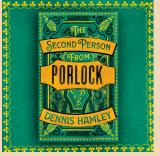


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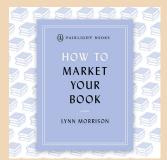




















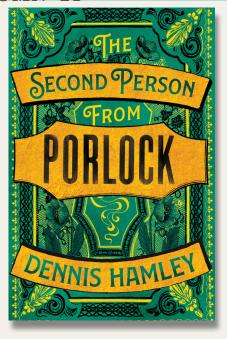
FICTION - COMING AUTUMN '21

THE SECOND PERSON FROM PORLOCK Dennis Hamley

A fictional account of the life of Coleridge and those closest to him

Highgate, London, 1824. Samuel Taylor Coleridge is a washed-up opium addict, estranged from his friends and from his neglected wife. His grip on reality is starting to slip; his past and present mingle in laudanum-induced dreams.

In a Cambridge college library, Scrivener, a bullied undergraduate, finds a strange annotation in a book of Coleridge's poems. Intrigued by this mystery marginalia and captivated by Romantic poetry, he resolves to become a poet himself, with Coleridge as his guiding light. Across the sea, Samuele, a young Sicilian, discovers that his mother once had a liaison with Coleridge. He sets out for England to learn all he can about the man who may be his father. It isn't long before Samuele and Scrivener cross paths but will their journeys take them to the real Samuel Taylor Coleridge?



About the Author

Dennis Hamley was born in Kent and attended the Royal Latin School in Buckingham (1946-1954), and then the RAF National Service. After a career in education (teacher, lecturer) he retired early in 1992 to write full-time. His first novel was published in 1974 and he has written over sixty books, many for children. The idea for *The Second Person from Porlock* came from the discovery of a comment inserted in the text of 'Kubla Khan' in the Old Library, Jesus College, Cambridge. Its provenance is still unknown.

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About the Author

Clio Velentza was born and lives in Athens, Greece. Her writing has frequently been published in anthologies and literary journals, most recently in *Popshot Quarterly*, in both English and her native Greek. Her short fiction has won several prizes including Best Microfiction 2020, The Wigleaf Top 50 Very Short Fictions 2019 and The Best Small Fictions 2016. She was also a nominee for the Pushcart Prize. *The Piano Room* is her debut novel.

THE PIANO ROOM

Clio Velentza

A Gothic modern retelling of the German myth of Faust with LGBTQ+ themes

Sandor Esterhazy is descended from a long line of talented pianists, but has no desire to play. So, one snowy afternoon, he promises his soul to the devil in exchange for a life of his own choosing. Afterwards, he laughs it off as a joke, but that night the devil arrives dragging someone – or something – with him.

Uncertain what to do with the bewildered creature, Sandor locks it in the basement, allowing it out only once a night to visit the piano room – the creature, who he names Ferdi, is desperate to play. Sandor slips easily into his new role of captor, but as Ferdi learns what it is to be human, tensions between the two escalate, and Ferdi escapes into the world...

HOW TO TREAD LIGHTLY ON THE EARTH

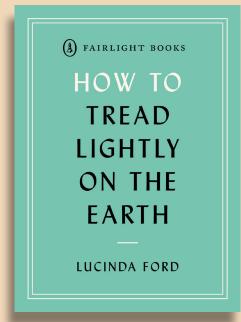
Lucinda Ford

Following a low-carbon, lowbiodiversity loss, plastic-free lifestyle

For many of us, concern for the planet and our footprint upon it is a part of everyday life. Our newsfeeds are full of reports of climate disaster, plastic pollution in our oceans and a collapse in worldwide biodiversity. We know 'something must be done'. But for many of us, it's a complex and confusing proposition. What exactly must be done? By whom? And in a world of eight billion people, what can any one of us do that can genuinely make a difference?

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- Tips on how to stand firm in the face of naysayers, deniers and those who want to deflect you from your path.



About the Author

Lucinda Ford specialises in Health and Wellbeing and is the author of How to Sleep: A Natural Method

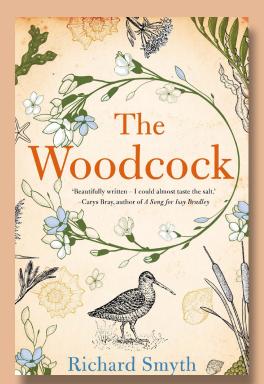
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THE WOODCOCK Richard Smyth

Love, fear, sex, ambition and limpets...

It's 1920s England, and the coastal town of Gravely is finally enjoying a fragile peace after the Great War. Jon Lowell, a naturalist who writes articles on the flora and fauna of the shoreline, and his wife Harriet lead a simple life, basking in their love for each other and enjoying the company of Jon's visiting old school friend David. But when an American whaler arrives in town with his beautiful red-haired daughters, boasting of his plans to build a pier and pleasure-grounds a half-mile out to sea, unexpected tensions and temptations arise.

As secrets multiply, Harriet, Jon and David must each ask themselves, what price is to be paid for pleasure?

