Welcome to the Spring 2021 Penguin Michael Joseph catalogue. We are very excited about the books that we are publishing between January and June, as they perfectly exhibit the range and quality of writing that has always characterized the Penguin Michael Joseph list.

Alongside our new titles, it is with great pride and pleasure that we start 2021 with our brand new logo – our first in over twenty years.

Michael Joseph, our founder, loved authors. In particular, he loved guiding them towards commercial success, bringing their brilliant stories to the wider world. In a time of great changes and challenges, what has always been of central importance to Penguin Michael Joseph continues to remain at the heart of all that we do: our dedication to our authors. Without them and their incredible talents, we wouldn’t be the vibrant, successful and dynamic imprint we are today, 85 years after we were born. So, it seems timely to refresh our visual identity to ensure we keep moving forward as a company: passionately striving for excellence, actively focused on increasing our inclusivity, continually creating bestsellers and, crucially, providing a home where all our authors feel welcomed, nurtured and celebrated. We’ve gone back to our beginnings to put the original mermaid logo right at the centre of our publishing – with a refreshed and modern take.

We can’t wait to see all our 2021 titles sporting the new emblem and flying high in the bestsellers' charts.

Best wishes

Louise Moore
MD, Penguin Michael Joseph
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Is it her? Or is it me? Is she the monster? Or am I?

*The Push* is a heart-pounding exploration of motherhood, obsession and the terrible price of unconditional love.

Coming 7th January
JANUARY
The Push
2021’s Most Astonishing Debut
Ashley Audrain

What happens when your experience of motherhood is nothing at all what you hoped for, but everything you always feared?

‘The women in this family, we’re different . . .’

The arrival of baby Violet was meant to be the happiest day of my life. It was meant to be a fresh start. But as soon as I held her in my arms I knew something wasn’t right. I have always known that the women in my family aren't meant to be mothers.

My husband Fox says I’m imagining it. He tells me I’m nothing like my own mother, and that Violet is the sweetest child. But she’s different with me. Something feels very wrong. Is it her? Or is it me? Is she the monster? Or am I?

Ashley Audrain began writing The Push after leaving her job as Publicity Director at Penguin Books Canada to raise her two young children. At Penguin, she worked with bestselling authors including Khaled Hosseini, Elizabeth Gilbert and Meg Wolitzer. Prior to Penguin, she worked at a global public relations agency in consumer marketing.
The Book About Getting Older
(For People Who Don’t Want to Talk about It)
Dr Lucy Pollock

We are all living for longer, but how do we or those we love do it well? Now more than ever, we need to talk about getting older.

Many of us are living to a very great age. But how do we give those we love, and eventually ourselves, long lives that are as happy and healthy as possible?

Dr Lucy's book gives us answers to the questions we can voice – and those that we can't. A long life should be embraced and celebrated, but it's not all easy. Yet even the most challenging situation can be helped by the right conversation. How do we start? How do we ask whether it's worth taking seven different medicines? Is it normal to find you're falling out of love with someone, as they disappear into dementia? Should Dad be driving, and if not, who can stop him? What are the secrets of the best care homes? When does fierce independence become bad behaviour? How do you navigate near-impossible discussions around resuscitation and intensity of treatments? And who decides what happens when we become ill?

Serious, funny, kind and knowledgeable, this readable book helps guide us through essential conversations about getting older that go straight to the heart of what matters most.

Lucy Pollock trained in Medicine at Cambridge and at Bart’s Hospital, and worked as a junior doctor in east London before moving to Somerset, where since 2001 she has been a consultant specializing in the care of those who are frail and elderly.
The Burning Girls
C. J. Tudor

C. J. Tudor is back with her darkest, twistiest novel yet. Welcome to the small village of Chapel Croft, where all your worst nightmares come true . . .

500 years ago: eight martyrs were burnt to death
30 years ago: two teenagers vanished without trace
Two months ago: the vicar committed suicide

Welcome to Chapel Croft.

For Rev Jack Brooks and teenage daughter Flo it’s supposed to be a fresh start. New job, new home. But, as Jack knows, the past isn’t easily forgotten.

And in a close-knit community where the residents seem as proud as they are haunted by Chapel Croft’s history, Jack must tread carefully. Ancient superstitions as well as a mistrust of outsiders will be hard to overcome.

Yet right away Jack has more frightening concerns.

Why is Flo plagued by visions of burning girls? Who’s sending them sinister, threatening messages? And why did no one mention that the last vicar killed himself? Chapel Croft’s secrets lie deep and dark as the tomb. Jack wouldn’t touch them if not for Flo – anything to protect Flo.

But the past is catching up with Chapel Croft – and with Jack. For old ghosts with scores to settle will never rest . . .

C. J. Tudor’s love of writing, especially the dark and macabre, started young. When her peers were reading Judy Blume, she was devouring Stephen King and James Herbert. Over the years she has had a variety of jobs, including trainee reporter, radio scriptwriter, dog walker, voiceover artist, television presenter, copywriter and, now, author. Her novels, The Chalk Man and The Taking of Annie Thorne, were Sunday Times bestsellers and have sold in over forty countries.
FEBRUARY
**Unfinished**  
Priyanka Chopra Jones

A thoughtful and revealing memoir from one of the world's most recognizable women, renowned for her bold risk-taking, multiculturalism, and activism.

