



Welcome to our Frankfurt 2025 rights guide

For those of you who don't know us, Canongate is an independent Scottish publisher, based in Edinburgh and London, with a remarkable, and remarkably eclectic, list.

For more than fifty years now, we've been committed to fiercely independent, high-quality and innovative publishing. We've won both Independent Publisher of the Year and (twice) Publisher of the Year at the British Book Awards. And more importantly, our writers and their books have had a profound impact on readers the world over.

We believe books can create joy, excite curiosity, foster empathy and change lives, so we amplify voices that need to be heard, share stories that deserve to last and, in everything we do, strive to be fair, brave and socially responsible. In 2024 we became the first UK trade publisher (and one of very few publishers in the world) to be certified as a B Corporation in recognition of our positive impact on our communities, our colleagues and the world at large.

Some of our most successful and notable books of late include Matt Haig's The Midnight Library, Chloe Dalton's Raising Hare, Rick Rubin's The Creative Act, Omar El Akkad's One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This, Miranda July's All Fours and Ruth Ozeki's The Book of Form and Emptiness.

For decades, rights has been a crucial aspect of Canongate's publishing: we are responsible for handling international rights in many of our most significant authors' works. We hope you enjoy our new rights list which features many of our favourite writers we publish, some of whom are already global stars, some of whom are waiting in the wings.

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Fiction

ANEW NOVEL FROM THE MIDNIGHT WORLD

MATT HAIG

arriving May 2026

TITLE TO BE ANNOUNCED



FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY

A New York Times and Sunday Times //o./ bestseller

800.000 five-star reviews on Goodreads

More than **10 million**, copies sold



Praise for Matt Haig:

'Full of life-affirming wonder and imagination'

Benedict Cumberbatch

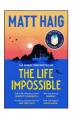
'Haig remains a keen-eyed observer of contemporary life . . . and his dialogue has snap and charm'

New York Times

'The king of empathy' Jameela Jamil

By the same author:





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Canada (HC), Germany (Droemer), Italy (E/O), Netherlands (Lebowski) & US (Viking)

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Clare Conville, C&W

New Adult Novel

MATT HAIG

Following more than 10 million copies sold worldwide of The Midnight Library comes a new novel from the Midnight World

A new novel of wonder and transformation, from the world of The Midnight Library. It is about the agonising truth that we only get one life, and asks the reader, if you could go back to any point in your past, where would you stop? And what would you change?

Matt Haig writes both fiction and non-fiction. This includes the novels The Humans, How to Stop Time and The Midnight Library, which has been a number one Sunday Times bestseller and a number one New York Times bestseller. He has also written a number of children's books including A Boy Called Christmas, which became a major feature film. His non-fiction works include Reasons to Stay Alive, which recently celebrated its tenth anniversary, and The Comfort Book. His most recent fiction, The Life Impossible, was a Sunday Times bestseller. He has sold more than a million books in the UK, and his work has been translated into over fifty languages.



Praise for The Midnight Library:

'A beguiling read, filled with warmth and humour, and a vibrant celebration of the power of books to change lives'

Sunday Times

'Absorbing . . . A vision of limitless possibility, of new roads taken, of new lives lived, of a whole different world available to us somehow, somewhere, might be exactly what's wanted in these troubled and troubling times'

New York Times

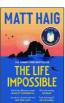
'A beautiful fable, an *It's a Wonderful Life* for the modern age – impossibly
timely when we are all stuck in a world
we wish could be different'

Jodi Picoult

'A charming book' Dolly Parton

$By \ the \ same \ author:$





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The Midnight Library

A Graphic Novel

MATT HAIG & FRED FORDHAM

The multi-million copy international bestseller now adapted into a graphic novel

Nora's life has been going from bad to worse. Then at the stroke of midnight on her last day on earth she finds herself transported to a library. There she is given the chance to undo her regrets and try out each of the other lives she might have lived. Which raises the ultimate question: with infinite choices, what is the best way to live?

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● Fred Fordham was born in 1985 and grew up in North London. He studied Politics and Philosophy at Sussex University where he discovered comics after reading Marjane Satrapi's Persepolis. Fred has written and illustrated for various publications. This includes adapting and illustrating the graphic novel version of Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird, adapting F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby, again for a graphic novel, and illustrating Philip Pullman's debut graphic novel The Adventures of John Blake: Mystery of the Ghost Ship.

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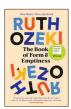
Praise for Ruth Ozeki:

'If you've lost your way with fiction over the last year or two, let *The Book* of Form and Emptiness light your way home' **David Mitchell**

'Her generous heart, remarkable imagination and brilliant mind light up every page' **Karen Joy Fowler**

'Ozeki [is] one of our era's most compassionate and original minds' **Dave Eggers**

By the same author:





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Caspian Dennis, Abner Stein

The Typing Lady and Other Fictions

RUTH O7FKI

The first story collection from the Booker Prize finalist and winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction, about the lives we almost lived, the people we can't forget and the stories that shape us long after the final page.

Exploring childhood ambition, youthful desire, midlife reinvention, and the unsparing clarity of old age, Ozeki brings us eleven richly imagined stories of characters standing at life's thresholds.

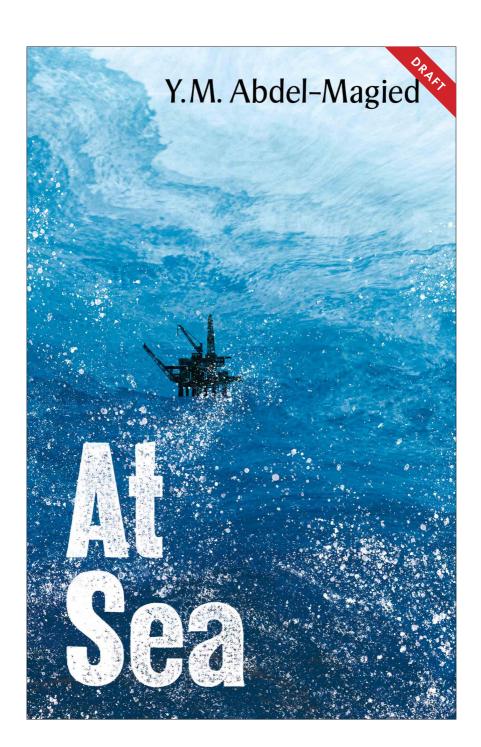
A disquieted husband watches as the ghost of his wife's ambition roams the woods outside their home. A long-deceased Beat poet hijacks the mind of a young publishing assistant and rails against the state of modern literature. A curious grandmother creates a fake online dating profile to spy on her granddaughter's romantic life – and sets in motion a deception she can't control.

