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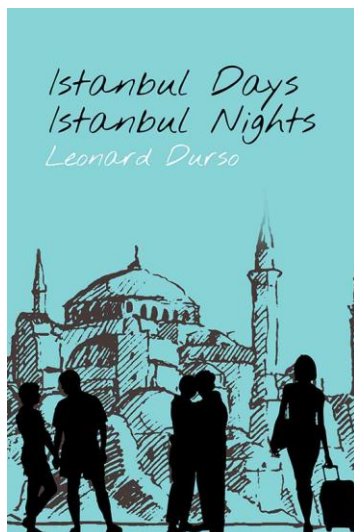
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Istanbul Days, Istanbul Nights

Leonard Durso

Bestseller



Leonard Durso's *Istanbul Days, Istanbul Nights* is a contemporary reimagining of Shakespeare's timeless tragedy, *Romeo & Juliet*, that takes place in Istanbul. With a cast of characters from across the globe, they struggle to find a way through the trials and tribulations of romantic involvement, hindered by their own unique cultural differences.

The Author

Durso is a native New Yorker, who once owned a literary bookstore in Los Angeles, ran English language programs in New York and Istanbul, worked retail, wrote for a newspaper, wrote advertising copy, was a professional Boy Scout, and has lived in Turkey 'the world's largest museum' since 2008.

GENRE: Adult Contemporary Romance

Publication date: August 2017

Extent: 290 pages

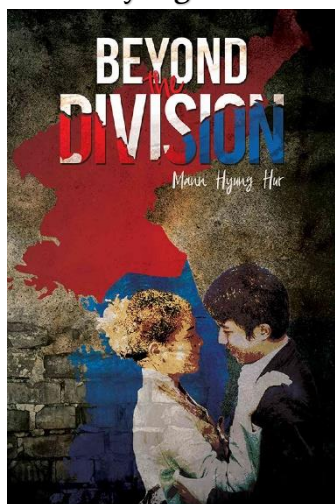
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Beyond the Division

Mann Hyung Hur

Bestseller



Pilsung and Soon are star-crossed lovers. He is from South Korea, and she is from the North. Their love is so forbidden that when Pilsung tells his boss, she is immediately worried about the police finding out.

Soon escapes from North Korea after the shutdown of the Gaeseong Industrial Complex and plans to fake her own death with the help of a police officer in South Korea. Pilsung is out of the loop and spends most of the story looking for his love, not realizing she is supposed to be dead.

Soon has been watching Pilsung's every move, waiting for the right time to reveal herself, only to be heartbroken when she misunderstands a close bond between friends. She decides to leave him, but Pilsung flies to Yanbian to look for her and attempts to smuggle himself into North Korea.

The Author

Mann Hyung Hur graduated from Konkuk University in Seoul, Korea, and earned a Ph.D. in public policy at the University of Colorado at Denver, USA. He is currently a professor at Chung-Ang University, Seoul, Korea.

He has published a novel entitled *Cyber Beatrice* in Korea in 1995, which was the beginning of his professional writing career. He was invited to write serialized stories in the *Digital Times* and *Weekly Donga* in Korea. In addition to novels, he has also published more than ten nonfiction books. *Beyond the Division* has been excerpted from the serialized story collection *Nine Stairs@Omega* and rewritten into a novella.

GENRE: Contemporary

Publication date: June 2019

Extent: 72 pages

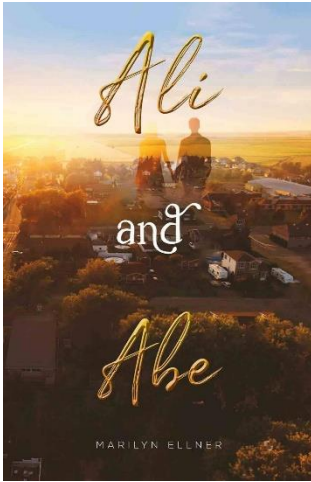
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Ali and Abe

Marilyn Ellner

Bestseller



Ali Mason is a small-town teacher living a perfectly boring life. That is until she takes a trip to Nashville and meets Abe Parker. Not a fan of country music, she is clueless that Abe is a rising country music star.

Country music's newest uprising star, Abe Parker, learns that scruffy is in. So, when he needs a few months off, he cleans up his look, making it impossible to be recognized. Meeting Ali, he's excited he can be an ordinary guy. After spending a day together, the couple discovers an intense attraction that leads to an unforgettable night.

Yet it's all over in an instant when they become separated from each other. Abe searches for months with no luck. Ali goes home feeling hurt and used. A month later, she's shocked to learn she's going to have Abe's baby. Nine months later, while holding her new-born baby, she sees Abe's face on the television. Hurt, insecure, and vulnerable, Ali decides to not contact him. Four years later, Ali discovers someone knows her secret and wants revenge, leaving her no choice but to find Abe and explain he's a father. Anger flairs when Abe learns that the woman, he searched for deceived him and demands the chance to get to know his daughter.

Can Abe and Ali bury the hatchet long enough to protect their daughter? What happens when strong feelings start to resurface? Do second chances happen when someone wants you dead?

The Author

Marilyn Ellner lives in a three-hundred-year-old town in Southern Illinois with her husband, teenage son, and two college student daughters. She has two dogs, a Saint Bernard and a Pomeranian, as well as a kitten. She credits her writing ideas to being a salon stylist/owner for over 30 years. She loved listening to her clients and their crazy stories so much that she would put a 'what if' twist to the tales...which led to creating stories of her own.

GENRE: Romance

Publication date: January 2021

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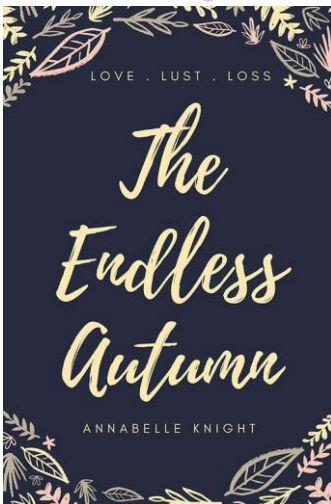
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The Endless Autumn

Annabelle Knight

Bestseller



Autumn thought she had everything: a gorgeous stud of a boyfriend, a practical if unexciting PA job at Thorne PR, a savvy best friend, and a soon-to-be earned journalism diploma. But things in her perfectly constructed world shift when Autumn discovers a life shattering secret. Needing to change her life drastically Autumn meets a mysterious and sexy stranger who could be the solution to her problems. Autumn is thrown into a luxurious new world. One that is powered by highfliers, fantasies and carnal desires. How will she escape? Or, does this new world hold the key to her own fulfilment? Annabelle Knight's debut novel *The Endless Autumn* is a sizzling, steamy and sexually sinister story of how a girl next door, unwittingly – but perhaps not unwillingly – explores the fringes of desire and release.

The Author

Annabelle Knight is a sex and relationship expert. She's appeared on many TV programmes such as This Morning, The O'Brien Show and Big Brother's Bit on the Side. She's featured regularly in magazines and newspapers and can often be found frequenting the nation's airwaves offering sex advice and discussing hot topics.

GENRE: Contemporary

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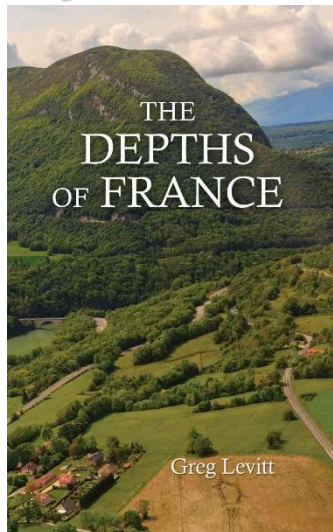
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The Depths Of France

Greg Levitt



The story explores the lives of a French 'Yeoman' farming family and their village, from the beginning of the period of unprecedented prosperity, after World War II until today, in the depths of the French countryside far from any large towns. Through a series of hilarious events the story describes the hardships of their traditional daily life punctuated by the distractions which made their lives enjoyable. The novel revolves around the 'Fournier' family who live in the fictitious village of 'Nuilly', and in particular their son who becomes a teacher of English and develops a friendship with an English family. Through the Fournier family we also witness their rustic culture embracing hard physical work, milking cows 365 days of the year in winter temperatures as low as -20° Celsius, and their love of good food and wines much of which they produce themselves. Through the visits of their English friends we receive a sympathetic outside appreciation of their lives, but also follow the story of the family's triumphs, followed by sadness, as the family's fortunes decline as a result of financially driven farm expansion followed by a business fraud. The subsequent debt impoverishes the family. However, the son Jean-Luc refuses to leave the village and understands the current demise of rural France through the changes to his own village and its surroundings and he is sustained by memories of Candice, his lost love.

The Author

Greg Levitt is seventy-six years old and grew up in Enfield, north London. He attended the Stationers' Company's School, Hornsey when it was a voluntary aided grammar school from 1955 until 1962 and went on to St. Luke's College, Exeter University to be awarded a Certificate in Education and then Birkbeck College, University of London, where he received an Upper Second B.Sc. 'Special' degree in 1969. He has also studied history at the OU to master's standard receiving a post graduate diploma in humanities in 2015.

Greg's family has had connections with Provence since 1953 and he has had a second home in Provence since 1972. His French friends live in Paris, Champagne, Burgundy and Lyon and, with extensive travel throughout France, form the basis from which his insights into France emanate.

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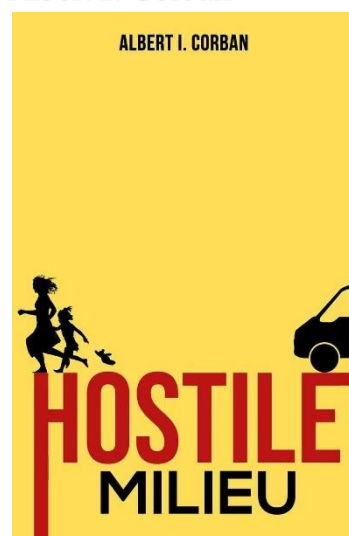
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Hostile Milieu

Albert I. Corban



This story, told from the position of different characters, illustrates the point that human freedom is an illusion and that the direction our individual lives take is often not up to us, but to the actions of others, individuals, groups of people, and the whole country. Our world really has a hostile environment, in which competing interests often rob us of our humanity.

The Author

The author is a lawyer and is living in London.

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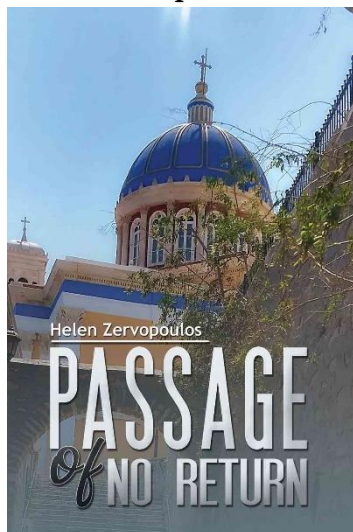
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Passage of No Return

Helen Zervopoulos



Passage of No Return is based on the author's own story, cleverly written as a piece of fiction. After her mother's death, Maria Velizanos finds a box of old photos that evoke vivid memories of people and events in her past, giving the reader an insight into her struggle to break with the traditions of her cultural heritage, her ambition to become an artist and the impact that her mental instability has on her marriage.

It is an immersive and emotive portrayal of the fragility of the human condition and our complex relationships. Memorable characters are vividly drawn and include a relentless Greek chorus that passes judgement and won't hold its tongue.

The Author

At the age of three, Helen's parents emigrated to Australia from Greece on a government assisted passage. Her first days at school were disorienting as she did not speak English. Growing up in Australia in the 50s and 60s was not easy for someone who's upbringing was at odds with to the dominant culture. Multiculturalism was not espoused as a cultural alternative to assimilation, until 1975. Helen graduated from Melbourne University with a major in Fine Arts and Classical studies. She was an English as a Second Language teacher for a short time and then ditched teaching to pursue a short-lived career in acting. She lives in Melbourne Australia.

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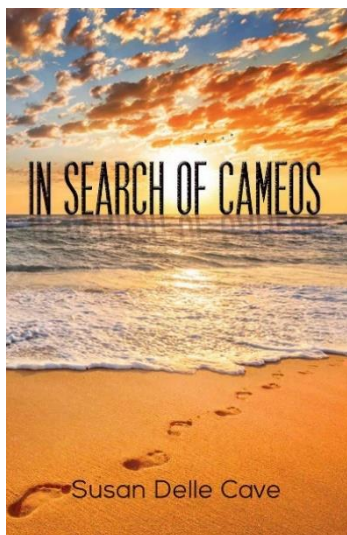
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In Search of Cameos

Susan Delle Cave



We are all searching for something... for answers... for love... or God perhaps. (Many would say for happiness.) Or could it be for those precious unexpected moments when life hovers pain-free... life's 'cameos'?

As for the enigmatic Giulia, her search to uncover family truths finds her caught between two colliding worlds, or maybe three or four. Where exactly does she fit in? Should she speak of what she discovers?

She finds solace in the beauty of the natural world and in man's highest creative achievements set against her own strict Catholic formation.

But nature can also destroy... and not all of humankind sets out to make our time on Earth more bearable, more poetic.

Each chapter... or 'cameo'... tells a little story of its own, each slotted within the bigger picture of Giulia's journey. She is not alone. She has the support of a dear friend and, whether she likes it or not, of an elusive man in the outer shadows of her existence.

The Author

Susan Delle Cave lives in South West London with her husband and has five daughters, all of whom live close by. She speaks three languages and has taught various subjects in a range of schools. Her many interests include the opera and theatre, genealogy, Sudoku for relaxation and spending time with a growing number of grandchildren. She would have liked to become an archaeologist.

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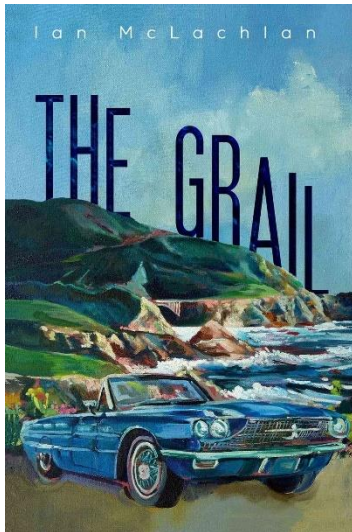
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The Grail

Ian McLachlan



Sean McQuire, a five-year-old Liverpool boy, immigrates to Canada with his parents. He returns to his previous home in Woolton, Liverpool, at the age of 10. Although born in England, he faces a new culture with all its problems.

Later, he attempts to free himself from the roots of his childhood, studying at Liverpool university and becoming a teacher in London. This giddy journey from boy to man is a struggle to find love and acclaim. From London, he emigrates to Germany, experiencing another new culture and some sense of stability. This false sense of security breaks down. His search for identity and a sense in life culminate in a pilgrimage to America, from New York to San Francisco and down to the Mexican border where the contacts with people become epiphanies to a possible new life.

The reader is given hot and cold changes in rapid movements from comedy to tragedy.

The Author

Ian McLachlan was born in 1947 and spent his first five years of childhood in Liverpool. In 1952, his parents emigrated to Canada. On returning to England, he finished his school education and after his studies at Liverpool University, he worked as a teacher in London. In 1971, Ian and his first wife emigrated to Germany where he taught English. After

completing his MA at the Ruhr University, Bochum, he took on a post at a business and technical college. He retired from teaching in 2013 and lives in Herten, North Rhine Westphalia with his second wife and his dog.

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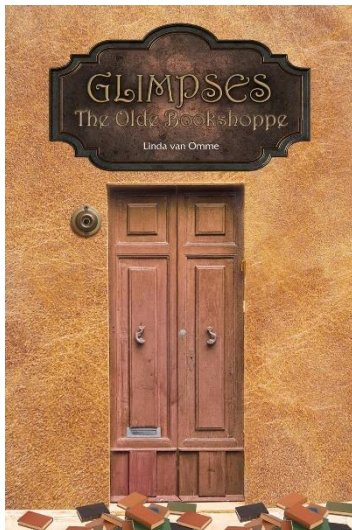
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Glimpses: The Olde Bookshoppe

Linda van Omme



A bookshop, particularly an *Olde Bookshoppe*, is home to the world. It is a meeting place for all sorts of people, good and bad, old and young, amazing and ignored, and there we get a glimpse into their worlds. We may, or may not, ever see them again.

But still, they have an effect on our lives, our behavior, and our own mental picture of our world. *Glimpses: The Olde Bookshoppe* is the story of one such bookshop, and the interactions between the staff and the customers who inhabit it, however fleetingly. It is a fun, but also thought provoking, look at the 'ordinary' people of this wonderful country, who are often not ordinary at all.

The Author

Linda (MacLeod) van Omme grew up on a dairy farm on Prince Edward Island. She always enjoyed writing stories and was encouraged in this by her mother, who also enjoyed writing. Her high school English teacher, Mr. Sahajpal, told her to "Never stop writing", so she did as she was told. She received her training as an occupational therapist at the University of Western Ontario, and worked all across

Canada, with all sorts of interesting people, for 42 years. Her dear husband, John, is a retired, United Church minister, and they have three daughters and, so far, four grandchildren.

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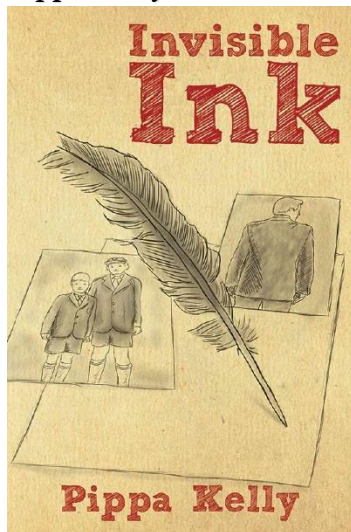
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Invisible Ink

Pippa Kelly



London lawyer Max Rivers has it all - a burgeoning career, a beautiful girlfriend, an exclusive address - but he harbours a long-buried secret that threatens to destroy his carefully constructed world. *Invisible Ink* is a mesmerising novel of guilt, loss and betrayal within a family - of sibling jealousy that threatens to run out of control, a mother's life all-but forgotten through the fog of dementia and a son who longs to, but cannot, escape his past. Pippa Kelly's haunting debut offers a deft exploration of the complex emotions hidden beneath the surface of our lives; drawing its readers into Max's story and leading them, step by careful step, towards its inevitable dénouement.

The Author

Pippa Kelly writes extensively in the national press about dementia, with which her mother lived for over a decade. She blogs for the Huffington Post and mariashriver.com, and has her own award-winning website, pippakelly.co.uk. She lives in Wandsworth with her husband and dog, Bert.

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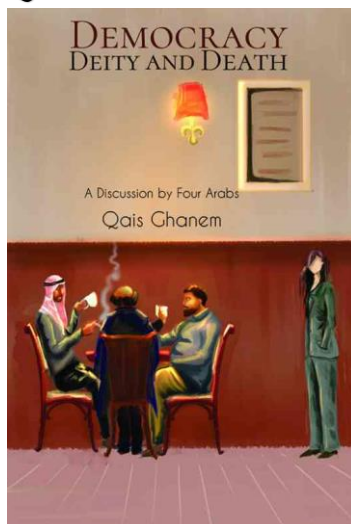
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Democracy Deity and Death. A Discussion by Four Arabs

Qais Ghanem



Four Arabs, with completely different religious backgrounds and beliefs, meet regularly at a London café, despite those differences. There, they respectfully debate the issues of democracy, death and deity. First one is a young devout Muslim from Yemen. The second one is a middle-aged Lebanese Christian homosexual. The third one is a retired secular Egyptian Professor of Biology with a German education. The fourth one is a middle-aged Egyptian Bank Manageress, who discarded all her Islamic traditions and beliefs.

The Author

Qais Ghanem immigrated to Canada in 1970. He graduated in medicine from the University of Edinburgh. Specialty training in public health, pediatrics, and neurology took place at Queen's, McMaster, Michigan, Sanaa, and finally, Ottawa U. Dr. Qais Ghanem has remained Clinical Professor U of O, President Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists, and Director of Sleep/Neurophysiology Lab, Military, Ottawa, and Monfort H.

