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### Reviews

The **Hardest Path** Matt Jardine 2016-12-22 On the Japanese island of Shikoku, amidst mountains, coasts, and bamboo forests, lies one of the worlds most sacred trailsthe eighty-eight-temple pilgrimage. Inspired by Paulo Coelho (author of the Alchemist) and driven by dissatisfaction with the day-to-day grind, Matt Jardine embarks on a journey in search of answers to lifes great questions, mysteries that confound us all. Heartfelt, accessible, humorous, and profound, what he discovers is that the hardest path is rarely the one we walk outside, but the one we walk within.

Chameleon in a Candy Store Anonymous 2017-03-14 Anonymous is back with the intoxicating, darkly dangerous, and wildly addictive sequel to his New York Times bestselling debut novel Diary of an Oxygen Thief. Picking up the story where it left off, the controversial protagonist of cult classic Diary of an Oxygen Thief retells his advertising skills to seduce women online. It’s a pursuit that quickly becomes a dangerous fixation, often requiring even more creativity and deception than his award-winning ad campaigns. Dazzling, daunting, and darkly hilarious, this spellbinding sequel is a spectacular indictment of a modern love twisted beyond recognition. This title was previously published as Chameleon on a Kaleidoscope.

**Sixteen Horses** Greg Buchanan 2021-07-20 “Dark, visceral and disturbing, this highly suspenseful and beautifully written thriller is totally gripping from start to finish. A hugely impressive debut.” —Alex Michaelides, author of The Silent Patient and The Maidens A literary thriller from stunning new talent Greg Buchanan, Sixteen Horses is a story of enduring guilt, trauma, and punishment, set in a small seaside community the rest of the world has left behind. In Ilmarsh, England, local police detective Alec Nichols discovers sixteen horses’ heads on a farm, each buried with a single eye facing the low winter sun. After Veterinary Forensics expert Cooper Allen travels to the scene, a pathogen is discovered lurking within the soil, and many of those who have come into contact with the corpses grow critically ill. A series of crimes comes to light—disappearances, arson, and mutilations—and in the dark days that follow, the town slips into panic and paranoia. Everything is not as it seems. Anyone could be a suspect. And as Cooper finds herself unable to leave town, Alec is stalked by an unseen threat. The two investigators race to uncover the truth behind these frightened and insidious mysteries—no matter the cost.

The Calling of a Cuckoo David Jenkins 2003-03-01 Now in retirement, Jenkins attempts to explain the man behind the controversy.

The Buddhist Millionaire MATT. JARDINE 2020-04-02 A book that confronts the conundrum of our times... "For your own sake, answer honestly. If you had a million pounds would you be living your current life? Would you be doing the work you currently do? If the answer is yes, and you are happy with that, then congratulations. If the answer is no and you are not happy, don't worry, you are not alone and this book is for you..." All of us instinctively know that there is more to life than money. But how can we put these thoughts into practice when faced with the daily pressures of bills and deadlines? In The Buddhist Millionaire, Matt Jardine explores the question of how to find purpose and fulfilment in a money-centric world. Skillfully blending Buddhist wisdom, spiritual lessons and down to earth advice, he presents nine practical lessons to help us change our relationship with money - to live our passion and make it pay.

With a light touch he forces us to question the very foundations of our lives and what really matters. Daitya Diaries Aditya K V 2019-02-11 A man arrives at the temple town of Srisaillam. He carries with him a warning to the gods. A cosmic war between the Devas and the Daityas has spilled over into the mortal world. A few years ago in the same temple town, a tour guide named Mallikarjuna finds himself being unjustly punished and sent to Naraka. At the same time, a mysterious figure challenging the Devas has been gathering resources from the annals of time to bring forth a monster that will fulfil his promise for revenge. Daitya Diaries is an exciting blend of Hindu mythology and world history. It’s an adventure that takes you on a fantastical journey, through time and space. On one hand it’s a story of an innocent man, punished through no fault of his own. And on the other, it is a story of a Guru, seeking vengeance after the slaughter of his students before his very eyes. It is the story of a battle against the prime forces of power, of greed and lust that rule our world today.

**The Necessary Angel** C. K. Stead 2018-02-01 Max Jackson, a New Zealander living and lecturing in Paris, has a complicated arrangement with his estranged French wife, Louise. In love with his younger Sorbonne colleague Sylvie, he finds himself entangled with Helen, a troubled young English student. When a Cezanne painting goes missing from Louise’s apartment, the boundaries he has struggled to maintain threaten to collapse. Infused with literary musings and the spirit of Paris, The Necessary Angel is as much an ode to the power of literature as a nuanced exploration of love, fidelity and the balance of power within relationships.

**Troubled Blood** Robert Galbraith 2020-09-15 In the epic fifth installment in this “compulsively readable” (People) series, Galbraith’s “irresistible hero and heroine” (USA Today) take on the decades-old cold case of a missing doctor, one which may be their grisliest yet. Private Detective Cormoran Strike is visiting his family in Cornwall when he is approached by a woman asking for help finding her mother, Margot Bamboorough—who went missing in mysterious circumstances in 1974. Strike has never tackled a cold case before, let alone one forty years old. But despite the slim chance of success, he is intrigued and takes it on; adding to the long list of cases that he and his partner in the agency, Robin Ellacott, are currently working on. And Robin herself is also juggling a messy divorce and unwanted male attention, as well as battling her own feelings about Strike. As Strike and Robin investigate Margot’s disappearance, they come up against a fiendishly complex case with leads that include tarot cards, a psychopathic serial killer and witnesses who cannot all be trusted. And they learn that even cases decades old can prove to be deadly . . .

