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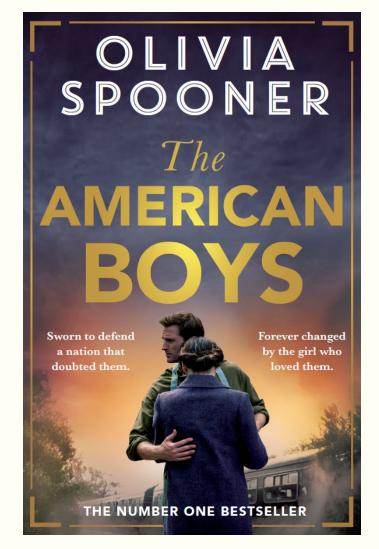
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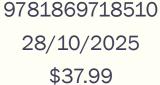
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The American Boys Olivia Spooner

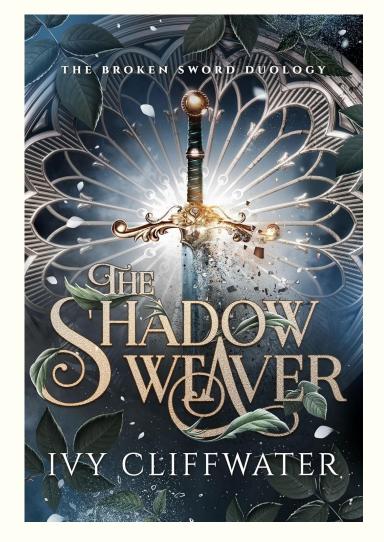


1942 in Wellington, and the war has never felt closer. Lorna's older brothers are overseas fighting for their lives, and as the war in the Pacific rages on, 20,000 American troops are sent to keep New Zealand safe. Few are happy about it - the locals want their own boys back, and the Americans find their post at the end of the world strange and hostile. They do enjoy meeting the Kiwi girls, though, and when one of Lorna's friends drags her along on a double date, she befriends Stan, a Marine from Chicago.

Stan is handsome and kind; the golden boy of his family. While he is posted overseas, his unruly younger brother Alfie joins the Marines and ends up in Wellington as well. Lorna struggles to connect with Alfie like she did with Stan: Alfie infuriates her. Yet when he leaves to fight, she thinks of him often, which feels like a betrayal to both Stan and her brothers.

As Lorna, her family and the American boys navigate life in wartime Wellington, the war itself is never far, and its consequences will find them no matter where they go.

In a former life, **Olivia Spooner** worked as a Community and Hospital Pharmacist in Auckland, Wellington, and London. For the past fifteen years she has pursued her passion for writing alongside raising three children and running her own business. Luckily, as owner-operator of gorgeous independent bookstore, The Booklover, she's able to indulge in her love of books and reading, and still carve out time to write. She is the number one bestselling author of two historical fiction novels, *The Girl from London* and *The Songbirds of Florence*.



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The Shadow Weaver Ivy Cliffwater



Forged from iron and shadow, Caris Ironside is one of the Cursed: an outcast hiding a deadly secret. Caris is a skilled blacksmith and the only woman known to craft legendary swords. The novelty of her profession provides much-needed cover as she seeks vengeance for her mother's murder.

Caris's search for the killer leads her to enter a brutal tournament disguised as a man, where she is quickly swept into the world of knights and courtiers. When Caris's perilous mission takes her to Capita, a city ruled by The Order of Men, she must tread carefully.

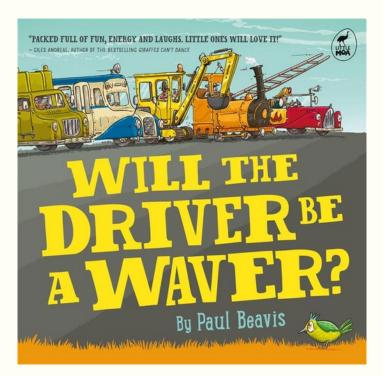
The Order is ruthlessly determined to eradicate the Cursed and will stop at nothing to see her fall. As danger closes in, Caris finds herself relying on two unlikely allies: a fellow blacksmith haunted by his past, and a brooding captain who saved her life as a child. But their loyalty may not be enough when the darkness inside her begins to surface.

The Shadow Weaver is an epic romantic fantasy filled with forbidden power, deadly secrets and heart-pounding action.

Ivy Cliffwater is a debut writer, working fulltime on her writing and building her platform. She lives in Auckland, on the North Shore.

Will the Driver Be A Waver Paul Beavis





Toota-toot! Will the driver of the rubbish truck be a waver?

"Full of fun, energy and laughs. Little ones will LOVE it!" Giles Andreae.

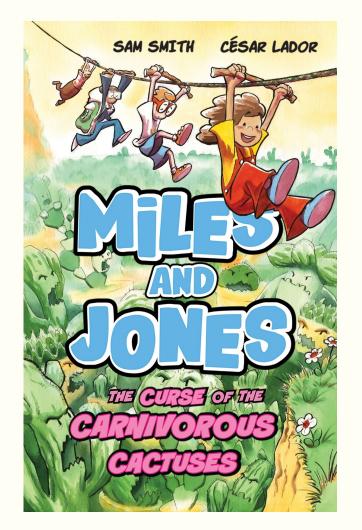
A verbally interactive picture book that invites kids to ask, Will the Driver be a Waver?

With six different vehicles and sounds galore, this is one book you won't mind reading over and over again.

Inspired by Paul's own walks with his son and the question of which vehicles drivers will give them a wave.

May your inner child be delighted by this book.

9781869717087 28/10/2025 \$21.99 **Paul Beavis** is an award-winning children's author and illustrator. His quirky characters, gorgeous use of colour, and delightful humour have been featured in picture books across the globe. His books are perfect for audiences young and old. Paul is based in the Wellington region.



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Miles and Jones 03 The Curse of the Carnivorous Cactuses Sam Smith



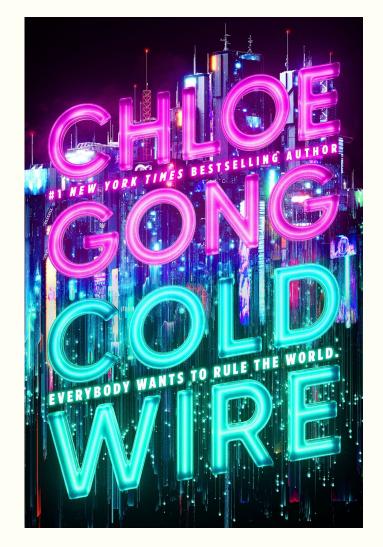
Nothing could be as bad as being covered in icky purple blobs ... wait, what does 'carnivorous' mean again?