"I am a product of traditional India and its ancient wisdom, and modern India and its urban bustle. My upbringing was always an amalgamation of the two Indias, and, just as much, of East and West." Unfinished takes readers from Priyanka's childhood in India, where she was raised by her grandparents and her parents-two army doctors committed not only to their children but to their careers and to philanthropy-before being sent away to boarding school at an early age; through her formative teenage years in the U.S. living with extended family in the Midwest (Cedar Rapids and Indianapolis), Queens, and suburban Boston, where she endured bouts of racism; to her return to India, where she unexpectedly won the national and global beauty pageants (Miss India and Miss World) that launched her acting career. Readers looking for a glimpse into what it takes to succeed in the massive Indian film industry will find it here, and they'll also find an honest account of the challenges Priyanka faced navigating her career, both in India and Hollywood. The result is a book that is warm, funny, sassy, inspiring, bold, and rebellious. Just like Priyanka herself.

From her dual-continent twenty-year-long career as an actor and producer to her work as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, from losing her beloved father to cancer to marrying Nick Jonas, Priyanka Chopra Jonas's story will inspire a generation around the world to gather their courage, embrace their ambition, and commit to the hard work of following their dreams.

**Priyanka Chopra Jonas** is a multifaceted talent who is one of the most recognized personalities in the world. A National Film Award winner with more than sixty international and Hollywood films to her credit, Chopra Jonas made her American TV acting debut on the ABC-TV hit drama Quantico, where she made history as the first Indian-born actor to star as the lead of a TV drama series. She was featured on the cover of Time magazine's coveted Time 100 issue, named as one of the "Most Influential People" in the world, and recognized as one of Forbes's Most Powerful Women. Chopra Jonas is a global UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, and received the prestigious Danny Kaye Humanitarian award. She is also involved in a number of efforts to protect children's rights and to promote the education of girls around the world, including her namesake charity, The Priyanka Chopra Foundation for Health and Education.
Prodigal Son
Gregg Hurwitz

Forced into retirement, Evan Smoak gets an urgent request for help from someone he didn't even suspect existed . . .

As a boy, Evan Smoak was pulled out of a foster home and trained in an off-the-books operation known as the Orphan Program. He was a government assassin, perhaps the best, known to a few insiders as Orphan X. He eventually broke with the Program and adopted a new name - the Nowhere Man - and a new mission, helping the most desperate in their times of trouble. But the highest power in the country has made him a tempting offer - in exchange for an unofficial pardon, he must stop his clandestine activities as the Nowhere Man. Now Evan has to do the one thing he's least equipped to do - live a normal life.

But then he gets a call for help from the one person he never expected. A woman claiming to have given him up for adoption, a woman he never knew - his mother. Her unlikely request: help Andrew Duran - a man whose life has gone off the rails, who was in the wrong place at the wrong time, bringing him to the deadly attention of very powerful figures. Now a brutal brother and sister assassination team are after him and with no one to turn to, and no safe place to hide, Evan is Duran's only option. But when the hidden cabal catches on to what Evan is doing, everything he's fought for is on the line - including his own life.

Gregg Hurwitz is the Sunday Times bestselling author of the Evan Smoak thrillers Orphan X, The Nowhere Man, Out of the Dark and Into the Fire. He is also the author of You’re Next, The Survivor, Tell No Lies and Don’t Look Back. A graduate of Harvard and Oxford universities, he lives with his family in LA, where he also writes for the screen, TV and comics.
MARCH
Why Women Are Poorer Than Men
and What We Can Do about It
Annabelle Williams

Part polemic, part practical guide about how the world favours men financially, and what we can all do to even the balance

Money gives us freedom. It may not buy us happiness, but having it allows us to make choices. . .

The choice to live where you want. The choice to do what you love for work. The choice over how you spend your free time.

But what if you knew that you would earn less than your male counterparts for the rest of your life? Today, being a woman means that you will. Few of us ever talk about it, but great economic inequality still exists between men and women.

- There is no country in the world where women collectively earn as much as men.
- Globally only 34 percent of managerial positions are held by women.
- Only 1p in every £1 of venture capital funding goes to start-ups run by women.
- Research has even found that financial advisors encourage female clients into lower risk, and therefore lower return, investments in the belief that they can't handle the risk.
- In many countries tampons and sanitary pads are seen as taxable 'luxuries'.
- It has been found that women ask for pay rises at the same frequency as men, but are 25 percent less likely to be given them.

Annabelle Williams is a journalist and editor who specializes in investing, economics and consumer affairs. Previously a columnist at The Times, Williams has appeared on live TV, radio and panel debates talking about her passion for the finance inequality between genders.
The Absolute Book
Elizabeth Knox

It's been nearly 20 years since an epic, visionary novel captivated millions of readers - but the wait is over

Taryn Cornick believes her sister Bea was deliberately run down, and killed. She believes it so hard she allows a man called the Muleskinner to exact the justice Bea was denied. An eye for an eye.

Which is when Taryn's problems really begin. Because the police suspect Taryn's involvement in the death. Worse, others have their eyes on Taryn - those in a faraway place who know what Taryn's family have been carefully hiding in their vast library. The Absolute Book. They want it - and they want Taryn to help find it.

The lives of those in more than one world depend upon it . . .