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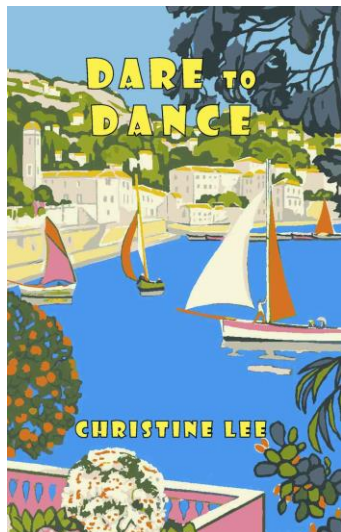
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Dare To Dance

Christine Lee



At the start we find the central character, Ivy, lying in a hospital bed, slowly recovering from a hip operation. She is lonely and missing Arthur, her much loved husband, terribly. They are both in their early 70s. He has Alzheimer's and has been put in a home. She does not like this at all. This indomitable lady also dislikes being in a hospital ward. She rebels and walks out. To her amazement she also rebels against her old way of life and dowdy self.

Back at home she makes her first serious choice. She avoids the police who come knocking at her door. She goes to the cupboard on the landing pulling out the old trunks containing her mother's extremely glamorous clothes. She tries them on beginning a journey from which she never returns. She sorts out passports, packing her new self in a couple of large suitcases collecting money from the bank and her dear husband from the home.

They travel to Saint Pancras Station, then on to Paris before leaving for the South of France where their lives unfold.

The fascinating characters she meets along the way give warmth humour and pathos to her extraordinary adventures.

The Author

Christine Lee, born in 1938, was brought up in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, and began her working life as a nurse, training at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading. After bringing up her young family, Christine returned to her first love by attending St Martins School of Art, London, gaining a degree in fine arts sculpture. Now one of the country's leading figurative sculptors, she is best known for works such as the remarkable Commemorative Fountain outside the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Christine has always written creatively, having her first biography, *The Midwife's Sister*, published in 2015 which reached the Times' bestseller list. Christine currently lives in Devon. This is her first novel.

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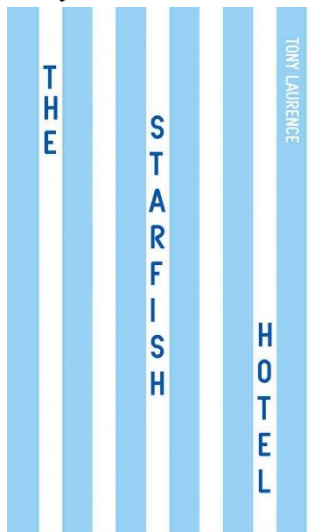
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The Starfish Hotel

Tony Laurence



Many people dream of running a restaurant and a small hotel. The reality is hard work, anguish and conflict, mixed with adventure and humour. Read about the romance of The Starfish Hotel.

The Author

Tony Laurence grew up safely and comfortably in the then largely unvisited, beautiful Dorset countryside and was educated by the sea. He has happily lived in English peacetime.

He was a managing director for many years, controlling a dozen commercial companies involved in national and multinational businesses. He now lives quietly with friends and laughter in Europe.

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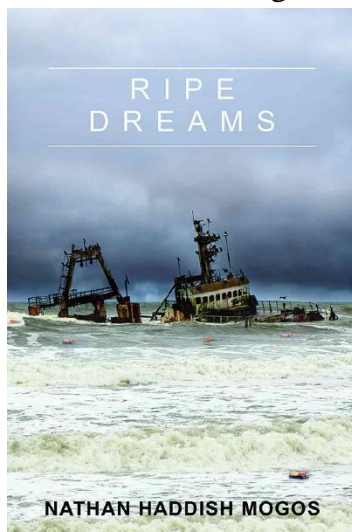
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Ripe Dreams

Natha Haddish Mogos



in 2016.

Teme is an embodiment of that recurrent news footage of a young unaccompanied migrant rescued of yet another capsized boat on the Mediterranean Sea. Surviving the treacherous Sahara Desert then the raging sea was not the end of his battles though. Final destination in Norway, the past with a stranglehold, future uncertain the likes of Teme face adulthood, migration trauma, cultural shock, toxic comfort zone all at once while being shadowed by the long arms of the law. With Toure his partner in crime, a loving local girlfriend, an objective child psychologist appearing intermittently in his life, would Teme shake off his troubled past or would he let the darkness consume him...?

The Author

Nathan Haddish Mogos was born in 1982 to Eritrean parents in the city of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He completed his higher education at the University of Asmara, Eritrea. Nathan has held several professions along the years in half a dozen countries before realizing his dream as a published author in Norway. His first work of fiction, *Mottak: An African Tale of Immigration and Asylum*, was released in 2015. His debut novel was translated into Norwegian by Tor Edwin Dahl. His second self-published work, *Amid the Chaos*, appeared

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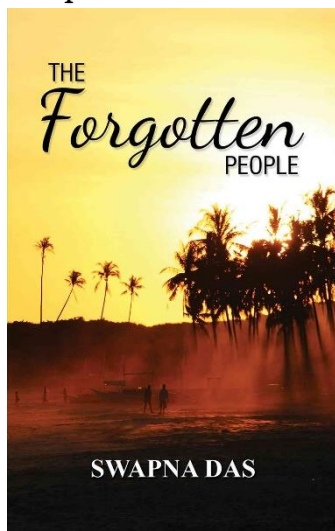
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The Forgotten People

Swapna Das



The late-night train had just pulled up at the small station, and Rahul Bagchi, a newly qualified doctor, cautiously stepped down from the four-bogie train. He was excited and confused at the prospect of beginning his career in a remote part of India. However, the unknown factors of village life had not deterred his spirit nor his enthusiasm to invest his time and service in Panchkuri; the chapters unfold interesting and intriguing aspects of rural India - memories of which the doctor would treasure for a long time.

The Author

The author's first book was published in 2016. Swapna has lived in the UK for a long period of time. She is a mother of two adult children and enjoys travelling, walking and writing. Her favourite TV show is *Only Fools and Horses* (1981-2003). Swapna's passion for writing started approximately six years ago, mainly pleasure writing. However, she decided to publish a collection of short stories and was successful in finding a publisher who supported her dream. The author is career-orientated and works in local government - a job she thoroughly enjoys. Swapna also keenly follows national and global affairs, and environmental issues and animal welfare are important causes to her. Contributing to the community through philanthropic activities gives the author a great satisfaction and fulfilment.

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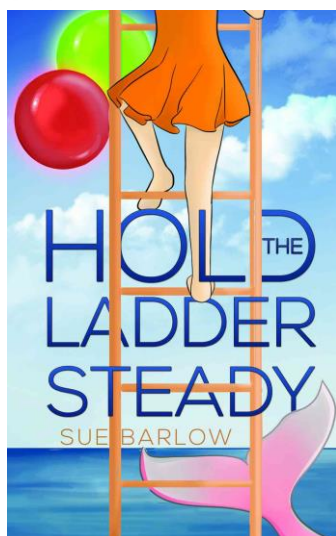
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Hold the Ladder Steady

Sue Barlow



Growing up in Australia in the early fifties, Robin is intrigued by the folklore of the pink boto told by her father. A childhood fantasy confirms her belief that like all fairy tales, there will always be a boto somewhere waiting just for her. Robin observes the conflicts of Roman Catholicism and the social changes of the sixties that swept like a tide into her adolescence. It was the age of the pill, the Vietnam War and good girls who still wore their hats to mass on Sundays. When she launches herself into life in the city with a man having a cowlick, she leaves the sea behind. New and old friends bring an awareness of the issues that confront Australia in a new age, when the complexities of feminism and sexuality were a thorn in the side of a country that prided itself on fair play.

The Author

Sue Barlow grew up on a popular beach on the east coast of Australia in the 1950s. She lived in Sydney in the late '60s where she made many of her observations of Australian society. She completed a BA in literature before teaching but has reached retirement age, giving her time to write and pursue her other hobbies.

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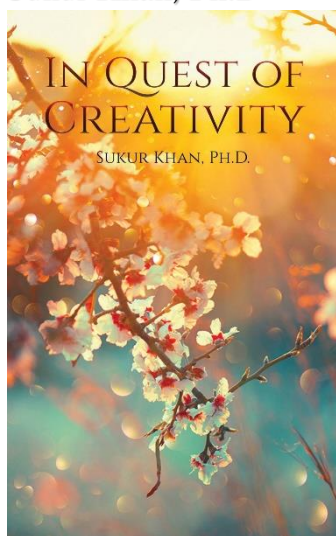
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In Quest of Creativity

Sukur Khan, Ph.D



A fictional account of life in old age; how compassion, friendship, and connections may help in facing the growing problems of Alzheimer's related to aging issues; and stories of how being creative and doing simple things might contribute to living a healthy life in the final years of old age.

Do all you can to be creative—creating art, photography, creative cooking, writing novels, or songs—and contribute to the happiness of others. In old age, if the memory decline can be slowed down and thought of the mind could retain its vigor, a former intelligence may have a new breadth of understanding of the young and a new loving friendship may grow among the young and old. So, the use of knowing anything about the old age ahead of time becomes useful. The memory problem is a big issue in old age if you're on your own, as ability to think matters.

The Author

Sukur Khan, Ph.D., is a retired scientist who, in old age, enjoys walking, thinking, and sharing his thoughts through fiction.

Sukur has suffered from depression, and storytelling has been an exercise in self-expression.

After his recovery, Sukur published his first book, *Candlelight* (2015). Subsequently, his neurologist diagnosed him with late-onset Alzheimer's disease. Sukur spent many days and nights for years learning about the disease and how to cope with it. The author is organizing to simplify his daily living in his own world, in his own way, to survive. It's a matter of everyday living and making decisions and clearly seeing what he is able to fight and what he's fighting against. He is fighting without knowing the terms of the battle.

He is capable of keeping in touch with his Power of Attorney, doctors, neurologists, and pharmacists—all that stuff by himself, alone. For the moment, he is able to manage his finances and well-being by himself. He enjoys reading and writing. Sukur always tries connecting with his family and friends, and anyone else who cares.

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The Mending

R.B. Scott



R. B. Scott

The past collides with the present in *The Mending* as the iconoclastic Benjamin Adams Pratt prepares for a milestone school reunion that inadvertently becomes a poignant and rollicking homecoming for a prodigal son who forsook the Mormon Zion for Manhattan. Snapshots from his past emerge to form a refreshingly nuanced and complex portrait of an achingly self-conscious man of remarkable devotion and awkward loyalty.

In free-flowing narratives resonant of John Irving's *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, Scott merges riotously humorous storytelling with malingering regrets about half-formed relationships and missed opportunities. He vividly reconstructs Ben's transformation from an astonishingly independent and footloose child in Salt Lake City into a sophisticated New Yorker, by turns seduced, bemused, and repulsed by the privileges of class and pretentious erudition while remaining harshly and haughtily dismissive of the culture and people he abandoned. His accidental journey of self-discovery traverses the borderlands of inheritance, religion, ethnicity, and humanity.

The Author

In 2011, R. B. Scott wrote a biography of presidential candidate Mitt Romney (*Mitt Romney: An Inside Look at the Man and His Politics*), followed by his debut novel in 2012 (*Closing Circles: Trapped in the Everlasting Mormon Moment*). He was a staff reporter and writer for *Time*, *Life*, and *Sports Illustrated*, and was part of the small editorial team that founded *Time*'s eminently successful *People Magazine*. His freelance pieces have been published by many leading news organizations around the world. He is also a contributor to the *Cognoscenti* at WBUR public radio in Boston.

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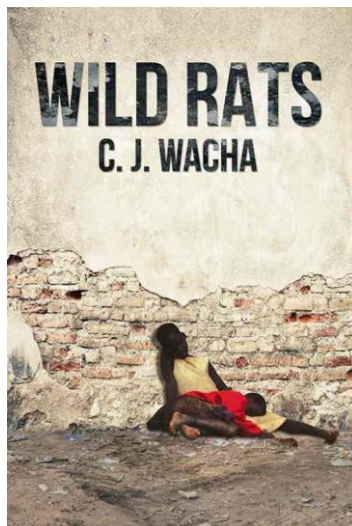
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Wild Rats

C.J. Wacha



Joe is abandoned on the streets of Kampala after his mother dies and left to fend for himself. When the authorities begin rounding up street children, Joe takes Mary and her brother to seek refuge at the home of Mama Sarah who runs a brothel. That decision has devastating and tragic consequences. Soon the streets Joe has grown to become increasingly hostile and dangerous as he is drawn into a world of crime and violence.

Joe and his friends are undocumented self-reliant children whose presence in the city is not welcomed by Kampala authorities. They are seen only as 'pests polluting the streets', and are easily exploited by those meant to protect them. The people they fear the most are the police. Joe's only hope is to make decisions which will give meaning to his life and substance to his existence. If he doesn't, he knows he will die like his friend Leo died - alone, unknown and un-mourned - just another 'invisible' child.

Wild Rats is a story of friendship, adversity and survival.

The Author

C. J Wacha was born in Uganda during a time of political turmoil and upheaval. She read Law at Makerere University and went on to study Human Rights at London Metropolitan University. She has been writing poems and short stories ever since she first learned to read. She now lives in Devon.

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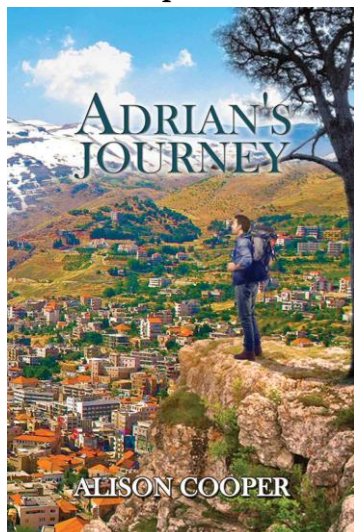
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Adrian's Journey

Alison Cooper



Join Adrian on his journey from easy-going teenager through to manhood, as he searches for his birth mother. Where is she? Why did she abandon him? *Adrian's Journey* begins with scenes in England from his comfortable family life and his activities with his fellow first year university students. But the focus moves inexorably to the twists and turns of Adrian's quest as he grapples with life's complexity, juggling its demands, and with his experiences in colourful and troubled Beirut.

Adrian's Journey is not only a tale of a young man trying to discover the identity of his biological mother; it is also a reflection of the human condition, and of how people are shaped by their experiences in life. Readers may identify with the questions asked and the decisions made, yet the story is far from predictable in its course and outcome. Compelling yet familiar, *Adrian's Journey* will hold the reader's interest until the very last page.

The Author

Alison Cooper started writing fiction at the age of 62, after a long career in academic research administration. Her final position before retirement was at the Leverhulme Trust where she worked for thirteen years. Her first novel, *The Rapallo Legacy*, was published in November 2009. *Adrian's Journey* is a story based loosely on the family circumstances of a friend, adapted and altered for the actions in the novel. Alison has a degree in Chinese and French, a working knowledge of Italian, and enough German and Spanish to read essential notices. In 1977-78 she spent nine months as a student in Beijing. Now living in London and Italy, she enjoys classical music and jazz, (in the past she played the timpani, the viola, and the piano, and even conducted a little), collecting Chinese stamps, ballroom and Latin dancing, and gardening, about which she knows very little.

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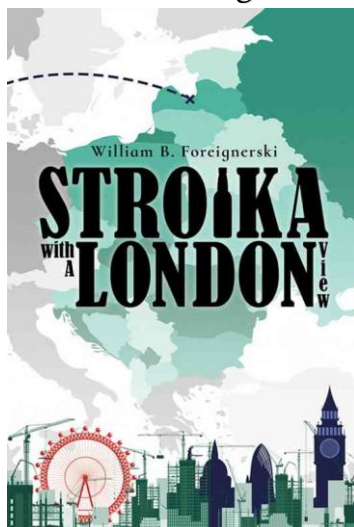
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Stroika With a London View

William B. Foreignerski



A clumsy wannabe rock star from an obscure Eastern European country decides to sort out his dire financial situation by taking up carpentry in the Land of Milk and Honey, aka the UK. London might be his love at first sight, yet a love unrequited. No money + no business visa + no English + no job skills = no job. Food comes from rubbish bins, rent money from busking. Things are rough. When his first carpentry assignment comes, it is to hide a corpse in concrete, and it only gets rougher from here...

The Author

William B. Foreignerski, as his name suggests, is a foreigner. He came to the UK to find work, earn a pound and then leave. Instead, he learned the local language and stayed, charmed by the country and its people.

Is he a gain for the economy? Read the book and decide yourself.

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Snow Is Falling

C Vallance



Christmas. A time for families to celebrate together. To be merry and bright.

Emma Snow is reluctant to return to her husband Colin's family home for Christmas this year, with a seemingly good reason.

Maisie Snow is a perfectionist with high standards and expectations from all of her children; however, she is starting to feel like she is no longer needed.

Ming Pun is nervous about visiting her boyfriend Harris' family for the first time and brings with her a big secret.

This Christmas turns out to be more unpredictable and unexpected than any of these three women could possibly have imagined.

The Author

C Vallance is a Scottish author who has had an interest in writing from a young age and has often found inspiration from his own family and the spectacular scenery that Scotland has to offer. *Snow Is Falling* is his first novel. When not writing, C enjoys travelling and spending time with his family who are slightly less dramatic (most of the time) than the Snow family.

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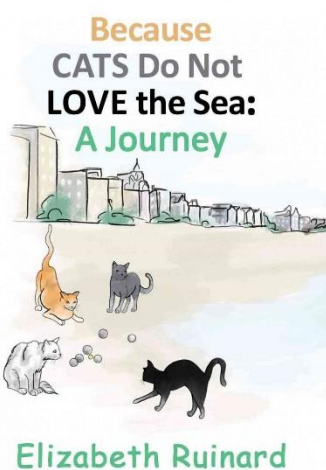
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Because Cats Do Not Love The Sea: A Journey

Elizabeth Ruinard



A sassy tale of two elderly French ladies in their nineties, who take their first-ever vacation. They are off to Trouville on the Normandy coast and are followed, stealthily, by Mr Beaujangles, their beautiful black cat. Mr Beaujangles runs into a series of sticky situations from which he has to save himself. Set against the background of the gorgeous Rouen Cathedral, as well as the fashionable seaside resorts of northern France during "la canicule" (a heatwave), the story explores the themes of love, devotion and attachment as well as spirited behaviour.

The Author

Elizabeth Ruinard has been an author and academic since the 1980s. Her areas of analysis include visual art theory and history, cultural studies and work-integrated learning. She has showcased her polished academic style in various academic journals, books and even in publications from the National Gallery of Australia. Recently she has focused more on her fictional writing which juxtaposes itself boldly against her clear, concise academic writing. Her lyrical and fluid fictional writing is entwined with whimsical modes, themes and characters. Her inspiration comes from her life events, including being a student in Paris, her daughter and husband, the people she has encountered and even her cats. She preserves the integrity of her love of the French language by cleverly interweaving French words and expressions into her work.

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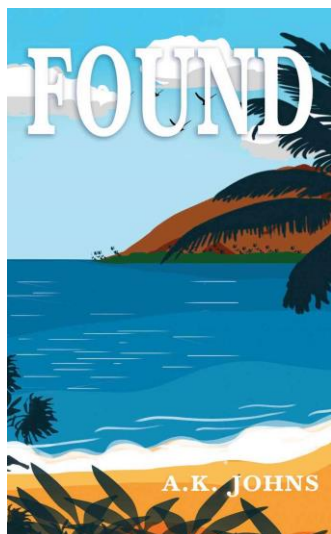
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Found

A.K. Johns



Craig has said goodbye to his mother at Gatwick Airport and is heading to South America to interview for a new job, hoping to change his life, not realising just how much it will truly change. The engines on the plane fail and he is forced to bail out in a lifeboat. He spends days at sea until, at last, he finds himself washed up on a beach on an island that he believes to be deserted.

Making friends with a seagull he calls Jonathan, a sunburnt, dehydrated and starving Craig struggles to survive in a new hostile environment without iPads, Starbucks and anti-depressants, not realising that he is not alone after all.

The Author

A.K. Johns was born in the Southwest of England. He spent many years working in customer service before realising that he doesn't like people that much. He would love to be either of the characters in his book *Found* for the peace and quiet if nothing else. In his spare time he treads the boards in local amateur theatre and reads his book collection in alphabetical order.

