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Cuckoo's Egg 2002 They told Thorn he was one of them, although he was different. To them, he was ugly: sleek-skinned, not furred, and clawless. But he was part of their power class, part of the elite: the fighters, the defenders. When the crunch came, when Thorn learned that on him might hang the future of two worlds, he had to stand alone to justify his very existence.

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.

The Zig Zag Girl Elly Griffiths 2014-11-06 Magic, murder and a mystery rooted in a murky wartime past. Meet DI Stephens and Max Mephisto Brighton, 1950. When the body of a girl is found, cut into three, Detective Inspector Edgar Stephens is reminded of a magic trick, the Zig Zag Girl. The inventor of the trick, Max Mephisto, is an old friend of Edgar's. They served together in the war as part of a shadowy unit called the Magic Men. Max is still on the circuit, touring seaside towns in the company of ventriloquists, sword-swallowers and dancing girls. Changing times mean that variety is not what it once was, yet Max is reluctant to leave this world to help Edgar investigate. But when the dead girl turns out to be known to him, Max changes his mind. Another death, another magic trick: Edgar and Max become convinced that the answer to the murders lies in their army days. When Edgar receives a letter warning of another 'trick', the Wolf Trap, he knows that they are all in the killer's sights...

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.

Under a Pole Star Stef Penney 2016-11-03 RICHARD & JUDY BOOK CLUB 2017. SHORTLISTED FOR THE 2017 COSTA NOVEL AWARD. 'A novel of huge scope with a tremendous sense of period and place' Costa judges 'A dazzling tale of romance and survival' Guardian Follow the path to the freezing north. Follow your ambition. Follow your heart Flora Mackie first crossed the Arctic Circle at the age of twelve. Years later, in 1892, determination and chance lead her back to northern Greenland as a scientist at the head of a British expedition, defying the expectations of those who believe a woman has no place in that harsh world. Geologist Jakob de Beyn was raised in Manhattan. Yearning for wider horizons, he joins a rival expedition. Jakob and Flora's paths cross. It is a fateful meeting, where passion and ambition collide and an irresistible attraction is born. The violent extremes of the north obsess them both: perpetual night and endless day; frozen seas and coastal meadows, and the strange, maddening pull it exerts on the people trying to make their mark on its vast expanses - a pursuit of glory whose outcome will reverberate for years to come.

A Shiver of Light Laurell 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 Water Is Wide Pat Conroy 2002-03-26 A "miraculous" (Newsweek) human drama, based on a true story, from the renowned author of *The Prince of Tides* and *The*

Great Santini The island is nearly deserted, haunting, beautiful. Across a slip of ocean lies South Carolina. But for the handful of families on Yamacraw Island, America is a world away. For years the people here lived proudly from the sea, but now its waters are not safe. Waste from industry threatens their very existence unless, somehow, they can learn a new way. But they will learn nothing without someone to teach them, and their school has no teacher—until one man gives a year of his life to the island and its people. Praise for *The Water Is Wide* “Miraculous . . . an experience of joy.”—Newsweek “A powerfully moving book . . . You will laugh, you will weep, you will be proud and you will rail . . . and you will learn to love the man.”—Charleston News and Courier “A hell of a good story.”—The New York Times “Few novelists write as well, and none as beautifully.”—Lexington Herald-Leader “[Pat] Conroy cuts through his experiences with a sharp edge of irony. . . . He brings emotion, writing talent and anger to his story.”—Baltimore Sun

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.

Snow John Banville 2020-10-06 *NATIONAL BESTSELLER* *SHORTLISTED FOR THE CWA HISTORICAL DAGGER AWARD* A Globe and Mail Best Book of the Year A New York Times Editors' Choice Pick “Banville sets up and then deftly demolishes the Agatha Christie format...superbly rich and sophisticated.”—New York Times Book Review The incomparable Booker Prize winner's next great crime novel—the story of a family whose secrets resurface when a parish priest is found murdered in their ancestral home Detective Inspector St. John Strafford has been summoned to County Wexford to investigate a murder. A parish priest has been found dead in Ballyglass House, the family seat of the aristocratic, secretive Osborne family. The year is 1957 and the Catholic Church rules Ireland with an iron fist. Strafford—flinty, visibly Protestant and determined to identify the murderer—faces obstruction at every turn, from the heavily accumulating snow to the culture of silence in the tight-knit community he begins to investigate. As he delves further, he learns the Osbornes are not at all what they seem. And when his own deputy goes missing, Strafford must work to unravel the ever-expanding mystery before the community's secrets, like the snowfall itself, threaten to obliterate everything. Beautifully crafted, darkly evocative and pulsing with suspense, *Snow* is “the Irish master” (New Yorker) John Banville at his page-turning best. Don't miss John Banville's next novel, April in Spain!

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? *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 Bamborough—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 . . .

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

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 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 pastrami, 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.

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 enmeshed 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

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 Eve 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 Final Child Fran Dorricott 2021-09-07 A stunning psychological thriller from the author of *After the Eclipse*, for readers of Ruth Ware and S.K. Tremayne. He won't forget her... Erin and her brother Alex were the last children abducted by 'the Father', a serial killer who only ever took pairs of siblings. She escaped, but her brother was never seen again. Traumatized, Erin couldn't remember anything about her ordeal, and the Father was never caught. Eighteen years later, Erin has done her best to put the past behind her. But then she meets Harriet. Harriet's young cousins were the Father's first victims and, haunted by their deaths, she is writing a book about the disappearances and is desperate for an interview with the only survivor. At first, Erin wants nothing to do with her. But then she starts receiving sinister gifts, her house is broken into, and she can't shake the feeling that she's being watched. After all these years, Erin believed that the Father was gone, but now she begins to wonder if he was only waiting... A tense and emotive thriller, *The Final Child* is a powerful tale of a survivor being forced to confront her painful past.

