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From The Modern Master of Noir comes a novel about the malevolent monarch of the 1950s Hollywood underground - a tale of pervasive paranoia teeming with communist conspiracies, FBI finks, celebrity smut films and strange bedfellows.

Freddy Otash is the man in the know and the man to know in '50s L.A. He operates with two simple rules - he'll do anything but commit murder and he'll never work with the commies.

Freddy is an ex-L.A. cop on the skids. He snuffed a cop killer in cold blood - and it got to him bad. So Chief William H. Parker canned him. Now he's a sleazoid private eye, a shakedown artist, a pimp - and, most notably, the head strongarm goon for Confidential magazine. Confidential presaged the idiot internet - and delivered the dirt, the dish, the insidious ink and the scurrilous skank on the feckless foibles of misanthropic movie stars, sex-soiled socialites and potzo politicians. Freaky Freddy outs them all!

In Widespread Panic, we traverse the depths of '50s L.A. and dig on the inner workings of Confidential. You'll go to Burt Lancaster's lushly appointed torture den; you'll groove overhyped legend James Dean as Freddy's chief stooge; you'll be there for Freddy's ring-a-ling rendezvous with Liz Taylor; you'll be front and centre as Freddy anoints himself the 'Tattle Tyrant Who Held Hollywood Hostage'.

James Ellroy was born in Los Angeles in 1948. He is the author of the acclaimed 'LA Quartet': The Black Dahlia, The Big Nowhere, LA Confidential and White Jazz. His novel Blood's A Rover completes the magisterial 'Underworld USA Trilogy' - the first two volumes of which (American Tabloid and The Cold Six Thousand) were both Sunday Times bestsellers. His previous novel, This Storm, is the second instalment in Ellroy's second 'L.A. Quartet':

Brendan has always lived a careful, constrained life. A salesman who never liked the work, he’s a man who has stayed in his marriage and his faith because it was what was expected of him. But now, having lost his job after corporate downsizing and on the cusp of sixty, he finds himself scrambling to somehow stay afloat in the only Los Angeles work on offer to a man his age - driving for Uber.

When one of his rides, a retired professor named Elise, asks to be dropped off outside an abortion clinic where she now volunteers, Brendan finds himself literally driving right into the virulent epicentre of one of the major issues of our time, engulfing his life in the process.

A novel of high suspense and considerable moral complexity, Afraid of the Light is a tough, affecting social thriller that speaks volumes about the corrosive divisions of our troubled times.

'Kennedy is skilled at zigzag plotting, blending domestic twists with turns created by global affairs' OBSERVER

Douglas Kennedy’s previous twelve novels include the critically acclaimed bestsellers The Big Picture, The Pursuit of Happiness, A Special Relationship and The Moment. He is also the author of three highly-praised travel books. The Big Picture was filmed with Romain Duris and Catherine Deneuve; The Woman in the Fifth with Ethan Hawke and Kristin Scott Thomas.

His work has been translated into twenty-two languages. In 2007 he was awarded the French decoration of Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres; and in 2009 the inaugural Grand Prix de Figaro. Born in Manhattan in 1955, he has two children and currently divides his time between London, Paris, Berlin, Maine and New York.
**Neil Blackmore**  
**The Dangerous Kingdom of Love**  
The author of THE INTOXICATING MR LAVELLE returns with more scandal, sex and intrigue, but set in the court of King James I - with added philosophers,

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The kingdom of love is a frightening place. A dangerous place. What kind of fool wants to live there?

How have I, Francis Bacon, well-known as the cleverest man in England, been caught in this trap? For years I survived the brutal games of the English court, driven by the whims of the idiot King James I - and finally, I was winning. Forget what my friends Ben Jonson and William Shakespeare say about love. I had that which men truly crave above all else: power.

But now, at the moment of my greatest success, a deadly alliance of my enemies has begun closing in on me. Led by the King's beautiful and poisonous lover Carr, this new alliance threatens to turn our foolish King against me, so that I may rot in the Tower.

I refuse to go down without a fight. I have concocted a brilliant new plan: I will find my own beguiling young man and supplant Carr in the King's bed, and take power for myself. All I need to do is find him, my beautiful and mysterious creature, my perfect chess move.

In the dangerous kingdom of love, those who understand desire win. And I intend to win, at all costs.

Neil Blackmore never had any intention of becoming a writer. He wrote his first novel at work to fill time at a boring job. He published his first novel in his twenties but then spent most of his thirties travelling the world. THE INTOXICATING MR LAVELLE is his third novel. He lives in London.


**Georgette Heyer**  
**The Black Moth**  
The first novel by the greatest author of historical romance in the world - a wonderful tale of love and adventure set in Heyer's Regency England.

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**GEORGETTE HEYER'S REMARKABLE FIRST NOVEL**

‘One of my perennial comfort authors. Heyer's books are as incisively witty and quietly subversive as any of Jane Austen’s’  
Joanne Harris

‘Absolutely delicious tales of Regency heroes . . . Utter, immersive escapism’ SOPHIE KINSELLA

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Diana Beauleigh is caught between two men.

Seven long years ago, Jack Carstares, the Earl of Wyncham, sacrificed his honour for his brother and has been in exile ever since.

Returning to England, Jack pretends to be a gentleman named Sir Anthony Ferndale but makes his living in a most ungentlemanly fashion, as a highwayman and a gambler.

When Jack encounters his nemesis, the Duke of Andover, in the midst of kidnapping Diana Beauleigh, the two old enemies come to blows.

Can Jack save the beautiful Diana from rakes, kidnap and ruin…?

‘Georgette Heyer is second to none’ Sunday Times

‘Fabulously witty’ Stephen Fry

Author of over fifty books, Georgette Heyer is the best-known and best-loved of all historical novelists, who made the Regency period her own. Her first novel, The Black Moth, published in 1921, was written at the age of seventeen to amuse her convalescent brother; her last was My Lord John. Although most famous for her historical novels, she also wrote eleven detective stories. Georgette Heyer died in 1974 at the age of seventy-one.
1914: Young Anton Heideck has arrived in Vienna, eager to make his name as a journalist. While working part-time as a private tutor, he encounters Delphine, a woman who mixes startling candour with deep reserve. Entranced by the light of first love, Anton feels himself blessed. Until his country declares war on hers.

1927: For Lena, life with a drunken mother in a small town has been impoverished and cold. She is convinced she can amount to nothing until a young lawyer, Rudolf Plischke, spirits her away to Vienna. But the capital proves unforgiving. Lena leaves her metropolitan dream behind to take a menial job at the snow-bound sanatorium, the Schloss Seeblick. In this place of healing, on the banks of a silvery lake, where the depths of human suffering and the chances of redemption are explored, two people will see each other as if for the first time.

