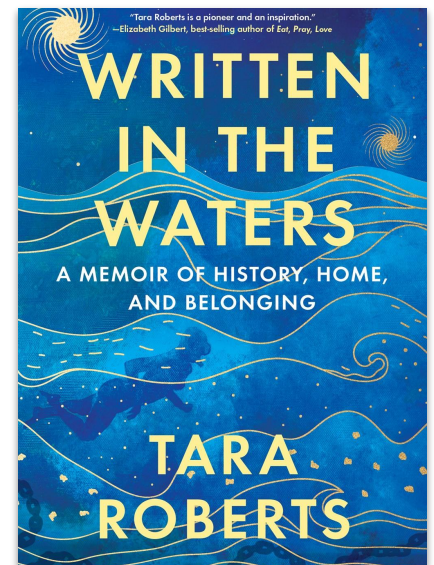
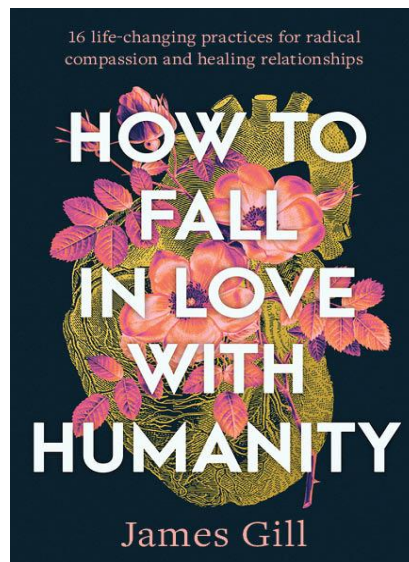




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FAREWELL YELLOW BRICK ROAD

****NEW****

Memories of My Life on Tour

Elton John

Hyperion Avenue, September 2024

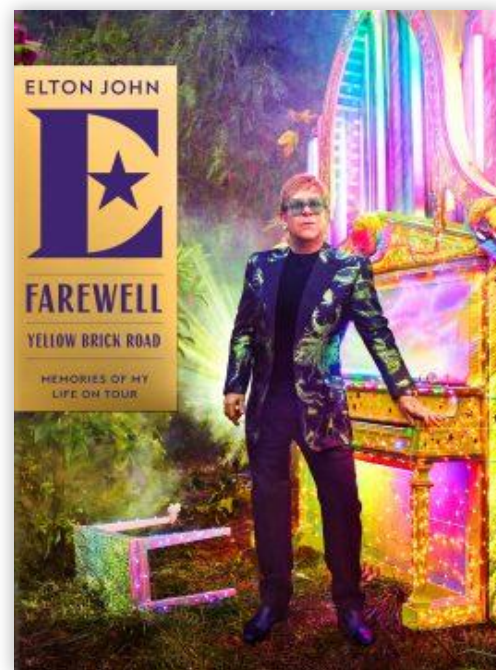
“A must-have for fans and a fitting tribute to an amazing artist.”

–*Library Journal*, Starred Review

In this lavish retrospective authored by the icon himself, Elton John shares his fondest memories, most unforgettable moments, and previously untold stories from his record-breaking final tour.

Farewell Yellow Brick Road is a full-color celebration of Elton John's record-breaking, globe-spanning farewell tour—from Allentown to Auckland, from Sydney to San Francisco. Featured concerts include Elton's dazzling performances at Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium in November 2022, the finale of which streamed live on Disney+. Fans will be treated to a behind-the-scenes glimpse into every aspect of these spectacular shows, including Elton's legendary touring wardrobe by Gucci, the set design, official photography, and more.

As the tour weaves across the world, Elton reaches back in time to reflect on key moments from his life on the road and to reminisce about the beginning of his career while sharing never-before-seen images and memorabilia. A poignant foreword by David Furnish, Elton's husband and manager, as well as the tour's creative director, rounds out this incredible insider's look. Join Elton on his remarkable, career-affirming farewell.



Elton John's memoir, ME, sold to:

Editora Planeta do Brasil (**Brazilian Portuguese**) Media Rey (**Czech**), Eksmo (**Cyprus**), Politkens Forlag (**Danish**), Overamstel Uitgevers BV (**Dutch**), WSOY (**Finnish**), Albin Michel (**French**), Random House German (**German**), Konyvmolykepzo Kiado (**Hungarian**), Mondadori (**Italian**), Yamaha Music Entertainment Holdings (**Japanese**), Gylendal Norsk Forlag (**Norwegian**), Otwarte (**Polish**), Porto Editora (**Portuguese**), Eksmo (**Russian**), Barecz & Conrad Media (**Slovak**), Mondadori (**Spanish**), Albert Bonniers (**Swedish**), Bilgi Yayınevi (**Turkish**), LLC Fors (**Ukrainian**)

<i>Category:</i>	Music Biography	<i>Format</i>	Hardcover
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation	<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Rights Sold on Behalf Of:</i>	Hyperion Avenue	<i>Rights Sold to:</i>	Pelckmans (Dutch), Riva Verlag (German), Michel Lafon (French)

ELTON JOHN is a multi-award-winning artist who has sold more than three hundred million records worldwide. He is the top solo artist on Billboard's Greatest of All Time Artists chart and the most successful male solo artist in the Billboard Hot 100 singles chart's history with nine No. 1s and twenty-nine Top 10s. In 2024, he achieved EGOT status. Elton devotes time to a number of charities, including his own Elton John AIDS Foundation, which has raised over \$565 million since it launched in 1992. He is married to David Furnish, and they have two sons.

HIGH FUNCTIONING

****NEW****

The New Face of Depression--and How to Reclaim Our Joy

Dr. Judith Joseph

Little, Brown Spark, April 2025

Dr. Judith Joseph explores one of the most under researched mental health crises of our time, revealing how to break from High Functioning Depression (HFD) and reclaim the joy in our lives.

Many of us have experienced periods in our lives when something felt “off”: when we struggled to find joy in happy moments, felt pessimistic about the future, and took little pleasure in things we used to enjoy. On the surface, everything might have seemed fine – we were motivated and productive at work, pulling our weight at home, and conducting a normal social life – but behind that façade we were barely surviving, and certainly not thriving.

High-Functioning Depression impacts the lives of millions, yet has been under-researched, overlooked, and completely misunderstood. Because it doesn’t conform to the image that comes to mind when we think of depression - someone who is deeply sad and listless and finds it hard to get out of bed in the morning - people with HFD often have no idea why they are suffering, or what to do about it. Until now.

As the founder and chief investigator at Manhattan Behavioral Medicine, New York City’s premier clinical research site, a clinical assistant professor at NYU Langone Medical Center, chairwoman of the Women in Medicine Board at

Columbia University’s Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, and “social media’s favorite psychiatrist,” Dr. Judith Joseph is poised to become THE expert voice on this urgent and unexplored topic.

In HIGH FUNCTIONING, she draws on original research, client stories, and personal experience with HFD to transform the way we see this condition, and provide the awareness, validation, and accessible, research-backed advice (in the form of her “Five V’s Framework”) we need to break the cycle.



Category:	Psychology	Format	Hardcover
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	UK and Translation	Material:	First pass due October 15
Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	Heather Jackson Literary		
Rights Sold to:	Vintage (UK), Znak (Polish), Faces Publishing (complex Chinese), Asukashinsha (Japanese), Content Group Forest (Korean)		

Judith Joseph, MD, MBA, is a board-certified child, adolescent, and adult psychiatrist and researcher who specializes in mental health and trauma. She is the founder of and chief investigator at Manhattan Behavioral Medicine, New York City’s premier clinical research site. Passionate about teaching and creating an impact, Dr. Judith serves as a clinical assistant professor in child and adolescent psychiatry at NYU Langone Medical Center in Manhattan. She is also chairwoman of the Women in Medicine Board at Columbia University’s Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons. She holds an undergraduate degree from Duke as well as a medical doctorate and master’s in business administration from Columbia.

As one of social media’s favorite psychiatrists, Dr. Judith gets over 15 million views a month. Her Instagram, full of funny, role-playing videos and revealing insights, got more than 10 million impressions and her TikToks were viewed more than 5 million times just last month alone. Across platforms she has over 775k highly engaged followers.

LIT

Use Nature's Playbook to Energize Your Brain, Spark Energy, Ideas, and Ignite Action

Jeff Karp with Teresa Barker

William Morrow, April 2024

"Don't we all want to tap our innermost talents of creativity, the full power of our good brains? I know I do. I am in a perpetual search to spark every fiber of my potential. And here, with LIT, I have discovered myriad tools and concepts to guide me. Drawing on the grandeur of Mother Nature, the discipline of repetition, the courage to not only accept but seek failure, LIT is a blueprint for a richer, deeper life." —**Diana Nyad**

"Jeff Karp's much-needed book LIT provides a spark and helps us light ourselves up from within — while lighting up the world around us, bringing joy and creativity to all aspects of our lives." —**Arianna Huffington**, Founder and CEO, Thrive Global

In the age of convenience, information overload, and endless exposure to stimuli, it's easy to trudge through the motions of life, pressured, distracted, and seeking instant gratification. When this way of living becomes the norm, it can immobilize us, making it feel impossible to reclaim control of our lives with intention and enthusiasm.

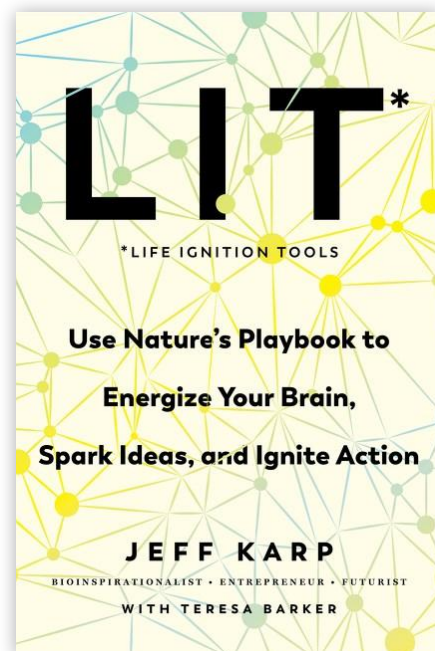
In LIT, Harvard Medical School professor, Mass General Brigham and MIT researcher, and renowned bioinspirationalist Jeff Karp, PhD, teaches us to harness the vital wisdom and power of nature to place us into a lit state. Lit is a life magnifier, a heightened state of awareness that drives curiosity, connection, and energy. In short: being lit takes us off autopilot and helps us stay alert, present, and fully engaged.

Diagnosed with learning differences and ADHD at a young age, Karp persisted through nearly insurmountable struggles. After discovering that he could think about thinking at age eight, he became his own science experiment, tapping into the lit state through trial and error to achieve hyper-awareness and explore his curiosity, creativity, and connection to nature. Decades later, as a biotech innovator, husband, and father, lit continues to encourage opportunities for innovation in his professional and personal lives.

He has honed those methods into a diverse toolkit that he calls Life Ignition Tools (LIT), which help us:

- Break out of habitual thinking to discover our own imaginative power.
- Stimulate creativity and excitement at work.
- Integrate our spiritual and personal lives to repair and deepen our relationships.
- Navigate multiple streams of sensory input and manage information overload.

Lit has inspired Dr. Karp's innovative medical discoveries such as surgical glue inspired by slugs, a diagnostic for cancer based on the tentacles of jellyfish, and surgical staples based on the quills of a porcupine, but you don't have to be a scientist to live lit. Anyone can use these principles to redirect their lives with energy, focus, creativity, and motivation to create the lives they truly want to lead.



Category:	Neuroscience / Personal Growth	Material:	PDF
US Editor:	Cassie Jones		
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	UK & Translation		
Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	Heather Jackson Literary Agency		
Rights Sold to:	Conecta/PRH (Spanish), Citic Press (Simplified Chinese), Prophet Press (Complex Chinese), Ebury Press (UK), The Business Books (Korean), PHP Institute (Japanese)		

Praise for LIT

“In this illuminating guide, Jeff Karp illustrates how we can break free from the routines that limit our thinking. LIT is an essential toolkit for converting intentions into actions that matter.”

--- **Daniel H. Pink, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Power of Regret, When, and Drive***

“Good news for us all: We can be happier, smarter, more effective, more fulfilled than we ever knew. This book could change your life.”

— **Geoff Colvin, bestselling author, *Talent Is Overrated***

“In LIT, Dr. Jeff Karp teaches us the profound value of living from the “inside out”. He makes it abundantly clear how mindful attention to what we truly want inside is the only way to make effective and meaningful change outside. LIT is true gift in a time when so much social distraction can prevent us from attaining our loftiest goals! Bravo!”

—**Dr. Rudy Tanzi, Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School, and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Super Brain***

Boston Magazine recently recognized Dr. Karp as one of eleven
“Boston Doctors Making Medical Breakthroughs”
The *Boston Business Journal* recognized him as a
“Champion in Healthcare Innovation”

MIT’s *Technology Review Magazine* recognized Karp as being
one of the top innovators in the world
His work has been selected by *Popular Mechanics* as one of the
“Top 20 New Biotech Breakthroughs that Will Change
Medicine.”

“As an adventurer—deeply engaged with the natural world and its gifts—I highly recommend LIT. Instead of getting discouraged and overwhelmed by our current world and problems, Jeff Karp offers us a path toward inner illumination and innovation.”

—**Colin O’Brady, *New York Times* bestselling author**

Jeff Karp, Ph.D., is a biomedical engineer at Harvard Medical School who has dedicated his lab to the process of medical problem solving. Dr. Karp is a Distinguished Chair in Clinical Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine and Professor of Anesthesia at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He is also a principal faculty member at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute and an affiliate faculty member at the Broad Institute and at MIT through the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology.

He has published more than 125 peer-reviewed papers (with over 26,000 citations) and holds more than 100 issued or pending national and international patents. His lab’s technologies include a drug treatment for the most common form of hearing loss, a tissue glue that can seal holes inside a beating heart, targeted therapy for osteoarthritis and Crohn’s disease, needles that automatically stop when they reach their target, and immunotherapy approaches to annihilate cancer. Dr. Karp lives in Brookline, Massachusetts, with his wife, son, daughter, and two Cavalier King Charles spaniels.

Teresa Barker is a nonfiction book writer and former journalist with a lifelong affinity for the outdoors, wildlife, and the plant world. She grew up in Tennessee, lived many years in the midwest, then Oregon, and now lives in the Chicago area.

WRITTEN IN THE WATER

****NEW****

A Memoir of History, Home, and Belonging

Tara Roberts

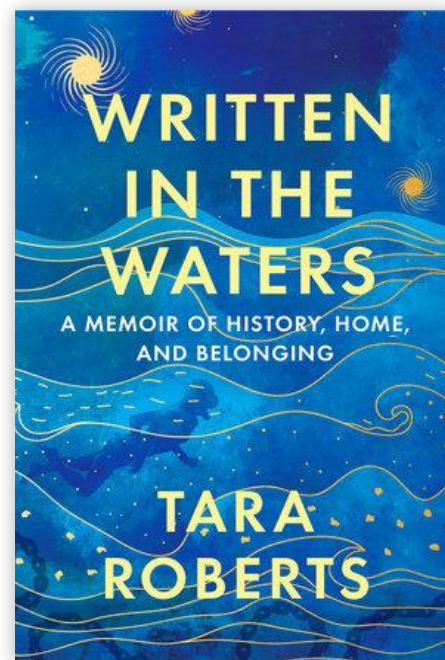
National Geographic, February 2025

"Tara Roberts is a pioneer and an inspiration. Her work does not so much 'unearth' the past as pull it respectfully out of the depths of the sea and the shadows of history. I am deeply moved by this book, and by her journey."
—**Elizabeth Gilbert**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Eat, Pray, Love*

"This memoir does the hard, necessary work of generational healing. With her words, [Roberts] charts a path to spiritual renewal."—**Tayari Jones**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *An American Marriage*

This searing memoir by a National Geographic scuba diver recounts one woman's epic journey to trace the global slave trade across the Atlantic Ocean—and find her place in the world.

For fans of adventurous women's memoirs like Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat Pray Love*, Cheryl Strayed's *Wild*, and Jesmyn Ward's *Men We Raped*.



When Tara Roberts first caught sight of a photograph at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History depicting the underwater archaeology group Diving With a Purpose, it called out to her. Here were Black women and men strapping on masks, fins, and tanks to explore Atlantic Ocean waters along the coastlines of Africa, North America, and Central America, seeking the wrecks of slave ships long lost in time. Inspired, Roberts joined them—and started on a path of discovery more challenging and personal than she could ever have imagined.

In this lush and lyrical memoir, she tells a story of exploration and reckoning that takes her from her home in Washington, D.C., to an exotic array of locales: Thailand and Sri Lanka, Mozambique, South Africa, Senegal, Benin, Costa Rica, and St. Croix. The journey connects her with other divers, scholars, and archaeologists, offering a unique way of understanding the 12.5 million souls carried away from their African homeland to enslavement on other continents. But for Roberts, the journey is also intensely personal. Inspired by the descendants of those who lost their lives during the Middle Passage, she decides to plumb her own family history and life as a Black woman to help make sense of her own identity.

Complex and unflinchingly authentic, this deeply moving narrative heralds an important new voice in literature that will open minds and hearts everywhere.

Category:	Memoir	Material:	PDF
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation		
Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	National Geographic		

Tara Roberts is a writer and storyteller whose work shines a light on the origin story of Africans in the Americas—bringing empathy, nuance and complexity to their journey. She was a fellow at MIT's Open Documentary Lab and, throughout her career, has worked as an editor for *CosmoGirl*, *Essence*, AOL, *EBONY* and *Heart & Soul*. Her critically-acclaimed podcast series, *Into the Depths*, received close to half a million downloads and was included on 'Best of lists for *Essence* magazine and Spotify. Most recently, she was named the 2022 Rolex National Geographic Explorer of the Year, becoming the first Black American to receive the honor.

A Year in the Company of Trees

Nalini Nadkarni

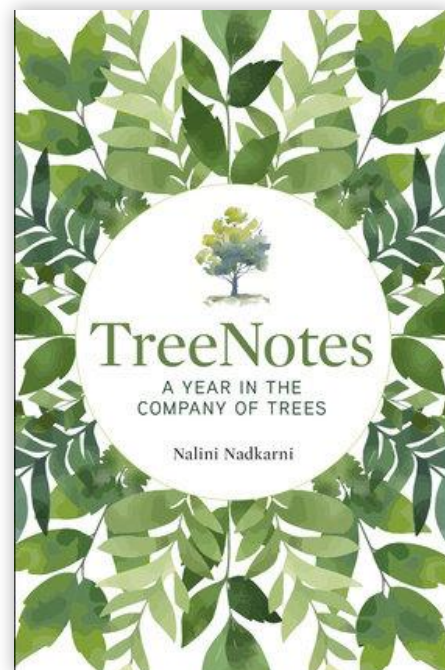
National Geographic, February 2025

From an esteemed National Geographic explorer and forest ecologist, a charming collection of thought-provoking essays exploring the meaning of trees in our lives.

Telephone poles, baseball bats, railroad ties. Peaches, nutmeg, and vanilla. The more you look, the more you realize: Our world depends on products made from trees. In this sweet book, forest ecologist Nalini Nadkarni takes you on a worldwide journey to learn more about trees—their variety, their usefulness, their beauty, and their importance, not only to human culture, but to the entire natural world.

Inspired by Nadkarni's popular podcast broadcast by Utah's public radio station KUER, *TreeNotes* comprises more than 45 brief essays, organized by season. Chapters roam from big questions to the particular; for instance:

- How Many Kinds of Trees Are There?
- Trees and Lightning
- Tree Pollen
- The Baobab Tree
- Mistletoe
- Conductors' Batons



Learn what wood Ringo's favorite drumsticks are made of, and how the seeds of the cacao tree become delectable chocolate. Lovely illustrations make every turn of the page a happy moment in this arboreal adventure.

For lovers of nature, forest bathers, the conservation-minded, and anyone who wants to spend a few minutes meditating on the meaning of trees in our world, this is the book.

<i>Category:</i>	Nature Writing	<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation		
<i>Rights Sold on Behalf Of:</i>	National Geographic		

Nalini Nadkarni is an ecologist, avid science communicator, and, as a National Geographic Explorer at Large, an ambassador who represents science and nature awareness throughout the world. She has pioneered novel access techniques to study the plants, animals, and microbes that live in the tropical and temperate rainforest treetops in Costa Rica and Washington State, galvanizing biologists to study what has been called the “last biotic frontier.” A professor at the University of Utah, she has published more than 150 journal articles and three books. She has appeared in public media such as Science Friday; Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me; RadioLab, and Playboy Magazine, and is the subject of the PBS documentary “From Earth to Sky.” She divides her time between Salt Lake City, Utah, and Monteverde, Costa Rica.

THE SOBER-SHIFT

A Modern-Day Guide to Living an Abundantly Sober Life

Suzanne Warye

HarperOne, November 2025

The Sober Shift is part polemic on the false innocence of drinking in modern-day mom culture, and a guide to creating a fun and fearless alcohol-free life for all. Sobriety needs a rebrand, and *The Sober Shift* is here to do just that.

The Sober Shift: A Modern-Day Guide to Living an Abundantly Sober Life takes on the myth of moderation and the lie of rock bottom, along with the monumental task of rebranding sobriety. This book is about stepping out of the exhausting moderation cycle and finding true abundance in sobriety, but it's also Suzanne's true story of being a mommy influencer with over 200K followers, lucrative branding deals, three beautiful children, and a deadly secret – that the mom wine she was promoting across Instagram was the biggest filter of all.

The Sober Shift provides a guide for all women to start facing the facts on drinking and to start building a life they love in sobriety – no matter how high their bottom.

Category:	Health and Wellness	Format	Hardcover
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Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	The O'Shea Agency		

From style to motherhood and sobriety, **Suzanne Warye** covers it all. Her writing has been featured on *Scary Mommy* and *The Huffington Post*. With over 177,000 Instagram followers, Suzanne also hosts the popular podcast, *The Sober Mom Life*, which in its first 9 months has over 250k downloads and is in the top 1.5% of podcasts worldwide.