About the Author

Richard Smyth is a writer and critic. His work has appeared in *The Guardian*, the *New Statesman* and *The Times Literary Supplement*, and he is the author of five books of non-fiction. In between books he compiles crosswords and writes questions for television quizzes. He lives in Bradford, West Yorkshire, with his family. *The Woodcock* is his first historical fiction novel.



We Asked Richard...

You're a successful nature writer and we found *The Woodcock*, though fiction, rich with natural wildlife. Was this a deliberate choice or does nature just seep into your writing?

Wildlife, someone has said, is very good for thinking with. Nature inevitably finds its way into my fiction because, first, it finds its way into everywhere, and, second, I think it can bring context, depth and texture, and really enrich a novel.

The Woodcock is set in the fictional north-eastern seaside town Gravely. Is it inspired by anywhere in particular?

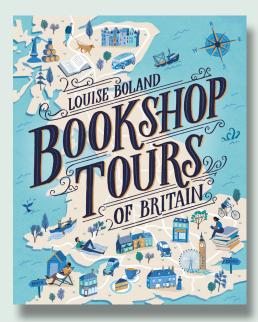
It's really an impressionistic amalgam of every seaside town I know – all the way up the east coast, from Bridlington and Filey, through Scarborough, Whitby, Runswick Bay, Robin Hood's Bay, Saltburn, then Whitley Bay, North Shields, Tynemouth, Blyth, Beadnell, Seahouses, North Berwick... And there are elements of the south-west, Welsh and Cumbrian coasts thrown in there too. Anywhere where you can loaf around staring out at the sea.

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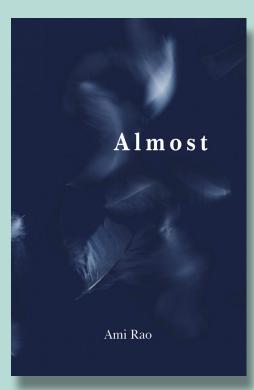




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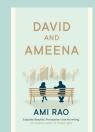
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ALMOST Ami Rao

He is ready to talk about her, his daughter. He is ready in a way. In a way.

When a teenage girl dies in a car accident while returning home from school, her father is left to deal with his grief. Sent home from work for the crime of showing his emotions in front of strangers, he cannot bring himself to utter his unspoken thoughts of guilt and blame – not even to his wife. Alienated from the world and, to some degree, his own mind, and with his marriage slowly collapsing, the man starts to consider his grief.

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Rural Cyprus, 1925. Despo is recently married, heavily pregnant and deeply afraid. The twelve days of Christmas are beginning – the time when, according to local folklore, creatures known as kalikantzari come up from Hell to wreak havoc. Meanwhile, her husband Loukas has troubles of his own. Struggling with dreams and desires he doesn't understand, he finds himself irresistibly drawn to an Englishman, a newcomer to the island.

In a village wreathed in superstition, Despo and Loukas must protect themselves and their unborn child from ominous forces at play.



VOTING DAY

Clare O'Dea

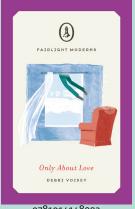
In February 1959, Switzerland held a referendum on women's suffrage. The men voted 'no'.

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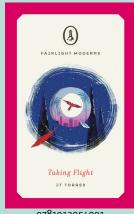
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Young Mortimer Blackley, assistant editor, charts the descent of the House in his logbook as it lurches from one failure to the next. Will mysterious Russian buyers, lurking in the wings, stop the ship from sinking at great cost to all? Or will Drusilla find the legendary Daybreak Manuscript and save the day?

With witty and sharp observations, Fiona Vigo Marshall draws upon a career spent working in small publishing houses to create a laugh-out-loud ode to the publishing industry.

BRAVER

Deborah Jenkins

Hazel has never felt normal. Struggling with OCD and anxiety, she isolates herself from others and sticks to rigid routines in order to cope with everyday life. But when she forms an unlikely friendship with Virginia, the local vicar, Hazel begins to venture outside her comfort zone.

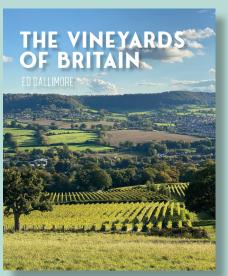
Having rebuilt her own life after a traumatic loss, Virginia has become the backbone of her community, caring for those in need and mentoring disadvantaged young people. Yet a shock accusation threatens to unravel everything she has worked for.

Told with warmth, compassion and gentle humour, Braver is an uplifting story about the strength that can be drawn from friendship and community.



THE VINEYARDS OF BRITAIN

Cellar Door Adventures with the Best of Britain's Wines



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ED DALLIMORE

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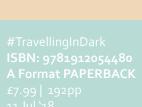


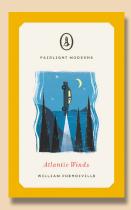
TRAVELLING IN THE DARK

Emma Timpany

Winner of The Hall & Woodhouse DLF Writing Prize 2019

Sarah is travelling with her young son back to her hometown in the south of New Zealand. But when debris from an earthquake closes the road before her, she is forced to extend her journey, and divert through the places from her youth that she had hoped never to return to. As the memories of her childhood resurface, Sarah knows that for the sake of her son, she must face up to them now or be lost forever.





