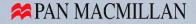
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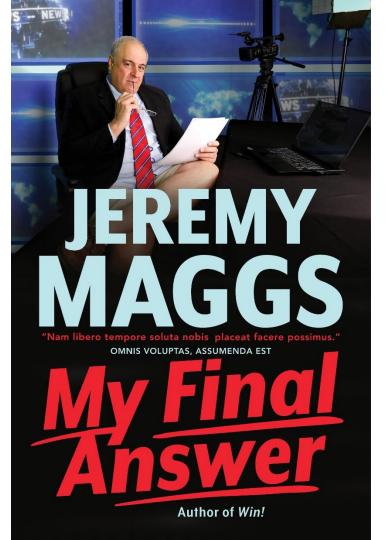
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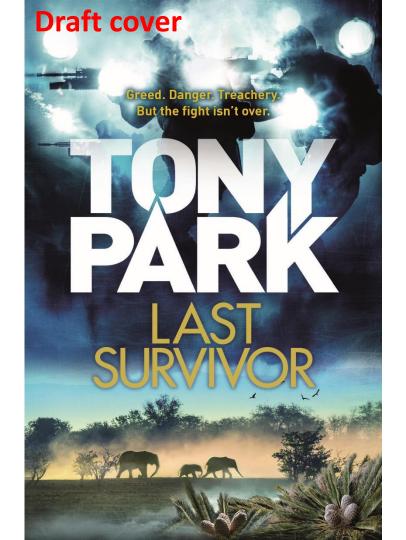


### My Final Answer: Maggs in Media Jeremy Maggs

Jeremy Maggs has been a journalist and a television and radio presenter for over 30 years, with a front-row seat to major news events in the run-up to and during the birth of South Africa's democracy and beyond. He was also the host of the hugely successful television show, Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?, and so became a household name. He has worked with some of the country's most respected journalists, interviewed many famous people from around the world, and been at the forefront of developments as the craft morphed into a social media hydra.

From Nelson Mandela's release from prison to his death in 2013, and throughout the many political and news events that have gripped South Africans, Jeremy has been in the thick of the newsrooms that covered the stories. Written in an engaging and self-deprecating style, this book is an unexpectedly funny and candid, behind-the-scenes account of what was unfolding in those newsrooms as the stories broke, peppered with anecdotes around those involved in making those stories happen.

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- Format: Trade Paperback
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- Extent: TBC
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### Last Survivor Tony Park

#### Greed.

Joanne Flack is on the run – suspected of stealing a rare African cycad thought to be extinct and worth millions of dollars.

#### Danger.

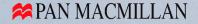
Sonja Kurtz is hired by the CIA to hunt down Joanne and find the link between the missing cycad and a terrorist group hiding out in South Africa.

#### Treachery.

Joanne is a member of the Pretoria Cycad and Firearms Appreciation Society who take it upon themselves to track down the plant...and the traitor in their midst who is willing to kill for it.

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#### THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER

Gambling

# David Baldacci

**A Gambling Man** 

Evoking the golden age of crime, and for fans of Raymond Chandler and Agatha Christie, comes *A Gambling Man*, from one of the world's bestselling thriller writers, David Baldacci.

#### A lucky roll of the dice

California, 1949. Aloysius Archer is on his way to start a new job with a renowned Private Investigator in Bay Town. Feeling lucky, he stops off at a casino in Reno, where he meets an aspiring actress, Liberty Callahan. Together, they head west on a journey filled with danger and surprises – because Archer isn't the only one with a secretive past.

#### A risk worth taking

Arriving in a town rife with corruption, Archer is tasked with finding out who is doing everything they can to disrupt the appointment of a top official. Then two seemingly unconnected people are murdered at a burlesque club. In a tightlipped community, Archer must dig deep to reveal the connection between the victims.

#### All bets are off

As the final perilous showdown unfurls, Archer will need all of his skills to decipher the truth from the lies and finally, to prove she's a star in the making, will Liberty have her moment in the spotlight?

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But Archer's luck could be running out ...

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### **Finding Ashley** Danielle Steel

In *Finding Ashley*, a deeply moving novel from the number one bestseller Danielle Steel, two estranged sisters get the chance to reconnect and right the wrongs of the past.

Melissa Henderson leads a quiet life. Once a bestselling author, she now pours all her energy into renovating a Victorian house in the foothills of rural New England. Six years ago, her life was derailed by tragedy and she stopped writing. The house has given her new purpose.

When her beloved home appears on the news, Melissa receives a call from her estranged sister, Hattie. They were close once, but that was before Melissa withdrew from the world. Now Hattie is determined to help Melissa turn a new page, even if it means reopening one of the most painful chapters of her life. All these years later, Hattie feels compelled to embark on a journey that will change both their lives forever, to find the child that Melissa was forced to give up when she was only a teenager in Ireland...