Spanning eras and geographies and threaded with the tactile ephemera of writing – typewriters, letters, manuscripts and disappearing ink – The Typing Lady reveals how we record ourselves in language, and how language, over time, records us in return.

• Ruth Ozeki is a novelist, filmmaker and Zen Buddhist priest. She is the award-winning author of four novels, including A Tale for the Time Being – which was shortlisted for the 2013 Booker Prize – and The Book of Form and Emptiness, which won the Women's Prize for Fiction 2022. Her nonfiction work includes the documentary film Halving the Bones and the short memoir, Timecode of a Face. She lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.

To hear Ruth talk about these short stories, visit: canongate.co.uk/video/TypingLady

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'Zesty, intense and thrilling' Leila Aboulela

'A carefully composed novel that pulls no punches . . . compelling and captivating' Ore Abaje-Williams

'Fast-paced, gripping and gloriously entertaining. At Sea exposes the social dynamics we all recognise - power, gender, ambition' Tilly Lawless

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At Sea

Y.M. ABDEL-MAGIED

A propulsive environmental thriller from an award-winning writer

Being one of the boys was one thing.

Being the boss of the boys was something else altogether.

Expert driller Zainab is called to take charge of a highstakes oil rig operation. Unable to resist the opportunity, she leaves behind her pregnant sister and heads offshore for the job of her life. But there's a catch. The rig is teetering on the edge of disaster - and Zainab is the only woman amongst a crew of hardened men who want absolutely nothing to do with her.

At the helm but forced to prove herself at every turn, Zainab labours to investigate the rig's imminent collapse. Though she quickly grasps that the real danger may lie in the cold calculations and base desires of the men she's now forced to spend every waking moment with.

As tensions rise and secrets unravel, Zainab races to uncover the truth bubbling below and fend off the looming catastrophe. Explosive and thought-provoking, At Sea is an exhilarating story about the clash of ambition, principle and prejudice, and the unexpected consequences of our choices.

- Born in Sudan, Y.M. Abdel-Magied's first job as a teenager was in a coal mine in rural Australia. After graduating with first class honours in Mechanical Engineering, Abdel-Magied trained and worked as a MWD (Measurement While Drilling) contractor and drilling engineer across Europe, Australia, Asia and the US. At Sea is Abdel-Magied's first adult

'This audacious, brilliant novel has it all' CHIKA UNIGWE

THE) STANT STARS

'This book is an equation of life, time and magic observed from a distant star' NICK MAKOHA

I.O. ECHERUO

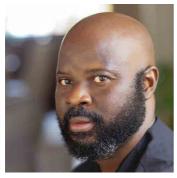


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'Part coming of age, part reflection on the nature of time, *The Comfort* of *Distant Stars* is an artful blend of physics, philosophy and polytheistic cosmology' **Tade Thompson**

'Echeruo is a storyteller of grace and warmth, and this novel is a gift' **Tope Folarin**

'This fearless debut lays at the reader's feet a magic carpet of time and time-shaped space... to read it is to be immersed in a world more real than one's own. To stop reading is to return, altered, to an unreal world. Echeruo is gifted beyond measure' **Jeet Thayil**

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The Comfort of Distant Stars

I.O. ECHERUO

An eclectic coming-of-age debut suffusing physics, wicked humour, existential longing and Igbo cosmology – from a masterful new literary voice

Ezeani is no ordinary child. He sees things others don't.

Despite the burden of these visions, his precocious nature blossoms into genius and Ezeani grows up to be a gifted mathematician and physicist. When he leaves Nigeria and his adoring family behind to study at Cornell in the US, he remains haunted by his most persistent vision, Anyanwu, the Sun God. While Ezeani is adjusting to his new life in America, Anyanwu's presence takes on an increasingly sinister and malevolent form – and chaos reigns. It's enough to make anyone lose their grip on reality.

The Comfort of Distant Stars is a bold coming-of-age tale blending physics, philosophy and Igbo cosmology, examining how we understand our place in the universe. It ponders the big questions we all ask ourselves about the nature of time and of being – ultimately revealing the startling vulnerability of the human mind.

• I.O. Echeruo's debut story collection, Expert in All Styles, was published by Nigerian publisher Farafina and his short fiction has appeared in *Transition* and *Eclectica* magazines. He spends his time between Lagos, Nigeria and Accra, Ghana.

Mary ostella A Beautiful Loan 'An exceptional, compulsive novel of love, loss and courage' SINÉAD GLEESON 'Costello's writing has the kind of urgency that the great problems demand' **ANNE ENRIGHT**



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'An exceptional, compulsive novel of love, loss and courage. Told in poetic, clear-eyed prose, *A Beautiful Loan* is heart-breaking but unsentimental, and easily Costello's best work yet'

Sinéad Gleeson

Praise for Mary Costello:

'Clear-eyed and provocative, bruised and bruising . . . a writer at the very top of her game' **Eimear McBride**

'Mary Costello is a writer of rare and exquisite sensitivity' **Paul Lynch**

'One of our foremost women writers' **Guardian**

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Eleanor Birne, RCW

A Beautiful Loan

MARY COSTELLO

A heart-wrenching, sweeping new novel following a woman's life and relationships from the winner of Irish Book of the Year

This is Anna's story.

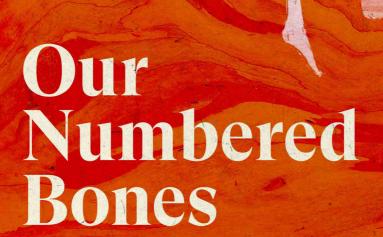
In Dublin in 1985, nineteen-year-old Anna Hughes is in thrall to Peter Gallagher, an older, worldly man. Anna is introverted and naïve, and Peter's experience, wide circle of friends and thirst for adventure captivate her. Her obsessive longing for him leads to marriage and, eventually, a crushing betrayal.

As Anna's life becomes less predictable, she uncovers deeper layers of herself. Her journey gives an intimate portrait of a woman embracing herself as she is, and claiming the life she yearns for.

Unfolding over twenty-five years, this is a profound novel about the loss of innocence, the price of love and the cost of seeking salvation in others. With her exquisite insight, Mary Costello tells a piercing story about longing, intimacy and the painful road to discovery of the self.

