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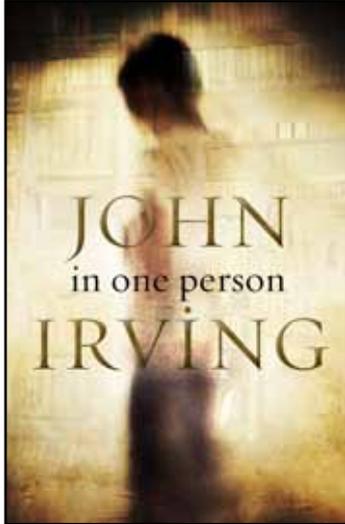
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JOHN IRVING
In One Person



Publication date: 10/05/2012
Price: £18.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780857520968
Publicist: Patsy Irwin

Spanning fifty years, *In One Person* is an breathtaking examination of sexual identity.

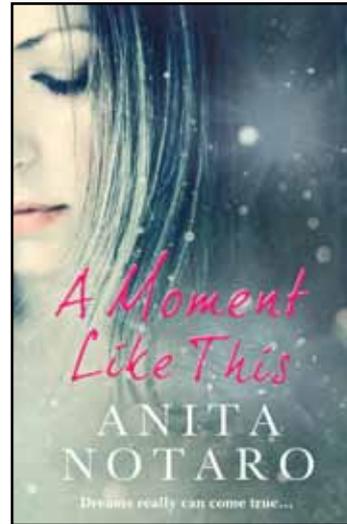
A compelling novel of desire, secrecy, and sexual identity, *In One Person* is a story of unfulfilled love - tormented, funny, and affecting - and an impassioned embrace of our sexual differences. Billy, the bisexual narrator and main character of *In One Person*, tells the tragicomic story (lasting more than half a century) of his life as a "sexual suspect," a phrase first used by John Irving in 1978 - in his landmark novel of "terminal cases," *The World According to Garp*.

His most political novel since *The Cider House Rules* and *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, John Irving's *In One Person* is a poignant tribute to Billy's friends and lovers - a theatrical cast of characters who defy category and convention. Not least, *In One Person* is an intimate and unforgettable portrait of the solitariness of a bisexual man who is dedicated to making himself "worthwhile."

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO GARP, which won the National Book Award in 1980, was John Irving's fourth novel and his first international bestseller; it also became a George Roy Hill film. Tony Richardson wrote and directed the adaptation for the screen of *The Hotel New Hampshire* (1984). Irving's novels are now translated into thirty-five foreign languages, and he has had nine international bestsellers. Worldwide, the Irving novel most often called "an American classic" is *A Prayer for Owen Meany* (1989)-the portrayal of an enduring friendship at that time when the Vietnam War had its most divisive effect on the United States.

In 1992, Mr. Irving was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma. (He competed as a wrestler for twenty years, until he was thirty-four, and coached the sport until he was forty-seven.) In 2000, Irving won the Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay for *The Cider House Rules*-a Lasse Hallström film with seven Academy Award nominations. Tod Williams wrote and directed *The Door in the Floor*-the 2004 film adapted from Mr. Irving's ninth novel, *A Widow for One Year*. *In One Person* is John Irving's thirteenth novel.

ANITA NOTARO
A Moment Like This



Publication date: 10/05/2012
Price: £12.99 - trade paperback
ISBN: 9781848270336
Publicist: Polly Osborn

The wonderful new novel from this number one bestselling prize-winning author.

Be careful what you wish for...

Antonia has always put everyone else before herself. Shy and quiet, her life in a small village in Wicklow has been devoted to her invalid mother and singing in the local church choir. Somehow, it's easier that way.

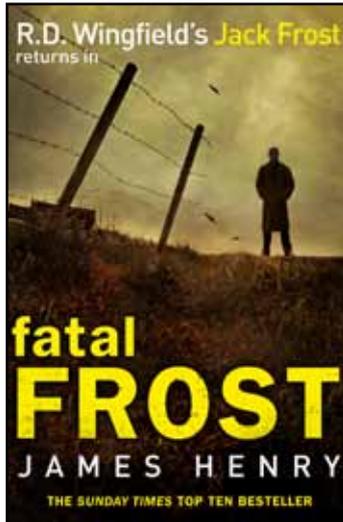
But when she is left alone her friends encourage her to audition for a television talent show. Blessed with a glorious singing voice, she is suddenly thrust into the limelight and enters the world of celebrity and glamour. She's the Girl from Nowhere, but can she cope with this startling new life? Antonia discovers that this business is tougher than she ever thought possible, but also that she's stronger than she thought she was. And she finds that help can come from the most unexpected places...

From the number one bestselling author of *Take A Look At Me Now*, winner of the Galaxy Irish Popular Fiction Book of the Year.

Anita Notaro is a TV producer, journalist and director and worked for RTE, Ireland's national broadcasting organization, for eighteen years. She has directed the Eurovision Song Contest and the Irish General Election, as well as programmes for the BBC and Channel 4.

Her book *TAKE A LOOK AT ME NOW* was declared the winner of the Galaxy Irish Popular Fiction Book of the Year in 2008.

JAMES HENRY
Fatal Frost



Publication date: 10/05/2012
Price: £14.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780593065389
Publicist: Lynsey Dalladay

Jack Frost returns in this gripping sequel to the Top 10 Bestseller First Frost.

May, 1982. Britain celebrates the sinking of the Belgrano, Jimmy Savile has the run of the airwaves and Denton Police Division welcomes its first black policeman, DS Waters - recently relocated from East London.

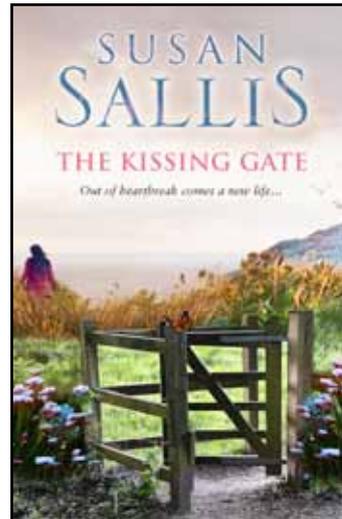
While the force is busy dealing with a spate of local burglaries, the body of fifteen-year-old Samantha Ellis is discovered in woodland next to the nearby railway track. Then a fifteen-year-old boy is found dead on Denton's golf course, his organs removed.

Detective Sergeant Jack Frost is sent to investigate - a welcome distraction from troubles at home. And when the murdered boy's sister goes missing, Frost and Waters must work together to find her . . . before it's too late.

James Henry is the pen name for James Gurbutt who has long been a fan of the original R. D. Wingfield books and the subsequent TV series. He worked for several years as an accountant before moving into publishing. In 2009 he set up Corsair, a literary imprint for Constable & Robinson, Wingfield's original publisher. He lives in Essex.

After a successful career writing for radio, R. D. Wingfield turned his attention to fiction, creating the character of Jack Frost. The series has been adapted for television as the perennially popular A Touch of Frost, starring David Jason. R. D. Wingfield died in 2007.

SUSAN SALLIS
The Kissing Gate



Publication date: 10/05/2012
Price: £18.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780593069516
Publicist: Kate Green

A poignant new novel from this West Country bestselling author.

Out of heartbreak comes a new life...

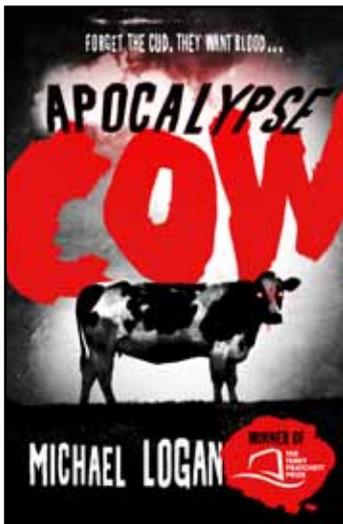
Gussie, Ned and Jannie are not quite siblings, but they share a fiercely close and affectionate family bond. In their bohemian Cornish home, with a famous and distinguished artist as their father figure, they glory in their unusual upbringing and their unconventional, loving family life...

Until one day a terrible tragedy destroys the foundations of that family, and they have to learn to cope on their own.

Moving from Cornwall to New York and back again to the West Country, Susan Sallis's warm and powerful novel shows us love and sorrow, and family life in all its guises.

Susan Sallis is the author of over twenty bestselling novels, many of them set in the West Country. She was born in Gloucestershire and now lives in Somerset with her family.

MICHAEL LOGAN
Apocalypse Cow



Publication date: 10/05/2012
Price: £14.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780857521170
Publicist: Lynsey Dalladay

Forget the cud. They want blood...an outrageously entertaining and original take on the 'zombie apocalypse' - joint winner of the first Terry Pratchett 'Anywhere But Here, Anywhen But Now' Prize...

When scientists with warped imaginations accidentally unleash an experimental bioweapon that transforms Britain's animals into sneezing, bloodthirsty zombies with a penchant for pre-dinner sex with their victims, three misfits become the unlikely hope for salvation.

Abattoir worker Terry Borders' love life is crippled by the stench of death that clings to his skin from his days spent slaughtering cows; teenage vegan Geldof 'Scabby' Peters alternates between scratching furiously at his rash and baiting his overbearing New Age mother; and inept journalist Lesley McBrien struggles forlornly in the shadow of her famous war correspondent father and the star journalist at the Glasgow Tribune.

When Britain begins a rapid descent into chaos and ministers cynically attempt to blame al-Qaeda, Lesley stumbles upon proof that the government is behind the outbreak. During her bumbling quest to unveil the truth, she crosses paths with Terry and Geldof, and together they set out to escape a quarantined Britain with the evidence and vital data that could unlock a cure for the virus.

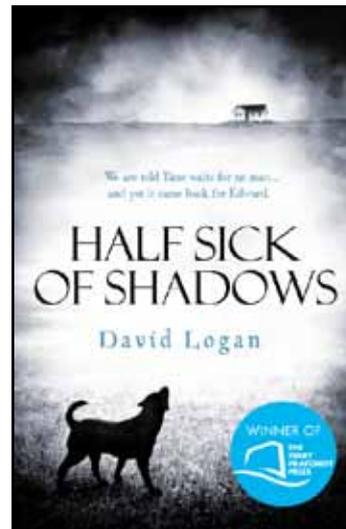
Standing in the way are rampaging hordes of animals, a ruthless security agent and an army ready to shoot anybody with a case of the sniffles on the off-chance the virus has mutated.

Three losers. Overwhelming odds. A single outcome: the world is screwed.

Michael Logan is a Scottish journalist, whose career has taken him across the globe. He left Scotland in 2003 at the age of 32, has lived in Bosnia, Hungary, Switzerland and Kenya, and reported from many other countries. His experience of riots, refugee camps and other turbulent situations helps fuel his writing. Apocalypse Cow is his first novel. His short fiction has appeared in literary journals and his piece We Will Go On Ahead and Wait for You won Fish Publishing's 2008 international One-Page Fiction Prize.

He currently lives in Nairobi and is married with two young children. More information can be found on his website: www.freelancelogan.com.