**Wonderment** In Death J. D. Robb 2016-03-24 New York, 2061. Darlene Fitzwilliams - a young heiress - kills her brother then jumps from a tall building. All the evidence suggests a tragic but familiar murder/suicide case for Lieutenant Eva Dallas. But when Eve discovers that Darlene has been visiting psychics and spiritual healers, things take a dark and unsettling turn. Someone has been meddling with Darlene Fitzwilliams’ subconscious - someone with a gift for hypnosis and a disturbing obsession with Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland. With husband Roarke and partner Peabody at her side, Eve finds herself falling down the rabbit hole into one of the strangest investigations of her career. One that threatens not just her body, but her mind...

**The Cuckoo’s Calling** Robert Galbraith 2014-04-29 A brilliant debut mystery in a classic vein: Detective Cormoran Strike investigates a supermodel’s suicide. After losing his leg to a land mine in Afghanistan, Cormoran Strike is barely scraping by as a private investigator. Strike is down to one client, and creditors are calling. He has also just broken up with his longtime girlfriend and is living in his office. Then John Bristow walks through his door with an amazing story: His sister, the legendary supermodel Lula Landry, known to her friends as the Cuckoo, famously fell to her death a few months earlier. The police ruled it a suicide, but John refuses to believe that. The case plunges Strike into the world of multimillionaire beauties, rock-star boyfriends, and desperate designers, and it introduces him to every variety of pleasure, enticement, seduction, and delusion known to man. You may think you know detectives, but you’ve never met one quite like Strike. You may think you know about the wealthy and famous, but you’ve never seen them under an investigation like this. Introducing Cormoran Strike, this is the acclaimed first crime novel by J.K. Rowling, writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. **The Ink Black Heart** Robert Galbraith 2022-08-30 The latest installment in the highly acclaimed, internationally bestselling Strike series finds Cormoran and Robin ensnared in another winding, wicked case. When frantic, disheveled Edie Ledwell appears in the office begging to speak to her, private detective Robin Ellacott doesn’t know quite what to make of the situation. The cocreator of a popular cartoon, The Ink Black Heart, Edie is being persecuted by a mysterious online figure who goes by the pseudonym of Anomie. Edie is desperate to uncover Anomie’s true identity. Robin decides that the agency can’t help with this—and thinks nothing more of it until a few days later, when she reads the shocking news that Edie has been tasered and then murdered in Highgate Cemetery, the location of The Ink Black Heart. Robin and her business partner, Cormoran Strike, become drawn into the quest to uncover Anomie’s true identity. But with a complex web of online aliases, business interests and family conflicts to navigate, Strike and Robin find themselves embroiled in a case that stretches their powers of deduction to the limits - and which threatens them in new and horrifying ways . . . A gripping, fiendishly clever mystery, The Ink Black Heart is a true tour-de-force. \*Some of the more complex layouts in the book are rendered as images in the ebook version so that you can enlarge on your preferred reading device\*

**The Detective’s Daughter** Lesley Thomson 2013-05-01 THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER. Detective Darnell died before he closed the case. Can his daughter solve it thirty years later? It was the murder that shocked the nation. Kate Rokesmith, a young mother, went to the river with her three-year-old son. She never came home. For three decades the case file has lain, unsolved, in the corner of an attic. Until the detective’s daughter Stella, a cleaner who loves restoring order, starts to clear out her father’s house after his death... THE DETECTIVE’S DAUGHTER SERIES: The Detective’s Daughter. Ghost Girl. The Detective’s Secret. The House With No Rooms. The Dog Walker.

**Career of Evil** Robert Galbraith 2015-10-20 ‘Deliciously clever’ GUARDIAN ----- Now a major BBC drama: The Strike series When a mysterious package is delivered to Robin Ellacott, she is horrified to discover that it contains a woman’s severed leg. Her boss, private detective Cormoran Strike, is less surprised but no less alarmed. There are four people from his past who he thinks could be responsible - and Strike knows that any one of them is capable of sustained and unspeakable brutality. With the police focusing on the one suspect Strike is increasingly sure is not the perpetrator, he and Robin take matters into their own hands, and delve into the dark and twisted worlds of the other three men. But as more horrendous acts occur, time is running out for the two of them... A fiendishly clever mystery with unexpected twists around every corner, Career of Evil is also a gripping story of a man and a woman at a crossroads in their personal and professional lives. You will not be able to put this book down. \*\*\* The latest book in the thrilling Strike series, TROUBLED BLOOD, is out now! \*\*\* ----- PRAISE FOR THE STRIKE SERIES: ‘One of the most unique and compelling detectives I’ve come across in years’ MARK BILLINGHAM ‘The work of a master storyteller’ DAILY TELEGRAPH ‘Unputdownable. . . Irresistible’ SUNDAY TIMES ‘Will keep you up all night’ OBSERVER ‘A thoroughly enjoyable classic’ PETER JAMES, SUNDAY EXPRESS Sleep No More P. D. James 2017-11-14 No one gets inside the head of the murderer—or makes it a more thrilling read—than the late, great P. D. James. Fast on the heels of her latest best seller: a new, fiendishly entertaining gathering of previously uncollected stories, from the author of Death Comes to Pemberley and The Private Patient. It’s not always a question of “whodunit?” Sometimes there’s more mystery in the why or how. And although we usually know the unhealthy fates of both victim and perpetrator, what of those clever few who plan and carry out the perfect crime? The ones who aren’t brought down even though they’re found out? And what about those who do the finding out who witness a murder or who identify the murderer but keep the information to themselves? These are some of the mysteries that we follow through those six stories as we are drawn into the thinking, the memories, the emotional machinations, the rationalizations, the dreams and desires behind murderous cause and effect.