● Mary Costello lives in Galway. Her short story collection, The China Factory (2012), was nominated for the Guardian First Book Award and shortlisted for an Irish Book Award. Her first novel, Academy Street (2014), won the Irish Novel of the Year Award at the Irish Book Awards and was named overall Irish Book of the Year. It was serialised on BBC Radio 4's Book at Bedtime and was shortlisted for the International Dublin Literary Award, the Costa First Novel Prize, the EU Prize for Literature and the Prix Littéraire des Ambassadeurs de la Francophonie en Irlande, and has been translated into several languages. Her critically acclaimed second novel, The River Capture (2019) was shortlisted for the Irish Book Awards, the Kerry Novel of the Year and the Dalkey Novel Award. Her second short story collection, Barcelona (2024) was an Irish Times Bestseller.

Katya Balen





'This book is fierce, funny, tender and true. I knew it would be brilliant, but I didn't know much I would love it, and how much I would admire it' Lucy Mangan

'A gut-punch of a novel, as honest as it is eloquent' **Emma Donoghue**

'Disquieting, beautiful, earthy... Balen has crafted a stunning, raw meditation on grief, nature and writing' **Jodie Matthews**

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Leah Woodburn

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Our Numbered Bones

KATYA BAIFN

A profound, fiercely tender debut adult novel about buried loss and renewal from Carnegie Medal winner Katya Balen

When her life is unexpectedly upended, Anna escapes London – and her husband – for a remote cottage in the wetlands of rural England. She hopes the solitude might unblock the novel she can't bring herself to write.

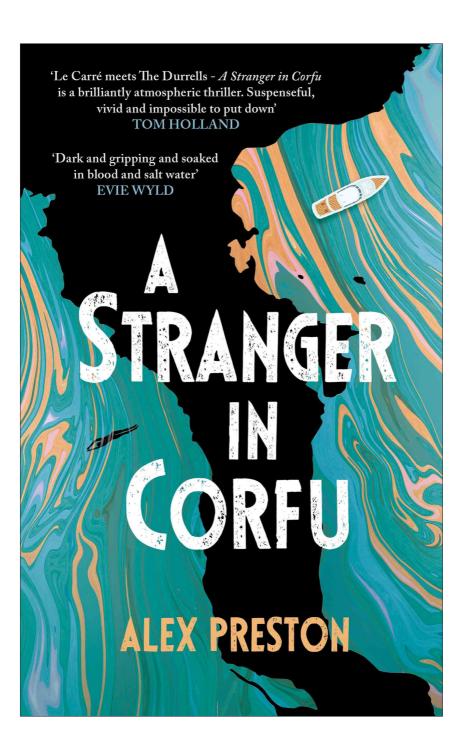
Out in the marshes, the locals discover something shocking, risen to the surface after many years buried in the silty earth. Anna is drawn to the site, fascinated and shaken by what she finds there. And as researchers descend, her curiosity gives way to obsession...

An unsettling, propulsive and fiercely tender novel about buried loss and renewal, *Our Numbered Bones* explores how we must unearth the past in order to make peace with what we've lost.

• Katya Balen is the author of several books for children, including the international bestselling October, October, which won the Carnegie Medal and is optioned for film. Our Numbered Bones is her first novel for adults. She lives in London with her partner and their dog.

To hear Katya talk about the book, visit: canongate.co.uk/video/OurNumberedBones

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'Taut, tense and utterly gripping . . . Nothing short of brilliant' **Adam Rutherford**

'[A] beautifully taut, clever, classy thriller' Natalie Havnes

'Sophisticated and stylishly self-aware, it weaves political intrigue with lyrical prose in an artful reimagining of the classic spy story' Sarah Churchwell

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Leah Woodburn **Riahts Held** World

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A Stranger in Corfu

ALEX PRESTON

A tense, masterfully spun novel about espionage, shadowy morality and unravelled secrets set on the sundrenched Greek island of Vidos

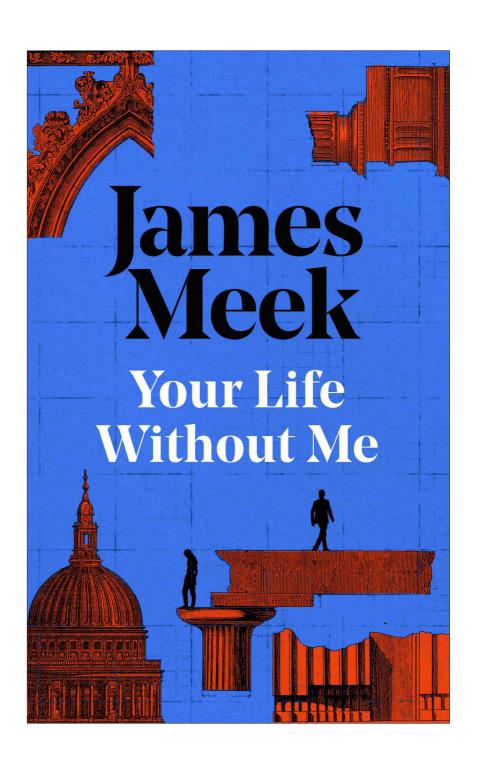
On the Greek island of Vidos the past lingers like salt in the air. The inhabitants - former members of MI6 - are sent here to be forgotten. Exiled. Either too damaged or too compromised to be allowed to live freely.

For years, residents make the best of their fate - old enemies reconcile, long-lost friends swim together in the warm sea and estranged lovers share a bed once more. But secrets bind tightly. And when one of their own washes up dead, alliances fracture and a tide of suspicion begins to rise.

A vivid reimagining of a real, hidden slice of the British Intelligence Service's history, A Stranger in Corfu is an exquisitely tense and masterfully spun novel about shadowy morality, unravelled secrets and the futility of trying to outrun the past.

 Alex Preston is an award-winning author of five novels including This Bleeding City, The Revelations, In Love and War and Winchelsea, as well as a book of non-fiction As Kingfishers Catch Fire. He writes regularly for the New York Times, the Economist and Harper's Bazaar. He reviews books for the Observer's New Review, Financial Times and Spectator. Alex is co-founder of the Corfu Literary Festival and Patron of Oxford Literary Festival.

