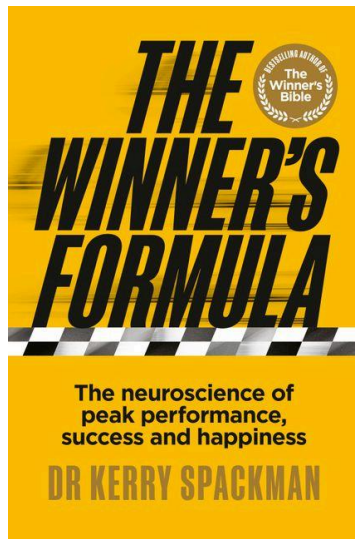
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NON-FICTION



The Winner's Formula Dr Kerry Spackman

The neuroscience of peak performance, success, and happiness

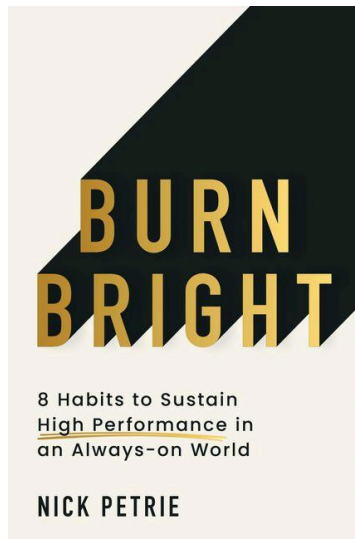
From Olympians to Formula 1 drivers, addicts to billionaires, cognitive neuroscientist Dr Kerry Spackman has spent decades working to help people understand how to succeed. In *The Winner's Formula*, Kerry explains what goes on in your brain when you are developing a skill, and what happens when you don't deal with pressure correctly.

Kerry Spackman is best known for his influential book *The Winner's Bible*. Over the past three decades he has designed elite training programmes used by world champion athletes, Olympic gold medallists, Formula 1 racing teams, and leading business executives.

Spackman completed his doctoral studies in mathematical modelling and cognitive neuroscience, beginning his career in advanced research and performance optimisation. His pioneering work in applied neuroscience has also been used by New Zealand's All Blacks. His work continues to centre on the practical application of neuroscience, helping individuals reshape habits, build resilient belief systems, and perform at their highest potential.

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Release date: 16/06/2026
Publisher: HarperCollins NZ
RRP: \$39.99



Burn Bright Nick Petrie

Don't burn out. Burn bright.

Nick Petrie has spent two decades studying sustainable performance in demanding environments, from Fortune 500 businesses to the FBI, elite sports teams and the US Navy SEALs. He has seen countless hard-working professionals wrestle with a trade-off between career success and personal wellbeing.

In a global study he led over five years, Petrie and his team discovered a small, remarkable group of individuals – the 'thrivers' – who cracked the code to maintaining peak performance without sacrificing their health or happiness.

Learn what the thrivers do differently and how to apply it in your own life.

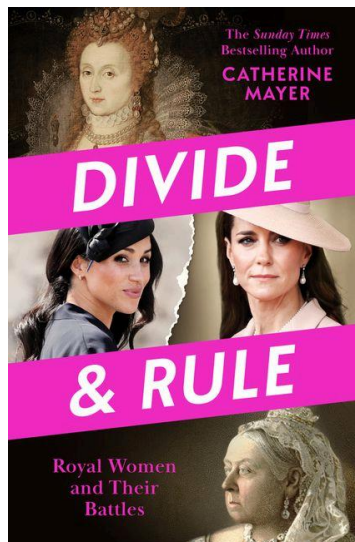
Nick Petrie currently resides in New Zealand.

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Release date: 26/05/2026

Publisher: Thorsons/Element GB

RRP: \$39.99



Divide & Rule Catherine Mayer

The complex and utterly engrossing stories of Britain's royal women behind the public façade.

They rank among the world's most famous women – and the most misunderstood. Throughout history, royal women have been sanitised and sanctified by supporters, distorted and demonised by critics, pitted against each other, and misrepresented by the media.

In this extraordinary portrait, journalist Catherine Mayer examines the lives of the central players, and the echoes and parallels that have run throughout history. The stories of Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth I, Victoria, Elizabeth II, Diana, Camilla, Kate and Meghan uncovered by Catherine Mayer are far more fascinating, poignant, surprising and enraging than any of the myths.

Drawing on key sources, many of whom have never spoken publicly before, this book also demonstrates the ways in which history repeats itself – to the detriment not only of royal women but all of us.

