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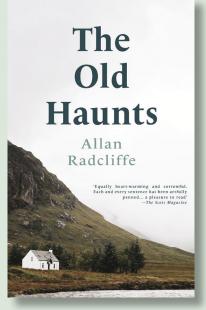
THE OLD HAUNTS Allan Radcliffe

Recently bereaved Jamie is staying at a rural steading in the heart of Scotland with his actor boyfriend Alex. The sudden loss of both of Jamie's parents hangs like a shadow over the trip. In his grief, Jamie finds himself sifting through bittersweet memories, from his working-class upbringing in Edinburgh to his bohemian twenties in London, with a growing awareness of his sexuality threaded through these formative years. In the present, when Alex is called away to an audition, Jamie can no longer avoid the pull of the past: haunted by an inescapable failure to share his full self with his parents, he must confront his unresolved feelings towards them.

In spare, evocative prose, Allan Radcliffe tells a wistful coming-of-age story and paints a tender portrait of grief in all its complexities.

About the Author

Allan Radcliffe was born in Perth, Scotland, and now lives near Edinburgh. His writing has won the Allen Wright Award and the Scottish Book Trust New Writers Award. With an MA from the University of Glasgow, he works as an arts journalist and editor, and is currently a freelance theatre critic and feature writer. His short stories have been published in anthologies including *Out There, The Best Gay Short Stories* and *New Writing Scotland*, and broadcast on BBC Radio 4. *The Old Haunts* is his debut novel.



'Equally heart-warming and sorrowful. Each and every sentence has been so elegantly penned'—*The Scots Magazine*

'Written with an honesty and understanding that is rare, it's a novel full of love, kindness, and compassion'*—Skinny Magazine*

'A rippling, multifaceted jewel of a novel – elegant and unshowy, it dazzles with a distinct and irresistible inner luminosity. Poignant and compelling, it is resonant with vivid images' —Kevin MacNeil, author of *The Brilliant & Forever*

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PLEASE FEAR ME Jennifer Love

Sixteen-year-old Smidge is on the run, after her tumultuous upbringing with her addict mother culminated in a shameful secret. Together with fellow runaway and aspiring performance artist Violet, who has secrets of her own, Smidge embarks on her venture towards independence from the guilt and rage that plagued her childhood.

As Smidge and Violet attempt to sell their new performance, they travel through the underbelly of America, eventually finding a home in a travelling circus. Under the influence of the sinister ringleader, Violet is drawn deeper into their new lifestyle, while Smidge realises she can never fully break her connection to home.

Forced to change her compass, Smidge must confront the shame, fear and anger that have always guided her, and reshape her relationship with her mother before it is too late.

About the Author

Jennifer Love is a writer and Bay Area native who currently calls Oakland home. Her debut short story collection, *Punch a Hole in the Sky to Let In the Light*, was published by 5ever Books in 2023, and her short fiction and poetry have appeared in X-RAY, *Minola Review, Storm Cellar, Autre* and elsewhere. *Please Fear Me* is Jennifer's debut novel.

'Written with dark wit and knife-sharp prose, Please Fear Me is a fierce debut by Jennifer Love. Teenage Smidge navigates the world around her with clarity of selfhood, deep compassion and an instinct for life'—Melanie Finn, author of *The Hare*

'A poignant and atmospheric coming of age story. Smidge's deadpan wit strikingly enhances the depth and beauty of her interior world'—Ola Mustapha, author of *Other Names, Other Places*



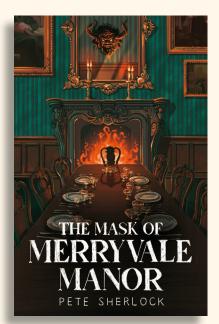
THE MASK OF MERRYVALE MANOR Pete Sherlock

Merryvale Manor keeps its secrets.

On the cusp of the 1960s, when fourteenyear-old Ben moves into the ancestral home of his aunt and uncle, he is initially shocked by their wealth and glamour. Over his first summer at Merryvale, he learns to appreciate their languid opulence, and quickly settles into his new rich lifestyle.

Until five years later... when the body of a missing woman is found on the estate.

As the murder investigation hones in on its key suspect, Ben's memories of that summer resurface and he sees his family's manipulative power in a harsh new light. Placed on a collision course with the powerful Drummonds, he faces a dilemma: should he choose his family or his principles?



