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## ANIMALS

### Book 1 Dog training and behaviour solutions: the stress-free way to live in harmony with your dog

The book is a compilation of articles written by these professionals on various aspects of puppy and dog ownership, care, training, and managing and treating behavior problems.

### Book 2 Black ops and beaver bombing: adventures with Britain's wild mammals by Fiona Mathews and Tim Kendall

From seals' frisky behaviour to red squirrels making their last stand in the battle against the greys, here are the mammals of Britain as you've never seen them before.

## AUSTRALIANA

### Book 3 The Paris Cooking School by Sophie Beaumont

Gabi Picabea, Kate Evans from Australia, and Sylvie Morel come to Paris Cooking School to learn the French way of food. Still bruised from a shocking betrayal by her ex-husband, Kate is trying to find a new place for herself in life, and emotional peace, while French-Australian artist Gabi is struggling with a crippling creative block. Meanwhile, Sylvie is facing challenges of her own. That extraordinary April in Paris will bring unexpected twists and transformations that will change the course of their lives.

### Book 4 So close to home by Mick Cummins

Eighteen-year-old Aaron is charismatic, resourceful and addicted to heroin. His mum has kicked him out of home, and he wanders the streets of South Melbourne, living on his wits and sleeping rough. Desperate to fund his addiction, Aaron climbs into the car of The Man, a distinguished elderly gentleman willing to pay for a certain kind of relationship. This regular cash could be the lifeline Aaron needs to start again, but The Man keeps raising spectres from Aaron's past that he'd rather forget, and the consequences could be fatal.

### Book 5 Women and children by Tony Birch

It's 1965 and Joe Cluny is living in a working-class suburb with his mum, Marion, and sister, Ruby, spending his days trying to avoid trouble with the nuns at the local Catholic primary school. One evening his Aunty Oona appears on the doorstep, distressed and needing somewhere to stay. As his mum and aunty work out what to do, Joe comes to understand the secrets that the women in his family carry, including on their bodies.

### Book 6 The milliner of Bendigo by Darry Fraser

1898: Bendigo, Victoria. Evie Emerson has worked hard to build a fashionable clientele for her hats. But when an ex-paramour employs underhanded tactics after his attempt to coerce an engagement fails, Evie's reputation is in tatters. On the heels of having to put a case together to defend herself in court, Evie's life is thrown into further turmoil when the disappearance of her sister takes her to Cobram. Roving reporter Fitzmorgan O'Shea has troubles of his own: his involvement in uncovering police corruption has placed a target on his back. And while hunting a new story in Cobram his problems collide with Evie's when his research exposes malicious intimidation and threats designed to make local landholders give up their properties. For Raffety Dolan, he accepted long ago it's Fitz Evie loves—and his feelings will remain unrequited. But when a disgraced ex-policeman comes searching for revenge, he's ready to go save his friends. There, on the banks of the mighty Murray, with so much misunderstood history and secrets between the three friends—plus the legitimate threat of being shot at—will they survive long enough to discover the truth?

## BIOGRAPHIES AND MEMOIRS

### Book 7 The hard road will take you home by Anthony Stazicker

Anthony 'Staz' Stazicker served an impressive 13 years of distinguished and decorated military service, ten within the Special Forces, before founding the multi-million pound technical clothing company ThruDark. Throughout his career in the Special Forces - featuring gunfights, door-kicking operations, and against-the-odds escapes - he learned hard lessons that would later provide crucial intelligence equally applicable to business, innovation and enterprise.

### Book 8 Bernard who?: 75 years of doing just about everything by Bernard Cribbins and James Hogg

Bernard Cribbins's life has been an eventful one. In 1943, he left school aged fourteen and joined Oldham Repertory Company where he earned fifteen bob for a seventy-hour week. After being called up for National Service in 1946 he became a paratrooper and spent several months in Palestine being shot at. On returning home, and to the theatre, Bernard was eventually approached by George Martin, then an A&R man for Parlophone Records, who suggested he made a record.

### Book 9 The funny thing about death by Jo Caulfield

Six years ago, Jo was about to go on stage when she found out that her sister Annie had cancer. What transpired was a cathartic journey for both sisters as they revisited their childhood and adolescence. 'The Funny Thing About Death' is a laugh-out-loud memoir that is not afraid to ask the big questions about life, death, love and loss.

### Book 10 Winkle: the extraordinary life of Britain's greatest pilot by Paul Beaver

Eric 'Winkle' Brown was Britain's greatest pilot. Drawing on Brown's own papers and fascinating new research, Paul Beaver uncovers surprising new truths and incredible achievements in the definitive account of a pilot and man who was revered around the world.

### Book 11 Unbreakable by Richard Askwith

Unbreakable tells the courageous and heartbreaking story of a Czech countess who defied the Nazis in a legendary horse race. Lata Brandisová, who spent much of her life in poverty, refused to accept the constraints society placed on her because of her gender. Instead, with quiet courage, she repeatedly achieved what others said was impossible and rose above scandal to became her nation's figurehead in its darkest hour.

### Book 12 Ultramarathon man: confessions of an all-night runner by Dean Karnazes

Ultrarunning legend Dean Karnazes has run 262 miles - the equivalent of ten marathons - without rest. He has run over mountains, across Death Valley, to the South Pole, and is probably the first person to eat an entire pizza while running.

### Book 13 Lando Norris: a biography by Ben Hunt

As the youngest ever British Formula 1 driver, Lando Norris is trailblazing his way through the world of motor racing. After signing as a junior driver for McLaren in 2017, he has since asserted himself as the team's brightest talent and an aspiring world champion.

### Book 14 Charles Leclerc: a biography by Adam Hay-Nicholls

Few of the drivers on the F1 grid have the racing pedigree of Charles Leclerc. Widely regarded as one of the sport's hottest prospects, he was crowned F3 and then F2 champion in back-to-back seasons before he made his F1 debut with Sauber in 2018. Now firmly established as Ferrari's great hope, following in the footsteps of legends Alberto Ascari, Niki Lauda and Michael Schumacher, Leclerc has his eyes set on becoming world champion.

### Book 15 The crime of not knowing your crime: Ric Throssell against ASIO by Karen Throssell

My grandmother was one of Australia's greatest novelists, my grandfather won the Victoria Cross for gallantry and my father was hounded all his life as a spy. This is a three generational story. It's about my life; it's about my father, Ric; it's about my grandparents, the writer Katharine Susannah Prichard and the war hero Hugo Throssell. It's a study of the psychology of spies and those who obsess about them, a narrative of guilt and innocence told through poetry, prose and historical documents. It's a tale from another time - but one with obvious relevance, given how regularly governments rely on fear and scapegoating today. Let me tell you what was done to my family. "Through entwined poetry and prose, Karen Throssell illuminates ASIO's persecution of her extraordinary family. In the post 9/11 era, too many Australians have forgotten what happened in the Cold War. That's why this story matters".

### Book 16 The flying nurse: saving lives and swaddling babies from outback Australia to Africa and beyond by Prudence Wheelwright and Alley Pascoe

Nurse and midwife Prue Wheelwright has worked in the most remote parts of Australia and around the world. In isolated, far-flung locations and on dangerous frontlines, this passionate and dedicated nurse has put her heart, and often her safety, on the line, day after day, year after year. Prue shares all the challenges, the joys and the heartbreaks in her life as a travelling nurse, from working in outback Australia to developing a paediatric HIV project in Tajikistan, setting up a 24-hour maternity hospital in an Ethiopian refugee camp and working with the Saudi royal family. Most recently she has joined the Royal Flying Doctor Service, combining her love of travel, adventure and healthcare. In her work Prue has witnessed the extremes of humanity: the extraordinary highs and devastating lows. A highly skilled nurse with a huge heart, Prue will inspire you and move you with her tales of life at its most raw and real.

### Book 17 Nicky Winmar: my story: from bush kid to AFL legend by Nicky Winmar

Sport is made up of moments that thrill us at the time and quickly disappear. Very few endure for decades. Even fewer transcend sport and speak to an entire nation. April 17, 2023, marked the 30th anniversary of St Kilda legend Nicky Winmar's proud and defining stand against racism-one of those moments that hasn't diminished over time and regrettably is just as relevant today. It is a stand that has become iconic, and so has Winmar, not just for his courage as he declared to a hostile, jeering crowd, 'I'm black and I'm proud to be black,' but also because he was one of the game's most talented and celebrated players. Born to Noongar parents in Western Australia's Wheatbelt, 200 kilometres from Perth, Neil Elvis 'Nicky' Winmar quickly displayed an ability to overcome adversity. He would need it. He had a hard upbringing but loved to play footy every day with his younger brother amid the livestock on the farm where their father worked as a shearer. The skinny teenager soon began playing football among hardened men for the local club and was signed to a senior team as a promising fifteen-year-old. Winmar would go on to become one of the most decorated players in AFL history. Recently inducted into the illustrious AFL Hall of Fame, a member of both the Indigenous Team of the Century and the St Kilda Team of the Century, Nicky was the first Indigenous footballer to play 200 games. This long-awaited autobiography tells the story of Winmar's brilliant career in colourful detail, as well as giving moving insight into his life. Amid the pain, the turbulence and the triumph, his heart and abiding sense of humour shine through.

### Book 18 The wolf you feed: Wayne Bennett: the man, the myth, the mayhem by Andrew Webster

Wayne Bennett is the greatest rugby league coach Australia has ever had. He has won seven premierships, steered the careers of the country's most outstanding players, and developed strategies that have revolutionised the game. He is a living contradiction: a self-professed introvert who can hold an audience in the palm of his hand; an autocrat on a humanitarian mission to make good men of his young charges; a devoted husband (and father of the year) who left his wife after 42 years of marriage. Other coaches decry his tactics then attempt to imitate them. Players are desperate to work with him but are left feeling deceived when he cuts them loose. The media disparages him then lavishes him with praise. So who is the real Wayne Bennett? Celebrated sports journalist Andrew Webster has been on a mission to find out. Over the course of two years, he has interviewed family, close friends, sworn enemies, colleagues, journalists, coaches and players, as well as Bennett himself, and trawled through acres of print and recordings. Webster shows us a complex, brilliant and difficult man. We come to admire the good wolf of Bennett's nature - the man with a genius for transforming young unformed players into titans of the game. And the bad wolf - the wrangler who plays the dark arts of football politics with a determination that borders on obsessive and will do anything to win.

## HISTORY

### Book 19 Blood sword by Griff Hosker

Sven Saxon Sword is content with his life but King Sweyn Forkbeard wants to use the Dragon Sword to help him claim a kingdom across the seas from Denmark. With Prince Cnut at his side, Sven has to fight not only the English but also Danes who change sides, Scots keen to grab land themselves and even the oathsworn of the new Danish king.

### Book 20 The temple of Fortuna by Elodie Harper

Amara's journey has taken her far; from a slave in Pompeii's wolf den to a high-powered courtesan in Rome... though her story is not over yet. While Amara plays for power in Rome's imperial palace, those dearest to her remain in Pompeii. But it is AD 79, and mighty Mount Vesuvius is about to make itself known.