DAVID LOGAN
Half Sick of Shadows



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Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

A dark, dazzling, tragi-comic tale of childhood wonder, time-travelling poets and theoretical physics - joint winner of the inaugural Terry Pratchett Prize.

On the eve of Granny Hazel's burial in the back garden, a stranger in his time machine - a machine that bears an uncanny resemblance to a Morris Minor - visits five year-old Edward with a strange request. And Edward agrees to be his friend.

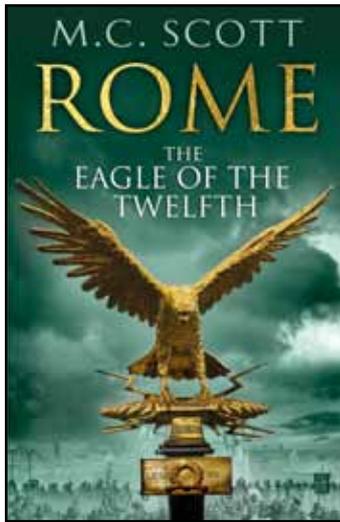
But Edward is not alone in the world. His twin sister Sophia is about to bring future tragedy upon herself through an all-too-literal misunderstanding of a promise she's made to their father.

So while Sophia stays at home, seemingly condemned to spend the rest of her days in The Manse - a world untouched by modern trappings - Edward is sent to boarding school. There he encounters the kind and the not-so-kind, and meets the strangest child. His name is Alf, and Alf is a boy whose very existence would seem to hint at universes of unlimited possibilities...and who might one day help Edward liberate Sophia.

With its Gothic backdrop, Half-Sick of Shadows is a novel of many parts: at once a comical tragedy, a dark and dazzlingly told tale of childhood wonder and dismay, of familial dysfunction, of poetry, the imagination and theoretical physics.

Born in Belfast in 1960, David Logan underwent neurosurgery in childhood and lost most of his hearing as a result. He left school at sixteen and worked briefly in various unskilled jobs before returning to full-time education - he has a BSc in Sociology and an MA in Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion from the University of Ulster, and also a BA in English Literature and Language from the Open University. He has written fiction for the SF, Horror and Fantasy small presses and has edited and published his own magazine. David and his wife live in Carrickfergus but escape to sunnier lands at every opportunity. When in Carrickfergus, David can be found loitering in coffee bars, staring out of windows, dreaming up ever more fantastical excuses for not going to the gym - again.

M C SCOTT
Rome: The Eagle of The Twelfth



Publication date: 24/05/2012
Price: £14.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780593065440
Publicist: Patsy Irwin

A breathtakingly compelling story of a legion at war in the tradition of Conn Iggulden and Simon Scarrow.

They are known as the Legion of the Damned...

Throughout the Roman Army, the Twelfth Legion is notorious for its ill fortune. It faces the harshest of postings, the toughest of campaigns, the most vicious of opponents. For one young man, Demalion of Macedon, joining it will be a baptism of fire. And yet, amid all of the violence and savagery of his life as a legionary, he realises he has discovered a vocation - as a soldier and a leader of men. He has come to love the Twelfth and all the bloody-minded, dark-hearted soldiers he calls his brothers.

But all that he cares about is ripped from him when, during the brutal Judaeen campaign, the Hebrew army inflict a catastrophic defeat upon the legion - not only decimating their ranks, but taking away their soul - the eagle.

There is one final chance to save the legion's honour - to steal back the eagle. To do that, Demalion and his legionnaires must go undercover into the city of Jerusalem, into the very heart of their enemy, where discovery will mean the worst of deaths, if they are to recover their pride.

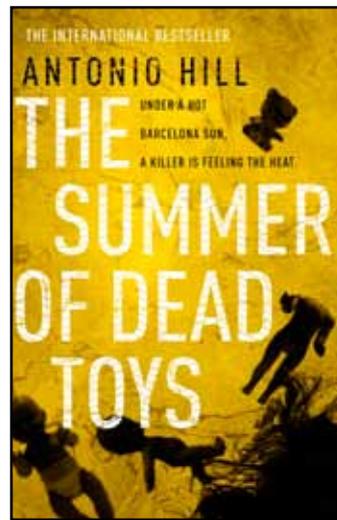
And that, in itself, is a task worthy only of heroes.

MC Scott taught veterinary surgery at the universities of Cambridge and Dublin before taking up a career as a novelist. Now founder and Chair of the Historical Writers' Association, the novels have been shortlisted for the Orange Prize, nominated for an Edgar Award and translated into over twenty languages. In addition to the bestselling Boudica series, Scott is the author of an acclaimed sequence of Roman novels featuring the emperor's spy, Sebastos Pantera.

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ANTONIO HILL
The Summer of Dead Toys



Publication date: 24/05/2012
Price: £14.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780857521125
Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

International contemporary crime fiction from Spain set over a stifling summer in Barcelona, introducing Inspector Hector Salgado.

Swap grey skies and ice for punishing sun and impossible heat - is Spain the new Scandinavia?

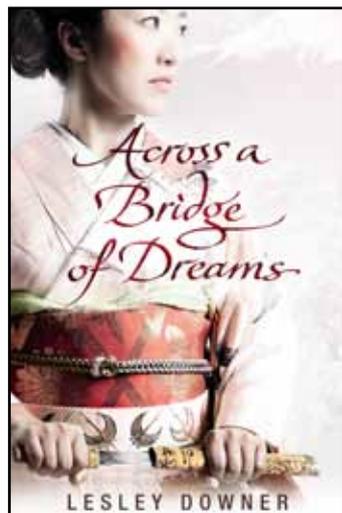
A skilfully plotted tale of misdeeds and murder in high society, introducing Inspector Salgado.

When the death of a vulnerable young witness in a case of human trafficking and voodoo causes the normally calm Salgado to beat someone up, he is moved off the project and sent instead to investigate a teenager's fall to his death in one of Barcelona's uptown areas.

As Salgado begins to uncover the inconvenient truths behind the city's most powerful families, two seemingly unsolvable cases are set to implode under the hot Barcelona sun.

Antonio Hill lives in Barcelona. He is a professional translator of English-language fiction into Spanish and speaks fluent English.

LESLEY DOWNER
Across A Bridge of Dreams



Publication date: 07/06/2012
Price: £14.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780593066829
Publicist: Polly Osborn

Based on the true story of the 'last samurai', *Across a Bridge of Dreams* is an epic tale of love and war, of a nation divided and a love that can never be.

In the brave new Japan of the 1870s, Taka and Nobu meet as children and fall in love; but their relationship will test the limits of society.

Unified after a bitter civil war, Japan is rapidly turning into a modern country with rickshaws, railways and schools for girls. Commoners can marry their children into any class, and the old hatred between north and south is over - or so it seems.

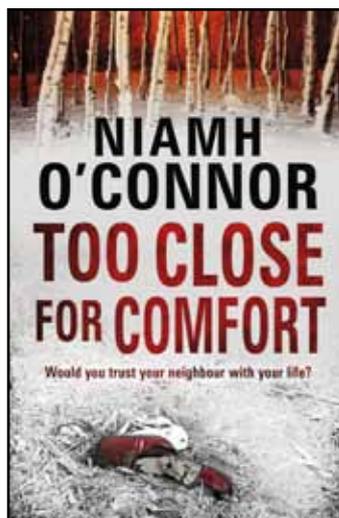
Taka is from the powerful southern Satsuma clan which now dominates the country, and her father, General Kitaoka, is a leader of the new government. Nobu, however, is from the northern Aizu clan, massacred by the Satsuma in the civil war. Defeated and reduced to poverty, his family has sworn revenge on the Satsuma.

Taka and Nobu's love is unacceptable to both their families and must be kept secret, but what they cannot foresee is how quickly the tables will turn. Many southern samurai become disillusioned with the new regime, which has deprived them of their swords, status and honour. Taka's father abruptly leaves Tokyo and returns to the southern island of Kyushu, where trouble is brewing.

When he and his clansmen rise in rebellion, the government sends its newly-created army to put them down. Nobu and his brothers have joined this army, and his brothers now see their chance of revenge on the Satsuma. But Nobu will have to fight and maybe kill Taka's father and brothers, while Taka now has to make a terrible choice - between her family and the man she loves ...

Lesley Downer's mother was Chinese and her father a professor of Chinese, so she grew up in a house full of books on Asia. But it was Japan, not China, that proved the more alluring and it was there that she lived for over fifteen years. She has written many books about the country and its culture, including *Geisha: The Secret History of a Vanishing World*, and *Madame Sadayakko: The Geisha who Seduced the West*, and has presented television programmes on Japan for Channel 4 and the BBC. She now lives in London, but still makes sure she returns to Japan at least once a year.

NIAMH O'CONNOR
Too Close For Comfort



Publication date: 07/06/2012
Price: £14.99 - trade paperback
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Publicist: Madeline Toy

Would you trust your neighbour with your life?

A woman's body is found in Ireland's most notorious body dump zone, an area in the Dublin mountains where a number of women disappeared in the past.

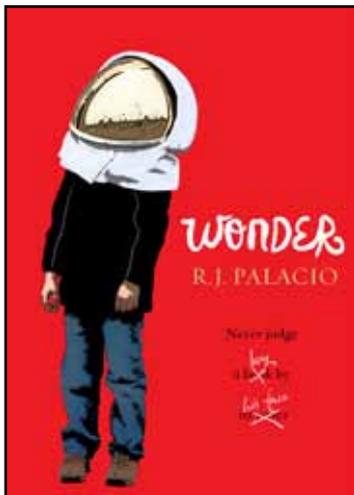
The victim is from an exclusive gated development in the suburbs - where the prime suspect in the vanishing triangle cases, Derek Carpenter, now lives. It looks like the past is coming back to haunt the present.

But DI Jo Birmingham doesn't believe the case is open and shut. Her husband Dan was part of the original investigation team; is she trying to protect her own fragile domestic peace?

The one person who could help her crack the case, Derek's wife Liz, is so desperate to protect her family that she is going out of her way to thwart all efforts to establish the truth. Can both women emerge unscathed?

Niamh O'Connor is one of Ireland's best known crime authors. She is the true crime editor for the Sunday World, Ireland's biggest selling Sunday newspaper. Her job, in which she interviews both high profile criminals and their victims, means she knows the world she is writing about. *If I Never See You Again* went to number one in the Nielsen Heatseekers chart when it was released as in the UK in January 2011. *If I Never See You Again* was nominated in the Best Newcomers category of the Irish Book Awards in November 2010. The follow up novel, *Taken*, was a number two bestseller in Ireland in June 2011.

R. J. PALACIO
Wonder



Publication date: 07/06/2012
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Publicist: Madeline Toy

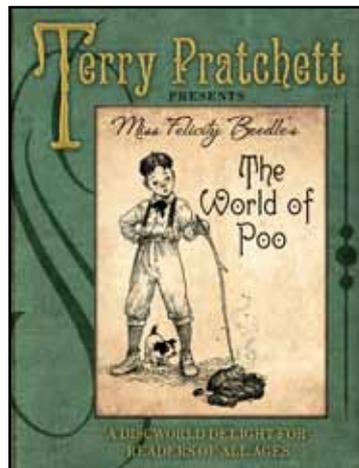
The story of ten-year-old August Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, perfect for CURIOUS INCIDENT fans.