The gang is determined to defeat Glam-Evil and her nasty curses so that they can save their park and get back for Shackleton and Amelia's very first sleepover. But Glam-Evil has a few new tricks up her ultravillainous sleeve ...What do you get if you cross The Bad Guys with Indiana Jones (again)?

The third book in comedian **Sam Smith**'s (7 Days, Taskmaster NZ, The Traitors NZ) graphic novel series, with illustrations by **César Lador.**

Sam Smith is a bestselling writer, comedian, and former-dentist. He pivoted from dentistry to comedy after a MS diagnosis caused him to partially lose his vision. He is a head writer for the TV show 7 Days, creates the tasks for Taskmaster NZ, and wrote for Wellington Paranormal. He is the go-to audience warm-up act for many shows including Dancing With the Stars, The Project, Have You Been Paying Attention? and Patriot Brains.

César Lador is an artist who is passionate about illustration, children's books and European comic books. His years studying, working and teaching in environmental engineering bring an authenticity to the details in his art.



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Coldwire: 2058 Bk 1 Chloe Gong

For decades, the world has been caught in a cold war between two powerful nations: Medaluo and Atahua. The Medan orphans who live in Atahua suffer the cost. Their enrollment at Nile Military Academy is mandatory. Either serve as a soldier, or risk being labelled a spy.

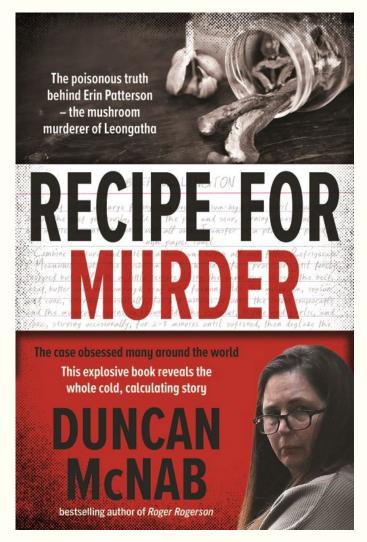
Eighteen-year-old Eirale is one such orphan. Having recently graduated and joined NileCorp's forces, she's doing well for herself - until Atahua's most wanted anarchist frames her for assassinating a government official and she's given a choice: cooperate with him to search for a dangerous program in Medaluo or go down for treason.

Meanwhile, seventeen-year-old Lia is close to her own graduation when she's paired with her academic nemesis for one final assignment. But when they are ordered to infiltrate Medaluo in virtual reality, Lia quickly realises there is much more at stake than her school ranking.

As Eirale and Lia tear through Medaluo on separate courses, the two start to suspect they are pieces in a larger conspiracy - and the closer they get to the truth, the closer their worlds come to a shattering collision.

Chloe Gong is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the critically acclaimed Secret Shanghai novels, as well as the Flesh and False Gods trilogy. Her books have been published in over twenty countries and have been featured in the New York Times, PEOPLE, Forbes and more. She is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she double-majored in English and International Relations. Born in Shanghai and raised in Auckland, New Zealand, Chloe is now located in New York City, pretending to be a real adult.

NON-FICTION



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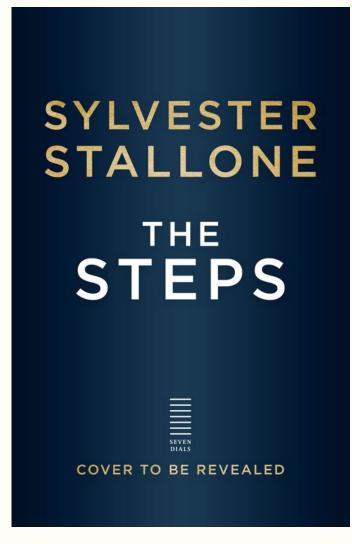
Recipe for Murder Duncan McNab

It is the case that has fascinated many. On 29 July 2023 in Leongatha, a small town in rural Victoria, family and friends of local woman Erin Patterson sit down for Sunday lunch. On the menu, Beef Wellington. The next day, four of the guests are hospitalised. Doctors suspect death cap mushroom poisoning. Within a week, three of them will be dead. On 2 November that same year, Erin Patterson is arrested and charged with three counts of murder and five of attempted murder. Held in custody at Dame Phyllis Frost women's prison until her trial began in April 2025, the case captured media attention around the world.

Did Patterson deliberately poison her estranged husband's parents, aunt and uncle? Was the lunch a recipe for murder? Patterson insisted no. She was innocent of any crime. Not guilty, she declared to the court. A jury of her peers have now decided the answer to those two questions. So how did a respected country woman come to find her relationships and behaviour dissected by police and prosecutors?

Bestselling author, investigative journalist and former detective, Duncan McNab has sifted through the evidence, spoken to witnesses and attended the nine-week trial. In this gripping book, McNab expertly explains the sequence of events that left three people dead, a community and family shattered and brought Erin Patterson to stand trial. With forensic detail he reveals why the verdict fell the way it did. GUILTY!

Duncan McNab is a former police detective, private investigator specialising in criminal defence, investigative journalist and media adviser to government and the private sector. He is the author of twelve books. Duncan was a producer on the Kennedy and Clarion award-winning Murder Uncovered series (7 Network) in 2017 and creator/series producer of the groundbreaking Australia Behind Bars (9 Network/ITV). In 2017 his book Getting Away with Murder won the Ned Kelly Award for Best True Crime. In the same year his bestselling book on disgraced former detective and convicted murderer, Roger Rogerson, was shortlisted for the Ned Kelly Award for Best True Crime.



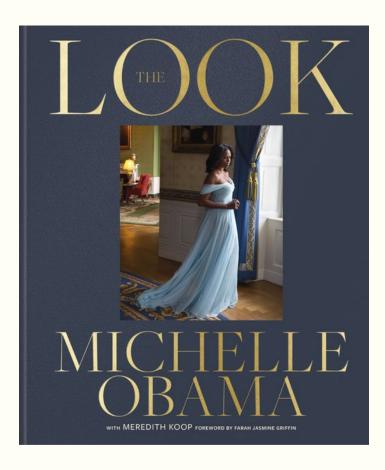
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The Steps Sylvester Stallone

We know Sylvester Stallone as one of the most revered actors, writers and directors of all time, yet his life story is as unexpected as it is moving and inspirational.