**The Sea Detective** Mark Douglas-Home 2015-11-05 The first mystery in a truly unique crime series. ‘There comes a time when a novel raises the bar for a particular genre, and The Sea Detective does just that for Scottish crime fiction’ (Scotsman) Cal McGill is an Edinburgh-based oceanographer, environmentalist and one-of-a-kind investigator. Using his knowledge of the waves - ocean currents, prevailing winds, shipping records - McGill can track where objects have come from, or where they’ve gone. It’s a unique skill that can help solve all sorts of mysteries. Such as when two severed feet wash up miles apart on two different islands off the coast of Scotland. Most strangely, forensic tests reveal that the feet belong to the same body. As Cal McGill investigates, he unravels a web of corruption, exploitation and violence, which threatens many lives across the globe - very soon including his own... Praise for The Sea Detective: ‘Raises the bar for Scottish crime fiction... elegantly written and compelling’ The Scotsman ‘Excellent’ The Literary Review - top five crime books of the year ‘Promises to be a fine series of detective novels’ Sunday Times Crime Book of the Month ‘An unusual, interesting and enthralling read’ Shotsmag ‘A compelling protagonist’ The Times Literary Supplement

**Look Alive Twenty-Five** Janet Evanovich 2018-11-13 Stephanie Plum faces the toughest puzzle of her career in the twenty-fifth entry in Janet Evanovich’s #1 New York Times bestselling series. There’s nothing like a good deli, and the Red River Deli in Trenton is one of the best. World-famous for its pastрами, cole slaw, and for its disappearing managers. Over the last month, three have vanished from the face of the earth, and the only clue in each case is one shoe that’s been left behind. The police are baffled. Lula is convinced that it’s a case of alien abduction. Whatever it is, they’d better figure out what’s going on before they lose their new manager, Ms. Stephanie Plum.

**Storm Forged** Lindsay Buroker 2020-08-13 Moving into a rundown Victorian house with a vampire living in the basement isn’t as bad as I thought, but things go from weird to weirder when a badly injured gnome collapses in my back yard. The surprising part? It’s my friend Nin’s long-lost grandfather. Since he’s unconscious, we can’t figure out who’s chasing him, or where he’s been all these years, but if we can’t help him, he’ll die. To make matters worse, there’s a new dragon in town. A female dragon. Everyone knows females are more dangerous than the males, and this one takes an instant dislike to me. It seems that she wants to date my mate, Zav, and has his mother’s approval. If I can’t avoid her wrath and find a way to cure the gnome, Nin’s going to lose her grandfather, and I’m going to end up deader than the vampire in the basement.

**Lethal White** Robert Galbraith 2018-09-18 ‘Hugely absorbing... the best Strike novel yet’ SUNDAY MIRROR ‘Highly inventive storytelling’ GUARDIAN ‘Outrageously entertaining’ FINANCIAL TIMES ‘Come for the twists and turns and stay for the beautifully drawn central relationship’ INDEPENDENT ‘Blistering piece of crime writing’ SUNDAY TIMES ‘Fans will love it’ HEAT ----- \*\*\* The latest book in the thrilling Strike series, TROUBLED BLOOD, is out now! \*\*\* When Billy, a troubled young man, comes to private eye Cormoran Strike’s office to ask for his help investigating a crime he thinks he witnessed as a child, Strike is left deeply unsettled. While Billy is obviously mentally distressed, and cannot remember many concrete details, there is something sincere about him and his story. But before Strike can question him further, Billy bolts from his office in a panic. Trying to get to the bottom of Billy’s story, Strike and Robin Ellacott - once his assistant, now a partner in the agency - set off on a twisting trail that leads them through the backstreets of London, into a secretive inner sanctum within Parliament, and to a beautiful but sinister manor house deep in the countryside. And during this labyrinthine investigation, Strike’s own life is far from straightforward: his newfound fame as a private eye means he can no longer operate behind the scenes as he once did. Plus, his relationship with his former assistant is more fraught than it ever has been - Robin is now invaluable to Strike in the business, but their personal relationship is much, much more tricky than that . . . Epic and enthralling, Lethal White is the gripping fourth instalment in the ongoing story of Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott. ----- PRAISE FOR THE STRIKE SERIES: ‘One of the most unique and compelling detectives I’ve come across in years’ MARK BILLINGHAM ‘The work of a master storyteller’ DAILY TELEGRAPH ‘Unputdownable. . . Irresistible’ SUNDAY TIMES ‘Will keep you up all night’ OBSERVER ‘A thoroughly enjoyable classic’ PETER JAMES, SUNDAY EXPRESS Six Wicked Reasons Jo Spain 2020-01-16 AN INTENSE, CLEVER, GRIPPING THRILLER FROM THE INTERNATIONALLY BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE PERFECT LIE ‘Clever twists and cracking dialogue make it hard to put down’ The Times \*\*\*\*\* It’s June 2008 and twenty-one-year-old Adam Lattimer vanishes, presumed dead. The strain of his disappearance breaks his already fragile family. Ten years later, with his mother deceased and siblings scattered across the globe, Adam turns up unannounced at the family home. His siblings return reluctantly to Spanish Cove, but Adam’s reappearance poses more questions than answers. The past is a tangled web of deceit. And, as tension builds, it’s apparent somebody has planned murderous revenge for the events ten years ago. \*\*\*\*\* For even more Jo Spain, check out her most exciting and thrilling work yet, The Perfect Lie. Discover DI Tom Reynolds in the first instalment of Jo Spain’s acclaimed detective series, With Our Blessing.