Elizabeth Knox is an award-winning New Zealand author who has published over a dozen books. Her novel The Vintner's Luck won the Deutz Medal for fiction in the 1999 Montana New Zealand Book Awards and the 2001 Tasmania Pacific Region Prize, while Daylight was shortlisted for Best Book in the South Pacific & South East Asian Region of the 2004 Commonwealth Writers Prize. Elizabeth has an ONZM, is an Arts Foundation of New Zealand Laureate and won the Prime Minister's Award of Fiction in 2019. She teaches World Building at Victoria University and lives in Wellington, New Zealand, with her husband and her son.
Inspired by a true story, Dangerous Women is a devastating and thought-provoking tale about female anger, subservience and ultimately, strength.

London, 1841.

Two hundred Englishwomen file aboard the Rajah, the ship that will take them on a three-month voyage to the other side of the world.

They're daughters, sisters, mothers - and convicts. Transported for petty crimes.

Except one of their number is a secret killer, fleeing justice.

When a woman is mortally wounded, the hunt is on for the culprit. But who would attack one of their own, and why?

Based on a true story, Dangerous Women is a sweeping tale of confinement, loss, love and, above all, hope in the unlikeliest of places.

Hope Adams was born in Jerusalem and spent her early childhood in many different countries, such as Nigeria and British North Borneo. She went to Roedean School in Brighton, and from there to St Hilda's College, Oxford.
The Aftergrief
Finding Your Way Along the Long Arc of Loss
Hope Edelman

A new and timely exploration of the long-term grieving process, from New York Times - bestselling author and expert on grief and loss, Hope Edelman

Grief is a path we can all expect to walk one day, when we lose someone we love, and life suddenly looks different. But how long does grieving take? When can we expect to feel 'normal' again? And should we?

In The AfterGrief, acclaimed grief coach and New York Times bestselling author Hope Edelman helps us to understand that loss isn't something to get over, get past, or move beyond, and trying to achieve these will only lead us nowhere. Instead, she draws on her own experiences of early bereavement, as well as interviews with dozens of men and women who have lost someone dear, to answer how, individually, we can learn to live with loss and grief long-term, and accept it as something that becomes a part of us, and shapes our thoughts and our choices, our hopes and our fears.

Offering advice for processing loss, regaining balance in its wake and even finding new purpose, while also being prepared that our sorrow can ebb and flow, The AfterGrief will help us to see that while grieving may be a lifelong process, it needn't be a lifelong struggle.

Hope Edelman is an expert on grief and loss. She has written seven books, including the New York Times bestseller Motherless Daughters. She has received several awards for her work, notably the Pushcart Prize for Creative Non-Fiction and the 2020 Community Educator Award from the Association of Death Educators and Counselors. She lives and works in Los Angeles and Iowa City but facilitates grief workshops all over the world. She has contacts at international bereavement trusts including in the UK and Australia, and is due to being studying remotely for a masters in Narrative Therapy at the University of Melbourne.
A Walk from the Wild Edge
Jake Tyler

The moving and uplifting account of one man's journey, walking 3,000 miles around the UK to combat his depression

After coming terrifyingly close to suicide, Jake Tyler was determined to take back control of his life from the clutches of depression. With only his running gear and a backpack, he stepped out of his house in Brighton and began a 3,000-mile journey around the UK.

In documenting every step of his journey, Jake shares the ways in which his mission was enhanced by the kindness of strangers who took him in for the night, or let him talk when the darkness engulfed him.

This is both the story of Jake's journey around the country and his journey to better understand himself, ultimately finding peace and acceptance with his mental health.

Jake Tyler is a mental health advocate, adventurer, runner, walker and depression sufferer. Jake's BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey show, Open Up with Jake Tyler launched in September with guest Matt Haig. He has also recently launched a podcast titled People Are F***ing Awesome!
Lie Beside Me
Gytha Lodge

You wake up next to a man who's not your husband - and he isn't breathing... The gripping new thriller from the Richard and Judy Book Club bestselling author

Louise wakes up. Her head aches, her mouth is dry, her memory is fuzzy. But she suspects she's done something bad.

She rolls over towards her husband, Niall. The man who, until recently, made her feel loved.

But it's not Niall who's lying beside her. In fact, she's never seen this man before.

And he's not breathing...

As Louise desperately struggles to piece her memories back together, it's clear to Detective Jonah Sheens and his team that she is their prime suspect - though they soon find she's not the only one with something to hide.

Did she do it? And, if not, can they catch the real killer before they strike again?

Gytha Lodge is a writer and multi-award-winning playwright who lives in Cambridge. After studying creative writing at UEA, she was shortlisted for the Yeovil Literary Prize and the Arts' Council England fiction awards, and developed a large online following for her young adult and children's writing, with over five million reads accrued on platform Wattpad. She Lies in Wait, her debut novel was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick.

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Behind Closed Doors
Catherine Alliott

The Queen of Romantic Comedy and No. 1 bestseller explores love, loss and second chances

When Lucy is unexpectedly widowed, she doesn't know where to turn.

She seeks refuge with her elderly parents in Oxfordshire, hoping for an escape from past memories - and from her overbearing sister-in-law. But she gets much more than she bargained for when she returns home. Her parents' bungalow is falling apart, and their surprisingly busy social life throws her in the path of an old childhood friend she hasn't seen for decades.

Yet as Lucy begins to move on, others start to ask questions. Is she running away from her grief? Or did she leave something far worse behind. . .