DISBELIEF

The Origins of Atheism in a Religious Species

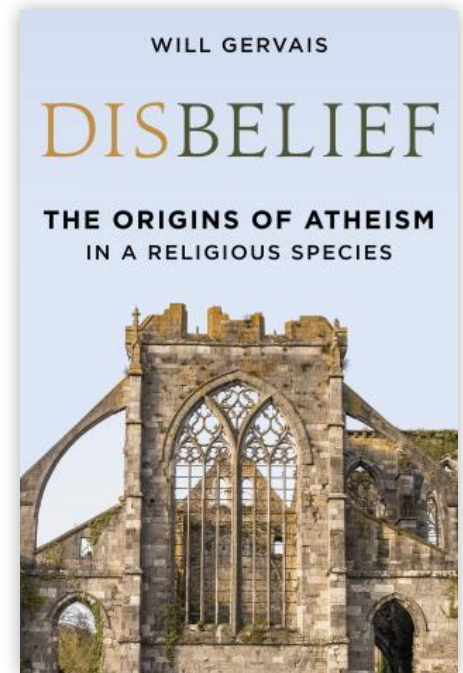
Will M. Gervais Ph.D

Rowman & Littlefield, July 2024

“Gervais approaches his subject with abundant intellectual curiosity and grounds his study in accessible discussions of evolutionary theory and research on present-day increases in disbelief. It amounts to a trenchant study of a noteworthy cultural phenomenon.” —***Publisher’s Weekly***

Does God exist? This straightforward question has spawned endless debate, ranging from apologists’ supposed proofs of God’s existence to New Atheist manifestos declaring belief in God a harmful delusion. In *Disbelief*, Will M. Gervais, Phd., a global leader in the psychological study of atheism, shows that the ubiquity of religious belief and the peculiarities of atheism are connected pieces in the puzzle of human nature.

It’s undeniable that religion is a core tenet of human nature. It is also true that our overwhelmingly religious species is also as atheistic as it’s ever been. Yet, no scientific understanding of religion is complete without accounting for those who actively do not believe. In this refreshing and revelatory book, Gervais argues that religion is not an evolutionary puzzle so much as two evolutionary puzzles that can only be solved together. First is the Puzzle of Faith: the puzzle of how Homo sapiens – and Homo sapiens alone – came to be a religious species. Second is the Puzzle of Atheism: how disbelief in gods can exist within our uniquely religious species. The result is a radically cohesive theory of both faith and atheism, showing how we became a uniquely religious species, and why many are now abandoning their belief...



Category:	Psychology / Religion	Format	Hardcover
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Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	Anderson Literary Agency		

Will M. Gervais, Ph.D. is a global leader in the scientific study of atheism and a Reader of psychology at the Center for Culture and Evolution at Brunel University London. Dr. Gervais’s research has focused on the psychology of atheism for over a decade and his work has been featured in popular outlets such as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, National Public Radio, *Der Spiegel*, *Psychology Today*, *Vox*, and *ScientificAmerican*.

Dr. Gervais has given invited talks about his research on atheism to national and international secular groups. His research has been featured in journals such as *Science*, *Nature Human Behavior*, *Psychological Science*, *Cognition*, *The Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, and *The Journal of Experimental Psychology*, and he is an Associate Editor at *Social Psychological and Personality Science* and an Editorial Board Member at *Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science and Secularism and Nonreligion*.

UPWORTHY – GOOD PEOPLE

Stories from the Best of Humanity

Gabriel Reilich and Lucia Knell

National Geographic, September 2024

“Now, more than ever, this book is essential. What’s inside these pages will move you again and again. How can anyone get enough of this?” —**Kristen Bell**

“I love Upworthy! It’s one of the first Instagram accounts I locked into when I finally and reluctantly tried social media. Some of these stories make me laugh, some make me cry, and all restore my faith in humankind.” —**Sheryl Crow**

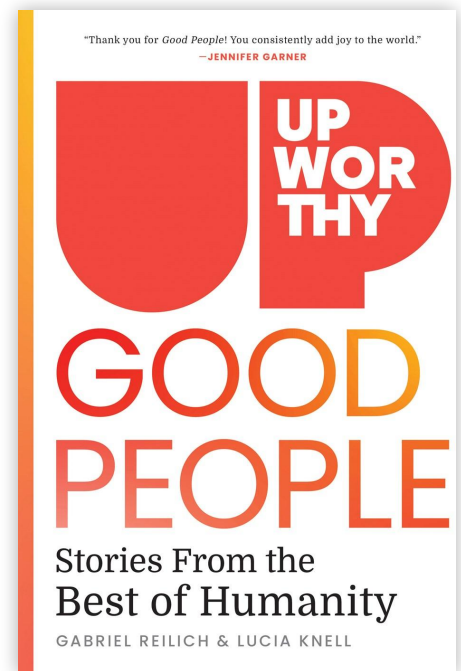
“Thank you for Good People! You consistently add joy to the world.” —**Jennifer Garner**

For anyone who could use proof that the world is full of good people, this beautifully illustrated book features 101 stories of human decency from Upworthy, the beloved social media brand that reaches more than 100 million people per month.

This heartening book from Upworthy, the kindest place on the internet, offers respite to everyone navigating an increasingly turbulent world, both online and off. Filled with personal stories handpicked from millions of the brand’s impassioned followers, it reinforces the notion that humanity is fundamentally good.

Rippling with emotion, humor, and honesty, the tales collected here are mined from the community’s comment section in response to such questions as: What’s the kindest thing a stranger has ever done for you? Who’s the teacher who changed your life? When did the “little things” make a difference? Who was there for you when you needed it most? Each chapter is anchored by intimate long-form stories punctuated with lighthearted anecdotes and whimsical line drawings. Together, they provide a stirring testament to the complexity and resilience of the human spirit.

An inspiring counterbalance to today’s daunting news cycle, this timely book is a go-to resource for comfort and joy.



Category:

Self-Help, Happiness

Format: Hardcover

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Material: PDF

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National Geographic

As Head of Content & Innovation at Upworthy, **Gabriel Reilich** has led the company’s transformation into a global social media brand. A veteran of the entertainment and music industry and a graduate of UC Berkeley, he lives in Los Angeles Upworthy V.P.

Lucia Knell has made the company into one of the most beloved brands on the internet, based on her belief that media can be used to unite people. A graduate of Kenyon College, she splits her time between Los Angeles and New York City.

THE BOMB DOCTOR

A Scientist's Story of Bombers, Beakers and Bloodhounds

Kirk Yeager and Selene Yeager

Regalo Press, May 2024

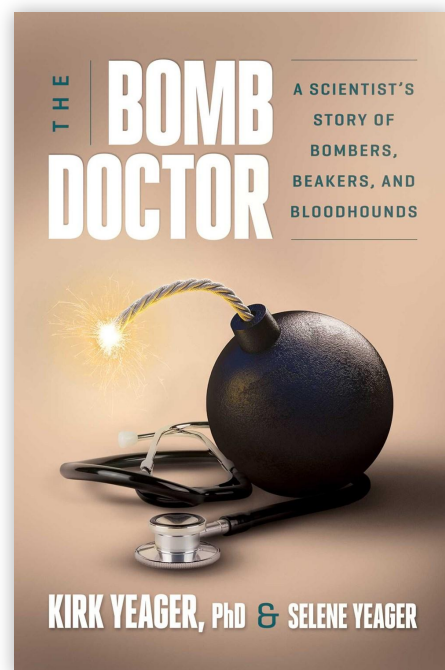
A rare peek behind the curtain into boots-on-the-ground, in-the-lab scientific bomb forensics—told with humanity, heart, and even a bit of humor.

This is not CSI. What you encounter as a true bomb detective—or “Bomb Doctor,” as some in the FBI call me—are fields of twisted metal containing soot-covered fragments intermingled with human remains. You have carnage and chaos. As you waded into that sea of wailing sirens and screaming survivors awash with the stench of diesel fuel and decaying bodies, your job is to ferret out forensic clues in a type of macabre scavenger hunt to ultimately reconstruct the scene and the explosive device and determine what happened and what the bomb looked like before it was torn asunder.

None of this happens overnight. Nor does it happen in a timeframe that can be neatly packaged in an hour-long made-for-TV drama. The scavenger hunt can take months—or, in the case of the infamous Collar Bomber, seven painstaking years. The work is worth every second and every horrific image that etches itself into your brain because it helps prevent new horrors. Not all, obviously. We are not superheroes. But unlike shooters, who often just “snap” or seem to act out in random ways, bombers almost always have a story—one that follows an arc.

In *The Bomb Doctor*, Yeager explains that arc, explodes myths, reconstructs reality, and builds an understanding of the reason and means behind the mayhem, as well as pulls back the curtain on the investigative process that brings bombers to justice.

Film rights have been sold to the Gaumont Film Company, a French studio who most recently produced the TV program “Lupin” on Netflix.



<i>Category:</i>	Science / Memoir	<i>Material:</i>	PDF
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	UK & Translation	<i>Rights sold:</i>	Hara Shobo (Japanese)
<i>Rights Sold on Behalf Of:</i>	Heather Jackson Literary Agency		

Dr. Kirk Yeager received his B.S. in Chemistry from Lafayette College and PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from Cornell University. He worked as a research scientist and became Associate Director of R&D at the Energetic Materials Research and Testing Center (EMRTC) in Socorro, New Mexico. For 10 years he served as a Physical Scientist/Forensic Examiner for the FBI Laboratory's Explosives Unit, where he deployed as a bombing crime scene investigator to dozens of countries. Currently, Dr. Yeager is the FBI's Chief Explosives Scientist. Dr. Yeager has nearly 30 years of experience with improvised explosives and IEDs. Over the course of his colorful career he has served as a subject matter expert for the National Academies of Sciences, worked as a technical adviser for *Mythbusters*, and been the subject of a feature article in *Popular Mechanics*. He is an avid geocacher and holds the rank of Black Belt in Dan Zan Ryu Ju-Jitsu. His academic prowess is surpassed only by his charm and humility.

Selene Yeager is Kirk Yeager's sister. At least that's how high school teachers referred to her—right after Ron Yeager's daughter—until everyone realized that she was a little bit like them, and a whole lot of something different. Terrible at chemistry, good at sneaking out of the house, and single minded in the pursuit of riding a bike and expressing herself in the written word. The former has taken her around the world. The latter has helped her build a career in storytelling and journalism and as author, co-author, and contributor to nearly 30 books, a nomination for a National Magazine Award for excellence in service journalism, and the great honor of bringing her brother's work to the world through this book.

BEST TEAM EVER

The Surprising Science of High-Performing Teams

Dr. David Burkus

Twinbolt, March 2023

“One of the most enjoyable and yet well-researched business books I’ve read.”
–**Patty McCord**, former Chief Talent Officer of Netflix and bestselling author of *Powerful*

“If you work, you probably work on a team. And if you work on a team, you definitely need this book. Drawing on compelling case studies and the latest research, David Burkus reveals the mystery behind why some teams click and others crash. *Best Team Ever* is practical, inspiring-and essential.” –**Daniel H. Pink**, New York Times bestselling author of *Drive*, *The Power Of Regret*, and *To Sell Is Human*

“Whether you lead a team or just want to be on a better one, you’ll want to pick up *Best Team Ever*. Well-researched, eminently practical, and clever, with terrific, off-the-beaten-path stories. A useful and thoroughly enjoyable read.”
–**Whitney Johnson**, Thinkers50 Top 10 rated management thinker and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *Smart Growth* and *Build an A Team*



Talent doesn’t make the team—the team makes the talent. Why are some teams more motivated, innovative, and successful than others? Why do some groups of talented people fall short against lesser teams? And how do you go about building a high-performing team?

Dr. David Burkus understands that to build the best team, you must first shape the habits and practices that bring out the best in each member. *Best Team Ever* reveals what some of the world’s most effective teams do, and shows you how you can do the same.

Banish the frustration of having a team of talented people who can’t perform optimally. Discover how to develop a clear, concise understanding of how your team’s culture affects its performance. Follow this simple, practical blueprint to cultivate a *Best Team Ever* environment and set your team on a path to success.

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Praise for BEST TEAM EVER

“*Best Team Ever* is a step-by-step manual to building a team of people who don't just perform better, but are happier and more engaged as well. Whether you lead a team or just want to be on a better one, read this book.”
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TURNED ON

****NEW****

A Creative's Guide to Awakening Presence, Pleasure, and Possibility

Brie Stoner

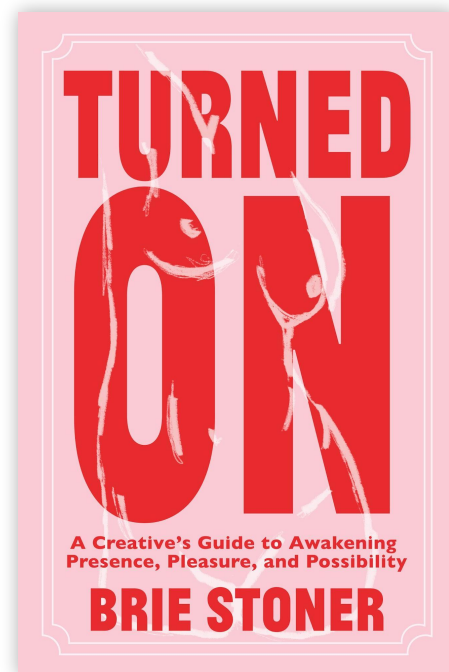
Broadleaf Books, January 2025

Artist and musician Brie Stoner defines Eros as the creative energy of life itself, encouraging readers to embrace a life of playfulness, sensuality, and possibility to combat disconnection, disembodiment, and burnout.

The world is imbued with a life force, a thrumming relational energy of creativity. That life force is Eros, and connecting with the erotic opens up a world full of possibility, sensuality, and creativity.

For far too long we have relegated the erotic to the bedroom, when in reality it is a fundamental energy that helps us connect more deeply with ourselves, each other, the earth, and the creative potential within us. We also live in a world that equates our productivity with our worth, leaving us feeling overtaxed, exhausted, burned out, and completely disconnected from ourselves and others. In *Turned On*, artist and musician Brie Stoner redefines the erotic, stating that it is more than just human intimacy; it can be the antidote to feeling anxious, disconnected, and uninspired. By reframing Eros as the energy of life and creativity itself, Stoner invites us to reawaken presence, playfulness, and possibility as the gateways to transformation.

Just as physical relationships are contingent upon the right context, good communication, and embodied presence, Stoner offers a similar contextual shift and the tools needed for us to access creativity through the body and in the present moment. Fittingly, she explores how the erotic has been minimized and misunderstood in modern life. She then offers practical applications of how an erotically enlivened life is a creatively fulfilling one, in which our relationships, parenting, work, and creativity flourish. For those of us who yearn for life to be more inspired, adventurous, and sensual, *Turned On* is our guide to relighting the spark within us.



Category:	Mind, Body, & Spirit	Format	Paperback
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Brie Stoner is a musician, recording artist, author, and speaker. She is the cohost of the podcast *Another Name for Every Thing* with Richard Rohr, which has garnered more than 4 million listeners. Her music has been featured in national and international campaigns, including for TV shows and brands Victoria's Secret, Trojan, *Orange Is the New Black*, and *The Affair*. As an artist, mother, and compassionate millennial voice for those on the spiritual-but-not-religious spectrum, Stoner offers relatable wisdom with irreverent humor, candor, and creative inspiration. She and her two kids reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

YOU DON'T NEED TO FORGIVE

****NEW****

Trauma Recovery on Your Own Terms

Amanda Ann Gregory, LCPC

Broadleaf Books, February 2025

Trauma psychotherapist and author of the popular "Simplifying Complex Trauma" blog at *Psychology Today* Amanda Ann Gregory, LCPC, explores the dangers of forced forgiveness in trauma recovery and empowers survivors with elective forgiveness.

You can find peace, whether or not you forgive those who harmed you.

Feeling pressured to forgive their offenders is a common reason trauma survivors avoid mental health services and support. Those who force, pressure, or encourage trauma survivors to forgive can unknowingly cause harm and sabotage their recovery. And such harm is entirely unnecessary--especially when research shows there is no consensus among psychologists, psychiatrists, and other professionals about whether forgiveness is necessary for recovery at all.

You Don't Need to Forgive is an invaluable resource for trauma survivors and their clinicians who feel alienated and even gaslighted by the toxic positivity and moralism that often characterizes attitudes about forgiveness in psychology

and self-help. Bringing together research and testimony from psychologists, psychotherapists, criminologists, philosophers, religious leaders, and trauma survivors, psychotherapist and expert in complex trauma recovery Amanda Ann Gregory explores the benefits of elective forgiveness and the dangers of required forgiveness. Elective forgiveness gives survivors the agency to progress in their recovery on their own terms. Forgiveness is helpful for some, but it is not universally necessary for recovery; each person should have the power to choose.



Category: Self-Help
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls: Translation
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Format: Hardcover
Material: PDF

Amanda Ann Gregory is a trauma psychotherapist whose work focuses on complex trauma recovery. Her unique perspective as both a clinician and a trauma survivor allows her genuinely to understand the needs of survivors. Her writing has appeared in publications such as *Psychology Today*, *Psychotherapy Networker*, and *psychotherapy.net*. With over seventeen years of clinical practice alongside EMDR and National Counseling certifications, Gregory has provided trauma education and training for the American Counseling Association, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Ronald McDonald House Charities, among others. Gregory lives in Chicago, Illinois, with her partner and their sassy black cat, Mr. Bojangles.

DISCOVERING THE SPIRITUAL WISDOM OF TREES

Beth Norcross and Leah Rampy

Broadleaf Books, March 2025

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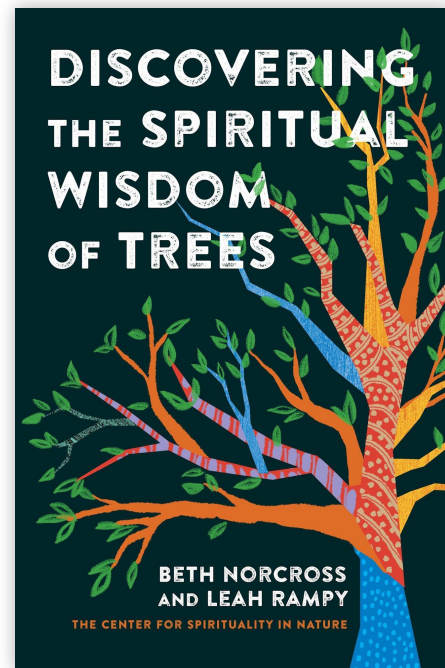
With expertise in ecology, spirituality, and forestry, coauthors Beth Norcross (founder of the Center for Spirituality in Nature) and Leah Rampy explore the spiritual wisdom we can learn from trees.

There is great wisdom to learn from trees, and when we connect intimately with them, we can deepen our spiritual lives and grow in the understanding that all beings are part of the fabric of the holy.

There's something about a majestic redwood, the sweet pink blossoms of a cherry tree in spring, or even a scrawny little pine that moves us in ways we don't fully comprehend. Trees have much to offer as soul friends, and their millennia of growth and loss provide deep wisdom, if we know how to pay attention. *The Spiritual Wisdom of Trees* encourages us to revel in the beauty and wonder of trees as they increase our capacity to bear witness to loss and grief. Integrating science and spirituality, coauthors Beth Norcross and Leah Rampy explore the knowledge held within the living world of trees and planted within each of us.

Drawing on extensive experience in both forest ecology and spirituality, Norcross and Rampy invite us into a deep mutual relationship with trees, whose wisdom provides comfort, resilience, guidance, and hope during these challenging times. Living amid the uncertainty of climate chaos and biodiversity loss, we experience loneliness, anxiety, grief, and fear. Such times call us to a fuller spiritual presence, richer connections to the world around us, and a deeper knowing that all are held within a sacred web of life.

Pulling from the Center for Spirituality in Nature organization's coursework, Norcross and Rampy offer us guidance and practices based on their experiences leading walks, retreats, and pilgrimages for over two decades. Having witnessed the profound healing and restorative power of trees, they offer us the wisdom of trees as wordless ministers to weary souls. When we learn the ecology of the forest and how to be present in nature, our eyes are opened to the awe and wonder of our world, deepening our sense of sacred oneness.



Category:	Nature	Format	Hardcover
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Beth Norcross founded the Center for Spirituality in Nature, which offers opportunities to deepen spirituality through nature and to nurture loving relationships with Earth and Spirit. She speaks, writes, and leads programs that encourage people to open to the natural world for delight, wonder, guidance, and spiritual deepening. She co-founded the Green Seminary Initiative, which infuses Earth care into theological education. An adjunct professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, where she earned a master of theological studies and a doctor of ministry, she has created and taught classes related to faith and ecology. She lives with her husband in Virginia.

Leah Rampy is a writer and retreat leader who weaves ecology, spirituality, and stories to encourage deeper connections to the natural world and strengthen the ties between Earth and the human soul. She is the author of *Earth and Soul: Reconnecting amid Climate Chaos*. She has led spiritual pilgrimages, retreats, and seminars and is founder and leader of Church of the Wild Two Rivers. She holds a PhD in curriculum from Indiana University, has taught in public schools and universities, held leadership roles in Fortune 100 companies, and headed a nonprofit organization dedicated to contemplative living and leadership. Rampy resides with her husband in a cohousing community in West Virginia.

PUT YOUR PAST IN THE PAST

****NEW****

Why You May Be Reenacting Your Trauma, and How to Stop

Beverly Engle

Broadleaf Books, March 2025

Renowned psychotherapist and author Beverly Engel offers this comprehensive and practical guide to emotional reenactments, helping readers face their past head-on for true and lasting healing.

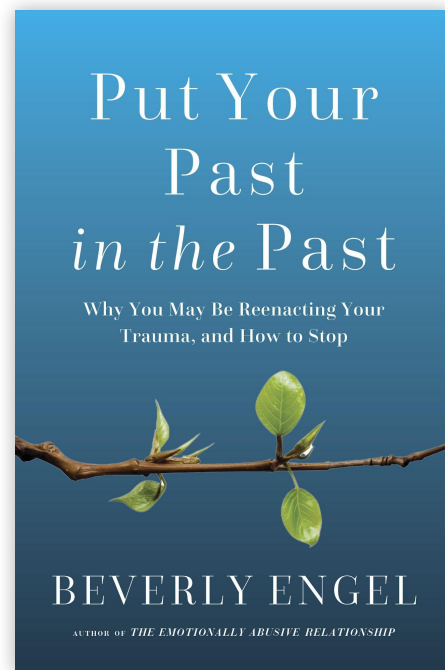
Stop repeating your past, and find lasting healing for the future.

