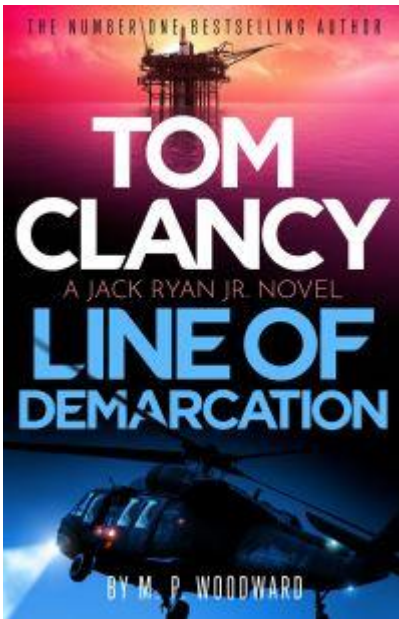


## New Books for June 2026

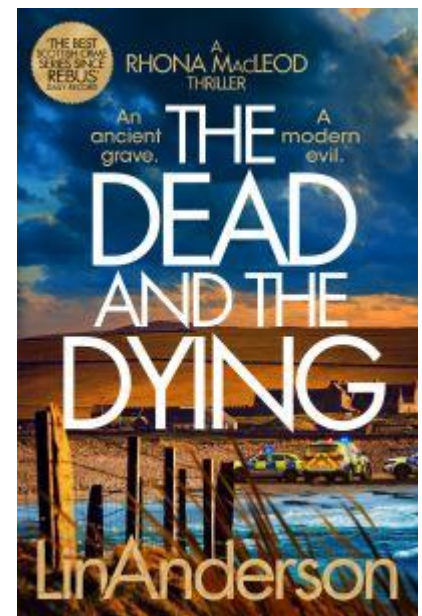
### Crime and Thriller



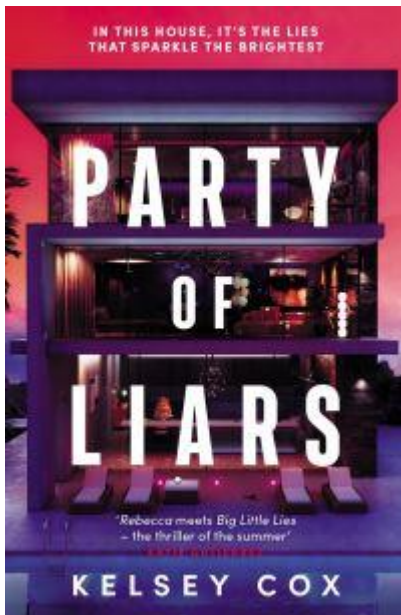
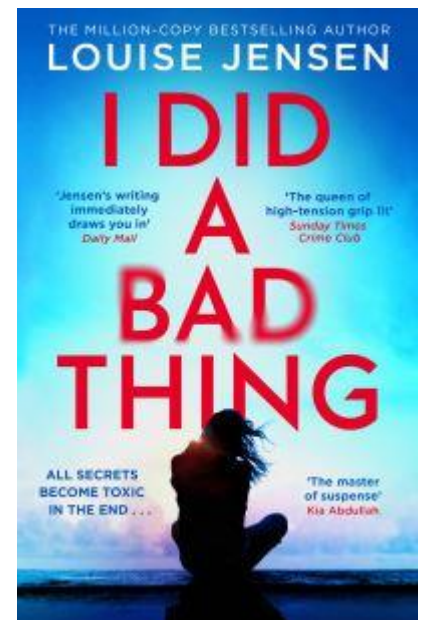
It starts with the destruction of a US Coast Guard cutter and the loss of her entire crew. But the USCG Claiborne was on an innocuous mission to open a sea lane between an oil field off the coast of Guyana and the refineries of southern Louisiana. The destruction of the ship, tragic as it is, won't stop that mission from continuing. So who would sacrifice twenty-two men and women just to slow down the plan? That's the question plaguing Jack Ryan Jr. He's in Guyana to work a deal to get his company, Hendley Associates, in on the ground floor of this new discovery, but the destruction of the Claiborne and the kidnapping of the Guyanese Interior Minister make it clear that there's a malignant force working

to destroy Guyana's oil industry. It's up to Jack to identify the killers before they draw a bead on him, but how can he do that when the line of demarcation between friend and foe is constantly shifting?

In the dim morning light, Orkney's Skail Bay is the backdrop for a calamity of nature's making. When forensic scientist Rhona MacLeod joins the rescue efforts as a volunteer, she uncovers more than she bargained for: a human skeleton entombed in a stone crypt. The grave is believed to hail from the Viking Age, but Rhona's analysis of the contents points to more recent and sinister evil. And a shadow is thrown over the investigation when the skeleton is finally identified - and unsettling connections emerge between the victim and the very people trying to solve the crime. As forensic clues lead Rhona to a second, horrifying discovery, the question looms: how many more secrets are concealed in the sand?



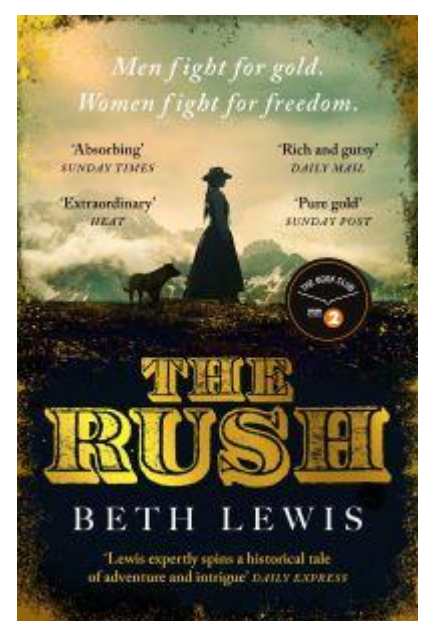
When Mia Finch begins documenting her daughter's battle with a rare blood disorder, she never expected to become a popular social media influencer. And she never expected that fame to turn into a nightmare. One year later, a true crime documentary airs looking into the case of the Finch family tragedy. As the documentary uncovers more about what really happened to the Finches, public interest in the case reaches fever pitch. In a world where everyone is watching, how can you keep your darkest secrets hidden?