### Book 21 Viking war by Griff Hosker

The world of Dragon Heart is thrown into confusion when they become the target of their Viking brothers. Raiders come from every direction to take what Dragon Heart and his people have built. This is the time of Viking fighting Viking for control of the land that will become England.

### Book 22 A close run thing by David Donachie

John Pearce is hiding in Gravelines with his mysterious companion, known to him as Oliphant. Although they find a crew willing to take them back to England, they learn on the journey that Pearce's old enemies, the Tolland brothers, are still active on the route, and may have been responsible for the murder of Catherine Carruthers.

### Book 23 HMS Hazard by David Donachie

1796. John Pearce is stuck with a difficult mission, a crew of Quota Men forced to enlist in the Royal Navy, four new midshipmen as well as Samuel Oliphant, companion-cum-spy, whom he finds a constant irritant. In his favour he commands HMS Hazard, a speedy warship, a pair of competent officers and, of course, his trusty friends the Pelicans. Their mission is to head for the Mediterranean Fleet and warn Admiral Sir John Jervis of impending danger he will face, fighting a combined French/Spanish fleet.

### Book 24 A troubled course by David Donachie

John Pearce discovers that Madrid plans to desert the British-led coalition and join the enemy. In company with Lord Langholm, he has taken a Spanish treasure ship but is forced into a deep bay overlooked by Spaniards who have a cannon aimed at the entrance. Pearce must take the lead and find a way to get Langholm's frigate and the damaged Santa Leocadia through the bottleneck. His orders take him via Gibraltar, then to Admiral Jervis to warn of Spanish duplicity.

### Book 25 Droits of the Crown by David Donachie

John Pearce faces a court martial, but will a cowardly chief witness stand up to questioning? With the matter unresolved, HMS Hazard is put under the command of Horatio Nelson. In London, the government denies prize money for the cargo of silver Pearce took off the Santa Leocadia, claiming it as property of the Crown. Pearce's prize agent seeks to fight this, only to be outmanoeuvred by devious Henry Dundas. From Elba, Pearce is sent on a mission to collect fleeing members of the Corsican government.

### Book 26 A true account: Hannah Masury's sojourn amongst the pyrates, written by herself by Katherine Howe

In Boston, as the Golden Age of Piracy comes to a bloody close, Hannah Masury is ready to take her life into her own hands. When a man is hanged for piracy in the town square and whispers of a treasure in the Caribbean spread, Hannah is forced to flee for her life, disguising herself as a cabin boy in the pitiless crew of the notorious pirate Edward "Ned" Low. To earn the freedom to choose a path for herself, Hannah must hunt down the treasure and change the tides. Meanwhile, professor Marian Beresford pieces Hannah’s story together in 1930, seeing her own lack of freedom reflected back at her as she watches Hannah's transformation.

### Book 27 The pomegranate gate by Ariel Kaplan

In mystical 15th century Spain at the height of the Inquisition's power, young Jews Toba and Naftaly must fight for survival by unravelling the mysterious connections they have to a magical world of the immortal Maziks whose fates are tied to their own.

## HORROR

### Book 28 What hides in the cellar by Graham Masterton

After a South London man is shot and killed at home, his wife swears that the offender had no feet. Even stranger, when a teacher is murdered at a local school, her pupils insist they saw disembodied feet dangling from their classroom ceiling. All across the country, victims claim the assailant was missing a body part, while others stumble upon the severed appendages.

## HUMOUR

### Book 29 University tales by Jack Sheffield

York, 1988. Dr Tom Frith is beginning his first term as a tutor at the University of Eboracum. After teaching primary school children for several years, he's sure shaping the minds of young adults will be a welcome change. But that's before considering the pressures he'll face outside the lecture hall, from helping three hapless students who've been surviving exclusively on porridge, to fielding inappropriate propositions from students chasing higher grades. And then there's the particular challenge of Edna Wallop, the Acting Head of Faculty.

## LAW LEGAL ISSUES AND ETHICS

### Book 30 Killing Goldfinger: the secret, bullet-riddled life and death of Britain's gangster number one by Wensley Clarkson

Killing Goldfinger charts the extraordinary rise and spectacular bullet-riddled fall of John Palmer, the richest, most powerful criminal ever to have emerged from the modern British underworld, who turned the sunshine holiday island of Tenerife into his very own Crime Incorporated and then paid the ultimate price.

## LITERATURE AND FICTION

### Book 31 Though the bodies fall by Noel O'Regan

Micheal Burns lives alone in his family's bungalow at the end of Kerry Head in Ireland. It is a picturesque place, but the cliffs have a darker side to them: for generations they have been a suicide black spot. Micheal's mother saw the saving of these lost souls - these visitors - as her spiritual duty, and now, in the wreckage of his life, Micheal finds himself continuing her work. When his sisters tell him that they want to sell the land, he must choose between his siblings and the visitors, a future or a past.

### Book 32 Songs for the dead and the living by Sara M Saleh

Jamilah has always believed she knows where her home is: in a house above a paint shop on the outskirts of Beirut, with her large chaotic, loving family. But she soon learns that as Palestinian refugees, her family's life in Lebanon is precarious, and they must try to blend in even as they fight to retain their identity. When conflict comes to Beirut, Jamilah's world fractures, and the family is forced to flee to Cairo. In the end, Jamilah will have to choose between holding on to everything she knows and pursuing a life she can truly call her own.

### Book 33 The coiled serpent by Camilla Grudova

A little girl throws up Gloria-Jean's teeth after an explosion at the custard factory; Pax, Alexander, and Angelo are hypnotically enthralled by a book that promises them enlightenment if they keep their semen inside their bodies; Victoria is sent to a cursed hotel for ailing girls when her period mysteriously stops. In a damp, putrid spa, the exploitative drudgery of work sparks revolt; in a Margate museum, the new Director curates a venomous garden for public consumption. In Grudova's unforgettably surreal style, these stories expose the absurdities behind contemporary ideas of work, Britishness and art-making, to conjure a singular, startling strangeness that proves the deft skill of a writer at the top of her game.

## MYSTERY AND THRILLERS

### Book 34 Allegation by R. G. Adams

Sandbeach, South Wales. Two women have come forward to make historical sexual allegations against pillar of the local community, Matthew Cooper. The case lands on the desk of inexperienced social worker, Kit Goddard, who must remove Cooper from his home while the investigation is carried out. She is ill-prepared for such a high-profile case. Kit finds herself navigating a local minefield of connections and class, reputations and rumour. Unsure whether her interference is a heroic intervention or a hurtful intrusion, she knows one thing: it will have an impact. The question is whether this impact will be to expose a lie, or destroy an innocent life?

### Book 35 The blind detective by Christina Koning

London, 1927. Frederick Rowlands, a First World War veteran who was blinded at Ypres, is working as a switchboard operator in the city when an overheard telephone conversation draws him into a murder case. From then on, his safe and conventional life, painstakingly reconstructed after the horrors he experienced in the trenches, is shaken to its very foundation.

### Book 36 Nothing left to lose by A. J. Wills

Abi should be at home celebrating after helping to put two murderers behind bars for a sickening attack on a pensioner in his own home. Instead, she's gone missing; her phone's switched off, and her husband, Henry, is frantic with worry. But Abi's disappearance is only the start of his troubles. Who's the mysterious hooded man loitering outside the house in the dark? Why has someone etched a cryptic message into the windscreen of Abi's car? And what's the meaning of the creepy anonymous letter that's been pushed through their front door? All Henry knows for sure is someone's trying to scare him. Someone hellbent on revenge. And they're not going to stop until they've brought him to his knees and exacted a deadly retribution....

### Book 37 His wife's sister by A. J. Wills

Mara Sitwell was only 11 when she went missing. Nineteen years later, she’s been found wandering through remote woodland, alone and confused. She says she’s been kept in an underground cell for all these years - but refuses to reveal anything about the man who snatched her. What does she have to hide? And who’s she protecting? Her brother-in-law, Damian, certainly doubts she’s telling the whole truth and fears she might even be a danger to his young children, especially when his wife insists on moving Mara into their home. To save his family, Damian will have to prove what really happened to Mara all those years ago. But the truth is never easy to uncover when it’s been buried so deep....

### Book 38 The Berlin traitor by A. W. Hammond

July, 1945. The war in Europe is finally over. But Auguste Duchene, who survived occupied Paris cannot escape his past. He finds himself helping the Allies to pursue a Gestapo war criminal through the ravaged and dangerous streets of Berlin. Duchene soon learns, however, that, although one global conflict may have ended, another is beginning, and he is in a deadly race against the Russians as they hunt the same man.

### Book 39 The wiregrass by Adrian Hyland

A murder made to look like an accident. A disgraced cop trying to forget his past. Nash Rankin is a disgraced cop trying to escape his past—his career was destroyed when he chose to take justice into his own hands. Now he's living a quiet life in a small town caring for the local wildlife and trying to stay away from trouble. Jesse Redpath has a new job in a new town, Satellite—the stormy weather that greets her first few days on the new beat seems like a sign for what's to come. A local has died in what seems like an accident, but Jessie isn't so sure that ‘accident' wasn't planned. All evidence seems to point to Nash, but Jesse's not sure about that either. Seems like Nash has enemies. And what looks like a close knit community might just be cover for dark secrets. No amount of rain will wash this town clean.

### Book 40 What have we done by Alex Finlay

A thriller about trauma, perseverance, and family. A group of friends who all grew up in the same abusive foster home will have to revisit the nightmares of their childhood and confront their past: because someone is trying to kill them.

### Book 41 The end of the road by Andrew Welsh-Huggins

A bank robber tries to leave behind his life of crime after serving his time. But getting out isn't so easy. Myles's courtroom testimony should have put Pryor, their one-eyed ringleader, behind bars after the bank robbery gone wrong, yet somehow Pryor got off scot-free while Myles served time. Now, upon his release, Myles decides he is done with his life of crime - a change that will only be possible if he can kill Pryor and turn over a new leaf.

### Book 42 The beaver theory by Antti Tuomainen

Henri Koskinen, intrepid insurance mathematician and adventure-park entrepreneur, firmly believes in the power of common sense and order. That is until he moves in with painter Laura Helanto and her daughter...The “YouMeFun” Adventure Park has a competitor, who is seeking to expand their operations, not always sticking to the law in the process...When there is a murder and the body count adds up, Henri finds himself in trouble, the type which maths may not totally help him out of a sticky situation.

### Book 43 Operator down by Brad Taylor

You'll never find him... The Taskforce—a highly clandestine Special Forces unit—weren't meant to get involved. The ex-Mossad agent Aaron Bergman has gone missing. Even if it goes against the Taskforce's direct orders, Pike Logan is determined to locate his friend. Yet Aaron's disappearance is part of something much larger. Soon the Taskforce is on a collision course with a ruthless military coup in Africa. Now Logan must choose: save Aaron or serve the Taskforce.

### Book 44 The safe house by Cameron Ward

When Jess accepts an offer to caretake a luxury property in the Australian outback, the isolated, all-inclusive solo trip is just what she needs. But Jess isn't as alone as she thinks. As bushfires rage in the distance, strangers start showing up to seek refuge. And as the fires start closing in, tensions in the group begin to rise. Then the phones stop working. All exits are cut off. Quickly, Jess's guests begin to panic. And when the first person goes missing, she realises that someone in the house isn't who they say they are. The danger is already inside.