Millions of us are desperately trying to rewrite our past by unconsciously repeating it--unknowingly reenacting the traumatic events in our lives in an effort to complete unfinished business or undo what was done to us. These unconscious efforts to undo trauma only bring more pain, more disappointment, and more psychological damage. Reenactments can take the form of self-destructive behavior, unhealthy decisions, choosing the wrong partners, getting stuck in repetitive emotional cycles, or sabotaging chances at success. Understanding and eliminating these reenactments is an essential part of the healing process. Unfortunately, this topic hasn't been addressed enough by psychotherapists and other mental health professionals.

In *Put Your Past in the Past*, renowned psychotherapist Beverly Engel offers the first accessible and comprehensive book on emotional reenactments. First, the book will help readers make their unsuccessful efforts to repair their past more conscious.

She offers powerful strategies to help readers truly heal their past, not by unwittingly repeating it, but by attending to their original wounds, and embracing self-compassion.

Unless we process past traumas, we can't heal them. *Put Your Past in the Past* will help you face your past head-on to find true and lasting wholeness.



Category:

Self-Help

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Hardcover

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Beverly Engel is an internationally recognized psychotherapist and expert on the subject of trauma. She has written 25 books on the related subjects of abuse, shame and empowerment, including *The Emotionally Abusive Relationship* and *Healing Your Emotional Self*. Her books have been translated into many languages, including: Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Greek, Turkish, Lithuanian and Polish. She has a blog on *Psychology Today* entitled *The Compassion Chronicles* and her writing has been featured in *Oprah Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Redbook*, *Marie Claire*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and *The Denver Post*.

MOTHER, CREATURE, KIN

****NEW****

What We Learn from Nature's Mothers in a Time of Unraveling

Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder

Broadleaf Books, March 2025

Luminous and literary writing on the natural world, motherhood, and what we have to learn from nature's mothers in an era of climate collapse, from essayist Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder.

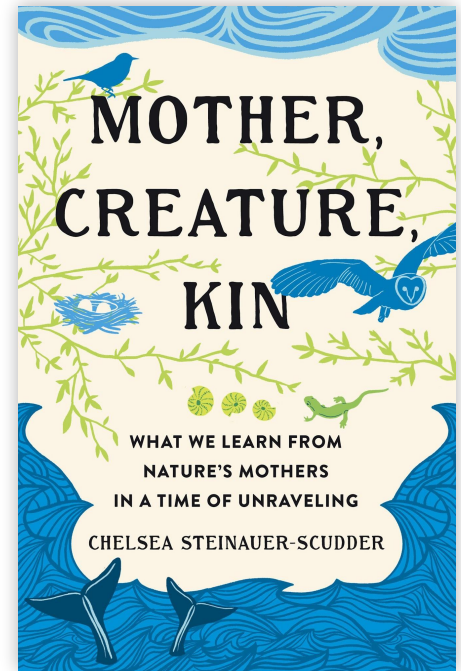
Luminous nonfiction about the natural world from essayist Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder, who asks: what can other-than-human creatures teach us about mothering, belonging, caregiving, loss, and resiliency?

What does it mean to be a mother in an era of climate catastrophe? And what can we learn from the plants and creatures who mother at the edges of their world's unraveling?

Becoming a mother in this time means bringing life into a world that appears to be coming undone. Drawing upon ecology, mythology, and her own experiences as a new mother, Steinauer-Scudder confronts what it means to "mother": to do the good work of being in service to the living world. What if we could all mother the places we live and the beings with whom we share those places? And what if they also mother *us*?

In prose that teems with longing, lyricism, and knowledge of ecology, Steinauer-Scudder writes of the silent flight and aural maps of barn owls, of nursing whales, of real and imagined forests, of tidal marshes, of ancient single-celled organisms, and of newly planted gardens. The creatures inhabiting these stories teach us about centering, belonging, entanglement, edgework, homemaking, and how to imagine the future. Rooted in wonder while never shying away from loss, *Mother, Creature, Kin* reaches toward a language of inclusive care learned from creatures living at the brink.

Writing in the tradition of Camille Dungy, Elizabeth Rush, and Margaret Renkl, Steinauer-Scudder invites us into the daily, obligatory, sacred work of care. Despair and fear will not save the world any more than they will raise our children, and while we don't know what the future holds, we know it will need mothers. As the very ground shifts beneath our feet, what if we apprenticed ourselves to the creaturely mothers with whom we share this beloved home?



Category: Nature
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Chelsea Steinauer-Scudder writes at the confluence of relationship to place with experiences of the sacred. She has a masters of theological studies from Harvard Divinity School and has worked as a staff writer and editor for *Emergence Magazine*, a publication exploring the intersection of ecology, culture, and spirituality. Her work has also been featured in *The Common*, *The Slowdown*, *Crannóg Magazine*, *From the Ground Up*, the edited poetry collection *Writing the Land*, and Katie Holten's *The Language of Trees*. Having grown up in the Great Plains of Nebraska and Oklahoma, she and her family live in northern New England.

HOW TO BE BUSY

Unhurried Living Even When Your Calendar is Chaotic

Rachelle Crawford

Broadleaf Books, May 2025

Snappy, lighthearted, and practical, *How to Be Busy* is the time-management book for people living through the unavoidable busy seasons of life, from author Rachelle Crawford (*Messy Minimalism*).

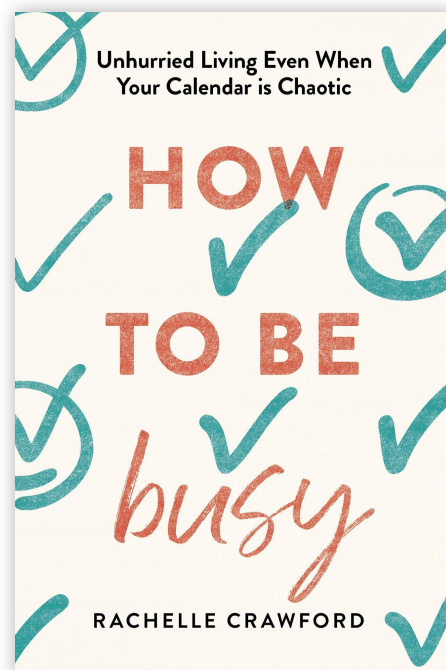
A lighthearted, practical guide for how to find a bit of calm during seasons of life when you simply can't *not* be busy, from Rachelle Crawford, the author of *Messy Minimalism*.

How nice it would be to clear the calendar--to just stop doing so much stuff. Except kids get sick and the work project awaits and elderly relatives need care. No matter how well you hack it, manage it, slice or dice or delegate it: in some seasons of life, busyness is a given.

The solution, writes Rachelle Crawford in *How to Be Busy*, is not to merely declutter your calendar or unsubscribe from the busy life. Because busyness can't always be avoided. Because being in relationship with and caring for others means that some seasons of life are packed. Because sometimes, no matter how many times you say no, you're still swamped.

The trick lies in learning *how* to be busy. With her signature warmth and laugh-out-loud transparency, Crawford offers sensible pivots and simple practices. You can practice under-committing, learn the fine art of saying no, bubble-wrap your busy seasons, establish a busy protocol, and learn how to eliminate digital distractions. Here are tough-love tips for unhurrying your busy days, ideas for giving a gift to your future stressed-out self, strategies for identifying the season in which you are living, and end-of-chapter tips for how to be busy well.

Busy isn't always the enemy, and a chaotic calendar isn't always a failure. Sometimes a full schedule is simply the result of investing in what matters and doing the right thing. But while busy is a matter of the calendar, hurry is a matter of the heart. Find help for living your deep, meaningful, unhurried life--right in the middle of your busy one.



Category:

Self-Help

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Rachelle Crawford is the author of *Messy Minimalism* and a registered nurse with a bachelor's of science in nursing. She works as a school nurse at the school her children attend. She lives in Michigan with her husband, Paul, and their three children, Jameson, Raegan, and Amelia.

THE LOVE HABIT

****NEW****

Daily Self-Care Practices for a Happier Life and Healthier Relationships

Rainie Howard

Broadleaf Books, September 2024

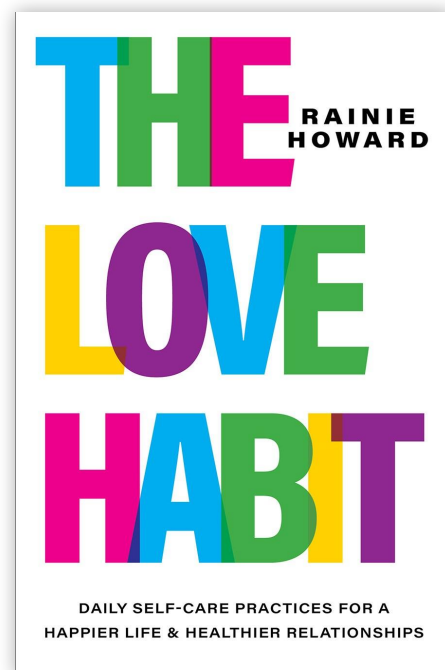
Self-help author and relationship expert Rainie Howard explores the Love Habit--helping us to better understand our relationships with family, friends, society, and ourselves--to build lasting happiness and better relationships.

There's a secret that most people don't know: our self-image defines our relationship experiences with others.

In *The Love Habit*, author and relationship expert Rainie Howard urges readers toward a better understanding of their relationships with family, friends, society, and themselves. Because a person's self-image directly influences their daily habits (emotional, mental, and physical), which then directly impacts relationships with others, Howard sets out to help readers change patterns that are no longer working for them.

While many of us understand the effects of unhealthy relationships, we are often clueless on how to truly break free from them. This is because until we understand why people behave the way they do, and that we are actually subconsciously teaching others how to treat us, we are powerless at transforming this important area of our lives.

To be in healthy relationships--whether with a friend, at work, or in a romantic partnership--we must first start with the relationship we have with ourselves. Without addressing this missing piece of how we relate to ourselves, we end up perpetually stuck in unhealthy friendships, romantic relationships, and more--but also engaged in a pattern of repeatedly inviting new unhealthy or toxic relationships into our lives. If you're ready to break free of the cycle of unhealthy relationships, *The Love Habit* is here to show you how.



<i>Category:</i>	Self-Help / Personal Growth	<i>Format</i>	Hardcover
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Rainie Howard is a highly requested speaker, media personality, bestselling author, and business leader whose global platform has reached more than 10 million people. She is an award-winning humanitarian and life coach, helping people transform their lives with a focus on spiritual and mental growth and healthy relationships. Howard has founded several privately held companies in such industries as education and personal development, including her consulting firm Rainie Howard, Inc. She also hosts *The Rainie Howard Show* podcast and YouTube channel, empowering viewers and listeners through inspirational messages. Howard is the author of eight books, including *Addicted to Pain* and *You Are Enough*. She lives in St. Louis, Missouri, with her husband and two children.

THE JOY DOCUMENT

Creating a Midlife of Surprise and Delight

Jennifer McGaha

Broadleaf Books, November 2024

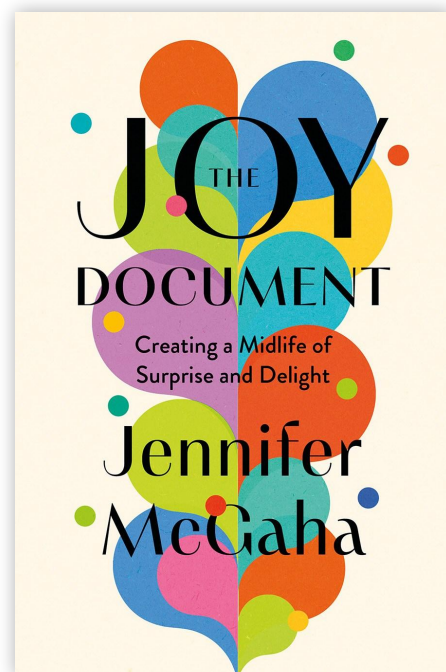
"McGaha's lyrical prose lends depth to life's seemingly forgettable moments."
—*Publishers Weekly*

Author Jennifer McGaha (*Flat Broke with Two Goats*) offers up these fifty rollicking, often humorous essays on finding joy in the small things after age fifty to create a midlife full of surprise and delight.

Once you begin looking for joy, you can find it pretty much anywhere.

When Jennifer McGaha's grandmother was in her late eighties, Jennifer asked her what her favorite age so far had been. "Fifty-five," her grandmother answered, as though there were something magical about this stage of life, some deeper way of knowing from this vantage point. So, in her own fifty-fifth year, Jennifer began to take note. She jotted down her impressions of simple, everyday things that struck her as beautiful or humorous or intriguing and kept a list of all the accomplishments, large and small, that actually mattered to her.

These observations became Jennifer's Joy Document, a radical act of reclaiming joy and an exercise in paying attention. When you are determined to find joy, almost anything can become revelatory--an Earth Day Whole Foods errand, Claire Saffitz's fruitcake recipe, a harrowing ride in Twinkly Taxi, an evening picnic at Dvořák's *Symphony No. 8*, or cartwheels in the driveway. While many of us at midlife have found all the things we've strived for (the career, the better life, the organization tools), those things only go so far. And the search for something greater, something truer, begins. Through this lens, life after fifty becomes not the end or even the middle of life, but a new beginning, another grand adventure with endless opportunities to find joy. *The Joy Document* includes fifty rollicking and often humorous essays exploring the art of joy and inspiring the rest of us to do the same.



Category:	Self-Help / Personal Growth	Format	Hardcover
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Jennifer McGaha is the author of *Flat Broke with Two Goats*, a 2018 OverDrive Big Library Read, and *Bushwhacking: How to Get Lost in the Woods and Write Your Way Out*. Her work has also appeared in many magazines and literary journals including *Image*, *The Huffington Post*, *The New Pioneer*, *Lumina*, *PANK*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Brevity*, *Bitter Southerner*, *Crab Creek Review*, *River Teeth*, and others. An Appalachian native, McGaha teaches at the University of North Carolina-Asheville, where she also coordinates the Great Smokies Writing Program.

HOW TO LOVE A FOREST

****NEW****

The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World

Ethan Tapper

Broadleaf Books, September 2024

"Tapper's writing is eloquent and thoughtful while also being informative and brimming with lush descriptions of his work to restore Bear Island...Readers will see forests through new eyes after reading Tapper's compelling and compassionate call to action." —**Booklist**

"Beautifully written, full of scenes those of us who live in and love the forests of the northeast will recognize immediately." —**Bill McKibben**, author of *The End of Nature* and other books

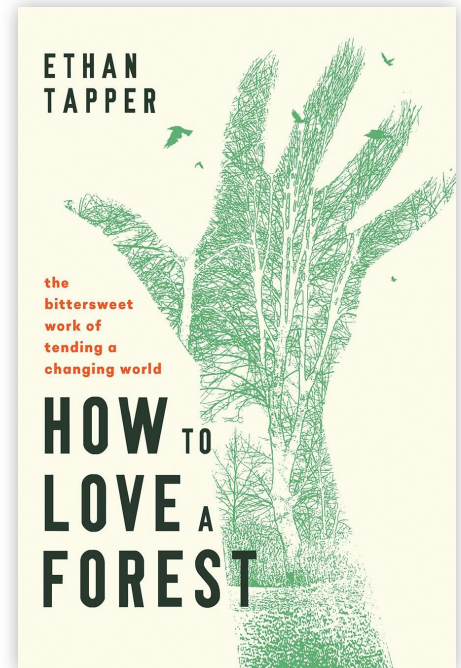
A tender and fearless exploration of our relationship with forests and ecosystems from forester and debut author Ethan Tapper that challenges conventional beliefs and offers a new land ethic for the modern world.

A tender, fearless debut by a forester writing in the tradition of Suzanne Simard, Robin Wall Kimmerer, and Robert Macfarlane.

Only those who love trees should cut them, writes forester Ethan Tapper. In *How to Love a Forest*, he asks what it means to live in a time in which ecosystems are in retreat and extinctions rattle the bones of the earth. How do we respond to the harmful legacies of the past? How do we use our species' incredible power to heal rather than to harm?

Tapper walks us through the fragile and resilient community that is a forest. He introduces us to wolf trees and spring ephemerals, and to the mysterious creatures of the rhizosphere and the necrosphere. He helps us reimagine what forests are and what it means to care for them. This world, Tapper writes, is degraded by people who do too much and by those who do nothing. As the ecosystems that sustain all life struggle, we straddle two worlds: a status quo that treats them as commodities and opposing claims that the only true expression of love for the natural world is to leave it alone.

Proffering a more complex vision, Tapper argues that the actions we must take to protect ecosystems are often counterintuitive, uncomfortable, even heartbreaking. With striking prose, he shows how bittersweet acts—like loving deer and hunting them, loving trees and felling them—can be expressions of compassion. Tapper weaves a new land ethic for the modern world, reminding us that what is simple is rarely true, and what is necessary is rarely easy.



Category: Nature Writing
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Ethan Tapper is a forester and writer based in Vermont. Since 2012, he has worked as a consulting forester and service forester, managing public and private forestlands and advising thousands of landowners. Tapper leads dozens of public events each year, maintains an active social media presence, and writes a column in newspapers and a quarterly column in *Northern Woodlands* magazine. He has received numerous awards and distinctions, including being named Forester of the Year by the Northeast-Midwest State Foresters Alliance in 2021. Tapper manages Bear Island, his 175-acre forest and homestead in Bolton, Vermont, and plays in a punk band.

HOW TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HUMANITY

16 Life-Changing Practices for Radical Humanity

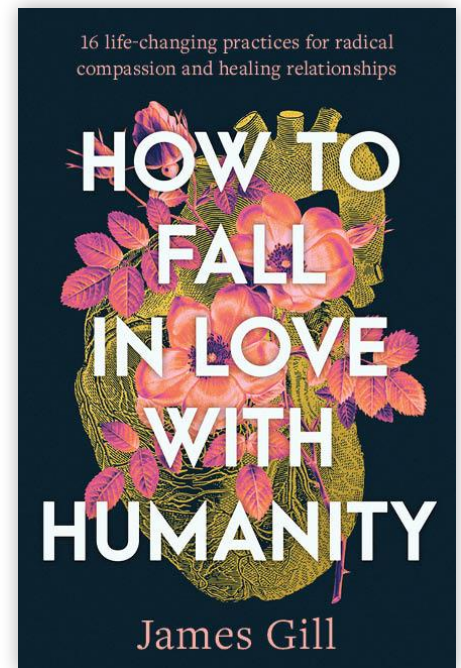
James Gill

Affirm Press (Australia), January 2025

Our well-being is ultimately founded on fulfilling relationships. Yet how effortlessly misunderstandings, disagreements and conflicts arise with those we care most about! Our political and legal systems promote an adversarial approach to resolution, and pop-psychology labels encourage us to pathologize those who have done us wrong. But the story of victim and villain has only ever deepened opposition. Without skills to mend our inevitable relationship ruptures, upsets prevail and disconnection deepens. No wonder loneliness is recognized globally as the next public health epidemic.

By turns fierce and poetic, *How To Fall In Love With Humanity* delivers what every relationship eventually aches for: a practical roadmap to repair.

You'll learn how to lead the way back to love when it goes missing, heal past hurts, mend current relationship upsets, and prevent otherwise inevitable future conflicts, while developing your own invincible superpower: how to remain both unshakeable and open-hearted in every way.



Category:	Personal Development	Material:	Manuscript
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Relationship Communication Coach **James 'Fish' Gill** has supported individuals, couples and communities as well as educational and corporate organizations to repair relationship conflict since 2007. In listening to tens of thousands of conflicts in that time, Gill has created a unique method of conscious communication that develops an individual's capacity to lead any moment of relationship upset back to safety, mutual understanding, and open heartedness.

Now sharing his method with individuals and couples in over 16 countries, as well as training counsellors, therapists, facilitators, educators and healers in Australia, the US and Europe on how to use his Heart Coach method with their clients, Fish is also the Director of the transformative organization, Lead by Heart.

ALL SIGNS POINT TO YOU

Unlock Your Potential with the Wisdom Astrology

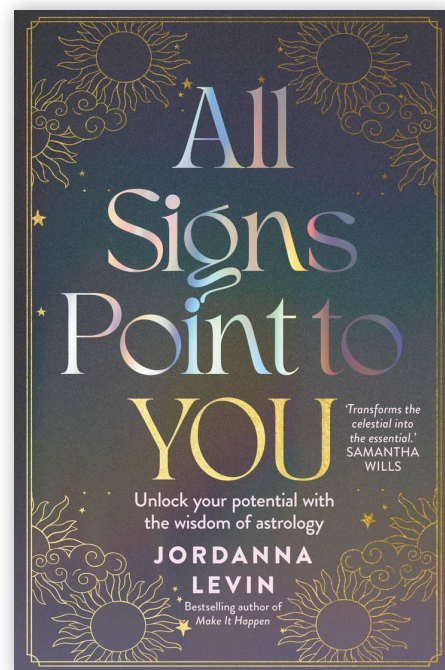
Jordanna Levin

Affirm Press, September 2024

****NEW****

So you identify with your star sign, but what comes next? Imagine having a roadmap to navigate the maze of astrology and, for that matter, yourself. From the author of *Make It Happen* and *Make You Happen*, *All Signs Point To YOU* is a fun and witty guide to helping you reach a heightened sense of self-awareness through the wisdom of the zodiac. As the sun travels through each sign over the course of a year, it grants us access to each signs' unique energies. Harness these to your advantage and learn more about yourself - and everyone around you - in the process.

This book isn't just about knowing your sun sign, it's about taking that knowledge and applying it to your everyday life. As you journey through its pages, you'll not only grasp the essence of each sign but also understand the reasons behind its unique traits, learning how you can benefit from each of them, every month. Think of it your own personal growth toolkit, powered by the wisdom of this age-old practice, with bestselling author Jordanna Levin as your guide!