To hear Alex talk about the book, visit: canongate.co.uk/video/StrangerInCorfu

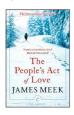


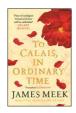


'James Meek is one of our most consistently brilliant and thoughtprovoking writers. This is his best novel yet - a dark and unsettling meditation on marriage, fatherhood and architecture. Every page rings with deep truth' Alex Preston

'James Meek is a master of the art of the stealthy narrative, and his keen intelligence and alertness are evident on every page' Rupert Thomson

By the same author:





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Natasha Fairweather, RCW

Your Life Without Me

JAMES MEEK

The Orwell Prize-winning author is back with an explosive modern novel about the nature of loss and change

Mr Burman is unmoored. Still reckoning with the death of his wife Ada, and struggling to understand his grown-up daughter Leila, he finds himself on a train to London, at the invitation of the police.

He is to meet Raf, a young man suspected of trying to blow up St Paul's cathedral – and a man once intimately connected with the Burman family. Have the police laid a trap?

Compelling and compassionate, this novel follows Mr Burman's journey towards the mystery of a radical act and into the true nature of his own family. It asks what a person leaves behind when they've gone, and how much of the past we can carry with us into the future.

James Meek is the author of seven novels including The People's Act of Love which was longlisted for the Booker Prize and won both the Royal Society of Literature Ondaatje Prize and the Scottish Arts Council Award. It has been published in more than thirty countries. Meek has also written two collections of short stories and two books of non-fiction, including Private Island which won the 2015 Orwell Prize. In 2020, To Calais, In Ordinary Time was shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction and longlisted for the Orwell Prize for Political Fiction. He is a Contributing Editor to the London Review of Books and writes regularly for the Guardian and New York Times. He lives in London.

GRACE

'Captivating and unflinchingly honest'
JAN CARSON

CHIKA
UNIGWE



Praise for The Middle Daughter:

'Absorbing and tender, *The Middle Daughter* is a finely-drawn portrait of a young woman's resilience in the face of violence and grief' **Paula Hawkins**

'The Middle Daughter is an unflinching portrait of a family's grief and one daughter's climb out of despair. An absorbing, memorable read'

Ayòbámi Adébáyò

By the same author:



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Kate Johnson, Wolf Literary

Grace

CHIKA UNIGWE

A stirring, profound novel about motherhood, choice and defiance – from the Winner of the Nigeria Prize for Literature

It is Baby's birthday, but Grace has not seen her first born in twenty-six years. Now a wife, mother to twin daughters and the owner of a successful medical clinic, Grace has carefully constructed a new life. And now, the secret she's kept for decades is about to resurface – and it could destroy everything.

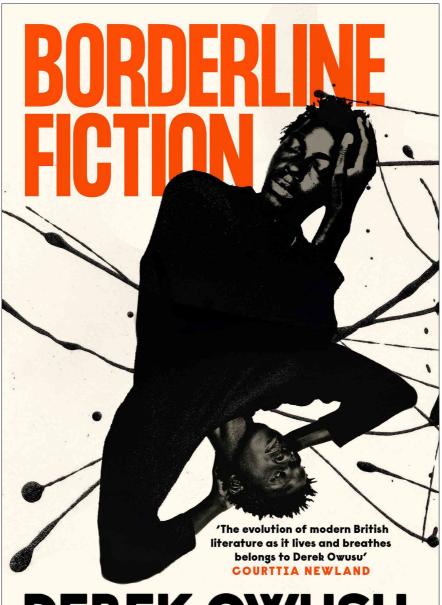
Grace was only fifteen when she got pregnant and, under pressure from her parents, gave Baby away. Unable to forgive their decision, she cut them off completely. Now, when Grace's estranged mother walks back into her life unannounced, the fragile existence she spent years building begins to unravel.

Grace is a story about motherhood, finding meaning for yourself and fighting for the people that you love.

Chika Unigwe is Professor of Creative Writing at Georgia College and the author of several celebrated works of fiction including On Black Sisters' Street, which won the Nigeria Prize for Literature, and most recently the short story collection Better Never Than Late and the novel The Middle Daughter, longlisted for the Nigeria Prize for Literature 2025.

To hear Chika talk about the book, visit: canongate.co.uk/video/Grace

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DEREK OWUSU

A GRANTA BEST OF YOUNG BRITISH NOVELISTS 2023



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'A rare and compulsive read'
Candice Carty-Williams

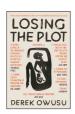
'A true masterpiece' Jason Okundaye

'Full of originality and raw, pure, gutsy talent' **Christie Watson**

'Phenomenal' Jendella Benson

'Immersive and infectious'
Anthony Anaxagorou

By the same author:



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Ellah Wakatama

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Crystal Mahey-Morgan, OWN IT!

Borderline Fiction

DEREK OWUSU

A staggering novel exploring masculinity, love and mental health from one of *Granta*'s Best of Young British Novelists 2023 and Winner of the Desmond Elliot Prize

Loneliness means you don't have to disappoint anyone until you develop the habit of talking to yourself

At nineteen, Marcus is young and in love . . . again. When his latest crush, Adwoa, starts showing him true affection, Marcus is ready to reconsider his lifestyle – the drugs, the casual encounters. At least for a little while.

Now, before he knows it, Marcus is twenty-five. And history risks repeating itself.

Told through two parallel narratives – one past, one present – Borderline Fiction is a highly original and deeply affecting contemporary tale written with an intensity of emotion and vulnerability. The novel is a close-up, sometimes uncomfortable, sometimes funny examination of what it means to be a young black man navigating today's world.

Tortured, beautiful, anxious and poetic, Borderline Fiction is a memorable glimpse into the inner world of a young man searching for an authentic way to love and be loved.

● Derek Owusu is an award-winning writer and poet from North London. He has written for the BBC, ITV, Granta, Esquire, GQ and Tate Britain. In 2019, Owusu collated, edited and contributed to SAFE: On Black British Men Reclaiming Space, an anthology exploring the experiences of Black men in Britain. His first novel, That Reminds Me, won the Desmond Elliott Prize for best debut novel published in the UK and Ireland. His novel Losing the Plot was longlisted for the Jhalak Prize and the Dylan Thomas Prize in 2023. The same year, he was selected as one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists.

To hear Derek talk about the book, visit:

canongate.co.uk/video/BorderlineFiction



Non-fiction



Breaking Silence

The Daughters of Iran

ANAHITA DIAMOND

This astonishing memoir offers an epic story of Iran as we've never seen it before – through women's eyes

In 2016, Ana found herself on death row in Iran's notorious Evin prison, accused of spying for the UK and US governments. Amid the most fearful days of her solitary confinement, the then teenage Ana turned to the remarkable stories of the women in her family; matriarchs, survivors and revolutionaries who found themselves at fault lines of the struggles that shaped Iranian history.