*Finding Ashley* is a powerful love story of two strong, brave women turning loss into reconnection, and a family reunited.

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# The Imposter Anna Wharton

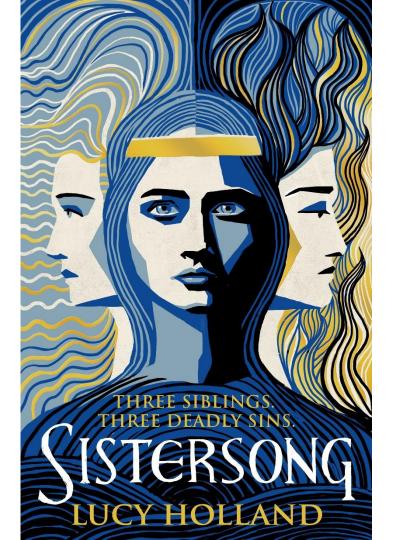
They say you can't choose your family...But what if they're wrong?

Chloe lives a quiet life. Working as a newspaper archivist in the day and taking care of her nan in the evening, she's happy simply to read about the lives of others as she files the news clippings from the safety of her desk. But there's one story that she can't stop thinking about. The case of Angie Kyle - a girl, Chloe's age, who went missing as a child. A girl whose parents never gave up hope.

When Chloe's nan is moved into care, leaving Chloe on the brink of homelessness, she takes a desperate step: answering an ad to be a lodger in the missing girl's family home. It could be the perfect opportunity to get closer to the story she's read so much about. But it's not long until she realizes this couple isn't all they seem. In a house where everyone has something to hide, is it possible to get too close?

Anna Wharton's debut, *The Imposter*, is a thought-provoking story of obsession, loneliness and the lies we tell ourselves in order to live with ourselves.

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- Format: Trade Paperback
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# Sistersong Lucy Holland

King Cador's children inherit a land abandoned by the Romans, torn by warring tribes. Riva can cure others, but can't heal her own scars. Keyne battles to be seen as the king's son, although born a daughter. And Sinne dreams of love, longing for adventure.

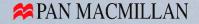
All three fear a life of confinement within the walls of the hold, their people's last bastion of strength against the invading Saxons. However, change comes on the day ash falls from the sky – bringing Myrdhin, meddler and magician. The siblings discover the power that lies within them and the land. But fate also brings Tristan, a warrior whose secrets will tear them apart.

Riva, Keyne and Sinne become entangled in a web of treachery and heartbreak, and must fight to forge their own paths. It's a story that will shape the destiny of Britain.

*Sistersong* by Lucy Holland retells the folk ballad, 'The Two Sisters' - now including the perspective of the sibling 'that time forgot'. It's a powerfully moving story, perfect for fans of Naomi Novik's Uprooted and Katherine Arden's *The Bear and the Nightingale*.

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# THE NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER One extraordinary dress.

One extraordinary dress. Four generations. One remarkable story.

# The Wedding Dress Danielle Steel

The story of a family and a special dress, handed down from mother to daughter, during times of fortune, loss, tragedy and victory, by the world's favourite storyteller, Danielle Steel.

The Deveraux family were among the most important members of 1920s San Francisco society, and the wedding of their daughter Eleanor to wealthy banker Alexander Allen would be the highlight of the 1929 social calendar. The wedding, held in the family's magnificent Pacific Heights mansion, was everything they'd hoped, and Eleanor's dress was a triumph. Designed by one of the most famous fashion houses in Paris, it was exquisite in every way. But the dream life, along with the most perfect honeymoon in Europe, was about to come to an end when Alex received news of the Wall Street Crash. It appeared that the family had lost everything...

In the years that followed, the Deveraux lived through periods of huge social and political change. What helped to unite them was the beautiful wedding dress, first worn by Eleanor, which remained a family heirloom and continued to hold a special place in the hearts of a family desperate to survive the turmoil and changing fortunes of the times.

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# A D RIA N T C H A I K O V S K Y

THE DOORS OF EDEN

Had me hooked . . . brimming with ideas New Scientist

# The Doors of Eden Adrian Tchaikovsky

From the Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning Adrian Tchaikovsky, *The Doors of Eden* is an extraordinary feat of the imagination and a page turning adventure.

They thought we were safe. They were wrong.

Four years ago, two girls went looking for monsters on Bodmin Moor. Only one came back. Lee thought she'd lost Mal, but now she's miraculously returned. But what happened that day on the moors? And where has she been all this time? Mal's reappearance hasn't gone unnoticed by MI5 officers either, and Lee isn't the only one with questions.