WONDER is the funny, sweet and incredibly moving story of Auggie Pullman. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, this shy, bright ten-year-old has been home-schooled by his parents for his whole life, in an attempt to protect him from the stares and cruelty of the outside world. Now, for the first time, Auggie is being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. The thing is, Auggie's just an ordinary kid, with an extraordinary face. But can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

Through the voices of Auggie, his big sister Via, and his new friends Jack and Summer, WONDER follows Auggie's journey through his first year at Beecher Prep. Frank, powerful, warm and often heart-breaking, WONDER is a book you'll read in one sitting, pass on to others, and remember long after the final page.

R. J. Palacio is a graphic designer by day and a writer by night. She lives in New York City with her family. In 2012, The Times picked her as one of their top 100 people to watch in the coming year.

TERRY PRATCHETT
The World of Poo



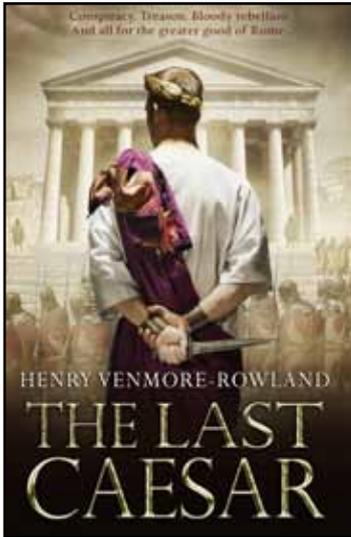
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Publicist: Lynsey Dalladay

A charming tale for people of all ages (but especially for young Sam Vimes) from the pen of Miss Felicity Beedle, Discworld's premier children's author.

From Snuff: 'Vimes' prompt arrival got a nod of approval from Sybil, who gingerly handed him a new book to read to Young Sam. Vimes looked at the cover. The title was The World of Poo. When his wife was out of eyeshot he carefully leafed through it. Well, okay, you had to accept that the world had moved on and these days fairy stories were probably not going to be about twinkly little things with wings. As he turned page after page, it dawned on him that whoever had written this book, they certainly knew what would make kids like Young Sam laugh until they were nearly sick. The bit about sailing down the river almost made him smile. But interspersed with the scatology was actually quite interesting stuff about septic tanks and dunnakin divers and gongfermors and how dog muck helped make the very best leather, and other things that you never thought you would need to know, but once heard somehow lodged in your mind.'

Terry Pratchett is the acclaimed creator of the global bestselling Discworld series, the first of which, The Colour of Magic, was published in 1983. In all, he is the author of fifty bestselling books. His novels have been widely adapted for stage and screen, and he is the winner of multiple prizes, including the Carnegie Medal, as well as being awarded a knighthood for services to literature. Worldwide sales of his books now stand at 70 million, and they have been translated into thirty-seven languages.

HENRY VENMORE-ROWLAND The Last Caesar



Publication date: 21/06/2012
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Publicist: Aislinn Casey

In the tradition of Robert Harris, an exciting debut historical that retells the little-known story of the brutal and bloody time in the history of the Roman empire that became known as 'The Year of the Four Emperors'

AD 68. The tyrant emperor Nero has no son and no heir.

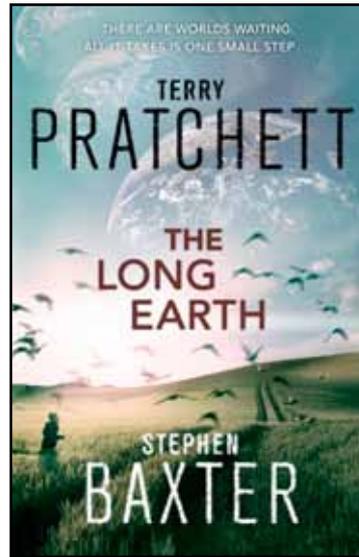
Suddenly there's the very real possibility that Rome might become a republic once more. But the ambitions of a few are about to bring corruption, chaos and untold bloodshed to the many.

Among them is a hero of the campaign against Boudicca, Aulus Caecina Severus. Caught up in a conspiracy to overthrow Caesar's dynasty, he commits treason, raises a rebellion, faces torture and intrigue - all supposedly for the good of Rome. The boundary between the good of Rome and self-preservation is far from clear, and keeping to the dangerous path he's chosen requires all Severus' skills as a cunning soldier and increasingly deft politician.

And so Severus looks back on the dark and dangerous time history knows as the Year of the Four Emperors, and the part he played - for good or ill - in plunging the mighty Roman empire into anarchy and civil war...

Henry Venmore-Rowland was born and bred in rural Suffolk. Aside from the occasional family holiday, often to Italy, his only escape from school and village life was in the pages of historical fiction. His fascination with military and political history, the kings and battles approach, somehow got him into Oxford to read Ancient & Modern History at St. John's College. After dedicating so much time to reading grand tales of epic wars and political intrigue, trying his hand at writing such a story was always inevitable. The Last Caesar is his first novel. He lives in Suffolk.

TERRY PRATCHETT AND STEPHEN BAXTER The Long Earth



Publication date: 21/06/2012
Price: £18.99 - hardback
ISBN: 9780857520098
Publicist: Lynsey Dalladay

The UK's bestselling adult novelist and a giant of British science fiction combine forces to write the first novel in an astonishing, mind-bending new series...The Long Earth.

1916: the Western Front. Private Percy Blakeney wakes up. He is lying on fresh spring grass. He can hear birdsong, and the wind in the leaves in the trees. Where have the mud, blood and blasted landscape of No Man's Land gone?

2015: Madison, Wisconsin. Cop Monica Jansson is exploring the burned-out home of a reclusive - some said mad, others dangerous - scientist when she finds a curious gadget - a box containing some wiring, a three-way switch and a...potato. It is the prototype of an invention that will change the way Mankind views his world for ever.

And that's an understatement if ever there was one...

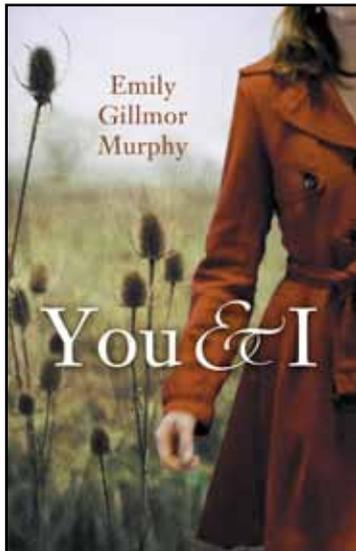
The Long Earth is the first novel in an exciting new collaboration between the creator of Discworld Terry Pratchett and the acclaimed SF writer Stephen Baxter.

Author of the bestselling Discworld series, Terry Pratchett is one of the UK's most popular - and bestselling - writers. His books have sold over 65 million copies worldwide and been translated in to nearly 40 languages. He was awarded an OBE in 1998 and knighted in 2009 for his services to literature. He lives in Wiltshire.

Stephen Baxter is one of the UK's most acclaimed writers of science fiction and a multi-award winner. His many books include the classic Xeelee sequence, the A Time Odyssey novels (written with Arthur C. Clarke) and The Time Ships, a sequel to H G Wells' The Time Machine. He lives in Northumberland.

EMILY GILLMOR MURPHY

You and I



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Publicist: Kate Green

Both a coming-of-age love story and a sharp look at changing Dublin, this is a brilliant debut from a talented new voice in Irish contemporary storytelling.

Each September, thousands of students walk through the doors of University College and Trinity College, Dublin. This year, Olive and Tom will be among them.

Eighteen-year-old Olive is fresh from the country, and her eyes are opened wide by the big-city goings on of her new friends. When she starts to be pursued by Tom, the scruffy maverick who's seduced half the girls she's met, she's adamant he's not for her. But when a tragedy befalls her family, it's Tom who proves her best friend - until that is, she discovers his real motivations.

Tom has never thought further than the next party, the next girl, the next drink. But now, with his own broken family about to cast him off and his social habits spinning out of control, he seems to have destroyed his relationship with Olive. What started out as a stupid dare metamorphoses into something much more serious.

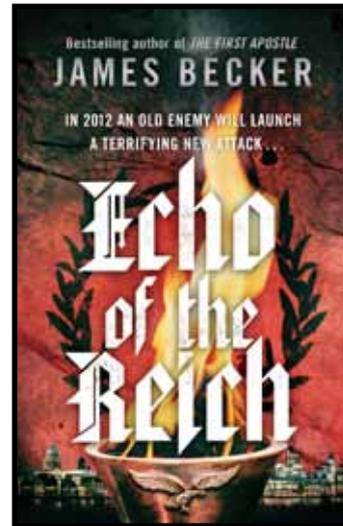
Set against the backdrop of youth on the brink of adulthood, and capturing the contrasts of the haves versus the have-nots, the worldly versus the innocent, Emily Gillmor Murphy's YOU AND I is an assured debut that will transport readers straight to the rollercoaster experience of growing up and falling in love.

Emily Gillmor Murphy was born in 1990, in County Dublin Ireland. She is currently in her final year studying Arts in University College Dublin, majoring in English and History.

Emily currently lives in Enniskerry, County Wicklow with her two older sisters and her parents. She is also a competitive show jumper, travelling across the country to events with her older sister Lucy.

JAMES BECKER

Echo of the Reich



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Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

Chris Bronson is back in this edge-of-your-seat thriller involving a secret Nazi WW2 weapon and a plot against the 2012 London Olympics.

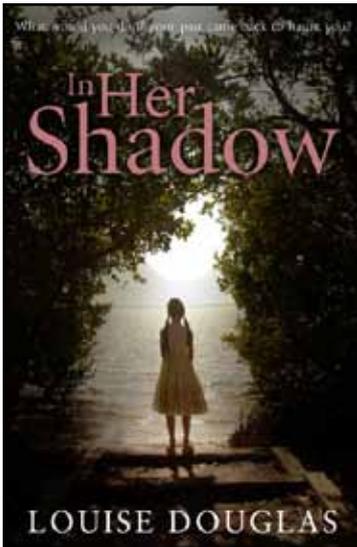
Berlin, 1936: Hitler is determined to hold the best Olympic Games the world has ever seen. German athletes have trained full-time to ensure that 'Aryans' take all the top honours. Unfortunately, the African-American Jesse Owens spoils their plan, winning four gold medals. In a secret Nazi underground laboratory, scientists are at work on a devastating revenge.

London, 2012: Chris Bronson is working undercover for the Metropolitan Police, infiltrating a group of anarchists who have been smashing windows, sabotaging machinery and even digging tunnels under some of the Olympic sites in attempts to disrupt the Games. But he uncovers a plot that hints at a much more sinister plan and will lead him on a chase into the dark corners of German's nazi past.

This is the fifth novel in the bestselling series featuring police detective Chris Bronson and archaeologist Angela Lewis, which combines historical detail with fast-paced action.

James Becker spent over twenty years in the Royal Navy's Fleet Air arm and served during Falklands War. Throughout his career he has been involved in covert operations in many of the world's hotspots; places like Yemen, Northern Ireland and Russia. He is an accomplished combat pistol shot and has an abiding interest in ancient and medieval history.