Catherine Alliott is the author of fifteen bestselling novels including About Last Night, My Husband Next Door, A Rural Affair, One Day in May, The Secret Life of Evie Hamilton and Wish You Were Here. She lives with her family in Hertfordshire.
The Walking People
Mary Beth Keane

A beautifully evocative novel spanning 1950s Ireland to modern day America, from the author of bestselling Ask Again, Yes

Greta Cahill never believed she would leave her village in west Ireland, until she found herself on a ship bound for New York, with her sister, Johanna, and a boy named Michael Ward, a son of itinerant tinsmiths.

Despite her family's cynicism, Greta discovers that in America she can fall in love, earn a living and build a life. She longs to return to show her family what she has made of herself, but at risk of revealing a secret about her past to her children, decides to keep her new life separate, torn from the people she is closest to.

Decades later, she discovers that her children, with the best of intentions, have conspired to unite the worlds she has kept apart. And though the Ireland of her memory may bear little resemblance to that of present day, she fears it is still possible to lose it all . . .

Mary Beth Keane attended Barnard College and the University of Virginia, where she received an MFA. In 2011, she was named one of the National Book Foundation's '5 Under 35' and in 2015 she was awarded a John S. Guggenheim fellowship for writing fiction. She currently lives in Pearl River, New York, with her husband and their two sons. She is the author of The Walking People, Fever, and Ask Again, Yes.

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This Nowhere Place
Natasha Bell

*The Girls* meets *The Dry* in this tense and atmospheric drama about loyalty, lies and obsession

‘That’s the thing about our town: people only come here if they’re going somewhere else.’

One grey afternoon, high on the cliffs of Dover, two girls agree to help a lost stranger.

Within months, two of the three girls are dead.

In the years that follow, local legend grows around the events of that summer - and - with the one survivor refusing to speak, it seems the truth will never emerge. Until a documentary-maker arrives, determined to solve the mystery of the Dover Girls.

But some will stop at nothing to keep this town's secrets. . .

**Natasha Bell** grew up in Somerset and studied English Literature and Theatre at the University of York and Mount Holyoke College, before moving to Chicago to take an MA in the humanities. Over-educated and entirely unemployable, she spent her twenties in York writing TV listings and working as a barista and a projectionist. She recently completed an MA in Creative and Life Writing at Goldsmiths and now writes full-time from her home in south-east London.
A History of What Comes Next
Sylvain Neuvel

Imagine everything you thought you knew about human progress was wrong. What would you do?

Mia is not sure what she is, but she isn't human. Smarter, stronger than her peers, all she knows are the rules: there can never be three for too long; always run, never fight.

When she finds herself in Germany, 1945, she must turn the Nazi's most trusted scientist with an offer: abandon the crumbling Nazi party, escape Germany with your life, come to work for the Americans building rockets.

But someone is watching her work. An enemy who's smarter, stronger, decidedly not human and prepared to do anything to retrieve something ancient that was long lost.

If only she had any idea what it was . . .

Sylvain Neuvel has a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Chicago. He is an amateur robotics enthusiast and life-long fan of all things science fiction. Sleeping Giants is the first in the Themis Files series, followed by Waking Gods and Only Human.
FAST ICE
Clive Cussler and Graham Brown

The rip-roaring new thriller in the NUMA series from the No. 1 Sunday Times-bestselling Grand Master of Adventure, Clive Cussler.

Clive Cussler was the author and co-author of a great number of international bestsellers, including the famous Dirk Pitt® adventures, such as Celtic Empire; the NUMA® Files adventures, most recently The Rising Sea; the Oregon Files, such as Shadow Tyrants; the Isaac Bell historical thrillers, which began with The Chase; and the recent Fargo Adventures, which lastly included The Oracle. Cussler died in February 2020.

Graham Brown is the author of Black Rain and Black Sun, and the co-author with Cussler of Devil’s Gate, The Storm, Zero Hour, Ghost Ship, The Pharaoh’s Secret, Nighthawk and The Rising Sea. A pilot and an attorney, he lives in Arizona.

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Worst Idea Ever
Jane Fallon

The brand-new novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author of Queen Bee and Tell Me a Secret

The brand-new novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author of Queen Bee and Tell Me a Secret. Perfect summer reading for fans of Marian Keyes, Sophie Kinsella and Gill Sims.

Jane Fallon is the multi-award-winning television producer behind shows such as This Life, Teachers and 20 Things to Do Before You’re 30. Her Sunday Times bestselling books - Getting Rid of Matthew, Got You Back, Foursome, The Ugly Sister, Skeletons, Strictly Between Us, My Sweet Revenge, Faking Friends, Tell Me a Secret and Queen Bee - have sold over a million copies in the UK.

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Another Life
Jodie Chapman

A heartbreaking reading group debut that asks: can you ever forget the one that got away?

Responsible, honourable Nick falls in love with passionate Jehovah's Witness Anna over the course of one hot summer.

When Anna's strict religion threatens to divide them, she must choose between love and family. But Nick is too scared to fight for Anna, and Anna walks away.

Years later, as Nick's relationship with his impulsive younger brother, Sal, reaches breaking point, Anna is drawn back into Nick's life. Will Nick find the courage to ask her to stay, or lose her forever?

Another Life is a dazzling, devastating coming-of-age novel that gets to the heart of what it means to truly love another.

Jodie Chapman is a thirty-five-year-old photographer living in Kent. In 2016, she was accepted on the Curtis Brown creative novel writing course. Another Life is her first novel.