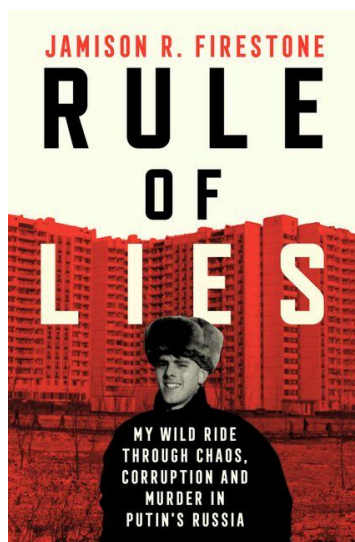
Catherine Mayer is a former editor at large of TIME magazine and the author of the Sunday Times bestselling biography of *Prince Charles Charles: The Heart of a King*.

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Release date: 16/06/2026

Publisher: HQ Non-fiction

RRP: \$39.99



Rule of Lies Jamison R. Firestone

A true tale of fascinating personalities, criminal intrigue, harrowing situations, and international politics that combines Bill Browder's *Red Notice* with Michael Lewis's *Liar's Poker*.

Raised by his father, a multimillionaire conman and crack addict who owned Manhattan's most expensive brothel, twenty-four-year-old Jamison R. Firestone decided to change the channel. He graduated from law school in 1991 and sought his fortune in Gorbachev's USSR, establishing Russia's first independent foreign law firm.

Out of the frying pan and into the fire, Jamison lived in the maelstrom that was Russia, defending himself and his clients from mafia attacks, dealing with corrupt police officers, having his law office raided by armed commandos, and once having to bug the offices of the Russian police.

Jamison was at the centre of some of Russia's most important events. He employed Sergei Magnitsky who was murdered for uncovering the largest tax theft in Russian history and teamed up with Bill Browder and Alexei Navalny to expose his killers. Along the way he inadvertently taught Navalny to make videos exposing corruption and started a war with the Russian government over

passage of the Magnitsky Acts which threatened to sanction Russia's most powerful people.

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Publisher: HarperCollins
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I, Vera Miranda Seymour

Vera Gedroits was a towering, sweet-faced lesbian princess, an ardent supporter of workers' rights who regularly performed true medical miracles of surgery. On one occasion, she even frogmarched an inquisitive Rasputin out of a ward for wounded officers.

While working for César Roux at the world's best known medical institute in Lausanne, Vera became the world's first woman surgeon.

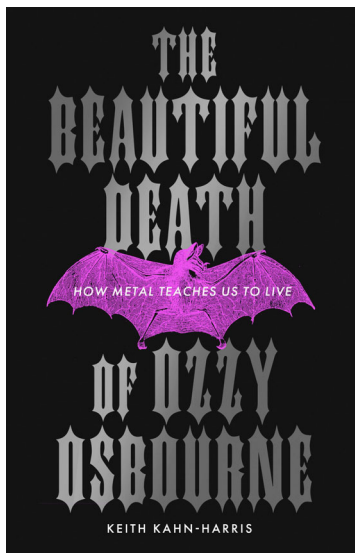
In 1919, Vera was sent to Kyiv, where her hospital reforms, innovative work and academic papers crowned an extraordinary career.

Years later, Vera and her lover Countess Maria Nirod were seized in the middle of the night and taken away at gunpoint during the Soviet purge of scientific intellectuals. Vera's pension was cancelled. The hospital and institute were closed. Living in extreme poverty, Vera died two years later of uterine cancer. She was just 61.

The princess's name was removed from official Soviet medical records; her tremendous contribution to medicine she pioneered as the first female battlefield surgeon have remained unacknowledged to this day. Now, Miranda Seymour uncovers the riveting story of a brilliant woman who chose to make Ukraine her homeland.

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Release date: 02/06/2026
Publisher: HarperCollins
RRP: \$37.99



The Beautiful Death of Ozzy Osbourne Keith Kahn-Harris

Pioneering metal writer Keith Kahn-Harris presents a moving, visionary exploration of Ozzy Osbourne, and of metal music and culture: the potent legacy Ozzy left us.

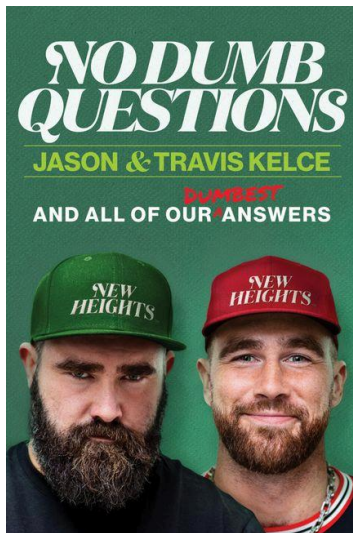
What is a 'good death'? How about this: After years of terrible health, you gather friends and admirers for one last, glorious party. A couple of weeks later, you slip away, surrounded by your loving family. Then, the world comes to mourn. That is how Birmingham's favourite son, Ozzy Osbourne, died.

By his death in June 2025 – at an age few believed he'd reach – Ozzy was much-loved, far beyond the metal world. Once a feared, demonic figure to some (and a joke to others), his Back to the Beginning farewell concert at Villa Park raised millions for charity.