### Book 45 Rise to the fly by Cheryl Rees-Price

A quiet corner of Wales becomes the centre of a murder investigation when the bodies of a retired couple are found near the shore of a reservoir. Police try to establish the methods and motives of their attacker by careful examination of the crime scene. And, bizarrely, fishing flies are found in the victims' mouths.

### Book 46 The fall between by Darcy Tindale

On a hot November morning, the first body lies in a cattle trough... It will be another two hours before rigor mortis sets in. Until then, the slim fingers will float below the water's surface, gently bobbing, beckoning Detective Giles to come and find her. Detective Rebecca Giles has just finished interviewing aging petty criminal Sticky Pete over a spate of break-and-enters when a disturbing new report comes in. Twelve-year-old Kayleen Ellis has vanished from her home in Muswellbrook in the Upper Hunter Valley. Hours later, Giles is a local hero, having apparently solved Kayleen's case and the spate of jewellery thefts. Yet the hangover from her celebrations has barely kicked in when the body of young jillaroo Ava Emmerson is discovered in gruesome circumstances on a nearby farm. Giles is convinced the link between all three cases lies in the town's tragic history, perhaps even in her own mother's mysterious drowning thirty years ago. In a place where nothing much changes, suddenly a great deal is happening -- and Giles's life and career are now on the line.

### Book 47 Betrayal by Kerry Kaya

Meet the Tempest family - and get ready for the storm. Tracey Tempest adores her husband, Terry. But when on his 50th birthday, tragedy strikes, Tracey must face the terrifying prospect of a future without him. Desperate for answers and boiling with rage, Tracey wants revenge.. Together with her beloved sons, Ricky and Jamie, the Tempest family dig deeper into Terry's past.

### Book 48 Revenge by Kerry Kaya

After the brutal gangland murder of her husband Terry, Tracey Tempest just wants to move on. She’ll never get over Terry’s betrayal, but she’s determined his shady past won’t spoil life for her and her beloved boys Ricky and Jamie. Max Hardcastle just wants a quiet life and to maybe see how things go between him and Tracey. He knows she’s been hurt in the past, but he’s nothing like Terry and he’ll do anything to keep Tracey happy and safe. When Max’s car garage is torched, he’s certain someone still has a grudge to settle. And when the Tempest boys discover one last secret Terry’s been keeping, the fallout could tear their family apart.

### Book 49 Justice by Kerry Kaya

Despite being raised by the notorious Murphy family, Terri Tempest has somehow turned out to be a lovely girl. But when Terri has enough of the abuse from her Uncle Michael, she runs away and takes refuge with Rina and Archie Taylor who own a local pub. Terri knows she’s a Tempest by blood, but she’s terrified of her half-brothers Ricky and Jamie. Their reputations are even worse than the Murphys. But when tragedy strikes at the pub, Terri blames herself. She knows there's only one way to get her revenge and justice and that means joining forces with her brothers and the family firm.

### Book 50 Savage sisters by Heather Atkinson

Jane, Carly and Rose Savage are savage by name, savage by nature. Having lost their mum too young, and with a bedridden father too ill to work, the sisters learnt early to stand on their own two feet. The family's flat in the rough streets of Glasgow's Haghill is their fortress, but when Carly's ex-boyfriend Cole Alexander is released from prison, trouble soon comes knocking at their door. The Alexanders have beef with the Savages, so the girls call for back up in the shape of their uncle Eddie and his two gorgeous but dangerous sons, Harry and Dean. As a turf war breaks out, the Savage sisters have choices to make.

### Book 51 A Savage feud by Heather Atkinson

In Glasgow's Haghill, the Savage sisters strike fear into the hearts of their enemies the Alexanders. Firmly ensconced in the criminal underworld, Carly and Jane Savage, along with girl gang the Unbeatable Bitches, their uncle Eddie and their cousins Dean and Harry, are finally making good money, running dubious errands for the notorious Tallan brothers. The Savage sisters feel invincible until trouble arrives in the form of Jack Alexander. Recently released from a notorious prison, nicknamed Monster Mansion, he's dangerous, ambitious, and broodingly handsome. Could he persuade the Tallans that the Alexanders are more useful than the Savages?

### Book 52 The Borgia portrait by David Hewson

When Arnold Clover is recruited by Lizzie Hawker to help her look into her family inheritance, he cannot begin to guess the journey he is about to embark on. Lizzie's mother, an Italian countess, disappeared thirty years ago, presumed dead. Her father, a famous, some say infamous, music promoter, has just died and now the family home Ca' Scacchi, a leaning palazzo in Dorsoduro, has fallen to her.

### Book 53 Lethal in small doses by David Pearson

A flight from London to Dublin arrives carrying an unusual cargo – a passenger stone-cold dead in his seat. Sergeant Fiona Moore immediately suspects foul play and forensics confirm a lethal cocktail of drugs was in the man’s system. But Moore is left to largely tackle the case herself as her immediate boss, DI Aidan Burke, has other things on his mind – namely the attractive Swedish co-pilot, Andrea Bergin. Investigating the victim’s business dealings and personal life, Moore finds that all was clearly not quite well with the successful lawyer. Yet who was driven to kill him and what do they want to hide?

### Book 54 Surgeons' hall by E. S. Thomson

Visiting the Great Exhibition to view the wax anatomical models of the famous but reclusive Dr Merlin Strangeway, Jem Flockhart and Will Quartermain find a severed arm, perfectly dissected and laid out amongst the exhibits. Assuming it to be a prank by medical students, they return it to Dr Strangeway, who works at Corvus Hall, a private anatomy school run by Dr James Crowe - one of Edinburgh's most revered surgeons and teachers of anatomy.

### Book 55 A bespoke murder by Edward Marston

May 1915. As zeppelin bombs fall on London and with the sinking of the Lusitania, anti-German hysteria reaches fever pitch and attacks on German immigrants surge. Not even the West End of London is immune. Jacob Stein's bespoke tailoring business comes under brutal attack, leaving his safe ransacked, his daughter, Ruth, raped and Jacob dead. Inspector Harvey Marmion is detailed to the case and faces an uphill struggle to track down the perpetrators, even up to the chaos of the Front Line. But was the murder as opportunistic as it first appears, or did someone with a deadly grudge plan the attack?

### Book 56 Instrument of slaughter by Edward Marston

January 1916. Britain is on the brink of enforcing conscription. Eligible young men who have not yet signed up to fight are despised as ‘conchies’ and ‘shirkers’, subjected to hatred and verbal abuse. Cyril Ablatt, leader of Shoreditch’s group of conscientious objectors, makes a rousing speech at a meeting of the No-Conscription Fellowship, refusing to be ‘an instrument of slaughter in a khaki uniform’. When Cyril is brutally bludgeoned to death, Scotland Yard detectives Inspector Marmion and Sergeant Keedy are assigned to the case. As the pair build up a portrait of Cyril, they unearth an intriguing private life behind the man’s saintly facade. It soon becomes clear there are plenty of suspicious characters with motives for the killing. Meanwhile, public sympathy is lukewarm. Some people even claim that a conchie deserves to die if he won’t fight for King and Country. And in the wake of the murder, three close friends of Ablatt fear that they may also be under threat. Marmion and Keedy will have to work fast to find the killer before any more deaths occur...

### Book 57 Five dead canaries by Edward Marston

1916. As thousands of Brits are fighting on the Front Line, a new breed of women emerges to hold the Home Front together. Fiercely independent and fiery-spirited, the munitionettes, or ‘canaries’, are easily recognisable with their chemically-stained yellow faces. Among the raucous group of women is Florrie Duncan, who plans to celebrate her birthday in style at the Golden Goose pub. But the celebrations are cut short when all but one are killed in a brutal explosion.

### Book 58 Deeds of darkness by Edward Marston

In June 1916, a young woman named Charlotte Reid is found murdered in a cinema. Harvery Marmion and Joe Keedy are assigned the task of finding the killer who so elusively fled in the dark. Before long, two more victims, of striking similarity but differing backgrounds, are found dead around the city. Meanwhile, miles from home, Marmion’s son Paul prepares for life on the front line as he marches towards the Battle of the Somme.

### Book 59 Dance of death by Edward Marston

London, Autumn 1916. When he slips out of a house in the early hours, Simon Wilder is too preoccupied to realise that he is being stalked. As he walks along the street, lights begin to dim as a warning that there's another Zeppelin attack. British aeroplanes attack the Zeppelin. Suddenly, it bursts into flame and lights up the whole sky. The crowds cheer as the great fireball drops slowly down and crashes in a field but the one person unable to watch is Simon Wilder. While he is staring up at the sky, he is stabbed to death and left in an alleyway. It will prove to be a very puzzling case for Inspector Marmion and Sergeant Keedy....

### Book 60 The enemy within by Edward Marston

Pentonville Prison. Wally Hibbert is serving a long sentence for arson. But after befriending and tricking one of the officers, Hibbert makes an audacious escape. Inspector Marmion, the detective who arrested Hibbert, is warned to watch his back, but it seems that Hibbert has another target in his murderous sights. An inmate at an internment camp who might be a spy sending intelligence to the Germans complicates matters further, and the multiplying manhunts, as well as Marmion's concern for his injured and withdrawn son Paul, leave the detective desperate and perhaps with too many threads to untangle.

### Book 61 Under attack by Edward Marston

June 1917. While German Gotha bombers raid London from above, a man's body is fished from the Thames below. The man had been garrotted and his tongue cut out, and as the killer has taken care to remove identifying items, Detective Inspector Marmion and Sergeant Keedy struggle to name the victim before they can begin properly with their investigation.

### Book 62 The unseen hand by Edward Marston

1917. The Lotus Hotel offers sanctuary for its exclusively female clientele, attracting the cream of London's society. But a dead body found in one of its rooms is hardly good for business, and when it is discovered that the woman was neither a guest nor a member of staff, the Lotus' reputation as a safe haven is cast in doubt. Inspector Marmion and Sergeant Keedy are dispatched to look into the events at the hotel and soon suspect foul play. Tangling with a forgetful widower, a wily competitor and the haughty hotel owner, the pair will have to delve into the past to solve this crime in the present.

### Book 63 The quantum solution by Eric Van Lustbader

Evan Ryder is an extraordinary intelligence field agent now working for the security arm of Parachute, a private company and the world’s leader in the application of quantum technology. In the past, Ryder has done lethal battle in the modern global wars of power politics, extremist ideology, corrosive disinformation, and outrageous greed. But now she finds herself in a battle arena whose dangers, while less obvious, are greater than anything the world has seen before—the present and future war of weaponized quantum technology.

### Book 64 Blood ties by Heather Atkinson

The Queen of Glasgow, Toni McVay, is no ordinary crime boss. For one thing, she likes to discipline disappointing employees by scooping out their eyeballs and keeping them as souvenirs. Jamie Gray and his gang the Blood Brothers are happy to do her dirty work in return for lessons in the ways of the local underworld, but are in no doubt that they need to keep Toni sweet to keep themselves safe. Rival families The Gordons and The Thompsons are ready for a turf war, keen to take over the lucrative Gallowburn estate, and weaken Toni's grip on the city. But can the old enemies really trust each other enough to join forces?