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 Jomni, 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.

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

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.

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.

Fatal Intent Tammy Euliano 2021-03-02 End-of-life care—or assisted death When her elderly patients start dying at home days after minor surgery, anesthesiologist Dr. Kate Downey wants to know why. The surgeon, not so much. "Old people die, that's what they do," is his response. When Kate presses, surgeon Charles Ricken places the blame squarely on her shoulders. Kate is currently on probation, and the chief of staff sides with the surgeon, leaving Kate to prove her innocence and save her own career. With her husband in a prolonged coma, it's all she has left.

Aided by her eccentric Great Aunt Irm, a precocious medical student, and the lawyer son of a victim, Kate launches her own unorthodox investigation of these unexpected deaths. As she comes closer to exposing the culprit's identity, she faces professional intimidation, threats to her life, a home invasion, and, tragically, the suspicious death of someone close to her. The stakes escalate to the breaking point when Kate, under violent duress, is forced to choose which of her loved ones to save—and which must be sacrificed. Perfect for fans of Kathy Reichs and Tess Gerritsen

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 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.

The Casual Vacancy J.K. Rowling 2012-09-27 When Barry Fairbrother dies in his early forties, the town of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, with a cobbled market square and an ancient abbey, but what lies behind the pretty facade is a town at war. Rich at war with poor, teenagers at war with their parents, wives at war with their husbands, teachers at war with their pupils. . . Pagford is not what it first seems. And the empty seat left by Barry on the parish council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has yet seen. Who will triumph in an election fraught with passion, duplicity and unexpected revelations? A big novel about a small town, *THE CASUAL VACANCY* is J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults. It is the work of a storyteller like no other.

The Appeal Janice Hallett 2022-11 "Welcome to Lockwood, proud home of The Fairway Players, who, under the creative control of Martin Hayward, the owner of the local country club, are putting on a production of Arthur Miller's "All My Sons." The star, as always: Martin's wife, Helen, the only person in the troupe with any real acting talent. But this is not a production like any other: just as rehearsals get under way, tragedy strikes: Poppy Reswick, Martin and Helen's beloved granddaughter, is diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. An experimental treatment is available from the US - at a massive cost. The Players and the entire town rally in order to raise the 250,000 pounds needed to give Poppy a chance at

survival. Not everybody is convinced that the experimental treatment is all it's cracked up to be, however. First among the doubters is Sam Greenwood, who has only recently moved to Lockwood with her husband, Kel, after spending several years as an NGO worker in Sub-Saharan Africa. Are her suspicions justified? Or does she merely have an axe to grind with the doctor who's looking after Poppy? The tension within the community is palpable, and on the night of the Players' dress rehearsal, things come to a head. The next day, a dead body is found, and soon afterwards, an arrest is made. In the run-up to the trial, two law students find themselves sifting through the evidence in the form of e-mails, texts, and letters, trying to make sense of it all and unmask the real killer"--

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 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*

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 Hardest Path Matt Jardine 2016-12-22 On the Japanese island of Shikoku, amidst mountains, coasts, and bamboo forests, lies one of the world's 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 life's 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.

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, *Ragdoll* 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* 'An ingenious 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 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 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.

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

Career of Evil Robert Galbraith 2015-10-20 'Deliriously 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

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 thieftaker 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 . . .

Daitya Diaries Aditya K V 2019-02-11 A man arrives at the temple town of Srisailem. 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 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
The Metal Heart Caroline Lea 2021-06-08 "The story of true innocents caught up in the machinery of war. Exquisitely researched, beautifully told, this tiny corner of Scotland came alive for me in all of my senses and I found myself rooting for the central characters with all my heart." –Mary Beth Keane, author of *Ask Again, Yes* In the dark days of World War II, an unlikely romance blossoms between a Scottish woman and an Italian prisoner of war in this haunting novel with the

emotional complexity of *The Boat Runner* and *All the Light We Cannot See*—a powerful and atmospheric story of love, jealousy, and conscience that illuminates the beauty of the human spirit from the author of *The Glass Woman*. In the wake of the Allies' victory in North Africa, 1,000 Italian soldiers have been sent to a remote island off the Scottish coast to wait out the war. Their arrival has divided the island's community. Nerves frayed from three years of war and the constant threat of invasion, many locals fear the enemy prisoners and do not want them there. Where their neighbors see bloodthirsty enemies, however, orphaned sisters Dorothy and Constance see sick and wounded men unused to the freezing cold of an Orkney winter, and volunteer to nurse them. While doing so Dorothy finds herself immediately drawn to Cesare, a young man broken by the horrors of battle. But as the war drags on, tensions between the islanders and the outsiders deepen, and Dorothy's connection to Cesare threatens the bond she shares with Constance. Since the loss of their parents, the sisters have relied on each other. Now, their loyalty will be tested, each forced to weigh duty against desire . . . until, one fateful evening, a choice must be made, one that that will have devastating consequences.