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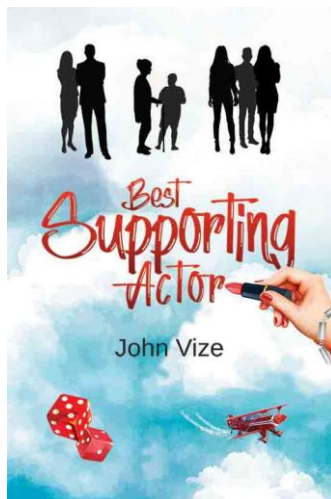
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Best Supporting Actor

John Vize



A humorous tale of contrasting characters with widely differing attitudes to relationships, sex and love in all its forms. The incurable romantic finding love in middle age; the young married woman for whom sex is a personal currency to be spent as she desires; the arrogant, exploitative womaniser; the single mother with a dark secret and the sexually inexperienced 'thirty something' lady are the unsuspecting players in this tragicomedy. Sexual awakening, love and lust drive them in unequal measure. A spiral of life-changing events follows a tragic accident that seals their fate. Seduction, adultery, deceit, betrayal, conspiracy and revenge ensue. But who, if any, are the winners or losers? Who will find fulfilment? Who will pay the price? Who will triumph? And who will live to tell the tale?

The Author

John Vize was born in London and educated at King George V College in Southport. Following a commission in the Royal Air Force as a pilot, he held a marketing management role in Ford Motor Company before co-founding a successful advertising agency. He retired after selling the business and now spends his time travelling, writing and throwing himself into numerous active projects. He lives in rural Northamptonshire with his wife, Judith. To

balance the restful pursuits of gardening, poultry and beekeeping, he remains a keen yachtsman, canoeist and aerobatic pilot.

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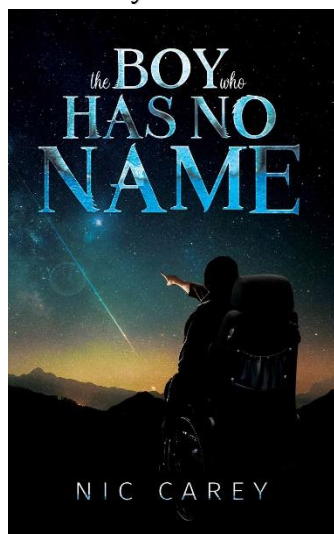
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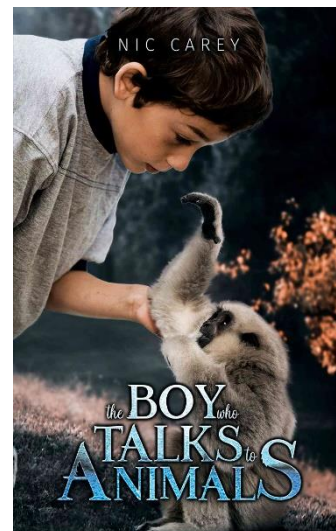
The Boy Who Has No Name

Nic Carey



Imagine, if you can, being born with cerebral palsy and being abandoned by your parents who leave you in a cardboard box outside an unmanned police station, then to live out your life generally ignored and strapped to a medical trolley with little or no proper stimulation. This is the story of an acute mind masked by a crippled frame and hampered by a difficulty with communication. He is a human being who has never socialised with other people and shows signs of abject aggression in reality, hiding his frustrations. John lives in a children's home and is befriended quite by chance by a young visitor of his own age. As their relationship develops, it becomes quite clear that John has a great intellect and has not only taught himself to read, but has an affinity for foreign languages. The book charts his journey from that initial meeting through his improvement with mobility and communication aides, his desperate need to have his own identity and his varying and at times difficult relationship with the staff and residents of the home. For those that look away in embarrassment at disabled or disadvantaged people or worse, go to the opposite extreme

and fuss over them, then this is the book you should read. It may make you laugh, it may even make you cry but it will hopefully make you think.



The Author

Nic Carey is a retired architect who lives on the island of Gozo with his wife, Dolores, and three dogs. Born near Reading, Berkshire, he grew up in Torbay, Devon, before heading off to a university in Manchester. He has one daughter, Nikou, who is an interior designer, and lives and works in Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

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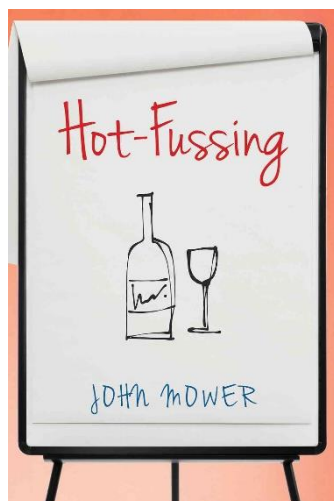
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Hot-Fussing

John Mower



"You do realise, don't you Mum, that most students revert to adolescence in their first term away? The girls will flirt, the boys will show off and you'll have to fend off some very dodgy bad breath in those morning seminars. You're gonna love it..."

With its array of colourful characters, hilarious anecdotes and poignant moments, *Hot-Fussing* will have you rooting for tomorrow's teachers, as they try to negotiate their way through their first year at University.

The Author

John Mower was a primary school teacher for 19 years and has spent the last 15 years training new teachers into the profession. The world of education and the wonderful characters, both children and teachers, that he has met during this time have inspired him to write this novel. John's first novel, *First Class*, was also a comedy and was set in a primary school. It told the story of a newly qualified teacher and his attempts to control, inspire and teach a class in their final year before moving to secondary school.

John lives in Hemel Hempstead with his wife Claire and their two grown-up children, Nicholas and Megan.

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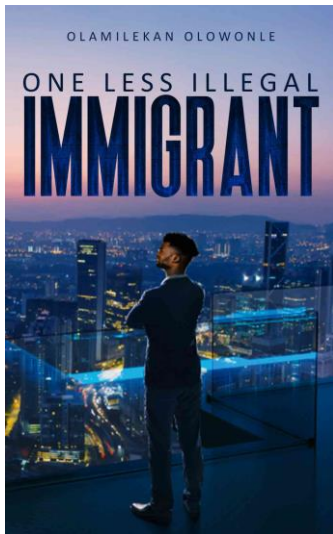
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One Less Illegal Immigrant

Olamilekan Olowonle



Like every man crossing the Mediterranean, trekking across the desert and doing the extreme to get to abroad countries, Oladayo was a young ambitious man. He burnt candles at both ends and ran his tail off in his attempt to make the journey. After overcoming different levels of impediments, he made it to where his heart longed for. On getting to his dreamland, Oladayo found out the hard way that reality was a far cry from what he envisaged. The land was green, but there was a price to pay; the land was free, free for those who were truly free. A young girl adored him, his mother loved him, his friend helped him, his family betrayed him and he indeed, betrayed his friends. Admitting having made the worst mistake of his life, he tarried at the fork in the road, for the fear of not making another mistake he would live to regret.

The Author

Olamilekan has ever been fascinated with writing. It was as though something was always knocking, not to come in, but to come out of his mind. He began from his early teens - if he wasn't writing songs, it would be poems, and if not that, then it would be a fiction or short stories which he will never get tired of doing. He is a man with a dream to write a hundred fiction, here is a place to start from.

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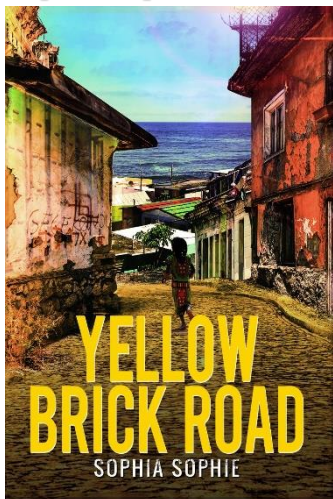
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Yellow Brick Road

Sophia Sophie



Eight-year-old Nika candidly tells the story of her life growing up in a Caribbean ghetto in the eighties. Nika is unintentionally funny, unbelievably clever, and kicks butt when she needs to. Nika's dilemma is simple. She wants to exist without torture but life in the ghetto makes this an unrealistic desire.

Being the twelfth child of fifteen, Nika finds a way to get the attention she needs. Her cute, little black face sheds light on the woes of a Caribbean ghetto. Despite abject poverty, violence, and physical abuse, Nika maintains a hopeful demeanour that is far too mature for her age. She stands up to bullies, outsmarts sexual predators, and puts an end to her desire to cheat and steal.

After her most horrific experience, Nika finds a diary of a visitor to her Caribbean island that tells the story of Meredith. Meredith is a successful criminal defense lawyer with many burdens, struggles, and secrets. Will Meredith's heart-rending story help Nika uncover the "happily-ever-after" in the ghetto? Or will the ghetto destroy Nika's resilient spirit?

The Author

Sophia is a new fictional author, mother of two, wife, scholar, and university instructor who aspires to tell the stories of the poor and marginalized via fictional accounts. Her roots in the Caribbean provide her with a plethora of opportunities to witness many untold stories. Sophia believes these stories must be shared so others can learn the true meaning of resilience.

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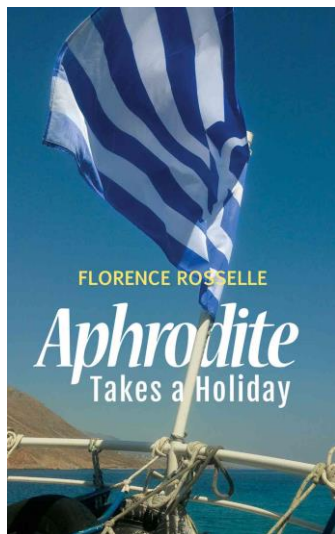
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Aphrodite Takes a Holiday

Florence Rosselle



Aphrodite lives on the beautiful and remote Greek island of Kythnos. Her peaceful existence is disturbed when an aloof English woman, Grace, comes to live in her village. Grace finds life in Kythnos an ordeal and struggles to fit in. Despite the clash of cultures, the women become good friends, working together in Aphrodite's taverna. Following a series of catastrophes, Grace leaves Kythnos to help her nephew with his hotel in Cornwall, where life proves even more challenging. Aphrodite knows Grace is unhappy in Cornwall, but she's never left her home in Kythnos before. However, when she is unexpectedly given the means to visit Grace for the Christmas holiday, she agrees to go and vows not to return without her friend. However, Aphrodite's task proves problematic, and she discovers that life outside the haven of her island is full of strange and unusual people who present her with a series of challenges that make her resolve never to take another holiday.

The Author

Florence Rosselle was born in Lancashire (5th August 1959). She developed wanderlust in her mid-twenties and has lived in the Scottish Highlands, Cornwall, Italy, and Greece. She has now settled in the Lake District and divides her time between her home there and the island of Crete, where she has a holiday home. She is married with two grown-up children.

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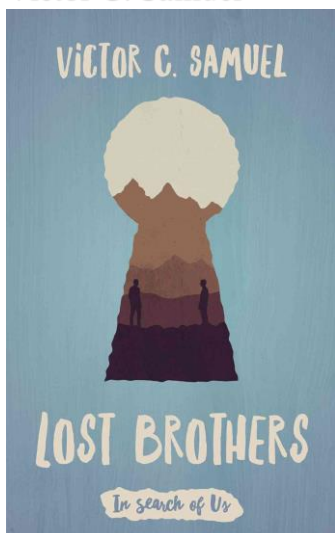
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Lost Brothers – In Search of Us

Victor C. Samuel



Jay and Perry are fraternal twins separated at birth. Their biological mother, Gloria, kept Jay to raise and Perry was given up for adoption. Two brothers living their early stages of life in Paris attended high school together, unaware of their relation, and later became good friends. What would you do if you found out you were separated at birth from your sibling? Although Perry was raised by wealthy loving parents, he lacked confidence; whereas, Jay, raised in poverty, was more of an outgoing self-assured person. In high school, Jay always protected Perry from the typical bullies. They were the complete opposite yet the same. As time passed, their lives moved in different directions. Perry was determined in search of his birth mother, Gloria. Will his search of Gloria lead him to Jay? A friendship bonded by loyalty and brotherly love will be tested. What will be the outcome?

The Author

Born in Nigeria, Victor Samuel experienced the tragic loss of his mother at the young age of 4. Growing up, Victor lived in villages and cities with extended family. Eventually, Victor was able to make it to the United States where he landed in Georgia. His inspiration comes from understanding the feeling of connection between a reader and a writer. He uses the arts to tone his sense of self.

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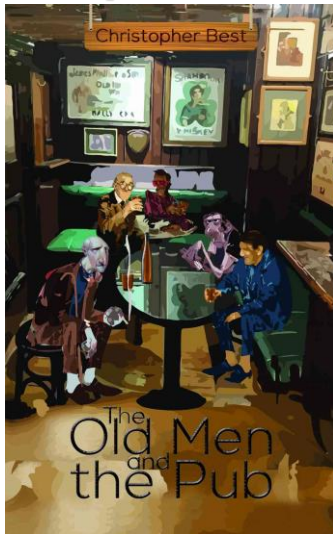
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The Old Men and The Pub

Christopher Best



They are five men in their 70s who could drink for England. They don't care what they say or who they say it to. They are up for a fight - verbal or physical. Abuse and ridicule are their modes of exchange - with each other and with perfect strangers. They have been workmates, friends and drinking partners for 50 years. Now, in old age, they have broken all their moorings, no longer caring even whether they live or die, though they know they would like to go out with a bang. Their marathon pub-crawl begins at noon in the Slug and Lettuce in the City. During the afternoon hours of heavy drinking and rowdyism, lurching from pub to wine bar to pub, the sensational ending of what the old geezers themselves sense must be their last booze-up closes in on them inexorably. While the men argue, reminisce, joke, complain, drink, brawl, their equally feisty, opinionated wives are lunching together, more sedately, elsewhere in London. Until late in the afternoon, they remain blissfully unaware of the gruesome and shocking finale beginning to engulf their husbands, one which will soon draw them in but leave them unscathed to the task of summing up.

The Author

Christopher Best spent most of his working life in the city. Beginning in insurance at age fifteen, he was a naïve Eastender who had never seen a bowler hat in the flesh until his first day at work. By the end of his career, he was working for financial magazines, editing and writing them. On early retirement, he took to writing fiction. His first novel was written for children but with enough meat in it to engage adults - 'kidult' work.

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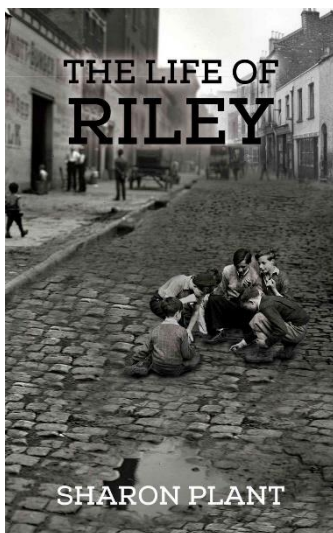
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The Life of Riley

Sharon Plant



Set in the backstreets of North London in the early 1900s, *The Life of Riley* is drawn from the diary of Lily Plant, the author's grandmother. Combining fiction with meticulous research into the landscape of London in this period, the author has painted a colourful and moving tale of poverty and love, alcoholism and kindness. This is a world in which families live in two rooms, four families share a house and hunger is the norm. This is the story of Ray Riley, from childhood to adult life. It will make you laugh, and probably make you cry, and it will make you realise how lucky you are.

The Author

Sharon is a writer and painter with thirty years' experience in the arts. She established London's innovative gallery Aspects, was a founding figure of the New Designers Exhibition, Festival Coordinator for the inaugural London Design Festival and Director of The Sorrell Foundation.

She was an external lecturer at the University of the Arts London for 20 years and has curated over one hundred exhibitions, including exhibitions for the Royal College of Art, the Victoria and Albert Museum, Somerset House and the Arnolfini.

Her lectures to architectural practices discuss the benefits of interdisciplinary creativity and, in particular, the effects of colour on our lives. Forthcoming titles by Sharon Plant include *Caravaggio, the Cardinal and the Courtesan*, *Grow Old Along with Me* and *Poetic Stories*.

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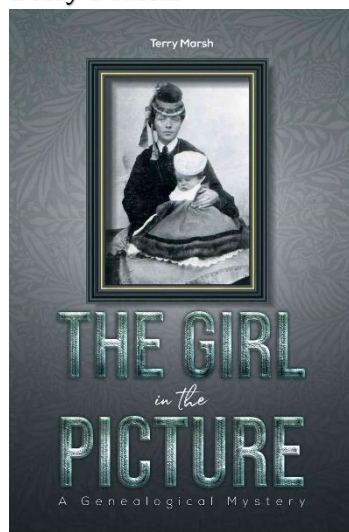
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The Girl In The Picture

Terry Marsh



When Alice, a divorcee of five years, discovers a photograph among her late father's possessions, she wants to know more. Her father's handwriting tells her that the girl in the picture is her great-great-grandmother. The child on her knee, her son.

Set in the county of Lancashire, and in two time periods, the story of the girl in the picture, Mary Ellen, is of her time in domestic servitude. The contemporary story is an evolving love story between Alice and a genealogist, Duncan.

The story that unfolds in the past is one of Mary Ellen's youthful dreams and fantasies, and the harsh realities of life where poverty and sexual tensions are a feature of daily life. When she meets the heir to the estate, a young earl with a playboy approach to life, she is drawn into a world of Victorian erotica. He is supported in this by his sister, a disturbed woman suffering the effects of long-term drug misuse, and who has a life-long incestuous fixation with her handsome older brother.

When Mary Ellen succumbs to his charms and falls pregnant, she is delighted; her dreams of living in luxury are coming true. But the earl is a rogue; his interest in the girl is to use her. Yet she subtly attracts him, and softens his intentions towards her.

In the present day, as Duncan Cooper and Alice unravel Mary Ellen's story, they find themselves being slowly drawn together into an intimate relationship of their own. Theirs is a story of grief, uncertainty and indecision dispelled by a slowly growing love for each other and shared appetites.

The Author

Terry Marsh was born in a Lancashire coal mining town, into a family of several generations of coal miners and apart from two years in North Wales has lived all his life in the county. He worked for 30 years in local government before becoming a writer of travel and walking guidebooks. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Lake District Studies and a PhD in Historical Geography, both from the University of Lancaster. Terry Marsh lives with his wife, Vivienne, in the market town of Chorley.

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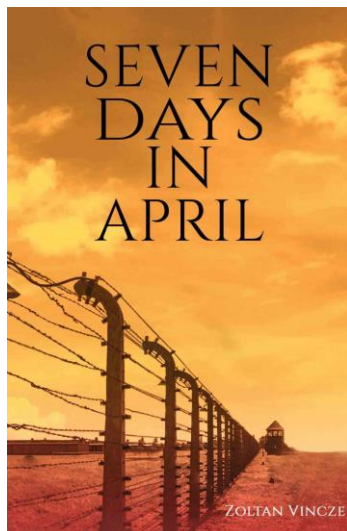
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Seven Days In April

Zoltan Vincze



April, 1945. Buchenwald. One of the biggest Nazi concentration camps. Many of the prisoners of war were selected as part of the camp's Kommando units – Jewish workers organised by the SS to function as specialised labourers. One of those Kommando units housed six Hungarian Jews. Six friends bound by religion, race, brotherhood and circumstance. This is their story.

During a routine shift to move bodies from the gas chambers, orders from the chain of command are to halt work and hunker down. The allied troops are spotted closing in. The team of six Kommandos find themselves locked inside the gas chamber. With Hitler's extermination policy draining their spirit, circumstances for the small crew point to their demise. Their only options – wait out a suffocating death or make a break for it. An urgent plan for survival is executed, resulting in a breakout and subsequent manhunt. With minimal expectations and zero resources, only their wits and instincts can save them. Their escape transports them into a horrific world outside the perimeter where things aren't always what they seem. Where war never ceases to show its ugly face. With the Nazis in constant pursuit, the starved and exhausted men must fight through whatever their nasty world throws at them. Their

will and hope in surviving is bonded only between each other and God.