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Peter 2.0
The Human Cyborg
Peter Scott-Morgan

The extraordinary true story of the man who decided to live forever

'Peter, a brilliant scientist, is told that he will lose everything he loves.

His husband. His family. His friends. His ability to travel the world. All will be gone.

But Peter will not give up. He vows that this will not be the end and instead seeks a completely new beginning . . .'

Peter has Motor Neurone Disease, a condition universally considered by doctors to be terminal. It will destroy his nerve cells and he is told that within an average of two years, it will take his life too.

But, face to face with death, he decides there is another way. Using his background in science and technology, he navigates a new path, one that will enable him not just to survive, but to thrive.

This is the astonishing true story behind the primetime Channel 4 documentary about Dr Peter Scott-Morgan who will become the first person to combine his very humanity with artificial intelligence and robotics to become a full cyborg. His discovery means that his terminal diagnosis is negotiable, something that will rewrite the future. And change the world.

By embracing love, life and hope rather than fear, tragedy and despair he will become Peter 2.0.

Peter Scott-Morgan is an English-American scientist who is on the journey to becoming the world's first full cyborg. In 2017, Peter was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, also known as ALS, and he was given two years to live. Since his terminal diagnosis, he has refused to accept this fate and instead he has taken the opportunity to conduct pioneering, breakthrough research. This is quite literally the experiment of his life. He now lives with his husband Francis in Torquay, England.
The Girl Who Died
Ragnar Jónasson

The ‘world class crime writer’ (Sunday Times) returns with his most dark and atmospheric novel yet

Una is devastated after the suicide of her father. So when she sees an advert seeking a teacher for two girls in Skálar on the storm-battered north coast of the island, she sees it as a chance to escape.

But once she arrives, Una quickly realizes nothing in city life has prepared her for this. The villagers are unfriendly. The weather is bleak. And, from the creaky attic bedroom in the old house she’s living, she’s convinced she hears the ghostly sound of singing.

Una worries that she’s losing her mind. And then, just before Christmas, there’s a murder . . .

Ragnar Jónasson was born in Reykjavík, Iceland, where he works as a writer and a lawyer and teaches copyright law at Reykjavík University. He has previously worked on radio and television, including as a TV news reporter for the Icelandic National Broadcasting Service, and, starting at the age of seventeen, has translated fourteen of Agatha Christie’s novels. He is an international bestseller.
Missing Pieces
Tim Weaver

Get ready to meet Rebekah in Tim Weaver's first standalone. She is stranded on an island, left for dead and determined to get home, but danger will continue to stalk her . . .

Crow Island was meant to be the perfect break. A chance for Rebekah to reconnect with her brother Jonny and forget about her crumbling marriage.

But stepping onto this island puts her in more danger than she could ever imagine.

After finding themselves in the forest Rebekah and her brother are attacked. When she wakes up her phone is missing and Jonny has vanished.

At that moment Rebekah realises the island has become her living hell.

By the time she makes it back to safety the island has closed for the season – and it'll be seven months before anyone returns. With her brother missing and no boats, no phones, no people, Rebekah must survive and make her way off this island.

But is finding a way back to the mainland the end of her nightmare, or just the beginning?

Tim Weaver is the Sunday Times bestselling author of ten thrillers, including I Am Missing and You Were Gone. Weaver has been nominated for a National Book Award, selected for the Richard and Judy Book Club, and shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association Dagger in the Library award. He is also the host and producer of the chart-topping Missing podcast, which features experts in the field discussing missing persons investigations from every angle. A former journalist and magazine editor, he lives near Bath with his wife and daughter.

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The Metal Heart
Caroline Lea

A sweeping novel about two sisters and the prisoner-of-war whose life will entwine with theirs, inspired by a true story

Orkney, 1940. On a remote island, a prisoner-of-war camp is constructed to house five hundred Italian soldiers. Upon arrival, a freezing Orkney winter and divided community greets them.

Orphaned sisters Dorothy and Constance volunteer to nurse the men. Dot is immediately drawn to Cesare, a young man fighting on the wrong side and broken by war and destruction.

The soldiers spend their days building a secret barricade between the islands. By night, however, they construct a reminder of their native land - an exquisite chapel.

As tensions between the islanders and outsiders grow, the sisters' loyalty is tested. Will Dot choose love, or family?

Caroline Lea grew up in Jersey and gained a First in English Literature and Creative Writing from Warwick University, where she now teaches writing. Her fiction and poetry have been shortlisted for the Bridport Prize, and The Glass Woman was shortlisted for the HWA Debut Crown.
Until Next Weekend
Rachel Marks

An emotionally uplifting and relatable new novel from the author of Saturdays at Noon

Noah’s life was perfect . . .

Living the family man’s dream, he was married to his first love, with two adorable sons and a cosy home.

But things went drastically wrong.

Now living in a tiny flat, he only sees his boys every other weekend – and, when he picks them up, he has to tolerate his ex-wife’s infuriating new boyfriend.

Determined to make amends, Noah sets out to win his family back. But if he’s to rebuild his life, he’ll need to start by fixing himself.

Will Noah manage to confront his past in time to bring his family back together?

Until Next Weekend is a funny, emotional and relatable book for fans of Mike Gayle, Nick Hornby and Josie Silver.