**Girl Gone Missing** Marcie R. Rendon 2021-10-05 Nineteen-year-old Cash Blackbear helps law enforcement solve the mysterious disappearance of a local girl from Minnesota’s Red River Valley. 1970s, Fargo-Moorhead: it’s the tail end of the age of peace and love, but Cash Blackbear isn’t feeling it. Bored by her freshman classes at Moorhead State College, Cash just wants to play pool, learn judo, chain-smoke, and be left alone. But when one of Cash’s classmates vanishes without a trace, Cash, whose dreams have revealed dangerous realities in the past, can’t stop envisioning terrified girls begging for help. Things become even more intense when an unexpected houseguest starts crashing in her living room: a brother she didn’t even know was alive, from whom she was separated when they were taken from the Ojibwe White Earth Reservation as children and forced into foster care. When Sheriff Wheaton, her guardian and friend, asks for Cash’s help with the case of the missing girl, she must override her apprehension about leaving her hometown—and her rule to never get in somebody else’s car—in order to discover the truth about the girl’s whereabouts. Can she get to her before it’s too late?

**Guess Who** Chris McGeorge 2018-05-03 ONE ROOM, FIVE SUSPECTS, THREE HOURS TO FIND A KILLER. ‘An impressive debut’ James Oswald \*\*\*\*\* GUESS WHO A waitress. A cleaner. An actress. A lawyer. A student. Everyone is a suspect. WHERE In a locked room - with no escape, and no idea how they got there. WHAT In the bathtub, the body of a man they all knew. Someone murdered him. Someone in this room. WHY They have three hours to find out. Or they all die. THE RULES ARE SIMPLE. THE GAME IS NOT Imagine Agatha Christie had created an interactive Escape the Room game, and GUESS WHO would be the result. For fans of the DI Helen Grace series by MJ Arlidge, The Lucky Ones by Mark Edwards, Raggdoll by Daniel Cole, and From the Dead by Mark Billingham. \*\*\*\*\* What readers are saying about this gripping thriller from the new king of the locked room mystery, Chris McGeorge: ‘Guess Who boils with claustrophobic intensity. Packed with gripping twists and turns, Guess Who is an inventive, entertaining locked room

mystery that kept me utterly hooked.’ Adam Hamdy, author of Pendulum ‘Aningenuous twisty mystery in a totally unique setting.’ Claire McGowan, author of The Lost ‘An impressive debut and a sign of great things to come.’ James Oswald, author of Natural Causes ‘Chris McGeorge’s Guess Who is a fresh take on the locked room murder mystery. The plotting is intricate, the characters well drawn, and the pace never lets up as it drives headlong to the surprising end.’ David C. Taylor, Edgar-nominated, Nero Wolfe Award-winning author of Night Life ‘Guess Who is an incredibly satisfying, intelligent thriller running at break-neck pace right until it’s closing pages. A marvellous debut.’ Francesca Dorricott, author of After the Eclipse ‘To say that I found it hard to put down would be an understatement indeed. And when we got to the reveal, I was gobsmacked! Well done that author, take a bow. Not only is it a wholly satisfying, cracking read but, for a debut, it is also very brave and indeed impressive.’ Amazon reviewer, 5 stars ‘The story is incredibly well-written; it’s one of those books that once started, can’t be put down. The plot is solid and character development is good. A perfect, modern-day Agatha Christie-esque novel.’ Amazon reviewer, 5 stars ‘I must admit I am somewhat daunted at the prospect of writing a review for this book - it was so fantastic that I am not sure I can encapsulate just good it was in this review.’ Amazon reviewer, 5 stars