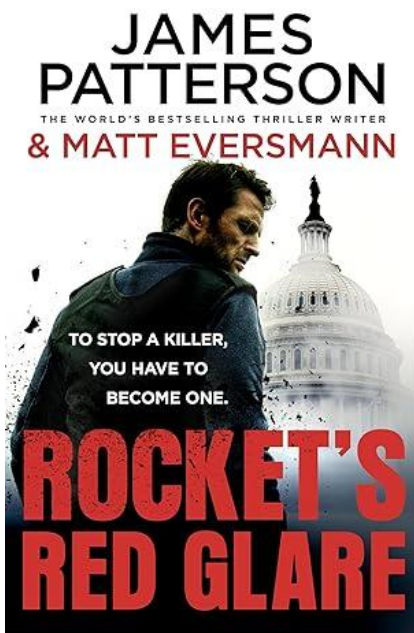


An exclusive black-tie birthday party. A sprawling mansion with a dark past. A body falling from a cliffside balcony onto the starlit outdoor dance floor. One of the guests is dead, and another is a killer - but who is the hunter and who is the prey? When social status is everything, and there is no price too high for adoration, there is no shortage of suspects: Was it Dani, the tenacious new mother with a history of postpartum psychosis, or Kim, the ex-wife with an alcohol problem? Orlaith, the elderly Irish nanny who talks to spirits? Mikayla, the lonely teenager, or the clique of toxic mean girls

who pretend to embrace her? Or was it the pair of psychotherapists who watch and judge them all? And whose body is hurtling towards the sea?

Canada, 1898. The gold rush is on in the frozen wilderness of the Yukon. Fortunes are made as quickly as they're lost, and Dawson City has become a lawless settlement. In its midst, three women are trying to survive on the edge of civilisation. Journalist Kate has travelled hundreds of miles after receiving a letter from her sister, who fears that her husband will kill her. Martha's hotel is under threat from the local strongman who is buying up the town. And down by the river, Ellen feels her future slip away as her husband fails to find the gold they risked so much to seek. When a woman is murdered, Kate, Martha and Ellen find their lives, fates and fortunes intertwined. But to unmask her killer, they must navigate a desperate land run by dangerous men who will do anything for a glimpse of gold.





He's trained to fight America's enemies overseas. Now the battle has come home.

When a presidential candidate is assassinated during a summer retreat on Nantucket Island, the country is thrown into turmoil. Enter Rocket's Red Glare – a covert unit so classified it doesn't officially exist. Led by former Special Forces operative Nat Phillips, this team is built to respond when national security collapses.

But what begins as a manhunt for a killer soon unravels into a global conspiracy stretching from Washington to foreign capitals. To save his country, Phillips must face the unthinkable – because the next war has already begun.

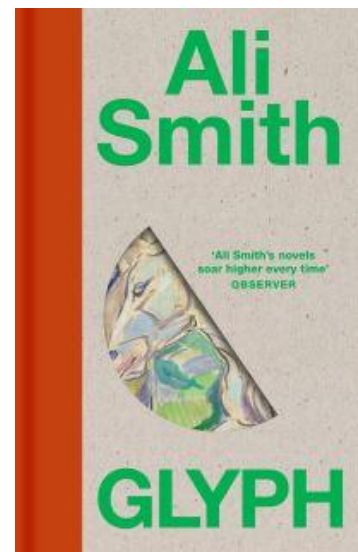
## Adult Fiction



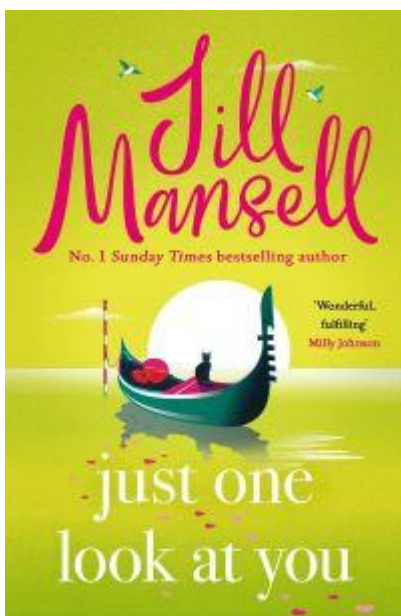
If you knew how your life would turn out, what would you change now? Margot Wayward is in manically gleeful self-destruct mode. Following the implosion of a ten-year relationship, she's wilfully derailing her successful career, joyfully taking down men on dating apps, and living in total chaos. Until one day, when Margot has a vision of herself with a man she's never met before. She doesn't believe in fate. But when Margot meets single-dad Henry, the vision comes true: exactly as she'd foreseen it. As her future continues to reveal itself, a glimpse at a time, Margot realises she knows exactly what's going to happen, and when. And there's nothing she can do to change any of it. So Margot has to decide how to live, how to love again, and how

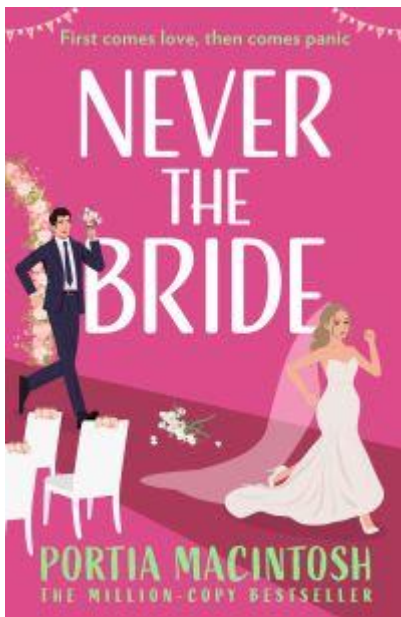
to be herself. Because if you can't change your destiny, how on earth do you live your present?