Sweeping across Europe as it recovers from one war and hides its face from the coming of another, SNOW COUNTRY is a landmark novel of exquisite yearnings, dreams of youth and the sanctity of hope. In elegant, shimmering prose, Sebastian Faulks has produced a work of timeless resonance.

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The epic new love story from master storyteller Sebastian Faulks, and his best novel since BIRDSONG

The second volume of the remarkable, Sunday Times bestselling diaries of Chips Channon.

This second volume of the bestselling diaries of Henry ‘Chips’ Channon takes us from the heady aftermath of the Munich agreement, when the Prime Minister Chips so admired was credited with having averted a general European conflagration, through the rapid unravelling of appeasement, and on to the tribulations of the early years of the Second World War. It closes with a moment of hope, as Channon, in recording the fall of Mussolini in July 1943, reflects: ‘The war must be more than half over.’

For much of this period, Channon is genuinely an eye-witness to unfolding events. He reassures Neville Chamberlain as he fights for his political life in May 1940. He chats to Winston Churchill while the two men inspect the bombed-out chamber of the House of Commons a few months later. From his desk at the Foreign Office he charts the progress of the war. But with the departure of his boss ‘Rab’ Butler to the Ministry of Education, and Channon’s subsequent exclusion from the corridors of power, his life changes - and with it the preoccupations and tone of the diaries. The conduct of the war remains a constant theme, but more personal preoccupations come increasingly to the fore. As he throws himself back into the pleasures of society, he records his encounters with the likes of Noel Coward, Prince Philip, General de Gaulle and Oscar Wilde’s erstwhile lover Lord Alfred Douglas. He describes dinners with members of European royal dynasties, and recounts gossip and scandal about the great, the good and the less good. And he charts the implosion of his marriage and his burgeoning, passionate friendship with a young officer on Wavell’s staff.

These are diaries that bring a whole epoch vividly to life.

Sir Henry (Chips) Channon was born in Chicago in 1897 (although he claimed 1899 as the year of his birth, until the true facts were exposed - to his embarrassment - in the Sunday Express). The son of a wealthy businessman, he accompanied the American Red Cross to Paris in 1917, was an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford, and then settled in London where he mingled with society and enjoyed the high life. He married into the Guinness family, and became a Conservative MP for Southend from 1935 until his death. He knew or was friends with all the leading politicians and aristocrats of the period, wined and dined Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson in the months before the Abdication crisis, and observed at first hand the last days of appeasement. He died in 1958. Elliot Templeton in Somerset Maugham’s novel The Razor’s Edge (1944) and the disappointed schoolmaster Croker-Harris in Rattigan’s play The Browning Version (1948) were partly inspired by Channon.
Robert Harris
The Cicero Trilogy

All three novels of the acclaimed Cicero Trilogy brought together in one volume, with a new introduction from the author.

Robert Harris is the author of fourteen bestselling novels: the Cicero Trilogy - Imperium, Lustrum and Dictator - Fatherland, Enigma, Archangel, Pompeii, The Ghost, The Fear Index, An Officer and a Spy, which won four prizes including the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction, Conclave, Munich, The Second Sleep and V2. Several of his books have been filmed, including The Ghost, which was directed by Roman Polanski. His work has been translated into forty languages and he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. He lives in West Berkshire with his wife, Gill Hornby.

Richard Powers
Bewilderment

A magnificent new novel by Richard Powers, his first novel since the Booker Prize-shortlisted, Pulitzer Prize-winning The Overstory

Theo Byrne is a promising young astrophysicist who has found a way to search for life on other planets dozens of light years away. He is also the widowed father of a most unusual nine-year-old. His son Robin is funny, loving, and filled with plans. He thinks and feels deeply, adores animals, and can spend hours painting elaborate pictures. He is also on the verge of being expelled from third grade, for smashing his friend's face with a metal thermos.

What can a father do, when the only solution offered to his rare and troubled boy is to put him on psychoactive drugs? What can he say when his boy comes to him wanting an explanation for a world that is clearly in love with its own destruction? The only thing for it is to take the boy to other planets, while all the while fostering his son's desperate campaign to help save this one.

Richard Powers has published thirteen novels. He is a MacArthur Fellow and received the National Book Award. His most recent book, The Overstory, won the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. He lives in the Great Smoky Mountains.
Lauren Groff
Matrix

A remarkable new novel from Lauren Groff, her first since the New York Times bestselling Fates and Furies

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MEET THE INDOMITABLE MARIE DE FRANCE

Born from a long line of female warriors and crusaders, yet too coarse, too wild, too rough-hewn for courtly life, Marie de France is cast from the royal court. Woefully, she is sent to the muddy fields of Angleterre to take up her new duty as the prioress of an impoverished abbey.

The abbey is a dreadful place: its inhabitants are on the brink of starvation, beset by disease, stoic and stern, yet plagued with an unholy tendency to gossip. Marie cannot help but pine for the decadence and comfort of France; her secret lover Cecily, her queen Eleanor, and the very court that had spited her.

Yet Marie soon realises that, though she may be tied to a life of duty, she wields more power than she could have imagined. With the fearlessness that has always set her apart, she inspires her new sisterhood to awaken their spirits and finally claim what is theirs.

A dazzling work of literature, Matrix gathers currents of violence, sensuality and ecstasy in a mesmerising portrait of consuming passion and womanhood.

Lauren Groff is the New York Times bestselling author of three novels, The Monsters of Templeton, Arcadia and Fates and Furies, and the celebrated short story collections Delicate Edible Birds and Florida. Her work has been featured in the New Yorker, Harper’s, the Atlantic and several Best American Short Stories anthologies. She has won the Paul Bowles Prize for Fiction, the PEN/O. Henry Award, the Pushcart Prize and the Story Prize; and has been a finalist for the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Orange Award for New Writers and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize among others. In 2017, Lauren was named a Granta Best of Young American Novelist. In 2018, she received a Guggenheim fellowship in fiction and a Fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. She lives in Gainesville, Florida with her husband, two sons and dog.

Amor Towles
The Lincoln Highway

Three young fugitives venture across 1950s America to New York in the absorbing new novel by the author of the bestselling A Gentleman in Moscow.

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In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter.

With his mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett plans to pick up his eight-year-old brother Billy and head to California to start a new life.

But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have stowed away in the trunk of the warden's car. They have a very different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take the four of them on a fateful journey in the opposite direction - to New York City.

Bursting with life, charm, richly imagined settings and unforgettable characters, The Lincoln Highway is an extraordinary journey through 1950s America from the pen of a master storyteller.

Amor Towles was born and raised in the Boston area. He graduated from Yale University and received an MA in English from Stanford University. An investment professional for over twenty years, he now devotes himself full time to writing. Towles lives in Manhattan with his wife and two children.
Daniel Sloss

Everyone You Hate is Going to Die
And Other Comforting Thoughts on Family,

In the first book from one of this generation's hottest and boldest young comedians, Daniel Sloss presents a transgressive and hilarious analysis of all of our relationships.