Category: Self Help
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Jordanna Levin is the bestselling author of *Make It Happen*, *Make You Happen* and the host of the Lunar Lover podcast. With a background in journalism, she has built a reputation for taking 'big' topics and making them relatable, digestible and downright entertaining. Through her wit, warmth and street-smart practicality, she invites readers to get curious about the things that light them up. Jordanna believes that 'aha' moments are contagious and self-awareness is our greatest superpower. She currently spends her time writing from the sunny coastal town of Byron Bay.

DARK ARTS & CRAFTS

13 Spells for Love, Money and Self Care

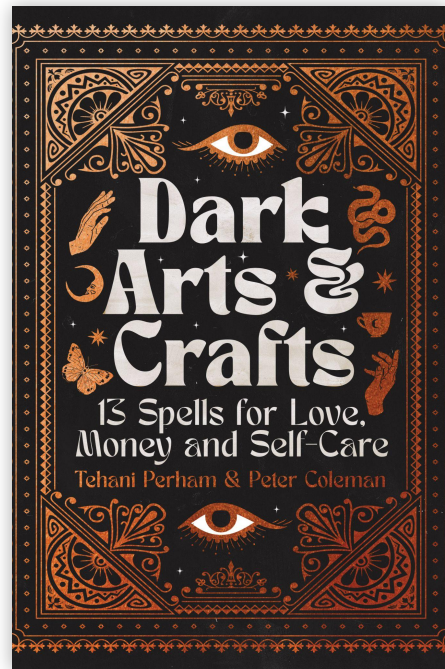
Peter Coleman and Tehani Perham

Affirm Press, September 2024

****NEW****

Do you enjoy crafting and DIY projects? Do you also enjoy harnessing other-worldly forces to fulfil your every desire?

Have you ever wondered what would happen if Wednesday Addams did a collab with Martha Stewart? If your answer to these questions is 'yes', then this is the book for you! Based on traditional witchcraft, but with a modern twist, *Dark Arts & Crafts* will provide step-by-step instructions for crafting everything from witch-jars to voodoo dolls to magical make-up. Including 13 Spells for Love, Money and Self-Care, all of these projects will be incredibly easy to complete and require zero prior knowledge of either witchcraft or crafting. Learn plenty of fun facts about the bizarre and often-hilarious history of spell-casting. This is the perfect book for any budding witches or enthusiastic crafters with an occult edge.



Tehani Perham is one of Australia's most well-respected witches and experts in eclectic witchcraft. She is the co-owner of Muses of Mystery, Melbourne's go-to store for all things magical, metaphysical, and other-worldly. Tehani is an initiated priestess, tarot card reader, reiki and shamanic healer.

Dr Peter Coleman is an author whose first book, *Weekends with Matt*, was published by Affirm Press in July 2022. He has a Ph.D. in cultural studies from Monash University where he also tutored in Eastern Philosophy. After leaving university, he started a career in the not-for-profit sector where he now works as a consultant. He is also an Authorised Marriage Celebrant and occasional tarot card reader.

BURNOUT TO BRILLIANT

A Practical Guide to Recharging, Resetting and Redesigning your life

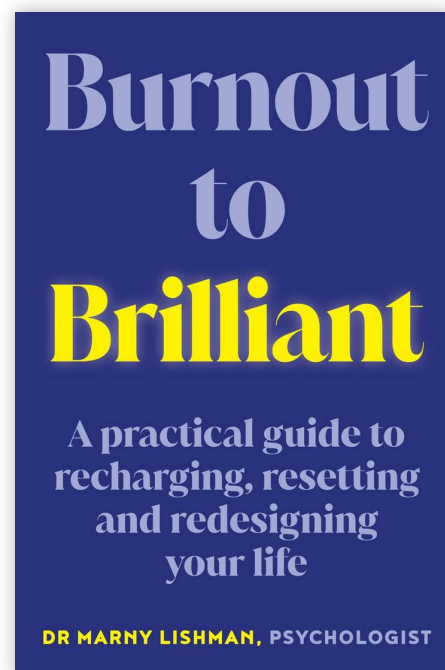
Dr Marny Lishman

Affirm Press, January 2024

Noticed that you're dragging yourself to work lately? Feeling cynical all the time? Exhausted throughout the day? Productivity reduced? Ready to quit? Passion you once had all but disappeared?

You might be suffering from burnout.

Written by psychologist and life coach Dr Marny Lishman, *Burnout to Brilliant* will give you the knowledge, mindset and motivation to create a satisfying, fulfilling and successful life post-burnout. From understanding your values to learning how to communicate boundaries, this easy-to-read guide will give you greater self-awareness about your mental health, strengthen your ability to manage your stress levels, assist you in designing a healthier personal and professional foundation from which to operate and reignite a passion for your career.



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Dr Marny Lishman is a health and community psychologist, author, wellbeing and mindset coach, keynote speaker, and media commentator in Perth, Australia. She holds both a bachelor's and a doctorate of psychology, with health and community psychology speciality titles. Marny helps people increase their psychological capacity to create the life they want, while dealing with the inevitable disruptions they will face on their path to success. An animal lover who requires lots of sunlight and time in nature, she is her best self when she can go on long daily beach walks with her dog, indulge in reading books, meditate and spend time with her shiny (but rather loud) children.

TRUST LIFE, TRUST YOURSELF, FIND PEACE

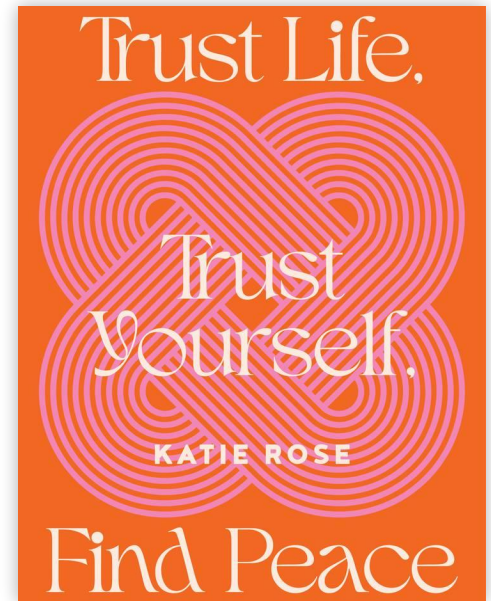
Katie Rose

Affirm Press, January 2024

Have you lost faith in the idea that the Universe is working for you, rather than against you? Have you dreamt of making big changes in your life but find yourself stuck in a routine, with habitual patterns that feel hard to break out of? Or maybe you jump into change and adventure a little too quickly, and as a result you've been burnt and find it hard to believe that things will ever work out again.

Learning to trust your own judgement, and that the Universe supports you – even when things feel really tough – is within your reach. When trust is deep enough, we know that even if we fail, we've won because we had a go and that is all life is asking of us.

Drawing on modern psychology as well as elements of ancient philosophy and yogic wisdom, author Katie Rose guides you through the dance between being in your power and surrendering, as you learn to trust yourself every step of the way.



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Katie Rose is a women's wellness mentor and educator with 25 years of experience in the world of yoga and ayurveda. Katie has managed and owned popular yoga studios in both London and Sydney and now runs a thriving online community. Founder and host of the annual Bhakti Women Online Summit, Katie helps women go from feeling stuck and overwhelmed to living a life that is aligned with their highest values. She lives in Sydney, Australia, with her partner and her five children in a loud and busy household where her meditation practice keeps her sane.

FIND YOUR FLOW

Emma Maidment

Affirm Press, March 2024

Are you stuck in a perpetual cycle of repeating the same patterns over and over? Do you know there's more to life than just following what you 'should' do? Do you feel foggy in your mind, uninspired by your life? Are you sick of being in survival mode?

Let go of your addiction to friction and drama with this practical personal development guide to freeing yourself from limiting beliefs. Learn how to respond to life rather than react, and move from surviving to thriving with podcaster, mentor and wellbeing expert Emma Maidment.

Your innate wisdom wants to guide you back into alignment so you can live heart-forward and in flow. *Find Your Flow* will help you connect to your innate essence, find magic in the mundane and form a deeper connection with those around you – because you deserve to live a life in the flow lane!



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Emma Maidment is a renowned international yoga and meditation teacher whose journalism is featured regularly in magazines and well-being publications. Emma is also a seasoned event presenter and workshop facilitator, as well as the co-founder of Flow States Collective and the host of The Flow Lane Podcast. After facing health challenges and becoming a mother, Emma became passionate about helping women discover their inner strength and connect to the innate wisdom of the feminine. She truly believes that everyone has the capacity to heal and experience life to its fullest potential.

THE GALVESTON DIET

The Doctor-Developed, Patient-Proven Plan to Burn Fat and Tame Your Hormonal Symptoms

Mary Claire Haver, MD

Rodale, January 2023

“Dr. Haver is an excellent motivational speaker and educator, and her passion for helping women find nutritional and lifestyle solutions to counter the negative effects of menopause is inspiring. The validation of common hormonal symptoms and commiseration with weight gain challenges, especially from a physician with similar struggles, is likely a rare and comforting experience for many women.” —**Forbes Health**

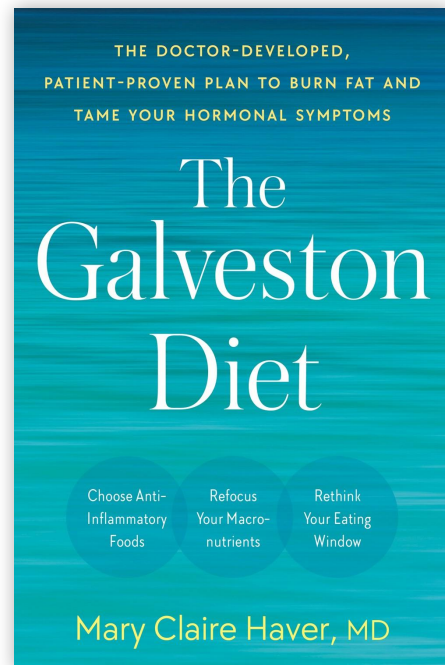
A Wall St. Journal, Publishers Weekly, and Amazon bestseller, this patient-proven eating and lifestyle program to balances nutrition and sustains weight loss—including more than 40 delicious recipes and 6 weeks of meal plans—tailored to women in midlife.

Women tend to store more fat and have a harder time converting calories than men do. In midlife, these physiological differences are amplified by hormonal fluctuation, and most women gain stubborn and harmful weight—especially around the belly—without having altered their routine at all!

A practicing OB/GYN, Dr. Mary Claire Haver found herself in this exact predicament, so she set out to develop a diet that would meet her needs. Nearly 75,000 women have now found success in Dr. Haver's unique plan for permanent weight loss and reduced menopausal symptoms by following her three interconnected strategies:

- **Fuel Refocus:** Starting in their thirties, women need a specific ratio of healthy fats, lean protein, and quality carbohydrates to efficiently burn fat.
- **Intermittent Fasting:** 16 hours of fasting with a flexible 8-hour eating window coaxes the body to draw energy from stored fat and decreases inflammation.
- **Anti-inflammatory Nutrition:** Limit added sugars, processed carbs, chemical additives and preservatives and layer in anti-inflammatory foods like leafy greens, olive oil, berries, nuts, and tomatoes.

With these principles working together, women can finally lose stubborn weight as well as enjoy newfound energy, better sleep, less brain fog, and fewer hot flashes. Featuring forty delicious recipes, six weeks of easy-to-follow meal plans, shopping lists, and success stories of women who have changed their lives on this plan, *The Galveston Diet*—named for Dr. Haver's hometown—will revolutionize the conversation around weight loss for women, with health benefits that last a lifetime.



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Dr. Mary Claire Haver is a wife, mother, physician, and entrepreneur who has devoted her adult life to women's health. As a Board Certified OB/GYN in the Galveston, Texas area, Dr. Haver has delivered thousands of babies, completed thousands of well-woman exams, counseled patients, taught residents, and did everything an academic professor and OB/GYN can do. She is also a Certified Medical Specialist, focusing on medical nutrition. Visit her at galvestondiet.com.

THE GALVESTON DIET

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THE ANXIETY RESET METHOD

A 12-Week Program for Mind-Body Health

Georgie Collinson

Affirm Press (Australia), April 2023, Hachette Go, November 2023

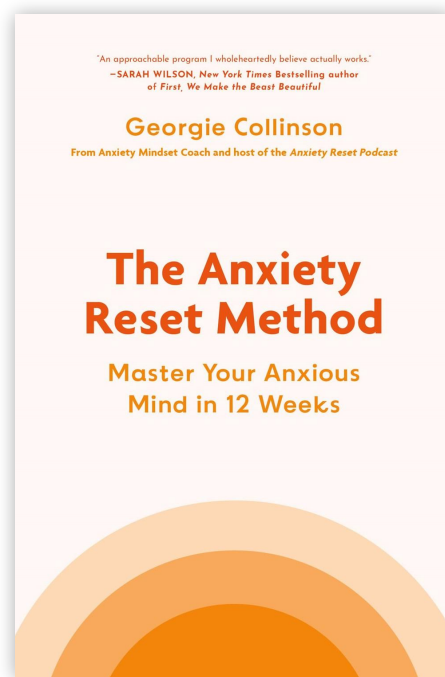
"An approachable program I wholeheartedly believe actually works."—**Sarah Wilson**, *New York Times* Bestselling author of *First, We Make the Beast Beautiful*

"Georgie's variety of experience creates a refreshing and inspiring take on how to tackle high-functioning anxiety, to allow more space for an impactful life."—**Natalie Ellis**, founder and CEO of Bossbabe

"We must look at all of anxiety's intricate parts. Understanding and teaching the components that make up a calm, confident and resilient life has become my life's work. The Anxiety Reset Method developed as a way to place all of these components together into a holistic system that actually works. This approach considers anxiety from the thoughts we think, to the food we eat, the health of the gut, our hormones and the way we live our daily lives. It is about leaving no stone left unturned as you empower yourself to grow beyond anxiety." —From the Introduction

Take positive action towards creating a life full of joy and power and become the master of your anxious mind. *The Anxiety Reset* is a 12-week program for those with high-functioning anxiety, offering entirely holistic solutions to both the psychological and physical factors that contribute to anxiety. Merging science with the spiritual, and good health with good sense, this successful method works to restore gut health and hormone balance as well as our thoughts and beliefs for better living.

Anxiety mindset coach, hypnotherapist, qualified nutritionist and naturopath Georgie Collinson will guide you to towards building unstoppable self-belief, deep self-love and unshakeable inner confidence - step by step over the course of 12 weeks. Follow a clear pathway to overcome any self-doubt spirals, inner critic battles and the exhausting pressure of high-functioning anxiety, and create the resilience you need to thrive.



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Georgie Collinson is a recovering perfectionist and proud high-achiever. She was once the prime example of high-functioning anxiety. Searching for answers, she finally discovered a lasting breakthrough for herself and her clients with a holistic mind-body approach that considers anxiety and stress from the thoughts you think, the food you eat, your gut health and your hormones to your lifestyle.

This developed into The Anxiety Reset Method, and the successful online Anxiety Reset Program. Georgie is known for her vulnerable, honest and down-to-earth way of speaking about mental health, is host of the Anxiety Reset Podcast and has appeared on television, guest blogs and in numerous podcast interviews. Georgie is based in Australia and works remotely online, coaching clients around the world.

MASTER YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ANXIETY

Overcome Your Worries, Doubts, and Insecurities in Four Weeks

Georgie Collinson

Affirm Press (Australia), February 2025

Why am I feeling anxious in love and what is this anxiety trying to tell me?

Feel calmer, more trusting and more confident in your relationships – whether partnered or single, a parent or child-free.

How To Master Relationship Anxiety guides you through the four types of relationship anxiety, providing holistic, practical and highly relatable advice to help you feel better able to love others and create the deeper connections we all crave. You'll explore and evolve through all the anxiety, worry, insecurity and doubt that relationships inevitably bring to the surface.

In four weeks, you'll explore and evolve through all the worries, insecurity and doubt that some relationships bring to the surface. Master how to be calm and open in love, and you'll discover the ultimate antidote to relationship anxiety.

<i>Category:</i>	Body, Mind & Spirit	<i>Format</i>	Hardcover
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Georgie Collinson is Australia's leading anxiety therapist, specializing in high-functioning anxiety. She's known for her entirely holistic mind-body-soul approach, uniquely drawing upon her experience and skills as an anxiety mindset coach, clinical hypnotherapist and qualified naturopath and nutritionist. She's helped hundreds of clients worldwide through her online programs to master their anxious mind, is author of *The Anxiety Reset Method* and is host of the chart-topping Anxiety Reset Podcast. Her work has been featured internationally by Oprah Daily and Oprah's Book Club, and she is deeply committed to helping high-achieving, type-A perfectionists stop struggling with anxiety and crippling self-doubt using The Anxiety Reset Method, so they can create the resilience they need to thrive with confidence and awaken their inner calm.

WOW, YOU LOOK TERRIBLE!

Danny Ricker

Hyperion Avenue, May 2025

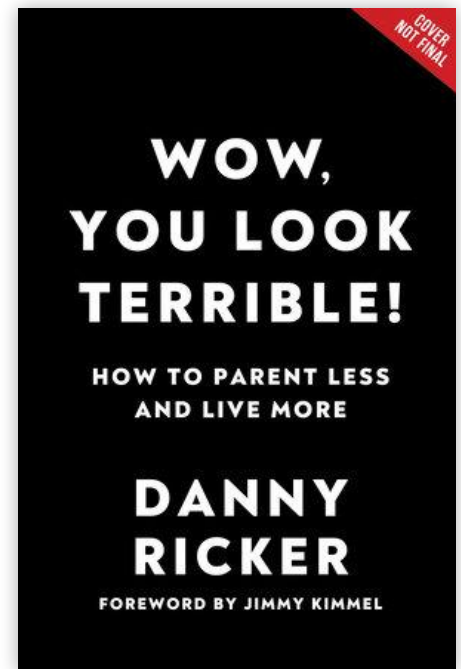
Danny Ricker comes a satirical self-help manifesto for parents on the brink of despair, guaranteed to get you back the three things parenting takes from us all: our time, money, and mind.

You used to be a person. A real one—with hobbies, expendable income, and sex that was *at least* semi-annual. But then you had kids, and the more you became a parent, the less you became yourself. You love your children deeply, but most days you feel like nothing more than their service animal. That ends today (. . . just the second part. You can still love your kids.)

Wow, You Look Terrible! is a beacon of hope to beleaguered parents across the globe. The revolutionary child-rearing techniques within will teach you how to:

- Save money on soccer by having your child join a cult
- Throw your kid's entire birthday party in 17 minutes flat
- Get shredded abs while pulling your toddler out of a bounce house
- Rid your life of the Easter Bunny once and for all
- And much, much more

With illustrations, personal stories from the author, and a foreword by four-time father and beloved late night scamp Jimmy Kimmel, this book will take you down the righteous path of parenting less and living more.



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DANNY RICKER is a father, husband, author, and Emmy-nominated writer-producer from Burbank, California. He has written for the Oscars, the Primetime Emmys, the White House Correspondents' Dinner, and currently serves as co-head writer and co-executive producer at Jimmy Kimmel Live! where he has worked since he was a small baby.

TABOO

****NEW****

Conversations We Never Had About Sex, Body Image, Work and Relationships

Hannah Ferguson

Affirm Press, November 2024 (Affirm Press)

A vulnerable exploration of modern womanhood that weaves deeply personal stories with opinions and advice on sex, friendship, family, career and beyond.

This part-memoir, part feminist-manifesto meets women where they are and as they are. Hannah exposes and celebrates the messy, honest and insular parts of ourselves in a book designed to feel like a late-night conversation with your best friend – one that will make you laugh, cry and that you'll never want to end.



<i>Category:</i>	Social Commentary	<i>Format</i>	Hardcover
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Hannah Ferguson is the co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Cheek Media Co, an independent Australian news commentary platform providing informed, progressive opinions on subjects that sit at the intersection of feminist, social and political issues. Cheek aims to make difficult topics accessible and entertaining, and to model hard and important conversations, mobilising changemakers in our community. Hannah has a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Master of Publishing, Editing and Writing from The University of Queensland.

BUY WHAT YOU LOVE WITHOUT GOING BROKE

****NEW****

Jennifer Smith and Jillian Sirianni

Harvest, January 2025

In life we're told our options are limitless. Yet in an effort to protect us, our brains typically only identify two options that we're most familiar with: Yes or no, Mac or PC, coffee or tea, sit or stand. When it comes to managing money the two options are usually: Stop doing everything you love and follow a rigid set of rules to manage money or totally ignore your money and live a life you love.

We know this binary is an illusion. You have so many choices, especially when it comes to spending and managing money. For years Jen Smith and Jill Sirianni have been redefining frugality from extreme deprivation to a "radical middle" of spending based on your values. Now they're distilling what they've learned to help readers afford what money can't buy...and doing so with 7 easy-to-understand principles.

Buy What You Love Without Going Broke is a guide for millennial and gen X women who want to manage their money differently. There are plenty of books with the promise of "7 steps to financial freedom" and "10 steps to manage your money." There are even personal finance books focused on making more or saving more, but there are very few books dedicated to improving your spending habits. This is a huge oversight given the fact that it's nearly impossible to succeed if you can't control your day to day spending.

<i>Category:</i>	Self-Help / Personal Finance	<i>Format</i>	Hardcover
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JEN SMITH and **JILL SIRIANNI** are the hosts of the top-rated Frugal Friends Podcast. Jen is a personal finance expert who's written for and been quoted on sites like The Wall Street Journal, Investopedia, The Balance, Business Insider, and more. Jill is a licensed clinical social worker who's worked in trauma counseling. Every episode of Frugal Friends is a lifestyle podcast that helps you afford all the things in life that matter most to you, and with over 700 reviews and 4.5 million downloads, we know it's a podcast and message that's resonating.