In this book, Stallone will give readers an intimate and revealing glimpse into his journey for the very first time.

Sylvester Stallone is an iconic actor, filmmaker and screenwriter, best known for creating and starring in the Rocky and Rambo franchises. Born in 1946 in New York City, he overcame early struggles to become one of Hollywood's most enduring action stars. His screenplay for Rocky (1976) catapulted him to fame, earning multiple Academy Award nominations. Stallone has since built a legendary career spanning decades, blending action, drama and personal storytelling.



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The Look Michelle Obama

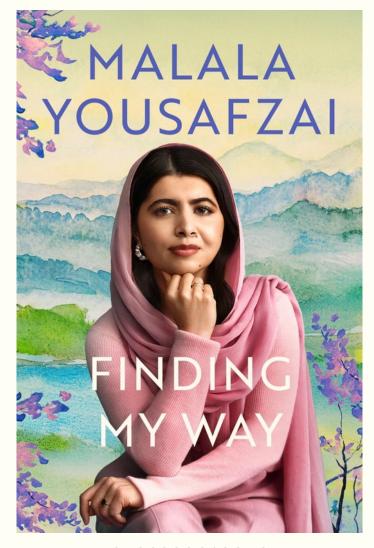
Beautifully illustrated with more than 200 photographs, including never-before-seen images, *The Look* is a stunning journey through Michelle Obama's style evolution, in her own words for the first time.

In this celebration of style, from the moment she entered the public eye during her husband's U.S. Senate campaign through her time as the first Black First Lady of the United States and today as one of the country's most influential figures, Michelle Obama shares how she uses the beauty and intrigue of fashion to draw attention to her message.

Featuring the voices of Meredith Koop, Obama's trusted stylist, as well as her makeup artist Carl Ray, hairstylists Yene Damtew and Njeri Radway, *The Look* brings readers behind the scenes not only to reveal how her most memorable looks came together but also to tell a powerful story about how we present ourselves.

Michelle Obama served as First Lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017. She is the author of the New York Times #1 bestsellers The Light We Carry, Becoming, and American Grown. The Obamas currently live in Washington, D.C., and have two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

Meredith Koop is a stylist and creative consultant widely recognized for shaping the public image of former First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama and harnessing fashion as a powerful tool for storytelling-both during the Obama administration and the Becoming and The Light We Carry book tours. Blending insight and intention, Koop uses style to explore culture, politics and identity and has been featured in The New York Times, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, and more.



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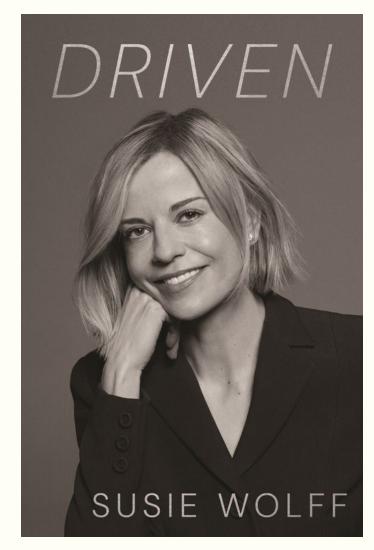
Finding My Way Malala Yousafzai

Thrust onto the public stage at fifteen years old after the Taliban's brutal attack on her life, Malala quickly became an international icon known for bravery and resilience. But away from the cameras and crowds, she spent years struggling to find her place in an unfamiliar world.

Now, for the first time ever, Malala takes readers beyond the headlines in *Finding My Way* - a vulnerable, surprising memoir that buzzes with authenticity, sharp humour and tenderness. *Finding My Way* is a story of friendship and first love, of anxiety and self-discovery, of trying to stay true to yourself when everyone wants to tell you who you are. In it, Malala traces her path from high school loner to reckless college student to a young woman at peace with her past. Through candid, often messy moments like nearly failing exams, getting ghosted and meeting the love of her life, Malala reminds us that real role models aren't perfect - they're human.

In this astonishing memoir, Malala reintroduces herself to the world, sharing how she navigated life as someone whose darkest moments threatened to define her - while seeking the freedom to find out who she truly is. *Finding My Way* is an intimate look at the life of a young woman taking charge of her destiny - and a deeply personal testament to the strength it takes to be unapologetically yourself.

Malala Yousafzai is an education activist, the youngest-ever Nobel laureate, a best-selling author and award-winning film producer. She was born in Mingora, Pakistan and graduated from Oxford University in 2020.



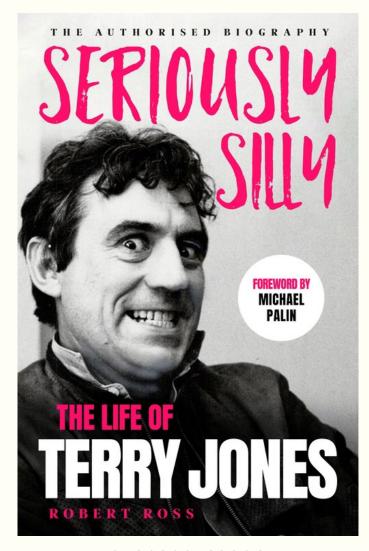
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Driven Susie Wolff

From the moment her parents first sat her in a go-kart, Susie Wolff felt it - the thrill of speed, the spark of something bigger. A little girl who dared to dream to one day race in Formula One. As she rose through the ranks of motorsport, one truth became impossible to ignore: she was almost always the only woman on the grid.

In *Driven*, Susie lifts the bonnet for the first time on her extraordinary life. From the driver's seat of the racing car to the heart of the F1 paddock, she offers a rare, first-hand view into the inner workings of motorsport at its highest level. She shares the triumphs of her early driving career, the setbacks she faced and the motivations behind her bold shift from the cockpit to the boardroom. Along the way, she reflects on her transformative relationship with her husband Toto and how she has navigated the balance between ambition and motherhood. Told with clarity and grace, this is the inspirational story of a woman determined not just to compete - but to redefine the race.