Daniel Sloss's stand-up comedy engages, enrages, offends, unsettles, educates, comforts, and gets audiences roaring with laughter - all at the same time. In his groundbreaking specials, seen on Netflix and HBO, he has brilliantly tackled everything from male toxicity and friendship to love, romance and marriage - and claims (with the data to back it up) that his on-stage laser-like dissection of relationships has single-handedly caused more than 300 divorces and 120,000 breakups.

Now, in his first book, he picks up where his specials left off, and goes after every conceivable kind of relationship - with one's country (Sloss's is Scotland); with America; with lovers, ex-lovers, ex-lovers who you hate, ex-lovers who hate you; with parents; with best friends (male and female), not-best friends; with children; with siblings; and even with the global pandemic and our own mortality.

In Everyone You Hate Is Going to Die, every human connection gets the brutally funny (and unfailingly incisive) Sloss treatment as he illuminates the ways in which all of our relationships are fragile and ridiculous and awful - but also valuable and meaningful and important.

Daniel Sloss finds About the Author descriptions wanky and outdated. He would just like you to watch his fucking comedy specials. The publisher, on the other hand, would like you to know that Daniel Sloss is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning Scottish comedian and writer. He has created eleven solo shows, toured them in theatres, music venues, and arenas across fifty countries to rave reviews, and his specials, including X on HBO as well as Dark and Jigsaw, on Netflix, can be seen in a total of 190 countries. Despite the relationship and marital mayhem he has caused, Sloss still believes in love. Sloss is thirty and lives in Scotland, his 'forever home'.

Tim Benson

Britain's Best Political Cartoons 2021

Bringing much-needed humour to a chaotic year in politics, this cartoon companion features the work of Steve Bell, Peter Brookes, Nicola Jennings and many more of the nation's finest cartoonists.

2021 is turning out to be another extraordinary year, from Covid crises and vaccine victories to lockdown learning, haddock havoc and Capitol coups. But, then, it has also been a very familiar story of Brexit blunders and Trumpian tantrums. The nation's greatest cartoonists have recorded it all with searing wit and astonishing creativity. Britain's Best Political Cartoons 2021 brings together cartoons from the nation's finest satirists, along with captions from Britain's leading cartoon expert, to tell the story of another tumultuous twelve months.
#MERKY BOOKS
Ramla Ali
Not Without a Fight: Ten Steps to Becoming Your Own Champion

The ultimate book of what it takes to be a champion. A revealing account of inspiration, motivation and how to overcome obstacles in your life told by a true force

Ramla Ali is a real triple threat - professional boxer, philanthropist, and model. The original force for change and good, her debut non-fiction details ten vital fights in and outside the ring which taught her a life lesson and have shaped the person she is today.

"Sometimes we have to take a chance on our goals. We have to be open to trying new things, even if they don't work out. Don't be afraid of putting yourself out there. The very act of trying something out tells yourself, and the world that you are brave, you are ambitious, and you are a force to be reckoned with".

Ten Fights, Ten Rounds: Step into the life of one of Ramla Ali as she talks you through her challenges, and triumphs. From embracing failure, charging forward with confidence, finding and following your dreams, being open to love and dealing with defeat. Each chapter closes with a rousing pep talk, encouraging the reader to keep going.

Packed full of honesty and urgency, powering the reader on to become their own champion.

Ramla Ali is a Somali-born, London raised professional boxer, model and activist. She took up the sport of boxing aged 12, training and competing in secret from her family for over ten years. Ramla rose to early prominence as the two-time winner of the national amateur championships in England and winning the Great British Championships. With over sixty-five amateur fights under her belt, Ramla made history by becoming the first boxer to have won an international gold medal whilst representing the country of Somalia. Ramla is a Nike Global Athlete and brand ambassador for Pantene, Coach and Cartier. She is a proud ambassador of UNICEF, Coach’s ‘Dream It Real’ foundation and Choose Love.

Jade LB
Keisha The Sket

From cultural icon Jade LB comes the notorious Keisha the Sket, an unforgettable coming-of-age story and a raw and original depiction of British youth culture.

Where were you when Keisha the Sket first broke the internet?

Keisha is a girl from the ends, sharp, feisty and ambitious; she’s been labelled ‘top sket’ but she’s making it work. When childhood crush and long-time admirer, Ricardo, finally wins her over, Keisha has it all: power, a love life and the chance for stability. But trauma comes knocking and with it a whirlwind of choices that will define what kind of a woman she truly wants to be.

Told with the heart and soul of the inner city, with an unforgettable heroine, Keisha The Sket is a revelation of the true, raw, arousing and tender core of British youth culture.

Complete with essays from esteemed contemporary writers Candice Carty-Williams, Caleb Femi and Aniefiok Ekpoudom.

In 2005, the author known only as ‘Jade’ began releasing chapters of Keisha The [Da] Sket on Piczo. The work became a viral sensation, capturing black British culture and youth-authored youth experience. Jade LB is a London-based creative and academic writer whose writing explores black women and relationships, black British culture and the black British working-class experience. One half of The Echo Chamber podcast, she has written articles and essays for Black Ballad and other publications and currently takes up space in academia. Here, she returns to Keisha The Sket, revisiting and amplifying a character she created when she was just thirteen.
RANDOM HOUSE BUSINESS
The past decade has seen the relentless rise of cryptocurrency as an alternative form of digital currency. But what precisely is it and what potential does it have to change the world of money?

In this brilliantly clear, one-stop guide WIRED Senior Editor Gian Volpicelli explains everything you need to know about cryptocurrency. He outlines its development and describes precisely how it operates. He demystifies the jargon it has spawned, from blockchain, Bitcoin and stablecoins to mining, smart contracts and forking. He looks at the political and economic ideologies that drive it. And he addresses the central question: will cryptocurrency have the transformative economic and social impact that its champions claim for it?

Gian Volpicelli (Author)
Gian Volpicelli is a Senior Editor for WIRED UK.

WIRED (Author)
WIRED is the world's most authoritative and respected publication reporting on the emerging trends, ideas and technologies shaping our world. Our mission is to tell the stories of the people who are driving this change and to understand its impact on business, society and individuals. WIRED has become synonymous with informed and intelligent analysis of these transformational forces and the significance of them for industries and individuals and is a consistently reliable predictor of change.

Why are people so divided?
Can they be brought together?

We live in a world riven by competing beliefs and values. Liberal versus conservative. Pro-life versus pro-choice. Global warming sceptic versus environmentalist. The splits and tensions cut across almost every area of our lives.

In Poles Apart, three leading experts explain why we are so prone to be drawn into rival, often deeply antagonistic groups. They delve into our genetic makeup to reveal the extent to which our world views are fixed the day we're born. They explore the competing influences of family, friends and peers and the dynamics of ingroups and outgroups. They pinpoint the economic and political triggers that tip people from healthy disagreement to dangerous hostility, and the part played by social media in spreading entrenched views. And they help us to understand why, when presented with precisely the same information, different people will so often draw diametrically opposed conclusions.