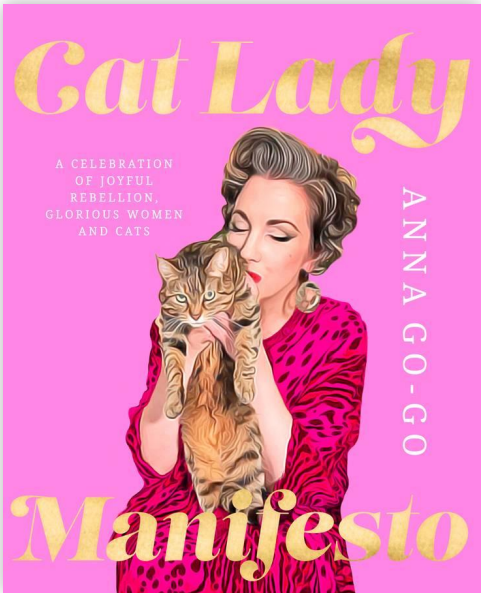
A Celebration of Joyful Rebellion, Glorious Women and CATS

Anna Go-Go

Affirm Press, December 2024 (Australia)

The patriarchy really did women and cats dirty, but Anna Go-Go is here to set the story straight: from cat deities in Egypt to Christian demonology manuals decrying innocent kitties, and to famous cat lovers such as Elizabeth Taylor, Florence Nightingale and Mark Twain, *Cat Lady Manifesto* shares gloriously witty meditations on life, love, and all things kitty-related.

So crack open a tin of Fancy Feast, sharpen your claws on the couch, and settle in for a purr-fect adventure through the fascinating and bizarre history of the “crazy cat lady”



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The Guardian describes **Anna** as a 'Melbourne Rock 'n Roll institution'. She has been a producer of popular, record-breaking events for 30 years and is the founder of Australia's most revolutionary dance school, Anna's Go-Go Academy. She is a leader of women and misfits, comedian, writer, host, choreographer and sometime-musician who has been in show-business and the arts.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF DREAMING

Unlocking the Wisdom of Our Sleeping Selves

Kelly Bulkeley

Broadleaf Books, December 2023

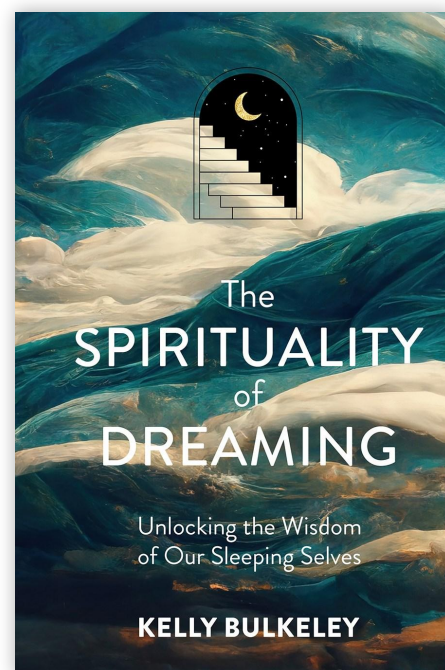
Short listed in *Chanticleer Reviews* for the “Mind and Spirit Award 2023”

***The Spirituality of Dreaming* will help contemporary readers connect with the dream wisdom of various faiths and develop their own innate capacities for spiritual dreaming. This book offers a bigger, more expansive way of thinking about dreams, spirituality, community, and even cultural transformation.**

Enhance your dreaming with groundbreaking research and wisdom from vivid dreamers throughout history, sacred texts, and the present day.

We're asleep almost a third of our lives. What if those sleeping hours hold wisdom, creativity, and even connection with the divine? What if our dreams offer spiritual insight and guidance—not just for ourselves, but for our communities?

In *The Spirituality of Dreaming*, leading dream scholar and expert Dr. Kelly Bulkeley brings us a set of time-honored methods to stimulate innate dreaming capacities and amplify their impact in our waking lives.



Dreams have been a perennial source of spiritual insight and guidance across all cultures and religions throughout history, he asserts, but the sacred energy of our dreams has often remained untapped. Relying on years of research, data analysis, and interviews, Bulkeley offers wisdom and strategies from "big dreamers"—people who have vivid, intense dreams and remember them. He also distills the latest findings on dreams: the impact of digital technologies on our dreams, the phenomena of lucid dreaming and dreaming incubation, practices of dream-sharing, the creative role of dreams in cultural innovation, and the growing evidence that animals dream too.

In conversation with people who care about dreams and spirituality, Bulkeley makes a case for taking ourselves seriously as dreaming visionaries. By drawing on classic and contemporary works of theology, anthropology, and psychology, along with the latest dream research, Bulkeley maps the spiritual power of dreaming and argues that our dreams matter in ways we do not yet fully realize, both individually and collectively. Together we can learn how to unlock the sacred truths revealed within our sleeping selves.

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Kelly Bulkeley, PhD, is a global expert on dreaming and a psychologist of religion focusing on dreams. With degrees from Stanford University, Harvard Divinity School, and the University of Chicago Divinity School, he is director of the Sleep and Dream Database, senior editor of the journal *Dreaming*, and former president of the International Association for the Study of Dreams. His books include *Dreaming Beyond Death*, *Big Dreams*, *An Introduction to the Psychology of Dreaming*, and *Dreaming in the World's Religions*. His work has published in the *New York Times* and *TIME* magazine. Bulkeley lives in Estacada, Oregon.

THE ARTIST'S JOY

A Guide to Getting Unstuck, Embracing Imperfection, & Loving Your Creative Life

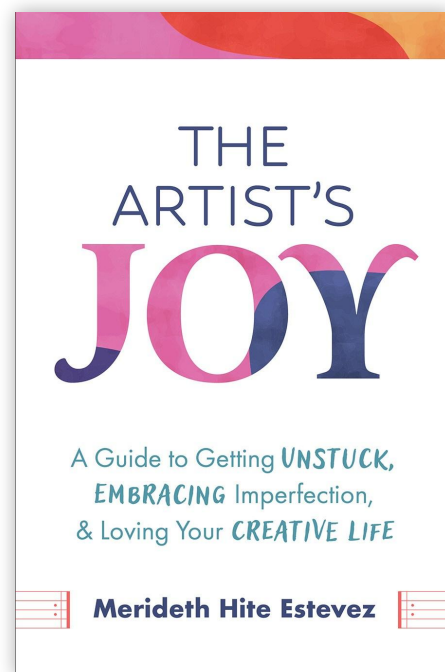
Merideth Hite Estevez

Broadleaf Books, June 2024

"Whether or not you consider yourself an artist, musician, author, or creative, Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez gently and lovingly guides us as readers to see anew how the gift of creativity is woven within each of our lives.." --**Holly K. Oxhandler**, PhD, LMSW, associate dean for research at Baylor University's Garland School of Social Work, and author of *The Soul of the Helper*

"In addition to her own innovations and helpful 'showing, not telling,' Estevez has collated the best arts insights from a trusted cast of characters, including C. S. Lewis, Madeleine L'Engle, and Julia Cameron. If you're looking for a book that can get you unstuck as an artist or fan into flame your already-bright spark, this is it. *The Artist's Joy* is, in short, an artful and wise gift ready-made for your toolbox." --**Charlie Peacock**, Grammy Award-winning music producer and coauthor of *Why Everything That Doesn't Matter, Matters So Much*

"Merideth Hite Estevez has opened up her own story in a beautiful and compelling way, inspiring other artists toward their best work from a place of wellness and joy. What a gift! Brimming with touching stories, contemplative exercises, and self-coaching prompts, *The Artist's Joy* will usher any creative forward in their journey." --**Katy Rose**, author and illustrator of *Lilibet the Brave*



The ultimate guide for creatives of all levels and disciplines seeking to get unstuck and discover a sustainable and meaningful artistic practice.

Whether you are a dabbler, a career creative, or a long-time self-proclaimed "tortured artist," Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez is here to help. As a professional oboist, teacher, creative coach, graduate of The Juilliard School, and beloved host of the podcast *Artists for Joy*, Dr. Estevez knows the world of creatives and what they truly need to cultivate a life-giving practice. *The Artist's Joy* offers not only tools for the journey but a deeper understanding of the ways the miracle of creativity works in our lives.

Dr. Estevez guides artists at all levels and in all disciplines to build a creative life that resonates deeply with their core values, and to cultivate an artistic practice that is joyful and sustainable. She shares her discoveries and insightful coaching exercises that stem from the belief that when we are connected to what resonates deeply within us, the "tortured artist" trope simply doesn't hold. By looking at creative work through a new lens, she provides us a means to begin--or to begin again--in sustaining ways.

Complete with self-coaching questions, a group discussion guide, and a companion playlist with tracks for musical meditation and creative engagement, this is your guide for life as an artist that will resonate long after the last note.

<i>Category:</i>	Self-Help / Wellness	<i>Format</i>	Hardcover
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Dr. Merideth Hite Estevez is a coach, educator, writer, and oboist. Through her workshops, her award-winning podcast *Artists for Joy*, and her one-to-one coaching, she is a spiritual space-maker for artists, leading thousands in various fields to creative recovery. Dr. Estevez has performed with top orchestras and holds degrees in oboe from The Juilliard School and Yale School of Music. She is also a Certified Start with Heart Facilitator. She lives in Michigan, with her husband, Rev. Edwin Estevez, and their two children.

THERE’S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY!

(Re)designing Work for a Rapidly Changing World

Nelson Repenning and Donald Kleffer

Public Affairs, August 2025

There's Got to Be a Better Way! (Re)designing Work for a Rapidly Changing World by Nelson Repenning, Distinguished Professor at MIT Sloan School of Management and Associate Dean for Leadership and the Director of MIT's Leadership Center, and Donald Kieffer, Senior Lecturer in Operations Management at MIT Sloan School of Management, and founder of ShiftGear Work Design.

There's Got to Be a Better Way! is based on dynamic work design, a process pioneered by the authors, and which has been used successfully by dozens of organizations over the past twenty-five years to achieve significant gains in effectiveness. The process is based around four principles: reconciling activity and intent, connecting the human chain with triggers and checks, structuring problem-solving, and managing for optimal challenge. And, it is implemented and managed through a novel visual management system that allows everyone to assess the health of the system in real-time.

The book is filled with stories of success, including eight of the most compelling examples of how dynamic work design has been used to remove organizational roadblocks, reach collective goals that previously seemed impossible, and help leadership teams feel good about the work they are doing. From a Boston day shelter for low-income women to a leading semiconductor company, these case studies demonstrate how dynamic work design can be used to increase productivity, efficiency, and job satisfaction. Whether you're a manager, executive, or consultant, *There's Got to Be a Better Way!* is a must-read in a rapidly changing world.

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Nelson Repenning is the School of Management Distinguished Professor at the MIT Sloan School of Management, and the Associate Dean for Leadership and the Director of MIT's Leadership Center. Nelson's scholarly work is widely cited and he has worked extensively with a variety of corporations including Analog Devices, the Broad Institute, Exxon Mobil, Fannie Mae, and is a frequent speaker at conferences and corporate events.

Donald Kleffer is a Senior Lecturer in Operations Management at MIT Sloan and founder of ShiftGear Work Design. Don has worked with industries as diverse as oil/gas, medical, biomedical, AI, and banking, and in organizations from start-ups to major global corporations.

HOW TO EAT TO CHANGE HOW YOU DRINK

Heal Your Gut Mend Your Mind, and Improve Nutrition to Change Your Relationship with Alcohol

Brooke Scheller

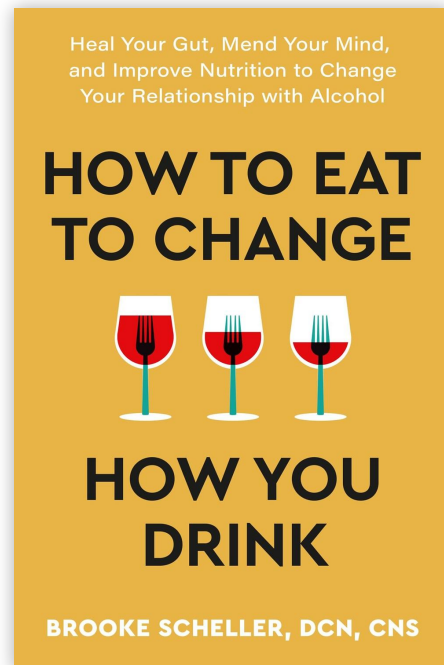
Grand Central Balance, December 2023

"A studious program for curbing alcohol consumption... a solid guide to cutting back."—**Publisher's Weekly**

"A helpful addition for anybody taking a holistic approach to changing their relationship to alcohol." — **Ruby Warrington**, author of *Sober Curious*

"Drinking alcoholic beverages is normal in our culture. But what to do when drinking impacts your life and relationships negatively? In *How to Eat to Change How You Drink*, Dr. Brooke Scheller gives us tools to break the cycle." --**Liz Lipski, PhD, CNS, BCHN, IFMCP**, Professor and Director of Academic Development for the Nutrition programs at Maryland University of Integrative Health, Author of *Digestive Wellness* and *Digestive Wellness for Children*

"As someone who is very passionate about the science side of things, I loved Brooke's spin on the science by approaching it from a nutrition standpoint. It's hard to choose a favorite section of this book— from the discussion on different supplements, to the drinker archetypes, to the recommendations on creating a dietary plan that works for you— *How to Eat to Change How You Drink* is a must-read for anyone who is evaluating their relationship with alcohol."—**Gillian Tietz, MS**, *Sober Powered Podcast*



People are drinking more even as there is growing interest in sober curious, Dry January, or any other booze-free month of choice. People want to do something to break the cycle of alcohol (ab)use. In her book, Dr. Brooke Scheller tells people how to do something about how (much) they drink. Here is a nutritional solution to help you understand the reasons why you may overdrink and the 30-day plan to help you do something about it.

In *How to Eat to Change How You Drink* you get the tools to explore your own relationship with alcohol and your drinking triggers. Dr. Scheller provides a personalized 30-day plan of food, supplements and herbs, and lifestyle modifications which build your awareness and cut your desire to drink, with recipes.

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Dr. Brooke Scheller is a Doctor of Clinical Nutrition and an expert in personalized nutrition with a diverse background that spans from private practice, to working in start-up and innovation in the food and nutrition space. She is a specialist in personalized nutrition and nutrition technology, which focuses on the root cause of one's symptoms, ailments, or health goals to discover how to use nutrition, supplementation, and lifestyle modifications to benefit the individual. Her company, Condition Nutrition, LLC, works with startup organizations to build personalized nutrition offerings, among others, these include Freshly, Bellway Fiber, Elo Health, CookUnity, ResBiotic.

FOUR BATTLEGROUND

Power in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Paul Scharre

W.W. Norton, February 2023 , paperback February 2024

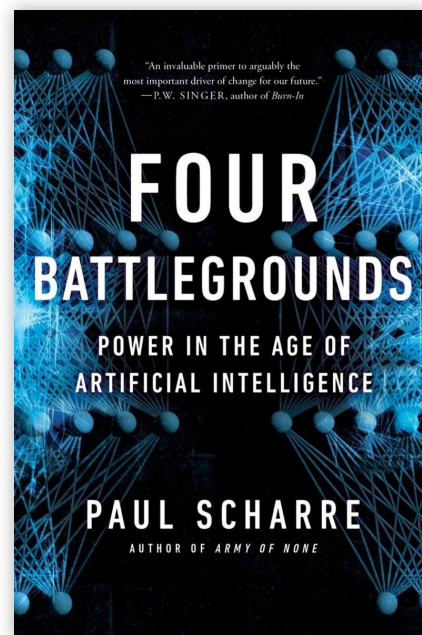
"This study of the struggle over AI is well-written, impeccably sourced, and densely detailed. Readers knowledgeable about computer science will find it clarifying, while others will gain immense understanding of an often opaque if important subject." —**Booklist**

"Scharre's levelheaded takes distinguish this from more alarmist outings. Technophiles and technophobes alike will be challenged and enlightened."
—**Publisher's Weekly**

An award-winning defense expert tells the story of today's great power rivalry—the struggle to control artificial intelligence.

A new industrial revolution has begun. Like mechanization or electricity before it, artificial intelligence will touch every aspect of our lives—and cause profound disruptions in the balance of global power, especially among the AI superpowers: China, the United States, and Europe.

Autonomous weapons expert Paul Scharre takes readers inside the fierce competition to develop and implement this game-changing technology and dominate the future.



Four Battlegrounds argues that four key elements define this struggle: data, computing power, talent, and institutions. Data is a vital resource like coal or oil, but it must be collected and refined. Advanced computer chips are the essence of computing power—control over chip supply chains grants leverage over rivals. Talent is about people: which country attracts the best researchers and most advanced technology companies? The fourth “battlefield” is maybe the most critical: the ultimate global leader in AI will have institutions that effectively incorporate AI into their economy, society, and especially their military.

Scharre's account surges with futuristic technology. He explores the ways AI systems are already discovering new strategies via millions of war-game simulations, developing combat tactics better than any human, tracking billions of people using biometrics, and subtly controlling information with secret algorithms. He visits China's “National Team” of leading AI companies to show the chilling synergy between China's government, private sector, and surveillance state. He interviews Pentagon leadership and tours U.S. Defense Department offices in Silicon Valley, revealing deep tensions between the military and tech giants who control data, chips, and talent. Yet he concludes that those tensions, inherent to our democratic system, create resilience and resistance to autocracy in the face of overwhelmingly powerful technology.

Engaging and direct, *Four Battlegrounds* offers a vivid picture of how AI is transforming warfare, global security, and the future of human freedom—and what it will take for democracies to remain at the forefront of the world order.

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Paul Scharre is the author of *Army of None: Autonomous Weapons and the Future of War*, which won the 2019 Colby Award and was named one of Bill Gates' top five books of 2018. A former Army Ranger, he is a senior fellow and director of the 20YY Future of Warfare Initiative at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), based in Washington, DC. From 2008 to 2013, he worked in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense on policies for robotics, autonomy, and other emerging weapons technologies. He led the drafting of the official U.S. Department of Defense policy on autonomous weapons.

Praise for FOUR BATTLEGROUND

Paul Scharre Named to TIME's Inaugural List of the TIME100 AI

"A solid, well-organized account of the military applications of AI and of the race to take the lead global position." –**Kirkus Reviews**

"Required [reading] for anyone interested in the future of the global economy or geopolitics." - **Thomas E. Ricks**, *New York Times Book Review*

"Paul Scharre argues that the AI race between democratic and authoritarian states is well underway, and the stakes could not be higher: whoever wins will write the international rules of the next century. With revealing anecdotes, cogent analysis, and incisive insight, Scharre demystifies AI and its national security implications. If you read one book on AI this year, read this one!" - **Michele Flournoy**, former under secretary of defense for policy

"A must-read guide to how the emerging artificial intelligence arms race will shape the geopolitical, economic, and political struggle between China and its authoritarian allies and the democratic West led by the United States and Europe." - **Martin Ford**, author of *Rule of the Robots*

"America and its military are facing a major test when it comes to AI. The country that best incorporates artificial intelligence technology into its defense will have significant military advantages over its competitors. *Four Battlegrounds* is an essential book for everyone involved in American leadership and American defense, because it outlines the challenges we face and explains the key components that will determine our success in using this important new technology to support American power and American ideals." - **Admiral James Stavridis**, 16th supreme allied commander of NATO

"An invaluable primer to arguably the most important driver of change for our future. Scharre marshals fact after fact to explain not just the technology, but the trends soon to unfold and remake our world."
– **P. W. Singer**, author of *Burn-In*

Also available: *ARMY OF NONE*

Sold to: Euromedia (**Czech**), Ikar (**Slovak**), Hayakawa (**Japanese**), World Affairs Press (**Simplified Chinese**), Botart Publishing (**Albanian**), Alexandra Kiadó (**Hungarian**), Corint Books Srl (**Romanian**), Ip Laguna Doo (**Serbian**), The Swedish Military (**Swedish Bookclub**), TEAS (**Azerbaijani**), ROK Media (**Korean**), Kronik (**Turkish**), FORS (**Ukrainian**)

"In this riveting book on AI and power by one of the leading strategists of our time, Paul Scharre highlights an existential challenge: as Americans and Chinese militarize ever more powerful AI to avoid ceding control to each other, they risk ceding too much power to machines."

– **Prof. Max Tegmark**, MIT AI researcher and author of *Life 3.0*

"How will AI change the balance of power between authoritarian states and democracies? This is one of the most important questions in geopolitics today. Authoritarians have already figured out how to use AI to their maximum advantage, and democrats must urgently do the same or risk losing the contest. First step: Read this book, a farsighted and comprehensive survey of the issues involved and the paths forward."

– **Pedro Domingos**, author of *The Master Algorithm*

WOMEN WITHOUT KIDS

The Revolutionary Rise of an Unsung Sisterhood

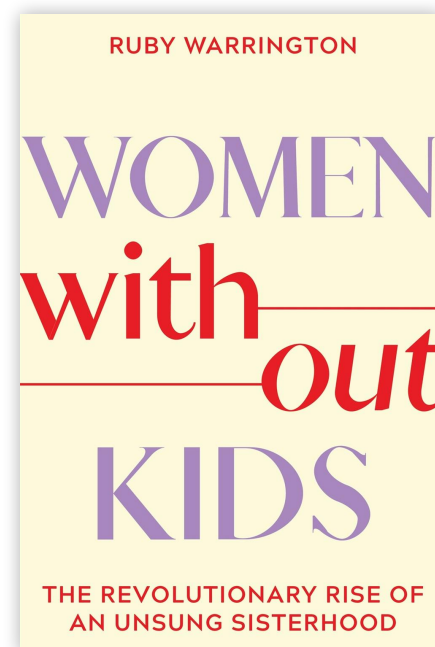
Ruby Warrington

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“Ruby Warrington offers a compassionate exploration into what can be a highly loaded and emotional topic—the choice whether or not to have children... Women Without Kids is a must-read for anyone seeking a full understanding of all the dynamics that play into this significant life choice.” —**Dr. Nicole LePera, *New York Times* bestselling author of *How to Do the Work***

“A sharp and intricate look at the personal and political sides of being a child-free woman ... this is an exciting, bold, feminist book that gives the child-free conversation the space it deserves.” —**Emma Gannon, bestselling author of *Olive* and host of the *Ctrl Alt Delete* podcast**

“This isn’t a book about not having kids for the defiantly childless. This is a book about motherhood under patriarchy... It is a startling, confronting, and liberating treatise.” —**Holly Whitaker, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Quit Like a Woman***



A timely and radical reframing of everything it means *not* to be a mom

What is “woman” if not “mother”? Forgoing motherhood has traditionally marked a woman as “other.” With no official place setting for her in our society, she has hovered on the sidelines: the quirky girl, the neurotic career obsessive, the “eccentric” aunt. Instead of continuing to paint women without kids as sad, self-obsessed, or somehow dysfunctional, what if we saw them as boldly forging a first-in-a-civilization vision for a fully autonomous womankind? Or as journalist and thought leader Ruby Warrington asks, “What if being a woman without kids were in fact its own kind of legacy?”