**The Vanishing Point** Val McDermid 2012-09-13 Pre-order Val McDermid’s masterful new thriller, 1989, now! ----- ‘Masterfully handled, and McDermid’s ability to wrong-foot the reader remains second to none: highly recommended’ Guardian ‘Taut, psychologically complex and so gripping that it puts your life on hold’ The Times Stephanie Harker is travelling through security at O’Hare airport with five-year-old Jimmy. But in a moment, everything changes. In disbelief, Stephanie watches as a uniformed agent leads her boy away - and she’s stuck the other side of the gates, hysterical with worry. The authorities, unaware of Jimmy’s existence, just see a woman behaving erratically; Stephanie is wrestled to the ground and blasted with a taser gun. By the time she can tell them what has happened, Jimmy is long gone. But as Stephanie tells her story to the FBI, it becomes clear that everything is not as it seems. There are many potential suspects for this abduction. With time rapidly running out, how can Stephanie get him back? A breathtakingly rich and gripping standalone thriller from internationally bestselling author Val McDermid. ----- Praise for Val McDermid: ‘Brilliant . . . Sensational. . . Unforgettable’ Guardian ‘Compulsively readable’ Irish Times ‘As good a psychological thriller as it is possible to get’ Sunday Express ‘It grabs the reader by the throat and never lets go’ Daily Mail ‘One of today’s most accomplished crime writers’ Literary Review *Will I Ever Be Free of You?* Karyl McBride 2016-03-15 “A practical guide to separating and divorcing from a narcissist, healing yourself, and protecting your children”--

**The Professionals** Owen Laukkanen 2013-10-01 Four friends, caught in a terrible job market, joke about turning to kidnapping to survive. And then, suddenly, it’s no joke. For two years, the strategy they devise works like a charm - until they kidnap the wrong man. Now two groups are after them - the law, in the form of veteran state investigator Kirk Stevens and hotshot young FBI agent Carla Windermere, and an organized crime outfit looking for payback. As they crisscross the country in a series of increasingly explosive confrontations, each of them is ultimately forced to recognize the truth: the real professionals, cop or criminal, are those who are willing to sacrifice everything.

**The Zig Zag Girl** Ely Griffiths 2015 In the first in a compelling new series from Ely Griffiths, a band of magicians who served together in WWII track a killer who’s performing deadly tricks

Risuko David Kudler 2016-06-15 Can One Girl Win A War? My name is Kano Murasaki, but everyone calls me Risuko. Squirrel. I am from Serenity Province, though I was not born there. My nation has been at war for a hundred years, Serenity is under attack and my family is in disgrace, but some people think that I can bring victory. That I can be a very special kind of woman. All I want to do is climb. My name is Kano Murasaki, but everyone calls me Squirrel. Risuko. --\*-- Though Japan has been devastated by a century of civil war, Risuko just wants to climb trees. Growing up far from the battlefields and court intrigues, the fatherless girl finds herself pulled into a plot that may reunite Japan — or may destroy it. She is torn from her home and what is left of her family, but finds new friends at a school that may not be what it seems. Magical but historical, Risuko follows her along the first dangerous steps to discovering who she truly is. Kano Murasaki, called Risuko (Squirrel) is a young, fatherless girl, more comfortable climbing trees than down on the ground. Yet she finds herself emmeshed in a game where the board is the whole nation of Japan, where the pieces are armies, moved by scheming lords, and a single girl couldn’t possibly have the power to change the outcome. Or could she? YOUNG ADULT HISTORICAL ADVENTURE As featured in Kirkus, Foreword, and on the cover of Publishers Weekly! Tight, exciting, and thoughtful... The characters are nicely varied and all the pieces fit into place deftly. -- Kirkus Reviews Risuko is an artfully crafted novel that evokes a heavy sense of place and enchantment.... Risuko’s development and evolution are fascinating to watch in this powerful and relentless coming-of-age adventure. -- Foreword Reviews (spotlight review) Vividly portrayed, flush with cultural detail, and smoothly written. - BookLife

**Emperor: The Gates of Rome** Conn Iggulden 2003-01-01 Rarely, if ever, does a new writer dazzle us with such a vivid imagination and storytelling, flawlessly capturing the essence of a land, a people, a legend. Conn Iggulden is just such a writer, bringing to vivid life one of the most fascinating eras in human history. In a true masterpiece of historical fiction, Iggulden takes us on a breathtaking journey through ancient Rome, sweeping us into a realm of tyrants and slaves, of dark intrigues and seething passions. What emerges is both a grand romantic tale of coming-of-age in the Roman Empire and a vibrant portrait of the early years of a man who would become the most powerful ruler on earth: Julius Caesar. On the lush Italian peninsula, a new empire is taking shape. At its heart is the city of Rome, a place of glory and decadence, beauty and bloodshed. Against this vivid backdrop, two boys are growing to manhood, dreaming of battles, fame, and glory in service of the mightiest empire the world has ever known. One is the son of a senator, a boy of privilege and ambition to whom much has been given and from whom much is expected. The other is a bastard child, a boy of strength and cunning, whose love for his adoptive family—and his adoptive brother—will be the most powerful force in his life. As young Gaius and Marcus are trained in the art of combat—under the tutelage of one of Rome’s most fearsome gladiators—Rome itself is being rocked by the art of treachery and ambition, caught in a tug-of-war as two rival generals, Marius and Sulla, push the empire toward civil war. For Marcus, a bloody campaign in Greece will become a young soldier’s proving ground. For Gaius, the equally deadly infighting of the Roman Senate will be the battlefield where he hones his courage and skill. And for both, the love of an extraordinary slave girl will be an honor each will covet but only one will win. The two friends are forced to walk different paths, and by the time they meet again everything will have changed. Both will have known love, loss, and violence. And the land where they were once innocent will be thrust into the grip of bitter conflict—a conflict that will set Roman against Roman . . . and put their friendship to the ultimate test. Brilliantly interweaving history and adventure, Conn Iggulden conjures a stunning array of contrasts—from the bloody stench of a battlefield to the opulence of the greatest city in history, from the tenderness of a lover to the treachery of an assassin. Superbly rendered, grippingly told, Emperor, The Gates of Rome is a work of vaulting imagination from a powerful new voice in historical fiction.