Susie Wolff is a former professional racing driver and one of the most respected women in motorsport. She began her career in karting with a dream of one day making it to F1. After racing at the highest levels across Europe, she made history in 2014 by becoming the first woman in over two decades to take part in a Formula 1 race weekend. After hanging up her helmet, Susie brought the same drive to the business side of the sport, leading a Formula E team from the back of the grid to World Championship contenders. In 2023, she became Managing Director of F1 Academy - an all-female series backed by F1 to develop the next generation of female talent and prove that motorsport is no longer just a man's world.



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Seriously Silly Robert Ross

Seriously Silly is an intimate portrait of Terry Jones - Python, actor, director, historian, reluctant national treasure and purveyor of sincere silliness - written by the man he chose to tell the story of his life.

From his Welsh upbringing in Colwyn Bay, to meeting his lifelong friend Michael Palin at Oxford through revue sketches, anarchic children's shows and the creative genius of Monty Python, this is the story of a comedy legend. Throughout this journey, Terry's extraordinary determination and resilience shine through, not least in his final years as he battled with dementia.

Written by his close friend Robert Ross, with a foreword from Michael Palin (and the blessing of and cooperation of his family and the people who knew him best) Seriously Silly is not only the definitive celebration of a true pioneer of comedy, but a loving portrayal of the man behind the laughter.

Robert Ross is a comedy historian, who has many published books including biographies of Sid James and Peter Sellers, as well as the Monty Python Encyclopedia. He has also toured a number of 'comedy history' shows, including 'Oh, What A Carry On!', 'Christmas Crackers', and 'Forgotten Heroes of Comedy'. He was a close personal friend of Terry Jones and is very proud to be writing his authorised biography.

'An exquisite book that reminds us our minds aren't soloists but symphony players: we are wired for connection.'

DAVID EAGLEMAN, PHD, AUTHOR OF INCOGNITO AND LIVEWIRED

Why Brains Need Friends

The neuroscience of social connection - and why we all need more



DR BEN REIN

'A must-read for anyone who wants to feel better and live longer, one conversation at a time!' DR KARAN RAJAN, AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

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Why Brains Need Friends Dr Ben Rein

From your morning coffee order, to weaving through passengers on the train, sitting through tense work meetings, riding in a packed elevator, attending a happy hour with colleagues, or relaxing on the couch with family, every day is filled with social interactions that nurture and support your brain's health. Whether mundane or extraordinary, they collectively make up the 'social diet' that you feed your brain, that influences your well-being, shapes your experience, and, done right, even lengthens your life.

In an age of isolation, *Why Brains Need Friends* is a neuroscience-backed guide to social interactions, drawing insights from the world of science to help you understand the biology behind your relationships, reconsider the value of companionship, and build a healthier, happier, and more connected life. It's not just what you feed your brain that matters - it's who.

Ben Rein, PhD is a neuroscientist at Stanford University and a renowned science communicator. Dr. Rein has spent over a decade studying the neuroscience of social interactions, uncovering new information about the genetic basis of autism spectrum disorder, how connections between brain cells regulate social behaviour, and how the psychoactive drug MDMA enhances empathy and connectedness between individuals. Outside of the lab, Dr. Rein educates an audience of more than 900,000 social media followers about neuroscience. His videos have been featured on Good Morning America and ABC News among other major media outlets. Dr. Rein leads science communication workshops at multiple universities including Johns Hopkins University, Stanford University, UT Dallas, and the University of Minnesota.

Taylon's Version



THE POETIC AND MUSICAL GENIUS OF TAYLOR SWIFT

STEPHANIE BURT

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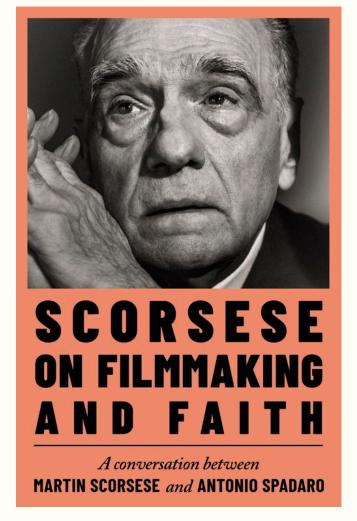
Taylor's Version Stephanie Burt

An original exploration and celebration of Taylor Swift, the world's biggest music star, as taught at the world's most prestigious university.

In *Taylor's Version*, award-winning literary critic Professor Stephanie Burt charts the extraordinary journey from Swift's teen country debut to her most recent record-breaking achievement as the highest-grossing touring artist in the world. Based on her Harvard University course, Taylor Swift and Her World, Burt offers the first serious study of Swift that pays close attention to her talent as a songwriter first and foremost.

Drawing from musical and cultural criticism, poetry, economic theory, American history, as well as personal experience, Burt presents an insightful and heartfelt critical appreciation of Swift that delves into her life, her celebrity and her artistry.

Stephanie Burt is Donald P. and Katherine B. Loker Professor of English at Harvard University. Her work appears in the New York Times Book Review, New Yorker and London Review of Books, among others. Her books of poetry and literary criticism - fourteen in all - include We Are Mermaids, Advice from the Lights, and Don't Read Poetry: A Book About How to Read Poems. She has previously lived in New Zealand and was a Fellow at University of Canterbury 2016-17, and currently resides in Massachusetts.



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Scorsese on Filmmaking and Faith Martin Scorsese and Antonio Spadaro

Have I succeeded, in my own life? I don't know. I don't think so. I'm in my eighties now and I just don't know. But then, maybe "success" is the wrong way of framing it. You just try, and when you fail, you keep trying.

Over the course of eight years, Martin Scorsese and Jesuit theologian Antonio Spadaro discussed filmmaking and faith. From his Catholic upbringing amidst the brutality of 1950s New York to the heights of Hollywood, Scorsese sketches a unique self-portrait. And from Mean Streets to Killers of the Flower Moon - and especially the spiritual reckonings of The Last Temptation of Christ and Silence - he grants readers a new understanding of his films. Reflecting on grace and violence, fear and hope, passion and belief, these rich and intimate conversations offer a remarkable insight into the director's life and work.

Martin Scorsese is a director, film producer, screenwriter and actor. A prominent figure of the New Hollywood era, he is considered one of the greatest and most significant directors in the history of cinema. Central to his career are his collaborations with Daniel Day-Lewis, Harvey Keitel, Joe Pesci, and especially with Robert De Niro and Leonardo DiCaprio.