Above all, by meticulously showing how and why polarisation takes root, they show what practical and effective steps we can all take to narrow divisions, create a greater degree of common understanding - and persuade others to appreciate our point of view.

Ali Goldsworthy (Author)
Ali Goldsworthy has spent over 20 years active in politics and campaigning. A former Deputy Chair of the Liberal Democrats, she led the team that built the fastest growing campaigning organisation in the UK. In 2017 she was a Sloan Fellow at Stanford, creating its first depolarisation course and claiming numerous awards for her work. Ali has written for the Telegraph, Independent, New Statesman and Financial Times.

Laura Osborne (Author)
Laura Osborne is a professional communicator and change maker, with a background in public affairs and government communications. Currently Communications Director and a spokesperson at London First, the voice of London’s largest businesses, she was the UK Consumer Association’s first Head of Corporate Affairs, working with some of the UK’s biggest corporates to directly intervene to improve the banking, energy and telecoms markets for consumers.

Alex Chesterfield (Author)
Alex Chesterfield is a behavioural scientist with a Masters in Cognitive & Decision Science. She currently works in financial services, leading a team of psychologists to encourage consumers to make better decisions and drive
We are entering the Exponential Age. Between faster computers, better software and bigger data, ours is the first era in human history in which technology is constantly accelerating.

Azeem Azhar - writer, technologist, and creator of the acclaimed Exponential View newsletter - understands this shift better than anyone. Technology, he argues, is developing at an increasing, exponential rate. But human society - from our businesses to our political institutions - can only ever adapt at a slower, incremental pace. The result is an 'exponential gap' - between the power of new technology and humans' ability to keep up.

In Exponential, Azhar shows how this exponential gap can explain our society’s most pressing problems. The gulf between established businesses and fast-growing digital platforms. The inability of nation states to deal with new forms of cyberwarfare. And the sclerotic response of liberal democracies to fast-moving social problems.

But the exponential gap is not inevitable. Drawing on fields as varied as economics, political science and psychology, Azhar sketches out how we can harness the power of tech to serve our real needs - fostering new ways of doing business, innovative forms of politics, and fresh approaches to national defence.

The result is a holistic new way to make sense of the modern world. Exponential technology is transforming all of our lives. This book explains how.

Azeem Azhar is the creator of Exponential View, Britain’s leading platform for in-depth tech analysis. His weekly newsletter is read by 200,000 people from around the world, and his hit podcast has featured guests including Yuval Noah Harari, Reid Hoffman and Mariana Mazzucato. He is a member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Futures Council, and a contributor to publications including the Financial Times, Prospect and the MIT Technology Review.

With a global population estimated to reach nearly 10 billion by 2050 we face a huge challenge in feeding everyone on the planet. How is that to be achieved?

In this brilliantly insightful, one stop guide WIRED journalist Matt Reynolds assesses the limits and drawbacks of current food production and looks at the ways in which they can be tackled. He considers the potential for lab-grown meat to replace inefficient livestock farming. He talks to the scientists hoping to perfect more productive and disease-resistant crops. He explores initiatives to make agriculture less environmentally damaging and to reduce food waste. And he addresses the fundamental question: how do we feed more people while using fewer of the Earth’s resources?

Matthew Reynolds (Author)
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Guy Hands
The Dealmaker
Lessons from a Life in Private Equity

An inside account of the multi-billion pound world of private equity and a masterclass on the art of dealmaking

Guy Hands, who was born in 1959, graduated with an MA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Mansfield College, Oxford, and then went to work for Goldman Sachs International where he became Head of Eurobond Trading, and then Head of Goldman Sachs’ Global Asset Structuring Group. He left Goldman Sachs in 1994 for Nomura International plc where he established PFG before spinning out Terra Firma as an independent private equity firm in 2002. Since then, he has overseen the investment of €17 billion of equity in 35 businesses with an aggregate value of €48 billion. In 2012, Guy was named the 20th most influential figure in Private Equity International’s ‘100 Most Influential of the Decade’. He established Terra Firma Capital Partners Limited’s commitment to donate 10% of annual pre-tax profits to local initiatives in London, while Terra Firma Capital Management Limited supports numerous charities in Guernsey. He is also President of ‘Access for Excellence’ which promotes access to higher education. Additionally, Guy is a fellow of the Duke of Edinburgh’s award scheme. In 2018, Guy was awarded Spear’s ‘Philanthropist of the Year’. He is also a member of the University of Oxford Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors.

Andrew Chen
The Cold Start Problem

How to take your business from launch-pad to reality.

From Airbnb to Uber, a revelatory exploration of how network effects can turbo-charge businesses - from one of Silicon Valley's best-respected investors

Andrew Chen is best known for his newsletter on tech and business, which has grown to nearly 200,000 followers in just over two years. He is currently a general partner at Andreessen Horowitz, the investment company behind Twitter, Airbnb, Github, Lyft and Skype. He was formerly head of rider growth at Uber, where he oversaw an increase from 15 million to 100 million active users of the platform.
Unlock the secrets of high performance.

As one of Britain’s best-respected sports presenters, Jake Humphrey has witnessed first-hand the highs and lows of some of the most remarkable athletes on earth. And in his multi-million download podcast, High Performance, he teams up with Professor Damian Hughes to examine the secrets of the world’s highest-performing people - in sport, in business and in life.

Now, Jake and Damian reveal how we can all become high performers. Drawing on interviews with leading sportspeople and entrepreneurs, they uncover the nine hidden principles that drive high performers to success: from taking absolute responsibility for their situation, to working out their non-negotiable ‘trademark behaviours’, to getting the very best out of their teammates. And they draw on cutting-edge psychology to explain why these methods have such a transformative impact.

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Damian Hughes is an expert on high-performance sporting cultures and a visiting professor at Manchester Metropolitan University. The author of a number of bestselling books, Damian’s research has been praised by the likes of Sir Richard Branson, Muhammad Ali, Sir Roger Bannister, Tiger Woods, Jonny Wilkinson and Sir Alex Ferguson.

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In Afghanistan, an experienced pilot is shot down during a covert mission. The man survives the crash, but is pursued into the mountains by Russian operatives.

In New York, a wealthy businessman hires Jack Morgan to track down his daughter, who has gone missing along with her two children. But it is more than a missing persons case, the daughter has been linked to the murder of two men.

Jack finds the missing daughter and discovers that she is being pursed, and killed two of her pursers in her escape. Jack takes the woman and her children into his protection, but now he is harbouring a wanted murderer.

As Jack discovers more of the backstory of this woman and her children, he realises the only way to clear her name is for him to head to Afghanistan, and face the traumatic memories of his own time there serving as a US Marine many years ago.