*A Shiver of Light* Laurel K. Hamilton 2014-06-03 Merry Gentry, ex-private detective and full-time princess, is now the mother of triplets, a rarity in the high ranks of faerie. And not everyone is happy about it, including Taranis, King of Light and Illusion. He’s using the human courts to sue for visitation rights, claiming that one of the babies is his. To save herself and her children, Merry will use the most dangerous powers in all of faerie: a god of death, a warrior known as the Darkness, the Killing Frost, and a king of nightmares. They are her lovers, and her dearest loves, and they will face down the might of the high courts of faerie—while trying to keep the war from spreading to innocent humans in Los Angeles, who are in danger of becoming collateral damage.

**The Cuckoo’s Calling** Robert Galbraith 2013-04-18 ‘The Cuckoo’s Calling reminds me why I fell in love with crime fiction in the first place’ VAL MCDERMID ----- Now a major BBC drama: The Strike series When a troubled model falls to her death from a snow-covered Mayfair balcony, it is assumed that she has committed suicide. However, her brother has his doubts, and calls in private investigator Cormoran Strike to look into the case. Strike is a war veteran - wounded both physically and psychologically - and his life is in disarray. The case gives him a financial lifeline, but it comes at a personal cost: the more he delves into the young model’s complex world, the darker things get - and the closer he gets to terrible danger. . . . A gripping, elegant mystery steeped in the atmosphere of London - from the hushed streets of Mayfair to the backstreet pubs of the East End to the bustle of Soho - The Cuckoo’s Calling is a remarkable book. Introducing Cormoran Strike, this is the acclaimed first crime novel by J.K. Rowling, writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.

\*\*\* The latest book in the thrilling Strike series, TROUBLED BLOOD, is out now! \*\*\* ----- PRAISE FOR THE STRIKE SERIES: ‘One of the most unique and compelling detectives I’ve come across in years’ MARK BILLINGHAM ‘The work of a master storyteller’ DAILY TELEGRAPH ‘Unputdownable. . . Irresistible’ SUNDAY TIMES ‘Will keep you up all night’ OBSERVER ‘A thoroughly enjoyable classic’ PETER JAMES, SUNDAY EXPRESS *The Lemon Grove* Helen Walsh 2014-06-03 ‘Walsh’s pacing is brilliant, her writing a combination of William Trevor and Erica Jong, as she fearlessly explores the complexities and nuances of a woman surprised by her own feelings... Gripping....Can mutual peace really coexist with wild chaos? Walsh’s readers will find themselves eagerly turning the pages, racing to find out.’ --The New York Times Book Review A highly charged, sultry, beautifully written and compulsive one-sit read, The Lemon Grove is an intense novel about obsession and sex—the perfect summer book. Jenn and Greg have been married for fourteen years, and, as the book opens, they are enjoying the last week of their annual summer holiday in Deia, a village in Majorca off the coast of southern Spain. Their days are languorous, the time passing by in a haze of rioja-soaked lunches, hours at the beach, and lazy afternoon sex in their beautiful villa. It is the perfect summer idyll . . . until Greg’s teenage daughter (Jenn’s stepdaughter), Emma, arrives with her new boyfriend, Nathan, in tow. What follows, over the course of seven days, is a brilliantly paced fever dream of attraction between Jenn and the reckless yet mesmerizing Nathan. It is an intense pas de deux of push and pull, risk and consequence . . . and moral rectitude, as it gets harder and harder for Jenn to stifle her compulsion. This is a very smart novel about many things: the loss of youth, female sexuality, the lure of May/December temptation, the vicissitudes of marriage and the politics of other people’s children. It is simultaneously sexy and substantive, and Helen Walsh’s masterful, even-handed tone can’t help but force the reader to wonder: “What would I have done?” Beautifully written with the tension of a rubber band just about to snap, The Lemon Grove is a book that will have people talking all summer long.

**The Water Is Wide** Pat Conroy 2010-08-31 New York Times Bestseller: The “miraculous” memoir of an inspiring teacher and the students who changed his life on an impoverished South Carolina island (Newsweek). Though the children of Yamacraw Island live less than two miles from the southern mainland, they can’t name the US president or the ocean that surrounds them. Most can’t read or write. Many of the students are the descendants of slaves, handicapped by poverty and isolation. When Pat Conroy arrives, an eager young teacher at the height of the civil rights movement, he finds a community still bound by the bitter effects of racism, but he is determined to broaden its members’ horizons and give them a voice. In this poignant memoir, which Newsweek called “an experience of joy,” the New York Times–bestselling author of The Prince of Tides plumbs his experiences as a young teacher on an isolated South Carolina island to reveal the shocking inequalities of the American education system.