In concise, arresting chapters moving from Death to Life via Art, Politics, Sex, Bodies, Voice, Family, Myth and more, Kahn-Harris explores how Ozzy – of all people! – attracted such generosity of spirit. The answer, he finds, is deeply embedded within the story and culture of metal – and has lessons for us all.

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No Dumb Questions Jason & Travis Kelce

Brothers, Super Bowl Champions, and now, published authors. That's right, authors. Look, we're as surprised as you.

New Heights hosts Jason and Travis Kelce attempt to tackle some of life's dumbest questions from the 92%ers.

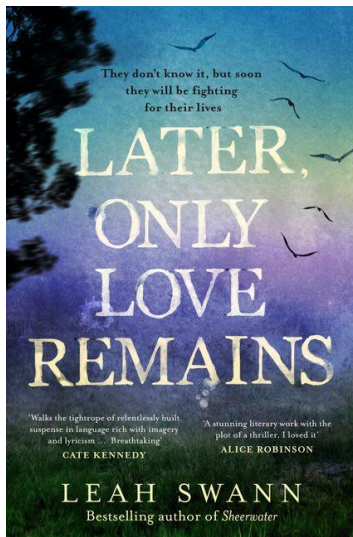
FOOTBALL: Why don't players squirt their own water
CUISINE: Do you pour the cereal first or the milk
SCIENCE: If you could make one of your body parts detachable, which would you choose

When you think philosophy, you'll probably think of names like Socrates, Plato, or Aristotle. But none of those men have won a single Super Bowl, so what do they know? *No Dumb Questions* is a collection of Jason and Travis's wisest, funniest, and most electric debates that could only come from the collected wisdom of a combined twenty-seven seasons in the NFL.

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Later, Only Love Remains Leah Swann

From award-winning, bestselling writer Leah Swann comes a powerful, dark and devastating novel.

Warning: once you start reading, you will not be able to put this novel down.

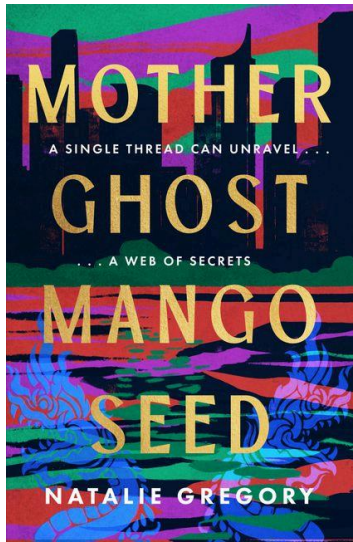
Jack, a complicated and difficult old man, retreats to his remote shack in the Otways to grieve his wife's death in a car crash where he was the driver. He craves solitude, instead, he meets Lotus, an exuberant yet lonely young woman who insists on trying to help him.

But late one night, when his dog starts howling, Jack discovers a shivering and wet stranger on his property. Is this man dangerous, or someone who simply needs his help? His late wife would want him to show kindness, but he can't help suspecting the man's motives. And what should he do about the unwanted friendship from Lotus?

A powerfully compelling story with a spiralling, slow-burn intensity which escalates into a propulsive, gut-wrenching and achingly beautiful read, *Later, Only Love Remains* is a story about violence, birth and death, the yearning for redemption and the endless wellspring that is love.

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Release date: 02/06/2026
Publisher: 4th Estate
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Mother, Ghost, Mango Seed Natalie Gregory

Set in Thailand from 1976 to the present, *Mother, Ghost, Mango Seed* is a haunting yet hopeful exploration of grief, motherhood, and cultural identity

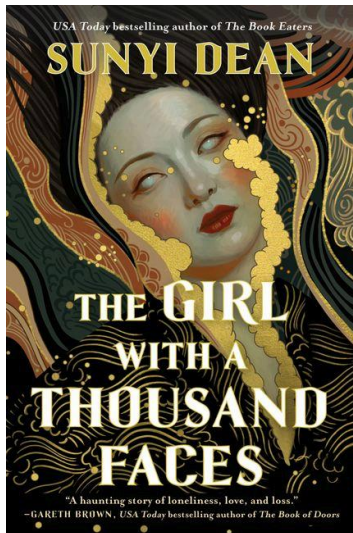
Lin returns from England to Bangkok to care for her dying mother. In the city, pro-democracy protestors clash with the military government and ambitious new king. And among all this, Lin's mother dies.

Numbed at the wake and feeling like a stranger in her home country, Lin tries to cook her mother's favourite dish, but her mother's recipes are all missing, and in their place is an old political leaflet which everyone refuses to translate. Lonely and intrigued, Lin sets off with her baby to the Thai countryside in search of answers.

As she discovers herself and her culture, Lin quickly finds that tugging at a single thread can unravel a web of secrets held for decades, driving away loved ones, breaking cultural taboos, and uncovering dreadful truths behind a devastating political past.