About the Author

Pete Sherlock is an investigative journalist at the BBC, based in Birmingham. He started his journalism career working for several local newspapers across London, and has won a Wincott Award for data journalism and an award for editorial innovation at the Drum Online Media Awards. He is also a volunteer mentor for students wanting to break into journalism. Pete inherited his love of literature from his mum, and he studied English Literature at the University of Birmingham. He has been writing short stories and poems ever since. *The Mask of Merryvale Manor* is his debut novel.

'Pete Sherlock masterfully unveils the horrors that lie behind the masks in this riveting debut'—Iris Yamashita, author of *City Under One Roof*

'A fabulously dark and atmospheric page-turner full of complex characters and deceit! ...A wonderfully captured dilemma! —Amanda Geard, author of *The Midnight House*

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THE MASK OF MERRYVALE MANOR ISBN: 9781914148484 B Format PAPERBACK £9.99 | 320pp 20 June 2024

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THE MAIDEN OF FLORENCE Katherine Mezzacappa

Florence, 1584. Rumours are spreading about the virility of a prince marrying into the powerful Medici family. Orphan Giulia is chosen to put an end to the gossip. In return she will gain her freedom, and start a new life with a dowry and her own husband. Cloistered since childhood and an innocent in a world ruled by men, Giulia reluctantly agrees, only to be drawn under the control of the Medicis' lecherous minister.

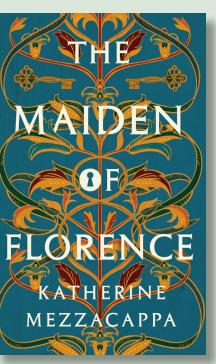
Years later, married and with a growing family, Giulia hopes she has finally escaped the legacy of her past. But when a threat arrives from a sinister figure from her youth, she must finally take control of events – and become the author of her own story.

Based on true events and reminiscent of *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell, *The Maiden of Florence* gives a charismatic voice to a woman cast aside by history.

About the Author

Katherine Mezzacappa is an Irish author currently living in Carrara, northern Tuscany. She holds a BA in History of Art from UEA, an MLitt in English Literature from Durham and a Masters in Creative Writing from Canterbury Christ Church University. Her debut novel (writing as Katie Hutton), *The Gypsy Bride*, made the last fifteen in the Historical Novel Society's 2018 new novel competition. Her short fiction has been short- and longlisted in numerous competitions, and she has been awarded residencies at Cill Rialaig Artists village by the Irish Writers Centre in 2019 and at Hald Hovedgaard by the Danish Centre for Writers and Translators in 2022.

'Katherine Mezzacappa crafts a sensuous and raw story about beauty, sex, sacrifice, and a mother's undying love'—Gina Buonaguro, author of *The Virgins of Venice*





MOTHER SEA Lorraine Wilson

In an island community facing extinction, can hope rise stronger than grief?

Sisi de Mathilde lives on a remote island in the Indian Ocean. With the seas rising, the birth rate plummeting and her community under threat, she works as a scientist, reporting on local climate conditions to help protect her island home. But her life is thrown into turmoil when she finds herself newly widowed and unexpectedly pregnant.

When a group of outsiders arrive and try to persuade her community to abandon the island, Sisi is caught between the sacred 'old ways' of her ancestors and the possibilities offered by the outside world. As tensions rise and the islanders turn on one another, Sisi must fight to save her home, her people and her unborn child.

OTHER NAMES, OTHER PLACES Ola Mustapha

Mama, Baba... and Mrs Brown.

Wayward Nessie is caught between cultures: too English for her Tunisian parents, yet not 'white enough' or 'African enough' to fit in with any of the groups at school. Her father is determined to make the family 'respectable', while Mama is lost in nostalgia for the country she left behind. Even Nessie's sister Sherine, who appears to find it easiest to slip between identities, faces struggles of her own.

Then there is the charismatic Mrs Brown, who befriended her parents on their arrival in England. She soon becomes the glue holding the family together, until one day she disappears from their lives as quickly as she arrived.

Years later, struggling with patterns of self-sabotage, Nessie returns home to confront the mysteries of her childhood. Forced to re-examine everything she thought she knew, she begins to wonder: what really happened between her parents and Mrs Brown?

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DANCING IN THE SHALLOWS Clare Reddaway

She's had this feeling before. This feeling of marking time. Of pressing her nose against a window and watching as everyone else lives their best lives.