Framed through her experiences of imprisonment, Breaking Silence will tell a tale spanning two centuries, following the lives of seven women across four generations. Though their stories have only been shared in whispers, Ana's foremothers were architects of change in the midst of some of the most transformative events of modern history. From Taji, Ana's courageous greatgrandmother, who shot a Russian soldier during the 19th century occupation, through to her aunt Jila who fought as part of a leftist guerrilla movement during the post-revolutionary purges in the 70s, the reader will meet women who have survived profound loss, deprivation and social upheaval with their hope and humanity intact.

Anahita Diamond's works have appeared on CNN and the BBC, in The Times, Guardian, New York Times and Telegraph, with expert insight on Iran featured in the Financial Times and on Al Jazeera. She is co-founder of the Alliance Against State Hostage-Taking alongside Richard Ratcliffe (husband of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe). She has also spoken at events organised by the UN, Amnesty UK and the International Observatory of Human Rights. She is the Alistair Horne Visiting Fellow at Oxford and was previously a Clarendon Scholar. Her writing has been recognised by the London Library Emerging Writers' Programme, the Spread the Word Early Careers' Bursary and the Arvon Memoir-Writing Course.

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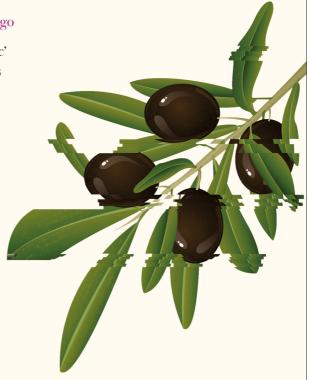
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Rebuilding Home in the 21st Century

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'One of the finest books I've ever read on what it means to be cast out, to be unhomed' Omar El Akkad

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Nation of Strangers

Rebuilding Home in the 21st Century

ECE TEMELKURAN

A powerful reappraisal of the concept of exile, migration and homelessness from internationally acclaimed author and political thinker Ece Temelkuran

Across the world the number of refugees and exiles, the dispossessed and displaced, the politically homeless and the economically excluded is growing. In the decade since she left her own home, Ece Temelkuran has been a political Cassandra, warning those convinced it couldn't happen in their country that fascism is coming.

Now, as hatred spreads and temperatures rise – as we face competing crises and learn that no institution is so concrete it can't turn to dust, and no home is too strong to be destroyed - she has written Nation of Strangers: a series of letters from one stranger to another.

Intellectually restless and deeply personal, extraordinary, heartening correspondence is a gift to treasure in uncertain times. It shows that, as we all become strangers, our home will depend on the kindness and care we take with one another.

 Ece Temelkuran is an award-winning Turkish writer, political thinker and public speaker whose work has been published worldwide. After she left her country in 2016, Temelkuran began writing in English. Her first two books in this language, How to Lose a Country and Together, received international praise. Ece Temelkuran is currently based in Berlin and is on the advisory board of Progressive International and DemocracyNext.

To hear Ece talk about the book, visit: canongate.co.uk/video/NationofStrangers

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Praise for Simon Garfield:

'Beguiling... Garfield is like the schoolteacher who made the time fly, a one-man Blue Peter team for intelligent adults, a great British explainer' **Observer**

'Simon Garfield's enthusiasm is irresistible...[he] offers not just intriguing snapshots of curiosities but some rather interesting history lessons' **Spectator**

'Digressive, gossipy, thoughtful and thoroughly entertaining' **Sunday Times**

'Scholarly but jokey, with a magpie's appetite for glittering trivia, Garfield is as eager to amuse as to inform, and achieves both' *Telegraph*

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The Pen

A Human History

SIMON GARFIFID

A lively, idiosyncratic and global history of the pen by the bestselling author of *Just My Type* and *On the Map*

This book tells the history of the pen, and that in itself is the history of civilisation. It is the history of ideas and declaration, of the faintest notion and the wildest invention, the oldest tangible connection between an individual mind and the world at large. Its significance remains the most indelible marker of our shared culture.

The Pen will feature the instruments that signed the Magna Carta, the decorations at Vichy and Yalta, and the Declaration of Independence. It will be marked by the invisible ink sent between lovers, the iron gall ink used by Chaucer and the ink replaced with explosives in James Bond's Parker.

We will meet the obsessives, stalkers of auction houses and the internet, lusting after the Tibaldi Fulgor Nocturnus, the Montblanc Boheme Royal and the Caran d'Ache 1010. But it is also the story of the budget felt-tip used on Apollo 11, without which the return to Earth would have been impossible, and of schoolchildren cursing the ink on their hands as they practice cursive.

The pen is ingrained within us, and this book will show how far its ink reaches.

Simon Garfield was born in London in 1960. He is the author of an appealingly diverse and unpredictable canon of non-fiction, including the bestsellers Mauve, Just My Type and On The Map. He is a trustee of Mass Observation, and is the editor of several books of diarries from the archive, including Our Hidden Lives and A Notable Woman. His recent books include Timekeepers, In Miniature and All the Knowledge in the World. He lives in London and Cornwall with his wife.



Praise for Revisiting Modern British Art:

'An intelligent and engaging reappraisal' Sir Stephen Deuchar CBE, Former Director of Art Fund and Tate Britain

'This inclusive, questioning, invigorating book feels like a gamechanger' **Charlotte Mullins, author** of *A Little History of Art*

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Totem

The Untold Story of Sculpture

JO BARING

A beautifully written human history of sculpture through time and across the globe, asking what the artform illuminates about ourselves and our societies

In this accessible, story-led journey into the heart of sculpture, renowned art historian and curator Jo Baring explores creativity, memory and why we have been driven to make art in this way since the very beginning of humanity. She examines sculptures from the prehistoric Lion-man figure found in a German cave, via the Chinese goddess Nüwa who sculpted humans from clay, to the icons of Italian Renaissance sculpture such as Michelangelo's David. Along the way we encounter in a fresh light the work of 20th century giants of the genre such as Alberto Giacometti, Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore, Constantin Brâncuşi, Louise Bourgeois, Yayoi Kusama and Antony Gormley. Lyrical and beautifully illustrated, Totem is a celebration of art, those creating it and those it means something to.