It all starts when Petra and her little sister Patch hear a horrifying story from the past and find themselves making up a ghost. Is it imaginary? Is it real? Then it all starts again thirty years later when Petra, now estranged from Patch, finds a phantom horse kicking the furniture to pieces in her bedroom. What to do? She phones her sister.



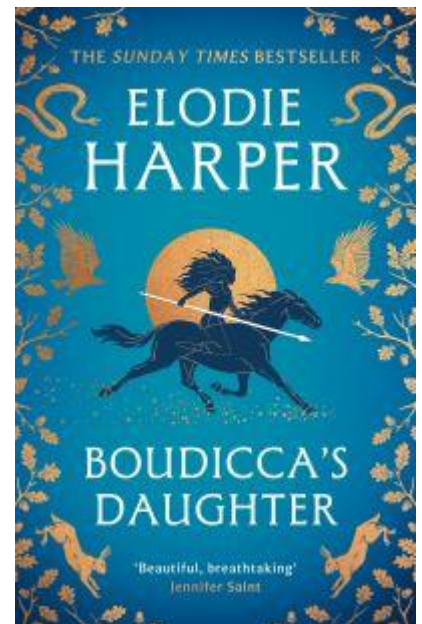
Fen can't believe her luck. A luxury holiday with her beloved grandmother Disa - what could be more delightful? It doesn't cross her mind that she might fall in love - or that love can bring complications. Jamie can't help it that women always fall for him, rather than for his kind-hearted friend Leon. Nor that only one of them got the looks (that would be Jamie). But how will he feel if the girl he's drawn to only has eyes for Leon? Disa has a secret. A few weeks ago, an old letter in a file revealed a shocking truth about her late husband. She's come to Venice to find out more. There's news on the way that will reverberate through all their lives.



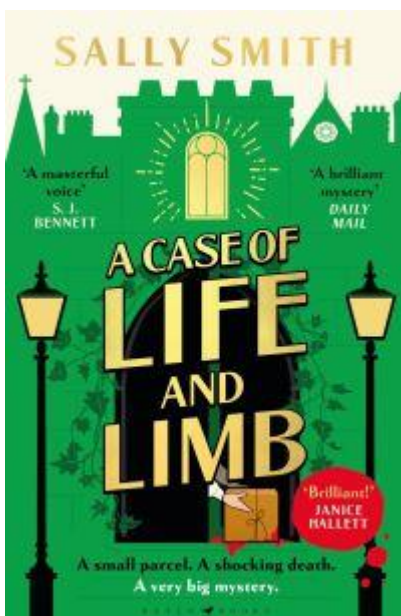


Mia Valentina gave up her high-flying life in LA to move back to Kent over four years ago. But it turns out that life in the slow lane isn't all it's cracked up to be! So, when her boyfriend Leo proposes, she says yes, hoping it will bring some much-needed sparkle back into her life. The trouble is, Mia never wanted a big white wedding, just the happy ever after.

Boudicca. Infamous warrior, queen of the British Iceni tribe and mastermind of one of history's greatest revolts. Her defeat spelled ruin for her people, yet still her name is enough to strike fear into Roman hearts. But what of the woman who grew up in her shadow? The woman who has her mother's looks and cunning but a spirit all of her own? The woman whose desperate bid for survival will take her from Britain's sacred marshlands to the glittering façades of Nero's Roman Empire. Born to a legend. Forced to fight. Determined to succeed. Meet Solina. Boudicca's daughter.



Winter, 1901. The Inner Temple is even quieter than usual under a blanket of snow and Gabriel Ward KC is hard at work on a thorny libel case. All is calm, all is bright - until the mummified hand arrives in the post. While the hand's recipient, Temple Treasurer Sir William Waring, is rightfully shaken, Gabriel is filled with curiosity. Who would want to send such a thing? And why? But as more parcels arrive - one with fatal consequences - Gabriel realises that it is not Sir William who is the target, but the Temple itself. Someone is holding a grudge that has already led to at least one death. Now it's up to Gabriel, and Constable Wright of the City of London Police, to find out who, before an old death leads to a new murder.



## Large Print Adult Fiction



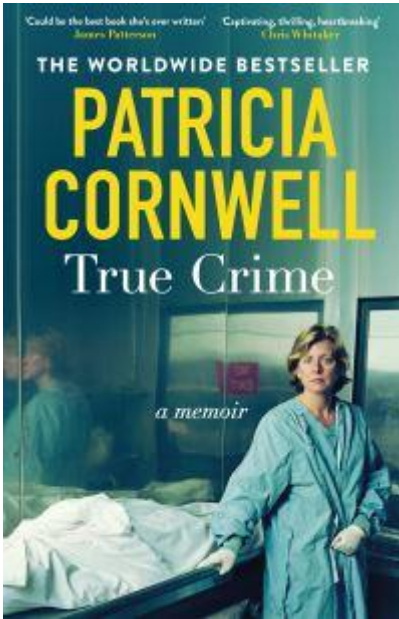
April 1941. When Bobby Bancroft arrived in Silverdale to take a job as a reporter on *The Tyke* magazine, the sleepy Yorkshire Dales village felt like a little pocket of a past long gone.