Isla Wintergreen has not seen her grandfather since she was seven, but when she unexpectedly inherits his cottage on the Isle of Skye, she cannot resist the opportunity to escape her purposeless life. As she slowly becomes a part of the island community, she learns more about the family she never really knew – from her estranged father, to her reclusive grandfather, and her intelligent but oppressed great-grandmother. Meanwhile, her mother Cathy reflects on her own past. Mother and daughter both hope to find new freedom – but can family patterns ever really be broken?

Told through the lives of four generations of Isla's family, all linked by their connection to water, *Dancing in the Shallows* masterfully explores family relationships and generational inheritance.

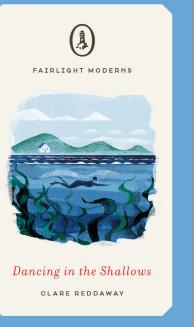
About the Author

Clare Reddaway is a Bath-based writer of short stories and plays. Her short stories have been widely published online and in anthologies, and she has won and been listed for many short story competitions, including the BBC National Short Story Awards and the Bridport Prize. Clare's plays have been performed throughout the UK, including runs at the Edinburgh Festival and in London and Bath. She has worked for the BBC, Granada Television and various independent production companies, and has volunteered widely. *Dancing in the Shallows* is Clare's debut novel.

'Clare Reddaway is a richly gifted writer who captures the complexities of her characters' lives with grace, power, and tender humour' —Emma Timpany, author of *Travelling in the Dark*

'Once started, this book insists on being finished as soon as possible. Engaging, immersive and utterly believable' —Deborah Jenkins, author of Braver

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SMALL WARS IN MADRID Anthony Ferner

David Aguilera's life is collapsing around him. After the catastrophic loss of the vessel under his command and a perilous trek across the Baltics to safety, he returns home to find himself unable to reconnect with his family. Frustrated by his inability to express what he is feeling, his wife Margalit moves out to stay with friends, taking their children with her.

As David anxiously awaits the official inquiry into his conduct, he turns to those who are most important to him – his closest friend and colleague Marce; his Catholic adoptive mother; his Jewish birth mother; and Margalit, herself Sephardi Jewish. Faced with the prospect of losing his family altogether, he must confront his conflicting identities and faiths and decide the man he wants to become.

About the Author

Anthony Ferner started writing fiction back in the 1990s and has been a member of the Tindal Street Fiction Group since 2010. He has previously published three short novels: *Winegarden* in 2015, *Inside the Bone Box* in 2018 and *Life in Translation* in 2019. His upcoming novel *Small Wars in Madrid* will be published by Fairlight Books in 2024.

With a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from the University of Oxford, and a doctorate in Sociology from the University of Sussex, Anthony had a career in academic research. He was a professor of international business until his retirement in 2014, and has published numerous research articles and monographs on the behaviour of multinational companies.

'A captivating page-turner with a skillfully contstructed narrative. It's a story with real depth and empathy' — Fran Hill, author of *Cuckoo in the Nest*

Small Wars in Madrid is a thoughtful novel about trauma, coming-to-self, and the sometimes inextricable links between such complex processes'—Ilana Masad, author of *All My Mother's Lovers*

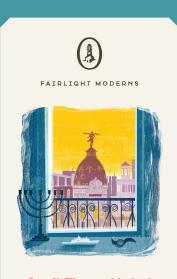
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Douglas Bruton

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ISBN: 9781912054602

This ingenious book combines historical fiction, literary melancholia and art history, cleverly tying everything together with the colour blue'—*The Scotsman*





Travelling in the Dark

TRAVELLING IN THE DARK

Emma Timpany

Winner of the Hall & Woodhouse DLF Writing Prize 2019

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'Atmospheric and resonant, simply and beautifully told'—Rupert Wallis, author of *The Dark Inside*





THERE ARE THINGS I KNOW Karen B. Golightly

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'A charming and touching story' — *The Big Issue*



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Sophie Van Llewyn

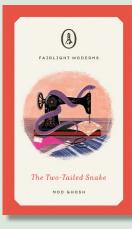
Longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction 2019, the Republic of Consciousness Prize 2019 and the People's Book Prize 2018

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'A story to savour, to smile at, to rage against and to weep over'—Zoe Gilbert, author of *Folk*

There Are Things I Know KAREN B. GOLIGHTLY

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THE TWO-TAILED SNAKE Nod Ghosh

North-east India, 1945. Tensions are rising, but fourteen-yearold Joya doesn't pay much attention to 'political business' - until the day her father disappears without a trace. Forced to drop out of school and support her mother Joya begins to question who and what is really behind her father's sudden departure.