LOUISIE DOUGLAS
In Her Shadow



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What would you do if your past came back to haunt you?

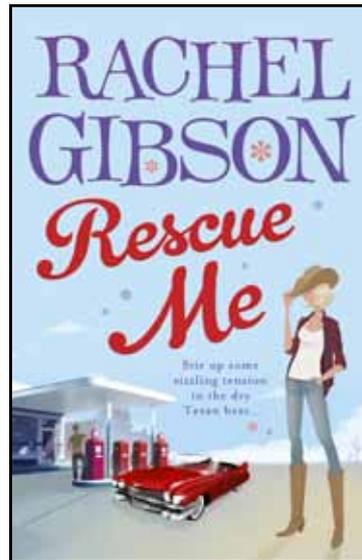
'Before Ellen, things were easier and less complicated. They were either good or bad, right or wrong, black or white and I understood the difference. Since Ellen, everything has been coloured in shades of grey.'

IN HER SHADOW is a dark, thrilling novel from one of our brightest rising stars, Louise Douglas. It's set twenty years ago against a backdrop of hazy, dreamy Cornish summers, a place where close childhood friendship becomes young love, where love becomes obsession, and where obsession ultimately ends in betrayal and a tragic death.

This haunting, magical novel traces a web of memories back through the years from the present day, ultimately showing that no matter how much you might try to forget the past, the past never forgets you...

Louise Douglas is a copywriter and lives in Bristol with her partner and three children. She is the author of four novels.

RACHEL GIBSON
Rescue Me



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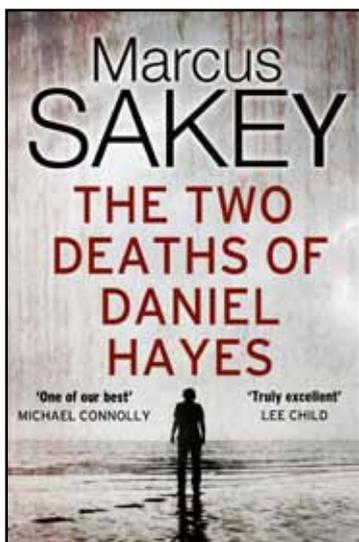
Get ready to play some Texas Hold 'em...

Things are getting tricky for sexy Sadie Hollowell, about to be forced into a bubblegum-pink bridesmaid dress for her little cousin Tally Lynn's wedding. And if that ain't problem enough, the second she drives back into town, the entire population of Lovett, Texas will be fixing her up with the nearest available man – any man. She needs a rescue plan now. And good-looking stranger Vince Haven might just be the perfect 'date' she needs to get her family off her back.

But moody ex-Navy SEAL Vince Haven is only stopping by Lovett to visit his crazy Aunt Luraleen. 'No strings attached' is his motto, and he'll be damned if he acts as any woman's fake date! Sadie's out of luck again - but when Vince's aunt makes him an offer he can't refuse, he could be hanging around town for a while. And if Sadie gets that date after all, she might just get more than she bargained for!

Rachel Gibson's storytelling career began at the age of sixteen when she ran her Chevy Vega into the side of a hill, and told her parents she'd been the victim of a hit and run. They believed her, and she's been telling stories ever since. Rachel has three children and still lives in her native Boise, Idaho. When not writing, she can be found boating on Payette Lake with Mr. Gibson, shopping for shoes, or forcing her love on an ungrateful cat. Visit her at www.rachelgibson.com

MARCUS SAKEY
The Two Deaths of Daniel Hayes



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Publicist: Kate Green

A man wakes naked and cold, half-drowned on an abandoned beach ...

From Lee Child ...

"Like any reader, I love old favourites ... but I love new voices too, and I especially love it when a new voice starts to become an old favourite. It doesn't happen often, but right now it's happening with Marcus Sakey. He's got it all. he writes like a dream, he creates characters exactly like people you know, he scares you, and above all keeps you turning the pages.

But most of all he does the 'what if' thing better than anyone in the business.

'What if' questions power a lot of plots, but Sakey is special. He doesn't just check a box or construct a neat twist for the sake of it. Reading him between the lines, I guarantee he lives this stuff... he thinks it through and sweats it out, probably for weeks at a time. I can see him, looking around at all the things he loves, looking at his house, turning and looking at his wife, asking himself, 'What if? What if I had to put all this at risk? Would I? Could I? How would it feel? What would be the effect on me?'

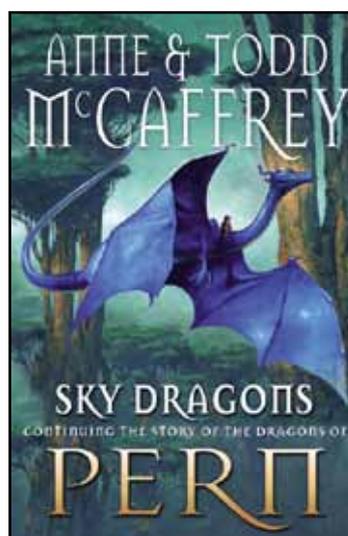
It's that kind of depth and intelligence and passion and emotion that sets Sakey apart. These are not just clever plots. These are real people with night sweats and wide eyes and everything to lose.

The Two Deaths of Daniel Hayes takes 'what if' in a new direction and to new heights. Every writer muses, 'What if the reader isn't sure whether the husband killed his wife, or not?' That's a basic whodunit. But Sakey asks, 'What if the husband isn't sure whether he killed his wife, or not?' That's a terrific premise, and it boosts an already-terrific thriller plot into the stratosphere."

Marcus Sakey is the award-winning author of four previous novels, including No Turning Back and Good People (both of which are in development as feature films). He lives in Chicago with his wife.

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ANNE & TODD McCAFFREY
Sky Dragons



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Publicist: Kate Green

Following on from *Dragon's Time* and finishing the saga begun by Todd McCaffrey with *Dragonsblood*, *Dragonheart* and *Dragongirl*, this is the tale of the fight to replenish Pern's dragon population and the world's very first female wingleader.

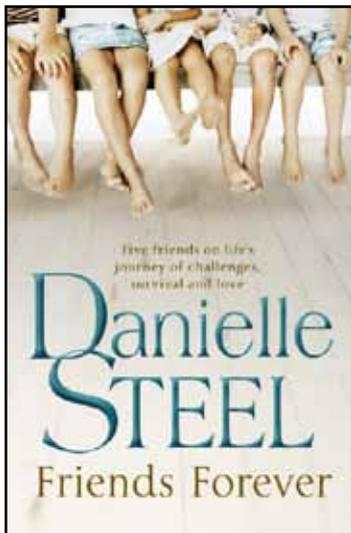
After a vicious plague swept through the world of Pern, there are no longer enough dragons to fight off the current onslaught of Thread, the deadly spore that falls like rain from the skies and devours everything organic in its path.

Pern's last best chance to rebuild the decimated dragon population lies with a group of young dragonriders and their dragons left stranded on an unexplored island. Leadership of these dragons and riders falls to Xhinna, female rider of a blue dragon, who, as the most experienced dragonrider in the new Weyr, must earn the respect of all who follow her, as not everyone is ready to accept a female wingleader. She must solve the problem of how to get sufficient numbers of dragon eggs, although her newfangled ideas, like letting green dragons mate and lay eggs to hatch new dragons, cause uproar. All the while she must protect her people and baby dragons from the predators and, worse, traitors or all hope for Pern will be lost!

Anne McCaffrey was one of the world's leading science-fiction writers, and won both the Hugo and Nebula awards as well as the Margaret A. Edwards' Lifetime Achievement Literary Award. Born and raised in the US, although of Irish extraction, she spent the last years of her life in Ireland, in the heart of the Wicklow Mountains. She is the creator of the Dragons of Pern series. Visit the author's website at www.annemccaffrey.net

Todd McCaffrey, Anne's son, is a computer engineer living in Los Angeles. The approved heir to Pern, his first solo *Dragonriders of Pern* novel was *Dragonsblood*. Visit his website on www.toddmccaffrey.org

DANIELLE STEEL
Friends Forever



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Five friends on life's journey of challenges, survival and love.

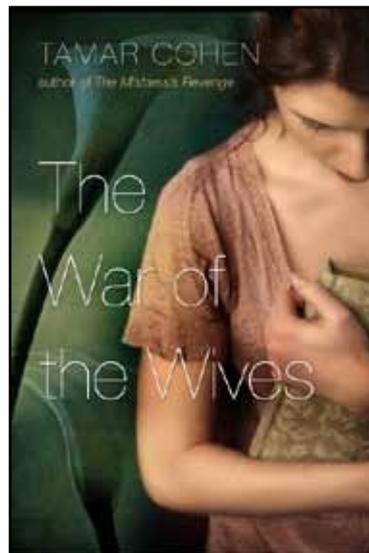
Five children meet on their first day of school, one bright September morning. Drawn by that magical spark of connection that happens to the young, Gabby, Billy, Izzie, Andy and Sean – each bursting with their own personality, all with strikingly different looks and diverse talents – soon become an inseparable group, known to everyone else as the Big Five.

As they grow up, their seemingly perfect lives are altered by families falling apart, unfortunate mistakes, and losses and victories great and small. Throughout their adolescence, the five are able to turn back to their trusted group to regain their footing and steady their course. But as they emerge from school, their futures seem neither safe nor clear. As their lives separate, the challenges and risks they face become greater, the losses sharper, and it becomes much harder to know the right path to choose.

But despite life's ups and downs, together they are able to face up to challenges with the help of the important bonds forged all those years ago. And the five realise just how lucky they are to treasure valuable friendships that last a lifetime.

Danielle Steel is one of the world's most popular and highly acclaimed authors, with nearly 600 million copies of her novels sold. Her many international bestsellers include Happy Birthday, 44 Charles Street, Family Ties and Legacy. She is also the author of His Bright Light, the story of her son Nick Traina's life and death. She lives in California and Paris.

TAMAR COHEN
The War of the Wives



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Publicist: Lynsey Dalladay

A happily married woman whose husband dies unexpectedly is confronted at his funeral by a woman who claims that she was his wife. By the author of *The Mistress's Revenge*.

Imagine being happily married for 28 years. You have three children, a lovely house and a husband who travels a lot - but even after all this time, you still love each other.

Or: imagine being happily married for 17 years. You have a young daughter, a lovely home and a husband who travels a lot - but you really love each other.

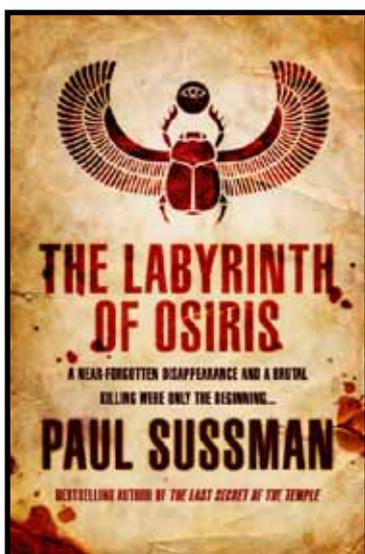
Then one day you get a call that turns your world upside down: your husband is dead. You are devastated. You go to the funeral... And come face to face with his other widow.