**One Night, New York** Lara Thompson 2021-01-14 ‘ONE NIGHT, NEW YORK transports the reader to the glitter and the danger of old New York. A page-turner with style.’ ERIN KELLY ‘ENTHRALLING’ THE TIMES, BEST NEW HISTORICAL FICTION A THRILLING DEBUT NOVEL OF CORRUPTION AND MURDER, SET IN THE NIGHTCLUBS, TENEMENTS AND SKYSCRAPERS OF 1930s NEW YORK - FROM THE WINNER OF THE VIRAGO/THE POOL NEW CRIME WRITER AWARD. At the top of the Empire State Building on a freezing December night, two women hold their breath. Frances and Agnes are waiting for the man who has wronged them. They plan to seek the ultimate revenge. Set over the course of a single night, One Night, New York is a detective story, a romance and a coming-of-age tale. It is also a story of old New York, of bohemian Greenwich Village between the wars, of floozies and artists and addicts, of a city that sucked in creatives and immigrants alike, lighting up the world, while all around America burned amid the heat of the Great Depression. ‘An atmospheric portrait of a city in the grip of the Great Depression as well as a compelling crime story’ GUARDIAN ‘Thompson’s impressive debut delivers a beautifully detailed and multifaceted account of Jazz Age New York’ IRISH TIMES ‘An assured debut so evocative you can almost smell the bathtub gin wafting off the pages’ RED MAGAZINE

**Daughters of Night** Laura Shepherd-Robinson 2021-02-18 ‘The best historical crime novel I will read this year’ - The Times ‘Spectacularly brilliant . . . One of the most enjoyable and enduring stories I have ever read’ - James O’Brien, journalist, author and LBC presenter ‘This is right up there with the best of C. J. Sansom and Andrew Taylor’ - Amanda Craig, author of The Golden Rule From the pleasure palaces and gin-shops of Covent Garden to the elegant townhouses of Mayfair, Laura Shepherd-Robinson’s Daughters of Night follows Caroline Corsham as she seeks justice for a murdered woman whom London society would rather forget . . . London, 1782. Desperate for her politician husband to return home from France, Caroline ‘Caro’ Corsham is already in a state of anxiety when she finds a well-dressed woman mortally wounded in the bowers of the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens. The Bow Street constables are swift to act, until they discover that the deceased woman was a highly paid prostitute, at which point they cease to care entirely. But Caro has motives of her own for wanting to see justice done, and so sets out to solve the crime herself. Enlisting the help of thiefaker Peregrine Child, their inquiry delves into the hidden corners of Georgian society, a world of artifice, deception and secret lives. But with many gentlemen refusing to speak about their dealings with the dead woman, and Caro’s own reputation under threat, finding the killer will be harder, and more treacherous, than she can know . . .

**Good As Dead** Mark Billingham 2011-08-18 The tenth book in the Tom Thorne series, from bestselling author Mark Billingham. ‘Billingham’s most desperately gripping read yet!’ Daily Mirror Police officer Helen Weeks walks into her local newspapers on her way to work. It’s the last place she expects to be met with violence, but she is about to come face to face with a gunman. The hostage-taker is desperate to know what happened to his beloved son, who died a year before in youth custody. By holding Helen at gunpoint, he will force a re-investigation into his son’s death. And one man knows the case better than any other - DI Tom Thorne. As the body count rises, Thorne must race against time to bring a killer to justice and save a young mother’s life. Taking place over three action-packed days, this is the fastest and most surprising Thorne thriller yet from Sunday Times bestseller Mark Billingham. ‘One of the great series of British crime fiction’ The Times ‘A new Mark Billingham is always a treat’ Susie Steiner ----- The outstanding new Tom Thorne thriller, THEIR LITTLE SECRET, is out now!

**How to be a Buddhist Millionaire** Matt Jardine 2020-04-02 ‘Take a leaf out of Matt’s book: free yourself of the fear of money and start living the life you want.’ --Moatez Jonni, British Paralympian Matt Jardine, martial arts teacher and entrepreneur, has spent 20 years seeking the answer to one of life’s ultimate conundrums: how can we lead an authentic, spiritual and creative life in a relentlessly money-centric world? In this insightful book, he brings together Buddhist teachings, spiritual lessons and the advice and experience of a variety of experts and professionals; from a Paralympic athlete, to a West End musical star, to a city banker; and presents nine practical lessons to help us all discover our passion and make it pay. With a light touch, he dispels the deep-rooted fears and limiting beliefs that hold us back, and forces us to question the very foundations of our lives and what really matters. How to be a Buddhist Millionaire teaches us that money doesn’t have to be a dirty word, and that if you search for happiness rather than the pot of gold, success is more likely to follow.