ATLANTIC WINDS

William Prendiville

It's 1970s Canada. The small island community of Bear Lake is awash with rumours of layoffs and wildcat strikes at the mill. But for young Tom, nothing is more important than hanging out with his best friend, Cormic, except perhaps catching a glimpse of Sasha Dovonovitch, the foreman's daughter. When a tragic accident occurs at the mill, the whole community unites — but in a small town, pointed fingers and hushed gossip can only stir further trouble...



THE DRIVEWAY HAS TWO SIDES

Sara Marchant

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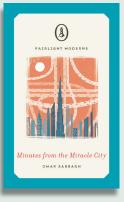
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INSIDE THE BONE BOX

Anthony Ferner

Nicholas Anderton is a highly respected neurosurgeon at the top of his field. But behind the successful façade all is not well. Tormented by a toxic marriage and haunted by past mistakes, Anderton has been eating to forget. His wife, meanwhile, has turned to drink. There are sniggers behind closed doors - how can a surgeon be fat? When mistakes are made and his old adversary steps in to take advantage, Anderton knows things are coming to a head...



MINUTES FROM THE MIRACLE CITY Omar Sabbagh

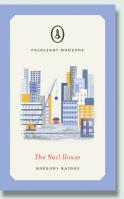
Hakim, a Pakistani taxi driver whizzing through the streets. Patrick, a Ugandan security guard with aspirations of becoming a writer. Farida, a Moroccan beautician hoping for a fresh start. Saeed, a respected Emirati journalist just back from London. Taking place across the last few days of Ramadan, Minutes from the Miracle City is a unique retelling of the virtuoso project that is Dubai.



THE THERAPIST

Nial Giacomelli

In this hauntingly surreal tale, a couple finds the distance between them mirrored in a strange epidemic sweeping the globe. Little by little, each victim becomes transparent, their heart beating behind a visible ribcage, an intricate network of nerves left hanging in mid-air.



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Gregory Baines

Lindon, an Australian project manager with a failed marriage behind him, is lured to China with the promise of a lucrative salary. His task: to solve the problem of a 'Nail House', the home of a stubborn old man who refuses to relocate, even as the bulldozers move in and the skyscrapers grow around him. But as Lindon negotiates with the old man's family, he finds sense where there is none. And love where there is war.



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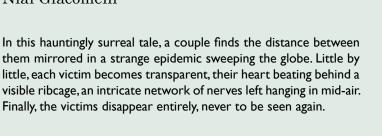




MILTON IN PURGATORY

Edward Vass

Milton Pitt leads an uneventful life, with a dull job and a secret longing for adventure. One morning, after he is hit by a speeding car, he suffers an out-of-body experience and awakens back in his bedroom. Everything is just the same – that is, except for the bloody footprints leading to the chimney...



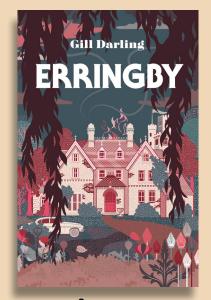
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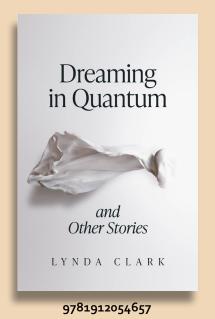
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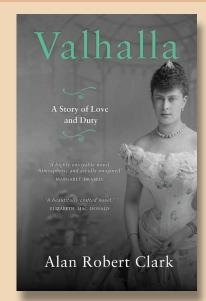
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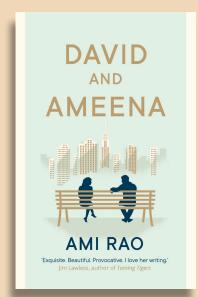
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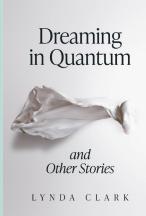




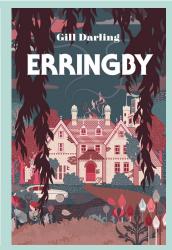


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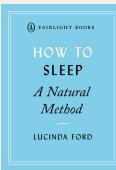
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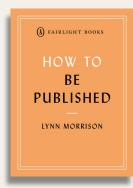




HOW TO SLEEP

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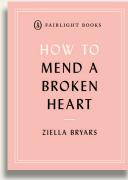
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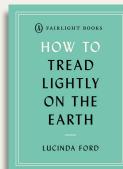
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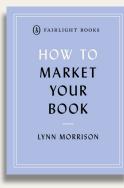




HOW TO TREAD LIGHTLY ON THE EARTH

Lucinda Ford

Every day our news feeds offer up new horror stories of impending climate disaster – global warming, plastics in the oceans and a collapse in biodiversity. Many of us want to do something, but where to begin? In her concise and pithy style, Lucinda sorts wild prophecy from scientific fact, political agendas from truth and offers specific, practical and easy-to-follow advice about what we can do, right now, to really make a difference.



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