While much of the country was suffering nightly bombing raids as the Blitz raged, life in isolated Silverdale carried on just as it had for a hundred years or more. But as the summer of 1941 approaches, war finally seems to have come to Silverdale. The villagers face new hardships when shortages and rationing begin to bite, young men become scarce as more and more are called up, and Bobby finds herself juggling her job on the magazine with a new role as an ARP warden. Even her surly editor Reg and his wife are

doing their bit, taking two young evacuees from London into their home.

Meanwhile, Bobby has been growing closer to village vet Charlie, who is preparing to leave Silverdale to begin training with the RAF. The villagers are whispering that wedding bells will soon be chiming, but then Bobby is confronted with an impossible choice. Can she bring herself to give up the job she adores to be with the man she loves?

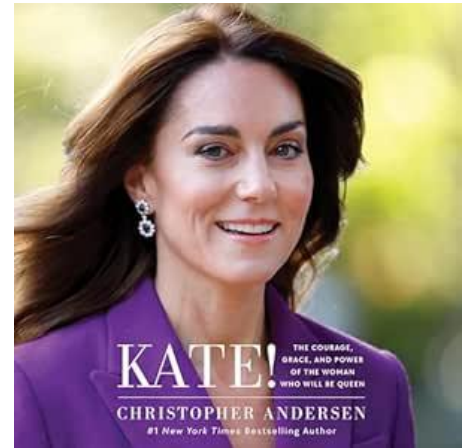
## Biography

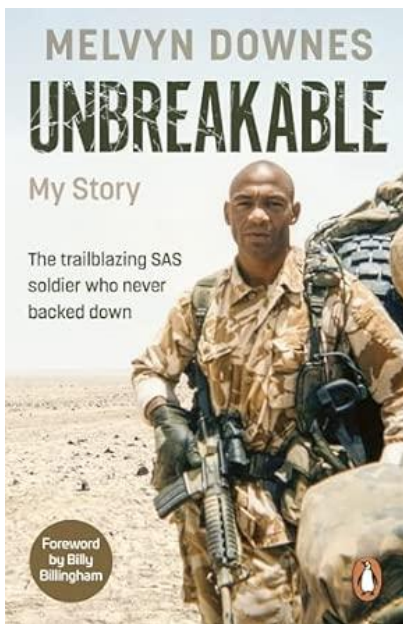


Patricia Cornwell leaves no stone unturned in this deeply candid account of her life, offering inspiring insight into what made her into the international sensation she is today.

Kate is one of the most photographed, most talked about, most written about women in the world—heiress to Princess Diana's glamour and mystique, both wife of one future monarch and mother of another. But as the daughter of an airline attendant who grew up in public housing, Kate was not destined for this fate. She had to fight for it—and for the love of the future king.

In this illuminating portrait, master biographer Christopher Andersen chronicles Kate's life, beginning with her humble upbringing; her off-again, on-again love story with William that catapulted her to global fame; and the 2011 "Wedding of the Century." Throughout their marriage, Kate has proven that she is more than just a prince's wife—she is a leader in humanitarian work, the devoted mother of three children in the media spotlight, an unparalleled fashion icon, and the universally adored face of Britain's monarchy.





Familiar to many from his season on the Directing Staff of Channel 4's *Who Dares Wins*, Melvyn Downes served in the SAS for 12 years. He has faced physical and psychological trauma. He's lost close friends and family members. He's experienced bullying and racial harassment.

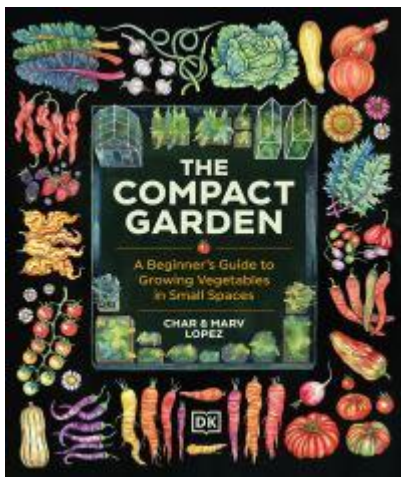
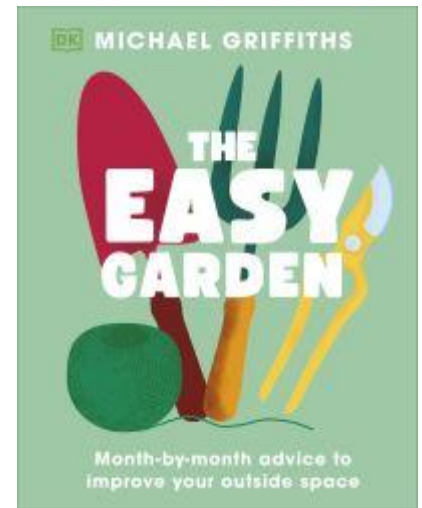
But no matter how tough things get, he is always convinced he'll get out the other side.

He wasn't born fearless, or strong, or confident. Those things grew from graft, a willingness to learn from mistakes and a constant desire to push himself out of his comfort zone.

Structured chronologically around lessons learned the hard the way, that helped him be the best version of himself, on and off the battlefield, this is a true story of a life lived at the toughest extremes. It's also an inspiring insight into the can-do mindset of an SAS blade who lives by the ethos: 'Improve, adapt, overcome'.