Nod Ghosh's short stories and flash fiction have been widely published in journals and anthologies, and her work has been listed for awards including the Bath Novella-in-Flash Award and the New Zealand National Flash Fiction Day competition.

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 rib cage, an intricate network of nerves left hanging in mid-air. Finally, the victims disappear entirely, never to be seen again.

Nial Giacomelli works as a software developer and lives near Portsmouth. The Therapist is his debut novella.



A GOOD YEAR Polis Loizou

Rural Cyprus, 1925. 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. Despo is heavily pregnant and deeply afraid. Meanwhile, her husband Loukas finds himself irresistibly drawn to an Englishman, a newcomer to the island.

Polis Loizou is a novelist, playwright, filmmaker and performance storyteller. 'Disbanded Kingdom' was published by Cloud Lodge Books in 2018 and went on to be longlisted for the Polari First Book Prize.



NIAL GIACOMELLI



VOTING DAY Clare O'Dea

In February 1959, Switzerland held a referendum on women's suffrage. The men voted 'no'. In this powerful novella, Clare O'Dea explores that moment in history through the eyes of four very different Swiss women, whose paths intersect on a day that will leave its mark on all their lives.

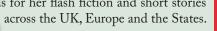
Clare O'Deaworked for the state broadcaster (RTE), the Irish Times, Today FM and the Guna Nua Theatre Company Her first non-fiction book, The Naked Swiss: A Nation Behind 10 Myths, was published in 2016 by Bergli Books.

BOTTLED GOODS Sophie van Llewyn

Longlisted for The Women's Prize for Fiction 2019 and The Republic of Consciousness Prize 2019. 1970s communist Romania. When Alina's brother-in-law defects to the West, her and her husband's careers come grinding to a halt. Alina turns to her aunt for help - the wife of a communist leader and a secret practitioner of the old folk ways.



Sophie van Llewyn was born in south-eastern Romania. She has published and won awards for her flash fiction and short stories





THE DRIVEWAY HAS TWO SIDES William Prendiville

On an East Coast island, Delilah moves into a cottage. The neighbours gossip as they watch her plant a colourful garden out front. Very unusual, they whisper. Across the driveway lives a man who never goes out. Delilah knows he's watching her too and she likes the look of him, but perhaps life is too complicated already ...

The Driveway Has Two Sides SARA MARCHANT

Sara Marchant work has been published in journals including The Coachella Review and Desert Magazine, and in anthologies including All the Women in my Family Sing and the Running Wild Novella Anthology.

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TRAVELLING IN THE DARK

Emma Timpany

In the aftermath of a devastating earthquake, Sarah travels back to her home town with her young son and is forced to face what she fled from years ago. Set in the wild, beautiful and unreliable landscape of southern New Zealand, Emma Timpany's novella is an evocative story of a woman coming to terms with her past and forging a brighter future.

Emma Timpany is an award-winning author of short story collections.

ONLY ABOUT LOVE Debbi Voisey



In snapshots through time, Only About Love takes a sweeping loop around Frank's life as he navigates courtship, marriage, fatherhood and illness. Told through the perspective of Frank and his family, this story is one of intense honesty about the things we do to those closest to us.

has been longlisted and shortlisted in several competitions, including Bath Short Story Award, Flash 500, and Reflex Fiction



INSIDE THE BONE BOX Anthony Ferner

Nicholas Anderton is a highly respected neurosurgeon at the top of his field. But behind the successful facade all is not well. Tormented by a toxic marriage and haunted by past mistakes, Anderton has been eating to forget. But when mistakes are made and his old adversary Nash steps in to take advantage, Anderton knows things are coming to a head.

Anthony Ferner is a former professor of international business and is published widely in non-fiction in his field.

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MISSING WORDS Loree Westron

Set against the backdrop of the strikes in the 1980s, Missing Words is a heart-warming journey about self-discovery, the power of family ties, and the strength needed to face whatever life throws your way.

Her short stories have placed highly in competitions including the Fish Prize and the V.S. Pritchett Memorial Prize. Her writing has been published in journals and anthologies including The London Magazine.

MILTON IN PURGATORY Edward Vass



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...

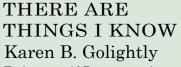
Milton Pitt leads an uneventful life, with a dull job and a secret

Edward Vass began to experiment with writing and coming up with ideas for stories while teaching English in South Korea.



There Are Things I Know

KAREN B. GOLIGHTLY



Eight-year-old Pepper sees the world a little differently from most people. During a school field trip, Pepper is kidnapped by a stranger and driven to rural Arkansas. The man claims that Pepper's mother has died and they are to live together from now on - but the boy is absolutely certain his mother is alive, and he's going to find her.