Taking in themes from intergenerational healing to feminism to environmentalism, this personal look and anthropological dig into a stubbornly taboo topic is a timely and brave reframing of everything it means *not* to be a mom. Set against the backdrop of an unprecedented global reproduction slowdown, “the choice of whether or not to have kids is a natural part of women’s ongoing fight for gender equality,” Warrington writes. “And whether we are childless by design or circumstance, we can live without regret, shame, or compromise.”

Bold and tenderhearted, *Women Without Kids* unites the “unsung sisterhood” of non-mothers—no longer pariahs or misfits, but a vital part of our evolution and collective healing, as women, as humans, and as a global family.

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Author’s previous titles sold

Material Girl Mystical World sold to Marabout (**French**); Roca (**Spanish**)

Sober Curious sold to Hojoshia (**Japanese**), Gronningen 1 (**Danish**)

Ruby Warrington is the British-born author and former features editor of the UK *Sunday Times Style* magazine. Recognized as a true thought leader in the personal development space, Ruby has the unique ability to identify issues that are destined to become part of the cultural narrative. She founded the “Now Age” lifestyle platform The Numinous,. She lives in Miami. For more, visit rubywarrington.com

ATTAINABLE SUSTAINABLE PANTRY

A Back-to-Basics Guide to Stocking Your Kitchen

Kris Bordessa

National Geographic, March 2025

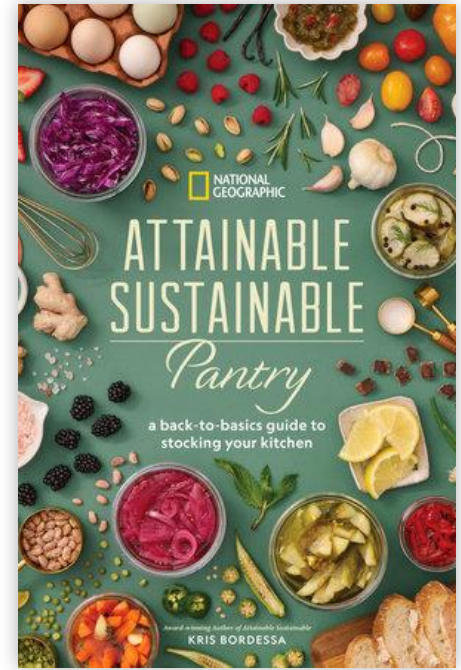
A handy illustrated manual full of tried and true techniques to fill your cupboards with wholesome, homemade food.

Internet sensation Kris Bordessa shows how to replace storebought products with your own delicious, nutritious entrees, condiments, snacks, and more.

With more than 120 recipes—from cake mixes and marmalades to relishes, pickles, and coffee creamer—this comprehensive guide will help you ditch store-bought processed foods and fill your pantry with homemade, healthier options that will save you time and money—and taste better, too!

Inside these pages, you'll find recipes for:

- **Breakfast favorites**, including homemade instant oatmeal, classic pancake and waffle mix, and make-ahead egg cups
- **Baking must-haves**, from chocolate cake mix to no-knead rosemary-garlic bread, sourdough bread loaves, and easy flour tortillas
- **Everyday go-to condiments**, such as ranch dressing, grainy mustard, teriyaki sauce, and mayonnaise
- **Quick pickles**, like bread-and-butter zucchini pickles, pickled beets and okra, and dill pickle relish
- **Healthier snacks**, including barbecue potato chips, sour “fruit” snacks, guacamole, and hummus
- And a **huge collection of canning classics**, from orange-vanilla marmalade and bourbon-apple jelly to chowchow, pizza sauce, salsa, and more



With author and homesteader Kris Bordessa as your guide, you'll learn how to meal prep more efficiently, reduce waste, cut out processed ingredients, and enjoy more homemade foods year-round, all from the bounty in your own cupboards.

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Kris Bordessa is a long-time gardener, certified Master Food Preserver, and award-winning book author. She launched in the hit blog Attainable Sustainable in 2011 to create a community focused on more self-reliant living. Bordessa grew up on a small apple farm in Northern California and is a 2nd generation 4-H member. These days, she lives in Hawai'i with her family, strives for an abundant vegetable garden, and raises a thriving--and often humorous--chicken flock.

THE CAVE

A Secret Underground Hospital and One Woman's Story of Survival in Syria

Amani Ballour, M.D. with Rania Abouzeid

National Geographic, March 2024

Based on the Oscar-nominated film

"This plainspoken yet vivid testimony from the front lines of a humanitarian crisis is difficult to shake." –***Publishers Weekly***, starred review

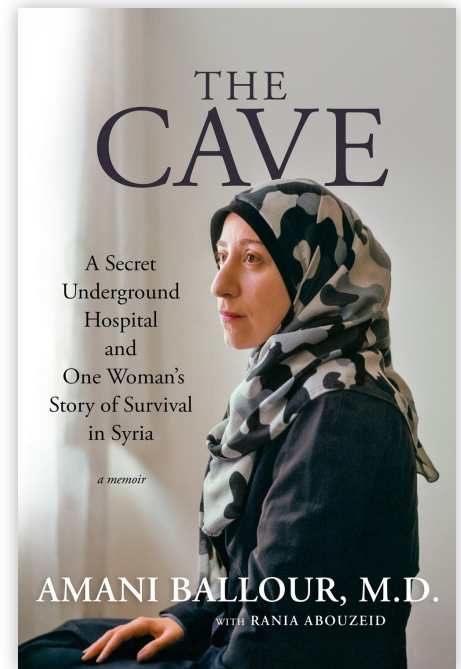
Written in the tradition of *I Am Malala* and based on the Oscar-nominated documentary *The Cave*, this searing memoir tells the inspiring story of a young doctor and activist who ran an underground hospital in Damascus, illuminating and humanizing the enduring crisis in Syria.

Simply put, there is no one in Syria with a story like Dr. Amani Ballour. The only woman to have ever run a wartime hospital, she saved her peers from the atrocities of war while contending with the patriarchal conservatism around her.

Growing up in Assad's Syria, Dr. Ballour knew she wanted to be more than a housewife, even as her siblings were married off in their teens. As the revolution unfolded, she volunteered at a local clinic and was immediately thrown into the deep end of emergency medicine. Here, she found her voice and the courage to continue.

Among the facets of this powerful tale: Becoming a hospital director. Shielding children from a horrific sarin attack. Losing colleagues. Starvation during the hospital siege. Attempting to employ more women in the hospital and challenging the patriarchy. Abandoning the hospital. Becoming a refugee. Living with trauma. Moving forward.

Amani Ballour is a role model and a game changer who, like Malala Yousafzai, will be remembered as one of history's great heroines. She is an incredibly brave, passionately committed young humanitarian who, though deeply wounded by her experiences, is not content to quietly deal with her own trauma. Instead, Ballour is determined to seek justice and to do her utmost to ensure that others will not have to face the horrors that she survived.

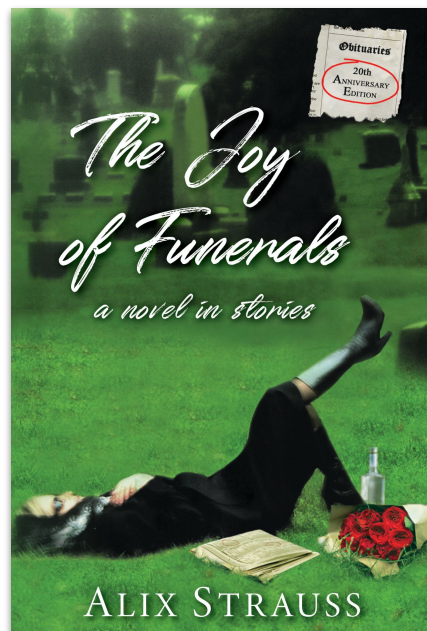
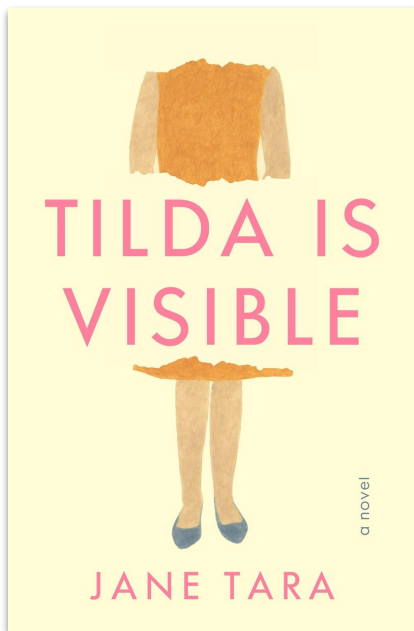


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Amani Ballour graduated from the University of Damascus in 2012. She began her pediatrics specialization before abandoning her studies to help the people of her hometown, under attack from the Assad regime, in an underground medical facility known as The Cave. In 2018, as Assad's forces closed in, Ballour was forcibly displaced to northern Syria before settling in the United States with her husband in 2021. She is the recipient of the Council of Europe's prestigious Raoul Wallenberg Prize. She lives in Patterson, New Jersey.

Rania Abouzeid is a multi-award-winning Lebanese-Australian journalist who has reported from across the Middle East for some two decades. Her work has appeared in The New Yorker, Time magazine, National Geographic, and other outlets. She lives in Beirut, Lebanon.

FICTION



TILDA IS VISIBLE

Jane Tara

Affirm Press, March 2024

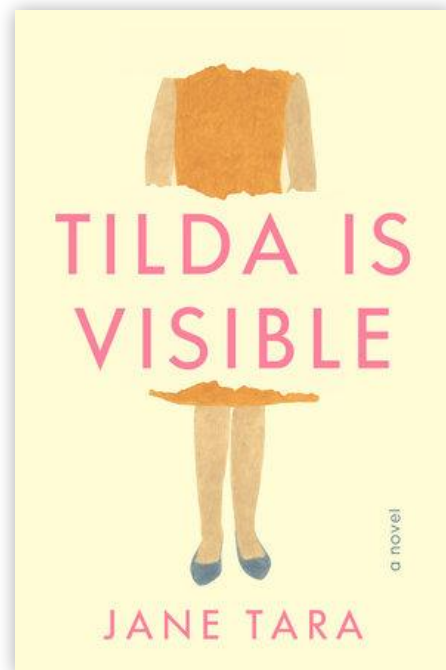
Crown, February 2025

"Tilda Is Visible is an uplifting and thought-provoking story about rediscovering yourself. Jane Tara reminds us how important it is to show kindness and compassion, toward ourselves and others."—**Margarita Montimore, USA Today bestselling author of *Oona Out of Order***

"A warm, big-hearted story encompassing all the foolishness and wisdom, rage and humor, and most of all, the hope at the heart of midlife."—**Eleanor Brown, New York Times bestselling author of *The Weird Sisters***

*"Fresh, witty, and relatable, *Tilda Is Visible* has smash hit written all over it."*—**Emma Grey, author of *The Last Love Note***

*"Fun, freeing, and wise, *Tilda Is Visible* is a manual, a manifesto for those of us (all of us?) who are still so hard on ourselves—even though we're old enough to know better!"*—**Fran Littlewood, New York Times bestselling author of *Amazing Grace Adams***



A self-help book wrapped in a funny, poignant novel, *Tilda Is Visible* is for anyone who has ever looked in the mirror and found fault within themselves.

Tilda Finch is a successful businesswoman, a mother to two wonderful adult daughters, and besides an unexpected divorce, she's living a relatively happy life. Until she wakes up one morning and her finger seems to have disappeared. She thinks back to the kombucha she drank the night before—perhaps it was spiked? Studying herself in the mirror, she discovers one of her ears has also disappeared! She rushes to the doctor, who after a multitude of tests says she's sorry to inform her that she has invisibility, a disorder that affects millions of women worldwide, mostly after the age of forty—she is disappearing, and there is no cure.

Tilda isn't overly surprised. She's felt invisible for years. But after attending a support group for women like her and seeing how resigned they are to simply fading away, she thinks there must be a better way. Hesitant, she seeks out a controversial therapist who compels her to realize that she can't expect the world to see her if she can't first see herself. And the new man she meets, who she thinks is blind to her faults, might just see her more clearly than anyone has ever before. Because if we can get the voices in our heads to stop being so critical and be more compassionate, we might realize how wonderful we truly are.

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(**German**), Inkilap Publishing (**Turkish**)

Jane Tara has published over one hundred children's books, a number of plays, and five novels. A passionate traveller, she is certified bookworm, lover of wine, coffee and, most of all, front row cheerleader for her two sons. Jane is also the General Manager at Australia's largest book review community, Better Reading.

THE PARADISE HEIGHTS CRAFT STORE STITCH-UP

****NEW****

Kate Solly

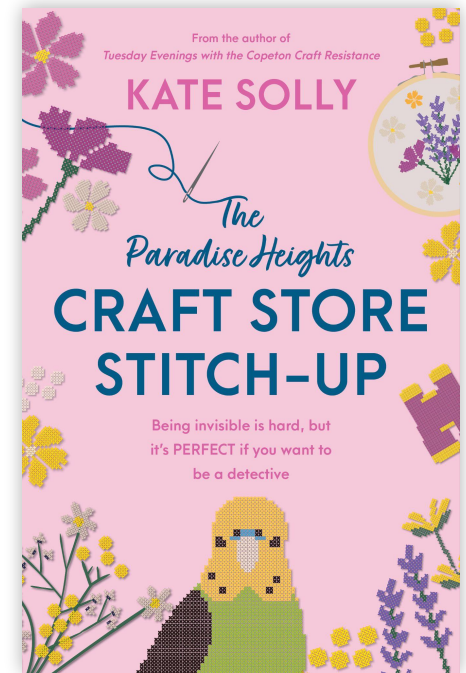
Affirm Press (Australia), December 2024

Meet Fleck Parker: Mother, Crafter and Amateur Detective.

Fleck loves a good puzzle. She spends most of her time feeling invisible, caring for three small children and that's fine, really. But it does make her brain itch occasionally.

When Trixie, fellow school-mom and avid crafter, is accused of stealing money from Many Hands, the women's charity known for its charming store full of handmade crafts, Fleck feels compelled to investigate and clear Trixie's name. From playground stake-outs totaling cars while nursing the baby to sleep, Fleck and Trixie uncover a case more complex than either of them could have imagined.

Will they crack the case?



Tuesday Evenings with the Copeton Craft Resistance sold to:
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Category:	Fiction
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Kate Solly is a writer, mother of six and really quite good at getting the bubbles out of plastic book wrap. While most of her time is spent finding lost shoes and investigating what's making the car smell bad, Kate frequently escapes to write entertaining things. She has penned many articles, columns and reviews for various publications and is the author of **Tuesday Evenings With the Copeton Craft Resistance**. When she is not writing, she enjoys starting crochet projects and never finishing them.

THE SLOWEST BURN

Sarah Chamberlain

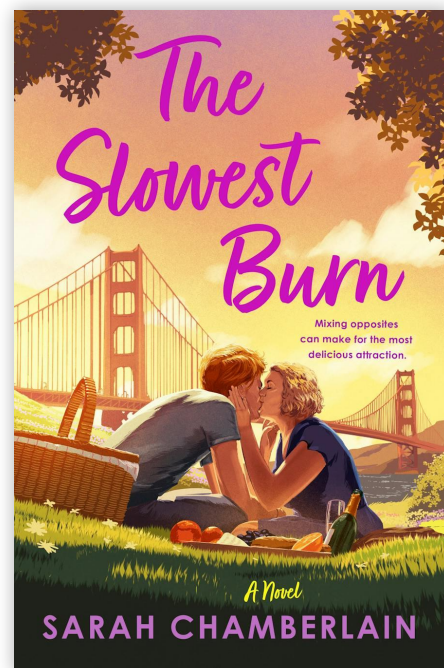
St. Martin's Press, September 2024

Bought in a two-book preempt, **THE SLOWEST BURN** is a contemporary romance/women's fiction crossover debut which will appeal to fans of Emily Henry, Tessa Bailey, and Linda Holmes.

"Chamberlain's heartfelt opposites attract debut introduces two beautifully flawed characters who learn through cooking just how much they complement each other." —**Publisher's Weekly**

"The Slowest Burn will steal your heart with its perfect chemistry and the totally satisfying ending, and it will stay with you for its subtle exploration of family and friendship. This is a truly thoughtful, rich love story." —**Annabel Monaghan**, bestselling author of *Same Time Next Summer* and *Summer Romance*.

"A poignant and sensuous love story, Sarah Chamberlain's *The Slowest Burn* is beautifully written and deeply emotional. Kieran and Ellie are fundamentally good people with combustible chemistry who challenge each other and grow together, and I believed so much in their happily ever after." —**Emma Barry**, author of *Chick Magnet* and *Funny Guy*



Take one chef and one ghostwriter. Place in a too-small kitchen, then add one fake relationship, several meddling relatives, a feline escape artist, and a lot of delicious meals. It could be a recipe for disaster, or it could be the best thing they've ever cooked up.

Kieran O'Neill should be on top of the world. He's just won the cooking reality TV show *Fire on High*, he's on track to open his own restaurant before he turns thirty, and he's even got a high-paying cookbook deal. Still he can't impress his stuck-up family, his ADHD makes planning ahead impossible, and worst of all, his ghostwriter is the most uptight, humorless woman he's ever met.

But to be seen as a serious chef like he's always wanted, he needs to finish this book...

Ellie Wasserman is barely holding it together. She's a thirty-year-old widow living with her needy in-laws, her little brother won't adult without her help, and instead of working on her own cookbook, she's ghostwriting one for the chaotic, impulsive Kieran O'Neill. Or would be, if he'd ever answer her emails.

But to own her own home like she's always dreamed of, she needs to finish this book...

As their deadline gets closer and the heat between them builds, can these two driven, lonely people let go of their past hurts and make something truly sweet together? Or will fragile new love go up in smoke?

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Materials:	PDF		Lind & Co (Norwegian)

Sarah Chamberlain is a debut novelist as well as a writer, editor, and cookbook translator whose articles on food and travel have appeared in *VICE*, *The Guardian* (UK), and *Food52*. When she's not writing witty, sexy contemporary romance, she enjoys making dinner for her friends, watching Cary Grant movies, and setting records as an amateur competitive powerlifter. Originally from Northern California, she now lives in London.

Praise for THE SLOWEST BURN

"With this astonishing debut, Chamberlain gives readers two sharply drawn, deeply captivating characters who sizzle in and out of the kitchen. *The Slowest Burn* is an unforgettable feast, smart and delicious. I loved it."

—**Mia Hopkins**, author of *Thirsty*

"In *The Slowest Burn*, Chamberlain serves up a romance as sharp as it is sweet. Fans of Emily Henry will devour this delectable story of love lost and found."

—**Cecilia Rabess**, author of *Everything's Fine*

"*The Slowest Burn* is a five course feast of longing, banter, gourmet cooking, heaps of spice, and a cherry on top happily ever after. I devoured this fake dating, celebrity chef romance and can't wait to read more from Chamberlain."

—**Erin La Rosa**, author of *For Butter or Worse* and *Plot Twist*

"I loved luxuriating in this rich, simmering, clever, sexy romance. Sarah Chamberlain is such an assured writer I almost can't believe it's her debut." —**Bethany Rutter**, author of *Big Date Energy* and *Welcome to Your Life*

"*The Slowest Burn* is a truly delicious love story. Quick-witted, warm hearted and with beautifully drawn characters I was rooting for the whole way through, I didn't want it to end." —**Laura Kay**, author of *Wild Things*

THE JOY OF FUNERALS

****NEW****

A Novel in Stories

Alix Strauss

Palagram Press, October 2023

"An evocative novel in stories with interconnected characters who are recognizably human. The Joy of Funerals is decidedly about the here and now."

—**The Wall Street Journal**

"The Joy of Funerals holds our attention from page to page, and to Strauss's credit, manages to take us beyond this skittishness and into empathy for the characters." —**Los Angeles Times**

"The desire for human connection runs throughout this dark and spirited novel." —**Vanity Fair**

Optioned and in early development for a series with A24.

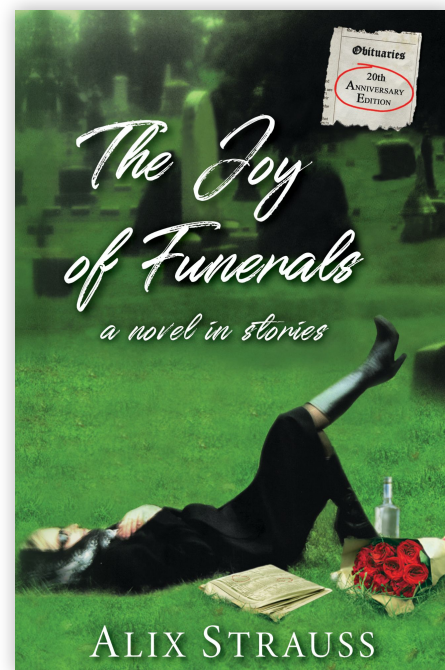
From the very first page, readers are drawn into the strange, often humorous world where nine women grapple with sex, power, love, and death. Meet a widow who lusts...a daughter who aches...a lover who obsesses...a shopaholic who hungers... a daredevil who desires...a single woman who longs...an outsider who hopes...an artist who craves...and a funeral-junkie who needs. These are the women who inhabit the eerily honest, often heartbreaking world Alix Strauss has created in The Joy of Funerals.

Throughout this powerful and provocative connected story collection, these characters explore the basic need for human connection while seeking to understand themselves better. It is the 'where do I belong' and the 'how do I fit in' that these sad, bright and amazingly strong women seek to answer.