Another wife, another family. They never knew you existed, you never knew they existed. It can't be true. It must be a mistake. It has to be her fault – all of it. Or: is it?

With the sharp and witty scalpel she used in *The Mistress's Revenge*, Tamar Cohen again eviscerates so-called normal family life. As the two women are forced to re-evaluate everything they thought they knew, will they discover who is really to blame?

Tamar Cohen is a freelance journalist who lives in London with her partner and three teenage children. Her first novel was the acclaimed *The Mistress's Revenge*.

PAUL SUSSMAN
The Labyrinth of Osiris



Publication date: 19/07/2012
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Publicist: Kate Green

Yusuf Khalifa of the Luxor Police and hard-nosed Jerusalem detective Arieh Ben-Roi, protagonists of Sussman's international bestseller, *The Last Secret of the Temple* are re-united in his explosive new adventures that combines gritty police procedural and tantalising archaeological mystery...

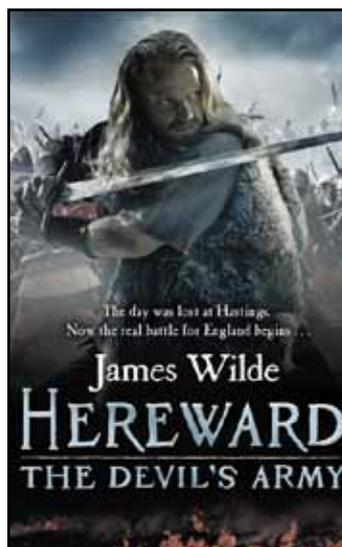
Since they last met, life has moved on for Yusuf Khalifa of the Luxor Police and Jerusalem detective Arieh Ben-Roi. About to become a father for the first time, Ben-Roi finds himself investigating a gruesome murder in Jerusalem's Armenian Cathedral. The victim, a journalist named Rivka Kleinberg, had been researching an article into the Israeli sex-trafficking industry. When a link emerges between Kleinberg and an English engineer who disappeared from Luxor in 1931, Ben-Roi turns for help to his old friend and sparring partner Khalifa.

Khalifa's life too has changed, although in his case not for the better. Preoccupied with personal tragedy and immersed in an investigation of his own - a series of mysterious well-poisonings in Egypt's Eastern desert - he agrees for old time's sake to do some digging for his Israeli colleague. In the process Ben-Roi might just be giving Khalifa his lust for life back.

Inexorably the two investigations entwine, drawing Ben-Roi and Khalifa into a sinister web of violence, abuse, corporate malpractice and anti-capitalist terrorism. And at the heart of the web lies the Labyrinth - a three-thousand year-old ancient Egyptian mystery that has already taken Rivka Kleinberg's life - and hers will not be the last...

Paul Sussman read history at Cambridge, where he was also a Boxing Blue. From an early age, his abiding passion has been archaeology. He has worked in the field, in particular in Egypt where he was part of the first team to excavate new ground in the Valley of the Kings since the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb was found in 1922. His three novels have all been international bestsellers, while his journalism has appeared across the media, including in the Independent, Big Issue, Evening Standard and on CNN.com. He lives in London with his wife, a television producer, and their two sons.

JAMES WILDE
Hereward: The Devil's Army



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ISBN: 9780593065006
Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

The action-packed story of Hereward, forgotten hero of English history, continues in James Wilde's second brutal and bloody novel...

1067. The battle of Hastings has been lost; Harold Godwinson is dead. The iron fist of William the Bastard has begun to squeeze the life out of England. Villages are torched and men, women and children put to the sword as the Norman king attempts to impose his cruel will upon this unruly nation.

But there is one who stands in the way of the invader's savagery. He is called Hereward. He is a warrior and master tactician and as adept at slaughter as the imposter who sits upon the throne. And he is England's last hope.

In a Fenlands fortress of water and wild wood, Hereward's resistance is simmering. His army of outcasts grows by the day - a devil's army that emerges out of the mists and the night, leaving death in its wake.

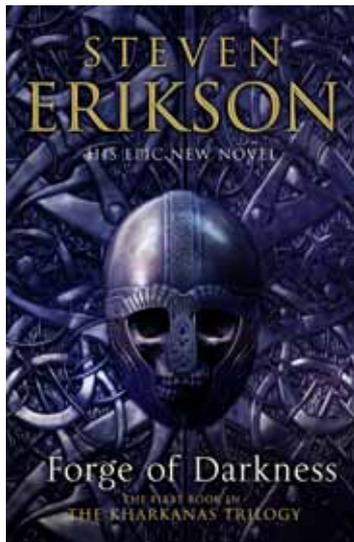
But William is not easily cowed. Under the command of his ruthless deputy, Ivo Taillebois - the man they call 'the Butcher' - the Norman forces will do whatever it takes to crush the rebels, even if it means razing England to the ground.

Here then is the tale of the bloodiest rebellion England has ever known - the beginning of an epic struggle that will echo down the years...

James Wilde is a Man of Mercia. Raised in a world of books, the author studied economic history at university before travelling the world in search of adventure. Unable to forget a childhood encounter - in the pages of a comic - with the great English warrior, Hereward, Wilde returned to the haunted fenlands of Eastern England, Hereward's ancestral home, where he became convinced that this legendary hero should be the subject of his first novel. Wilde indulges his love of history and the high life in the home his family have owned for several generations in the heart of a Mercian forest.

STEVEN ERIKSON

Forge of Darkness: The Kharkanas Trilogy 1



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Publicist: Madeline Toy

Steven Erikson returns to the Malazan world with the first book in a dark and revelatory new epic fantasy trilogy that tells the tragic story of the downfall of an ancient realm...

Now is the time to tell the story of an ancient realm, a tragic tale that sets the stage for all the tales yet to come and all those already told...

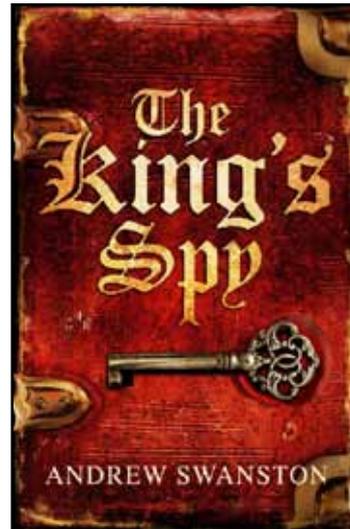
It's a conflicted time in Kurald Galain, the realm of Darkness, where Mother Dark reigns. But this ancient land was once home to many a power... and even death is not quite eternal. The commoners' great hero, Vatha Urusander, is being promoted by his followers to take Mother Dark's hand in marriage, but her Consort, Lord Draconus, stands in the way of such ambitions. The impending clash sends fissures throughout the realm, and as the rumors of civil war burn through the masses, an ancient power emerges from the long dead seas. Caught in the middle of it all are the First Sons of Darkness, Anomander, Andarist, and Silchas Ruin of the Purake Hold...

Steven Erikson entered the pantheon of great fantasy writers with his debut Gardens of the Moon. Now he returns with the first novel in a trilogy that takes place millennia before the events of the Malazan Book of the Fallen and introduces readers to Kurald Galain, the warren of Darkness. It is the epic story of a realm whose fate plays a crucial role in shaping the world of the Malazan Empire.

Archaeologist and anthropologist Steven Erikson's debut novel, Gardens of the Moon, was shortlisted for the World Fantasy Award and introduced fantasy readers to his epic 'The Malazan Book of the Fallen' sequence, which has been hailed as a masterpiece. He lives in Cornwall. To find out more, visit www.malazanempire.com and www.stevenerikson.com

ANDREW SWANSTON

The King's Spy



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Publicist: Polly Osborn

Dark secrets, vicious rumours and treachery in the English Civil War.

Summer, 1643

England is at war with itself. King Charles I has fled London, his negotiations with Parliament in tatters.

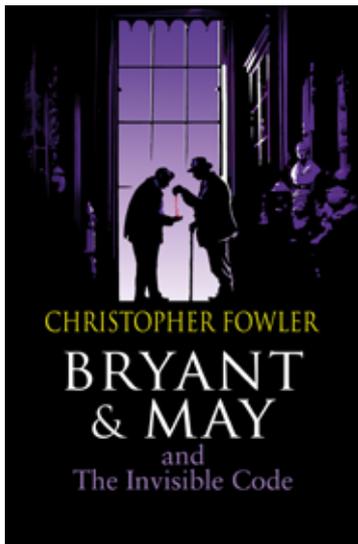
The country is consumed by bloodshed. For Thomas Hill, a man of letters quietly running a bookshop in the rural town of Romsey, knowledge of the war is limited to the rumours that reach the local inn.

When a stranger knocks on his door one night and informs him that the king's cryptographer has died, everything changes. Aware of Thomas's background as a mathematician and his expertise in codes and ciphers, the king has summoned him to his court in Oxford.

On arrival, Thomas soon discovers that nothing at court is straightforward. There is evidence of a traitor in their midst. Brutal murder follows brutal murder. And when a vital message encrypted with a notoriously unbreakable cipher is intercepted, he must decipher it to reveal the king's betrayer and prevent the violent death that defeat will surely bring.

After reading Law at Cambridge University, Andrew Swanston held various positions in the book trade, including a director of Waterstone & Co and chairman of Methven's plc, before turning to full-time writing. Inspired by a lifelong interest in seventeenth-century history, his Thomas Hill novels are set during the English Civil War, and the early period of the Restoration. He lives with his wife in Surrey.

CHRISTOPHER FOWLER
Bryant & May and the Invisible Code



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Publicist: Lynsey Dalladay

Christopher Fowler's detectives Bryant & May and the Peculiar Crimes Unit become embroiled in a fiendish case involving witchcraft, secret codes, hidden relics and, of course, bloody murder...

Two small children are playing a game called 'Witch-Hunter'. They place a curse on a young woman taking lunch in a church courtyard and wait for her to die. An hour later the woman is indeed found dead inside St Bride's Church - a building that no-one else has entered.

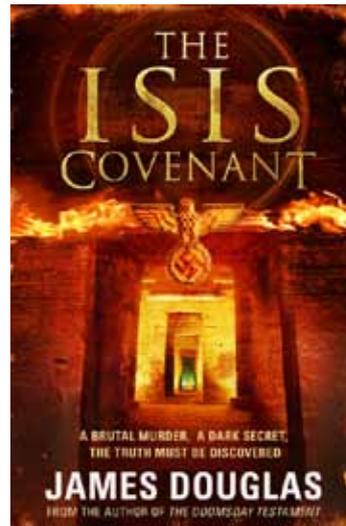
Unfortunately Bryant & May are refused the case. Instead, they are hired by their greatest enemy to find out why his wife has suddenly started behaving strangely. She's become an embarrassment to him at government dinners, and he is convinced that someone is trying to drive her insane. She has even taken to covering the mirrors in her apartment, and believes herself to be the victim of witchcraft.

Then a society photographer is stabbed to death in a nearby park and suddenly a link emerges between the two cases. And so begins an investigation that will test the members of the Peculiar Crimes Unit to their limits, setting Arthur Bryant off on a trail that leads to Bedlam and Bletchley Park, and into the world of madness, codes and the secret of London's strangest relic.