Rachel Marks studied English at Exeter University before becoming a primary school teacher. Despite always loving to write, it wasn’t until she gained a place on the 2016 Curtis Brown creative online novel writing course that she started to believe it could be anything more than a much-loved hobby. Every Other Weekend is her second novel.
Don't Let Him In
Howard Linskey

A gripping new thriller from the author of *Alice Teale is Missing* - engrossing mystery and nail-biting suspense

He's always been there. Now he's looking for you.

There have always been deaths in the small town of Eriston over the years – more than can easily be explained.

People dying in their houses, behind locked doors.

Sean Cole thought he'd spotted a pattern. Thought he was on the trail of a killer.

Now he's dead too.

When his daughter Rebecca returns to the town, she realizes that her father might have been onto something.

But can she find the murderer before he finds her?

**Because if she can't, her father's shabby old Victorian house is no place to hide.**

Howard Linskey is the author of a series of crime novels set in the north-east, featuring detective Ian Bradshaw and journalists Tom Carney and Helen Norton. Originally from Ferryhill in County Durham, Howard now lives in Hertfordshire with his wife and daughter.
An Act of Love
Carol Drinkwater

The compelling new novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author of The Olive Farm about the power of first love and courage in our darkest hours

Forced to flee war-ravaged Poland, Sara and her parents are offered refuge in a beautiful but dilapidated house in the French Alps. It seems the perfect hideaway, despite haunting traces of the previous occupants who left in haste.

But shadows soon fall over Sara’s blissful summer, and her blossoming romance with local villager Alain. As the Nazis close in, the family is forced to make a harrowing choice that could drive them apart forever, while Sara’s own bid for freedom risks several lives.

Will Sara be reunited with those she loves? And can she ever find her way back to Alain?

Carol Drinkwater is a multi-award-winning actress who is best known for her portrayal of Helen Herriot in the BBC television series All Creatures Great and Small. Her quartet of memoirs set on her olive farm in the South of France have sold over a million copies worldwide and her solo journey round the Mediterranean in search of the olive tree’s mythical secrets inspired a five-part documentary film series, The Olive Route. She is also the author of novels The Forgotten Summer, The Lost Girl and The House on the Edge of the Cliff. She lives in France, where she is writing her next novel.
MAY
Take a look at the people around you. Now look closer.

Is the middle-aged man in front of you right to be worried about the twinge in his chest?

Why is the little girl coughing? Hayfever? Asthma? Or something more serious?

And what about you? What are you carrying with you?

Doctors know our deepest secrets, our private worries and our most vulnerable moments. We ask so much of them - to heal, to trust, to care, to listen - and under their gaze we are all equally worthy of help.

34 Patients is the breathtaking and uplifting memoir of a doctor who dares to look closer at a crowded waiting room, and value each soul and story he encounters. Through stories of the patients he has helped, lost, and those who have changed him forever, Dr Tom Templeton weaves a profound and moving portrait of humanity, asking us to treat all with compassion.

Tom Templeton worked as a journalist at the Observer. At the age of 29 he retrained as a doctor. Since then he has worked across eight different medical specialties (paediatrics, geriatrics, psychiatry, orthopaedics, A&E, intensive care, general medicine and general practice) and in eight different hospitals across the UK. He now works as a GP.
When They Find Her
Lia Middleton

A haunting, emotional and nerve-shredding debut about a desperate mother, a tragic accident and a terrible lie . . .

Naomi had it all: a beautiful daughter; a loving husband; a cosy family home.

Until one mistake cost her everything.

A year on, her daughter comes to stay – and Naomi is determined to make it perfect. But when the night ends in tragedy, she makes a split-second decision she can never take back.

Within hours, her secluded farmhouse is invaded. Journalists crowd the driveway. Her ex-husband paces the hall.

And Naomi can’t look away.

Because the only thing worse than the lie she’s told the police is the truth: she has no memory of what really happened that night . . .

Lia Middleton is a barrister who specializes in crime and prison law, and lives with her husband and two young children in Buckinghamshire. You can find her on Twitter @liamiddleton0n and on Instagram @liamiddletonauthor. When They Find Her is her first novel.

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SAS: Sea King Down
Mark 'Splash' Aston and Stuart Tootal

The first book on the Falklands War to be written by a SAS soldier who fought there

After passing the world's toughest Special Forces selection and joining D Squadron, 22 SAS in 1979, Mark 'Splash' Aston thought the hard part was over.

Then on 2 April 1982 Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands.

Days later D Squadron joined the cutting edge of Britain's campaign to retake the islands. Over the next six weeks of fighting, the action never let up. Facing extreme weather and a determined enemy, Splash and the men of D Squadron fought in one extraordinary contact after another.

And when their Sea King helicopter crashed in the freezing South Atlantic, Splash was one of just seven survivors. Evacuated to a hospital ship, Splash defied orders and a suspected broken neck to rejoin his unit until the fight was won.

An unputdownable, edge-of-the-seat insight into still classified Special Forces operations publishing near the anniversary of the Fortuna Glacier rescue, SAS: Sea King Down will take its place alongside classics like Bravo Two Zero as military adventure writing of the highest order.

Mark 'Splash' Aston spent a lifetime in the Army, serving for 39 years in call. Joining the Glosters, as a teenager, he passed selection in 1978 and joined the Mountain Troop of D Squadron, 22 SAS, the only squadron involved in direct action against the Argentine forces. He finished his career as the Regiment's sergeant major.