■ Jo Baring is a sculpture expert and writes regularly on sculpture for the Sunday Times, The Times and Guardian. She hosts the popular podcast Sculpting Lives. Jo is the editor of 'game-changing' Revisiting Modern British Art and curates exhibitions, most recently. The Royal Society of Sculptors Summer Show, critically acclaimed 'A Spirit Inside' at The Lightbox, London and 'Between Sea and Land' at the Malta International Contemporary Art Space. She has given talks at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the Tate, the Royal Academy and the Pinacoteca di Brera, Milan, amongst many other places and judged numerous art prizes. In 2023 she was elected as the Frankland Visitor to Brasenose College, Oxford. She is also the Director of the Ingram Collection of Modern British & Contemporary Art and a former Director of Christie's UK.

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Praise for Another Way to Split Water:

'An electric, taut, and glimmering achievement' **Aria Aber**

'Pirmohamed writes with a flow which is rarely interrupted. She has a fine ear for the musicality in words and knows exactly where a line should turn' **Scotsman**.

'Pirmohamed's achievements speak for themselves... each poem is crafted, each word perfectly placed, flowing into one another. Dreamlike, brimming with ideas, it's a collection that engulfs you, invites you to read more, to discover new jewels on each read' *The Skinny*

'Pirmohamed is an immensely gifted poet' **Eduardo C. Corral**

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Shorelines

ALYCIA PIRMOHAMED

Winner of the Nan Shepherd Prize for underrepresented voices in nature writing

Shorelines is a powerful exploration of how place shapes identity. Across interrelated pieces that move from Canada to East Africa, the Pacific Northwest to the British Isles, award-winning poet Alycia Pirmohamed traces the legacies of migration and memory, interrogating the idea of belonging.

With striking imagery and lyrical precision, Shorelines resists the expectations of its genre. Moving from lavender skies to lighthouses, from surefooted ideas to liminal spaces, ultimately it captures what it means to carry hidden histories across borders and generations.

Alycia Pirmohamed is a Canadian-born poet based in Scotland. She is the author of the pamphlets Hinge and Faces that Fled the Wind, as well as the collaborative pamphlet Second Memory, co-authored by Pratyusha and this too is a glistening with Jessica J. Lee, Nina Mingya Powles and Pratyusha. Her debut poetry collection, Another Way to Split Water, was published by Polygon (UK) and YesYes Books (US), and has been shortlisted for Scottish Poetry Book of the Year by the Saltire Society. She is the recipient of several awards, including a Pushcart Prize, the 2019 CBC Poetry Prize and the 2020 Edwin Morgan Poetry Award.

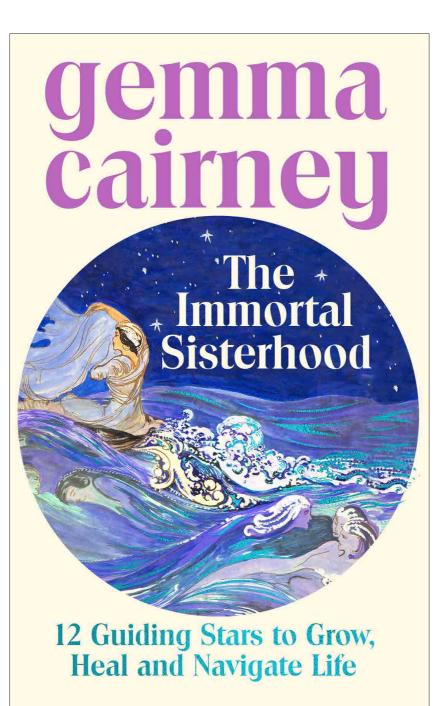




Photo © Rebecca Douglas 'Gemma is an absolute dynamo! Long

may she continue to use her voice to such a powerful effect' **Annie Lennox**

'The Immortal Sisterhood is an offering to shine light and dance with the ancestors, such as Audre Lorde. who came before us and the elders who continue to guide us such as

Grace Jones' Simone Seales

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The Immortal Sisterhood

12 Guiding Stars to Grow, Heal and Navigate Life

GEMMA CAIRNEY

Award-winning broadcaster and writer Gemma Cairney explores the collective power and wisdom to be found in the lives of twelve remarkable women

For centuries, travellers would stare up at the stars to guide them. Constellations of shining lights would offer a path forward or a way through, delivering courage and hope on long, difficult voyages. Throughout her life, Gemma Cairney has pieced together her own constellation, one which is made up of inspirational women - artists, activists, musicians, writers, mathematicians and mystics who guide her, fill her creative cup and provide a sense of solace and selfhood.

In The Immortal Sisterhood Gemma shares the twelve women who make up her spiritual sorority. From Grace Jones and Mary Wollstonecraft to Pharaoh Hatshepsut and Wang Zhenyi, these women span centuries and continents. They have experienced racism, sexism, illness and war, and they all offer something different to help Gemma navigate through life. In this genre-bending mix of biography, memoir, self-help, poetry and philosophy, Gemma seeks to introduce readers to her immortal sisterhood, to invite us to take strength from their stories and to challenge us to create our own.

 Gemma Cairney is an award-winning broadcaster and writer, her career at the BBC having spanned over a decade. Her first book, Open (Macmillan, 2017), was a Young Adult guide to life and saw her tour across the UK. She is a regular contributor to audio and written anthologies, has judged the Wellcome Prize and hosted the Booker shortlist readings as well as many other literary talks. The Immortal Sisterhood is her first book for adults.



Praise for Margaret Drabble:

'I have learned so much from Margaret Drabble's work' Sally Rooney

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'One of Britain's most dazzling writers' **New York Times**

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Margaret Atwood

'One of the most versatile and accomplished authors of her generation' **New Yorker**

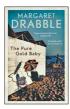
'[Drabble's] novels brim with sharply observed life' **Joyce Carol Oates**

'One of the most thought-provoking and intellectually challenging writers around' *Financial Times*

'My heart races reading Drabble'

Paris Review

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The Great Good Places

MARGARET DRABBLE

A luminous collection of essays, stories and memoir – from one of our finest literary voices

Drawing on decades of reading, writing and observation, Margaret Drabble reflects on the complex business of aging, the strange workings of memory – its wonders and its fragility – and on the 'great good places', the childhood homes, coastal sanctuaries and cherished libraries that shape who we are.

Rich with a lifetime's worth of insight and wisdom and peppered with Drabble's trademark lucidity and wit, The Great Good Places is an elegantly layered and profoundly moving meditation on time, place and the enduring power of recollection.