As the members of the Peculiar Crimes Unit dig behind the city's facades to expose a world of private clubs, hidden passages and covert loyalties, they realise that the case might not just end in disaster - it might also get everyone killed.

Christopher Fowler is the acclaimed author of nine Bryant & May mysteries and Paperboy, his memoir about growing up in London in the '60s. His horror novel, Hell Train, has also just been published. He lives in King's Cross, London.

JAMES DOUGLAS
The Isis Covenant.



Publication date: 02/08/2012
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Publicist: Kate Green

The new action packed historical adventure from the author of The Doomsday Testament.

AD 64 - Roman centurion Marcus Domitus leads an expedition to find the mythical treasure hidden deep inside Queen Dido's temple.

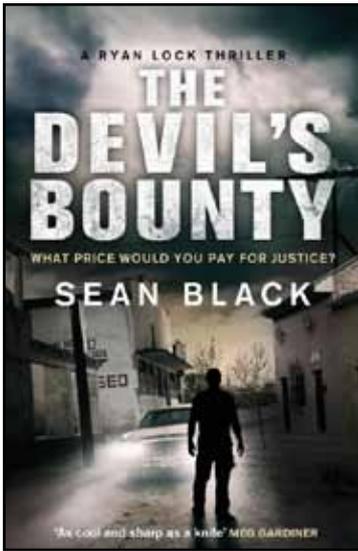
AD 1945 - In the confusion and chaos of a burning Berlin, two high-powered Nazis disappear, and so does a precious object.

AD 2009 - Two families are brutally tortured and murdered in Boston and London, the crimes linked by a single name and a shared history.

Art recovery specialist Jamie Saintclair receives a call from a Boston detective, asking for his help to investigate a brutal murder. He believes Sinclair might hold the key to solving the crime through his detailed knowledge of specialist Nazi units. But as they delve deeper into the sinister world of the occult, they uncover a dark secret that men have lusted over for more than two millennia. Long ago, in the ancient temple of Isis, something was stolen, and the repercussions have resonated through the centuries. Sinclair must discover the truth before the curse claims more victims, and finally catches up with him.

James Douglas is the pseudonym of a writer of popular historical adventure novels. This is the second novel to feature art recovery expert, Jamie Saintclair.

SEAN BLACK The Devil's Bounty



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Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

What price would you pay for justice?

A blood-soaked woman stumbles into Ryan Lock's hotel, desperately seeking his help. Almost incoherent from loss of blood she stammers 'You're my last chance. If you don't catch him and bring him back then they're going to kill me.'

Her name is Melissa Warner. She had been the victim of a vicious rape. Her attacker, Charlie Mendez, was convicted of her attack and the drugging and raping of a dozen more women, when he fled justice and disappeared into the bad lands of Mexico. Now harboured by the murderous Mexican drug cartel, he is beyond the reach of the law.

To bring him to justice, Lock will have to enter the no-man's land of the Mexican borders, where police corruption is rife, life is cheap and death comes quickly. His investigations lead him into a vicious criminal underworld and the tragic story of hundreds of missing local girls. And when Julia, an American on holiday in Santa Maria, is snatched, Lock's mission becomes even more urgent. Now he is fighting not just for justice but to save a young woman from a terrifying and violent end.

Sean Black grew up in Scotland, studied film in New York, and written the screenplays for many of Britain's best-known TV dramas. To research the first three Ryan Lock thrillers, he underwent weeks of intensive bodyguard training and spent time inside America's most dangerous maximum security prison, Pelican Bay Supermax in California.

AFSANEH KNIGHT May The Road Rise Up To Meet You



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Publicist: Polly Osborn

An original and powerful novel of ageing members of Generation X who have failed to live up to their dreams.

Do you ever wonder where your life is going?

Do you worry that one night you might go to bed and wake up the next day and suddenly be old? You are not alone.

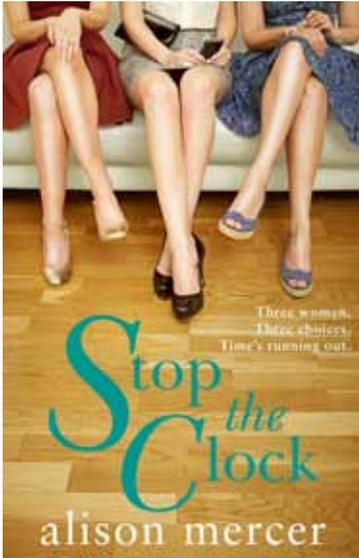
Story (that's his name) can feel a middle-youth - or is that middle-age? - crisis coming on. He's got a great job and a great flat, money for beer, sashimi and a brand new car, and loves to cook for his mates: Mac, an obsessed biscuit marketeer; JP, an under-promoted lawyer; and Vinnie, who has finally proposed to his girlfriend after nineteen years. But alongside the drinks and the kicks, Story is beginning to ask: what has any of them actually done? What have they got to be proud of? And how come time is passing like sand in a sieve?

Is it possible to turn life around? Life is just life, right? And change is a gasping and slippery fish.

Afsaneh Knight's portrait of ageing Generation X-ers is funny, compassionate and unsparing. We're under her microscope, and while you might squirm, she'll have you laughing, crying, and caught.

Afsaneh Knight lives in London with her Australian husband and their two children.

ALISON MERCER
Stop The Clock



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A sharp, amusing and brilliantly observed novel about women's lives and friendships, this is a fantastic debut from a talent who's one to watch.

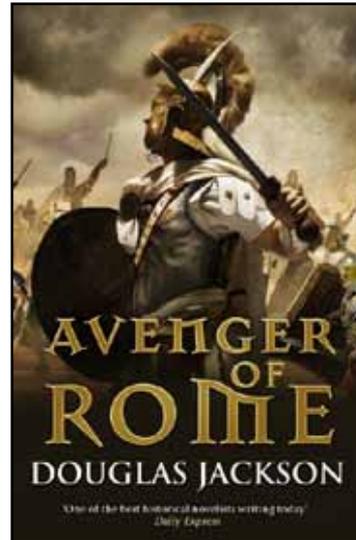
Three friends, beginning the risky business of being grown-up...

Lucy knows exactly what she wants: her marriage to be a success, her children to be perfect, and to be the ultimate home-maker. Tina knows what she wants too: her journalism career to take off and to see her name as a byline in a national newspaper... and the illicit affair she's started leaves her free enough to follow her dreams. Natalie just wants to be happy - happy with the boyfriend she's dated since college, happy with the job she's drifted into, happy with a life she thinks is enough - but is it really?

Ten years later, all three women have the lives they thought they wanted. But somehow, reality isn't quite as neat and clean-cut as their dreams...

Alison Mercer was born in Reading and studied English at University College, Oxford. She lives in Oxfordshire with her husband and two children.

DOUGLAS JACKSON
Avenger of Rome



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Publicist: Kate Green

'A master of his discipline rightly hailed as one of the best historical novelists writing today' Daily Express

Rome, summer 66AD and Nero's agents mercilessly hunt down the last survivors of the Piso Conspiracy. Yet, despite purging this viper's nest with fire and iron, the increasingly unstable young Emperor feels his grip on power weakening.

In Judaea, rebels have bested his army and taken an eagle, in Germania, the Rheneus legions agitate for better conditions. In Hispana, his governor plots. But the most dangerous threat is in the east where Rome's greatest general, Gnaeus Domitius Corbulo, presides over an Empire within an Empire. Is Corbulo preparing to march against Rome and take the purple?

Gaius Valerius Verrens, Hero of Rome, is ordered to Antioch with the power of life and death over the soldier he worships. There he finds every man's hand against him and Corbulo's eyes not on Rome, but on a new threat from the Parthian King of Kings, Vologases. Outnumbered, Corbulo marches with Valerius at his side into the barren wastes beyond the Tigris, to meet Vologases in a mighty confrontation that will decide the future of the Empire.

In Avenger of Rome, Valerius will face his greatest enemy and his greatest challenge, but neither will be what he believes.

Douglas Jackson is rapidly developing a reputation as one of the best historical novelists writing today. He turned a lifelong fascination for Rome and the Romans into his first two novels, Caligula and Claudius. Avenger of Rome is the third title in his series featuring Gaius Valerius Verrens; the first two, Hero of Rome and Defender of Rome, are available in Bantam Press hardcover and Corgi paperback.

JAMES HOLLAND

Untitled (Jack Tanner 5)



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Publicist: Madeline Toy

July 1943. With North Africa secured, the Allies launch an invasion of Sicily, and the 2nd Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Rangers are in the van of the assault on the Italian Beaches.

Now B Company Commander, Tanner's promotion has brought him fresh trouble. Not only has his Company been given the hardest stretch of the beach to attack, there is a new Battalion Commander who has decided to make his life as difficult as possible.

In the bitter fighting that follows, Tanner witnesses a new kind of fighting in which the rule books are seemingly thrown away and in which the biggest enemy appears to be on his own side rather than the Axis troops barring their way.

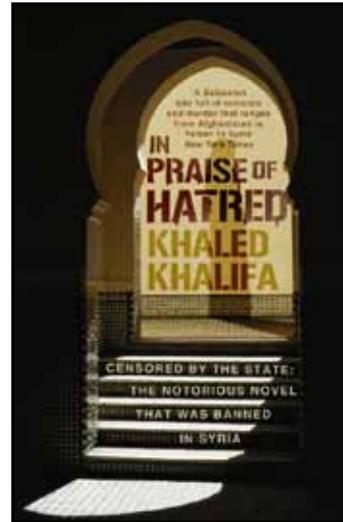
As Tanner battles his way across the sun-scorched islands, he is confronted by the new realities of war in which the Sicilian mafia are supposedly fighting on the side of the Allies but making the lives of ordinary Italians a misery.

Forced to question the cause for which he has fought so long, Tanner and his trusted sidekick, Sykes, find themselves embroiled in a fight that has become personal - and a fight in which they have to use all their resolve, skill and experience if they are to have any chance of survival...

James Holland was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire, and studied history at Durham University. A member of the British Commission for Military History and the Guild of Battlefield Guides, he also regularly contributes reviews and articles in national newspapers and magazines and appears on national radio. His many books include *Fortress Malta*, *Italy's Sorrow*, *The Battle of Britain* and his fictional WW2 series featuring Sergeant Jack Tanner. His interviews with veterans of the Second World War are available at the Imperial War Museum and are also archived on www.secondworldwarforum.com. He lives near Salisbury with his wife, son and daughter.

KHALED KHALIFA

In Praise of Hatred



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Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

A dramatic, moving and controversial story told against the violent upheaval of 1980s Syria.

Set against the eighties backdrop of the violent confrontation between the Baath regime and the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood, *In Praise of Hatred* focuses on one prominent Aleppo family, and in particular the young girl who narrates the story.

As the family's fortunes wane, the girl moves in to the home of her maternal grandfather - a beautiful house with three generations of secrets and high walls that are increasingly less able to protect from the social and political changes that are taking place outside.