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Release date: 16/06/2026
Publisher: Juniper
RRP: \$34.99



The Girl with a Thousand Faces Sunyi Dean

A haunting dark urban fantasy set in historical Hong Kong, where ancient myths and local legends combine in a story of ghosts, grief and women who will not forgive.

Mercy Chan is a triad exorcist with a mysterious past. After washing up on the shores of Hong Kong with no memory during World War II, she found a home in Kowloon Walled City, an infamous, ghost-infested slum full of lost and traumatised civilians.

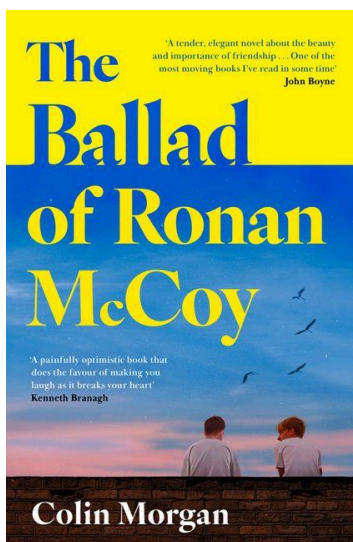
Since the war ended, Mercy has rebuilt her life and found work as a ghost-talker for the local triad, dealing with the angry and bitter spirits who haunt this place.

But the past she can't remember won't let her go. An unusually powerful ghost lurks in Kowloon's waterways, drowning innocents and threatening the district. Unnervingly, it claims to know Mercy – and her forgotten childhood.

As Mercy is drawn into a deadly cat-and-mouse game with this malignant spirit, she begins to realise that the monster she fights within these walls may well be one of her own making.

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The Ballad of Ronan McCoy Colin Morgan

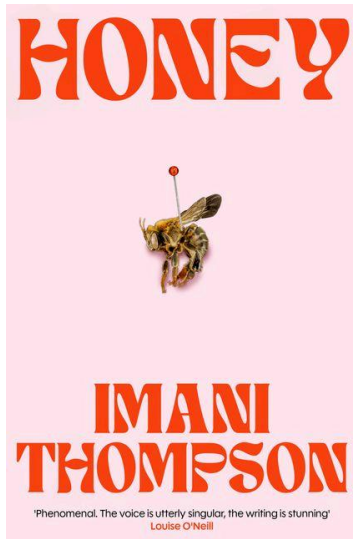
A tender coming-of-age story about friendship, first love, loss, and facing the ultimate question: who am I going to be? For fans of Douglas Stuart, Michael Magee, David Nicholls and Andrew O'Hagan

Brendan's best friend, his only friend, is Ronan McCoy. He knows things about Brendan that no one else does: about his job washing the cars at Feeny's Funeral Home, about the loneliness he sometimes feels even when surrounded by hundreds of others at school. But Brendan never told Ronan about the dark feeling that sits at the bottom of his stomach, the feeling that tells him something bad is coming. It never comes when Ronan's around.

Standing at the school gates on the first day of term, the dark feeling begins to form in Brendan's stomach. And when Ronan doesn't turn up, Brendan learns that something terrible happened to his best friend over the summer and he'll never be the same again. Over the course of the final year of school, Brendan will have to learn to navigate the new shape of their friendship and find a place for himself in the world without Ronan to protect him.

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Release date: 16/06/2026
Publisher: HQ Fiction
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Honey
Imani Thompson

The darkly comic killer debut novel of 2026

The first time, Yrsa doesn't intend to kill. But the Cambridge professor sitting opposite has manipulated her friend, stolen her research. When she flicks the bee into his Sanpellegrino, she thinks he'll get a nasty sting.

Then he's dead. And Yrsa, who – let's face it – has been bored for a while, is alive.

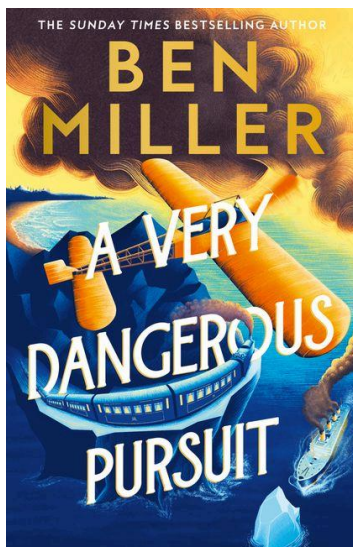
It's a sweet feeling, finally having some control.

Comic, sexy, addictive, unpredictable, *Honey* is about the not-always-righteous path of taking justice into your own hands.

The essential next read for fans of *Butter*, *My Sister the Serial Killer*, *Such a Fun Age*, *Luster* or *Boy Parts*.

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Release date: 26/05/2026
Publisher: Borough Press
RRP: \$36.99



A Very Dangerous Pursuit
Ben Miller

It began in the manner of all the very best adventures: in a coffee house.

When one Richard Hannay—intrepid, inquisitive, and on the hunt for intrigue—encounters an old acquaintance in Constantinople, he has an inkling that something thrilling is afoot.