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A remarkable novel about vulnerable animals and the men who hunt them. And it's about us: our pasts and our present, and the way we see the world.

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Ripped from family.  
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This is a book about vulnerable animals and the men who interact with them. And it's about us. Our pasts and our present, and the way we see the world.

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Felice was born in Los Angeles, California and worked in advertising in New York before moving to London to marry and raise a family. In her mid-fifties she read History, Politics and Philosophy at Birkbeck, University of London. Her debut novel, *Interviews with an Ape* is about our relationships with animals, one another and the natural world, imagined in a series of interlinking stories by a group of vulnerable animals told to a gorilla named Einstein, who can communicate with humans through sign language.

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“Mum, there's some people here from college, they asked me back to theirs. Just for an hour or so. Is that OK?”

Midsummer 2017: teenage mum Tallulah heads out on a date, leaving her baby son at home with her mother, Kim.

At 11pm she sends her mum a text message. At 4.30am Kim awakens to discover that Tallulah has not come home.

Friends tell her that Tallulah was last seen heading to a pool party at a house in the woods nearby called Dark Place.

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**No one's life is as perfect as it looks.**

Least of all Laura Morrison's. (Although she's not sure how perfect hanging onto your job by a thread and sleeping on an air mattress at your sister's looks, in all honesty.)

When Laura gets the chance to trial Cupid - a high-tech new dating service which will draw on everything she's ever done online to find her perfect match - she figures it's got to be worth a try.

She can't believe her luck when good-looking, kind considerate Adam turns up for their first date. On paper he's...well...perfect.

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Emma Hughes is a London-based freelance writer and editor who has worked for a number of publications including Time Out, Wired, ES, The Telegraph and Eater. She studied English at Cambridge before being awarded a bursary to study for an MA in Creative Writing at the University of York.
Anthony Horowitz
A Line to Kill

By the global bestselling author, Anthony Horowitz, the third novel in his acclaimed Hawthorne and Horowitz series. One island, two murders and a killer

‘I couldn’t see the sea from my bedroom but I could hear the waves breaking in the distance. They reminded me that I was on a tiny island. And I was trapped.’

There has never been a murder on Alderney.

It’s a tiny island, just three miles long and a mile and a half wide. The perfect location for a brand new literary festival. Private Investigator Daniel Hawthorne has been invited to talk about his new book. The writer, Anthony Horowitz, travels with him.

Very soon they discover that not all is as it should be. Alderney is in turmoil over a planned power line that will cut through it, desecrating a war cemetery and turning neighbour against neighbour.

The visiting authors - including a blind medium, a French performance poet and a celebrity chef - seem to be harbouring any number of unpleasant secrets.

When the festival’s wealthy sponsor is found brutally killed, Alderney goes into lockdown and Hawthorne knows that he doesn’t have to look too far for suspects.

There’s no escape. The killer is still on the island. And there’s about to be a second death...

Bestselling author Anthony Horowitz has written two highly acclaimed Sherlock Holmes novels, The House of Silk and Moriarty; two James Bond novels, Trigger Mortis and Forever and a Day; and the acclaimed crime novel Magpie Murders.

He is also the author of the teen spy Alex Rider series, and responsible for creating and writing some of the UK’s most loved and successful TV series including Midsomer Murders and Foyle’s War.

He regularly contributes to a wide variety of national newspapers and magazines on subjects ranging from politics to education. He was awarded an OBE for his services to literature in January 2014.

A Line About Killing is the third in a series of crime novels starring Private Investigator Daniel Hawthorne, and follows on from The Sentence is Death.

James Patterson
Jailhouse Lawyer

Two brand-new legal thrillers in one book - from the authors of Juror No. 3

Justice in a small town can be hard to come by - especially when the judges, jailers and jury all know each other.

In picture-perfect Erva, Alabama, the most serious crimes are misdemeanours. Speeding tickets. Shoplifting. Contempt of court.

Then why is the jail so crowded? And why are so few prisoners released? There’s only one place to learn the truth behind these incriminating secrets.

Sometimes the best education a lawyer can get is a short stretch of hard time.

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The Countess of Carnarvon
Seasons at Highclere
Gardening, Growing, and Cooking through the
A behind-the-scenes exploration of the gardens, grounds and culinary traditions of the 'real Downton Abbey'.

Join Lady Carnarvon as she opens the Castle's gates to show how the iconic British landmark celebrates and changes each season.

This book reveals the treasures within Highclere Castle's land and estates: Georgian architecture, follies, secret gardens, the monks' garden, wildflower meadows and the woods of enchantment. Alongside history and anecdotes, this book also details sumptuous recipes for dishes inspired by local, seasonal produce, such as Heritage Tomato Tart, Highclere Baked Figs with Goats Cheese, and Honeyed Winter Vegetable Salad.

Beautifully illustrated with full-colour photography, Seasons at Highclere is full of gastronomical delights, the stories of the treasures within Highclere Castle's grounds, untold secrets from the castle's archives and much more. This is the perfect gift or keepsake, and a book to be cherished for years to come.

Fiona, 8th Countess of Carnarvon, is the wife of Geordie, 8th Earl of Carnarvon.

She is an alumna of St Andrews University, a former auditor for Coopers & Lybrand accountants and created her own clothes brand in the 1990s. She and her husband and son live 'quietly' with eight dogs, too many horses, a brood of chickens, a number of bee hives and some rare breed pigs, amongst the normal farm animals in the farm and landscape of Highclere Castle today.

Fascinated by the inhabitants of Highclere Castle as well as its past, Lady Carnarvon reveals its history, stories and recipes in Seasons at Highclere, Christmas at Highclere and At Home at Highclere. She is also the author of the New York Times bestsellers Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey and Lady Catherine and the Real Downton Abbey.

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Is his brother capable of murder? Or could he be a victim too?

As wildfires and blackouts sweep through the state of California, the truth will only get harder to find.

Jonathan Kellerman is the Number One New York Times bestselling author of more than forty crime novels, including the Alex Delaware series, The Butcher's Theater, Billy Straight, The Conspiracy Club, Twisted, True Detectives, and The Murderer's Daughter.


He is also the author of two children's books and numerous nonfiction works, including Savage Spawn: Reflections on Violent Children and With Strings Attached: The Art and Beauty of Vintage Guitars. He has won the Goldwyn, Edgar, and Anthony awards and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Psychological Association, and has been nominated for a Shamus Award.

Jonathan and Faye Kellerman live in California and New Mexico.

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**Fiona McIntosh**
*The Diamond Hunter*

Set against the backdrop of the South African diamond rush, THE DIAMOND HUNTER is a captivating historical novel, perfect for fans of Dinah Jefferies.

During the 1870s diamond rush in southern Africa, Clementine is left to be raised by her destitute father following the death of her mother. Her care falls largely to their companion, Joseph, and the two form an unbreakable bond.