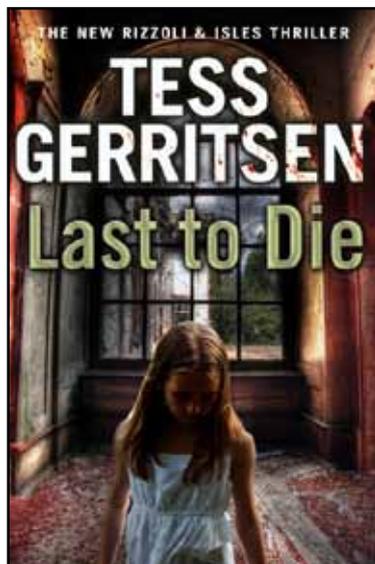
This is a story of crushed dreams, social upheaval and personal tragedy all caused by the violence in the background that slowly creeps into the family's life.

Khaled Khalifa was born in 1964, in a village close to Aleppo, Syria. He is the fifth child of a family of thirteen siblings.

He has a Bachelor degree in Law and actively participated in the foundation of *Aleph* magazine with a group of writers and poets. A few months later, the magazine was closed down by Syrian censorship.

He currently lives in Damascus where he writes scripts for cinema and television.

TESS GERRITSEN
Last to Die



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Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

Death seems determined to claim three unlucky children. Years ago, Will Kennedy, Teddy Clock, and Claire Ward barely survived family massacres that left them orphaned and alone. Now these 14-year-olds are living with foster families – and the same nightmare that took their birth parents years before is about to be repeated. Their foster families are slaughtered and once again, Will, Teddy and Claire are the only survivors.

These three children have never met each other. They live in different cities. But the eerie coincidences that fractured their lives will also bring them together as students at Evensong, an exclusive boarding school in the remote Maine wilderness. Financed by a mysterious partnership headed by Anthony Sansone, Evensong is a school for orphaned children who've been emotionally traumatized by violent crime. At Evensong, they are taught the science and skills they'll need to cope with a threatening world. Victims are being transformed into warriors.

Maura Isles is startled when she learns that the students of Evensong are all survivors of violence. She's arrived at the school for a weeklong visit with Julian "Rat" Perkins, the 16-year-old boy with whom she bonded during their ordeal in Wyoming. Disturbed that the Evensong founders are using the school for their own agenda, she wants Julian to leave. But for some of these children, Evensong may be the only safe place.

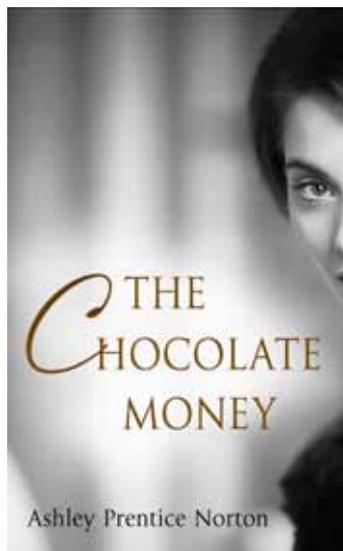
It's also the place where Jane Rizzoli decides to hide Teddy Clock. In Boston, she has been investigating the home invasion and murder of Teddy's foster family, a seemingly motiveless slaughter that only Teddy survived. When there's yet another attempt to kill Teddy, Boston PD decides the boy needs to be moved out of town, to a safe location. Jane escorts him to Evensong.

Maura and Jane soon discover that even a school protected by locked gates and acres of forest cannot shut out a gathering threat. Someone is leaving bizarre messages in the woods: three twig dolls hanging from a tree. A crucified deer. As Jane and Maura struggle to interpret the clues, the resourceful students of Evensong are also investigating. But only one among them holds the key to the mystery: Claire Ward, the girl who lived.

Bestselling author Tess Gerritsen is also a physician, and she brings to her novels her first-hand knowledge of emergency and autopsy rooms. But her interests span far more than medical topics. As an anthropology student at Stanford University, she catalogued centuries-old human remains, and she continues to travel the world driven by her fascination with ancient cultures and bizarre natural phenomena. She lives with her husband in Maine.

For more information on Tess Gerritsen and her novels, visit her website: www.tessgerritsen.co.uk

ASHLEY PRENTICE NORTON
The Chocolate Money



Publication date: 13/09/2012
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An innocent little girl.

A phenomenal fortune.

A mother like no other.

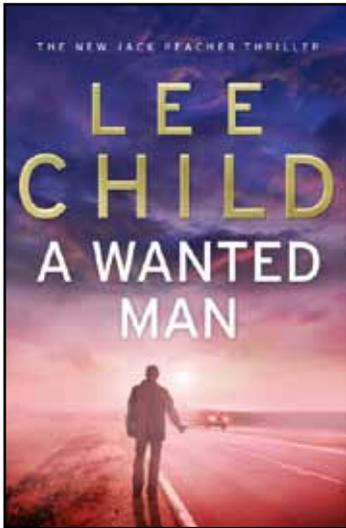
Ten-year old Bettina is heiress to one of America's biggest fortunes. But Bettina's whole life is overshadowed by that of her beautiful, hedonistic mother, the glamorous but domineering Babs.

At fifteen, Bettina escapes to New England and boarding school. But soon she's making choices that show that Babs' maternal shadow still looms long over her. Can Bettina break free to forge her own identity - or is she simply doomed to being her mother's daughter forever?

Dark, funny and utterly shocking, this is an outrageous coming-of-age debut that really does deserve to be called unputdownable.

ASHLEY PRENTICE NORTON grew up in Chicago and is the great-great-granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil. The Chocolate Money is her first novel.

LEE CHILD
A Wanted Man



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Publicist: Patsy Irwin

The new Reacher thriller for 2012, which takes place shortly after the end of Worth Dying For.

Nebraska - and Jack Reacher, huge, hulking and with a freshly busted nose, is still trying to hitch a ride east to Virginia. He's picked up by three strangers - two men and a woman.

Immediately he knows they're all lying about something - and then they run into a police roadblock on the highway. But they get through. Because the three are innocent? Or because the three are now four?

Is Reacher a decoy?

Lee Child is one of the world's leading thriller writers. His novels consistently achieve the number one slot in hardback and paperback on bestsellers lists on both sides of the Atlantic, and are translated into over forty languages. His debut novel, Killing Floor, was written after he was made redundant from his television job in Manchester, and introduced his much-admired maverick hero, the former military cop Jack Reacher. He won the prestigious Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2011 prize with 61 Hours. Born in Coventry, he now lives in America.

Visit www.jackreacher.co.uk

LIZA MARKLUND
Last Will



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Publicist: Elizabeth Swain

Knowing the truth can be deadly.

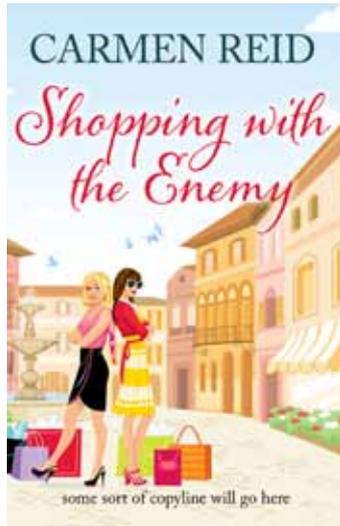
A frosty December night in Stockholm. Inside the City Hall, over a thousand guests attend the prestigious Nobel Prizewinners' dinner. With a lavish meal laid on to the backdrop of a full orchestra, this is one of the city's most glamorous events of the year. But things are different tonight. Two shots are fired on the dance floor.

Crime reporter Annika Bengtzon is there, covering the event for the Evening Post. As the police realize she caught a glimpse of the suspect, she is far more interested in getting back to the newsroom.

But as more brutal murders follow, Annika finds herself in the middle of something far larger than she had anticipated. No longer just a reporter but also a vulnerable key witness, she begins to close up the gaps linking these crimes, just as the suspect starts closing the net on Annika herself...

Liza Marklund is an author, publisher, journalist, columnist, and goodwill ambassador for UNICEF. Her crime novels featuring the relentless reporter Annika Bengtzon instantly became an international hit, and Marklund's books have sold 13 million copies in 30 languages to date. Find out more about Liza and her books at www.lizamarklund.com and become a Facebook fan at facebook.com/LizaMarklund

CARMEN REID
Shopping With The Enemy



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The opponents: mothers vs. daughters

The battle scene: a boutique changing room

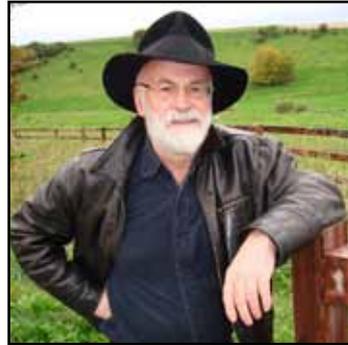
Fashion-guru Annie's well-dressed world is falling apart – first she has lost her legendary sense of style, and now her daughter Lana seems to have become her worst enemy. Even her multi-millionaire friend, Svetlana, is having daughter trouble – she's at war with Elena over their business in New York.

A trip to a luxurious Italian spa seems like the perfect way to forget her problems. But celery juice and Pilates can't solve the disasters that are about to strike . . .

Will Annie rescue her passion for fashion? And can mothers and daughters ever *truly* be friends?

Carmen Reid has worked as a newspaper journalist and columnist, but now writes fiction full-time. Carmen also writes a series for teen readers, *Secrets at St Judes*. She lives in Glasgow, Scotland with her husband and two children.

TERRY PRATCHETT
A Blink of the Screen: Collected Short Fiction



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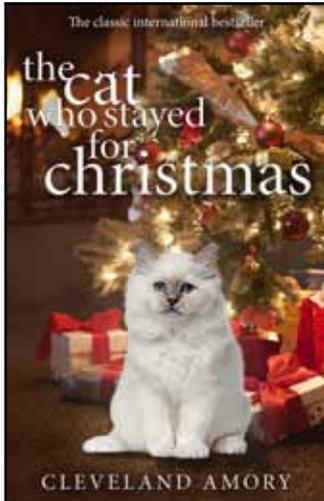
A collection of shorter fiction from Terry Pratchett, spanning the whole of his writing career from schooldays to Discworld and the present day.

In the four decades since his first book appeared in print, Terry Pratchett has become one of the world's best-selling and best-loved authors. Here for the first time are his short stories and other short-form fiction collected into one volume. *A Blink of the Screen* charts the course of Pratchett's long writing career: from his schooldays through to his first writing job on the Bucks Free Press, and the origins of his debut novel, *The Carpet People*; and on again to the dizzy mastery of the phenomenally successful *Discworld* series.

Here are characters both familiar and yet to be discovered; abandoned worlds and others still expanding; adventure, chickens, death, disco and, actually, some quite disturbing ideas about Christmas, all of it shot through with Terry's inimitable brand of humour. With an introduction by Booker Prize-winning author A.S. Byatt, illustrations by the late Josh Kirby and drawings by the author himself, this is a book to treasure.

Terry Pratchett is the acclaimed creator of the global bestselling *Discworld* series, the first of which, *The Colour of Magic*, was published in 1983. In all, he is the author of fifty bestselling books. His novels have been widely adapted for stage and screen, and he is the winner of multiple prizes, including the Carnegie Medal, as well as being awarded a knighthood for services to literature. Worldwide sales of his books now stand at 70 million, and they have been translated into thirty-seven languages.