Antonio Spadaro (born in Messina in 1966) is an Italian Jesuit, theologian, and essayist. He serves as the undersecretary of the Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education and as the secretary-general of the All of Us Foundation. For 12 years he was editor of the international magazine La Civiltà Cattolica. Among other works, he is the author of the first interview with Pope Francis, A Big Heart Open to God, 2013. He collaborated on the series Stories of a Generation (Netflix).

PETER GURALNICK THE COLONEL AND THE KING Tom Parker, Elvis Presley and the Partnership that Rocked the World

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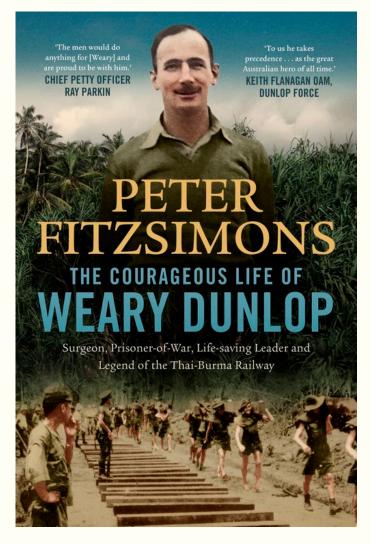
The Colonel and the King Peter Guralnick

In early 1955, Colonel Tom Parker (the manager of the number-one country music star of the day) heard that an unknown teenager from Memphis had just drawn a crowd of more than 800 people to a Texas schoolhouse and headed south to investigate. Within a matter of days, Parker was sending out telegrams and letters to promoters and booking agents: 'We have a new boy that is absolutely going to be one of the biggest things in the business in a very short time. His name is ELVIS PRESLEY.'

The close personal bond between Elvis and the Colonel is something that has never been fully portrayed before. From the outset, the Colonel defended Elvis fiercely and indefatigably against RCA executives, Elvis' own booking agents and movie moguls. But in their final years together, the story grew darker, as the Colonel found himself unable to protect Elvis from himself - or to control growing problems of his own.

Featuring troves of previously unpublished correspondence from the Colonel's own archives, *The Colonel and the King* provides a groundbreaking dual portrait of the relationship between the iconic artist and his legendary manager and a unique perspective on not one but two American originals.

Peter Guralnick has written extensively on American music and musicians. His other books include the acclaimed trilogy on American roots music (Sweet Soul Music, Lost Highway and Feel Like Going Home); the biographical inquiry Searching for Robert Johnson; and biographies of both Sam Phillips (Sam Phillips: The Man Who Invented Rock 'n' Roll) and Sam Cooke (Dream Boogie: The Triumph of Sam Cooke).



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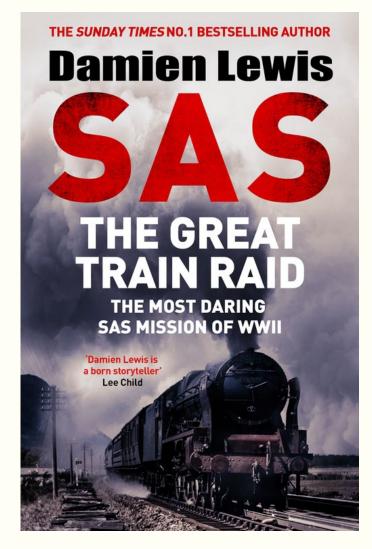
The Courageous Life of Weary Dunlop Peter FitzSimons

The extraordinary story of the heroic doctor whose courage and leadership were a lifeline for thousands of Australian prisoners-of-war on the infamous Thai-Burma Railway of World War II.

In September 1939, young Australian surgeon Edward 'Weary' Dunlop was working in London when the dogs of war were unleashed. Signing up, he was commissioned a captain in the Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC) and sent to the Middle East, serving in Palestine, Greece, Crete, Egypt and Tobruk. . At the No. 1 Allied General Hospital in Bandoeng, the Japanese were ready to murder the bedridden when Weary put his body in front of the bayonets. From that moment his leadership, ingenuity and selflessness became legend as Allied prisoners-of-war were sent to Singapore, Thailand and finally faced the hell of working as slave labour on the infamous Thai-Burma Railway. In the POW camps, with little to no medical supplies, under extreme physical pressure, Weary Dunlop took risks and beatings to defy the Japanese and keep his men alive in circumstances that tested the limits of human endurance.

Now, Weary Dunlop's heroic and inspiring story has been brought to life by Australia's greatest storyteller, Peter FitzSimons.

Peter FitzSimons AM is Australia's bestselling non-fiction writer, and for the past 39 years has also been a journalist and columnist with the Sydney Morning Herald and the Sun-Herald. His passion is to tell Australian stories, our own stories: of great men and women, of stirring events in our history. Peter grew up on a farm north of Sydney, went to boarding school in Sydney and attended Sydney University. An ex-Wallaby, he also lived for several years in rural France and Italy, playing rugby for regional clubs.



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SAS The Great Train Raid Damien Lewis

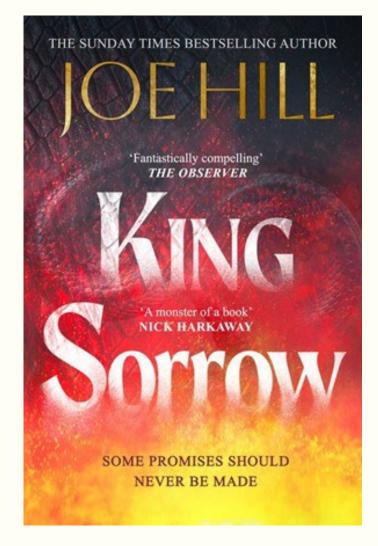
So secret was this mission, the SAS seizure of a train to raid deep into enemy territory to liberate a concentration camp, that it wasn't until 1968 - twenty-seven years after the formation of the SAS - that a short mention of it was made in the Rover and Wizard annual, under the headline 'Who Dares Wins'. No further published record exists.

Best-selling author Damien Lewis has unearthed the full incredible story from long-hidden files and first hand-testimony, his latest elite forces narrative delivering a scintillating tale of bravery, daring and determination which simply beggars belief.

This is the SAS at their very finest; there is no other mission like it from the Second World War.