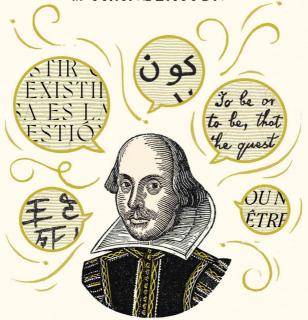
■ Dame Margaret Drabble was born in Sheffield in 1939 and was educated at Newnham College, Cambridge. She is the author of eighteen novels including A Summer Bird-Cage, The Millstone, The Peppered Moth, The Red Queen, The Sea Lady and the highly acclaimed The Pure Gold Baby. She has also written biographies, screenplays and was the editor of the Oxford Companion to English Literature. She was appointed CBE in 1980, and made DBE in the 2008 Honours list. She was also awarded the 2011 Golden PEN Award for a Lifetime's Distinguished Service to Literature. She is married to the biographer Michael Holroyd.

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The Unlikely Art of

SHAKESPEARE

in TRANSLATION



DANIEL HAHN

'Hahn is so smart and neurotic and funny' NEW YORK TIMES



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If This Be Magic

The Unlikely Art of Shakespeare in Translation

DANIEL HAHN

A fascinating study into the world of translation and Shakespeare from the award-winning translator and critic

Why might Hamlet be even longer in Japanese?

How does Romeo and Juliet's first meeting unfold in Swahili?

How do you translate the sonnets into a language that doesn't use rhyme?

What does it mean to translate Shakespeare? When we change all the poetry, all the wordplay, all the syntax – all the words! – is it still Shakespeare? And is it still any good?

Daniel Hahn, seasoned translator and Shakespeare fanatic, will change the way you think about language itself. Ranging widely across Shakespeare's works, and across the world's languages, this book explores what translators have done and what is possible.

No knowledge of any particular language is required, though a bit of patience for the nerdiest of close reading is desirable. This micro-attention to language will reveal some of the complexities of Shakespeare; and by using his work as its subject, with the extraordinary pressures that he puts on language, it will reveal even more about the craft of translation, and the power of words themselves.

■ Daniel Hahn is an award-winning translator, author and editor of numerous fiction and non-fiction works. He is one of the editors of The Ultimate Book Guide, the first volume of which won the Blue Peter Book Award. He has been a chair for prestigious international prizes including the International Booker Prize, the IMPAC Dublin Award and the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize. He was previously chair for the Society of Authors and currently serves on the board of trustees for English PEN.

FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF CURE

IN SEARCH OF NOW



The Science of the Present Moment

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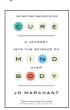


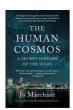
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In Search of Now

The Science of the Present Moment

JO MARCHANT

Award-winning journalist Jo Marchant returns with a mind-bending exploration of the shifting science behind how we understand time

We all feel we live in the present moment, but what does 'now' really mean?

According to Einstein's relativity, 'now' doesn't exist. There is no special point of happening out in the universe, when possibility becomes reality, when the open future becomes the solid past. But if 'now' is an illusion, where does our feeling of 'nowness' come from? What are we sensing and perceiving in each moment? And if everything is already decided, how can we ever choose what we do?

Drawing on the latest research in fields ranging from neuroscience, psychology and anthropology to ecology, cosmology and quantum physics, In Search of Now bridges mind and matter to rescue 'now' as the fundamental ingredient of existence, and reveal how we all help to create each moment through our interactions with the world.

Join Jo Marchant as she tackles questions of time, self, consciousness and reality – exploring the secrets of how our lives unfold.

Dr Jo Marchant's book Cure was a New York Times bestseller and shortlisted for the Royal Society Prize for Science Books. She has worked as a senior editor at New Scientist and Nature, and her articles have appeared in publications including Smithsonian, Guardian, Economist and New York Times. She has a PhD in genetics.

To hear Jo talk about the book, visit: canongate.co.uk/video/InSearchofNow

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Praise for David Shrigley:

'With a casual gesture Shrigley points to that hideous shape whose name I've never known – and then he names it. And the name is profoundly, embarrassingly familiar. I'm laughing while frantically searching for a pen, so desperate to capture the feeling he has unearthed in me' Miranda July

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Creative Writing

DAVID SHRIGLEY

Creative Writing is a book of poems, stories and lists that covers the major issues of today; namely dogs, death, body parts, holidays, astrology, food and many other important things of creative interest.

Expect laughter, insight and Dadaist wisdom from the unique brain of David Shrigley.

Extract:

Firstly
This isn't your problem
It's my problem
Don't worry about it
I will attend to it
You needn't do anything
Just go along with it
I will sort it out
At some point

■ David Shrigley was born in Macclesfield in 1968 and studied at Glasgow School of Art. His work has been exhibited at the Tate Modern in London, at the MoMA in New York, and in Paris, Berlin, Melbourne and beyond. He has published over twenty books, and has animated a music video for Blur and produced another for Bonnie 'Prince' Billy. His work has also been profiled in a documentary for Channel 4. He was nominated for the Turner Prize in 2013 and in 2016 his sculpture Really Good was installed on Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth. In 2018, he was Guest Director of the Brighton Festival. He lives and works in Brighton.

BY THE AUTHOR OF The Art of Rest

'A soothing balm for a frazzled generation' ADAM RUTHERFORD

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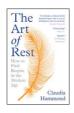
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Overwhelmed

Ways to Take the Pressure Off

CLAUDIA HAMMOND

The psychological toolkit for anyone feeling overwhelmed: awardwinning author Claudia Hammond offers practical strategies to manage procrastination, regret, imposter syndrome, perfectionism and more

All of us are familiar with this unsettling sensation of acceleration - the feeling that there's ever more to do, and ever less time in which to do it. This is overwhelm: that persistent feeling that you can't cope, that the demands on you are excessive and that you can't see a way out.