CLEVELAND AMORY
The Cat Who Stayed For Christmas



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Publicist: Kate Green

The enchanting story continues, of the special relationship between Cleveland Amory and Polar Bear, the bedraggled stray cat he rescued one snowy Christmas night...

Once upon a time, on a cold and frosty Christmas Eve night, a bedraggled white cat called Polar Bear wandered into Cleveland Amory's life and won his heart. This remarkable, much-loved cat went on to become the focus of Cleveland's classic bestseller, *The Cat Who Came for Christmas*. *The Cat Who Stayed for Christmas* continues the true story of Cleveland and Polar Bear as they embark upon exciting adventures whilst continuing to stubbornly guard their territory and engage in hilarious battles of will.

Full of unexpected delights, and written with warmth and humour, *The Cat Who Stayed for Christmas* recounts the many escapades of Polar Bear and the man he owns.

Cleveland Amory founded The Fund for Animals, which campaigned against all forms of cruelty to animals throughout the world. He was a distinguished American journalist, satirist and novelist. Cleveland died aged 81 in 1998, and was buried next to his beloved cat, Polar Bear.

LEIF G.W. PERSSON
He Who Kills the Dragon



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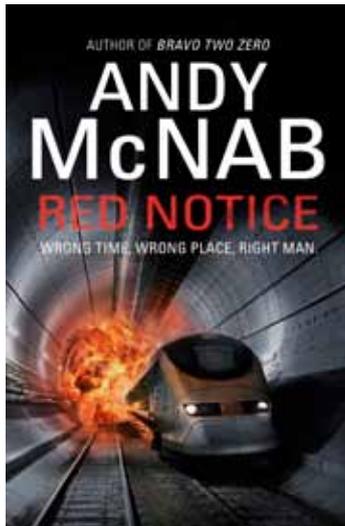
In this second installment of Persson's trilogy of police procedurals featuring the "small, fat and primitive" Evert Bäckström, the grand master's most appallingly repulsive (and funniest) character is finally given his fifteen minutes of fame by way of his patented combination of laziness, luck, and an unbelievable sense of timing.

A seemingly ordinary murder puzzles Bäckström, who is struggling with strict orders from his doctor to lead a healthier life. His gut feeling proves him right: within days, his team has another murder linked to the first on their hands, and reports of alleged ties to a Securicor heist gone out of control, killing two. The nation needs a hero, and the newly appointed head of the Västerort police force Anna Holt needs somebody to kill the dragon for her. Who better to heed to the task than Evert Bäckström: self-sufficient, ostentatious, devoid of moral, Hawaii shirt-clad, and, latterly, armed?

Leif GW Persson is the Grand Master of Scandinavian crime fiction. Over three decades, he has taken a scalpel to the political and social mores of Swedish society in his dark and complex crime novels. His work melds the social realism of a Balzac or a Dickens with the hard-boiled street smarts of James Ellroy.

Persson is Scandinavia's most renowned criminologist and a leading psychological profiler. He has also served as an advisor to the Swedish Ministry of Justice. Since 1991, he has been Professor at the National Swedish Police Board and is regularly consulted by media as the country's foremost expert on crime. He is the author of nine novels. This is the first one to be translated into English.

ANDY McNAB
Red Notice



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Publicist: Laura Sherlock

The electrifying new thriller from Number One bestseller Andy McNab

Deep beneath the English Channel, a small army of Russian terrorists has seized control of the Eurostar to Paris, taken 400 hostages at gunpoint – and declared war on a government that has more than its own fair share of secrets to keep.

One man stands in their way. An off-duty SAS soldier is hiding somewhere inside the train. Alone and injured, he's the only chance the passengers and crew have of getting out alive. Meet Andy McNab's explosive new creation, Sergeant Tom Buckingham, as he unleashes a whirlwind of intrigue and retribution in his attempt to stop the terrorists and save everyone on board – including Delphine, the beautiful woman he loves.

Hurling us at breakneck speed between the Regiment's crack assault teams, Whitehall's corridors of power and the heart of the Eurotunnel action, RED NOTICE is McNab at his devastatingly authentic, pulse pounding best.

RED NOTICE: You have been warned...

Andy McNab joined the infantry as a boy soldier. In 1984 he was 'badged' as a member of 22 SAS Regiment and was involved in both covert and overt special operations worldwide. During the Gulf War he commanded Bravo Two Zero, a patrol that, in the words of his commanding officer, 'will remain in regimental history for ever'. Awarded both the Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) and Military Medal (MM) during his military career, McNab was the British Army's most highly decorated serving soldier when he finally left the SAS in February 1993. He wrote about his experiences in three books: the phenomenal bestseller Bravo Two Zero, Immediate Action and Seven Troop.

He is the author of the bestselling Nick Stone thrillers. Besides his writing work, he lectures to security and intelligence agencies in both the USA and UK. He is a patron of the Help for Heroes campaign.

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IAN C ESSLEMONT
Blood and Bone



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Publicist: Lynsey Dalladay

In the western sky the bright emerald banner of the Visitor descends like a portent of annihilation. On the continent of Jacuruku, the Thaumaturgs have mounted yet another expedition to tame the neighboring wild jungle. Yet this is no normal wilderness. It is called Himatan, and it is said to be half of the spirit-realm and half of the earth. And it is said to be ruled by a powerful entity whom some name the Queen of Witches, and some a goddess: the ancient Ardata.

Saeng grew up knowing only the rule of the magus Thaumaturgs – but it was the voices out of that land's forgotten past that she listened to. And when her rulers mount an invasion of the neighboring jungle, those voices send her and her brother on a desperate mission.

To the south, the desert tribes are united by the arrival of a foreign warleader, a veteran commander in battered ashen mail whom his men call, the Grey Ghost. This warleader takes the tribes on a raid like none other, deep into the heart of Thaumaturg lands.

While word comes to K'azz, and mercenary company the Crimson Guard, of a contract in Jacuruku. And their employer ... none other than Ardata herself.

IAN CAMERON ESSLEMONT was born in 1962 in Winnipeg, Canada. He has a degree in Creative Writing, studied and worked as an archaeologist, travelled extensively in South East Asia, and lived in Thailand and Japan for several years. He now lives in Fairbanks, Alaska, with his wife and children and is currently working on his PhD in English Literature. His previous novels, Night of Knives, Return of the Crimson Guard, Stonewielder and Orb Sceptre Throne are all set in the fantasy world of Malaz that he co-created with his great friend Steven Erikson.

MARY JANE STAPLES
Love for a Soldier



C O R G I

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Publicist: Kate Green

Should she stay loyal to her country, or the man she loves?

France, 1918.

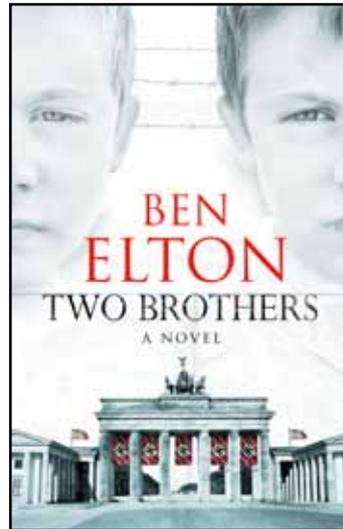
Sophia, the rebellious daughter of a distinguished German general, is on her way to the town of Douai to elope with the man of her dreams – a young army officer – against her parents' wishes. On her way, she witnesses a dramatic battle in the skies that leaves an English pilot without a plane and under the misapprehension that Sophia is on his side.

She has no choice but to agree to assist him in his attempt to avoid capture, and he joins her in the family car she has stolen, trailed by both the German Army and a staff officer under strict instructions from Sophia's father to bring her home.

With their pursuers hot on their heels, how will Sophia explain her behaviour, protecting a man she is supposed to hate? And after sharing so many adventures, will she be able to turn the flying officer in when the time comes?

Mary Jane Staples was born and brought up in the Walworth area of South London. She is the author of over thirty bestselling novels, many of which feature the well-loved Adams family.

BEN ELTON
Two Brothers



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Publicist: Alison Barrow

A deeply poignant novel set in Berlin between 1920 and 1945.

Berlin 1920

Two babies are born.

Two brothers. United and indivisible, sharing everything. Twins in all but blood.

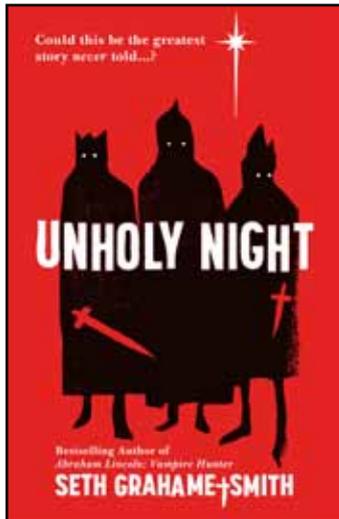
As Germany marches into its Nazi Armageddon, the ties of family, friendship and love are tested to the very limits of endurance. And the brothers are faced with an unimaginable choice... Which one of them will survive?

Ben Elton's most personal novel to date, *Two Brothers* transports the reader to the time of history's darkest hour.

Ben Elton is one of our most provocative and entertaining writers, author of thirteen internationally bestselling novels. His multi-award-winning TV credits include *The Young Ones*, *Blackadder* and *Mr Bean*. His stage hits include the Olivier Award winner *Popcorn* and the global phenomenon *We Will Rock You*.

Ben, his wife Sophie, and their three children divide their time between their homes in Australia and the UK.

SETH GRAHAME-SMITH Unholy Night



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Publicist: Madeline Toy

Bestselling author of historical horror *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, Seth Grahame-Smith rewrites history to retell the truly remarkable story of the Nativity's Three Wise Men...

It's one of the most iconic vignettes in history: three men on camels, arriving at a manger, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. An impossibly bright star is suspended in the vast desert sky above. It's a moment of serenity and grace. A holy night...

But what do we really know about the Three Kings of the Nativity? The Bible says little about this enigmatic trio. Not even their names are mentioned. The historical record is vague at best. How do we know that they were three kings from the East? What if they were petty, murderous thieves - led by a mercurial individual called Balthazar - on the run, escaping through Judea under cover of night who stumble upon the famous manger, its newborn child and his earthly parents? Here, the brilliant and slightly warped mind behind *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* takes a little mystery, plays fast and loose with a bit of history to weave an epic tale. It's an adventure that will see these thieves fight the last magical creatures of the Old Testament, cross paths with historical figures such as Pontius Pilate and John the Baptist, and deliver the family - as the Bible tells us - to the safety of Egypt. Indeed, this may just be the greatest story never told...

Seth Grahame-Smith is an American film and television writer and producer, and a bestselling novelist. His first novel *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* has now sold over 1 million copies worldwide and his second, *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, was also a bestseller. As well as writing the screenplay for the film of *Abraham Lincoln* which opens this summer, he has also written the script for Tim Burton's new film, *Dark Shadows*. Seth Grahame-Smith lives in Los Angeles.