The Author

Zoltan Vincze holds a Bachelor of Exercise Science, a Master of Professional Communications (Screen Studies), a Graduate Diploma in Education and a Graduate Certificate in Theology. He is also a qualified Personal Trainer and spent time as a Queensland Police Officer. He is of Hungarian descent and a current serving Australian Army reservist – a Driver Specialist with the R.A.C.T. In his full-time work, Zoltan is a Physical Education, and Film and Television teacher. He lives on the Gold Coast, Queensland, with his wife and son.

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The Blighted Road

Anna McCormac



The Blighted Road is a 17th-century story of two women's harrowing journeys through plague and a brutal witch-hunt. Orla, renowned healer and mid-wife in rural England, confronts stillbirths and a mysterious, deadly sickness afflicting her community. The local superstitious people suspect these sinister events are the actions of the Devil. Desperate for answers, Orla's investigation into past plague outbreaks reveal a shocking correlation with the harvesting of blighted grain. Her revolutionary findings lead to accusations of witchcraft. Meanwhile, Abigail, a young Londoner faces the horror of life in the plague-ridden city. After losing her family to the Black Death, Abigail escapes the locked gates of London. She flees on the plague road to Salisbury, which is fraught with danger and despair.

The separate tales of these women weave in and out as they reach a time and place where they are united by grief, loss and an uncanny will to survive.

The Author

Anna McCormac's heritage is Lakota Sioux and Irish. Raised in Santa Cruz, California, she immigrated to Sydney, Australia, where she practised herbal medicine, focused on antenatal and women's health. As a history enthusiast, Anna suspected that the "Witch craze" era held more than superstition and began botanical and forensic investigations into the daily lives of people in the 17th century. She currently works as a registered Nurse, holding a Masters in Advanced Clinical Nursing, with a focus on vulnerable populations. Anna spends the rest of her hours working on her next books, and time with her husband and four grown children.

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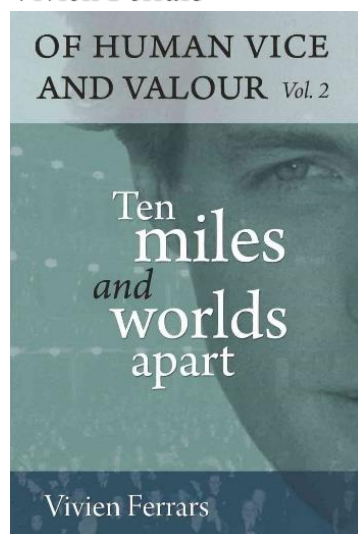
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The Miles and Worlds Apart

Vivien Ferrars



In 1925, in a small church at the outskirts of Turin, Pier Venturi sings at mass each Sunday, his pure voice lending exquisite grace to the familiar litany of prayers.

Pier's talents do not go unnoticed for long, and the day he rides his bicycle into the city centre for the first time, anxiously anticipating a place in the grand cathedral choir, his life changes forever.

With his eyes opened to the glittering life of the gentry, his budding love for opera develops into a burning desire for the theatre, for literature, for music – in short, for a cultured life – awakening in him a passion he could never have imagined.

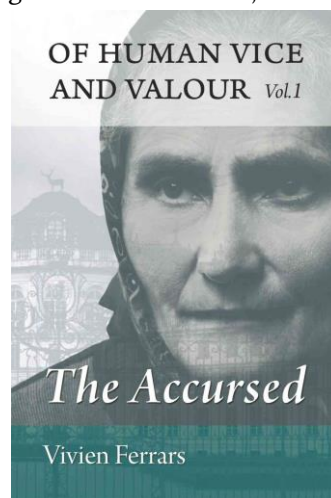
Meantime, at the FIAT car factory where he works, his incipient refinement catches the eye of the beautiful Lena with its echoes of the perceived perfections of her first – and lost – love, a scion of a Florence haute bourgeoisie family, whom he re-joins at the end of his legal studies in Turin. Pier and Lena soon fall deeply in love, but this love becomes for Pier a further source of conflict and guilt because her sweet and simple working-class desires clash with his

passionate craving for a cultured life.

As operatic fame beckons and a sultry mezzosoprano stirs Pier in all the wrong ways, he must decide where his true aspirations lie and overcome the crushing burden of suspicion, mistrust and self-doubt that is the legacy of his brutish and unhappy childhood.

The Author

Vivien Ferrars is the pseudonym of a doctor who has spent 40 years promoting healthy consciousness development at two Harvard Medical School hospitals as well as in private practice until she retired to devote herself to full-time writing.



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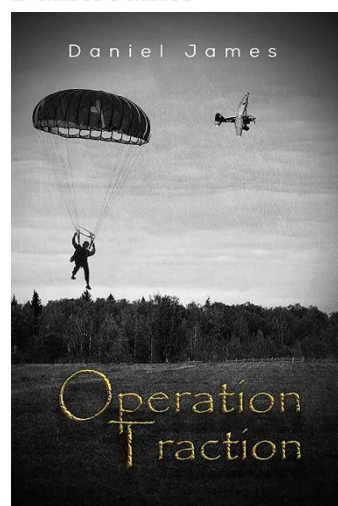
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Operation Traction

Daniel James



Thirty years after James Hamilton was forcibly migrated to New Zealand as an orphan child, an unexpected inheritance draws him back to Cornwall, where he stumbles on a long-dormant WWII secret concealed in the shared memory of the small fishing village he once considered home. Mystery deepens when James begins clearing out the cottage he has inherited and uncovers a bundle of letters that imply the owner of the cottage, a retired lieutenant commander in the Royal Navy, participated in a clandestine operation that has remained suppressed in the core of the village and has direct links to James's true identity. Determined to get to the truth of his past, James digs into the background and context of the letters he's found and it's more disturbing than he ever imagined. His attempts to unravel the past reveal a shadowy world of British Intelligence, the French Maquis and Nazi sympathisers within Allied ranks. Against the backdrop of WWII exploits spanning North Africa and France, *Operation Traction* is a story of divided loyalties and extreme courage. A story of love, of deceit and of sacrifice.

The Author

Daniel James was born in Cornwall, raised on the Channel Island of Guernsey and relocated to New Zealand as a teenager. He has spent a large portion of his adult life globe-trotting.

Now semi-retired, Daniel can permit his lifelong interest in history and his vivid imagination, inspired by the cultures and places he has encountered, to run wild. Daniel lives in New Zealand on the rural fringes of Auckland City with his wife in a home surrounded by native bush. *Operation Traction* is his debut novel.

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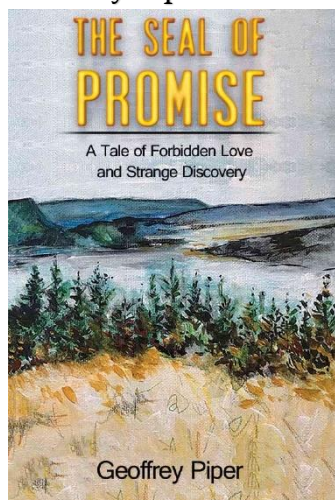
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The Seal of Promise

Geoffrey Piper



“Bernie slowly clambered up the slope and over the rocks on which she and her friends had often played. There seemed no danger as she made her way over towards a steep grassy bank which took her up to another ledge. But what none of them could see was the series of eroded, sloping rocks that lay beyond the next bank. Bernie was barefooted and wearing her usual tattered clothes.”

Set on a tiny Scottish island in the early nineteenth century, *The Seal of Promise* tells the story of two young people from contrasting family backgrounds – he the wealthy laird’s younger son, she a penniless crofter’s daughter. Close friends as children at the island’s little school, they are separated later by the British class system until eventually united by the revelation of a secret discovery they had made together as children. Little had they realised how significant that discovery might be, not only for their own lives but potentially for the nation as a whole.

The Author

Geoffrey Piper grew up in Bakewell, Derbyshire, studying at S. Anselm’s and Repton School before gaining an honours degree in law at Cambridge. He enjoyed a long and successful career in accountancy and regional community development, working across much of the British Isles and Europe. A family man with four adult children and ten grandchildren, he has spent many happy holidays in Scotland and derived his inspiration for *The Seal of Promise* from family visits to Eilean Shona. *The Seal of Promise* is Geoffrey’s first published novel.

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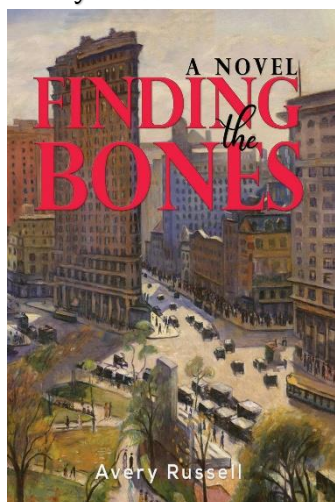
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In Green Pastures

Rosie Simpson



In 1917, war rages on in Belgium and France, and German bombs fall on East London. Two sisters, Florence and Nell, living in Stratford, arrange to leave the city for the tranquillity of the North Essex countryside. For Florence Mundy, fleeing personal demons and the imminent return of Harry, departure from London cannot come soon enough. Nell Ashford has the safety of her five children on her mind while George is away at the Front. In Halstead, lying peacefully in the Colne Valley, they find new challenges, friendship and pain as well as personal fulfilment. Florence discovers salvation and hard work in the newly formed Women's Land Army while Nell takes on the role of breadwinner to her family. But they cannot escape the consequences of the Great War and the arrival of German Prisoners of War changes the dynamics of Halstead life and Florence's future prospects as the armistice approaches.

The Author

Rosie Simpson has a lifelong passion for words and storytelling, writing travel diaries and magazine features as a freelance journalist and teaching English to students of many nationalities. She lives in lovely rural Sussex with her husband, Tim, and dog, Flora. She has a grownup daughter and son, a granddaughter, Josephine, and a grandson, Ivor. This is her first novel.

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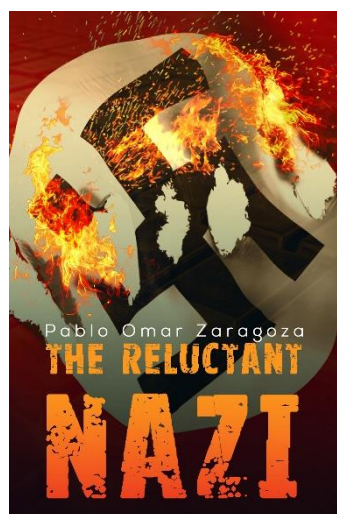
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The Reluctant Nazi

Pablo Omar Zaragoza



In Adolf Hitler's early rise to power, he stirred the souls of impressionable youth in alehouses of Munich and beyond. One such young man, Hans Reinhard Richter, ignored his brother's warnings about the mad man and immersed himself in Hitler's promises for a greater Germany. "I put on my black shirt and marched." He joined the Nazi Party and quickly rose in ranks to answer to the likes of Himmler and Göring. As an SS officer himself, Hans was in charge of overseeing coal mines, reconfiguring them as gold depositories. He fulfilled his superiors' orders to steal from banks, museums, even concentration camp victims to build vast wealth for the party. After his first wife, an SS spy, died during childbirth, Hans married Irma. By that time, both had become increasingly disillusioned with empty promises of Hitler and his henchmen. They embarked on a dangerous mission to siphon off a portion of the gold, gems, and valuable art they had stolen for the Nazis. Hans and Irma opened accounts under fictitious names and hid their stashes in banks across Europe. Once Hitler initiated the Final Solution, Hans broke with Nazi Germany and courageously joined, first, the OAS and then the CIA to investigate reported sightings of Hitler in South America. Did he find the Führer or did he reach a dead end?

The Author

Pablo Omar Zaragoza, originally from Havana, Cuba, immigrated to the United States when he was four years old. He grew up in Hialeah, Florida, graduated high school there, and completed his undergraduate studies from the University of Florida. Upon graduation from medical school, he pursued a career in pathology for 30 years. An avid reader since childhood, Pablo, now retired, pursues his passion of writing. Since June 2017, he has written and had published eleven novels; twelve more novels are waiting in the wings.

Pablo conducts his own research and writes daily; a discipline, he believes, is necessary for anyone wanting to be considered a serious writer. He generously credits his partner, Susan Giffin, with her work as his editor.

For several of his published works, Pablo won first-place and finalist awards, and for all of them, he received five-star reviews from international book awards competitions.

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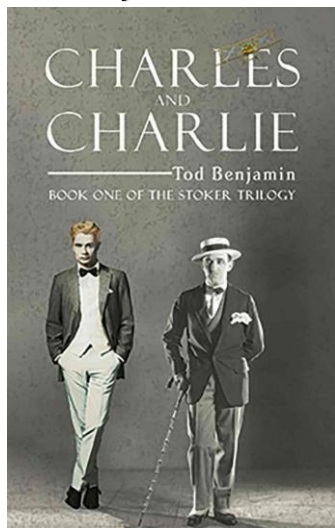
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Charles and Charlie

Tod Benjamin



Charles Stoker, in 1910, is a brilliant young engineer and inventor with a wonderful career before him. Given a unique opportunity by the powerful Collick family to test his inventions and serve his country, he enlists in the Royal Flying Corps. In 1918, Major Stoker returns home to his wife and child, bones and dreams shattered by his experience and refusing any contact with his former life and colleagues.

Only after he is shockingly killed, eight years later, does the distraught Milly Stoker begin to discover the truth about her husband's war.

In 1928, still numbed by the loss of his father, their innocent son Charlie goes to college, where he is easily led into a student's life and a student's sins. When suddenly faced with an agonising crisis, however, like his father he tackles the problem head on... with devastating consequences.

The Author

Tod Benjamin's first novel was published in 2017 at the age of 81. Retirement to Bournemouth to play golf and to write created the opportunity to write seriously. He devotes most of his time to writing. With an amount of poetry, some short stories and

three novels completed, *Charles and Charlie*, his second novel.

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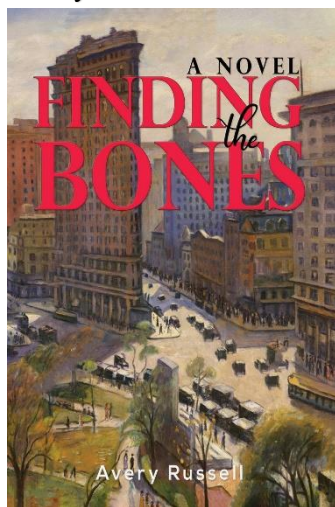
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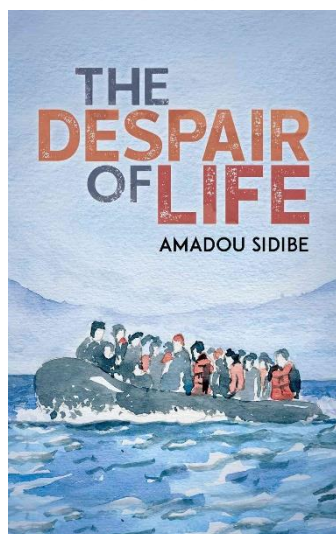
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The Despair of Life

Amadou Sidibe



Abdul was born into a privileged family with the opportunity to live a prosperous and successful life. After the untimely death of his mother, he is forced to live with his uncle in the capital city to pursue his studies. He joins politics to fight a dictatorial military regime, motivated by his father's assassination. He is wrongly arrested, tortured and jailed. With the help of his family, Abdul manages to escape from jail and seizes the first opportunity to get out of the country. With the hope of finding a better life in Europe, he embarks on a perilous journey past eagle-eyed border control police officers, through desert, jungle, and sea. When he finally enters Europe, he discovers that it is not quite the idyll he had envisaged. The Despair of Life is a story rich in culture, steeped in political turmoil and obsessed with survival. Amadou Sidibe provides intriguing insights into the lives and journeys of those who risk their lives every day in search of the European dream.

The Author

Amadou Sidibe is a Guinean-British born in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, the youngest of seven children of the best parents on Earth. Amadou Sidibe's love of writing began several years ago as an educated young adult back in his native-Guinea. Ever since then, he has relied on writing to voice his opinion in a creative way that spread out fresh hope to those in despair.

To chase after his dreams, Amadou moved to the United Kingdom and settled in London. He studied Global Business Management at the School of Management at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Preston. After his graduation, Amadou Sidibe worked at the Research Office as an Information Support Officer for Funding, Development, and Support at the University of Central Lancashire. He also worked as a Medical Administrator and Data Analyst at IntraHealth/NHS. Despite spending a few years in a rewarding career, he still held on to his love of writing books.

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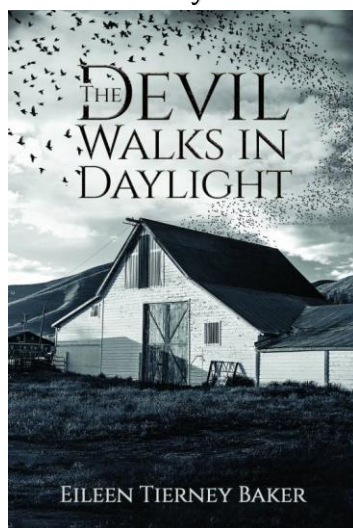
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The Devil Walks in Daylight

Eileen Tierney Baker



Trying to forget the trauma of the Great War, Dietrich Praeter hides in the small, sleepy town of Kaifeck. Here, he tries to escape his haunting past, a place where his ghosts will leave him alone and he may finally find the peace and happiness he so desperately seeks. This is not to be. On a cold spring day in the Bavarian countryside town of Kaifeck, in the year of 1922, a few concerned residents--among which, Dietrich now counts himself too--go to check on their neighbours. What they find is a grisly, bloody massacre that continues to haunt the region. In the midst of hiding from his own demons, Dietrich realizes that everyone lives haunted lives, and perhaps the devil's greatest trick is hiding in plain sight.

The Author

Eileen Tierney Baker is a writer and educator. She is an avid reader and is fascinated with true crime and history. She currently resides in Alexandria, Kentucky, with her husband, Gary, and their children, Zack and Madelyn Kate. This is her first publication.

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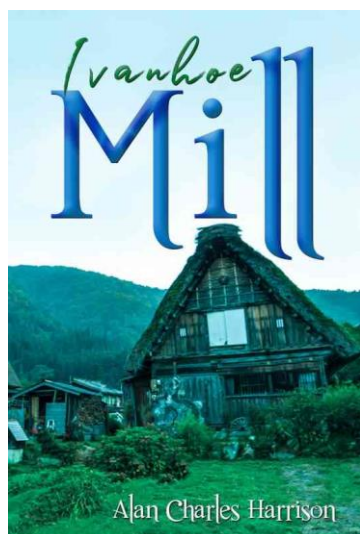
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Ivanhoe Mill

Alan Charles Harrison



Ivanhoe Mill is from a long-ago period, it has characters of mixed interest, each section of the book has love, tragedy, plots of cruelty and devious problems that affect many of the community.

The Manor House, Cawston Hall, is the hub that controls the everyday life of the surrounding villages. The lord of the Manor is devious and cruel in his manipulation which is his quest to satisfy his selfishness.

There is a wide range of domestic and social activity that I hope gives you a great deal of interest to compliment the characters in the book. The writing and some of the flavour of the slang, I hope fits my interpretation that brings to life my portrayal of the people in the book.

The Author

The author, Alan Charles Harrison, has written six books over a three-year period from the age of seventy to eighty years. He has been an artist and musician all his life. Family life and his children were at the heart of his hobbies.

Beginning an apprenticeship at British Rail and working as a craftsman over forty years was foremost in bringing up his family. His artistic life and musical career spans over sixty years. Even at present age of eighty-one, he is still active with a singing partner as a duo entertaining. He had a dormant period when his wife died on his seventieth birthday. This went on for five years. His singing partner eventually lit the spark that invigorated his musical and artistic life. It was during this period from his seventy-seventh year to his eightieth that his paint brush changed to the pen, finding a way to forward his creation so he turned to Austin Macauley.

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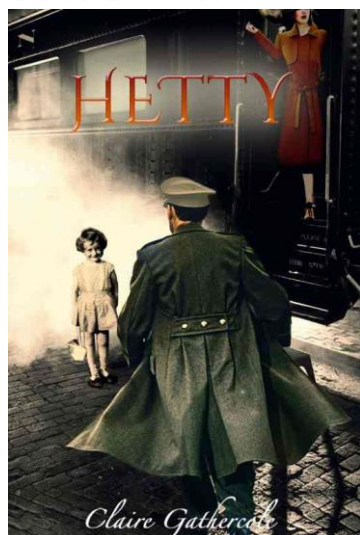
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Hetty

Claire Gathercole



This is the story of a young woman's dilemma in World War II. How can she and those she loves survive the problems they face?