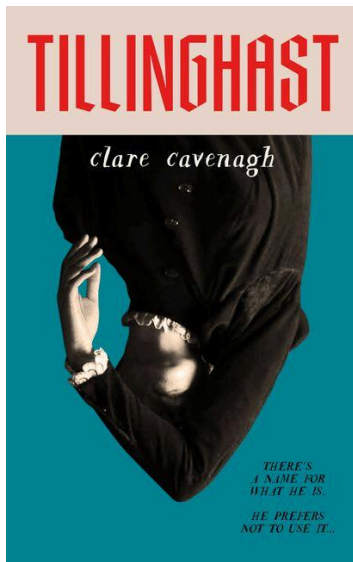
Charged with an item of great mystery and import—a *washbag*, *no less!*—he soon finds himself in a very dangerous pursuit: from the luxurious confines of the Orient Express to the decks of the *Titanic* herself, all with the very fate of Europe in his care.

Can he slip the net of Count Schwabing, whose long arm stretches from Berlin to the Bosphorus? And what of Madame Zara, the cabaret enchantress—does she play at affection, deception, or something far more deadly?

In over his head, often a step—or thirty-nine—behind, but absolutely, resolutely determined to save the day, Hannay is about to embark on an escapade that will test his wits, his courage, and his ability to keep hold of a blasted washbag.

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Tillinghast
Clare Cavenagh

There's a name for what he is. He prefers not to use it...

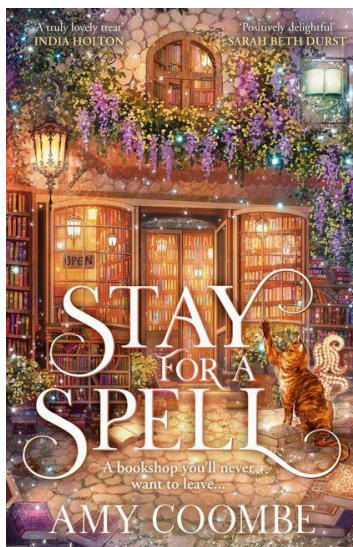
Stutley Tillinghast lives a solitary life, ostensibly as the minister of a remote rural parish in Rhode Island. For many decades now, what little human contact he allows himself has been brief, frenzied and bloody, and always ends in a shallow grave in his cellar.

You and I would have a name for what he is, but he prefers not to use it – he has needs, and when they become unbearable, he fulfils them.

Then the girl arrives – 19 years old, she has travelled from the UK to find him. She seems to have his surname, and her resemblance to him is uncanny. She is sick – very sick – and Tillinghast recognises her symptoms all too well. Which means he also knows what she needs...

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Publisher: Borough Press
RRP: \$36.99



Stay for a Spell
Amy Coombe

One curse, seven princes, and a bookshop that you'll never want to leave...

Princess Tanadelle of the Widdenmar longs to build a life of her own making. During a royal visit to the cosy town of Little Pepperidge, Tandy's dream comes true when she finds herself cursed to remain in a run-down bookshop until she finds her heart's desire.

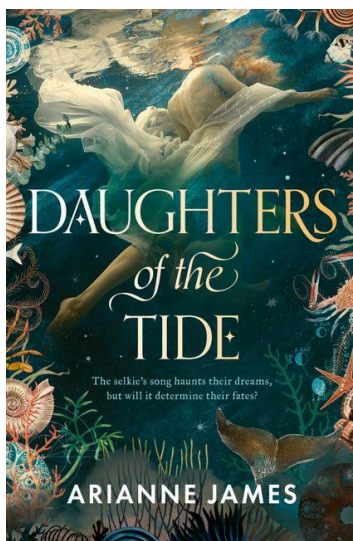
More than a little thrilled, she hires a new assistant, teenage goth Sasha, and settles into life among the stacks. Despite the infuriatingly handsome pirate, Bash, who keeps showing up at the shop with his good looks and his own curse to figure out, Tandy's new life might just make her happy.

There are just seven minor problems. With her royal duties unfulfilled, the frantic King and Queen send the seven princes of the realms to bestow upon Tandy a kiss, each one hoping to break the curse.

After all, what more could a princess want, than a prince?

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Daughters of the Tide
Arianne James

Weaving historical fiction with folklore, this atmospheric debut explores memory and self, the resilience of women and a dangerous longing for the sea.

The Findlay family history has long been steeped in secrets, tragedy and dark rumours of madness. Generations of its women have been haunted by a dangerous luring melody and an insatiable longing for the sea.