Karen B. Golightly is an associate professor of English and holds a PhD from Southern Illinois University. She is extensively published for short fiction and non-fiction, as well as for poetry and photography in many international literary arts journals.

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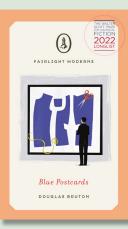
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BLUE POSTCARDS **Douglas Bruton**

Longlisted for the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction 2022. Set in Paris, this atmospheric tale delicately intertwines three connected narratives and timelines, interspersed with observations of the colour blue.

Douglas Bruton has been published in various publications including New Writing Scotland and The Irish Literary Review. His short stories have won competitions including Fish and The Neil Gunn Prize.

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Taking Flight

JT TORRES

TAKING FLIGHT J T Torress

In this beautifully told drama of the bond between grandson and grandmother, *Taking Flight* delicately explores the complexities of family bonds - in which love is need, and need becomes manipulation, along with the pain and difficulties of dementia and mental ill health.

JT Torres is an assistant professor of English at Quinnipiac University. Torres combines an MFA in creative writing with a PhD in educational psychology to understand how storytelling often frames the construction of a self.



GREGORY BAINES

THE NAIL HOUSE

Lindon 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

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MINUTES FROM THE MIRACLE CITY **Omar Sabbagh**

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.

Omar Sabbagh is a widely published prose and poetry writer, an academic, and Associate Professor of English at the American University in Dubai.

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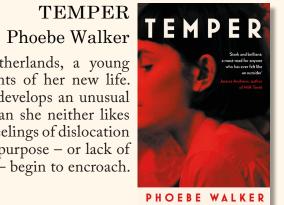


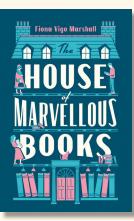
WITH OR WITHOUT ANGELS **Douglas Bruton**

An old artist, faced with his own mortality, embarks on one final artwork. As he works with an enigmatic young photographer to complete the project, his past and present blur. This hybrid and innovative short novel weaves a story around both 'The New World', a project by the artist Alan Smith, and 'Il Mondo Nuovo', a fresco by Giandomenico Tiepolo.

TEMPER

Following a move to the Netherlands, a young woman dissects the developments of her new life. In her newfound isolation, she develops an unusual friendship with Colette, a woman she neither likes nor can keep away from. As her feelings of dislocation grow, larger anxieties about her purpose – or lack of it – begin to encroach.





THE HOUSE OF MARVELLOUS BOOKS

Fiona Vigo Marshall

Tucked away in a near-derelict library in the centre of London, The House of Marvellous Books is a publishing house on the brink of financial disaster. A young junior editor charts the descent of the House in his logbook as it lurches from one failure to the next. A laugh-out-loud ode to the publishing industry.

Redemption sobel Farrar ALAN ROBERT CLARF

THE REDEMPTION OF **ISOBEL FARRAR**

Alan Robert Clark

England, 1926. Lady Isobel Farrar, an ageing widow, finds herself dwelling on a long-buried secret: as a young woman, she gave up a child for adoption. Now she can't help but wonder what became of him. When she finally tracks down her long-lost son, will the two be able to lay the past to rest?

BECOMING DELILAH Sara Marchant

On a windswept island off Cape Cod, Delilah moves into a cottage by the shore. The islanders watch the newcomer closely, and their gossip intensifies with every visit from Alan, the married man paying for Delilah's keep. But when Delilah meets her next-door neighbour, the reclusive Anton, sparks fly between them and old secrets begin to surface.





Sarah Jane Butler

All Starling has ever known is a nomadic existence, travelling in a converted van with Mar, her strongwilled mother. But one morning, without explanation, Mar leaves and doesn't come back. Starling must learn to survive without her mother and build a life on her own terms - but can she ever find a place where she truly belongs?

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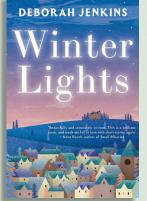


RED DUST, WHITE SNOW Pan Huiting

After receiving a mysterious device promising to transport her to a parallel universe, an office worker begins to experience a series of fantastical dreams. The more time she spends in the dream world, the less she wants to wake up; yet as her dreams begins to encroach on her waking life, dream and reality collide with drastic consequences.