### Book 65 Blood pact by Heather Atkinson

After the defeat of the rival Gordon and Thompson families, the Blood Brothers' reputations as feared lieutenants of the McVay clan are firmly established. The Gallowburn has become an untouchable stronghold in their capable hands. However, danger rears its head in another form - Mob boss and Jamie's deadliest foe, Cameron Abernethy. Still fighting to be released from prison, Cameron decides to use the Lawson family, the Blood Brothers' biggest rivals, to discover his daughter's whereabouts. With his enemies getting closer, and the police on his tail too, Jamie has some impossible choices to make.

### Book 66 Redemption by Heather Burnside

Growing up in one of Manchester's roughest council estates Mark (Macca) McNeil's life seems already written for him until joining forces with rough boy Todd Brown to form a gang offers him a way out. He is finally changing his life but then, there is Joanne… She is more than a fling and although they come from the same estate, but she is heading places. She loves his lavish gifts and the life he is promising her, but she doesn't want to see what Macca is capable of.

### Book 67 Connections in death by J. D. Robb

Lieutenant Eve Dallas and her husband Roarke are building a brand-new school and youth shelter, hoping to nudge kids away from dangerous paths. When Lyle Pickering, recovering drug addict and the brother of their newly appointed child psychologist Rochelle, is found dead of an overdose, it looks like a tragic accident. But Rochelle knows better, and so does homicide cop Eve.

### Book 68 Vendetta in death by J. D. Robb

When a family man is tortured, killed and left in front of his family home for all the world to see, Eve Dallas knows she is on the hunt for a particularly dangerous killer. But death uncovers secrets, and the killer leaves a note revealing the victim to be far from the family man he appears. As Eve scrambles to find out what she can to link victim and killer, another body is found. Another man with a dark and murky past.

### Book 69 Golden in death by J. D. Robb

When Kent Abner - baby doctor, model husband and father, good neighbour - is found dead in his town house in the West Village, Detective Eve Dallas and her team have a real mystery on their hands. Who would want to kill such a good man? They know how, where and when he was killed, but why did someone want him dead?

### Book 70 Central Park West by James B Comey

Federal prosecutor Nora Carleton has spent years building a case against a powerful New York mobster. She finally has a star witness: an insider whose testimony will lock the defendant away for good. But the courtroom can be an unpredictable place. While the killing of a disgraced former governor appears unconnected to the trial, the fallout from his death makes a guilty verdict hang in the balance. Desperate to stop the mobster from walking free, Nora investigates the darker side of the city to understand how everything connects. The more she uncovers, the deeper the corruption runs. There are dangerous people who will do anything to stop her from finding the truth. But Nora knows better than most that the truth is a fragile thing—especially in court.

### Book 71 A quiet contagion by Jane Jesmond

1957. A catastrophe occurs at the pharmaceutical lab in Coventry where 16-year-old Wilf is working for the summer. 2017. Phiney is shocked by the death of her grandfather, Wilf, who has jumped from a railway bridge at a Coventry station. Journalist Mat Torrington is the only witness. Left in utter disbelief, with a swarm of unanswered questions, Phiney, Mat and Wilf's wife, Dora, begin their own enquiries into Wilf's death.

### Book 72 The appeal by Janice Hallett

Dear Reader - enclosed are all the documents you need to solve a case. It starts with the arrival of two mysterious newcomers to the small town of Lockwood, and ends with a tragic death. Someone has already been convicted of this brutal murder and is currently in prison, but we suspect they are innocent. What's more, we believe far darker secrets have yet to be revealed. Throughout the Fairway Players' staging of All My Sons and the charity appeal for little Poppy Reswick's life-saving medical treatment, the murderer hid in plain sight. Yet we believe they gave themselves away. In writing. The evidence is all here, between the lines, waiting to be discovered. Can you uncover the truth?

### Book 73 The Christmas appeal by Janice Hallett

It's coming up to Christmas in Lockwood, and the Fairway Players are busy rehearsing their festive pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, to raise money for the church roof appeal. But despite the season, goodwill is distinctly lacking amongst the amateur dramatists. Sarah-Jane is fending off threats to her new position as chair, the ancient and massive beanstalk prop is rumoured to be made from asbestos, and someone is intent on ruining the panto even before the curtain goes up. And then there's the matter of the dead body..

### Book 74 The mysterious case of the Alperton Angels by Janice Hallett

Everyone knows the sad story of the Alperton Angels: the cult who brainwashed a teenage girl and convinced her that her newborn baby was the anti-Christ. Believing they had a divine mission to kill the infant, they were only stopped when the girl came to her senses and called the police. The Angels committed suicide rather than stand trial, while mother and baby disappeared into the care system. Nearly two decades later, true-crime author Amanda Bailey is writing a book on the Angels. The Alperton baby, now 18, can finally be interviewed: if Amanda can find them, it will be the scoop of the year. But rival author Oliver Menzies - just as smart, and better-connected - is also on the baby's trail. As Amanda and Oliver are forced to collaborate, they realise that what everyone thinks they know about the Angels is wrong...

### Book 75 The Twyford code by Janice Hallett

Forty years ago, Steven Smith found a copy of a famous children's book, its margins full of strange markings and annotations. He took it to his English teacher, Miss Isles, who became convinced it was the key to solving a secret code that ran through all Edith Twyford's novels. Then Miss Isles disappeared on a class field trip, and Steven's memory won't allow him to remember what happened. Desperate to recover his memories and find out what really happened, Steven revisits the people and places of his childhood. But it soon becomes clear that Edith Twyford wasn't just a writer of forgotten children's stories. The Twyford Code has great power, and he isn't the only one trying to solve it...

### Book 76 All the dark secrets by Jennie Felton

When terrible tragedy strikes at the local colliery, the residents of Fairley Terrace's ten houses suffer more than one loss and, for Maggie Donovan at number six, the world turns upside down. Turning for comfort to the one man she can trust, she finds a sudden and undeniable passion instead. But any future with Josh Withers seems a betrayal of her past, and Maggie realises the only way to survive is to conceal a very dark secret of her own...

### Book 77 The widow's promise by Jennie Felton

Carina Talbot's life is shattered when her beloved husband Robert is found dead in mysterious circumstances. Suddenly she must take on sole responsibility for their two young children and find a way to continue running the farm which was Robert's pride and joy. Help comes in the form of two new men in her life: local landowner Lord Cal Melbrook, a scarred war hero whose surly temperament seemingly masks a generous heart, and a mysterious stranger who claims to have been friends with Robert and offers a much-needed hand on the farm. But can Carina truly trust the motives of either man? And, as a woman alone, can she keep her vow to protect her children from further tragedy?

### Book 78 The Siberia job by Josh Haven

After the demise of the Soviet Union, the newly established government privatises its industry by issuing vouchers to all of its citizens, giving them the chance to be shareholders in the country's burgeoning businesses. For those living in abject poverty, the vouchers appear to be little more than pieces of paper. But for Texas businessman John Mills and his Czech companion, Petr Kovac, the chits suggest a lucrative potential. They travel to the furthest, coldest reaches of the country, roving from town to town with suitcases full of cash. The two men quickly learn that the plan has complications—the auctions at which these vouchers are traded for actual shares have been planned at the most remote locations possible to deter outsiders from buying in. And when the Russian mafia and oligarchs catch wind of their successes, the stakes suddenly become deadly...

### Book 79 Killingly by Katharine Beutner

Killingly, 1897. The female students of Mount Holyoke are famous for their beauty and charm. Except for plain, quiet Agnes and Bertha, who spend their time reading, writing and wandering the dark woods of Killingly, and do not seem interested in ballgowns or young men. One autumn morning, Bertha vanishes - and the peaceful town of Killingly fractures into chaos. A private detective arrives in town and begins an investigation, discovering before long that this girl was keeping a terrible secret.

### Book 80 The boat house by Keri Beevis

Max Hunter, my boyfriend, booked the beautiful boat house on the Norfolk Broads as a surprise Autumn break. But in the silence it feels like someone is out there. Watching, waiting and taunting me. When strange things begin to happen, I know this isn't going to be the relaxing break it's supposed to be. As I become more jumpy, Max's patience begin to wear thin. He thinks I am imagining things. But he doesn't know the huge secret I am keeping, so big it could destroy us.

### Book 81 Ravenscroft's last case by Kerry Tombs

Inspector Ravenscroft receives a strange note from a lonely old woman fearing for her life. But when he visits her, she is already dead. Maud Fincher was part of a group of locals trying to speak to their deceased loved ones through the medium of seance. Ravenscroft thinks this is harmless nonsense - until the old lady's last surviving heir is murdered. Is there something sinister going on at these seances?

### Book 82 White as snow by Lilja Sigurdardottir and Quentin Bates

On a snowy winter morning, an abandoned shipping container is discovered near Reykjavik. Inside are the bodies of five young women - one of them barely alive. As Icelandic Police detective Daníel struggles to investigate the most brutal crime of his career, Áróra looks into the background of a suspicious man, who turns out to be engaged to Daníel's former wife, and the connections don't stop there.

### Book 83 Take down by Logan Ryles

Eager to leave the city, Mason doesn’t get the cops involved when he catches a kid trying to steal his truck. Jalen is fifteen, confident and smart, but headed down an ugly path. Mason drives him home, advising him to get his life back on track. Later that night, the DEA explode into Mason's motel room. They're convinced Jalen is the key to dismantling the South Atlanta Squad–a brutal drug gang dispensing deadly fentanyl across the region. But Mason’s not buying the DEA’s story. He realizes there is only one way to save Jalen. Mason will confront the gang himself, and if they won’t back down, he’ll do what he does best – a terminal take down.

### Book 84 Zero kill by M. K Hill

Meet Elsa Zero: Bad neighbour. Single mother. Ex-deep cover agent. And right now, the most dangerous person on Earth. Every intelligence agency in the world wants her dead because she's in possession of a deadly secret - she just has to stay alive long enough to figure out what it is. But this is Elsa Zero we're talking about. And it's a very bad idea to get on her wrong side.

### Book 85 Blood on vines by Madeleine Eskedahl

After graduating university, four friends - Peter, Avery, James, and Isaac - spent a golden summer working in a vineyard. Years later, Peter is brutally murdered in Martinborough. Meanwhile, north of Auckland, a severed hand is discovered under Avery's house. It's Peter's. Within this vista of peace, a rampage of death is about to rock the local community to its core. Will the four friends be picked off one by one?

### Book 86 Murder on the Santa Claws Express by Mandy Morton

Hettie and Tilly are invited to host a Christmas Eve murder mystery aboard the Santa Claws Express. No sooner has the train left the station at Mogbury-on-the-Tilt than our two feline detectives are caught up in a murderous family feud between the Shuttles and the Stokers.

### Book 87 Loyalty by Martina Cole and Jacqui Rose

Dara Tailor has had to grow up fast. With a mother addicted to cocaine, Dara must look after her seven younger siblings, until social services split them up for ever. Grace Perry has led a sheltered life. Until her widowed mother is attacked and left for dead and Grace is taken into care. At Holly Brookes Children's Home, the two girls unite in the face of horrific abuse and form an unbreakable bond of loyalty. But when their loyalty is tested can they rely on each other to do the right thing?