Damien Lewis is a number one bestselling author whose books have been translated into over forty languages worldwide. For decades he worked as a war and conflict reporter for the world's major broadcasters, reporting from across Africa, South America, the Middle and Far East and winning numerous awards. A dozen of his books have been made, or are being made, into movies or TV drama series and several have been adapted as plays for the stage. He has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charitable concerns connected with his writings.

FICTION



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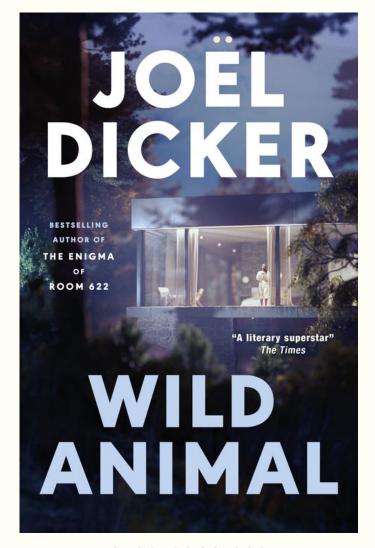
King Sorrow Joe Hill

Bookish dreamer Arthur Oakes is a student at Rackham College, Maine, renowned for its frosty winters and beautiful buildings. But his idyll - and burgeoning romance with Gwen Underfoot - is shattered when local drug dealers force him into a terrible crime: stealing rare and valuable books from the exceptional college library.

Trapped and desperate, Arthur turns to his closest friends for help: the wealthy, irrepressible Colin Wren; brave, beautiful Alison Shiner; the battling twins Donna and Donovan McBride; and brainy, bold Gwen. Together they dream up an impossible, fantastical scheme that they scarcely imagine will work: to summon the fabled dragon King Sorrow to kill those tormenting Arthur.

But the six stumble backwards into a deadly bargain - they soon learn they must choose a new sacrifice for King Sorrow each year or one of them will become his next victim. Unleashing consequences they can neither predict nor control, this promise will, over the course of four decades, shape and endanger their lives in ways they could never expect.

Joe Hill is a Sunday Times bestseller and the #1 New York Times bestselling author. He won the Eisner Award for Best Writer for his long-running comic book series, Locke & Key, cocreated with artist Gabriel Rodriguez. Much of his work has been adapted for movies and television. His second novel, Horns, was translated to film in 2014 and starred Daniel Radcliffe. The first season of Locke & Key was released on Netflix in early 2020 and became an overnight smash. His story, 'In The Tall Grass'. co-written with Stephen King, was made into a feature for Netflix, and became a mind-bending cult horror sensation.



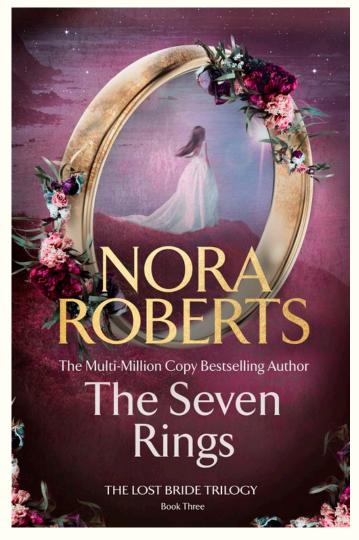
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Wild Animal Joël Dicker

On July 2, 2022, two criminals set out to rob a jewellery shop in Geneva. But even with a foolproof plan, their "perfect" heist will prove far from uneventful. . .Twenty days earlier, on a luxurious estate along the shores of Lake Geneva, Sophie Braun prepares to celebrate her fortieth birthday. Her life seems perfect: she has a fairytale marriage, two perfect children, and lives in a stylish modern mansion surrounded by lush forest. But her idyllic world is about to crumble. Her husband is becoming embroiled in petty schemes. Her neighbor, a policeman with a spotless reputation, is obsessed with her and spies on the most intimate moments of her life. Then, on her birthday, she receives a gift from a mysterious prowler that endangers her life.

It will take many journeys into the past, far from Geneva, to unravel the origins of this diabolical plot from which no one will emerge unscathed, including readers. Told at a breathtaking pace, filled with nerve-jangling suspense, Wild Animal demonstrates once again why Joël Dicker-since the publication of The Truth About the Harry Quebert Affair - reigns supreme as one of the most beloved contemporary mystery writers in the world today."A literary superstar" The Times

Joël Dicker was born in Geneva in 1985, where he studied Law. *The Truth about the Harry Quebert Affair* was nominated for the Prix Goncourt and won the Grand Prix du Roman de l'Académie Française and the Prix Goncourt des Lycéens. It has sold more than 7 million copies in 42 countries. All his subsequent novels, including two sequels, have been huge international bestsellers.



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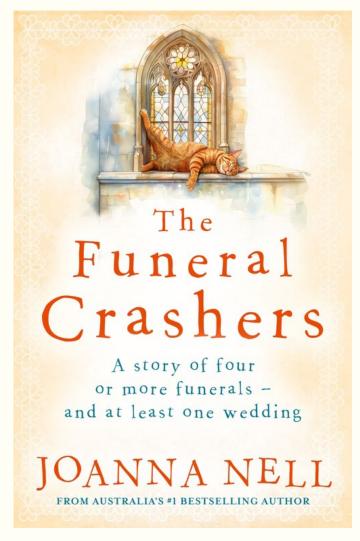
The Seven Rings: Lost Bride Bk 3 Nora Roberts

The Sunday Times bestselling author concludes her compelling Lost Bride trilogy as two women - one dead, one alive - prepare for a terrifying final showdown...

Long ago, Arthur Poole built a grand house overlooking the turbulent ocean, in a Maine village that bore his name. Today, Sonya MacTavish lives in that house - a manor that has been cursed for generations. Within its walls, she has witnessed the deaths of seven brides and the thefts of seven wedding rings. Determined to bring light to this haunted place-to fill it with people, with life and hope, once again - Sonya decides it is time to break the curse and banish a malevolent spirit once and for all.

But the enemy in the black dress continues to hover, to come at her in frightening forms. They may be illusions-but illusions can be powerful enough to wound, even kill. This dark-hearted witch wants to be mistress of Poole Manor, at any cost. And Sonya will need to fight a battle across two realms to finally take possession of the house on the clifftop-and of her own future...