**The Silkworm** Robert Galbraith 2014-06-19 ‘Teems with sly humour, witty asides and intelligence ... A pleasure to read’ TIMES ----- Now a major BBC drama: The Strike series When novelist Owen Quine goes missing, his wife calls in private detective Cormoran Strike. At first, she just thinks he has gone off by himself for a few days - as he has done before - and she wants Strike to find him and bring him home. But as Strike investigates, it becomes clear that there is more to Quine’s disappearance than his wife realises. The novelist has just completed a manuscript featuring poisonous pen-portraits of almost everyone he knows. If the novel were published it would ruin lives - so there are a lot of people who might want to silence him. And when Quine is found brutally murdered in bizarre circumstances, it becomes a race against time to understand the motivation of a ruthless killer, a killer unlike any he has encountered before . . . A compulsively readable crime novel with twists at every turn, The Silkworm is the second in the highly acclaimed series featuring Cormoran Strike and his determined young assistant Robin Ellacott. \*\*\* The latest book in the thrilling Strike series, TROUBLED BLOOD, is out now! \*\*\* ----- PRAISE FOR THE STRIKE SERIES: ‘One of the most unique and compelling detectives I’ve come across in years’ MARK BILLINGHAM ‘The work of a master storyteller’ DAILY TELEGRAPH ‘Unputdownable. . . Irresistible’ SUNDAY TIMES ‘Will keep you up all night’ OBSERVER ‘A thoroughly enjoyable classic’ PETER JAMES, SUNDAY EXPRESS

**Literary Allusion in Harry Potter** Beatrice Groves 2017-06-14 Literary Allusion in Harry Potter builds on the world-wide enthusiasm for J. K. Rowling’s series in order to introduce its readers to some of the great works of literature on which Rowling draws. Harry Potter’s narrative techniques are rooted in the western literary tradition and its allusiveness provides insight into Rowling’s fictional world. Each chapter of Literary Allusion in Harry Potter consists of an in-depth discussion of the intersection between Harry Potter and a canonical literary work, such as the plays of Shakespeare, the poetry of Homer, Ovid, the Gawain-poet, Chaucer, Milton and Tennyson, and the novels of Austen, Hardy and Dickens. This approach aims to transform the reader’s understanding of

Rowling's literary achievement as well as to encourage the discovery of works with which they may be less familiar. The aim of this book is to delight Potter fans with a new perspective on their favourite books while harnessing that enthusiasm to increase their wider appreciation of literature.

**The Trivia Night** Ali Lowe 2022-02-22 'Unputdownable . . . spookily familiar, funny, and darkly captivating. I loved it' Sally Hepworth Question: How long does it take to tear someone's life apart? Answer: Sometimes just one night. From the outside the parents of the kindergarten class at Darley Heights primary school seem to have it all. Living in the wealthy Sydney suburbs, it's a community where everyone knows each other - and secrets don't stay secret for long. The big date in the calendar is the school's annual fundraising trivia night, but when the evening gets raucously out of hand, talk turns to partner-swapping. Initially scandalised, it's not long before a group of parents make a reckless one-night-only pact. But in the harsh light of day, those involved must face the fallout of their behaviour. As they begin to navigate the shady aftermath of their wild night, the truth threatens to rip their perfect lives apart - and revenge turns fatal. THE TRIVIA NIGHT is a gripping, domestic page-turner full of shocking reveals, perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty and Sally Hepworth.

**The Ickabog** J.K. Rowling 2020-11-10 The Ickabog is coming... A mythical monster, a kingdom in peril, an adventure that will test two children's bravery to the limit. Discover a brilliantly original fairy tale about the power of hope and friendship to triumph against all odds, from one of the world's best storytellers. The kingdom of Cornucopia was once the happiest in the world. It had plenty of gold, a king with the finest moustaches you could possibly imagine, and butchers, bakers and cheesemongers whose exquisite foods made a person dance with delight when they ate them. Everything was perfect -

except for the misty Marshlands to the north which, according to legend, were home to the monstrous Ickabog. Anyone sensible knew that the Ickabog was just a myth, to scare children into behaving. But the funny thing about myths is that sometimes they take on a life of their own. Could a myth unseat a beloved king? Could a myth bring a once happy country to its knees? Could a myth thrust two children into an adventure they didn't ask for and never expected? If you're feeling brave, step into the pages of this book to find out... A beautiful digital edition, brought to life with full-colour illustrations by the young winners of The Ickabog competition.

**The Twyford Code** Janice Hallett 2022-01-13 THE PHENOMENAL PAPERBACK BESTSELLER FROM THE QUEEN OF COSY CRIME Can you crack the Twyford Code? 'Every page is a joy. The queen of unreliable narrators' SUNDAY TIMES 'Brilliant - a mind-bending, heartwarming mystery not to be missed' OBSERVER Edith Twyford was once a world-famous children's author, but now her only legacy is the rumoured existence of the Twyford Code: a series of clues hidden in her books leading to... what? No one knows - but that hasn't stopped the speculation. Steve Smith can trace nearly all the bad things in his life back to Edith Twyford. As a child he found one of her books, covered in strange symbols. He showed it to his teacher, Miss Iles, who was convinced it held the key to the code. Within weeks Miss Iles had disappeared, and Steve has no idea if she is dead or alive - or if she was right. Now he's determined to find out. But the Twyford Code hides secrets some would do anything to possess, and Steve isn't the only one on its trail. The race is on to solve the mystery of the century. Could you get there first? The top ten bestselling cosy crime sensation of the summer from the author of The Appeal, perfect for fans of Richard Osman and S. J. Bennett.