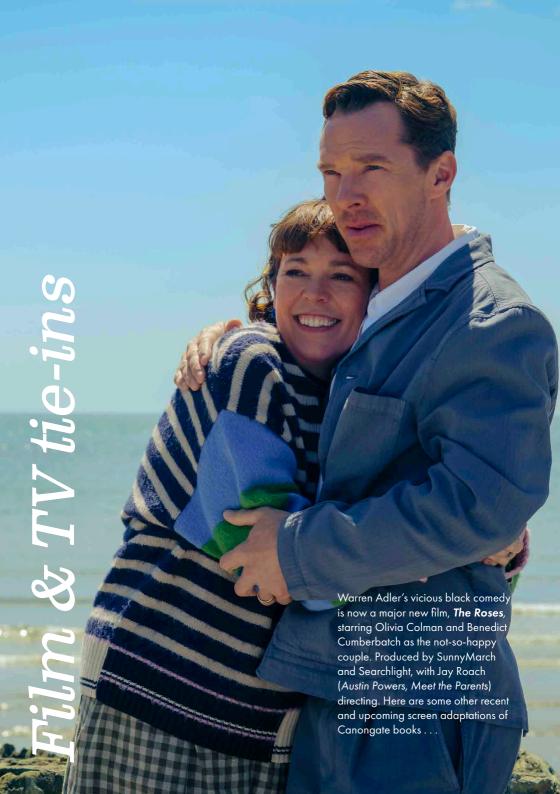
In this liberating new book, award-winning writer and presenter of BBC Radio 4's All in the Mind Claudia Hammond helps us to take the pressure off with a psychological toolkit that is both practical and evidencebased. Each chapter addresses a particular problem related to the sensation of being overwhelmed - from procrastination to the fear of regret, imposter syndrome, perfectionism and a seemingly never-ending to-do list - and offers a way out. Calm, clear and convincing, Overwhelmed will give you the tools to take on everything life throws at you.

Claudia Hammond is an award-winning writer and broadcaster. She is Visiting Professor of the Public Understanding of Psychology at the University of Sussex and is the presenter of BBC Radio 4's All in the Mind. She has been awarded the President's Medal from the British Academy, the British Psychological Society's Public Engagement & Media Award, Mind's Making a Difference Award and the British Neuroscience Association's Public Understanding of Neuroscience Award.

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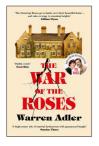


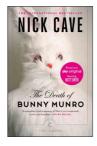
In her directorial debut, Kristen Stewart has adapted Lidia Yuknavitch's powerful memoir on addiction, grief and the healing power of art, **The Chronology of Water**, into a new feature film starring Imogen Poots, which premiered at Cannes in May.

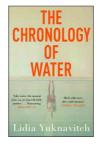
Here's a first look at the new six-part adaptation of Nick Cave's novel *The Death of Bunny Munro*, executive produced by Cave and Matt Smith (of House of the Dragon), who will star as lothario and door-to-door salesman Bunny.



Matt Haig's **How to Stop Time** is being adapted for TV, produced by SunnyMarch together with Studiocanal. Benedict Cumberbatch will star as Tom Hazard, who has secretly been alive for hundreds of years.









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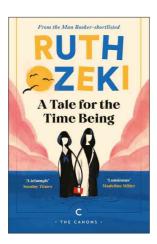
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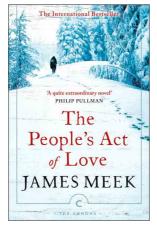
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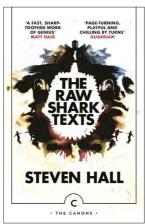
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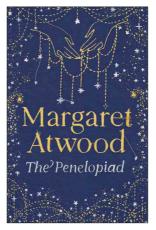
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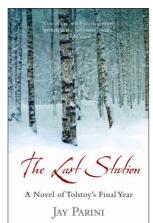
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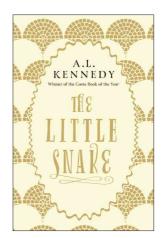












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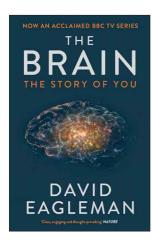
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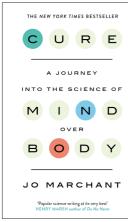
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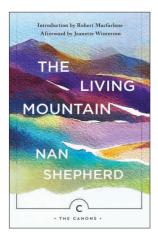
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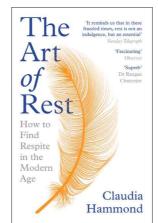
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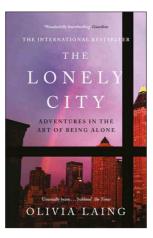
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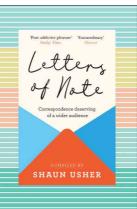












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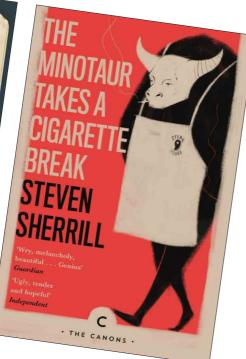
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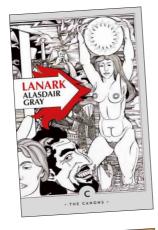
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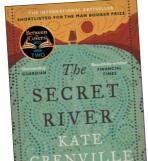






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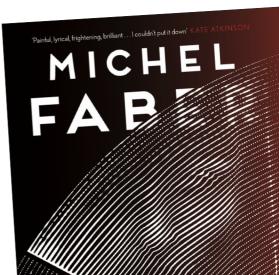
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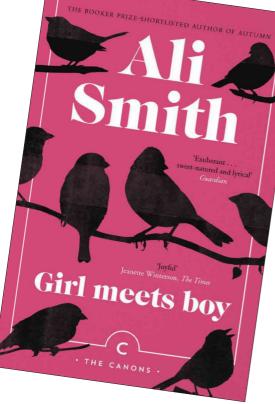
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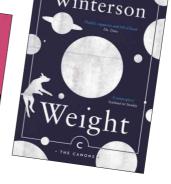
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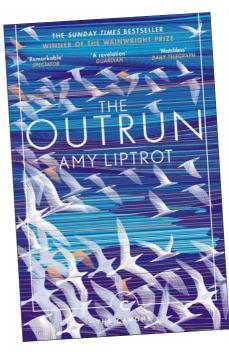
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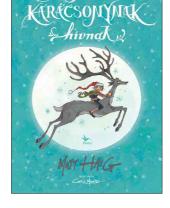
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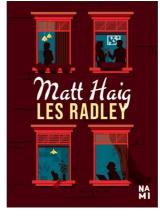


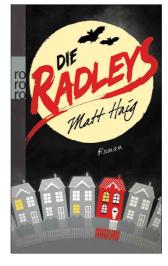












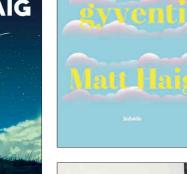


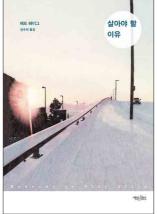




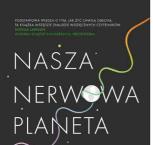












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