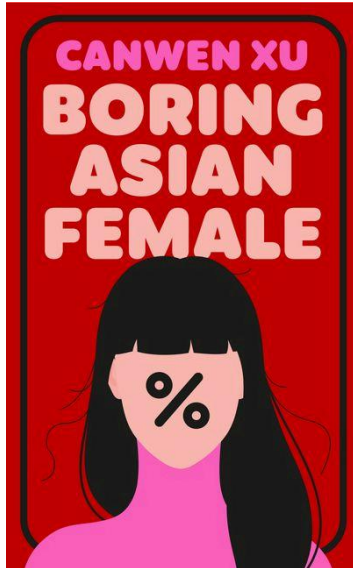
It's 1923 and Isla Findlay lives with her parents on the edge of the ocean in Tasmania, in a rambling mansion full of whispers of this cursed legacy. When Isla discovers her estranged aunt is finally coming home, long-repressed memories of the selkie stories of her childhood start to resurface, along with disturbing dreams of seals and an eerie song that Isla starts to hear even in her waking hours.

As the line between what's real and imagined starts to blur, Isla and her aunt and mother must reckon with long-held secrets and ghosts who have not been properly laid to rest. The closer they get to the truths of the past, the louder they hear the seductive call of the ocean. Does it sing of freedom, or only more tragedy?

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RRP: \$34.99



Boring Asian Female Canwen Xu

Elizabeth Zhang knows her place in the world.

With a hard-working ethic instilled in her by immigrant parents, armed with impeccable grades, Elizabeth thinks she is set for Harvard Law School. Until she is rejected for being too ordinary, which she translates to mean she's just another boring Asian female. But when her classmate Laura Kim gets in, everything falls apart. Why was Laura accepted? What makes her so *interesting*?

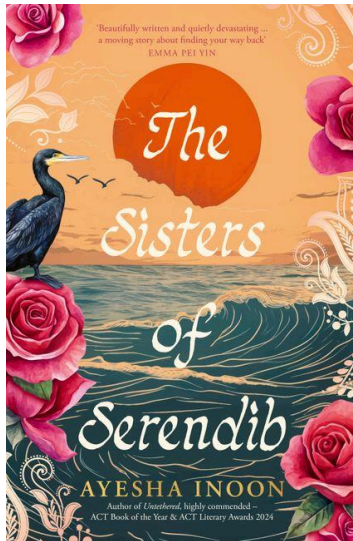
At first, she follows her because she's just curious. What Laura eats for lunch. Where Laura shops. The answer for Elizabeth's failure must lie somewhere in Laura's life. But still, Elizabeth just can't see it. The only thing she sees is that Laura has taken her spot at Harvard.

A spot she knows she deserves. A spot that she'll simply have to take back.

Layered, subversive, and satirical, this novel brings to light how, in the face of societal expectations and self-inflicted pressures, a person can unlock the darkest parts of themselves and show how far they're willing to go to achieve their vision of success.

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Release date: 02/06/2026
Publisher: Bedford Square
RRP: \$34.99



The Sisters of Serendib Ayesha Inoon

Three sisters are separated as children. Decades later, with so much lost and changed, can they find their way back to each other?

In 1990, a boat of asylum seekers leaves war-torn Sri Lanka, bound for Australia. When a mother dies on the journey, her three young daughters are separated and scattered across the country.

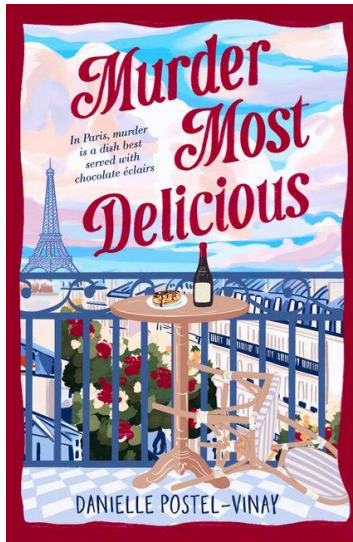
Years later, the eldest, Janu, still remembers the home she left and the sisters she's lost. Having freed herself from the grip of a painful childhood, she builds a life for herself in a coastal town, running a small shop called Serendib, where the air hums with memory and people come to find what they didn't know they were searching for.

In Melbourne, Samar, the middle sister, dances to speak the words she cannot say, pouring her longing and restlessness into movement, while in Sydney, Maryam, the youngest, finds magic in language, always searching for a place to belong.

As Janu discovers clues to her sisters' identities and begins the quest to bring them together, they all face the question: can something broken for so long ever be made whole again?

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Murder Most Delicious **Danielle Postel-Vinay**

Starting over in Paris was supposed to be the opportunity of a lifetime for American sommelier Olivia Beech - until her dream job ends in murder.

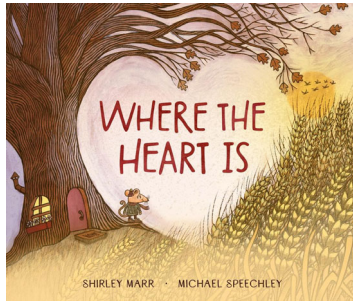
Once a rising star in the wine world, Olivia was one of a handful of women in the world to hold the distinction of being a Master Sommelier before COVID stole her sense of taste - and her career.