Our story opens as Hetty prepares for Will's return from a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. She has learnt that Will has been tortured and disfigured in the camp and it was only the thought of her and his daughter, Mary, conceived on their wedding night, which kept him alive. However, two years earlier, Hetty thought that her hasty marriage to Will had ended when she got the telegram "Missing, presumed dead!" Now he was coming home. How can she tell him about her new baby, Dorothy?

Staying with Will's parents in Somerset, a young asthmatic teacher, David, is kind to Hetty and her young child, Mary, and they fall in love. But then there is the problem of what happened when they went blackberrying.

How on earth can these damaged people find a new way to live?

What will the outcome be?

The Author

Using her past experience as a clergy wife and a state school librarian, Claire Gathercole's writing explores how she and others can cope with the problems life throws at us, often when we least expect them. From the grief encountered at different times by everyone, she explores ways to find the love and hope we all need to survive as we look to the future.

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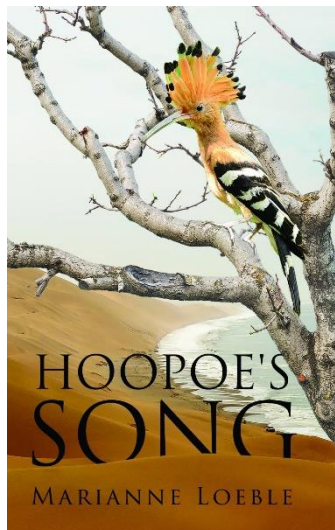
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Hoopoe's Song

Marianne Loebble



Oran, a Belgian painter, spends a weekend in London and meets Shani, a woman from the Negev Desert, near Beersheba. Almost a year later, Oran sets off to her agricultural community in Israel. The huge farm is similar to the ancient settlements. There he meets Hagar, Shani's sister, who has both Jewish and Egyptian roots and yearns for peace. The community is a stone's throw from the Gaza strip. Times are hard in the first decade of the 21st century. Oran turns out to be a member of an international secret association, and Hagar will try, in vain, to prevent him from going to Gaza to look for his Jewish roots. From cosmopolitan Brussels to the arid Negev Desert and from convivial Haifa to bustling Tel-Aviv, Hoopoe's Song is the gripping story about the right to happiness for all and a critical analysis of the manipulative tricks used by some international organizations.

The Author

Marianne Loebble was born in Brussels, Belgium. She is an English teacher who became a poet, novelist, multilingual author, and globetrotter. Her favorite destinations are America and the Middle East. She aims to bridge cultures and people. Languages and art lead to understanding and acceptance of many differences.

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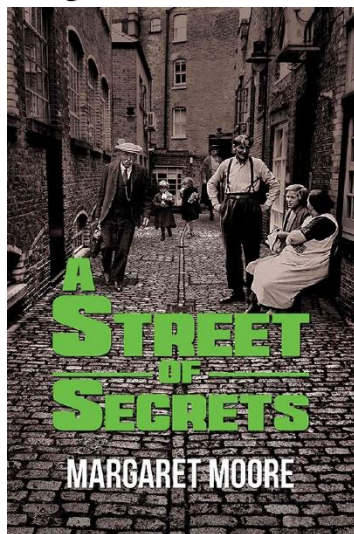
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A Street of Secrets

Margaret Moore



Set in the East End of London, Angel Street is home to a variety of characters, who live close together, sharing each other's joys, tears and lives. Ethel's collision with Stan's bicycle raises eyebrows. Why do Stan's solicitors insist on involving the rent collector, in his affairs? Then there is Rose, who appears to be teaching the vicar some of her old ways. When Churchy and Liz decide to investigate, they find more than they bargained for. The next vicar comes as another shock. Meanwhile young Tony is unwittingly apprenticed to burglars, causing problems for one or two other local residents. The new neighbour is a real eye-opener, and what about the mystery lady who stands watching on the corner? With so much change in post-war England, the closeness and support among the street's residents is invaluable. For Ethel, Liz and ever-curious Churchy, life in Angel Street is never dull.

The Author

Margaret Moore was born in the East End of London during the war years. Leaving school at the age of 15 with no qualifications she took further education to achieve the skills of a secretary during this career spanning 37 years, she worked as a legal secretary in London, Essex and Suffolk, retiring in 2006. She began her writing career with a children's book. She lives in Suffolk with husband Norman. They have two sons, two grandsons and two great

grandchildren.

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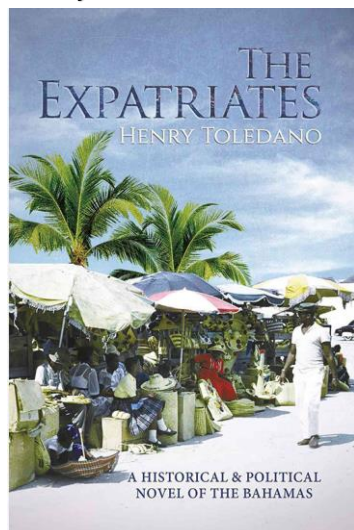
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The Expatriates

Henry Toledano



It is 1966 and Mike Upjohn is offered a job with the Nassau Telegraph. What seems, at the outset, a wonderful posting soon turns into a complex of Bahamian culture tugging at the tail-end of colonialism. And stuck in the middle is Upjohn's new colleague, Poldi Stein. A budding author, Upjohn decides to put down his journal of the ensuing events in book form, covering Stein's descent from easy-going journalist and property owner to scandal-ridden westerner at odds with the changing balance of power. In *The Expatriates*, Henry Toledano weaves together a *Rum Diary* type cultural collision which fizzles along at quite a clip.

The Author

Henry Toledano was born in Egypt and spent his childhood there. At 14, he was sent to public school in England, then went to university in London and New York. Subsequently, he traveled round the world for two years doing various jobs. He moved to The Bahamas in the mid-sixties and became associate editor for the local paper in Nassau. Ten years later, he relocated in San Francisco and for the last 35 years has been in the retail book business: first, as a partner in a new bookstore; then, for a longer period, in a used one. Now he sells out-of-print books online, is presently single and lives with two cats. He enjoys bridge,

dabbling in the stock market and plays bad golf for exercise.

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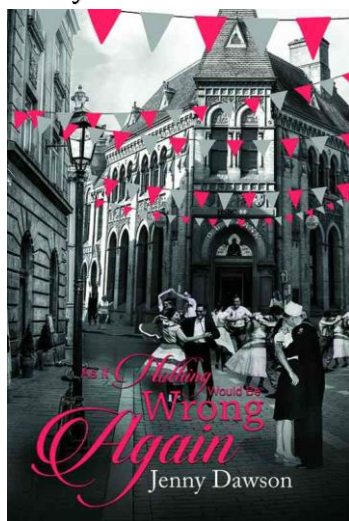
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As If Nothing Would Be Wrong Again

Jenny Dawson



“We thought everything would be better after the war and look what happened to us.”

The dancers have all gone home and England has settled into a grey and uneventful peace. Everything has changed and everything is the same. Men are back from the war. Rationing is in place. Sheets are still turned sides into middle.

In the six years between 1945 and 1951, Lola and Stefan, teenagers from very different backgrounds, face the difficult and lonely process of growing up...

The Author

Jenny Dawson was a radiographer in the NHS for most of her working life. She lives in Lincolnshire, England.

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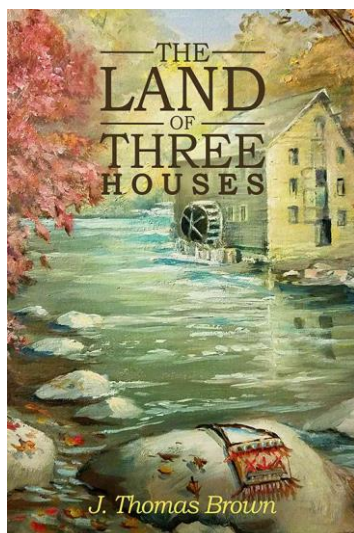
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The Land of Three Houses

J. Thomas Brown



William Sterner is seeking the better life but makes mistakes along his way. The novel begins in Pennsylvania in the late 1700s, in a place called Nockamixon by the Lenape, meaning Land of Three Houses. He elopes with the daughter of a wealthy British sympathizer, Mary Bartholomew, and they run away to start a flour mill on the Wissahickon River near Philadelphia. Their mill is a success; William buys a ship, filling the hold with 800 barrels of Pennsylvania flour to sell in Livorno, Italy.

When he reaches Livorno, Napoleon had arrived just before him, and his ship and crew are captured by the French. As he negotiates to win them back, he meets the notorious writer, Madame de Staël, succumbing to her charms. Madame de Staël once said, “In matters of the heart, only the improbable is true.” The improbable becomes true, and he must learn what really matters in life.

The Author

J. Thomas Brown lives in Richmond, Virginia, USA with his wife, Deborah, two cats and a dog. They have raised three children and have four grandchildren. He has coproduced local TV writing shows and coordinated poetry readings at the Richmond Public Library, Richmond, Virginia. His short stories have appeared in *The Zoo Fence* and the *Scarlet Leaf Review*. J Thomas’s poems are due for publication in the *River City Poets Anthology* (2018) and

his short story, “Breaking Them with Words,” will be published in *Everywhere Stories: Fiction for a Small Planet, Volume III*, in November of 2018.

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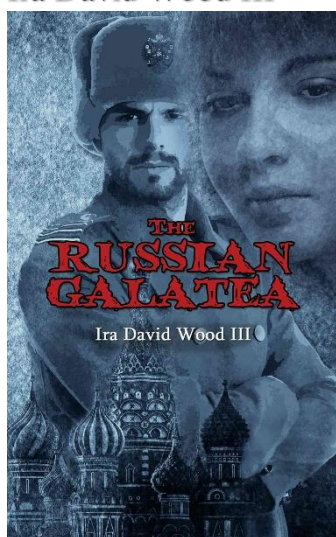
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The Russian Galatea

Ira David Wood III



On July 16, 1918, Nicholas Romanov, the last Tsar of Russia, and his entire family were supposedly murdered by Russian Bolsheviks in the basement of a house in Yekaterinburg, Siberia. One year later, Alexander Kolchak, the Supreme Commander of the White Army, appointed a legal investigator to prove, beyond any doubt, that all members of the Romanov family had indeed been executed. The investigator’s name was Nicholas Sokolov.

The Russian Galatea is a story based on Sokolov’s investigation. It takes place in Siberia, 1919 – with the Russian Revolution as its background. The major thesis is fiction but woven around true historical facts. It is a detective story about one courageous investigator’s obsession with finding out what really happened to Russian Tsar Nicholas II and his family. It is also a story about Sokolov’s deep relationship with the girl in a faded photograph. Is she alive or dead?

The Author

Ira David Wood III is an award-winning actor, director, and playwright. He is the founder and current Executive Director of Theatre in the Park, located in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is the proud father of three children: Ira David Wood IV, Evan Rachel Wood, and Thomas

Miller Wood. He and his wife, Ashley, remain proud to call North Carolina “home”.

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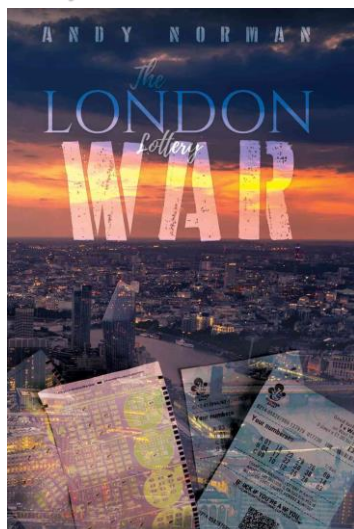
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The London Lottery War

Andy Norman



When a winning lottery ticket falls into the wrong hands, chaos ensues within South East London's underworld.

The Author

Andy Norman was born in South London and hasn't strayed far since. His upbringing and career have introduced him to some of the more Bohemian elements of South London life.

He currently plies his trade as a publican and *The London Lottery War* is his first novel.

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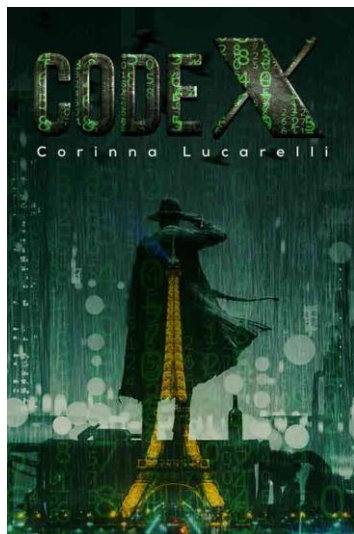
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Code X

Corinna Lucarelli



Sarah, a simple secretary, becomes the involuntary heroine of a story of political corruption together with her old love, Michael, who suddenly reappears in her life. She will find herself fighting to bring out the incredible truth. An ancient family pendant left by him in custody before disappearing again will soon prove to be an object of great importance and be a crucial point of the story.

The sequence of events which follow one another at a rapid pace open the doors for Sarah to an unknown world made of intrigues and conspiracies that change her life, bringing her to various risky yet fascinating distant places in the search of Michael, who is soon discovered to be an agent of the secret service.

The Author

The author, Corinna Lucarelli, was born in Isola del Liri – in the province of Frosinone – on the 10th of September 1978 and lives in Sabaudia – in the province of Latina – where she enjoys taking a stroll on the seaside with her life companion, her female dog Nana. She finds time to produce literary works of different kinds. After her high school diploma, she graduated in communication with top grades from the University of Lugano Swiss. She grew up in an open and stimulating environment where priority was given to culture. Right

away she shows to have a lot of fantasy and creativity. Her creativity pushes her to develop romantic and adventurous stories. A melancholy spread through each of her storytelling of short stories or historic novels. Her intellectual vivacity has various themes, even surprising the reader with spy stories.

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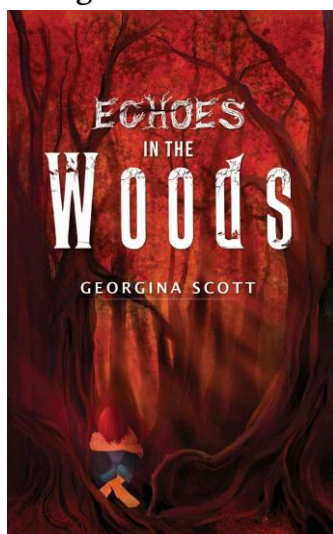
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Echoes in the Woods

Georgina Scott



"One of these days, I am going to kill you, kill you slowly, and before I bury you, I am going to watch you burn!" Jake Evan said.

Jake is the youngest of four boys who holds the same hatred for his alcoholic father as his father holds for him, for reasons not known by Jake.

His mother, Faith, may hold the key to the hatred and the reasons behind Jake's behaviour. Desperately trying to keep her family together, will she survive the trials and tribulations of what's ahead or will she succumb and fall back into the arms of a past lover?

The Author

Georgina Scott was born in the county of Norfolk, England, to Thomas and Sylvia who relocated from London in the early 1970s. She grew up surrounded by the beauties of East Anglia. Joining the Royal Air Force in her late twenties, where she met her husband Charlie, also a serving member of the Royal Air Force. Both now settled in rural Lincolnshire with their beloved pets, Rose and Muggs. After leaving the Royal Air Force and continuing to work within the aviation industry, her old passion for writing was reignited.

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36 Hours

B.J. Woster



Christian Price is a scientist who suffered a tragedy unsolved by local police. In an effort to right that which he perceives is wrong, he begins to execute experiments in different cities to test the response times of law enforcement agencies. Detective Hardwick is a thirty-year veteran of the Atlanta Police Department. He and his fellow officers, who have always been successful in keeping crime rates low in the precinct, find themselves the latest targets of Christian's experiments, placing innocent civilians in the path of his malevolence.

Will more unwilling participants be lost to Christian's brutality or can the detectives follow his perverse directives before time slips away?

The Author

B.J. Woster was born in Georgia to a Southern father and British mother. She spent most of her youth reading. Reading led to a love of writing, which she did prolifically; however, as a young adult, rearing children left her little time to put fingers to keyboard. Many years later, when her two oldest children came across a folder of her story ideas, they began to encourage her to start writing again, and that is why she dedicates all of her books to her children. Barbara currently resides in Oregon with her husband, Tim.

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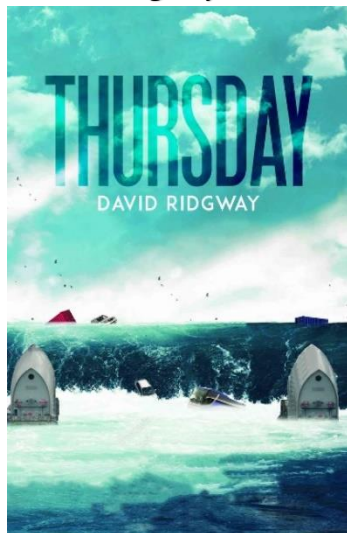
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Thursday

David Ridgway



Two conflicting weather systems, after wreaking havoc in North America and the West Indies, come across the Atlantic, the first in the far North, the second moving swiftly past the Azores. Both are held up by a massive anti-cyclone over Northern Russia and intensify, the first in the North Sea off Norway, blowing a hurricane southward, the second centred over Oxford, blowing a hurricane up the English Channel. During the spring tides in February, these systems meet off Dogger Bank, creating a massive storm surge, which firstly devastates Holland and the northern European coastline before moving up the River Thames. The wave is so high, it swamps the container ports and the Thames Barrier, bringing chaos, havoc and destruction to London. After flooding the road tunnels at Dartford, the sea-surge inundates the London City Airport before entering the underground, firstly at London Bridge, flooding the rail tunnels under massive pressure, causing death, destruction and disaster. David, an A level student who is aware of these weather systems, cuts school to travel into Central London with his girlfriend. They witness the wave crashing through Tower Bridge, ripping HMS Belfast from its moorings and demolishing part of London Bridge, flooding Bermondsey and Southwark and toppling the London Eye. This story is about an event which could happen, how individuals might react under such stress and pressure and what the outcome could be.

The Author

David is a graduate of the University of Life. He had a variety of jobs, always in selling, before starting a career in financial services. He has served as a magistrate and a local borough councillor, before being elected the Mayor of Kirklees in 2012. Married with three grown-up and successful children, David is now retired, giving him time for his grandchildren, his garden and his writing.

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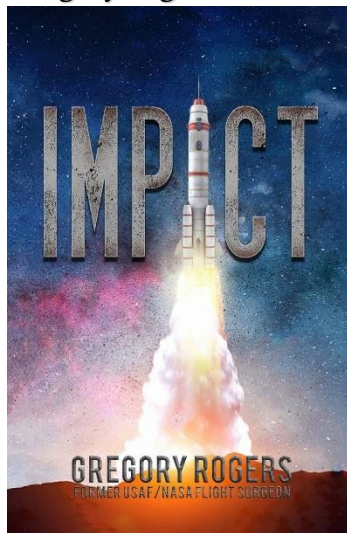
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Impact

Gregory Rogers



Mission commander, Donna Kennedy, faces disaster for herself and her crew. In an event rivalling only Apollo 13, a space shuttle mission faces absolute failure. The Columbia is damaged in space and cannot safely return to Earth. Finding a way to bring the crew home safely will be NASA's greatest challenge since the infamous mission to the Moon. For Donna, however, it will be the most extreme situation she has ever faced. For the engineers and managers at Kennedy Space Center and Johnson Space Center, they must overcome tremendous challenges to save the lives of seven astronauts. In the course of the story, details of past NASA tragedies will be explained in a manner that will forever change how Americans view the history of the loss of Challenger in 1986 and Columbia in 2003. Truths must be told.

The Author

Major (Dr.) Gregory Rogers in 1993

Former USAF/NASA Senior Flight Surgeon

45th Space Wing

Patrick Air Force Base / Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, FL

Gregory Rogers is a former senior flight surgeon for the U.S. Air Force and NASA. He was the Chief of Aerospace Medicine for Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Only through his inside knowledge of space shuttle operations was he able to write this story and disclose these truths.