## Adult non-fiction

Do you step into your garden and feel overwhelmed by the task at hand? Or maybe you find yourself baffled by the sheer amount of gardening information and just want to know what needs doing right now? Fear not, Michael Griffiths is here to give you some straight-talking advice, month by month. He breaks down the year into jobs for each month, with simple step-by-steps showing you what to do. From how to prune wisteria to how to install a water butt, you will find straightforward guidance on gardening techniques, how to troubleshoot problems, and handy projects. Discover how taking small, consistent steps in your garden actually makes a big difference. No jargon, no fluff: just good advice for a beautiful outside space, the easy way.

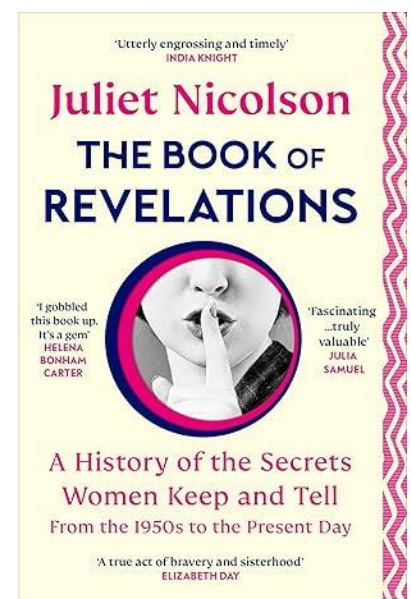


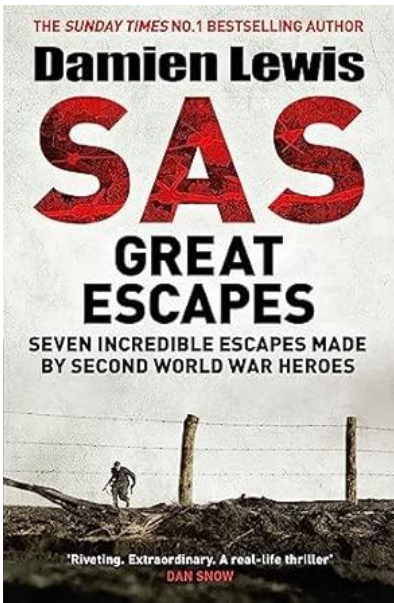
You don't need a lot of land or a lot of time to create a beautiful, bountiful garden. This simple and easy-to-follow guide walks you through each step of planning, planting, and maintaining your own organic vegetable garden, regardless of the space available or your experience level. With step-by-step instructions, you'll be able to create a functional garden that not only provides you with fresh and healthy produce but also adds beauty to your surroundings and helps you gain a deeper connection with nature.

Do you want to know a secret?

The average person is keeping thirteen secrets at any one time, five of which they've never shared with a soul. A secret can thrill one person and destroy another; and the deepest ones echo far down the generations.

*The Book of Revelations* is a book about the secrets women keep: the ones they are forced into, the ones they hold through shame, and the ones they share. Told through a kaleidoscopic blend of first-person stories and memoir, from the 'silent generation' of women in the 1950s to the influencers of the 2020s, we witness long-buried family secrets aired at last and the repercussions which occur when women who have been forced to keep quiet find their voice. Finally, we are compelled to wonder whether women are once again in danger of being silenced by censure, caution and fear.

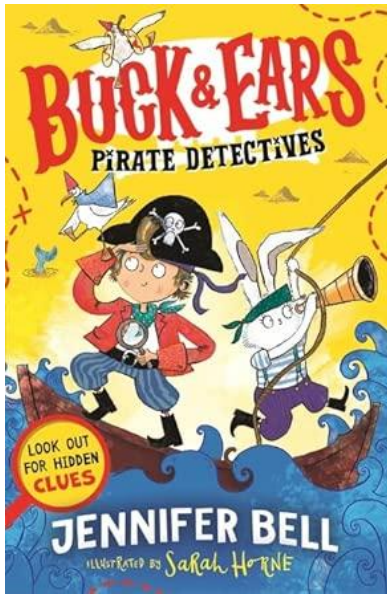




With each story comes a nail-biting, rollercoaster ride in classic Damien Lewis style - readers join individual escapees and experience events through their own words, taken from contemporaneous diaries, mission reports, debriefings and letters - recapturing the most terrifying and exhilarating moments of their lives.

These tales of almost unbelievable derring-do reveal the most desperate of times, when men were cornered by the enemy and were forced to fight their way out of certain death or capture. Around every corner, upon every decision and every movement lurked the possibility of discovery.

## Child Fiction

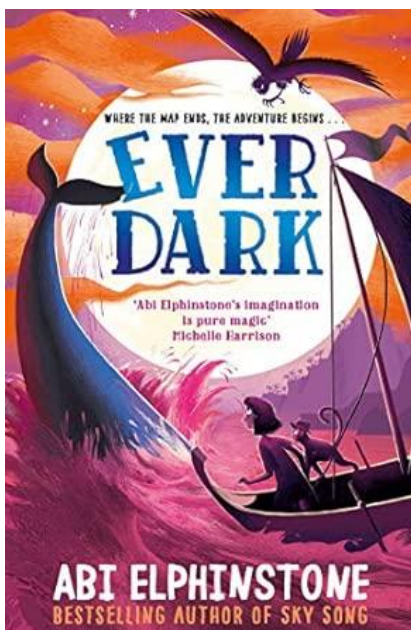
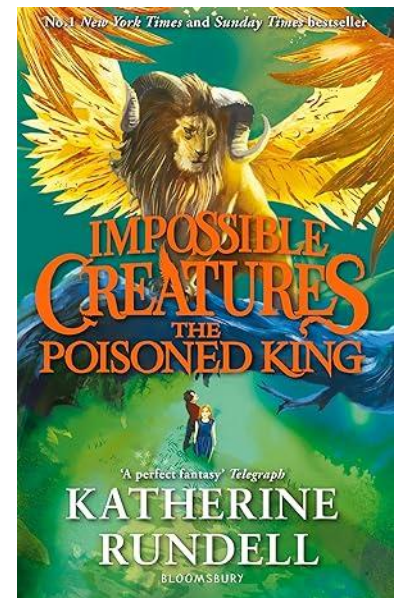