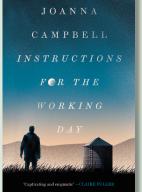
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WORKING DAY Joanna Campbell

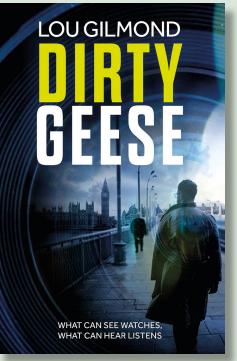
Neil Fischer has inherited a village - his father's former hometown of Marschwald in East Germany, left to deteriorate for decades after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Neil is determined to restore the village to its former glory, but is met with hostility, mistrust and underlying menace. As tensions rise and truths emerge, all signs point to danger.



WINTER LIGHTS Deborah Jenkins

Across the small town of Henford, families are facing unique struggles during the holiday season, whilst an elderly woman hopes to bring her community together as they never have been before. Told through a series of heart-warming and uplifting short stories, *Winter Lights* explores the complexities and joys of everyday life.





DIRTY GEESE

Lou Gilmond

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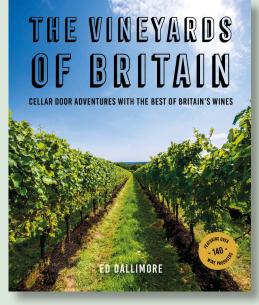






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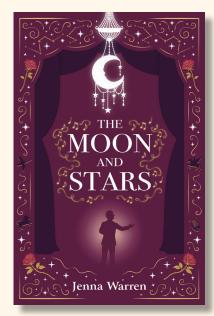


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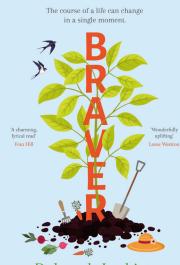
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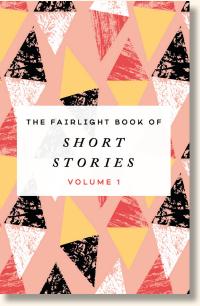
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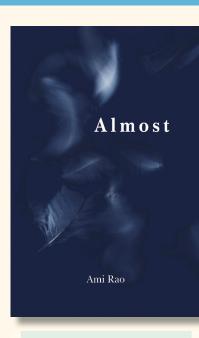
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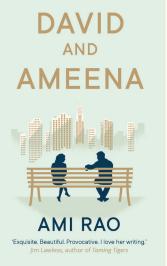
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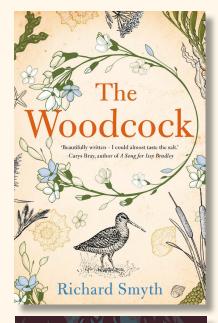
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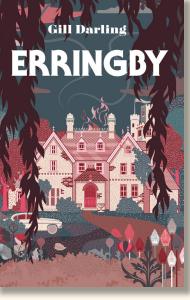


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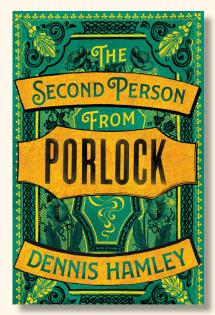
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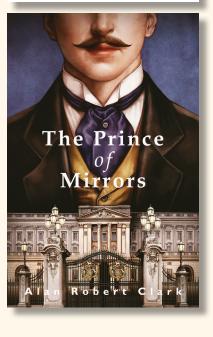
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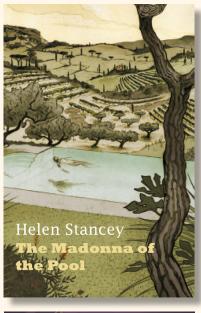
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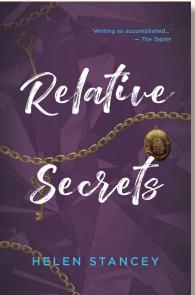
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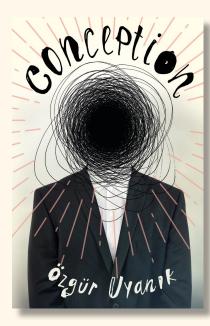
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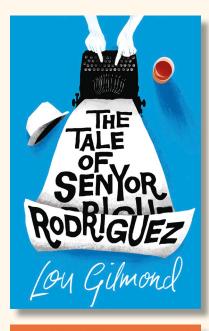
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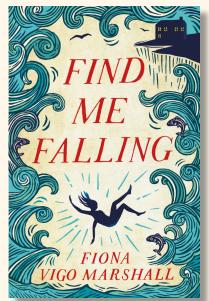
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