Adrift and depressed, she gets a second chance when beloved celebrity chef Jacques de Bizet invites her to Paris for a job interview. But as the interview begins, he collapses, poisoned, making Olivia the prime suspect. Olivia is in trouble, but she has an advantage: her extraordinary nose is still sharp enough to detect the subtlest of scents, including the poison that killed Jacques. Olivia knows she's innocent, but how can she prove it?

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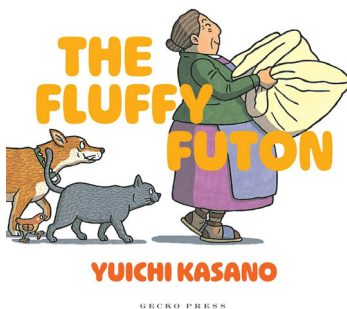
Where the Heart Is **Shirley Marr & Michael Speechley**

A heart-warming story of longing - and belonging - from the award-winning creators of *One Day*

A mouse who has only ever lived in his little house in a field contemplates the great migrations that other creatures make – geese flying home for the summer, arctic terns from one pole to the other, wildebeest moving over two countries, humans searching for sun in the winter. With a fear of missing out, mouse feels like he must embark on a journey of his own, only to find that his purpose and importance is right where he is.

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Publisher: Walker Books
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Ages: 4-9



The Fluffy Futon **Yuichi Kasano**

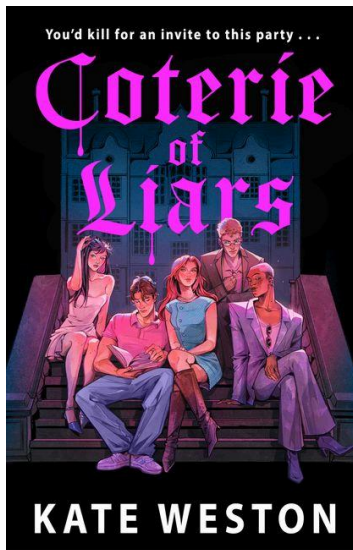
A soft fluffy futon in the sun is an irresistible spot for a nap, as everyone discovers in this picture book that will make you laugh, yawn—and feel like you've woken from a very good sleep.

Grandma spreads her newly washed futon to dry in the sun. The futon is so soft and smells so clean! The cat can't resist nestling down for a snooze. Instead of chasing it away, Grandma settles in alongside, soon followed by the hen and her chicks, a little boy, the dog, the goat and the pig family...

Soon the whole household is taking a nap! Until Grandma starts to find the futon so comfy that no one else can fit. With irresistible illustrations of a cozy pile of funny sleepers, *The Fluffy Futon* is both encouragement for bedtime and laugh-out-loud funny.

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Release date: 01/06/2026
Publisher: Gecko Press
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Ages: 2-5



Coterie of Liars
Kate Weston

One of Us Is Lying meets *The Inheritance Games* with the vibes of *Saltburn*

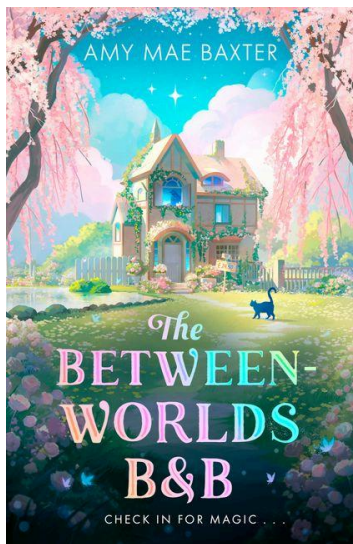
As Evie and her friends – dubbed the 'coterie' in homage to her grandmother's legendary group of artists – graduate from their elite private school, they prepare to host one last epic summer party at Evie's family mansion, D'olobelle. The D'olobelle parties are notorious, with everyone desperate for an invite and a taste of the debauchery.

And the Coterie are determined this year's party will be the most scandalous yet.

But as the festivities unfold, a series of chilling 'accidents' begin to plague the group. And it seems that each of them has something to hide. Who is targeting them, and what dark secrets are lurking just beneath the surface?

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Ages: 14+



The Between-Worlds B&B
Amy Mae Baxter

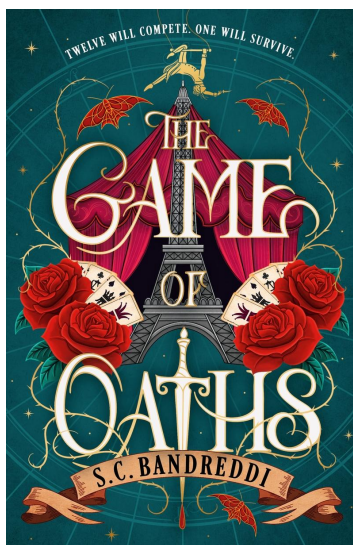
Margo is bored.