Two terrible pirates ... two brilliant detectives! The first book in a hilarious illustrated pirate mystery series for readers 6-9, crammed with puzzles and clues for the reader to solve. Young fans of funny books like *Investigators* and *Grimwood* and puzzle books like *Cluedle* and *Murdle Junior* will love this series!

Buck and his loyal rabbit, Ears, are officially the WORSE PIRATES on the Seventy Seas! When they bump into the terrifying CAPTAIN BLOODFANG, she gives them an ultimatum: follow CLUES to find her missing chef, or else be turned into pirate stew! Along with their MISFIT CREW, can

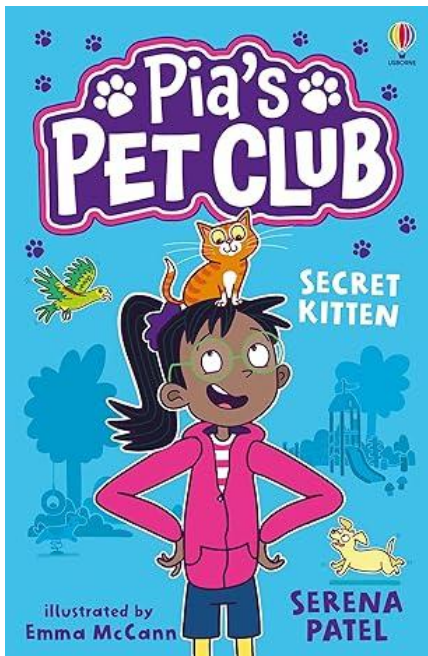
Buck and Ears SOLVE THE CASE and save themselves from a horrible fate?

When Christopher Forrester is unexpectedly woken by a miniature dragon chewing on his face, his heart leaps for joy. For months he's dreamed of returning to the Archipelago - the secret islands where all the creatures of myth still live. But he did not know it would involve a rescue mission on the back of a sphinx, or a plan to enter a dragon's lair. Nor did he imagine it would involve a girl with a flock of birds at her side, a new-hatched chick in her pocket and a ravenous hunger for justice...



It is midnight in Crackledawn – a midnight full of magic. Sea dragons stir in the depths of the ocean, silver whales surface beneath the moon and sand goblins line the shores. Everyone is waiting for the phoenix, the guardian of the kingdom's magic, to rise up from the forests of Everdark. But there is no sign of the phoenix tonight. Something else surges up out of Everdark instead: a harpy bent on stealing Crackledawn's magic.

It is up to an eleven-year-old girl called Smudge and a grumpy monkey called Bartholomew to set sail beyond the legendary Northswirl and stop the harpy before it's too late.

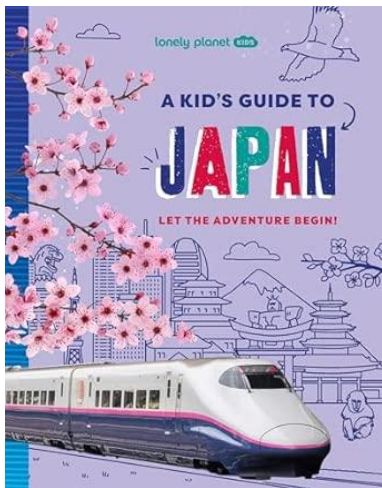


Pia LOVES pets, but as she's not allowed one, she's decided to start her own PET CLUB to help her friends look after their animals.

When Pia finds a lost, lonely kitten called Tiger Moon, she can't give up the chance of the furry friend she's always wanted. She decides to hide Tiger at Pet Club and look after her, even though if anyone finds out, she'll be in BIG TROUBLE.

But when Pia's sister starts petsitting a parrot who repeats everything he hears, he might give away all of Pet Club's secrets! Will Pia be able to keep Tiger, and finally have a pet of her very own?

## Children's non-fiction



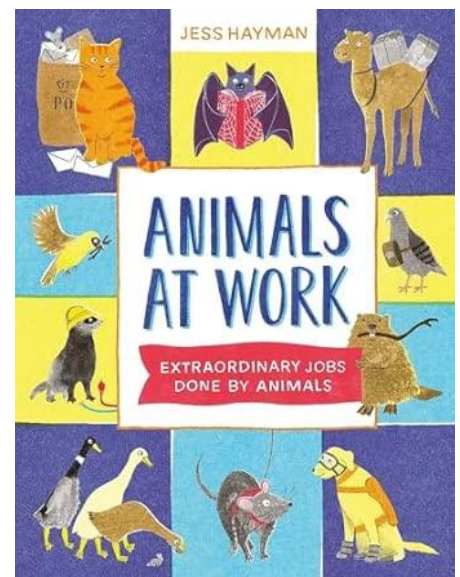
Did you know that Japan is home to super-fast bullet trains, or that there's a museum where you can experience being a samurai or ninja, or that you can climb giant sand dunes by foot? Ignite curious minds with this fascinating guidebook for children and unlock the magic of Japan once and for all.