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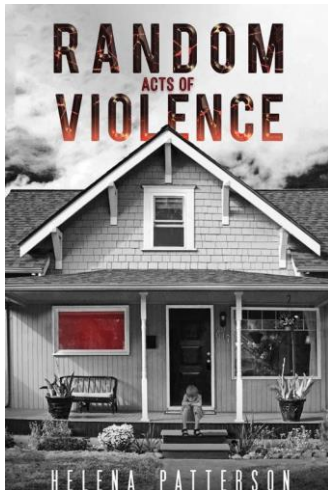
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Random Acts of Violence

Helena Patterson



Gregory knew he was different from a very early age. They say that experiencing certain factors, while growing up, can affect us in a positive or negative way. Was this the case in Gregory's situation? He learned to control his rage and anger; however, sometimes good intentions are met with random acts of violence. Does anyone really know what they are truly capable of? Follow Gregory on his journey and find out.

The Author

Helena Patterson is a quiet and soft-spoken person who loves and appreciates her family as well as enjoys some quiet time alone, where she can focus on her creative side for story lines and ideas. She loves animals and enjoys spending time with her pets at home. She has an adventurous side and always seeks to explore new places and experiences with her wife, Tammy.

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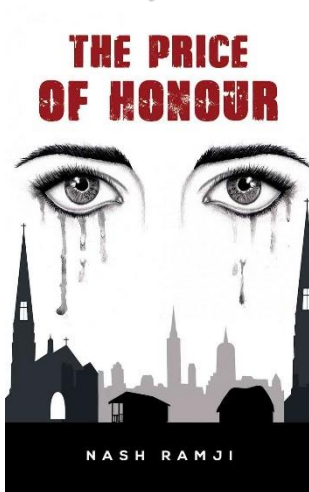
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The Proce of Honour

Nash Ramji



In 1972 the Rehman family are ecstatic to welcome a male heir, Abdel, to join their five daughters. However, the happiness of the family is short-lived after tragedy strikes, hitting the family hard.

The five Rehman daughters have to grow up fast, looking after their newly born baby brother while at the same time adhering to their father's strict rules. This is not easy as they grow up in the UK, within a culture very different from that of their Pakistan-born father, who insists on upholding his traditional cultural values at the expense of his family.

The arrival of a pretentious stepmother changes their world in a heartbeat.

While one daughter, Saleena, discovers that the marriage her father arranged for her is loveless and abusive, her brother Abdel dabbles in western habits and needs to keep his private life secret.

This tense, compelling story about the effects of honour killing on a family takes the reader through twists and turns as the years go by.

The Author

Nash Ramji was born in Soroti, Uganda. He arrived in the UK as a refugee at the age of twelve and settled with his parents in Birmingham in the early 1970s. His secondary education was at a comprehensive school there. Following obtaining a law degree from Wolverhampton Polytechnic in the 1980s, he attended The University of Law in Chester. In 1991, he was admitted on the roll of solicitors and has since worked in the legal profession as a solicitor. He settled in Loughborough in 1995. Currently he is a director in a law firm in Leicester. During his long career, one of his proudest moments, apart from the birth of his two children, was that he served the community as a JP. Being appointed and to serve as a magistrate in 2005 was an absolute honour for him. He sat on many cases in the magistrate's court, dealing with adult criminal cases. One particular case concerned honour killing. This is where the idea about writing this book came from. He has two children, Ali and Mariam. The sequel *The Price of Honour – Seeking Justice* is soon to be released

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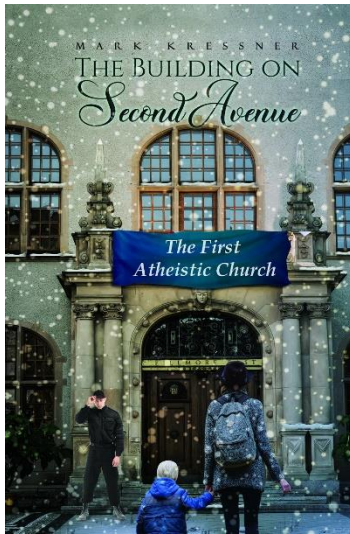
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The Building on Second Avenue

Mark Kressner



Welcome to the battle for the heart and soul of humanity. Miles Falcon built his dream; one which offered food, shelter, and sanctuary for those in need. It was about people, and everyone, without exception, was welcome. 'The First Atheistic Church of New York' was a lifeline for many, yet powerful forces were desperate that it should fail. Victoria Tomasulo, a returning combat veteran, dreamt of marriage and a family. Tragedy struck, and she and her four-year-old son, Anthony Ali, tremble into the Atheistic Church to escape danger. The boy's rival grandfathers, one Christian, one Muslim, each demand the boy be brought up in their religion. As the conflict deepens, the younger generation must take sides amongst impossible choices. The consequences are a matter of life and death. The conflicts between family and society become all too real. Those caught in the middle can see the action, but only from their individual point of view. No one can survive alone but who can anyone trust? There comes a time when we all must decide who we are and what we stand for. Love and hate, romance and intimacy, family traditions and religion all affect what we believe. Everyone must choose their own path. To walk down a new road one must step off the old one. Can anyone ever be sure of just what is "the right thing?" Miles Falcon and a cast of characters take you on a morally challenging, emotional and suspenseful action-packed story meant for today.

The Author

Mark Kressner is a retired, record-setting, New York Trial Attorney. He has appeared as a guest expert for NBC News, the Montel Williams show, and hosted a 13-week radio program. Mark has been a volunteer for meals and sleepovers at the South Florida Family Promise Home and currently facilitates a Socrates Cafe discussion group in Boca Raton. His prior writings include legal briefs, essays, and theoretical physics. This is his first published novel. Born and raised in N.Y.C., Mr. Kressner now resides in Delray Beach, Florida.

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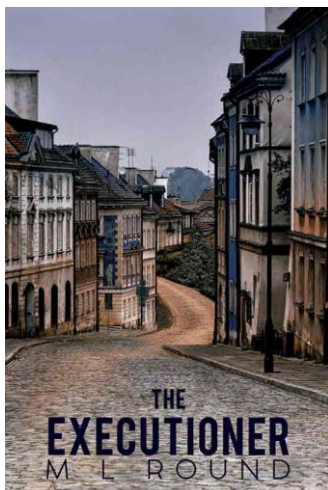
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The Executioner

M L Round



Detective Constable John Barry is a widower from the village of Bishopsgate. When a serial killer terrorises the up-market village, murdering six women, chosen seemingly at random, DC Barry is forced to re-visit the killing of his beloved wife, thirty years before.

After being promoted out of pity, can DC Barry rise above the department hotshots and solve the mystery, while trying to close the door on his past?

The Author

Born in Wolverhampton in 1984, Michelle is a qualified chef and hospitality professional. She has been a fan of Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club for many years and is a season ticket holder.

Michelle has been married for five years and has a young daughter.

Creative writing has been a passion since her late teens since a coursework assignment allowed her to write with no boundaries.

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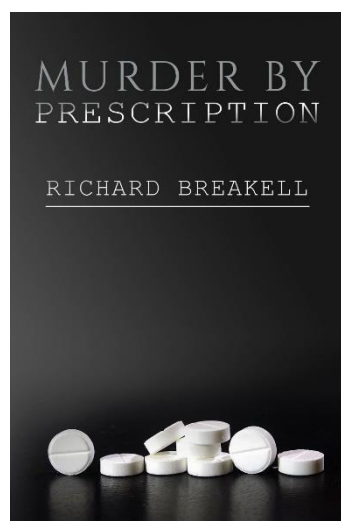
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Murder By Prescription

Richard Breakell



Marty Cooper paired his computer and medical skills developing new algorithms to market new drugs and entered the rarefied executive level of 'Big Pharma.'

Circumstances soon mushroomed, from Dallas to Washington to Europe, and a major political event threatened him and his family.

His career can be salvaged only by joining forces that are in diametric opposition to everything for which Marty has studied and fought.

For decades the public has made 'the Doctor' their God. Whatever he/she said was gospel.

The exponential explosion of medical knowledge over the last 60 years, together with the advances in chemistry, biology, and pharmaceuticals, has forced the teaching institutions and their graduate doctors to trust the drug companies' research results and their claims.

The public looks to the FDA (*whose budget is over 60% funded by 'Big Pharma'*) as their protection. Surgery and pills have become 'health care.'

The Author

This is Richard Breakell's first novel, a dream realized after many years of pushing and prodding by his family. It is with great sorrow; this will also be Richard's last novel with his unexpected passing during the publication process.

Father, Grandfather, Brother, and great friend to so many, he was loved, and respected in numerous circles in many countries. Of spiritual and religious belief, he was a daily inspiration to his family, friends and colleagues.

He lived a well-rounded life, which included careers in broadcasting, international real estate, telecommunications, and his last years spent as an entrepreneur dabbling in numerous business ventures, including pursuing his goal of publishing this novel. He is deeply respected for his mentoring, and sponsorship of dozens in Alcoholics Anonymous, of which he was involved for almost 40 years. His wisdom, friendship, love, and positive outlook impacts their lives to this day.

Richard has now joined his middle Son on the next great adventure, and is survived by two of his three Sons, seven Grandchildren, two Sisters, and the hundreds of souls he touched. As his eldest son, my brother and I hope you enjoy my Father's first novel, a subject of which he had deep concern and impacts all of us daily. R.I.P. Dad/Dick...you are loved by many.

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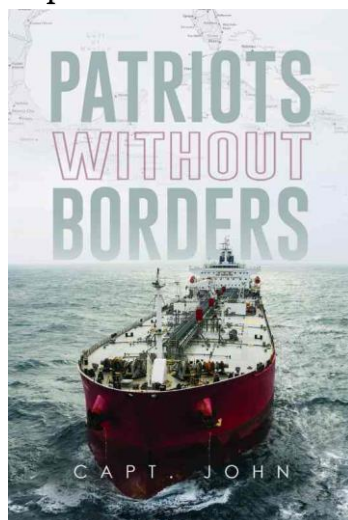
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Patriots Without Borders

Capt. John



This is a self-perceived story where I was the Captain of a VLCC crude oil tanker. The ship was mainly trading between the US East Coast / Gulf of Mexico and Angola/Nigeria. I conducted this vessel for several years and the conditions of this trade were well known to me. I had overseas crew, mainly from the Philippines and the Baltics. This story has never been told to anyone before I found my notes and decided to write this book. I will continue with a new book regarding this subject in the nearest future. I've followed up what happened after the 'patriot team' landed in Cabinda. It's a long and outrageous story. The entire trip I have described is very special - and has been kept secret, until now (only a select few know breaking pieces).

The Author

Capt. John has lived most of his life in Norway. After acquiring formal education from Norway, he took several courses in England. He has spent several years as a coastal pilot for the whole coast of Norway.

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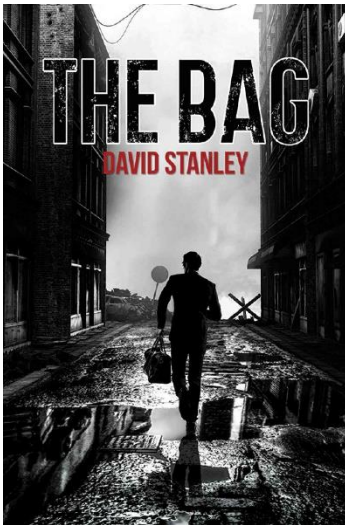
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The Bag

David Stanley



Shaun, 54, leads a perfectly normal life, thank you very much. Sure, it is a life that has been boring recently, and mired in depression after the collapse of his second marriage, but he is coping with getting through life on a day-to-day basis.

But one day, while walking his dog, Shaun comes across a mysterious bag, filled with money and diamonds, and most worryingly – a dead body nearby. In the spur of the moment, Shaun makes the decision to take the bag home.

Suddenly, Shaun has a new lease on life, as he works to avoid both the police and the criminals looking for the bag so that he can hold on to this fortune that could change his life for the better.

When he meets a lovely woman, while spending some of his ill-gotten gains, he feels that everything is finally coming together for him.

But the Bag is not finished with him yet...

The Author

David Stanley was born in Liverpool and is a father of 3 children. For 30 years he performed and penned lyrics and music for various local rock bands and, although his gigging career is over, his love for writing and letting his imagination run wild is still thriving inside.

Currently, he is a manager for Britain's largest train operating company.

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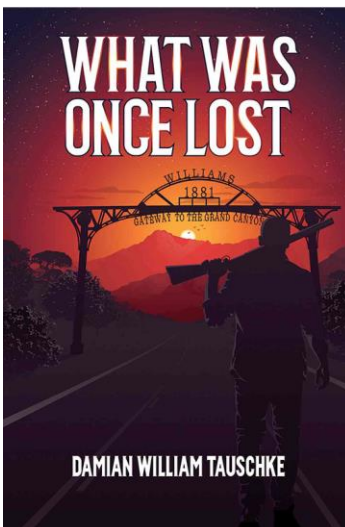
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What Was Once Lost

Damian William Tauschke



Toby Garrett receives a call that turns his world upside down. Now he must go back to his hometown and face the people he turned his back on, including his long-lost love, but the town has changed.

Jimmy Truman has grown tired of the drug trade and is ready to throw it all in – only, life is never that easy. Vincent Webster has a lust for owning people, and as Jimmy and Vincent's wife, Amanda, grow ever closer, so does the danger involve.

Both Toby and Jimmy understand that sometimes the only way to win is to work together but working together may prove more costly than both think, as their loved one's risk being caught in the crossfire and, with it, everything they hold dear.

The Author

Damian is 32 years old and lives in Ballarat Australia with his wife Nicole. Reading books and later, writing have always been a passion in his life.

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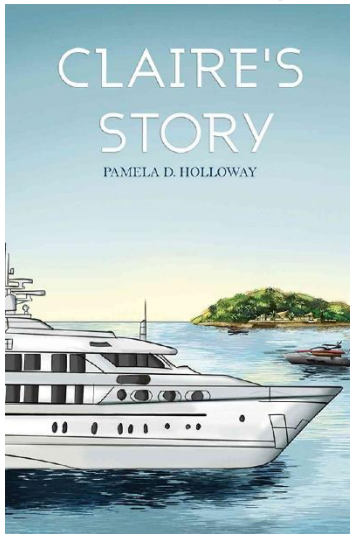
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Claire's Story

Pamela D. Holloway



After an unusual upbringing, Claire decides to leave her Edinburgh home and travel to visit her old school friend who lives on Vancouver Island. Once there, she palms off her son, having persuaded him to pretend his father is dead. She sets out to find a job and a wealthy husband, and eventually finds both. She also finds herself in a very dangerous situation: her life is threatened. A prison sentence is likely. Can she find someone to believe her?

The Author

Pamela d. Holloway cannot remember a time when she didn't write. It started at school with essays turning into short stories. Married to her childhood sweetheart at 20 the next years were filled with babies, who as they grew older listened to her magical stories of imaginary lands and weird animals. Now free to turn to novels she has written a number of books and was finally encouraged to look for publication.

Publication date: April 2018

Extent: 218 pages

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UK RRP: £9.99

Obsession

Paul Phillips



What price would you be willing to pay to get the life you always dreamt of?

Aaron Taylor is a rock star in crisis. His band, The Rams, have split up and he is struggling to reach his past glories. Now allegations are being made about his personal life, which could have a devastating effect on his family.

Only Aaron and a few other people know the truth behind the stories, but in the pursuit of a legacy, he has a choice to make...

Kelly Conner, meanwhile, is in love with Aaron. From a distance, she has always believed that one day he would come back to her, but now she is not so sure. Frustrated and angry, her patience is starting to wear thin.

Now the clock is ticking, and time is running out for Aaron.

The Author

Paul Phillips is a first-time author who is hoping to turn his wife's obsession with celebrity news into a book that will thrill you, shock you and leave you unable to put it down.

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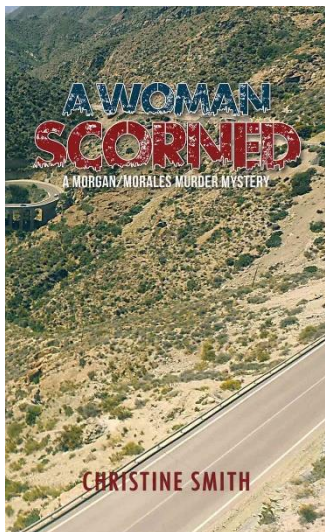
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A Woman Scorned

Christine Smith



This is a murder mystery based in the province of Almeria, Spain. Meeting two families who move from the UK, we follow how their lives intertwine, ending in tragedy. The reader is taken along a path which inexorably leads to one conclusion, but with a twist in the tale – is it the right conclusion? The first in a series of murder mysteries, we meet the two crime fighters: Morgan, an ex-CID detective retired in Spain, and his friend Morales, an inspector in the Spanish police force.

The Author

The author, Christine Smith, retired and moved to Spain in 2009. Having written the story of her move from the UK to Spain and then resurrecting a children's book her father had written, Christine turned towards fiction. *A Woman Scorned* is the first book in which we meet Morgan and Morales, the two characters who will appear in future books of the series.

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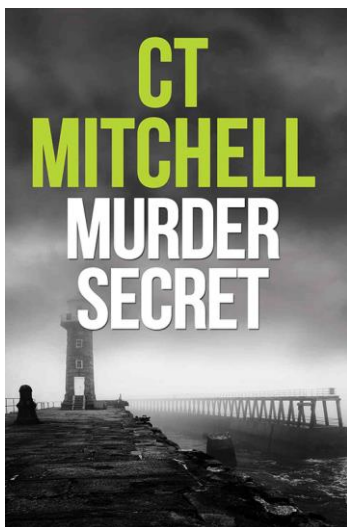
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Murder Secret

CT Mitchell



A serial killer is on the loose. Cabarita Beach residents want an arrest. But with no clues, no budget and an inexperienced investigating team, Detective Jack Creed has his back to the wall.

The killings started a decade ago. However, with five murders in the past eighteen months, the town's residents are petrified. The killings are identical - all black, drug using, female prostitutes. Except for the latest victim. *He's* different. Jo Boston-Wright joins Creed's team. She comes from a pedigree police family but with no murder experience, female and a double-barrelled surname, she'll need to prove herself fast on this male chauvinistic team. She unearths a vital clue that links a quiet, retired ex-Military police officer to the killings. The media is hungry for an arrest. If she's right, she'll stamp her place on the team. But if she's wrong, not only will it end her career but destroy Detective Jack Creed's as well.

"This has everything...great story line, wonderful characters, tension and just the right amount of twists and turns. C T Mitchell's best work."

The Author

C T Mitchell's debut murder mystery, *Rejection*, was an international crime and mystery bestseller, reaching the number one position in its category in the Amazon charts both in the UK and US. This was followed by Amazon #1 mystery novels bestsellers (in category) *Shattered*, *The Secret of Barnesdale Manor* and *Murder on the Beach*. The Detective Jack Creed Box Set— a collection of short story novellas compiled from C T's first four novellas was a runaway crime fiction success, taking over the Amazon UK and US markets for this emerging Australian crime fiction author. *High Stakes*, *Murder at Stonehaven* and *The Thin Line* followed suit, feeding C T Mitchell's growing global reader base. In April 2016, C T launched his first full-length mystery thriller novel, *Breaking Point*. In mid 2015, C T launched his first cosy mystery short-story novellas, introducing Lady Margaret Turnbull, Father Douglas and *The Sugar N Spice* culinary cosy mysteries to his diversified readers, immediately claiming Amazon's #1 Hot New Releases, both in the UK and US. C T Mitchell splits his time between Brisbane and Cabarita Beach—a sleepy seaside village in northern NSW, Australia—the home of his award-winning books. To grab two free mystery bestsellers, visit ctmitchellbooks.com or follow him on Facebook and Twitter.