When the two men uncover a large, flawless diamond, a dark bargain is struck to ensure Clementine’s return to a respectable life in northern England. Her father believes he has finally secured their future, but the discovery of the gem comes at a considerable cost.

Years later, Clementine must confront long-buried memories of her childhood to solve the mystery of what happened to her loved ones all those years ago.

**Can she find the justice she seeks?**

Fiona McIntosh is an internationally bestselling author of novels for adults and children.

Originally from Brighton, Fiona McIntosh moved to Australia in her teens and went on to co-found an award-winning travel magazine with her husband, which they ran for fifteen years while raising their twin sons.

She now roams the world researching and drawing inspiration for her novels, and runs a series of highly respected fiction masterclasses. She calls South Australia home.

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**Katie Flynn**
*White Christmas*

The brand new festive romance from *Sunday Times* bestselling author Katie Flynn

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December, 1938

Rozalin Sachs has grown up in the vibrant city of Frankfurt. But with the outbreak of war just months away, her family is forced to flee Germany. When a tragic accident separates Roz from her parents, she finds herself aboard the Kindertransport bound for Holland.

Here Roz meets a young lad called Felix and they vow to stick together as their journey takes them to England. Eventually they find themselves in Liverpool with the promise of a new life, until a devastating incident takes Felix away. And, in a desperate attempt to escape the terrible situation she has found herself in, Roz decides to join the Women’s Land Army.

When she is posted to the sprawling Hollybank farm Roz meets Bernie, a dashing farmer’s son, who has more than just friendship on his mind. Roz is flattered by his affections, but she can’t help but think of the journey she has shared with Felix. Will Bernie manage to win her heart, or will her love for Felix remain as strong as ever?

Katie Flynn is the author of 47 bestselling novels which have sold over 5 million copies. Her first book, *A Liverpool Lass*, was published in 1993. Katie Flynn was the pseudonym of the author Judy Turner, who was inspired to write the novels after hearing family recollections of life in Liverpool during the early twentieth century. Judy sadly passed away in January 2019 at the age of 82. Her daughter Holly worked as her assistant for many years and together they co-authored a number of Katie Flynn novels, including *Christmas at Tuppenny Corner*. The Katie Flynn legacy now lives on through Holly who writes new books, often based on ideas she discussed with her mother.

Holly lives in the north east of Wales with her husband Simon and their two children. When she’s not writing she enjoys walking her two lurchers, Sparky and Snoopy, in the surrounding countryside, and cooking forbidden foods such as pies, cakes, and puddings! She looks forward to sharing many more Katie Flynn stories with readers in the years to come.
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Sunderland, 1944

As the promise of victory draws closer, this Christmas will surely be one to remember.

It should be a magical time for Dorothy, who has just been proposed to by her sweetheart Toby. But with each day that passes, Dorothy’s feelings for someone else are growing stronger. Now she has an impossible choice to make.

Gloria is thrilled that her sweetheart Jack is finally home after more than two years away. But his past is continuing to catch up with them both - creating untold heartache for Gloria and everyone she holds dear.

Meanwhile Helen must contend with the fall-out of a shocking family secret that has repercussions for all the Shipyard Girls, while holding out hope for her own happy ending...

Can a little festive magic help them win the day?

### Praise for Nancy Revell:

‘Nancy Revell knows how to stir the passions and soothe the heart!’
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Nancy Revell is the author of the Shipyard Girls series, which is set in the north-east of England during World War II.

She is a former journalist who worked for all the national newspapers, providing them with hard-hitting news stories and in-depth features. Nancy also wrote amazing and inspirational true life stories for just about every woman’s magazine in the country.

When she first started writing the Shipyard Girls series, Nancy relocated back to her hometown of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, along with her husband, Paul, and their English bull mastiff, Rosie. They now live just a short walk away from the beautiful award-winning beaches of Roker and Seaburn.

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**Georgia Fancett**

**The Fifth Girl**

A twisty detective thriller with a cult angle set in the historic city of Bath

When DC Rawls decided to take some time off work for his mental health, he thought he would need just a few days.

However, it’s been months since the terrible night and Rawls still hasn’t returned to the Somerset Police Dept. He can’t seem to shake the feeling that he might never be the same again.

But when a schoolgirl disappears and the police link her case to the disappearances of three other girls in the city of Bath, it sends the media into a frenzy that places Rawls and his team at the heart of the storm.

Rawls isn’t sure that he’s ready to work on a case that hits so close to home, but he knows he can’t have any more blood on his hands. He has to find out the truth before it’s too late.

Who is behind these abductions?

And which girl will be taken next?

Georgia Fancett’s debut novel *The Fifth Girl* won the Penguin Random House First Novel Competition in partnership with the *Daily Mail*. She lives and writes from her home in Bath in North East Somerset with her husband, children and dogs.
Holly Willoughby

Reflections

An intimate, personal book about how to be beautiful, inside and out from the one and only Holly Willoughby

A heartfelt, perceptive book about finding beauty, inside and out

We live in a world where so much is about how we present ourselves on the outside, and there is fun to be had here but true beauty comes from within. There is an alignment that needs to happen and finding that balance hasn't always felt so easy.

Now, I'm finally at a point in my life where I can see a little more clearly. Writing is such a personal process and between these pages you will find many little pieces of me. I want to share my truths in the hope that maybe they'll help you too.

Reflections explores what it means to live a beautiful life in the modern world. Here, for the first time, Holly Willoughby untangles topical and emotional issues such as body-image, burnout and control with candour, nuance and hard-won insight.

This book will start conversations, whether they're about how to find your signature lipstick, reclaim your sexuality, or treat yourself more kindly - and, ultimately, help you on your way to feeling beautiful, confident, complete.

Holly Willoughby is the UK’s most popular female TV presenter and is best known for her work on This Morning, Dancing on Ice and, formerly, Celebrity Juice. She has a combined 20m social media following.

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John Buckley is Professor of Military History at the University of Wolverhampton where he specializes in War Gaming - examining the key decisions of WWII. He is the author of a number of books including Air Power in the Age of Total War and Monty’s Men: The British Army and the Liberation.
Sophie Cousens

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Laura has built a career out of interviewing people about their epic real life love stories.

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If Laura’s job has taught her anything it’s that when it comes to love, you can’t let opportunity pass you by. Now Laura is determined to track down the owner of the suitcase, and her own happy ending.

But what if fate has other ideas?

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Diana Gabaldon

Go Tell the Bees that I am Gone
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Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall were torn apart by the Jacobite Rising in 1743, and it took them twenty years to find each other again. Now the American Revolution threatens to do the same.

It is 1779 and Claire and Jamie are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her husband, Roger, and their children on Fraser’s Ridge. Having the family together is a dream the Frasers had thought impossible.

Yet even in the North Carolina backcountry, the effects of war are being felt. Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot enough to boil Hell’s tea-kettle. Jamie knows loyalties among his tenants are split and it won’t be long until the war is on his doorstep.