Nora Roberts is the number one New York Times bestseller of more than 200 novels. With over 500 million copies of her books in print, she is indisputably one of the most celebrated and popular writers in the world. She is both a Sunday Times bestseller in the UK and a number one bestseller in Australia.



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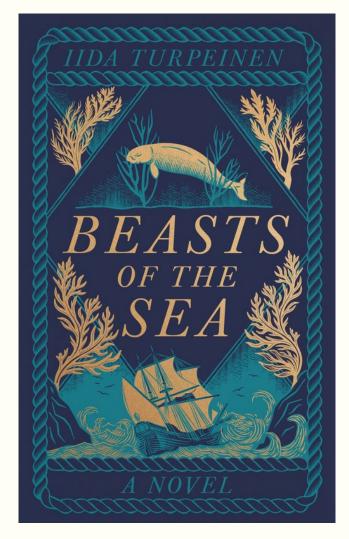
The Funeral Crashers Joanna Nell

Retired academic Martin Pottinger's romantic aspirations for the delectable head of his former university's archaeology department, Professor Mary Blake, seem about to be realised. If only he could devise a plan to manage the demands of his eccentric elderly mother, Edwina.

Recently bereaved Grace Cavendish spends her days helping out at All Souls Church, making it her mission to drown out the Reverend Rod's tone-deaf hymn-singing and give each funeral recipient a hearty send-off. Yet the peace she craves remains elusive despite the comforts offered by psychic medium Rhondda and her eight-year-old son, Hudson.

When Martin and Grace meet and bond at an All Souls service, they unwittingly set off a chain of events with far-reaching consequences. They become funeral crashers. But who could have predicted that crashing funerals might have such life-changing and life-affirming outcomes?

Joanna Nell is a British-Australian writer, GP and advocate for positive ageing. Her essays and short fiction have won multiple awards and been widely published in magazines, journals and literary anthologies. Her first five novels, The Single Ladies of Jacaranda Retirement Village, The Last Voyage of Mrs Henry Parker, The Great Escape from Woodlands Nursing Home, The Tea Ladies of St Jude's Hospital and Mrs Winterbottom Takes a Gap Year, were national bestsellers. Joanna lives on Sydney's Northern Beaches.



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Beasts of the Sea lida Turpeinen

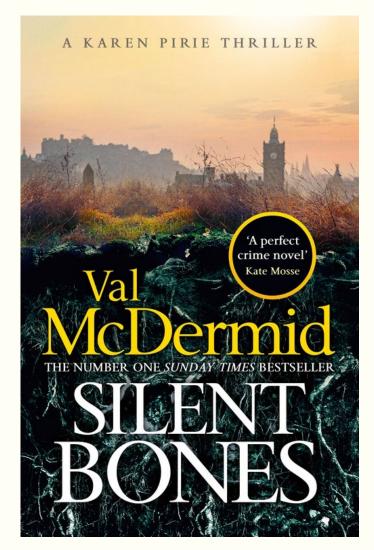
1741. The crew of Vitus Bering's ill-starred Great Northern Expedition are shipwrecked off a remote, uncharted island. With no hope of rescue, they give in to despair. Until they discover the flesh of a huge marine mammal that feeds in herds on the kelp in the bay.

1859. The Russian colony of Alaska is on the brink of collapse. Governor Hampus Furuhjelm takes solace in the quest for a unique artefact: a complete skeleton of what is now known as Steller's Sea Cow, rumoured to have disappeared a hundred years before. Even extinct, the sea cow will continue to shape lives and destinies, from the woman charged with sketching its likeness from its bones, to the expert egg restorer who will refurbish those same bones a century later.

A tribute to an iconic lost creature, and an adventure through three centuries of scientific exploration, *Beasts of the Sea* charts the unseen consequences of grand human ambitions and the urge to resurrect what we, in our ignorance, have destroyed.

Translated from the Finnish by David Hackston.

lida Turpeinen (b. 1987) is a Helsinki-based literary scholar currently writing a dissertation on the intersection of the natural sciences and literature. As an author, she is intrigued by the literary potential of scientific research and by the offbeat anecdotes and meanderings from the history of science. Turpeinen's short stories exploring the relationship between humans and animals won the J. H. Erkko Young Writers' Competition in 2014. Her debut novel, *Beasts of the Sea* is the winner of the Helsingin Sanomat Prize 2023, and shortlisted for the Finlandia Award 2023.



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Silent Bones Val McDermid

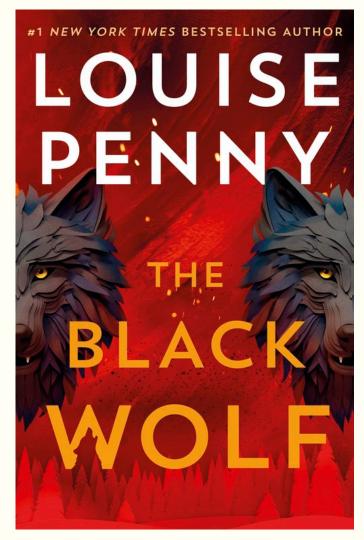
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When torrential rain causes a landslide on a motorway in Scotland, it reveals a crime scene: someone hid a body in the tarmac eleven years before. Journalist Sam Nimmo had been the prime suspect in the murder of his fiancée when he disappeared, and now DCI Karen Pirie and her Historic Cases Unit must find out who buried him, and why.

Meanwhile in Edinburgh, new evidence reopens a closed case and the accidental death of a hotel manager starts to look like murder. But what did Tom Jamieson's book club have to do with his demise - and what will they do to keep their secrets?

Karen and her team begin to untangle a web of lies, one which connects their murder cases with Scotland's rich and powerful. They will be tested to their limits - and possibly beyond . . .

Val McDermid is an international number one bestselling author whose books have been translated into more than forty languages. Her multi-award-winning series and standalone novels have been adapted for TV and radio, most notably the Wire in the Blood series featuring clinical psychologist Dr Tony Hill and DCI Carol Jordan. She is a visiting professor in the Centre of Irish and Scottish Studies at the University of Otago in New Zealand. Val is also an experienced broadcaster and much-sought-after columnist and commentator across print media.



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The Black Wolf: Gamache Bk 20 Louise Penny

Somewhere out there, in the darkness, a black wolf is feeding.