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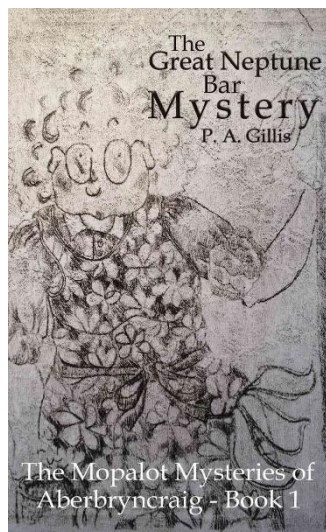
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The Great Neptune Bar Mystery

P.A. Gillis



The village of Aberbrynraig is rocked by Dai News, the fussy owner of the newsagents and sweetshop in the High Street and vendor of the legendary Neptune Bars, and especially by his cries of anguish when he is missing some Neptune Bars and suspects they have been stolen. Mrs Mopalot (Mrs Branywn Jenkins) is intrigued and persuades her husband, Idwall (he hates being called Mr Mopalot and no one dares do so), to discuss theories of where the Neptune Bars may be going. This causes many bedroom disasters as they debate in bed, a disaster even including a cocoa shower.

Mrs M cleans for everyone, so she is in a good position to find out information and get it deciphered. The villagers stick together as they usually do. There is romance in the air as the mystery is finally solved and celebrated at the famous Aberbrynraig summer party.

The Author

P. A. Gillis has written plays, books, short stories and poems all her life. She has two poems in an anthology, a play professionally produced, another given a rehearsed reading at a festival, and has done many performance poetry stints.

She lives in Norfolk with her husband near some of her family and the sea.

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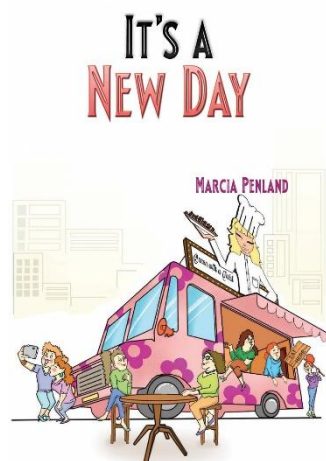
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It's A New Day

Marcia Penland



The art ladies are back and they are preparing for a state-wide art show to be held in Waco, Texas. As usual, things are not simple for this group of feisty women, but they like it that way. They rise to every occasion as they set out to heal the heart of a teenaged boy with a broken family, give hope to a young homeless mother of two, and embark on a whole new adventure involving a food truck and lots of bacon. The former governor of Texas even joins in their antics, with his bum knee and two-cow ranch. Each woman in the group is different in background and personality but very much alike in her dogged determination to work hard and do right by others. They share an uncanny ability to find clues and solve seemingly impossible situations due to years of honing attention-to-detail skill through their art. This group of talented, resourceful ladies is quick-witted, outspoken, humorous, and compassionate. Although life has not always been a bed of roses, each lady is relentlessly positive, remembering yesterday is over and *It's a New Day*.

The Author

Raised in Fort Worth, Texas, Marcia (Marcie) Penland has lived in five states and in Europe. She has a degree in English and journalism from the University of Texas in Austin. Having retired from teaching mathematics for over 20 years, Marcia now spends much of her time painting and writing. She sells her paintings at art galleries and shows while participating in

art leagues and studying with regional artists. Her two recently published books combine Marcia's professional and personal interests while reflecting her priority of faith and relationships. A healthy dose of humor, camaraderie, and suspense is sprinkled throughout her writing.

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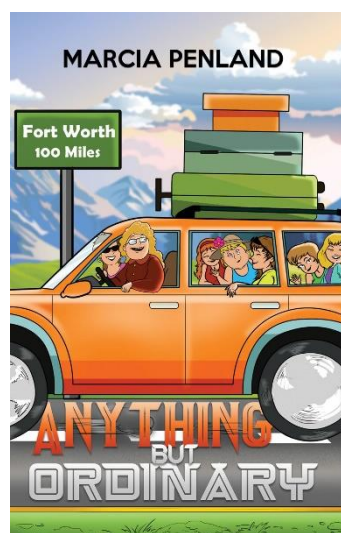
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Anything But Ordinary

Marcia Penland



Two members in a small circle of friends set off for a fun trip, split between half business and half pleasure. The whole town of Calhoun is excited for them, especially the art group. On their way to the airport, the pair of friends vanish. The police are baffled and the case is moving too slow to satisfy the art ladies. Just a few months later, while one member of the group is participating in an art show at a shopping mall, a college student goes on a shooting rampage. The art ladies think this will happen again and again until the root of the problem is addressed. Tragic and complicated situations do not discourage this little band of feisty middle-aged artists. They are church-going, family-oriented, and strong-willed. Plus, they have a talent and passion for art. The same critical and analytical eye they use for detail in their paintings is applied to the cases they are determined to solve. The art ladies bring a wide spectrum of life experiences to the group, and their personalities are as different as daylight is to darkness. But the things they all have in common are a zest for life and loyalty to one another. Love, humor, suspense, integrity, and snappy dialogue play a large part in this story. Despite what they think, their little painting group and daily activities are not commonplace. In fact, everything about them is quite the opposite. Their lives, all the way around, are ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY.

The Author

Raised in Fort Worth, Texas, Marcia (Marcie) Penland has lived in five states and Europe. She has a degree in English and journalism from The University of Texas in Austin and retired after a full career teaching math. She studies painting with regional artists and a close circle of friends. Moreover, she displays and sells her paintings at local art leagues, galleries, and art shows. Marcie combines her wide interests and experiences in Anything but Ordinary--punctuating it with humor, suspense, sweetness, and loyalty. Faith, family, and friendships mean the most to Marcie and that rings loud and clear in her writing.

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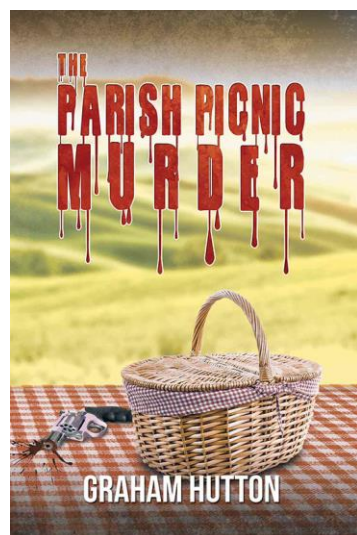
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The Parish Picnic Murder

Graham Hutton



The Parish Picnic Murder by Graham Hutton conjures up an image of sleepy villages in rural Essex in the 1960s, but all is not quite what it seems. Set against a picturesque backdrop of English country life, The Parish Picnic Murder contains all the elements that one might expect from a classic Agatha Christie, but this novel has hidden depths and events take quite an unexpected turn.

The Parish Picnic Murder is more than just a 'whodunnit'; the emergence of women detectives in the Constabulary is an interesting angle as the story hinges around the central character of Detective Sergeant Sarah Bowman. But the underlying theme surrounding the identity of the murder victim is the key point of intrigue, and Graham Hutton takes the reader on an unimaginable journey proving that people really are not quite what they seem. Cleverly crafted, this story will keep the reader guessing until the final pages as to the real story behind Henry Hall, and are we ever quite sure who is the murderer? The Parish Picnic Murder is a really enjoyable read which delivers the readers' every expectation and then some.

The Author

Graham Hutton was born and brought up in rural Essex where this story is based. His early schooling was local until his parents enrolled him in a boys' boarding school in Surrey. Graham spent most of his working life employed as an accountant in the National Health Service. A serious traffic accident in 1996 left him disabled and partially sighted. The doctor's prognosis was that he would never walk again and probably remain bedridden. With the help of family and friends he learned to walk short distances and he was able to get his life back together after a lengthy period of inactivity. On holiday in Tenerife he met an authoress who persuaded him that it might be a good therapy to spend his mornings writing a novel. She even advised him on the elements of successful writing.

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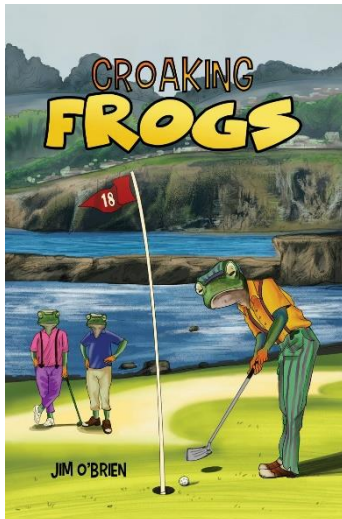
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Croaking Frogs

Jim O'Brien



Two young detective brothers are assigned to investigate a murder committed in a small, upscale town. The evidence obtained uncomfortably leads them to assume that their father, a prominent local retailer, may be responsible for the crime. The detectives' hunch is tossed into further turmoil when it is discovered that their father is being pursued by a different killer. The second would-be killer is equally deadly but far more sinister and even more terrifyingly cruel than the one who committed the murder. Is it possible that the murderer whom the brothers are seeking to bring to justice can be capable of committing such horrible, seemingly tortuous crimes while attempting to avoid the grip of his own relentless attacker? Is it possible that the killer is their own father?

The author weaves the tale of *Croaking Frogs* in and out of mystery, drama, and intrigue. The reader is left to decide for themselves who the croaking frogs are and who or what is responsible for croaking the frogs. Be prepared for an entertaining, emotional roller coaster journey as the story leads the reader on a wild search for a killer and an equally intense search for a cure.

The Author

Jim O'Brien is a greater Boston native who has lived his entire life with his family in his beloved New England. A graduate of Providence College, Jim has over thirty years of retail experience. He has held positions from entry-level to Director of Sales and Operations where his responsibilities necessitated travel throughout much of the USA. In 2010 Jim was diagnosed with stage three colon cancer. Five years later, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He has survived to tell his story to those willing to listen, frequently on a golf course while whacking and swearing at a small, white, dimpled orb.

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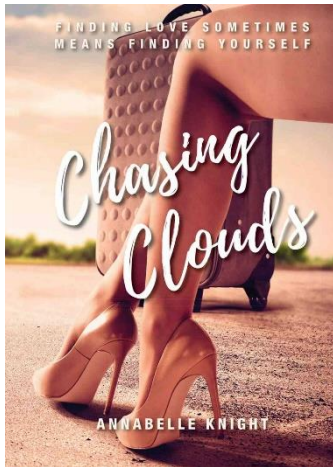
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Chasing Clouds

Annabelle Knight



FROM OUR BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Elodie Taylor has a lot to be thankful for. She has great friends, a hardworking boyfriend, and a job she enjoys... but sometimes she wonders whether that's enough. She's always had a thirst for adventure that, no matter how hard she tries, just won't go away.

With the help of her two best friends, and a chance encounter with a handsome stranger, Elodie embarks on a journey that could change her life and satiate her longing for escape.

But all is not smooth sailing in Elodie's shiny new world, and a betrayal means that she soon finds herself tangled in a dark web of deceit and desire, a web that could see her relationships pushed to breaking point.

Elodie is torn and must make some difficult decisions – decisions that could have high costs, and not only for her.

Annabelle Knight is best known for her appearances on *This Morning* and *Big Brother's Bit on the Side*, presenting segments on sex and relationships.

Annabelle's bestselling first novel *The Endless Autumn* (published by Austin Macauley) was listed as one of *Cosmopolitan's* top raunchy reads.

The Author

Annabelle Knight is one of the UK's most relevant sex, relationship, dating, and body language experts, a bestselling author, sex toy expert and celebrity relationship coach. She has qualifications in life coaching, couples counselling, and psychosexual therapy.

She regularly appears on television, in the press, and on-air to offer her expertise and guidance on a range of topics. Annabelle covers everything from lust to love, and anything that's in-between.

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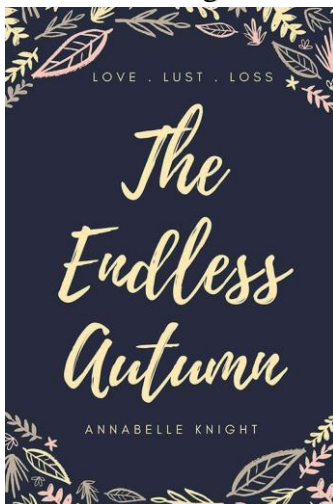
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The Endless Autumn

Annabelle Knight



Autumn thought she had everything: a gorgeous stud of a boyfriend, a practical if unexciting PA job at Thorne PR, a savvy best friend, and a soon-to-be earned journalism diploma. But things in her perfectly constructed world shift when Autumn discovers a life shattering secret. Needing to change her life drastically Autumn meets a mysterious and sexy stranger who could be the solution to her problems. Autumn is thrown into a luxurious new world. One that is powered by highfliers, fantasies and carnal desires. How will she escape? Or, does this new world hold the key to her own fulfilment? Annabelle Knight's debut novel *The Endless Autumn* is a sizzling, steamy and sexually sinister story of how a girl next door, unwittingly – but perhaps not unwillingly – explores the fringes of desire and release.

The Author

Annabelle Knight is a sex and relationship expert. She's appeared on many TV programmes such as *This Morning*, *The O'Brien Show* and *Big Brother's Bit on the Side*. She's featured regularly in magazines and newspapers and can often be found frequenting the nation's airwaves offering sex advice and discussing hot topics.

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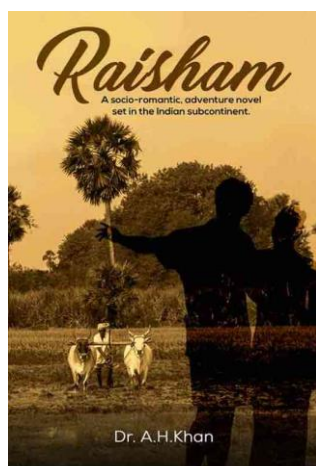
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Bestseller

Raisham

Dr. A.H. Khan



Set in the Indian subcontinent, with a Muslim culture background, this is a fictional story of a migrant doctor who tries to win the heart and mind of a feudal lord who believes in tribal rules and dislikes migrants.

Eventually, the feudal lord gives in, mainly because of the excellent character of the migrant doctor, who also provides support to the daughter of the feudal lord, at a time when she has been left in a limbo due to the rules of the tribe.

The pair eventually wins and goes on an expedition in which the girl Raisham, an army officer, plays a key role.

The Author

Born in India, the author is a doctor who obtained his basic medical degree in Hyderabad, India, then moved to the UK in July 1973. He gained his post-graduate medical qualifications in London and in the Republic of Ireland. He worked in the NHS since he came to the UK.

Since his childhood, he has been hearing 'stories' related to India's independence from the British Raj and the creation of Pakistan. These stories have plus and minus points, depending on reader's own views. In his view, the author believes that history also depends on who writes it.

The current novel, *Raisham*, is a fictional story but depicts many facts. The author believes that his origin of the creative writing is from the facts and a result of his observations, life experiences and various books he has read.

Having worked in various fields of medicine, before taking up Anesthetics and ICU (ICU used to be part of Anesthetics but is now a separate specialty) as his specialty, it is interesting for him to write medical science fiction novels.

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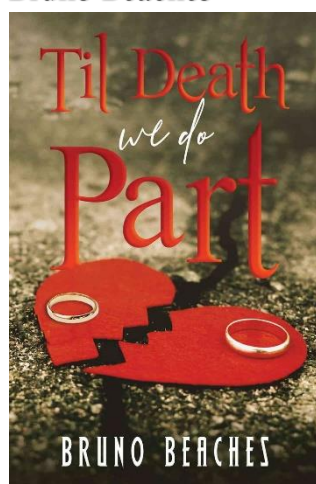
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Til Death We Do Part

Bruno Beaches



Pablo is a hardworking, upstanding police officer, proud of his long marriage and lovely family. Through decades of quiet dedication and single-minded devotion he has achieved the successes one strives for in life, both with his family and career. Close to retirement and to sitting back and enjoying the fruits of a successful career and marriage, a malicious spurious complaint at work should have no material consequences on his life, but it starts a domino effect, and before long he finds himself shockingly dismissed, divorced, without a home, and with a criminal record. This story explores a convoluted tragic journey of divorce, rich with emotion, loss, betrayal, revenge and confusion. Along the way it explores the dynamics of what makes a relationship weak and vulnerable, or strong and resolute. It's not a miserable story, but one of resilience, hope, and true love. It is told with an immense depth of feeling, insight, humour and faith, and there are many truly surprising twists and turns as the story unfolds.

The Author

The author is a retired police officer who has had a lot of life experience. He was married to his first wife for thirty years and they raised four children. Following a divorce, he married again and divorced just three years later. Apart from writing, he plays the piano, loves gardening and has carried out a lot of DIY building projects in his spare time. He is a 'people person' and has always taken a keen interest in behavioural psychology and relationships.

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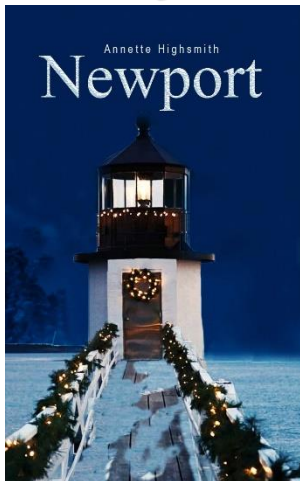
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Newport

Annette Highsmith



When Annie hops into a rental car on a stormy winter night in New York City, she has no idea where she is going but knows she needs to get there fast. Annie has never suffered from a broken heart, let alone heartbreak one week before Christmas.

Despite the blizzard, Annie finds herself in Newport, Rhode Island, in the one lone pub open during the tempest. What she is about to discover within the SharkFin Tavern is a friend that she'll never forget, a love that transforms her heart, and a new home that is the setting for a timeless tale.

The Author

Ms. Highsmith is a prolific author of contemporary and historical romance, mystery, science fiction, and memoir. Originally from California, Annette attended Yale University and found herself captivated by New England, where she now lives and works.

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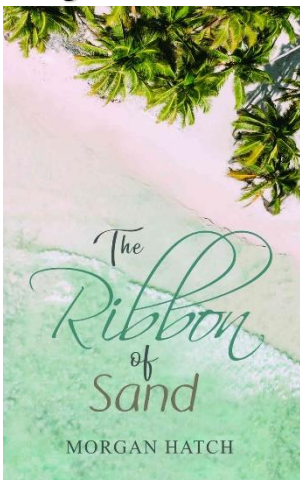
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The Ribbon of Sand

Morgan Hatch



This is the story of an English girl who travels to Nigeria at the end of its colonial days to work as a shorthand typist in the government secretariat. She finds love with the African servant of an elderly bachelor expatriate who has created a business empire, which he bequeaths to her. The story follows the pleasures and problems this creates for her.

The Author

The author was born in 1938. After surviving a traumatic Second World War, various schools and National Service in Air Traffic Control, he began banking in West Africa, returning to banking in this country several years later when Nigeria descended into civil war. It was never knowingly his intention to become an author but writing fiction in its various forms seemed to come naturally when his career in banking was abruptly terminated by a complete mental breakdown. The result of this was being prematurely retired on a modest pension in 1984. As a bachelor in his late forties, he spent several months in hospital before going to live with his widowed mother where he continued the writing he had begun in the hospital.

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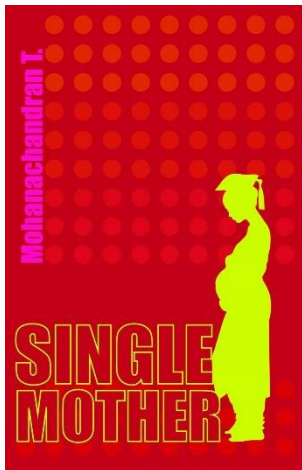
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Single Mother

Mohanachandran T.



Aditya is an engineering student from an aristocratic family in his pre-final year. Nitya, a girl from the fishing village near the engineering college, is in school doing her grade ten examination. An accidental meeting turns into a love story. Assisted by Aditya, the first rank grade ten girl becomes a top ranked student in the college while excelling in sports too. The final day before Aditya leaves after completing his engineering course, the two love birds become victims of uncontrolled emotions...

Both pursue their academic careers far from each other and become highly successful...

Arathi, Nitya's daughter is gifted...

Misha, daughter of a CEO of a reputable organization in Mumbai, is a junior in the management institute and a good singer. She falls in love with Aditya...

Though Aditya cannot forget Nitya, circumstances force Aditya to marry Misha... They both move to the US...

Laxmi and Anand are born there in the US...

Arathi stumbles upon the fact that Laxmi may be her stepsister...

The story takes a turn from here...

The Author

A civil engineer by profession, Mohanachandran went on to become the GM of a reputed MNC in Dubai. He established an Indian school which has become one of the top schools in the UAE over the last 30 years.