In "Recovering Larry," a woman mourns for her dead husband by having sex with grieving men. In "Shrinking Away," a woman pays a daring shiva call on her psychiatrist's widow. "Swimming Without Annette" explores a woman's obsession with her wife's killer, while "Still Life" peers into the life of a pregnant artist who wishes to paint herself out of a bad marriage and into a prettier world. In "Post-Dated," a single woman wonders if her recently defunct date was perhaps the perfect man.

Read independently, these vivid and raw stories stand on their own. When read as a collection, they are anchored together by the novella, "The Joy of Funerals," which follows the life of Nina, a lonely, single thirty-something woman who attends the funerals of the deceased characters in the previous stories.

Begun as an essay in the Lives column of The New York Times magazine, The Joy of Funerals is written with raw wit, mordant humor and a uniquely penetrating voice as Strauss turns the spotlight on the unattractive subjects of loss, grief and loneliness.



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Alix Strauss is a trend, culture and lifestyle journalist; an award-winning, four-time published author; speaker; and frequent contributor to *The New York Times*. A media-savvy social satirist, she has been a featured lifestyle, travel, and trend writer on national morning and talk shows including ABC, CBS, CNN, and the Today Show. Her articles have appeared in *Elle*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Marie Claire*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *the Financial Times*, *Time Magazine*, and *Departures*, among others.

Praise for THE JOY OF FUNERALS

"A collection of short stories that will both captivate and disturb you. —**Marie Claire**

"Die-hard fans of "Six Feet Under" will go crazy for this kooky collection. Each tale is so strange and twisted, you can't help but keep turning the pages." —**Cosmopolitan**

"This dark and surprisingly buoyant novel examines the fascination people have with death as a way to find love and connection." —**Glamour**

"Strauss is a sharp-eyed accountant of the fleeting moments that wound us - and these single girls would make for great company at a wake." —**Elle**

Previous titles:

The Joy of Funerals (St. Martin's Press & Palagram Press), *Based Upon Availability* (HarperCollins), and *Death Becomes Them: Unearthing the Suicides of the Brilliant, the Famous and the Notorious* (HarperCollins). She is also the editor of *Have I Got a Guy for You* (Simon & Schuster), an anthology of mother-coordinated dating horror stories. Her work has been optioned for several TV and film projects.

THE LEDGE

Christian White

Affirm Press, October 2024 (Australia)

****NEW****

"Christian White is the master of the big twist. I loved it." –**Chris Hammer, author of Martin Scarsden series**

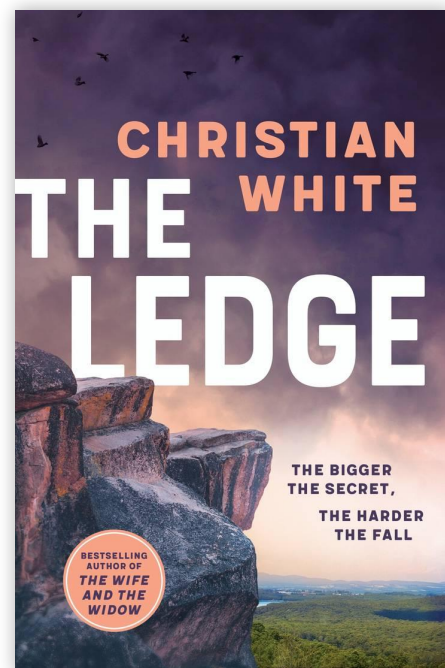
"*The Ledge* is a coming of age story where not everybody comes of age. I promise you won't see the twist coming." –**Michael Robotham, author of Cyrus Haven series**

"Supremely tense and emotionally vertiginous, *The Ledge* is yet another superlative thriller from one of my very favourite writers." –**Anna Downes, *The Shadow House* and the upcoming *Red River Road***

From the author of *The Nowhere Child*. When human remains are discovered in a forest, police are baffled, the locals are shocked and one group of old friends starts to panic. Their long-held secret is about to be uncovered.

It all began in 1999 when sixteen-year-old Aaron ran away from home, drawing his friends into an unforeseeable chain of events that no one escaped from unscathed.

In *The Ledge*, past and present run breathlessly parallel, leading to a cliff-hanger nobody will see coming. This is a mind-bending new novel from the master of the unexpected.



The Wife and the Widow sold to:

St. Martin's Press (**US**), Skull Editoria (**Brazilian Portuguese**), Bruna (**Dutch**), Albin Michel (**French**), Goldmann (**German**), Strawberry (**Norwegian**), Tatran (**Slovak**), Alianza (**Spanish**), April Yayincilik (**Turkish**)

The Nowhere Child sold to:

St. Martin's Press (**US**), HarperCollins UK, Skull Editoria (**Brazilian Portuguese**), China Pioneer (**simplified Chinese**), Rosinante (**Danish**), Bruna (**Dutch**), Editions Denoel (**French**), Goldmann (**German**), Pedio/Ellinika (**Greek**), Korin Publishing (**Hebrew**), Gabo Kiado (**Hungarian**), La Nave di Teseo (**Italian**), Hyeonamsa (**Korean**), Capitana (**Norwegian**), Czarna Owca (**Polish**), Tatran (**Slovak**), Alianza (**Spanish**), April Yayincilik (**Turkish**)

Category:

Fiction

Materials:

PDF

Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:

UK & Translation

Rights Sold on Behalf Of:

Affirm Press

Christian White is an Australian author and screenwriter whose credits include feature film *Relic*, Netflix series *Clickbait* and numerous other projects in the pipeline. His debut novel *The Nowhere Child* was one of Australia's bestselling debut novels ever, with rights sold in 17 international territories and a major screen deal. Christian's second book, *The Wife and the Widow* (2019), and third, *Wild Place* (2021), were instant bestsellers. *The Ledge* is his fourth novel.

HERE BESIDE THE RISING TIDE

****NEW****

Emily Jane

Hyperion Avenue, January 2025

“...a fascinating read that grabs you from the very first page and straddles a few genres in order to create a story that's unique and utterly heartwarming.”

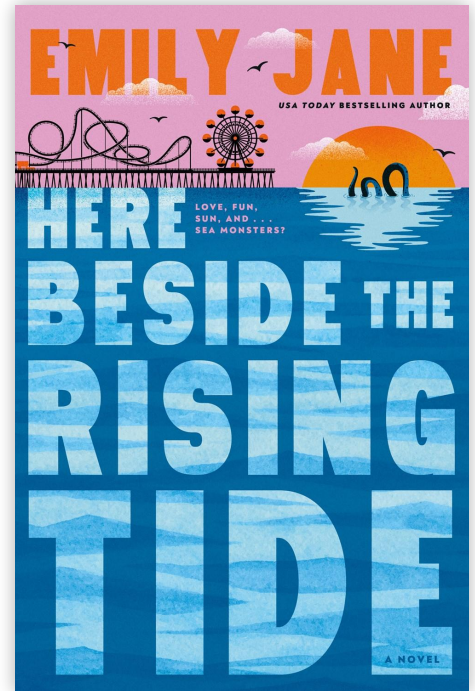
—**Ruby Dixon**, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Ice Planet Barbarians*

“Emily Jane is a storyteller unbound by genre... Enchanting and delightful, *Here Beside the Rising Tide* will have you hooked.” —**Rebekah Bergman**, author of *The Museum of Human History*

“Jane captures the impossible conundrum of balancing a fulfilling life and career with the impossible demands of motherhood. This book is a witty yet comforting reminder that, in a world as utterly absurd as ours, none of us are winning Mom of the Year.” —**Megan Bannen**, bestselling author of *The Undertaking of Hart and Mercy*

A romance author takes a trip to her childhood beach home, but her summer is upended by the startling return of a deceased childhood friend, newfound love, and . . . sea monsters?

The *USA Today* bestselling author of *On Earth as It Is on Television* returns with an earnest, humorous novel on the pressures of adult life, the magic of childhood, and what swims in between.



As a lonely ten-year-old resident of Pearl Island, Jenni Farrow befriends Timmy Caruso and together they enjoy a glorious summer of swimming, fireworks, and carnival rides. (Not to mention rescuing a strange sea creature from a tidepool). Then, one late summer day, Timmy disappears

Thirty years later, Jenni—now Jenn Lanaro, bestselling author of the Philipia Bay action-romance series—is desperate to escape the fatigue of her career and her soon-to-be-ex-husband. With her Pokémon-obsessed children in tow, Jenn rents a summer house on Pearl Island. But shortly after she arrives, a boy emerges from the nighttime sea. His name, he says, is Timmy Caruso. He's ten years old. And he's on a mission to save the world.

In the days that follow, Jenn grapples with work deadlines, her own spirited children, the mysterious boy-from-the-sea, and her burgeoning interest in a very sexy contractor. But when alarming events unfold along the coast—shark attacks, tidal waves, a proliferation of sugar-addicted sea creatures, and a terror out in the deeper water—she wonders if just maybe the young boy knows what he's doing after all?

Category:	Fiction
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation
Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	Hyperion Avenue
Material:	PDF

Emily Jane grew up in Boise, Boulder, and San Francisco. She earned her BA in psychology from the University of San Francisco and her JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She lives on an urban farm in Cincinnati with her husband, Steve; their two children; their cat, Scully; and their husky, Nymeria.

Praise for **HERE BESIDE THE RISING TIDE**

"[A] delightfully weird, funny, touching story [...] It will poke you right in the heart while you're still in the middle of stuffing your face with gummy bears."

--**Yume Kitasei**, bestselling author of *The Stardust Grail*

"Heartfelt, witty, and secretly romantic, *On Earth as It Is on Television* is a delightful and poignant story about what it is to be human and what we owe each other."

--**Christina Lauren**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Paradise Problem*

"Like a science-fiction novel that runs in the margins of I Can Has Cheezburger? Memes." --**Scientific American**

"Jane's novel subverts the classic first-contact story to explore humanity's responses to uncertainty in the modern age... [an] energetic and contemporary debut." --**Library Journal** (Regarding *On Earth as It Is on Television*)

"Weird and sweet, *On Earth as It Is on Television* is like a 2020s *White Noise*: loud and colorful Americana with a sprinkle of apocalyptic doom--plus cats. It takes aliens (or an Emily Jane) to help us see our society for the bizarre, sugary, microplastic-poisoned dream it is." --**Edgar Cantero**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Meddling Kids*

"Cats, television, and bacon all play important roles in the book; cats can perceive things humans can't and are given powers that help the characters find their way, and the funny way television changes the aliens' minds about their own culture is quite the commentary on our world."

--**Booklist** (Regarding *On Earth as It Is on Television*)

"*On Earth as It Is on Television* offers a uniquely modern spin on the concept of aliens arriving on Earth."

--**Maureen Kilmer**, author of *Suburban Hell*

"A painful and hopeful examination of first contact and second chances on the third rock from the sun. Jane skillfully weaves individual character threads into a poignant narrative tapestry of an unraveling world."

--**Valerie Valdes**, author of *Chilling Effect* (Regarding *On Earth as It Is on Television*)

"Whatever you're expecting from Emily Jane's *On Earth as It Is on Television*, think again. On the surface, it seems like any old UFO story. But look a little bit deeper, and you'll find a very absurd, heartwarming, hilarious look at what makes us human."

--**Geek Vibes Nation**

ON EARTH AS IT IS ON TELEVISION

Emily Jane

Hyperion Avenue, June 2023, paperback May 2024

“As the title suggests, the novel comments on how people process their lives through mass media... Jane’s energetic and contemporary debut will appeal to fans of family-focused sci-fi like Mike Chen’s *Light Years from Home*.” —*Library Journal*

“A compelling plot with some quirky features makes this book a great entry for a new SF reader.— *Booklist*

“Heartfelt, witty, and secretly romantic, *On Earth as It Is on Television* is a delightful and poignant story about what it is to be human and what we owe each other.”

—**Christina Lauren**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Something Wilder*

First Contact stories have never been as intoxicating and fun as in Emily Jane’s debut novel of the sudden arrival—and equally sudden departure—of spaceships above Earth.

The arrival of spaceships can bring up a lot of big questions:

What does it mean that we’re not alone? Why did aliens come here?

Who knew beforehand? Where.... are the *aliens going*?

Wait... They can’t just leave! Without inviting us into their galactic federation—or at the very least obliterating us!

In Emily Jane’s debut—a rollicking paean to what it means to be alive in the twenty-first century—the fleeting presence of alien vessels, and the certainty that humans are not alone in the universe, sparks intense *uncertainty* as to our place within it.

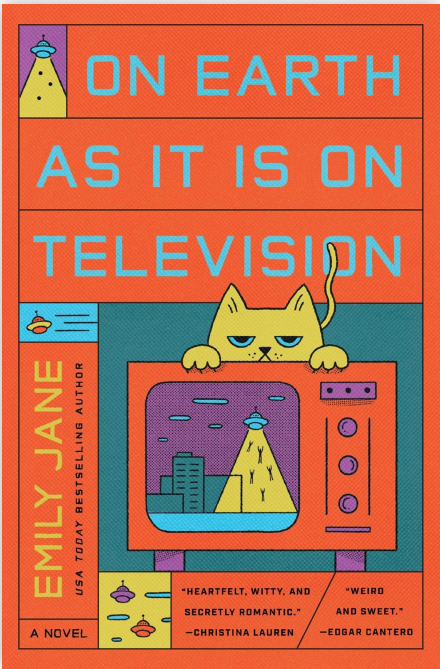
Blaine has always been content to go along with whatever his supermom wife and television-addicted, half-feral children want. But when the kids blithely ponder skinning people to see if they’re aliens, and his wife announces a surprise road trip to Disney World, even steady Blaine begins to crack.

Half a continent away, Heather, bored in a Malibu pool while the ships hover overhead, watches as the Arrival heralds the demise of her dead-end relationship and sets her on a quest to understand herself, her accomplished (and *oh-so-annoying*) stepfamily, and why she feels so alone in a universe teeming with life.

And Oliver, suddenly conscious and alert after twenty catatonic years, struggles to piece together broken memories and understand why he’s following a strange cat on a westward journey and into the greatest adventure of his—or anyone’s—lifetime.

Films rights have been sold.

Category:	Fiction
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation
Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	Hyperion Avenue
Materials:	PDF



Emily Jane grew up in Boise, Boulder, and San Francisco. She earned her BA in psychology from the University of San Francisco and her JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She lives on an urban farm in Cincinnati with her husband, Steve; their two children; their cat, Scully; and their husky, Nymeria. *On Earth as It Is on Television* is her first novel.

THE AMBER OWL

****NEW****

Heartwood Duology

Juliet Marillier

New Dawn Publishing, March 2025 (Australia)

The first book in the Heartwood duology is THE AMBER OWL. The protagonist, Stasya, is a young woman who in our world might be considered neurodiverse. In her own world she risks accusations of witchcraft – her uncanny gift with animals, along with her reluctance to engage with her fellow humans, marks her out as different.

When calamitous events force Stasya out of the security of her home village, she must fight not only for her beloved forest and its secrets, but also for her own survival and that of her one true friend. With enemies closing in, she must put her trust in strangers, both human and uncanny. She has one powerful weapon: her bond with creatures. To use it openly could imperil her life. But with the future of the Northlands at stake, how can she do otherwise?

The setting of the Heartwood stories is fictional. The Northlands are loosely based on the Baltic states, where amber is found in our world. The story has an underlying message about conservation that is very much relevant in our time. The main point of view character is Stasya, with other POV characters including Aleksis, Lukas, and the Ruler.

Previous titles sold to:

Penguin Random House, Harper Voyager, Pan Macmillan Australia, Macmillan UK, , Butterfly (**Brazilian Portuguese**), Prumo (**Brazilian Portuguese**), L'Atalante (**French**), Droemer Knaur (**German**), Luitingh-Sijthoff (**Dutch**), Edhasa (**Spanish**), Mondadori (**Italian**), Papierowy Wiksiężyc (**Polish**), Bertrand (**Portuguese**), Planeta (**Portuguese**), Bertelsmann Asia (**simplified Chinese**)

<i>Category:</i>	Fantasy	<i>Materials:</i>	Manuscript
<i>Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:</i>	Translation		
<i>Rights Sold on Behalf Of:</i>	New Dawn Press		

Juliet Marillier was born and raised in Aotearoa New Zealand. She is a graduate of the University of Otago and has had a varied career that included music teaching and performing. Juliet's historical fantasy novels and short stories are published internationally and have won numerous awards, including five Aurealis Awards, four Sir Julius Vogel Awards, the American Library Association's Alex Award, and the Sara Douglass Book Series Award. She is the author of twenty-four novels, including the *Blackthorn & Grim* series, the *Sevenwaters* series, and most recently the *Warrior Bards* series, well as two collections of short fiction. Juliet loves mythology, folklore and strong, complex characters. She now lives in a historic cottage in Western Australia.

MISTRESS OF AMBER AND FLAME

****NEW****

Mistress of the Ritual: Book One

Maria Linwood

New Dawn Publishing, August 2024 (Australia)

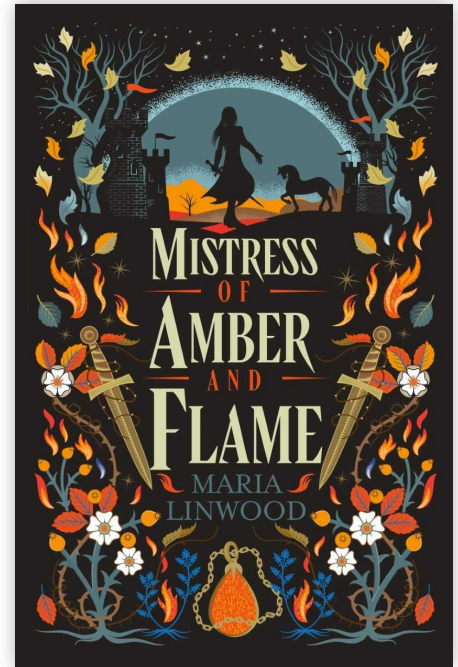
THE MISTRESS OF THE RITUAL HAS BEEN CHOSEN

Centuries ago, a kingdom was torn apart by old magik long forgotten. It caused a rift separating the lands into one of peace and one of torment.

Now, as the latest in the line of guardians, Tábalainthe has been chosen. She must be the one to banish the nightmares seeping over from Sàgilorc, their aicted brother-world. But as darkness begins to creep through the border, and sightings of the mysterious Frontierwalker become rampant, Tábala's sheltered home is in grave danger.

With age-old secrets, dangerous missions and questions of loyalty afoot, Tábala must do everything in her power to protect her people.

She may soon discover that playing games of heart and rituals – can be fatal.



Category: Fantasy
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls: Translation
Rights Sold on Behalf Of: New Dawn Press

Materials: PDF

MARIA LINWOOD is originally from Hamburg. She has published one novel and two short stories in German. Since she moved to Australia in 2022, she has been writing high fantasy in English. Maria enjoys being creative and is working on her skills with a paintbrush. Being outside - preferably in a mystic forest – is one of her favourite things. Maria loves being active on her bike or running – but most of all on horseback.

MISS MORGAN'S BOOK BRIGADE

Janet Skeslien Charles

Atria Books, April 2024, April 2025 paperback

"Charles (*The Paris Library*) follows up her bestselling debut with a dramatic story of war and literature in WWI France.... Charles packs Jessie's story with emotion...Bibliophiles are in for a treat." –*Publisher's Weekly*

From the *New York Times* and internationally bestselling author of *The Paris Library* comes MISS MORGAN'S BOOK BRIGADE, a powerful historical novel that charts the lives of two NYPL librarians across the barrier of decades.

1918. World War I. Northern France is a battlefield. The American Committee for Devastated France establish their headquarters just miles from the front. This group of international women help French families who've lost everything – homes, livelihoods, and limbs. They save children, restore bombed villages, and evacuate civilians.

Jessie "Kit" Carson takes a leave of absence from the NYPL in order to establish something that the French have never seen – children's libraries – as well as to escape her boss. She turns ambulances into bookmobiles, creates libraries, and trains the first French female librarians. Then she disappears.

1987. Wendy Peterson stumbles across a mention of Jessie Carson in the NYPL archives and becomes consumed with learning her fate. Fixation is nothing new to Wendy. She's obsessed with Roberto, her handsome coworker. She worries about her best friend, Leigh, who grows more and more distant. Wendy soon learns that she and Jessie Carson have more in common than their work at the New York Public Library.

With a dazzling cast of real-life characters, **MISS MORGAN'S BOOK BRIGADE** highlights themes of resilience, friendship, and community. Once again, Janet Skeslien Charles brings history alive with this meticulously researched, little-known story of incredible women who face the danger of war to share their love of literature and their belief in books as bridges.

Rights to THE PARIS LIBRARY sold to:

Two Roads/John Murray Press (UK); Morava (Albanian); Dar Kalamat (Arabic); Soft Press Ltd. (Bulgarian); Crown (Complex Chinese); Beijing Guangchen Culture Communication (Simplified Chinese); Mozaik (Croatian); Jota (Czech); Gads Forlag (Danish); Luitingh-Sijthoff (Dutch); Helios (Estonian); Bazar (Finnish); Lattes (French); Blanvalet (German); Pedio/Ellinka (Greek); Tchelet (Hebrew); Libri (Hungarian); Garzanti (Italian); Tokyo Sogensha Co. (Japanese); Daewon C.I. Inc. (Korean); Alma Littera (Lithuanian); ARS Lamina (Macedonian); Cappelen Damm (Norwegian); Wydawnictwo WAM (Polish); Record (Portuguese Brazil); PRH Portugal (Portuguese); Editura Litera (Romania); Azbooka-Atticus (Russian); Laguna (Serbia); Ikar (Slovak); Desk D.O.O. (Slovenian) Salamandra (Spanish); Printz Publishing (Swedish); Amarin (Thai); İlksatır Publishing (Turkish); Tan Viet Cultural (Vietnamese)

Category: Literary Fiction
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls: Translation
Rights Sold on Behalf Of: Heather Jackson Literary

Materials: PDF
Sold to: Headline Review (UK), Luitingh-Sijthoff (Dutch), Bazar (Finnish), Editions Jean-Claude Lattes (French), Garzanti (Italian), Tokyo Sogensha (Japanese), Tchelet (Hebrew), Wydawnictwo WAM



Janet Skeslien Charles's work has been translated into 35 languages. Her novel about real-life librarians during World War II, *The Paris Library*, was a New York Times bestseller, #1 Indie Next Pick, and book club favorite. Janet has spoken at over 200 literary events and has been a keynote speaker for venues such as the Association of American Women in Europe commemoration and the Salem Literary Festival. Her debut novel *Moonlight in Odessa* was translated into 12 languages. She spends her free time at the Red Wheelbarrow bookshop in Paris.