### Book 88 There should have been eight by Nalini Singh

They met when they were teenagers. Now they're adults: time has been kind to some, and unkind to others. None more so than Bea - the one they lost nine long years ago. Seven people have gathered to reminisce at Bea's family's estate, a once-glorious mansion straight out of a gothic novel. Best friends, old flames, secret enemies, and new lovers are all under one roof. Underneath it all, there's the nagging feeling that Bea's shocking death wasn't what it was claimed to be. And before the weekend is through, the truth will be unleashed.

### Book 89 The body on the shore by Nick Louth

Promising architect Peter Young is shot dead at his desk. DCI Craig Gillard is on the scene, looking at what appears to be a brutal and highly professional hit: two bullets, fired with ice-cold calm. Two weeks later, on the Lincolnshire coast, another body is found on a windswept beach. In this case there is no identity for the young man, just a curious brand burned into his neck. As the mystery deepens, Gillard is plunged into a case without answers, finding himself up against dark forces.

### Book 90 The body in the mist by Nick Louth

A body is found on a quiet lane in Exmoor, victim of a hit and run. He has no ID, no wallet, no phone, and - after being dragged along the road - no recognisable face. Meanwhile, fresh from his last case, DCI Craig Gillard is unexpectedly called away to Devon on family business. Gillard is soon embroiled when the car in question is traced to his aunt. As he delves deeper, a dark mystery reveals itself, haunted by family secrets, with repercussions Gillard could never have imagined.

### Book 91 The body in the snow by Nick Louth

A young detective is out for a jog on a snowy winter morning. Then she sees something terrible: a murder in the park, sudden and inexplicable. A woman has been killed by a passing hooded cyclist. It’s just DCI Craig Gillard’s luck that he’s on duty. The body is that of Tanvi Roy, one of the richest women in Britain and matriarch of a food empire. With a tangled web of family and business contacts and jealousies, Gillard’s job just got even more complex.

### Book 92 The body under the bridge by Nick Louth

It seems like a routine disappearance, a case of musician’s stage fright. As a senior detective, Craig Gillard isn’t sure why he’s even involved. Until it turns out the woman’s father is the German minister of justice, and the British home secretary is on the case, too.

### Book 93 The body on the island by Nick Louth

Late on midsummer's night there is a splash in the river Thames. A body is found on an island, asphyxiated and laced with strange markings. For DCI Craig Gillard it's a baffling case. The victim's identity is elusive, clues are scarce and every witness has something to hide.

### Book 94 The bodies at Westgrave Hall by Nick Louth

Russian oligarch Alexander Volkov has invited 1,000 guests to a party at his palatial Surrey residence, Westgrave Hall. But while giving a private tour of the library, a gunman kills Volkov, wounding his ex-wife and slaying her new beau. Nothing makes sense to DCI Craig Gillard. In the blood-spattered crime scene there are no forensic traces of anyone else involved, CCTV shows no one entered or left the library, and everyone seems to have an alibi.

### Book 95 The body on the moor by Nick Louth

After the National Crime Agency cracks a major drug gang, junior barrister Julia McGann finds herself defending the violent enforcer Terrence Bonner. Intruders break into her house, and then a young girl turns up at her door with a horrifying story. Three months later, DCI Craig Gillard and his team struggle with the shocking murder of a much-respected local headmaster, found dead in his own car. The crime fills the newspapers but yields few clues. As Gillard sifts the evidence, a pair of blood-spattered gloves seems important. Why were they used for both the murder and for the burglary at Julia’s house? What secrets is the barrister hiding.

### Book 96 The body beneath the willows by Nick Louth

On the tree-lined banks of Surrey’s River Wey, a decaying corpse is dug up by workmen in the middle of an Anglo-Saxon burial site. His modern dental fillings show that this is no Dark Age corpse. One man, seems to fit the bill: Ozzy Blanchard, a contractor employed by the same water firm doing the digging who disappeared six months ago, his crashed company car found nearby. But then an X-ray of the corpse throws the investigation into turmoil. A shard of metal lodged in his neck turns out to be part of an Anglo-Saxon dagger unknown to archaeologists. Who wielded this mystery weapon and why?

### Book 97 The body in the stairwell by Nick Louth

The wealthy property lawyer and money launderer is back home in Surrey after a nightmare experience in a U.S. jail. The police have him under secret surveillance. But Hales's fears lie elsewhere. His plea bargain has earned him the enmity of The Reptile, a notoriously cold-hearted gangster. He's taken precautions, moved house, hidden his identity and installed security for his wife and family. But still... what if The Reptile escapes? For DCI Gillard it should be just another week at work. But before long he is involved in a desperate manhunt that will test him to his very limits.

### Book 98 The body in the shadows by Nick Louth

Under a motorway flyover lies the body of a young man. Days earlier, he had been involved in an altercation with DCI Craig Gillard's pregnant partner Sam. Now he's dead ... Meanwhile, something is brewing in the criminal underworld. Whispers of a big job have reached the Met's Flying Squad. Something is going to be stolen, and soon. Something worth £500m.

### Book 99 The body in Nightingale Park by Nick Louth

With a baby on the way, a pregnant wife to take care of and a new home to settle into, DCI Craig Gillard seems to have found a life of domestic bliss. But when retired police sergeant Ken Stapleford is found stabbed to death in front of his own TV while watching Saturday afternoon football, Gillard's peace is once again disturbed. Only a day later, just a short walk from his new home, Gillard is himself witness to the killing of a jogger in Nightingale Park. A strange forensic connection emerges between the two killings, something that seems impossible.

### Book 100 Never walk away by Nick Triplow

A senior civil servant dies in suspicious circumstances. A sensitive file in his possession and evidence of contact with a human rights lawyer lead the authorities to believe he is a whistle-blower. This needs a police officer used to operating in the murky world between policing and intelligence. DS Mark (Max) Lomax is a former Special Demonstration Squad officer - a Special Branch unit dedicated to infiltrating political and extremist groups. Following a botched stakeout of a north London gangster, he finds himself on enforced leave and is called back into his old world of half-truths and conflicting agendas.

### Book 101 Watching you by Paddy Richardson

Freelance journalist Claire Wright is offered a commission, with the kind of fee that would mean financial security for both herself and her daughter Annie. But the job is to write the story of serial sex offender Travis Crill, presently serving his term in prison. Entering Crill's world forces Claire into a winding labyrinth of ruthless pursuit and brutal secrets.

### Book 102 Praying Mantis by R. V. Raman

Harith is taking a well-earned break at a boutique hotel run by his friend in the Himalayan foothills. But his holiday is swiftly cut short when mysterious bloody handprints start appearing on the walls around the resort. When a woman then falls to her death, chaos and confusion reigns. Harith's friend is convinced that the key to the case rests with four other young people who checked in at the same time as the victim, all pretending not to know each other - although this is seeming increasingly unlikely.

### Book 103 Deception by Rob Sinclair

James Ryker knows the ghosts of his dark and violent past are never far away. Yet he's still taken aback when he sees Leia Devereaux's face at his door. Even more surprising is that the woman he knows to be a lethal assassin claims she's not there to hurt him, but to ask for his help in keeping the stranger accompanying her, David Muller, alive. She says Muller is more valuable than Ryker can imagine. But Ryker isn't given any time to investigate before chaos descends upon them.

### Book 104 The Shaman by Roland Perry

Victor Cavalier has received the phone call every parent dreads: his daughter is lying in a coma after a motorcycle accident and given little chance of survival. But when a mysterious scientist known as the Shaman intervenes to save his daughter's life, Victor decides he must meet this maverick genius. The Shaman has developed cold-fusion technology that harnesses atomic energy from water. It can be used to replace combustion engines, revolutionising transport and power generation, but also to build terrifying weaponry - making him the target of a ruthless international organisation that will do anything to gain control of this new technology. Now all that stands in their way is Victor - an investigative reporter and undercover operative with lethal skills and a talent for getting to the bottom of the story.

### Book 105 Blotto, Twinks and the Maharajah's jewel by Simon Brett

An Old Etonian chum begs Blotto to join him on a cricket tour of India. But they still need a twelfth man - a vacancy which his sister Twinks will have no problem in filling. The Dowager Duchess assents readily: Blotto is more tolerable when situated on the other side of the world, and marrying Twinks off to a rich Maharajah would solve the issue of Tawcester Towers' perpetually cash-draining plumbing. So the two set off on a ship full of the Fishing Fleet: young woman desperate to marry well in India. But the voyage is disrupted by the disappearance of a Maharajah's fantastic diamond, the Star of Koorbleimee - a theft to which Blotto confesses.

### Book 106 Blotto, Twinks and the suspicious guests by Simon Brett

Determined to find out more about the Earl of Woking's activities, Blotto and Twinks discover the existence of a sinister group called Aristotours. brokers between impoverished owners of stately homes and the common people, offering 'a taste of the high life' to characters such as stockbrokers, surgeons and solicitors. And if this were not bad enough, the siblings discover Aristotours trying to infiltrate their evil practises into Tawcester Towers itself! So Blotto and Twinks set off on a quest to identify - and stop - the evil genius behind Aristotours.

### Book 107 Blotto, Twinks and the Conquistador's gold by Simon Brett

Desperate to escape her mother's match-making attempts Twinks sets out to visit her old friend, Begonia Guiteras, who lives close to an Aztec dig she wants to work on. Unfortunately, her visit coincides with the War for Jalapeno Independence, headed by Begonia's father. Twinks's excavation of the Aztec site is revealing the exciting prospect of a hoard of Conquistadors' gold - but will taking it away from the burial ground unleash the dreaded Curse of Attatotalloss? Into this confusion stumbles Blotto. On being reunited with Twinks they then discover Begonia has been kidnapped by Mexican government forces and both set out to rescue her.

### Book 108 Murder on the Matterhorn by T. A. Williams

Despite being retired from the police, Dan Armstrong is always on hand to help with solving a crime. So, when he's contacted by an old colleague in need of help, Dan readily agrees. The only problem Dan can see is the location - an isolated mountain-top campsite of UFO enthusiasts. An unexplained death.. But these are no ordinary star watchers, and when Dan arrives one member of the group is already dead. Some of the group suspect alien abduction, but Dan is sure the killer is much closer to home.

## PARENTING AND FAMILY

### Book 109 Hawthorn Close by Anna Jacobs

In the peaceful Wiltshire valley of Essington St Mary, architect Corin Drayton stumbles upon a ghastly new building development that is set to destroy the tranquil atmosphere and Edwardian features of this quiet neighbourhood. He is horrified. For only recently has he inherited - and spent his life savings on renovating - a home for himself and his newly pregnant wife Lucia in Larch Tree Lane. From the cottages and farms to the local shop, pub and old manor house, residents' lives are set to intertwine, relationships bloom, and both romance and heartache lie ahead.

### Book 110 No be from hia by Natasha Omokhodion-Kalulu Banda

Ayomides and the Kombes - Zambian-Nigerian-Jamaican powerhouse families brought together during the post-colonial migration of the 1960's to the UK - and later separated by death, divorce and betrayal. Scattered between London, Lusaka, and Lagos, only the new generation can save this family.