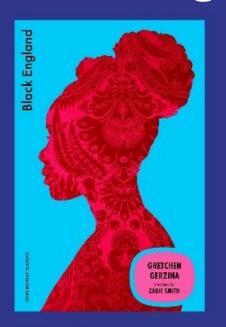
Several weeks ago, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surete du Quebec and his team uncovered and stopped a domestic terrorist attack in Montréal, arresting the person behind it. A man they called the Black Wolf. But their relief is short-lived. In a sickening turn of events, Gamache has realized that plot, as horrific as it was, was just the beginning. Perhaps even a deliberate misdirection. Did he in fact arrest the Black Wolf, or are they still out there?

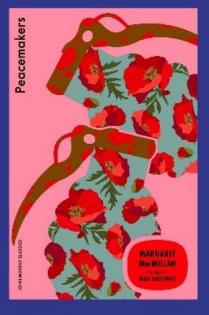
In a quiet church basement, he and his senior agents Beauvoir and Lacoste, pore over what little evidence they have. Two notebooks. A few mysterious numbers on a tattered map of Québec. And a phrase repeated by the person they had called the Grey Wolf. A warning... Gamache and his small team of supporters realize that for the Black Wolf to have gotten this far, they must have powerful allies, in law enforcement, in industry, in organized crime, in the halls of government.

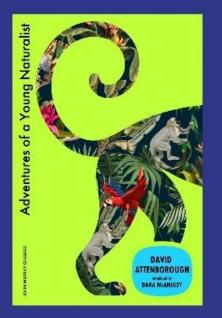
From the apparent peace of his little village, Gamache finds himself playing a lethal game of cat and mouse with an invisible foe who is gathering forces and preparing to strike.

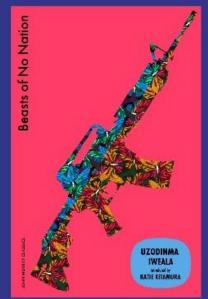
Louise Penny is an international award-winning and bestselling author whose books have hit number one on the New York Times, USA Today and Globe and Mail lists. Her Chief Inspector Gamache novels have been translated into thirty-one languages and have sold over 18 million copies worldwide. She has received the Ordre National du Quebec and the Order of Canada for her contributions to Canadian culture. In 2021, she co-authored the standalone thriller State of Terror with Hillary Rodham Clinton. Louise lives in a village south of Montreal.

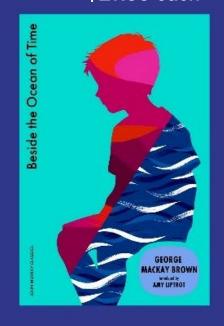
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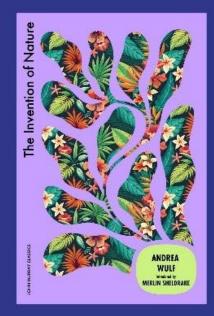


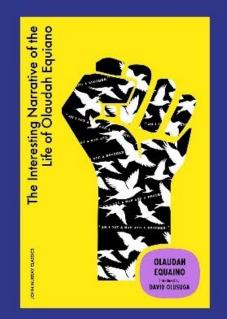


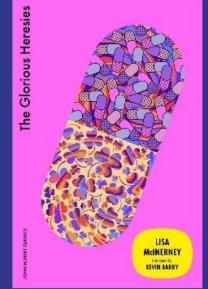
















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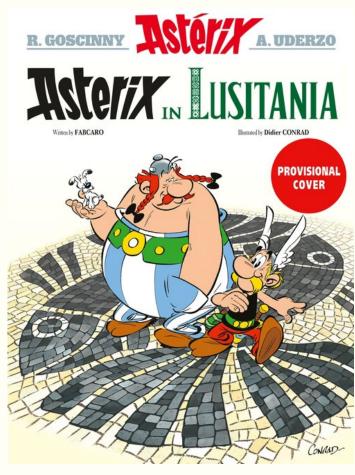
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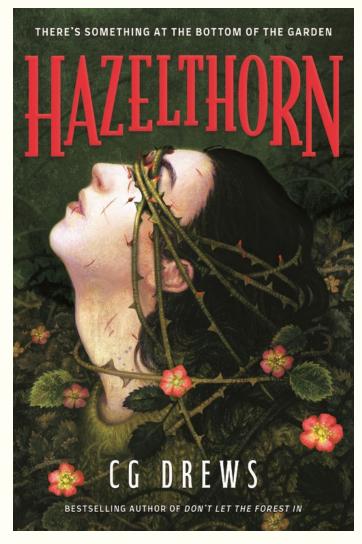
AX 41 Asterix in Lusitania Fabcaro

On 28th October MMXXV there will be a new album of adventures for the most famous of Gauls: Asterix in Lusitania!

One beautiful spring morning, a stranger appears in the Gaulish village. He's from Lusitania, the sun-drenched land to the west of Hispania which is also under the Roman Empire's thumb. This former slave, who first featured in The Mansions of the Gods, has come to ask our indomitable Gauls for help because he knows about the Magic Potion and its powerful effects.

And so begins another adventure for Asterix and Obelix!

Didier Conrad (born 6 May 1959) is a French comics artist and writer. Since 2012, he has been the artist of the popular *Asterix* series.



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Hazelthorn CG Drews

Knives Out meets Belladonna in this gorgeously gothic queer YA horror and dark romance about an inherited estate, murderous relatives, and a garden with a taste for blood, from the New York Times bestselling author of Don't Let the Forest In and The Boy Who Steals Houses.

Evander has lived like a ghost in the forgotten corners of the Hazelthorn estate ever since he was taken in by his reclusive billionaire guardian. He can never leave, he can never go in the gardens and he can never be alone with Laurie, the boy who tried to kill him seven years ago.

But when his guardian is murdered and Evander inherits Hazelthorn, Laurie may be the only one who can help him find the killer.

As dark secrets unravel, moss bleeds though the walls, poisonous mushrooms flourish beneath the floorboards, and Evander must discover what he's really inherited before Hazelthorn's garden demands to be fed.

CG Drews is the author of *A Thousand Perfect Notes*, *The Boy Who Steals Houses*, and *Don't Let the Forest In*. CGs work has been translated into five languages and was nominated for the 2020 CILIP Carnegie Medal and won the 2020 CBCA Honour Award. CG lives in Australia, never sleeps and is forever buried under a pile of unread books.

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