His first book '*Can My Life Be of Any Assistance?*' was published by The Write Place in 2016 and second book, '*If I Could, You Could Too*' was published by Troika Books in 2017. Both are motivational books. The self-help book is intended to inspire the young generation who are from the myriad villages in India. His hobby is writing.

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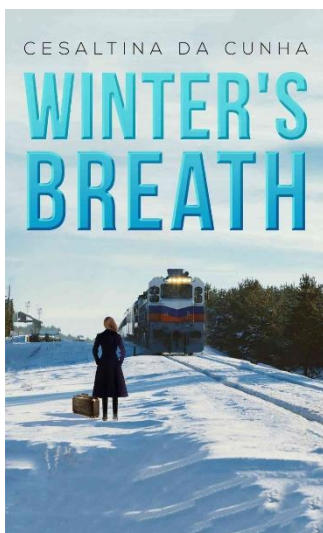
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Winter's Breath

Cesaltina Da Cunha



At a time when racial segregation was still rife, a young girl comes of age and journeys towards realising a childhood dream. When fate steps in, it brings about unimaginable consequences, which alter the course of her life and ultimately pave the way for the impossible.

The Author

Cesaltina da Cunha is the author of *A Cowgirl and Her Horse* and *Growing Up with Cowgirl Spirit*. Born in Portugal but having lived most of her life in South Africa, she now lives in the UK and works as a self-employed carer throughout England, Wales and Republic of Ireland.



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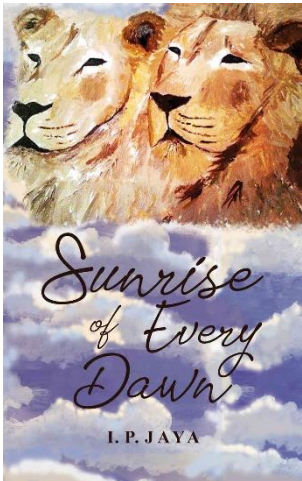
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Sunrise of Every Dawn

I.P. Jaya



Gabrielle Lake sets foot on what seems like an island of paradise. In one month, life seems to get a little bit more complicated as she lets her guard down for the first time and, at the tender age of seventeen, falls in love with Lucian Larsen, a resident of the island of Sri Lanka, only to have to return back to England. Tested through the hurdle of distance, fate plays its card to bring Gabriel and Lucian back together each time. Their friends and family enjoy the company of the couple's unearthly aura, only to have them fall deeper and deeper in love. Whether it be on a hot air balloon ride above a safari park or the simplicity of camping near a serene lake, whether it be wooing one another with their composed song or dancing by themselves at a wedding, their affection for each other is always on display, but what happens in the scenario of life or death? A magical, heart-wrenching, beautiful tale that unfolds when these two worlds combine.

The Author

I.P. Jaya is a legal professional who loves to write. *Sunrise of Every Dawn* is her first fiction book that she describes as 'close to her heart'. She is an eco-loving vegetarian that is starting to explore her creative side, so watch this space...

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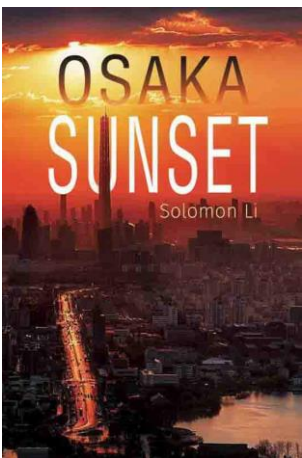
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Osaka Sunset

Solomon Li



For Thomas, life just isn't as simple as it used to be. His parents have 'suggested' that he get married soon. He would prefer to join a priesthood somewhere and focus on developing spirituality. With his birthday fast approaching and accepting that it's time to come to terms with his repressed feelings, he embarks on a personal pilgrimage to Japan. A change of scenery is good for clearing the mind, but Thomas is trying to make sense of his heart. There's someone he has to see again if he truly wants to discover what's missing in his life, especially when it comes to love.

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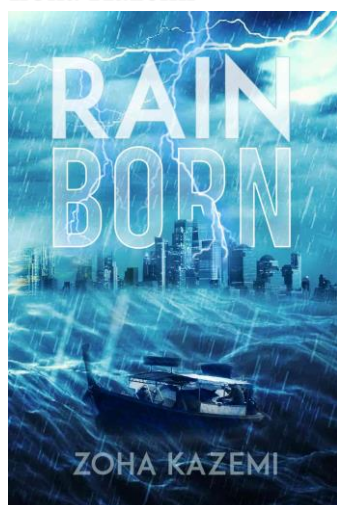
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Rain Born

Zoha Kazemi



Rain Born takes place many years in the future. After a natural apocalypse, the world is drowned in water and people live on the ships and islands. They have constructed a new religion and a set of rules and have based their political, cultural and economic structure on these beliefs. But these beliefs do not bring prosperity for people. Instead they have made them into victims of the vicious religious leaders who always seek more power and more wealth. It is the people who have to pay for the greed of their leaders by fighting in a war that is based on a lie. Although people are struggling between their faith and survival, drowned in the complexities of their self-constructed and controlling rules and values, nature is taking its course. Evolution is seeking to select the new, evolved babies that seem to be more compatible with the new water world. TIRAD is one of the disciples that teach the religious NARRATIVES OF THE SAVIOUR--the man who was the founding symbol of the post-rain world. He is a keen and dedicated follower and a true believer who has decided to ignore the corruption signs and waiver the possibility that his religion is based on no true facts. But in a turbulent path set forth to him by the Saviour Circle, he faces many challenges that shake his rock-hard beliefs; it is a journey of love, loss and fate that changes his destiny.

The Author

Zoha Kazemi is a young Iranian writer and the first writer in Iran who has written professionally in speculative fiction, especially the genres of science fiction and fantasy. She explores fundamental concepts like love, immortality, death and religion in her soft sci-fi novels. She creates and depicts estranged and self-sufficient worlds with complex cultural, economic and political structures in her novels where she puts to test many challenging ideas and thoughts about the nature of mankind, its socially constructed beliefs and values and their effects. Rain Born is Kazemi's eighth novel but her first book written in English. She has written and published in Persian before: seven novels, a flash fiction collection and a three-volume children's novels.

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The Stories of Canto – End Game

M R Green



The Planet of Canto was changed by decades of war, but years after the wars, the world still spins on. Vandeaga and his group stand strong against vicious bandits and twisted beasts. A new evil like they had never seen before emerged from the west. In its wake, these creatures leave nothing but carnage. Will our trio overcome this countless menace, or will it consume them too?

The Author

M R Green was born in Berkshire. He loved to read as a child and always wanted to write but never did. At a young age, he loved to play video games and watch sci-fi films. After his GCSEs, he got a job in a retail store and of course this was just a stopgap until he found something better. That urge to write a book never left him and he thought about it more as he got older. In his mid-twenties, he decided he was going to give it his best shot, so while still working at the same retail store, he started to write. He did most of his writing and idea-forming before his shifts and even during his lunch breaks. All those years of hard work have now come together to form his debut book.

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Extent: 214 pages

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Sotheming Wnt Wrong

Rhys Ryan Evans



Terminal cancer the doctors informed All cards on the table, it was game over for Ben There was a small possibility of a cure Would be a high risk Frozen in time until future medicine could cure him It was agreed then Money was paid and the go-ahead was given Frozen in time, in hope A computer error occurred Something went wrong - very wrong Woken up 500 years late - without the cancer Earth was no-longer Earth Mars was the new colony No more humans Ben was the last one All alone, very alone Machines, computers and other things run the new planet His knowledge, memories and thoughts they wanted Lies, diffusion and false future was promised Ben had other ideas and different plans He rescues a humanoid that's down to be terminated The only one he can trust he soon learns Services no longer required she told him The two of them must adapt and overcome Survival and a new future is what they are after The two of them find something very different.

The Author

Rhys, formally known as Dean to all who know him, was born in Bridgend, South Wales. He was brought up by his grandparents. To him, they were his mum and dad. His mum had gone to London to work and to get away from Dean's violent father. He got up to the usual mischief as you do being a young teenager. Nothing too bad though. His granddad taught him the rights and wrongs in life. Dean went to London eventually to be with his mother, as his grandparents were getting too old to put up with him and his antics. He made some bad friends in school and ended up in a lot of trouble. The judge offered to him:

Borstal: Juvenile detention, or the British Army!

Dean chose the British Army. He went into the junior service that starts at fifteen- and-a-half. He had a big shock but excelled and was noticed. He served over fourteen distinguished years in the infantry, SF Platoon and Recce Platoon. He saw active service too many times and saw too much, and it left deep scars! He left the army after a big decision and ventured into Civvy Street. Dean found it hard to readjust and hit the bottle. He made wrong friends and got into bother. The Royal British Legion helped and sorted him out. It took some time but he pulled through and resurfaced again. He joined a close protection company in London and did some covert jobs because of his military background. He had to change his name because of some difficult circumstances. Now known as Rhys, he helps to run the operations of a close protection agency. Rhys is married to Carmem. She is from Brazil and she loves him to bits. Carmem knows all about his adventures. She was with him half the time!

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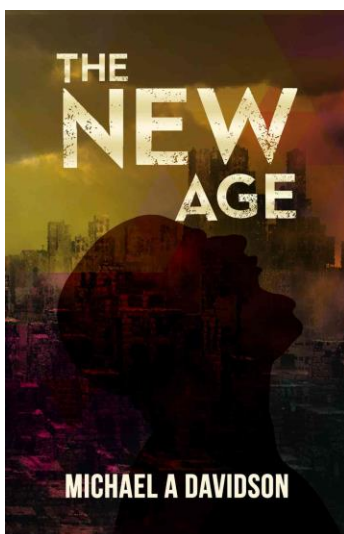
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The New Age

Michael A Davidson



The New Age is a gritty post-apocalyptic tale set in Britain, which focuses on human origins and consciousness.

The Author

Michael was born in Mile End hospital on September 8th, 1985. He grew up in the East End of London, where he was constantly into mischief, often taking his friends on dangerous adventures on the debris of the Isle of Dogs. He knew from a very young age that he wanted to be a writer and was inspired to be one by his old primary school teacher, Sarah. He is now a father of two children, a daughter, Callie-mae, and a son, River. Michael is a massive boxing fan and his favourite food is the traditional East London pie and mash.

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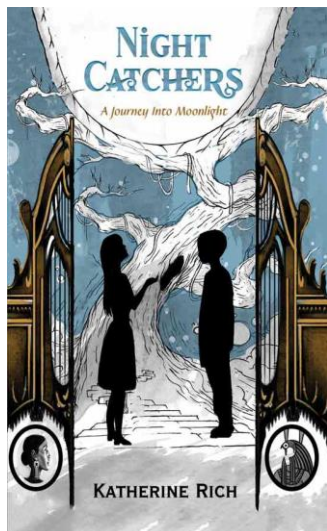
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Night Catchers

Katherine Rich



When Aya moves away from the city to the remote English countryside, she and her stepbrother, Joe, discover a mysterious world where dark forces exist. What begins as a dream becomes an astonishing adventure where myths and legends come alive. The Night Catchers must not only navigate an ancient and mysterious world, but one in which the levels of a computer game force them through dangerous landscapes. Challenged by evil deities, giants, unicorns and warriors, the fight between good and evil threatens the very fabric of nature bringing it to the brink of environmental disaster. Only Aya can read the signs that awaken the spirits of the underworld and save both worlds. But will she succeed before it is too late?!

The Author

Katherine Rich was educated in London where she gained a BA in Fine Arts at London Guildhall University. Originally from Devon in England, she has been living and teaching in the UAE with her husband for several years, while indulging in her love of literature and writing. She has two children, James and Nadia. This is her first published novel.

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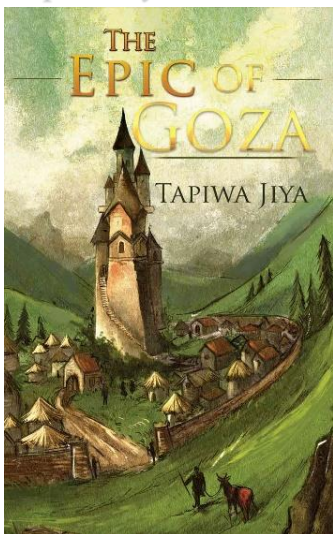
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The Epic of Goza

Tapiwa Jiya



The people of Goza loved their king and they lived peacefully for many years. They didn't have any neighbours, or so they believed for they had seen none for years and years. King Gama, Queen Eleaza, daughter, Leona, and son, Tyza, lived in a tall house made of stone, almost like a tower castle in the middle of the compound, surrounded by the king's subjects mud and stone huts with their families.

Tamura, a traveller, heading to the Nengara mountains in search of his long-lost uncle, stumbled on Goza and fell head over heels in love with the King's daughter Leona, it was love at first sight. A summer festival brought a mixture of great anticipation and apprehension to the Goza people who will be meeting total strangers from far and wide for the first time ever. Different cultures, appearances, dialects and manners cause commotion and intrigue.

Mara, Tamura's little sister was chosen, and the Angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to teach her a prayer of protection against the blood sucking evil spirits residing in the Baminga mountains for over 900 years. She had to teach everyone in the village how to pray or be in a great danger of being devoured. Her greatest challenge was how to convince the people to

pray and be saved being just a 7-year-old girl. Whether she succeeds in her mission to save the people is yet to be seen, face of Goza will be changed forever.

The Author

The author is a homegrown girl who was raised with folklore tales eloquently narrated by her aunty, Chipu, and sometimes her grandfather, Mariko. She grew up fascinated by literature and grew a passion to write stories, poetry and songs. She enjoys telling children stories and watching their faces light up at every word. Writing this book is anticipated to have the same effect on her audience at large.

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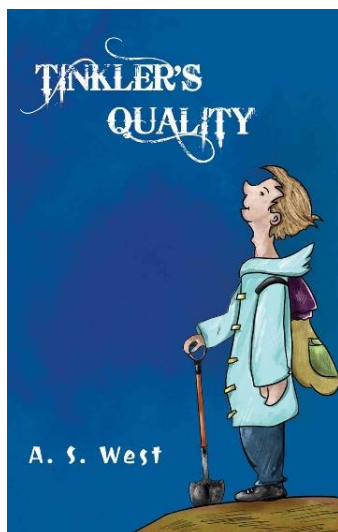
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Tinkler's Quality

A.S. West



Hans Tinkler is a gifted watchmaker living in Henkel on the outskirts of the Bavarian Forest. The local townspeople treat Hans with suspicion because of the rumour that he was long ago involved in the murder of a young woman in the forest. Unbeknown to the townspeople, he is also one of the five sentinels, all with magical powers, who all that time ago unwittingly released an evil spirit into the forest and were forced to take up strategic positions to prevent the evil escaping to threaten the world. But times are changing. By chance, at the moment of Hans' untimely death, his power and responsibility are transferred to Thomas, the ten-year-old son of his housekeeper. And it is Thomas who goes into the forest to overcome dark forces and imprison the evil spirit.

The Author

Introducing A. S. West, an exciting, new fantasy writer hailing from Singapore.

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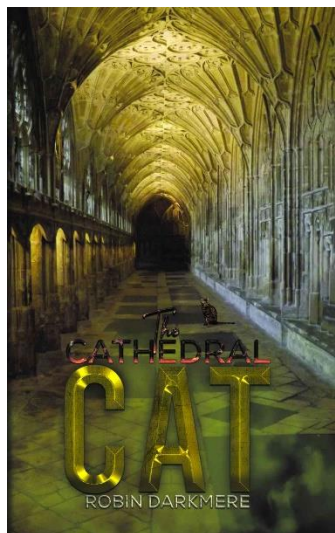
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The Cathedral Cat

Robin Darkmere



Enter the mysterious and fantastic world of a cathedral at night.

Oswald is the Gloucester Cathedral's cat. He sings in the choir and roams all over the cathedral and is loved by all who meet him.

One dark autumn night, Oswald enters the cathedral by his secret entrance to find a strange blue glow in the dark by the tomb of King Edward II who was buried there in 1327. *Or was he?*

According to traditional history, King Edward II was murdered by his enemies at Berkeley Castle, twenty miles away.

Oswald asks his friend, Gideon, the mouse, what the blue glow is. He soon learns that it is the ghost of the unhappy king.

Oswald gradually makes friends with the ghost and learns the true story of the king and what really happened that September night in 1327 at Berkeley.

It is a magical tale of a ghost with a story to tell, a story of friendship and love and of a truth never before told. The Author Robin Darkmere was born in 1966 and has for the most part of his life been fascinated by the life and times of King Edward II. He spent twenty-eight years in the NHS in various clinical roles and served as an officer

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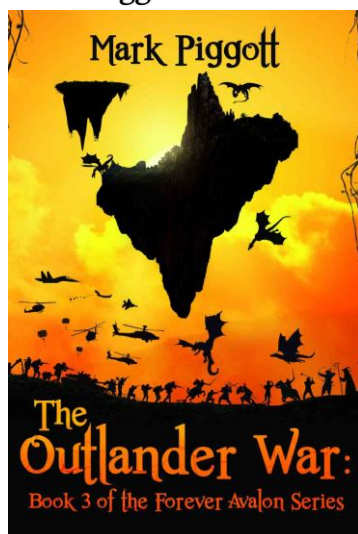
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The Outlander War

Mark Piggott



It is an island frozen in time and space. For more than 3,000 years, the island of Avalon remained hidden from the outside world; a place of eternal magic, where the descendants of King Arthur ruled over a land filled with magical creatures, Elves, Dwarves and dragons. The island was only accessible through a rift in the Bermuda Triangle, where mariners and aviators disappeared throughout history. No one believed Avalon was anything but a myth. In the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, in the heart of a naval exercise, Avalon suddenly reappeared, causing disruptions on both fronts. The US Navy, now circling the mysterious island, wants answers. On Avalon, they fear Outlanders would intrude on their home; and caught in the middle of it all is Lord Bryan MoonDrake, the Gil-Gameish of Avalon, Knight Eternal and champion of the magical realm. The Gil-Gameish was once a US Navy sailor, lost at sea in a freak storm, who found his way to Avalon. After his family followed him to the island, they decided to stay and make this their home. Now they are torn between loyalty to their new home and compassion for their old one. The tensions build as modern technology faces off against ancient magic on an island where the laws of magic supersede the laws of science, causing mechanical weapons to falter and shut down. As military forces continue to surround the mysterious island, bringing both sides to the brink of war, an ancient evil arises from within, one that has been seeking the throne of New Camelot for three millennia.

The Author

Mark Piggott, a native of Phillipsburg, NJ, enlisted in the US Navy in 1983 and began a 23-year career. He served on three aircraft carriers and various duty stations as a Navy Journalist before he attained the rank of Chief Journalist. He retired from active duty in 2006. His first novel, *Forever Avalon*, was published in 2009, followed by his second novel, *The Dark Tides*, in 2014. He and his wife, Georgiene, live in Alexandria, Virginia. They have three children.

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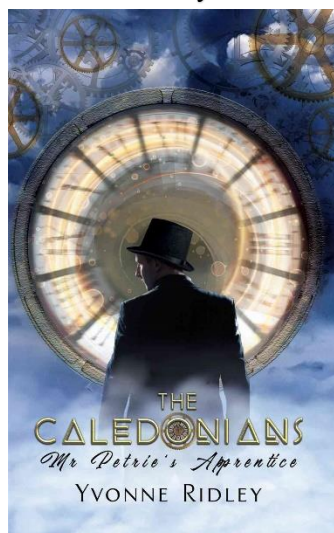
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The Caledonians

Yvonne Ridley



Scottish history master Mr Petrie has the gift of eternal life. Working for a group of mystical superior beings, his time-travelling missions land him in all sorts of death-defying scrapes and encounters, sometimes with famous and ruthless people. To help him in his dangerous work, he's told to find a young apprentice. Duncan Dewar could be a candidate but has his own secrets too, and without realising it, their lives are indelibly linked.

The Author

British journalist Yvonne Ridley has had a successful career in the media spanning four decades. The former Fleet Street reporter has written several books, but this is her first departure into the world of fiction.

Inspired by the dramatic scenery and surroundings of her remote Scottish farm and the rich but often violent history of the Borders, she created *The Caledonians*.

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