Brianna and Roger have their own worry: that the dangers that provoked their escape from the twentieth century might catch up to them. Sometimes they question whether risking the perils of the 1700s - among them disease, starvation, and an impending war - was indeed the safer choice for their family.

Not so far away, young William Ransom is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity - and thus his own - and Lord John Grey has reconciliations to make, and dangers to meet . . . on his son’s behalf, and his own.

Meanwhile, the Revolutionary War creeps ever closer to Fraser’s Ridge. And with the family finally together, Jamie and Claire have more at stake than ever before.

DIANA GABALDON is the author of the international bestselling Outlander novels and Lord John Grey series.

She says that the Outlander series started by accident: ‘I decided to write a novel for practice in order to learn what it took to write a novel, and to decide whether I really wanted to do it for real. I did - and here we all are trying to decide what to call books that nobody can describe, but that fortunately most people seem to enjoy.’

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James Patterson
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The new novel in the bestselling Alex Cross series

Alex Cross and John Sampson, longtime friends and partners at DC Metro PD, are about to leave on a much-anticipated trip into the wilderness when they're called to a murder scene in the middle of Washington, DC.

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M, the elusive killer who's been stalking Cross for years, has resurfaced and is targeting federal agents. Since the two last confronted one another, M has become even harder to identify and nearly impossible to catch. As the trail takes them across the country, Cross and Sampson are drawn into a showdown that tests their partnership - and their will to survive.

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Paula Greenlees
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A sweeping love story set against the vibrant backdrop of post-war Singapore. Perfect for fans of Dinah Jefferies.

When Miranda moves to the Alexandra Quarter with her husband Gerry, she hopes it will bring the fresh start they need.

Though their life in ex-pat society is full of luxury, Miranda can't help feeling like an outsider, and her relationship with Gerry becomes increasingly distant.

When doctor Nick Wythenshaw encourages Miranda to work within the local community, she finds new purpose away from her protected world that opens her eyes to a new way of life.

But as riots erupt across the region and danger draws close to home, Miranda must make an impossible choice.

Will she sacrifice everything she holds dear to find happiness?

'SA beautiful, immersive tale that will keep you turning the pages until the end' JENNY ASHCROFT

'Guaranteed to transport you to exotic climes and engross you in the story of its troubled heroine...A terrific debut for Paula Greenlees.' LIZ TRENOW

'Paula's novel transports the reader to a long-forgotten and fascinating time...An enchanting, evocative debut!' LOUISE FEIN

Paula Greenlees has an undergraduate degree in English and European Thought and Literature, and a Masters Degree in Creative Writing. She spent three years living in Singapore surrounded by the history and culture that provided the inspiration for her first novel, Journey To Paradise.
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**Cavan Scott**  
*Star Wars: The Rising Storm (The High Republic)*

The heroes of the High Republic era return to face a shattered peace and a fearsome foe, following the dramatic events of *Light of the Jedi*.

In the wake of the Great Hyperspace Disaster and the heroism of the Jedi, the Republic continues to grow, bringing more worlds together under a single unified banner. Under the leadership of Chancellor Lina Soh, the spirit of unity extends throughout the galaxy, with the Jedi and the newly established Starlight Beacon station at the vanguard.

In celebration, the chancellor plans The Republic Fair, a showcase of the possibilities and the peace of the expanding Republic—a peace the Jedi hope to foster. Stellan Gios, Bell Zettifar, Elzar Mann, and others join the event as ambassadors of harmony. But as the eyes of the galaxy turn toward the Fair, so too does the fury of the Nihil. Their leader, Marchion Ro, is intent on destroying this unity. His storm descends on the pageantry and celebration, sowing chaos and exacting revenge.

As the Jedi struggle to curb the carnage of the rampaging Nihil, they come face-to-face with the true fear their enemy plans to unleash across the galaxy—the kind of fear from which even the Force cannot shield them.

Number One Bestseller Cavan Scott has written for such popular series as Star Wars, Star Trek, Vikings, Warhammer 40,000 and, of course, Doctor Who. He’s the writer of Titan Comic’s ongoing adventures of the Ninth Doctor and was one of the 2016 World Book Day authors.

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**Nicky Drayden**  
*Minecraft: The Dragon*

Take flight with the ender dragon in this official Minecraft novel! When a desert town is threatened by illager raids, a young adventurer turns to a newborn dragon to save her home.

Zetta is the best potion-maker in the village of Sienna Dunes. Okay, maybe she's the only potion-maker in the village of Sienna Dunes. And maybe her potions don't exactly work like they're supposed to all the time. But when her village is menaced by a pack of illagers, only Zetta can see that the traditional ways won't keep Sienna Dunes safe anymore.

Zetta journeys to her eccentric aunt’s workshop outside town to search for an answer and finds a lot more than she bargained for. A mysterious egg hatches into a scaly creature with purple eyes, black wings, and poisonous breath. It can’t possibly be the mythical ender dragon . . . can it? And if it is, can Zetta raise it to be the savior her village needs?

The threat of the illagers is growing fast, and Zetta’s accidental dragon is growing even faster. With the help of her two best friends and her daydreaming little cousin, Zetta must train the scariest (and scaliest) baby in the Overworld. But when the dragon is fully grown, will it save Sienna Dunes? Or will it spell the village's end?

Nicky Drayden resides in Austin, Texas, where being weird is highly encouraged, if not required. Her other work includes *Overwatch: The Hero of Numbani*—a novel about the misadventures of a kid genius and her pet robot—as well as a collection of stories for Magic: The Gathering that dives deep into the mega-city of Ravnica.
Chuck Wendig
The Book of Accidents

A family returns to their hometown - and to the dark past that haunts them still - in this masterpiece of literary horror by the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Wanderers*

When Nate’s father dies, he leaves behind a final gift for his son: his childhood home. Married now, Nate decides to move in with his wife, Maddie, and their son, Oliver, seeking peace from the chaos of the city.

But it doesn’t take long before things get strange in the night and even stranger by day.

Because Nate was a child being abused by his father, and has never told his family. Because Maddie was a little girl who saw something she shouldn’t have. Because something sinister, something hungry, walks in the tunnels and the mountains and the coal mines of this town in rural Pennsylvania...

And now, what happened all those years ago is happening again, and this time, it is happening to Oliver. When he meets a strange boy with secrets of his own and a taste for dark magic, he has no idea that what comes next will put his family at the heart of a battle of good versus evil.

Chuck Wendig is the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Star Wars: Aftermath*, as well as the *Miriam Black* thrillers, the *Atlanta Burns* books, and *Zer0es* and *Invasive*, alongside other works across comics, games, film, and more. He was a finalist for the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer and an alum of the Sundance Screenwriters Lab, and he served as the co-writer of the Emmy-nominated digital narrative *Collapsus*. He is also known for his popular blog, **terribleminds**, and books about writing such as *Damn Fine Story*. He lives in Pennsylvania with his family.