It's the summer before she graduates and she has no idea where her life is going. When she gets locked out, and checks into a *Jovely* B&B, Margo is greeted by surprisingly handsome receptionist, Finn. The rooms are cosy, there's a grand library and a huge swimming pool, and the breakfast smells amazing.

But Margo soon suspects that it's all *too* perfect, and that magic is in the air. She's fairly sure that one of the other guests is a fairy princess, for one thing. Is this a B&B for magical beings? But Margo doesn't have a magical bone in her body, so what is she doing there?

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The Game of Oaths
S.C. Bandreddi

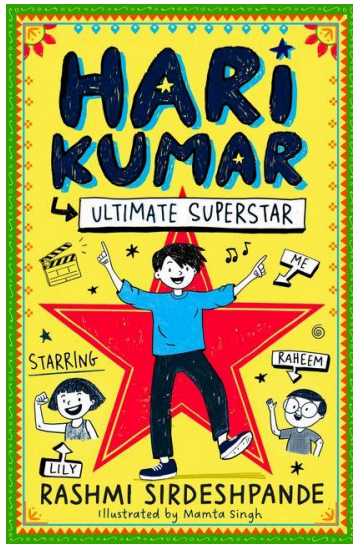
Power, revenge and sisterhood combine in this heart-pounding YA fantasy debut, set in a magical circus in Belle Époque Paris.

Trapeze artist Falan Sunkara is a performer in Paris's famous magical circus, le Cirque des Ombres. Le Cirque is ruled by Jean-Pierre, ringmaster and Enchanteur, one of the few magicians in the city legally allowed to use magic for entertainment. But the glamour of the circus is just another illusion. Each year, twelve members must compete in the Game of Oaths, a brutal tournament watched by the city's elite. Only one will survive.

Last year, Falan's sister was one of the unlucky eleven. This year, Falan is out for revenge.

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Hari Kumar Ultimate Superstar **Rashmi Sirdeshpande**

Hari Kumar: 10 years old, 75% Indian, 25% French, and 100% going to be a superstar.

All Hari needs to make it big is a lucky break – a chance to get his name out there. And when that arrives in the form of a film festival competition at school, it's Hari's chance to shine.

But life isn't always like the movies. The new kid Hari thought would be his sidekick turns out to have the makings of a true villain, the crack team he's assembled have minds of their own, and censorship (in the form of the Deputy Head Teacher) is looming. Can Hari keep things together and pull off an epic comeback, or will his film-making debut be cancelled before it's even released...?

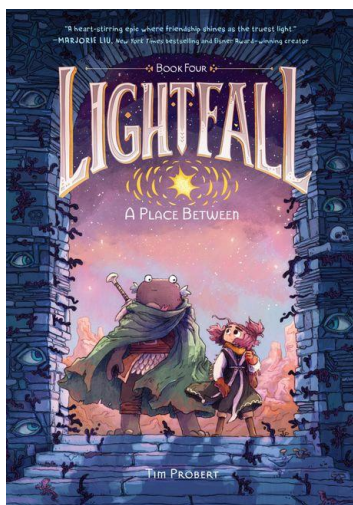
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Lightfall: A Place Between **Tim Probert**

In the fourth installment of the award-winning, critically acclaimed Lightfall series, Bea, Cad, and their friends continue their quest to restore light on their dark world.

After surviving a shipwreck on the Furree Sea, Cad washes ashore on the shores of Pellidyr. There, he searches for Lorgon, the Water Spirit, but instead finds the other spirits of Irpa who question if their planet can be saved. One of them offers to help Cad and transports him to A Place Between, a strange liminal realm between the living and the dead, where Cad works to uncover the reason Lorgon summoned them to Pellidyr in the first place.

Meanwhile, Bea awakens within the walls of the capital city. While Pellidyr's leader has heard the tales of Bea's derring-do and believes her to be a hero with all the answers, she's never felt more uncertain about the future. What she *does* know is that she can't accomplish anything without her crew. When Bea's escape plan also brings her to A Place Between, she makes a shocking discovery that changes her understanding of everything that came before her...and what could soon follow.

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The Monster and the Clown **Mats Strandberg & Sofia Falkenheim**

Frank must outwit a ghoulish clown, ringleader of the monstrous circus, in this just-scary-enough illustrated chapter book series about a warm-hearted werewolf trying to find his pack.

The people of Yrred are terrified of monsters, and fear is spreading like wildfire. So when Kruger the Clown comes to town, they leap at his offer to catch the creatures haunting Yrred and force them to perform at his circus. Only Frank knows the town's secret—and his own. He is the monster they're all afraid of. But he's also a nine-year-old boy, who has finally found friends like him. Frank and his monster friends must reveal the truth of Kruger's cruel circus before the hateful plan takes hold. The Monster and the Clown is a spine-tingling adventure about a creepy clown, a daring rescue, and having the courage to stand up for what's right.

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