Inside *A Kid's Guide to Japan*:

- The perfect introduction to Japan for kids
- Take with you on your travels or make epic discoveries from the comfort of home
- Packed with wow-factor facts, 'what's the difference?' challenges, vibrant photography, and more
- Showcases all the top spots with the insider scoop on how to get around, super celebrations, hidden gems, tasty treats and secret and surprising places (there's even a Super Nintendo World!)

Animals are better at certain jobs than we are. Did you know that ferrets can be employed by electricians to safely lay cables in inaccessible areas? Or that bats can live in ancient libraries protecting the books from insects and other pests? Would you hang up a painting by a pig?

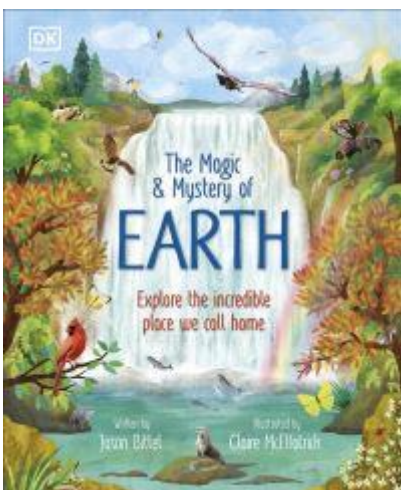
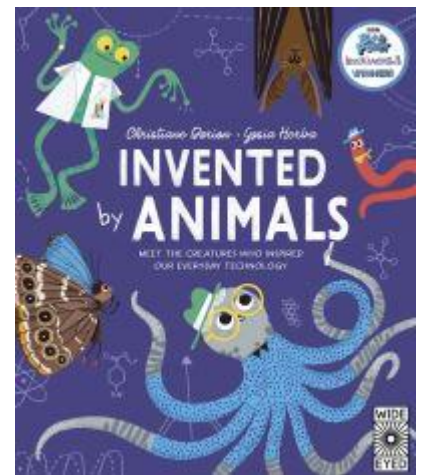
Get to know the different jobs that animals can have, from helping people as therapy pets, to crafty spywork, as you meet photographer pigeons, geese guards, post office cats and much more.





Get ready for adventure as we go behind the scenes of an international airport and unlock its secrets! This enticing book for young children takes you on a fun-filled journey as we follow a family setting off on holiday - from arriving at the airport and checking in to boarding the plane, taking off and landing. Each fully illustrated, colourful spread showcases what happens on a typical day in an airport from the mysterious workings of a baggage carousel to how runways are prepared.

Humans think they invent everything, but the fact is, us animals have invented ways of solving problems, making unbelievable materials, ways of getting around and working out how to survive on our own for millions of years. In this book, you will meet the animal inventors who have shared their super inventing powers to make amazing things for humans.

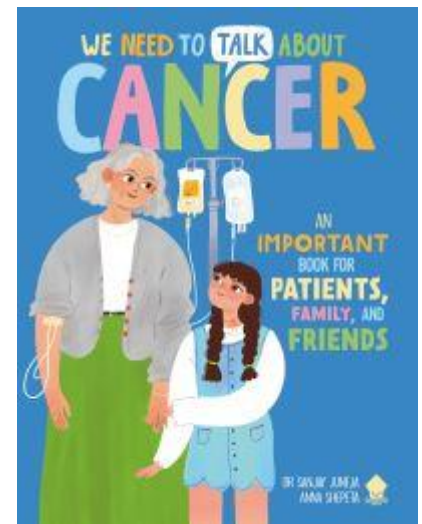


Enter the world of towering mountains, swirling storms, and deep ocean trenches for an unforgettable journey through our planet Earth. Day turns to night, seasons shift, water moves, volcanoes erupt in a burst of fury, and animals swing and dart across the pages of this colourful book. Starting at Earth's fiery core, then journeying upwards through clouds and wind before soaring over the Amazon rainforest and gliding across Earth's icy poles, readers will discover the wonders of our ever-changing planet.



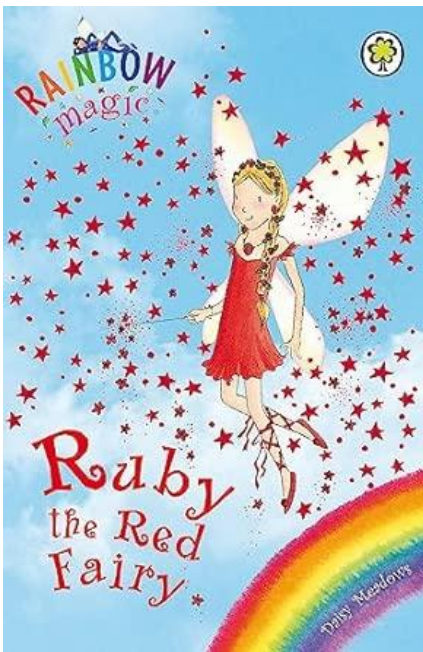
Experience the Tube like never before and discover the top 50 unusual things to do and see on the London Underground. Explore the rarest routes, take historic rides, visit abandoned stations, uncover secret shortcuts, discover letter-based odysseys and embark on unique Tube challenges with this lively, interactive book. Bursting with facts and activities from YouTube train expert Geoff Marshall with additional sights to see from his co-creator of All the Stations, Vicki Pipe, this updated book will inspire children - and adults - to seize the moment and explore the hidden world of London's Underground.

A book explaining cancer to kids, from renowned cancer doctor Sanjay Juneja. He provides clear answers and guidance that will help families to cope during treatment and beyond.