Alexandra Bell
The Winter Garden

For readers of *THE TOYMAKERS* and *THE WATCHMAKER OF FILIGREE STREET*, a dark magical novel set in the world of Victorian pleasure gardens

Welcome to the Winter Garden. Open only at 13 o’clock.

You are invited to enter an unusual competition.

I am looking for the most magical, spectacular, remarkable pleasure garden this world has to offer.

On the night her mother dies, 8-year-old Beatrice receives an invitation to the mysterious Winter Garden. A place of wonder and magic, filled with all manner of strange and spectacular flora and fauna, the garden is her solace every night for seven days. But when the garden disappears, and no one believes her story, Beatrice is left to wonder if it were truly real.

Eighteen years later, on the eve of her wedding to a man her late father approved of but she does not love, Beatrice makes the decision to throw off the expectations of Victorian English society and search for the garden. But when both she and her closest friend, Rosa, receive invitations to compete to create spectacular pleasure gardens - with the prize being one wish from the last of the Winter Garden’s magic - she realises she may be closer to finding it than she ever imagined.

Now all she has to do is win.

Alexandra Bell was born in 1986. She studied Law at university and signed her first book deal at nineteen. Since then, she has written books for both adults and young people, including the Zoella Bookclub pick, *Frozen Charlotte*, and *The Polar Bear Explorer’s Club* series, under the name Alex Bell. She lives in Hampshire in a house ruled by Siamese cats.
Naomi Novik
The Last Graduate

The exciting follow up to the Sunday Times bestselling A Deadly Education. Once you enter the Scholomance there are only two way out: you graduate or you die.

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Sequel to the Sunday Times bestselling and Lodestar award-nominated A Deadly Education

"The dark school of magic I have been waiting for" Katherine Arden, author of The Bear and the Nightingale

"Fantasy that delights on every level" Stephanie Garber, author of Caraval

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Return to the Scholomance - and face an even deadlier graduation - in the stunning sequel to the ground-breaking, Sunday Times bestselling A Deadly Education.

The dark school of magic has always done its best to devour its students, but now that El has reached her final year -- and somehow won herself a handful of allies along the way -- it’s suddenly developed a very particular craving . . .

For her.

As the savagery of the school ramps up, El is determined that she will not give in; not to the mals, not to fate, and especially not to the Scholomance. But as the spectre of graduation looms -- the deadly final ritual that leaves few students alive -- if she and her allies are to make it out, El will need to realise that sometimes winning the game means throwing out all the rules.

Wry, witty, endlessly inventive, and mordantly funny -- yet with a true depth and fierce justice at its heart -- this enchanting novel reminds us that there are far more important things than mere survival.

An avid reader of fantasy literature since age six, Naomi Novik is also a history buff with a particular fascination with the Napoleonic era and a fondness for the work of Patrick O’Brian and Jane Austen. She lives with her husband and daughter in New York City along with many purring computers.

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Emma Mieko Candon
Star Wars Visions: Ronin

A stunning original novel inspired by the upcoming Star Wars Visions animated anthology series. Experience Star Wars like never before

Emma Mieko Candon, novelist and literal cyborg, is an escaped academic with a background in hungry ghosts, internet identities, and brain stuff. She received her psychology MA from Teachers College, Columbia University and strives to use it for good while writing kick-punching science fantasy. Find her by day editing light novels for Seven Seas, working on her upcoming novel at Tor.com, and making noises about monsters and robots.

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Marieke Nijkamp and the Cast of Critical Role
Critical Role: Vox Machina – Kith & Kin
The first official novel based on characters from the hit streaming show Critical Role.

Written by #1 New York Times bestselling author Marieke Nijkamp, Critical Role: Vox Machina - Kith & Kin will follow a brand-new story, featuring the cunning ranger Vex'ahlia and the conning rogue Vax'ildan (and, of course, Trinket) years before they meet Vox Machina.

After leaving the unwelcoming refuge of Syngorn, the twins become entangled in a web spun by the Clasp, and for the first time Vex and Vax find themselves on opposite sides of a conflict that threatens the home they have carried with each other for years.

Cast of Critical Role (Author)
Critical Role features seven popular voiceover actors diving into epic fantasy RPG adventures, led by veteran game master Matthew Mercer. What began in 2012 as a bunch of friends playing in each other's living rooms has evolved into a multi-platform entertainment sensation, attracting nearly a million viewers every week.

Marieke Nijkamp (Author)
Marieke Nijkamp is a #1 New York Times bestselling author of YA novels, graphic novels, and comics, including This Is Where It Ends, Before I Let Go, Even If We Break, and The Oracle Code. Her short stories can be found in several anthologies. She also edited the anthology Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens. Marieke is a storyteller, dreamer, globe-trotter, and geek. Before pursuing her lifelong passion for writing, she majored in philosophy and medieval history. She loves to go on adventures, roll dice, and daydream. She lives and writes in Small Town, The Netherlands.

Timothy Zahn
Star Wars: Thrawn Ascendancy: (Book 3: Lesser Evil)
The fate of the Chiss Ascendancy hangs in the balance in the epic finale of the Star Wars: Thrawn Ascendancy trilogy from bestselling author Timothy Zahn.

For thousands of years The Chiss Ascendancy has been an island of calm, a center of power, and a beacon of integrity. Led by the Nine Ruling Families, their leadership stands as a bulwark of stability against the Chaos of the Unknown Regions.

But that stability has been eroded by a cunning foe that winnows away trust and loyalty in equal measure. Bonds of fidelity have given way to lines of division among the families. Despite the efforts of the Expansionary Defense Fleet, the Ascendancy slips closer and closer toward civil war.

The Chiss are no strangers to war. Their mythic status in the Chaos was earned through conflict and terrible deeds, some long buried. Until now. To ensure the Ascendancy's future, Thrawn will delve deep into its past, uncovering the dark secrets surrounding the ascension of the First Ruling Family. But the truth of a family's legacy is only as strong as the legend that supports it. Even if that legend turns out to be a lie.

To secure the salvation of the Ascendancy, is Thrawn willing to sacrifice everything? Including the only home he has ever known?

Timothy Zahn is the author of more than forty novels, nearly ninety short stories and novellas, and four short-fiction collections. In 1984, he won the Hugo Award for Best Novella. Zahn is best known for his Star Wars novels (Heir to the Empire, Dark Force Rising, The Last Command, Specter of the Past, Vision for the Future, Survivor's Quest, Outbound Flight, Allegiance, Choices of One, and Scoundrels), with more than four million copies of his books in print. Other books include the Cobra series, the Quadrail series, and the young adult Dragonback series. Zahn has a B.S. in physics from Michigan State University and an M.S. from the University of Illinois. He lives with his family on the Oregon coast.