### Book 111 The nurses of Steeple Street by Donna Douglas

Ambitious young nurse Agnes Sheridan had a promising future ahead of her until a tragic mistake cost her the love and respect of everyone around her. Now she has come to Leeds for a fresh start as a trainee district nurse. But Agnes finds herself facing unexpected challenges as she is assigned to Quarry Hill, one of the city's most notorious slums. Before she can redeem herself in the eyes of her family, she must first win the trust and respect of her patients and fellow nurses. Does Agnes have what it takes to stay the distance?

### Book 112 District nurse on call by Donna Douglas

West Yorkshire, 1926. After completing her training in Steeple Street, Agnes is looking forward to making her mark as the village's first district nurse, confident she can make a difference in the locals' lives. But when she arrives, she's treated with suspicion, labelled just another servant of the wealthy mine owners. The locals would much rather place their trust in the resident healer, Nella Black. And when the General Strike throws Bowden Main into turmoil, the miners and their families face hunger and hardship, and Agnes finds her loyalties tested.

### Book 113 The Nightingale girls by Donna Douglas

Three very different girls sign up as trainee nurses at a big London teaching hospital in 1934. Dora leaves her overcrowded, squalid working-class home for a better life. But has she got what it takes to keep up with other, better-educated girls? And will her hated stepfather ever let her go? Helen is born for the job, her brother is a doctor, her all-powerful mother a hospital trustee. But will Helen’s secret misery be her downfall? An aristocratic rebel, Millie's carefree attitude will find her up in front of Matron again and again.

### Book 114 The Nightingale sisters by Donna Douglas

To the student nurses at The Nightingale hospital, the ward sisters are heartless and frightening, with impossibly high standards. But the sisters have troubles of their own. Dora, the student nurse is struggling with her heartbreak over Nick, the man who got away. A new arrival on the ward brings the chance to put a smile back on her face. But can she really get over Nick so easily? Dora's fellow student Millie is also torn between the two men in her life. But then an unexpected friendship with an elderly patient makes her question where her heart really lies.

### Book 115 The Nightingale nurses by Donna Douglas

It's the final year of training for three young nurses at The Nightingale Hospital. Helen is at a crossroads in her life as she battles with her domineering mother over both her love life and her future career. Dora can't stop loving Nick, who is married to her best friend, Ruby. Millie is anxious about her fiance, sent to Spain to cover the Civil War, and things only get worse when she encounters a fortune teller who gives her a sinister warning. With war looming in Europe, and the East End of London squaring up to the threat of Oswald Mosley's blackshirts, the women of the Nightingale have to face their own challenges, at work and in love.

### Book 116 Nightingales on call by Donna Douglas

Dora and her old enemy Lucy are paired up on the children's ward for the final three months of their training. The two nurses couldn't seem more different, but they may have more in common than they think, as each hides a secret heartache. And there are new faces. Jess is the feisty eldest daughter of a notorious East End family and determined to prove herself as a ward maid. New trainee nurse Effie can't wait to escape her small Irish village and make her way as a nurse in London. But Effie's sister Katie soon begins to worry that Effie's behaviour is out of control.

### Book 117 A Nightingale Christmas wish by Donna Douglas

As Christmas 1938 approaches, the staff at the Nightingale Hospital have their own wishes for the festive season. Ward sister Frannie Wallace is hoping she won't have to live through another war like the one that claimed her fiance. Staff Nurse Helen Dawson wants to find happiness again after the death of her husband Charlie. But is she looking for love in the wrong place? Matron Kathleen Fox struggles to keep up morale. But while everyone else worries about the future of the Nightingale, it's for her own future that Kathleen truly fears. As the country prepares itself for war, one thing is for sure - nothing at the Nightingale Hospital will be the same again.

### Book 118 Nightingales at war by Donna Douglas

Dora is the devoted mother of twin babies, but, determined to help the war effort, she goes back to work at the Nightingale Hospital. More used to nights out in the West End, Jennifer and Cissy volunteer in the hope of tending to handsome soldiers. They soon find out that nursing isn’t quite what they were expecting. For shy and troubled Eve, the hospital provides an escape from the pressures of home, but the life of a nurse is never easy, especially at wartime. Can the nurses rally together while war rages all around them? And will the Nightingale Hospital survive the Blitz?

### Book 119 Nightingales under the Mistletoe by Donna Douglas

It's Christmas 1941, and the nurses at the Nightingale are facing their toughest winter yet. With shortages everywhere and every news bulletin announcing more losses, the British people are weary and demoralised, and The Nightingale Hospital is suffering too. Millie is recently widowed and dealing with the demands of her family's estate. It's not long before her old world of the Nightingale begins to beckon, along with a long-lost love....Jess is struggling with her move from East London to the countryside. Effie finds herself exiled to a quiet village, but the quiet doesn't last for long as she soon finds excitement in the shape of a smooth-talking GI. As Christmas approaches, even the shelter of the countryside can't protect the girls from heartache.

### Book 120 A Nightingale Christmas Carol by Donna Douglas

With her husband, Nick, away fighting, Dora struggles to keep the home fires burning but finds herself in a difficult position when she is put in charge of a ward of injured German POWs. Can she find it in her heart to care for her enemies? Fellow nurse Kitty faces a similar struggle looking after the men who killed her beloved brother. But her life becomes even more complicated when she falls for one of the prisoners. And Helen Denton returns from nursing in Europe with a secret. She has her own reasons for hating the Germans. But will she be able to overcome her prejudice and do her duty?

### Book 121 Christmas with the engine girls by Daisy Styles

Hucknall, 1941. Female conscription looms and three women arrive at the Bell Works Factory to work on the Spitfire production line. Lily soon realises her real dream is to pilot the planes; Edna longs to be reunited with her evacuee daughter, but soon discovers she has a much bigger problem; and Jeannie fears the worst after weeks of no news from her fiancé. Despite all the heartache, with a bit of festive cheer and 'can do' attitude, the Engine Girls will pull together and do all they can to ensure Britain is safe for the New Year.

### Book 122 The runaway by Catherine Law

To find what she has lost, she must go back to the beginning...1924. The First World War is over and eleven-year-old Alexa is growing up on the idyllic Cornish coast with her best friend Harvey. But she soon discovers there are secrets at the heart of her family that have been hidden for years. And when her mother dies suddenly, she finds her whole life thrown into turmoil. 1931. Still reeling from the secrets she uncovered, Alexa flees to the intoxicating city of Venice. But her new glamorous life is not what she hoped for and, with dark shadows closing in, she will question everything she thought she wanted.

### Book 123 The girl from the workhouse by Lynn Johnson

Staffordshire, 1911. Money is in short supply For Ginnie Jones's family and she is sent to Haddon Workhouse. When she meets Clara and Sam, she hopes that she has made friends for life... until tragedy strikes. Three years later, Ginnie finds work as a mouldrunner at the Potteries, but never stops thinking about her friends. When Sam and Ginnie are reunited, their bond is as strong as ever, until Sam is sent to fight in the war. Can Ginnie find the joy that she's never had?

### Book 124 Wartime with the tram girls by Lynn Johnson

July 1914. Britain is in turmoil as WW1 begins to change the world. While the young men disappear off to foreign battlefields, the women left at home throw themselves into jobs meant for the boys. Hiding her privileged background and her suffragette past, Constance Copeland signs up to be a Clippie on the trams in Staffordshire, despite her parents' disapproval. Constance, known as Connie, soon makes fast friends with lively fellow Clippies, Betty and Jean, as well as growing closer to the charming, gentle Inspector Robert Caldwell. But Connie is haunted by another secret; and if it comes out, it could destroy her new life.

### Book 125 The potteries girls on the home front by Lynn Johnson

Needing to find a job, Betty Dean is sent into service at Stowford House. The work is gruelling, and her dreams of making something of herself seem further out of reach. When Betty is forced to leave after a scandalous incident, she feels that her life is over until a new job on the trams throws her a lifeline. Meeting fellow tram girls Connie and Jean brings the joy of friendship, even if Betty struggles with having to keep secrets from her new pals. When soldier Duncan Kennedy enters Betty's life, it seems that she may finally find the love she's always wanted. But opening herself up to someone new isn't easy, and when he leaves for the front, she finds herself alone once again. As the Great War rumbles on, Betty's life in the Potteries is full of its battles...

### Book 126 A new day at Paradise Pottery by Lynn Johnson

Martha Owen has not had an easy start in life. Her abusive father dominates the family and she has lost her only friend after a painful falling-out. When her father's reliance on the bottle, and his increasingly violent temper, causes more turmoil for Martha, her mother and her three siblings, as well as World War One causing more strain on the home front, her prospects look bleak. With no money or qualifications to speak of, starting a job at the Potteries feels like a lifeline, but Martha finds herself wanting more than the production line job she works on. Her one talent is her artistic flair, but will this be enough to help her rise the ranks at Paradise Pottery and make a future for herself? And can she ever escape her father's dark shadow over her?

### Book 127 The ration book baby by Ellie Curzon

England, 1940. District Nurse Annie Russell and her mother are listening anxiously to the local boys fighting in the Battle of Britain overhead when a knock comes at the door. On the doorstep is a hatbox, and inside a tiny new-born baby, alone but for a ration book beside her. Annie does everything she can to care for her little charge, worrying about the frightened young mother who could be in dire need of help. Then, social services announce that if Annie can't find the child's family soon, the authorities will have to take her away. More and more brave pilots of the local airbase are not returning, and Annie can't help but worry - what if one of the fallen is the father? Can Annie find the answers she needs, and reunite the tiny baby with her parents before it is too late?

### Book 128 The miner's daughter by Jennie Felton

When Annie Day at number four, Fairley Terrace, loses her beloved husband in a tragic mining disaster, she cannot afford the luxury of grief. For now she must find a way to support herself and her two young daughters, Kitty and Lucy, and marriage to widower Algernon Pierce seems to be the answer to Annie's prayers. For a time, all is well. But beneath her new husband's respectable veneer, lies a darkness which deepens as the years roll by. Annie begins to fear for her daughters' futures, particularly vibrant, headstrong Lucy, whose defiance of Algernon alters the course of their lives for ever...

### Book 129 The girl below stairs by Jennie Felton

Edie Cooper has grown up at Fairley Terrace, surrounded by a loving family. Now she spends her days working as lady's maid to Christina, the adopted daughter of the powerful Fairley family, and her nights dreaming of a life with handsome local lad Charlie Oglethorpe. Although broken-hearted when Charlie leaves to make his fortune in London, Edie finds consolation in her friendship with Christina, who asks for her help in uncovering the mystery of her true parentage. But someone in the grand house will stop at nothing to keep the long-buried secrets hidden. Will Edie be able to protect Christina? And will she find her own path to happiness with Charlie?

### Book 130 The sister's secret by Jennie Felton

Rowan Sykes is overjoyed when her beloved sister Laurel takes a new job and moves back to Fairley Terrace. Laurel is protective of her fiercely clever younger sister, who has always struggled to fit in, yet whilst she's happy to be home, she's keeping the real reason for her return to herself. It seems she is destined to keep repeating the mistakes of her past when it comes to matters of the heart. Both Laurel and Rowan long for excitement and a fresh start, and when familiar faces return to Fairley Terrace, along with an enigmatic new resident, it looks like they might get their wish. But their harmony is about to be shattered by a mysterious stranger who threatens to expose a long-kept secret - and is prepared to stop at nothing to wreak revenge on the family.