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## First Readers – Level 3

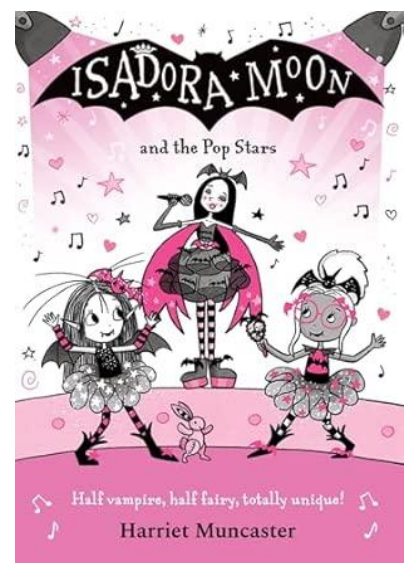


When Rachel and Kirsty meet on the ferry to Rainspell Island they have no idea the incredible magical adventures in store for them! Join the two best friends as they meet Ruby the Red Fairy, the first fairy to introduce them to the world of Rainbow Magic.

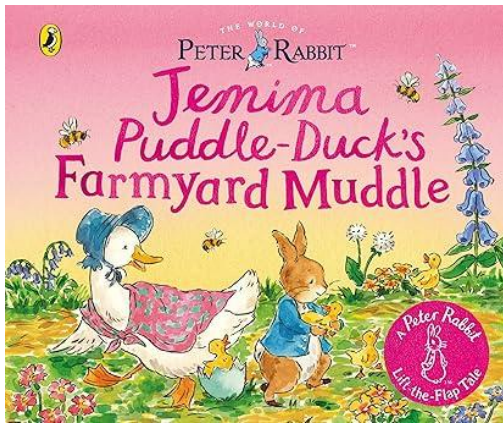
Read all seven fairy adventures in the Rainbow Fairies set! Ruby the Red Fairy; Amber the Orange Fairy; Saffron the Yellow Fairy; Fern the Green Fairy; Sky the Blue Fairy; Izzy the Indigo Fairy and Heather the Violet Fairy

Isadora is special because she is different. Her mum is a fairy and her dad is a vampire and she's a bit of both.

Isadora is so excited. She has been invited to go to a pop concert with her friend, Araminta. She has never seen a band like Glitterbat before. The music is gothic and vampire-y and ELECTRIC. She can't wait to show the dance moves to her friends at school. But will they understand, or will they think her vampire music is a bit strange?



## Board Books

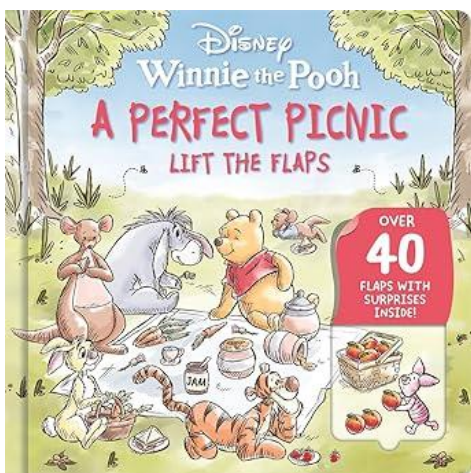
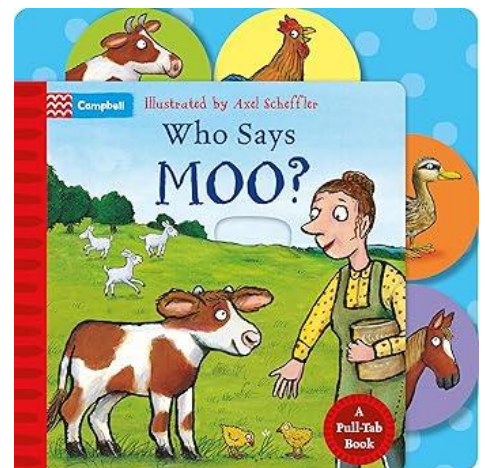


Join Peter Rabbit in this lift-the-flap farmyard adventure with Jemima Puddle-duck. A perfect introduction for toddlers to the wonderful World of Peter Rabbit.

Peter is visiting Jemima Puddle-duck on the farm and is excited to discover that she is nesting and her ducklings will be hatching soon! But when Jemima goes to show Peter her precious eggs, she realises one is missing . . . ! Peter jumps into action and helps Jemima search high and low for her runaway egg. Will they find it before it's too late? With its simple, lyrical read-aloud text, vivid contemporary illustrations and flaps to explore on every spread this adventure is perfect for curious little bunnies everywhere.

Follow Little Calf as she learns to make a big noise on the farm! Which other animals will she meet along the way, and what sounds do they make?

There are chunky tabs on every spread that are easy for babies to pull, helping them develop fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, and animal noises for them to repeat! With artwork by Axel Scheffler, bestselling illustrator of *The Gruffalo*, this is the perfect gift to share with little ones.



Winnie the Pooh and his friends are having a picnic and need your help to prepare! Join Pooh and his pals as they search for everything they need for a perfect picnic.

With over 40 flaps to find and lift, this board book is brimming with interactive fun! Little hands can get involved with story time as they search and find the flaps and reveal what is hidden underneath.

## Picture Books



We are raindrops in sunlight, and the rivers that flow. We are winds blowing hard, and all things that grow. This mesmerising die-cut picture book, written and illustrated by Britta Teckentrup, shows how we are all connected to nature and to each other. Lyrical rhyming text evokes the beauty of our world, while clever die-cuts link the images from page to page to underline the close relationships that make life possible in all its varied wonder.

Elbert the Elephant is full of life and ready to try anything! The only problem is that nothing ever seems to go quite as it should – from ballet dancing to swimming lessons to story time at the library... will Elbert ever find a place where he fits?