Praise for MISS MORGAN'S BOOK BRIGADE

"In this compelling ode to the astonishing power of libraries and librarians, readers are introduced to the intrepid, real-life heroine Jessie Carson who delivered hope along with books to children in war-torn France. Janet Skeslien Charles's latest novel is – to borrow the words of one of her own characters – 'unputdownable!'" —**Marie Benedict**, New York Times bestselling author of *The Only Woman in the Room*

"An astonishing novel of postwar WWI France with the beating heart of courageous women who change the world through books...A moving tale of sacrifice, heroism, and inspired storytelling immersed in the power of books to change our lives." —**Patti Callahan Henry**, bestselling author of *The Secret Book of Flora Lea*

"Bursting with remarkable characters and filled with heart-in-mouth moments, *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* is a hugely enjoyable read and an enthralling, emotional story rich in historical detail. This wonderful book is a gift to the reader." —**Liese O'Halloran Schwarz**, author of *What Could Be Saved*

"Janet Skeslien Charles is that perfect writer, able to take a true nugget of history and weave it into a tale that grips you from page one. She has an alchemist's eye for tiny historical detail that shimmers under her pen. A rich, glorious life-affirming tribute to literature and female solidarity. **Simply unforgettable!**" —**Kate Thompson**, author of *The Wartime Book Club*

"A wonderful story about the ability of books not only to inspire, but also to rescue and restore. The characters are so richly drawn that they leap off the page. The meticulous research brings such a satisfying depth and authenticity to the narrative, and this is perfectly balanced by the compassion and humanity of the characters. I absolutely loved it!" —**Ruth Hogan**, bestselling author of *The Keeper of Lost Things*

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"An inspiring novel that celebrates resiliency, community, and connection." —***Booklist***

"A wonderful novel that will keep you absorbed for an entire weekend. It also might make you want to pull a few classics off your shelf to reread, which for me is always the sign of a good book." —***Bookreporter***

"A compelling remembrance of real librarians who could very easily have been lost to history. Readers who like historical novels with strong women characters will enjoy." —***Library Journal***

THE HITWOMAN'S GUIDE TO REDUCING HOUSEHOLD DEBT

****NEW****

Mark Mupotsa-Russell

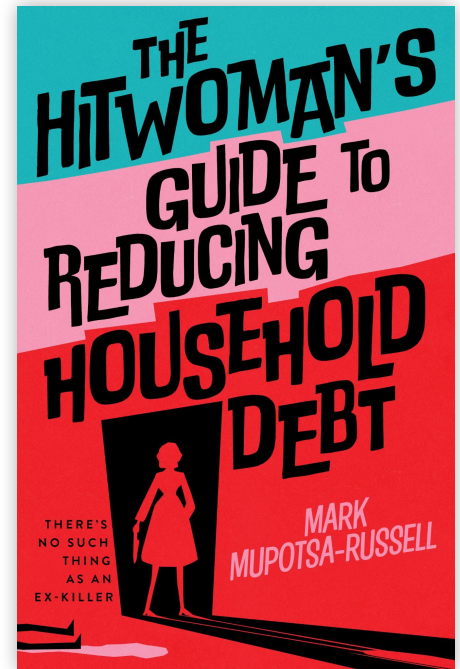
Affirm Press, September 2024

'I met my husband on the same day I committed my very last murder. There's a joke in there somewhere, about ending two men's lives.'

Olivia Hodges used to do horrible things – back when she worked for a Spanish crime syndicate – but she fled that life and moved home to Australia, building a family in the hipster community of the Dandenong Ranges.

When a small-time criminal gang brings tragedy to her family, superstitious Olivia believes it's the universe demanding payment for her crimes. She wants revenge, but has to get it without adding to her karmic debt. So she creates situations where these bad men get themselves killed through their anger, ego and greed – all while trying to mislead the cops long enough to finish what she started.

Olivia's voice is astounding: she's cynical, witty and deeply human in a way that never feels forced. It's quite a feat to write a novel that's all-in-one package-- a deliciously tangled thriller and a searing depiction of a marriage in crisis —and to make it so funny. A HITWOMAN'S GUIDE TO REDUCING HOUSEHOLD DEBT hits the target.



Category: Thriller
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls: Translation
Rights Sold on Behalf Of: Affirm Press

Materials: PDF

Mark Mupotsa-Russell lives in Australia. Before this book, he was a screenwriter, film reviewer cocktail columnist and PR consultant. He lives among the trees with his art therapist/superstar wife and hilarious son. When not writing, he obsesses about movies and martial arts.

YOUR DARK SECRETS

Elle Marr

Hyperion Avenue, July 2024

"The steamy haters-back-to-lovers trope will keep pages turning." —**Booklist**

"A captivating thriller that expertly blends adventure, romance, and edge-of-your-seat suspense." —**Heather Chavez**, author of *Before She Finds Me*

"...equal parts heart-pounding suspense and sizzling rivals-to-lovers romance--a must-read for anyone seeking an escape into a swift, jet-setting adventure!" —**Megan Shepherd**, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Malice House* and *The Madman's Daughter*

A Los Angeles PR exec and her private investigator ex uncover a dangerous conspiracy led by the world's most powerful people, whose deadly sights are now set on them.

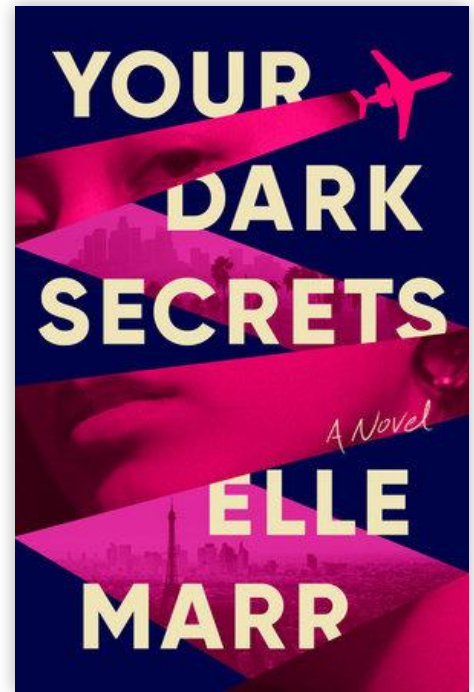
This propulsive up-all-night read seamlessly blends globe-trotting adventure, suspenseful thriller, and rivals-to-lovers romance, perfect for fans of *the Flight Attendant* and *the Recovery Agent*.

Addison Stern is unparalleled when it comes to spinning a story. A ruthless PR executive, Addison is the star employee of the infamous Ovid Blackwell Group where the rich and famous go to hide all their secrets.

Connor Windell, on the other hand, is in the business of finding out information others would rather keep hidden. He used to be LA's top private investigator until a betrayal from his ex-girlfriend ruined his reputation and sent him into early retirement. That ex? None other than Addison Stern.

Connor has one chance to redeem himself and salvage his career, but he needs Addison's help. Addison would rather lick the bottom of her Jimmy Choo than assist, but with some good old-fashioned blackmail, she agrees to team up for one job. But when that job proves bigger than either imagined and they uncover a dangerous hidden web of influence led by the world's most elite and powerful people, they'll have to rely on each other to expose the truth...and stay alive.

From the Vegas strip to the beaches of Monaco, this globe-trotting adventure is filled with misplaced trust, competing motivations, and more than a little sexual tension. This gripping romantic thriller will have you up reading all night!



Category:	Fiction
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation
Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	Hyperion Avenue
Materials:	PDF

Elle Marr is a #1 Amazon Charts bestselling author of thrillers. Originally from Sacramento, Elle graduated from UC San Diego before moving to France, where she earned a master's degree from the Sorbonne University in Paris. She now lives and writes in Oregon with her family. Her latest book *THE FAMILY BONES* earned a starred review from Publishers Weekly, which called it a "mesmerizing psychological thriller."

THE NORTH LINE

Matt Riordan

Hyperion Avenue, April 2024, paperback, March 2025

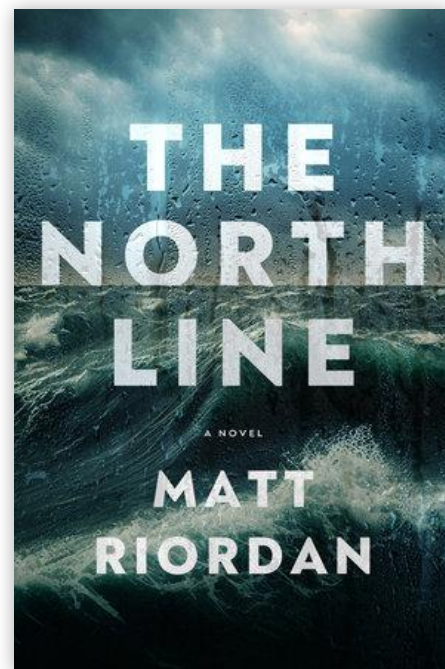
"Riordan debuts with an irresistible portrait of commercial fishermen fighting for survival ... The novel's colorful dialogue and relentless pacing evoke the uncompromising headwinds in Adam's path. This is a triumph of gritty realism –***Publishers Weekly***, starred review

"Drawing upon personal experience working on commercial vessels in the 1990s, debut novelist Riordan celebrates "killing fish" (it's always "killing," never "catching") as "one of the last jobs anywhere in the world where we get to do what we were bred to do." In doing so, he participates enthusiastically if somewhat uncritically in the rich tradition of wilderness adventure fiction. –***Booklist***

"The North Line is a ruggedly erudite story that combines the best of the individualism of Jack London with the introspective ruminations of Raymond Carver . . . not to be missed." –**S.A. Cosby, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All the Sinners Bleed***

"The North Line is one of those rare books that you feel as much as read. The world and its details are so real, so intimate, and so lived-in and that I had to check my fingertips for fish scales once I finished reading." –**Craig Davidson, author of *Rust and Bone***

"Riordan is summoning demons in this grimy wilderness saga that might hit entirely too close to home for those who know. Magnificent." –**Laird Barron, author of *The Wind Began to Howl***



In Matt Riordan's debut novel, a college student in need of quick money finds work on an Alaskan fishing boat in the unforgiving Bering Sea.

Even at the ragged edge of civilization, some lines should not be crossed.

Everyone believes Adam to be something he's not. Sometimes that's because he's told them a story. Sometimes he's told himself one. But when Adam joins an Alaskan fishing crew that's promising quick money, the dangerous work and harsh lifestyle strip away all fabrications and force a dark-hearted exploration of who he really is.

On the unforgiving Bering Sea, Adam finds the adventure and authenticity of a fisherman's life revelatory. The labor required to seize bounty from the ocean invigorates him, and the often crude comradery accompanies a welcome, hard-earned wisdom. But when a strike threatens the entire season and violence stalks the waves, Adam is thrust into a struggle for survival at the edge of the world, where evolutionary and social forces collide for outcomes beyond anyone's control.

In his riveting debut novel, Matt Riordan pairs personal experiences with a master storyteller's eye in a piercing examination of the quest for identity in the face of tempests within and without.

Category:	Fiction	Material:	PDF
Kaplan/DeFiore Controls:	Translation	Sold to:	Éditions Paulsen (France)
Rights Sold on Behalf Of:	Hyperion Avenue		

Matt Riordan grew up in Michigan but spent his early twenties working on commercial fishing boats in Alaska. After college, Matt drifted from commercial fishing through a variety of jobs before landing in law school. He then became a litigator in New York City, where he practiced for twenty years. He now lives with his family in Australia.

THE BOOKBINDER OF JERICHO

Pip Williams

Affirm Press (Australia), March 2023, paperback August 2024

Ballantine, August 2023

Chatto, August 2023

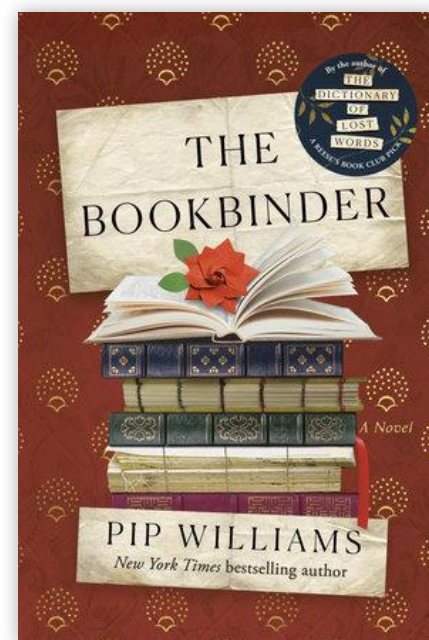
The second novel from the international bestselling author of **THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS**. Film rights optioned to Highview Productions and Closer Productions.
(US title: **THE BOOKBINDER**)

Whose truth is lost when knowledge is controlled by men?

In 1914, when the war draws the young men of Britain away to fight, it is the women left behind who must keep the nation running. Two of those women are Peggy and Maude, twin sisters who work in the bindery at Oxford University Press. Peggy is intelligent, ambitious and dreams of going to Oxford University, but for most of her life she has been told her job is to bind the books, not read them. Maude, meanwhile, wants nothing more than what she has. She is extraordinary but vulnerable. Peggy needs to watch over her.

When refugees arrive from the devastated cities of Belgium, they send ripples through the community and through the sisters' lives. Peggy begins to see the possibility of another future where she can use her intellect and not just her hands, but as war and illness reshape her world, it is love, and the responsibility that comes with it, that threaten to hold her back.

The Bookbinder of Jericho is a story about knowledge – who makes it, who can access it, and what truth may be lost in the process. In this beautiful companion to the international bestseller *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, Pip Williams explores another rarely seen slice of history seen through women's eyes. Intelligent, thoughtful and rich with unforgettable characters.



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IF YOU GO

Alice Robinson

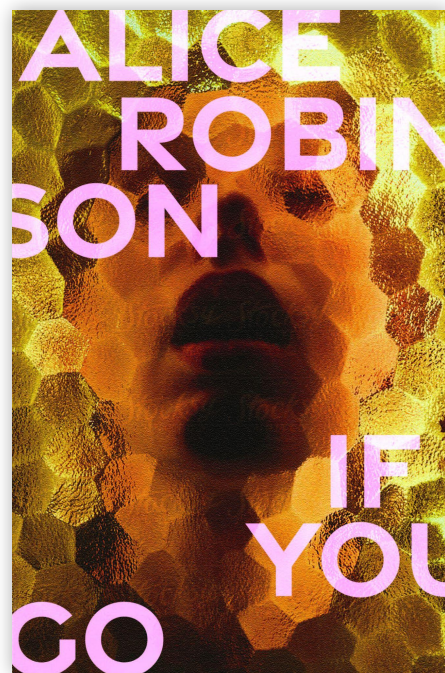
Affirm Press, June 2024

When Esther wakes with a breathing tube down her throat, she has no idea where she is or how she got there. In terrible physical condition, Esther is tended to by Grace, the only other person in the building.

In the half-consciousness of her recovery, Esther is desperate to get back to her young kids and grapples with the events of her life as they come flooding back: a childhood spent between warring parents; the demise of her marriage; the struggles she faced when her children were born.

Suspicious of Grace, Esther takes drastic action to escape. But there are certain facts about the reality of her situation – her place in time, her history and her life – that she will need to uncover first.

If You Go is a moving, captivating and unforgettable novel about hope and grief and family, exploring what we inherit and what we pass down.



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Alice Robinson is the author of two previous novels: *Anchor Point*, longlisted for the Stella Prize and the Indie Book Awards; *The Glad Shout*, shortlisted for an Aurealis Award and The Colin Roderick Literary Award and winner of the Readings Prize for New Australian Fiction. In 2012, Alice earned a PhD by research in Creative Writing at Victoria University, for which she was awarded the Vice Chancellor's Peak Award. Alice lives in Melbourne with her kids, and works at Federation University and RMIT.

THE CRAG

Claire Sutherland

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A heart-stopping murder mystery set in the rock-climbing scene of Mt Arapiles, perfect for lovers of Outback Noir.

Will the mountain give up its secrets?

While walking her dogs on an isolated track in the windswept Wimmera, rock-climber Skye discovers the body of a young woman. Forensic evidence points to a rock-climbing accident, but the body is more than 5km from the nearest cliffs at Mount Arapiles.

Police recruit Skye to the investigation and she leads them into the perilous world of rock climbing as they try to unravel what happened, and who to blame.

Skye is secretly thrilled to be part of a murder case, but as the investigation flounders and the killer remains on the loose, all thrill turns to fear. In the isolated crags of the mountain, stark beauty can conceal horrific truths.



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Claire Sutherland was born in Scotland and moved to Australia at the age of three. She was a metropolitan journalist with the *Herald Sun* for more than 20 years, and before that at the Footscray-based *Western Times*, for which she won the Melbourne Press Club's 1995 Young Journalist of the Year award. During her time at the Herald Sun she held roles including books editor, film writer and features editor. She was the editor-in-chief of *mX* and News Corp's national head of entertainment before leaving to pursue a career in freelance writing. Her hobbies include hiking, rock climbing, cooking and dystopian sci-fi films. *The Crag* is her first novel.

ALL THE BEES IN THE HOLLOWS

Lauren Keegan

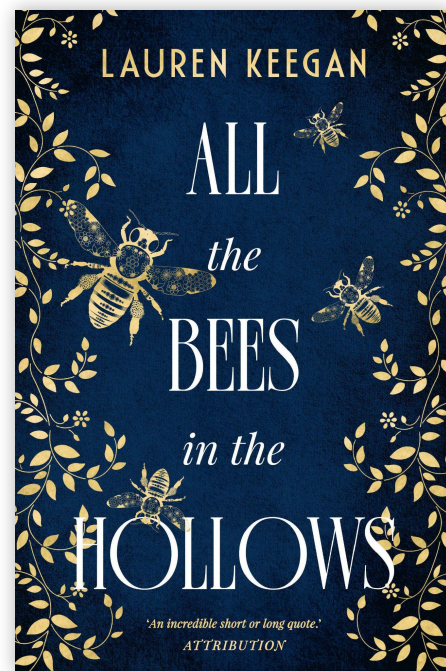
Affirm Press, October 2024

When a grieving mother and daughter inherit the tree hollows, they must prove to themselves, the tax collectors and each other that they can bring in a successful honey harvest all on their own.

Marytè is a devoted beekeeper. She lives by the old rules: bees choose their masters; bees don't sting good people; work in partnership with fellow beekeepers, the *bičiuļystē*; be a good Christian and a good harvest will follow. These rules help her cope with her grief when she inherits her husband's hollows. But when harsh conditions, tax increases, betrayal and mistrust in the community mount up, Marytè questions her faith, her *bičiuļystē*, and her own sanity.

Her eldest daughter, Austeja, is no worker bee. She seeks refuge in the ancient forest where she finds a special connection to the natural elements and the old beliefs that have been instilled in her since birth by her defiant grandmother. Austeja takes risks and speaks her mind, and has dreamt of escaping the confines of the *bičiuļystē*. But, when she discovers the mutilated body of the Hollow Watcher and uncovers a honeycomb of lies and betrayal, implicating her own father, she is intent on finding the truth and protecting her family.

Will mother and daughter overcome their differences to learn the truth behind the murder, unveil lies by their *bičiuļystē* and complete the honey harvest?



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Lauren Keegan is a psychologist, writer and mother who lives in the Wollondilly Shire; the land of the Dharawal and Gundungurra people. She has worked in public mental health for twelve years, has two young girls and drinks more tea than is sensible. This is her first published novel.

THE GOOD WOMAN'S GUIDE TO MAKING BETTER CHOICES

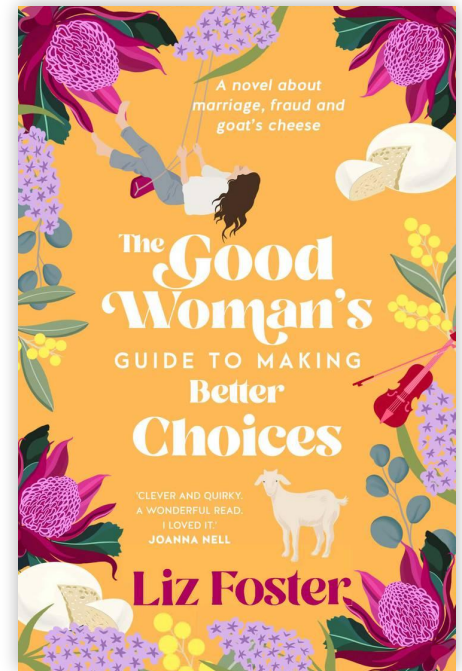
Liz Foster

Affirm Press (Australia), January 2024

How well do you ever really know your husband? And how did Libby – a thoroughly decent straight arrow who's never even had a speeding ticket – end up with Ludo?

Loyal country girl Libby Popovic lives a golden life with her confident financier husband Ludo and their two children, Harrison and Ana. When Ludo is jailed for financial fraud, and her friends and family lose tens of thousands of dollars as a result, Libby feels agonizingly complicit for hosting the final investor pitch in their home. Matters go from atrocious to worse when her possessions and home are repossessed, Libby is sacked and a priceless family heirloom is wrecked. While camping out at the rural goat farm where she was raised, she's forced to re-evaluate her life choices.

A warm, funny and outrageously unfair novel about deception, financial fraud and goat cheese, and the possibility of starting your life all over again when everything goes south of the border.



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Liz Foster grew up in England in a family obsessed with Scrabble, Boggle, crosswords and books. When she's not writing she's thinking about it – peppering her family with questions about plot and character dilemmas, listening to podcasts, reading out loud and boring the dog senseless. *The Good Woman's Guide to Making Better Choices* is her first novel.

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