Stuart Tootal is a former army colonel, a bestselling author and currently a global head in the corporate security sector. His exceptional military career has seen him serve in Northern Ireland and the Middle East.

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Discover the rise and fall of the world's greatest empire in the stunning second novel in the Athenian series, from the nation's finest historical novelist

Set in the bloody, brutal world of Ancient Persia, an age of ever-shifting loyalties and epic battles. Witness the rise and fall of the world's greatest empire.

Conn Iggulden is one of the most successful authors of historical fiction writing today. He has written three previous bestselling historical series, including Wars of the Roses. Dunstan is a stand-alone novel set in the red-blooded world of tenth-century England, and The Falcon of Sparta is a stand-alone in which Iggulden returns to the Ancient World. The Gates of Athens was the first in the new Athenian series.

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Latitude: The True Story of the World's First Scientific Expedition
Nick Crane

The epic true story of the first ever international scientific expedition to accurately discover the shape of the earth

By knowing the shape of our earth we can create maps, survive the oceans, follow rivers, navigate the skies, and travel across the globe. This is the story of our world, of how we discovered what no one thought possible – the shape of the earth.

A thrilling and page-turning account of the first major expedition by data gatherers and qualified observers to interior Peru, to discover the shape and magnitude of the earth. Until humanity discovered this, it would be impossible to produce accurate maps and sea charts, without which thousands of lives would be lost, and exact locations of cities, roads and rivers would never be known. This fascinating and dramatic story weaves scientific rigour, egos, funding crises and betrayal with sea voyages, jungles and volcanoes.

Nicholas Crane was born in Hastings, but grew up on the rugged coast of Norfolk. He is an award-winning writer, journalist, geographer and explorer who has presented BAFTA-winning, BBC TV series Coast, Great British Journeys, Map Man and Town. His previous books include Great British Journeys, Clear Waters Rising, Two Degrees West and Mercator: The Man Who Mapped the Planet and he writes for the Daily Telegraph, the Guardian and the Sunday Times. Nicholas has travelled extensively in Tibet, China, Afghanistan and Africa, and he identified and visited for the first time the geographical Pole of Inaccessibility, the point on the globe most distant from the open sea, in the Gobi Desert. He now lives in London with his wife and children.
Senbazuru
Small Steps and Gentle Wisdoms to Heal the Soul
Michael James Wong

A beautiful, meditative guide to folding Japanese paper cranes and to finding peace and contentment in the process

In Japan, the iconic paper crane is a powerful symbol of happiness and hope. According to tradition, if a person can fold a thousand paper cranes in one year, they will be granted a long and joyful life.

In this practical yet beautiful book, renowned yoga and meditation teacher Michael James Wong shows how to fold a paper crane in twelve straightforward steps, with each crease an opportunity to slow down and gain new focus. Along the way he shares wisdom on everything from courage and resilience to gratitude and growth.

By following each simple fold and the accompanying meditations, readers will learn how breaking things down into small gentle steps can help us find the path to our goals.

UK Publication is planned to coincide with the author’s Cranes of Hope project, an ambitious installation of paper cranes suspended below the dome in London’s St Paul’s Cathedral, intended to inspire a message of hope in the aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis and raise money for charity.

Michael James Wong is the founder of Just Breathe, a global mindfulness collective which hosts events everywhere from Los Angeles and Dubai to Sweden and Australia. He has addressed the House of Lords and has lectured at universities across the UK and the USA on the importance of mindfulness in the modern world. His first book Sit Down, Be Quiet published in 2018.
You Need To Know
Nicola Moriarty

An exhilarating novel about a devastating accident and the secrets it reveals . . .

The holidays are here. The extended family has gathered. The cars are packed and the convoy sets off. The cottage is a few hours’ drive – but not everyone will live to see it . . .

For Jill, her three sons, their wives and children, a terrifying road crash will tear apart their family. The crash will be an accident but the shattering that follows has been long coming.

Because at the heart of this family lies a secret – concealed, wrestled with, festering and harmful – and nothing now can stop it coming out.

But will any of them survive it?

Nicola Moriarty is a novelist, copywriter and mum to two small (but remarkably strong-willed) daughters. In between various career changes, becoming a mum and studying at university, she began to write. Now, she can’t seem to stop. The Fifth Letter was her debut novel, followed by Those Other Women and The Ex-Girlfriend.

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Island Reich
Jack Grimwood

Rich, atmospheric Second World War thriller from award-winning author of Moskva and Nightfall Berlin

An unlikely spy
July 1940. As Britain braces itself for invasion, ex-Tommy and petty thief Bill O'Hagan is glad to have escaped the battlefield. But when a job goes wrong, he finds himself forced to serve his country once more.

A reluctant king
Spurned by his government and fearing for his life, the recently abdicated Edward VIII flees to Portugal, where he welcomes the hospitality of his country’s enemies. As a web of Nazi trickery threatens to ensnare him, his fate and the fate of Britain rest on one man.

The fate of a nation in their hands
Dropped on an occupied Channel Island without backup, Bill must crack an enemy safe and get its contents to safety. Failure will devastate any hope Britain has of winning the war.

But with the layers of deception and intrigue drawing ever more tightly around them, Bill and Edward both learn they aren’t the only players in this game. And Berlin – which has the Duke in its own sights – is plotting its greatest move yet . . .