### Book 131 Midnight at the Christmas bookshop by Jenny Colgan

When the elderly owner of the shop comes to Carmen with a Christmas wish that threatens to never come true, Carmen knows she must buckle down to get the funds to save not only his trip, but the shop itself. Carmen discovers wonders to the shop she could have never imagined, and opens a labyrinth of bookish backrooms for the customers to get lost in. With the help of their neighbours, her nieces and nephew, and a very distractingly cute male nanny, Carmen might just pull her greatest magic trick yet.

### Book 132 The path to the last house before the sea by Liz Eeles

Fleeing from a heartbreaking mistake, all former nurse Alyssa wants is to focus on her new job giving tours of Heaven's Cove to visitors and sharing the myths and legends of this beautiful place. Over cups of tea with elderly resident Magda she soon makes a friend who is alone in the world too. For decades, Magda has been secretly in love with her best friend Stan. Desperate to return Magda's kindness, Alyssa is eager to bring these two lost souls together. But meeting Stan's tall, handsome son, Jack, scuppers her plans.

### Book 133 Christmas at the Island Hotel by Jenny Colgan

Flora Mackenzie is worried about her brother. Fintan hasn't got over the death of his partner, Coltan, and Flora thinks he needs a project. The Rock - the rambling, disused hotel on the tip of the island was Coltan's passion project before he died. With Flora's help, Fintan is going to get the hotel up and running in time for Christmas.

### Book 134 An Island Wedding by Jenny Colgan

On the little Scottish island of Mure, Flora and her fiancé Joel are planning the smallest of "sweetheart weddings," a high summer celebration surrounded only by those very dearest to them. The temperature rises even further when Olivia and Anthony are planning A Very Extravagant Wedding at Flora's hotel, the same weekend as Flora's carefully planned micro-wedding. As the summer solstice approaches, can Flora handle everyone else's Happy Every Afters--and still get her own?

### Book 135 Christmas at the Wartime Bookshop by Lesley Eames

Naomi is fighting to free herself from Alexander Harrington, who married her for her money and kept a secret family behind her back. But with Alexander controlling her finances, how much of her money is left? Can she achieve the independence she craves?

### Book 136 The daughter of Paradiso by Francesca Scanacapra

Italy, 1963. Graziella Bianchi returns to Paradiso, barely able to believe she has been gifted her childhood home by an old friend. The beautiful house has fallen into a state of disrepair, but Graziella is determined to restore it to its former glory. Although one dream has come true, life is far from perfect. She and her daughter, Lucia, are nearly penniless and the pair are on the run from Graziella’s violent husband. With divorce not yet legal and the law still giving husbands ultimate control over their wives, Graziella must fight not only to gain her independence, but also to keep her daughter. The villagers of Pieve Santa Clara, with their long and loyal memories, step in, and gradually a good life becomes a possibility for Graziella and Lucia. But when her estranged husband turns up, drunk and angry, everything Graziella has worked so hard for is under threat.

### Book 137 The Tuscan orphan by Siobhan Daiko

1944 - When an air raid strikes the hospital she's been working in, Carrie's life irrevocably changes. But as a nurse in the middle of wartime, she has no time to grieve, as she has too many people relying on her. For resistance fighter, Vito, nothing is more important than seeking vengeance for the atrocities his fellow comrades have suffered. But when he liberates a convent, finding a group of Jewish children in hiding, he suddenly has even more to fight for. Little Mimi is injured, scared and alone. Together Carrie and Vito vow to find her parents, a loving home.

## POETRY

### Book 138 Decadence by Thuy On

Funny, clever and keenly observed, Decadence is a profound musing on literature and language, that deftly skewers the would-be gatekeepers of verse. With this second collection, Thuy On has cemented herself as a vibrant, unique and captivating new voice in Australian poetry.

## PSYCHOLOGY

### Book 139 Beautiful trauma: a journey of discovery in science and healing by Rebecca Fogg

Late one night, Rebecca Fogg's hand is partially amputated in an explosion in her flat. Quick thinking saves her life, but the journey to recovery is a slow one. As the doctors rebuild her hand, Rebecca (who also survived 9/11) rebuilds her sense of self by studying the physical and psychological process of recovery. Part memoir, part medical investigation, this is a compelling account of surviving a freak accident, and a fascinating exploration of the science of trauma and recovery.

## RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

### Book 140 The essential Talmud by Adin Steinsaltz

An Israeli rabbi and scholar conveys the spirit of the Talmud as he treats its composition, traditions, structure, and laws.

## ROMANCE

### Book 141 Summer at the Dog and Duck by Jill Steeples

Ellie Browne has found happiness running the Dog & Duck pub in the idyllic village of Little Leyton. Her blossoming romance with handsome property developer Max Golding is going swimmingly, and with her new best friend, Digby the black Labrador, at her side, life couldn't be sweeter. But their peace is shattered when Max's younger sister, Katy, turns up unannounced with a whole heap of attitude. And Max's loyalties are stretched further when his glamorous ex Sasha reappears with a burgeoning secret.

### Book 142 Wedding bells at the Dog and Duck by Jill Steeples

Ellie Browne is looking forward to a relaxing Christmas Day before the arrival of her and Max's baby in the new year. But with a snowstorm brewing outside, it seems that things might not go quite to plan. After the dramatic events of the holiday season, Ellie settles into her new life at Max's huge country mansion, Braithwaite Manor, juggling work and family as best she can. When she's asked to help organise a summer wedding for one of her best friends it's only natural that her mind turns to her own non-existent wedding plans!

### Book 143 Happily ever after at the Dog and Duck by Jill Steeples

Life in Little Leyton is never quiet, and when handsome developer Max and his bride-to-be Ellie receive some sad news, he decides to whisk her away for a romantic break. The time away gives Ellie a new perspective, and she's eager to get home to get on with planning their wedding. But a devastating incident at the pub she runs, the Dog & Duck, puts everything in jeopardy. And at their home, tensions are heightened when Ellie's future mother-in-law turns up with all her worldly belongings, much to Max's sister Katys despair.

### Book 144 That festive feeling by Heidi Swain

Holly is house-sitting for friends who live on Nightingale Square. On an early morning walk, Holly bumps into May, an older lady, and her dapper Dachshund Monty. Quickly, a firm friendship blossoms. Then when Holly meets Bear, a rather large and rather attractive man, at the local pub, and his rescue dog Elsie, her stay at Nightingale Square suddenly feels even more appealing. As the community comes together for the seasons festivities, Holly must start thinking about where her life will take her next.

### Book 145 Second act by Danielle Steel

As the head of a prestigious movie studio for nearly two decades, Andy Westfield has had every professional luxury: a stunning office, a loyal assistant who can all but read his mind, access to a private jet and company cars. Andy always put his career before his marriage, and now, besides his daughter and young grandchildren, it's the only thing he truly loves. But then Andy's world is upended.

### Book 146 Light at Lavelle by Paullina Simons

It is 1929. The world is about to change. Finn Evans is a successful Boston banker harboring a secret that threatens to unravel his carefully constructed idyllic life. Isabelle Lazar, a young Ukrainian farm woman, endures unspeakable hardships in her homeland as she fights to save her family from the Soviet Union's iron grip. Barely escaping the Terror-Famine, she washes up alone on America's distant shores. Fate throws Finn and Isabelle together. Amid the Great Depression and the trials of their new lives, an undeniable connection grows between them that they both must hide.

### Book 147 The perfect Christmas village by Bella Osborne

Blythe is just one sale away from being Real Estate Agent of the Month, so she twists the truth to sell a home to city boy Sam, who is looking for the perfect house in the perfect location. Little does he know he's just bought a cottage in the middle of the most Christmassy village in the country. And if there's one thing Sam loathes, it's Christmas.

### Book 148 For once in my life by Karly Lane

Jenny Hayward cannot believe that she's become a divorced fifty-year-old woman with adult children, a grandmother even! In the last two years, since her husband walked out, Jenny hasn't had the time to be interested in other men until she is thrust unexpectedly into the world of dating when her daughters and her best friend secretly set her up with a profile on a dating app. As the dates keep coming, Jenny finds herself dining at the same pub in town each time. The annoying barman watching on is much more enjoyable company. The barman who is more than a decade younger than her. Yet Nick doesn't seem to notice her age at all.

### Book 149 The code breaker's secret by Catherine Law

Kent, 1939 Eliza is to be married to Nicholas, her companion since she was a child. But when the pair are involved in a car crash, Eliza is rescued by a stranger, Lewis Harper, whose stunning green eyes she will never forget. As the war begins, Eliza's world begins to fall apart: her beloved brother Martyn is killed in action, and her once-beloved husband grows increasingly distant. And then, when her efforts to help the Dunkirk evacuees take her to the south coast, she spots a familiar pair of eyes..

### Book 150 The officer's wife by Catherine Law

1939 - American heiress Vivi Miles falls for naval officer Nathan as soon as she arrives in England. And, under the threat of war, they marry in a whirlwind before he leaves to join his ship. When Nathan returns from Dunkirk injured, he is distant, aloof, and no longer the man Vivi fell in love with. But it's not just because of his brutal experiences of war. Nathan has a secret and Vivi suspects it's linked to the mysterious evacuee at the secluded house in the woods on his Kent estate.

### Book 151 The French girl by Catherine Law

Summer 1939 When war breaks out, Sylvie is marooned with her cousin Nell's family in the Chiltern hills of Buckinghamshire and cannot return to her Normandy home. During the early days of rationing, blackouts, and the threat of bombers in the skies, Sylvie and Nell have to grow up quickly. Yet as the war rages around them, it's the competition and jealousy between the two that dominates their lives. When the girls fall in love with the same man, their relationship is truly tested. But the war pulls them all apart and changes the course of their lives – until their secrets are revealed, with devastating consequences.

### Book 152 The pilot's girl by Fenella-Jane Miller

As war rages, Barbara Sinclair is desperate to escape her unhappy home life. And with the threat of German bombs ever present, Barbara reluctantly agrees to marry John, her childhood friend, who is leaving to join the RAF. But an encounter with Alex Everton, a dashing Spitfire pilot, complicates matters for Barbara. With emotions running high, she begins to question whether she has made a terrible mistake. With the constant threat of death all around her, Barbara must try to find a way to deal with the complexities of her difficult home life and her emotional relationships, too.

### Book 153 A wedding for the pilot's girl by Fenella-Jane Miller

The phony war is over and Hitler is beginning his rampage through Europe. But back home Barbara Sinclair has troubles of her own. With her wedding to Spitfire Pilot Alex Everton imminent, Barbara is worried about a secret she is keeping from her new husband - one that could ruin everything. Determined to try and maintain some normality in her life, the wedding goes ahead, but Alex leaves almost immediately to continue fighting the Germans. Barbara fears for his safety and for the moment, her secret must wait..

### Book 154 The codebreaker girls by Ellie Curzon

1944. Rosie Sinclair is proud to be doing her bit for the war effort as a driver at Cottisbourne Park - the secret heart of Britain's fight against Germany, where a team of codebreakers are battling to save the country. But when she's given a mission to drive Major-General 'Bluff' Kingsley-Flynn down to Cottisbourne, Rosie finds herself on the frontline of a new battle - to uncover a possible spy at the Park who is jeopardising their work, and to resist her own attraction to the dashing Bluff himself... As the threat to her fellow codebreaker girls grows ever stronger, Rosie realises her country needs her more than ever. Can she save the day without losing her heart?

### Book 155 Roadhouse mystery by Noelene Jenkinson

Highway roadhouse waitress Holly Duncan's life is on hold - until she can accept her mother's disappearance of five years ago, decide where her future lies, and move on. Loner truck driver Tom Searle's life would sure be looking up, and close to blessed, if the stunning roadhouse redhead didn't seem so uncertain about his approaches. When new information and revelations rock Holly's world, Tom seizes the opportunity to step up and offer support. But amid the upheaval, when lives are forever changed, can Holly finally manage the past, take a chance on a promising new direction, and go with her heart?

### Book 156 Santa, please bring me a boyfriend by Sophie Ranald

This Christmas, Rowan has a long list for Santa: To get her sex life out of the Sahara; To stop being the lonely singleton in her friendship group; To find out where her confidence went; To have someone to curl up with this Christmas, other than a tin of Quality Street. But having had more than her fair share of heartbreak thanks to her ex - with more off-agains and on-agains than Rachel and Ross - she's starting to think that real love is just wishful thinking.

### Book 157 Under a spitfire sky by Ellie Curzon

It's 1944, and Florence is a talented engineer in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, patching up planes to make sure that the brave Spitfire pilots of Cottisbourne airbase return safely day after day. When she befriends the new squadron leader - shy, handsome Siegfried - it seems that romance might blossom under the war-torn skies. But Florence is nursing a broken heart and a terrible secret, which might destroy her one chance of happiness... Meanwhile, a new plane is being developed that could turn the tide of the war, but Florence fears there is traitor is in their midst, putting Siegfried - and the whole country - in terrible danger. Can Florence save her Spitfire boys, and her own heart?

## SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

### Book 158 A market of dreams and destiny by Trip Galey

Below Covent Garden lies the Untermarkt, where anything and everything has a price. As a child, Deri was sold to one of the Market’s most powerful merchants. Now, after years of watchful servitude, Deri finally spots a chance to buy not only his freedom but also his place amongst the Market’s elite when he stumbles into the path of a runaway princess desperate to sell her royal destiny. Deri soon finds that the price of selling the royal destiny, making a name for himself, and saving the man he loves is dear. The cost of it all might just change the destiny of London forever.

## SPORTS

### Book 159 The rise of the Lionesses: incredible moments from women's football by Flo Lloyd-Hughes

Celebrate the 2023 Women's World Cup and discover the incredible moments and players that have changed the women's game. Packed with football facts, tournament stats and player profiles, this brilliant audiobook is essential listening for all young football fans.

## TRAVEL

### Book 160 Clanlands in New Zealand: kilts, Kiwis, and an adventure down under by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish

In this follow-up to the "Clanlands", Sam and Graham document their journey across New Zealand, a country Graham calls home and that Sam has longed to visit since learning it was a popular destination for Scottish emigrants to settle back in the 19th century. Follow the Outlander stars as they explore the historical Scottish influence upon New Zealand: connecting with the rich culture and heritage, sampling world-class food and drink, and being humbled by incredible landscapes and pulse-raising activities.

## CHILDREN

### Book 161 Finding wonder by Lauren St. John

When Roo Thorn's beloved dad passes away, she doesn't expect to inherit much. She finds a winning lottery ticket in his coat pocket. Suddenly, Roo can have anything she wants. She's going to buy what she's always wanted, a prize racehorse named Wonderboy. When she arrives at Wonderboy's stables, the horse is everything she had dreamed of. But then he is stolen, and Roo's dream in tatters. She and her aunt set off in their camper van, on a mad dash around the country, as more prize horses are stolen and the need to rescue them gets greater and greater.

### Book 162 The wall between us by Dan Smith

Anja and Monika are best friends - they even share a cat called Otto. When a huge barbed wire fence is built between their apartment blocks, everything changes; their city and family are divided by the Berlin Wall. In the West, Anja is sure it will be taken down, but Monika is afraid. Her world is changing: neighbours keep disappearing, others become spies and shadowy threats lurk around every corner.

### Book 163 Her Majesty's League of Remarkable Young Ladies by Alison D Stegert

Mischief is afoot, and Queen Victoria is not amused. Her stalker must be stopped. Forget the cavalry -- this is a job for Her Majesty's League of Remarkable Young Ladies! The League's newest recruit is Winifred Weatherby, a feisty girl-genius and gadget-maker. Winnie's creations are remarkable, but is clever enough to protect the Queen -- and achieve her own dream of winning the top prize in Paris for young inventors...?

### Book 164 The house trap by Emma Read

When Claude's little sister, Amity, runs off in forbidden Badwell Woods - where children disappear - Deliah, Sam and Claude follow her to a mysterious mansion. Inside, time has frozen in the 1930s and an invitation promises a devious party game.

### Book 165 Casander Darkbloom and the threads of power by P. A. Staff

Casander Darkbloom has no memory, lives outside a curiosity shop, and experiences random surges of uncontrollable energy in his limbs. When he inexplicably brings a stuffed raven to life, he unravels a strange and thrilling magical world. A world waiting for Cas to save it.

## TEENS

### Book 166 The only girl in town by Allyson Braithwaite Condie

What would you do if everyone you love disappeared? What if it was your fault?For July Fielding, nothing has been the same since that summer before senior year.Once, she had Alex, her loyal best friend, the one who always had her back. She had Sydney, who pushed her during every cross-country run, and who sometimes seemed to know July better than she knew herself. And she had Sam. Sam, who told her she was everything and left her breathless with his touch.Now, July is alone. Every single person in her small town of Lithia has disappeared. No family. No Alex or Sydney. No Sam. July's only chance at unravelling the mystery of their disappearance is a series of objects, each a reminder of the people she loved most. And a mysterious message: GET TH3M BACK.

### Book 167 Anachronist by Andrew Hastie

Travelling into the past using the timelines of ancient artefacts, the Oblivion Order explore the forgotten centuries, ones that never made it into the history books. Weaving back through time, the secret society of eccentric anachronists ensures the best possible future for humanity, making subtle adjustments to the past - saving us from oblivion.

### Book 168 All that it ever meant by Blessing Musariri

Mati's family is reeling from the death of Mati's mother. Her Baba has drawn into himself, her sister Chichi is rebelling, and her young brother Tana is desperate for love and normalcy. When Chichi pulls her worst stunt yet, Baba uproots the family from their home in England for an extended camping holiday in their native Zimbabwe. Along for the trip is Meticais, a fabulously attired gender-neutral spirit--or ghost? or imaginary friend?--who only Mati can see and converse with.

### Book 169 Stuck up and stupid by Angourie Rice and Kate Rice

The quiet coastal community of Pippi Beach is rocked when a party of young Hollywood movie stars and influencers arrives for the summer. Like most of the locals, mum Lydia is thrilled but her teenage daughter Lily finds the Hollywood types are superficial and arrogant–especially Dorian Khan, the most famous of them all. Lily's opinion is confirmed by handsome backpacker Alex, who has quite the story about Dorian's past. On a holiday to Los Angeles, Lily stays with family friend Wilson, an ambitious player who introduces her to powerful movie producer Stacy Black. Lily is in turns amused and appalled by the excesses of the movie business, and more than a little surprised when Dorian Khan seeks her out. Could they actually become friends? And what's more, has she been what she hopes never to be ... stupid?

### Book 170 The PM's daughter by Meredith Costain

A novelisation inspired by the ABC TV show, The PM's Daughter. Catalina Parkes Pérez (Cat to her friends) is a young activist who is used to living a relatively normal teen life. But when political turmoil strikes and Cat's mother is unexpectedly thrust into the role of Prime Minister, normal suddenly seems very far away. Now the entire world seems to be watching Cat. For someone who likes to live on her own terms, having every moment scheduled and every outfit pre-approved comes as quite the shock. Sure, residing at the Lodge has its perks - chefs, housekeepers and every entertainment option you could dream of - but how does one girl deal with the expectations of a whole country? As if all that weren't enough, someone is out to get Cat's mum, Isabel. Major disruptions are happening at all the Canberra landmarks - and they seem designed to directly sabotage the Prime Minister. Cat, along with her new friends, Sadie and Ollie, sets out to track down and unmask a rogue faction within a youth action group called ACTION UPRISING. The clues will take them across every inch of the capital and lead them to investigate even their own schoolmates.

### Book 171 Never a hero by Vanessa Len

Despite the odds, Joan achieved the impossible. She reset the timeline, saved her family - and destroyed the hero, Nick. But her success has come at a terrible cost. She alone remembers what happened. Now, Aaron, her hard-won friend - and maybe more - is an enemy, trying to kill her. And Nick, the boy she loved, is a stranger who doesn't even know her name. Only Joan remembers that there is a ruthless and dangerous enemy still out there.

### Book 172 After the lights go out by Lili Wilkinson

Seventeen-year-old Pru Palmer lives with her twin sisters, Grace and Blythe, and their father, Rick, on the outskirts of an isolated mining community. The Palmers are doomsday preppers. They have a bunker filled with non-perishable food and a year's worth of water. One day while Rick is at the mine, the power goes out. At the Palmers' house, and in the town. All communication is cut. No one knows why. It doesn't take long for everything to unravel. In town, supplies run out and people get desperate. The sisters decide to keep their bunker a secret. The world is different; the rules are different. Survival is everything, and family comes first.

### Book 173 Are you there, Buddha? By Pip Harry

Bridget 'Bee' Ballentine is 12 and starting her first year of high school in the beach suburb Crescent Bay. Still reeling from the departure of her mother for an ashram in India, Bee talks to Buddha and begs for her first period not to arrive. She's not ready to become a woman yet, whatever that means. Although Bee's yet to find her tribe at school, her best friend forever is surfer Leon McKay, also known as the hottest boy in Year Eight. As long as Leon has her back, Bee can survive the mean girls, her meddling step-mum, Kath, and her swimming nemesis, The Piranha.

### Book 174 How to grow a family tree by Eliza Henry-Jones

Stella may only be seventeen, but having read every self-help book she can find means she knows a thing or two about helping people. She sure wasn't expecting to be the one in need of help, though. Thanks to her father's gambling addiction, Stella and her family now find themselves living at Fairyland Caravan Park. And hiding this truth from her friends is hard enough without dealing with another secret. Stella's birth mother has sent her a letter. As Stella deals with the chaos of her family, she must also confront the secrets and past of her 'other' family. But Stella is stronger than she realises.

### Book 175 Halloween night II by R. L Stine

Brenda isn't looking forward to Halloween this year. After all, only 12 months earlier her friend had tried to kill her at a Halloween party. But when she is persuaded to take part in a Halloween revenge prank she soon realizes that she is never going to leave the terror of Halloween night behind.