Jack Grimwood, a.k.a Jon Courtenay Grimwood, was born in Malta and christened in the upturned bell of a ship. He grew up in the Far East, Britain and Scandinavia. Apart from novels, he writes for national newspapers including The Times, Telegraph, Independent and Guardian. Jon is two-time winner of the BSFA Award for Best Novel, first with Felaheen, and then for End of the World Blues. His literary novel, The Last Banquet, published under the name Jonathan Grimwood, was shortlisted for Le Prix Montesquieu in 2015. His work has been translated into fifteen languages. He is married to the journalist and novelist Sam Baker. Nightfall Berlin is his second thriller.

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The Saboteurs
Clive Cussler and Jack du Brul

Isaac Bell returns for another thrilling mission in a new book from the Grand Master of Adventure, Clive Cussler

Detective Isaac Bell's wife has said that he is always in the wrong place at the right time. This is certainly the case when Bell thwarts the attempted assassination of a United States Senator shortly after meeting the man. This heroic rescue is just the start of the mystery for Bell, who suspects that the would-be assassins have a much larger and more dangerous agenda – one involving the nearly constructed Panama Canal. While the Senator supports the building of the canal, there are many, including a local Panamanian insurgency known as the Red Vipers, who never want to see its completion.

With millions of dollars and the fates of two nations at stake, Bell heads to Panama to find answers. After a deadly bombing at the Canal's construction site, he is determined to stop the insurgents – or whoever is funding them – before they can attack again.

Clive Cussler was the author and co-author of a great number of international bestsellers, including the famous Dirk Pitt® adventures, such as Celtic Empire; the NUMA® Files adventures, most recently The Rising Sea; the Oregon Files, such as Shadow Tyrants; the Isaac Bell historical thrillers, which began with The Chase; and the recent Fargo Adventures, which lastly included The Oracle. Cussler died in February 2020.

Jack Du Brul is the author of the Philip Mercer series, most recently The Lightning Stones, and is co-author with Cussler of the Oregon Files novels, Dark Watch, Skeleton Coast, Plague Ship, Corsair, The Silent Sea, and The Jungle. He lives in Virginia.
Suspects
Lesley Pearse

The enthralling new novel from the 10-million-copy, No. 1 bestselling author

One of the nation's favourite storytellers is back with a heart-pounding new novel.

When a young couple move into their first home together a young girl is found murdered nearby. Soon a spotlight is cast on all the neighbours, each hiding their own dark and twisted secrets.

Lesley Pearse was told as a child that she had too much imagination for her own good. When she grew up she worked her way through a number of jobs, including nanny, bunny girl, dressmaker and full-time mother, before, at the age of forty-nine, settling upon a career that would allow her gifts to blossom: she became a published writer. Lesley lives in Devon and has three daughters and four grandchildren.

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12 Birds to Save Your Life
Nature's Lessons on Happiness
Charlie Corbett

A profound exploration of grief, life and of being human, told through the lens of twelve songbirds

'This book is about coping with being human. It's about how unexpected events smash and bash their way into our lives without permission. And how a love of the natural world – and particularly of songbirds – will help to raise you from these periodic depths.'

Drawing on his own experience of struggling with grief, depression and suicidal thoughts, Charlie Corbett writes beautifully about how his simple decision to attempt to reconnect with the natural world was a huge comfort to him. When Charlie first started to learn about songbirds – from solitary skylarks to squabbling sparrows – he realized that these characterful creatures have much to teach us about life, happiness and acceptance.

Charlie Corbett has worked as an editor, journalist and most recently set up his own communications consultancy, Bullfinch Media. Despite having pursued a 20-year career in financial journalism, he remains, in his heart, a country boy. He comes from a family of livestock and arable farmers and spent his childhood divided between farms on the rolling Downs of Hampshire and on the Isle of Mull.

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**Scorpion**  
*Christian Cantrell*

*I Am Pilgrim meets Minority Report – a gripping international cat-and-mouse thriller with an ending you won't see coming*

Around the world, people have been murdered. The victims fit no profile, the circumstances vary wildly, but one thing links them all: in every case the victim is branded with a number.

With police around the globe floundering, CIA Analyst Quinn Mitchell is called in to investigate.

No-one is better than Quinn at finding patterns, and it's not long before she's on the killer's tail.

As she races against time to find out who the killer is, she is prepared to catch this ice-hearted assassin with limitless resources.

**What she isn't prepared for is the person pulling the strings...**

*Christian Cantrell* is a software engineer living outside of Washington, D.C. His self-published fiction has sold more than a quarter of a million copies, and three of his stories have been optioned for film or TV. Beyond his writing, he leads a team of designers and engineers who prototype the future of creativity at Adobe.
In Harm’s Way
Anthony Mosawi

A pacy thriller with a supernatural twist

Sara Eden is not like other agents.

All her life, she's been running – from the men who’ve hunted her, and from the memories that haunt her.

But the time for running is over. To right the wrongs of her past, she must act.

Sara's abilities defy all logic and reason. With her help, MI5 have an asset unlike any other. But to keep her safe, they must keep her hidden. In the wrong hands, their greatest advantage could be an enemy’s greatest weapon...

Sara is determined to save as many innocent lives as possible. But as her past, present and future collide, she faces an impossible choice. Save herself? Or risk everything to protect the future as we know it...

Anthony Mosawi moved from London to California to join Paramount Pictures as an executive. He was on the Paramount lot for eight years before launching his own film financing company. He is married with a son and splits his time between LA and London. Trust No One was his first novel.
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