Julian Sabreur is investigating an attack on top physicist Kay Amal Khan. This leads Julian to clash with agents of an unknown power – and they may or may not be human. His only clue is grainy footage, showing a woman who supposedly died on Bodmin Moor.

Dr Khan's research was theoretical; then she found cracks between our world and parallel Earths. Now these cracks are widening, revealing extraordinary creatures. And as the doors crash open, anything could come through.

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# Writers & Lovers Lily King

Recently out of a devastating love affair and mourning the loss of her beloved mum, Casey is lost. The novel she has been writing for six years isn't going anywhere, her debt is soaring, and at thirty-one, with all her friends getting married and having kids, she feels too old for things to be this way.

Then she meets Silas. He is kind, handsome, interested. But only a few weeks later, Oscar – older, fascinating, troubled – walks into her life, his two boys in tow. Suddenly Casey finds herself at the point of a love triangle, torn between two very different relationships that promise two very different futures. And she's still got to write that book...

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# JENN LYONS

'Extraordinary' Lev Grossman on The Ruin of Kings

### The Memory of Souls Jenn Lyons

#### Could this life be their last?

The city of Atrine lies in ruins. And now Relos Var has revealed his plan to free the monstrous god, Vol Karoth, the end of the world is closer than ever. To buy time for humanity, Kihrin and his friends need to convince a king to perform an ancient ritual. The power released would imprison the god for an age to come. But this may come at too high a price for the King of the Vane, as the ritual would strip his people of their immortality. As a result, some will do anything to prevent this ritual – including assassinating those championing this solution.

Worse, Kihrin must come to terms with a horrifying possibility. It seems his connection to Vol Karoth is growing in strength . . . but what does it mean? And how can Kihrin hope to save his world, when he might be the greatest threat of all?

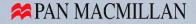
The Memory of Souls is the third book in A Chorus of Dragons by Jenn Lyons.

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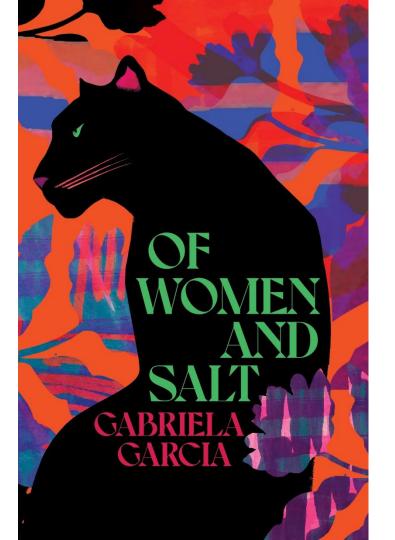
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# **Of Women and Salt** Gabriela Garcia

A sweeping, masterful debut about a daughter's fateful choice, a mother motivated by her own past, and a family legacy that begins in Cuba before either of them were born.

1866, Cuba: María Isabel is the only woman working at a cigar factory, where each day the workers are read Victor Hugo and encouraged to recognize their value and strength. But these are dangerous political times, and as María begins to see marriage and motherhood as her only options for survival, the sounds of war are approaching.

In present-day Miami, Jeanette is battling addiction. Daughter of Carmen, a Cuban immigrant, she is determined to learn more about her family history from her reticent mother and makes the snap decision to take in the daughter of a neighbour detained by immigration officers. Carmen, still wrestling with the trauma of displacement, must process her difficult relationship with her own mother while trying to raise a wayward Jeanette. Steadfast in her quest for understanding, Jeanette travels to Cuba to see her grandmother and reckon with secrets from the past destined to erupt.

From 19th-century cigar factories to present-day detention centers, from Cuba to Mexico, Gabriela Garcia's *Of Women and Salt* follows Latina women of fierce pride and longing, all irrevocably linked by the inheritance of trauma, and the stories passed between them. It is a haunting meditation on the choices of mothers and the tenacity of women who choose to tell their stories despite those who wish to silence them.

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'Completely original, full of surprise, humour, grief, and wisdom and just the right amount of chickens.' KAREN JOY FOWLER

# BROOD JACKIE POLZIN

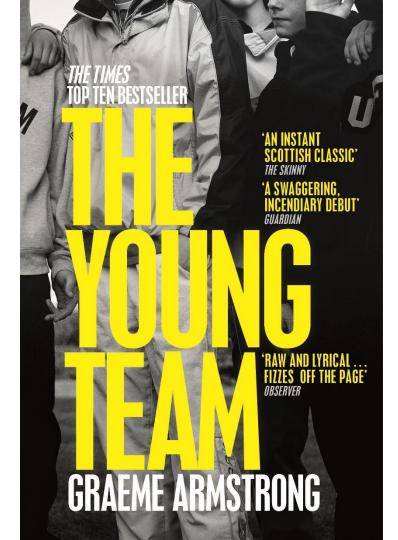
# **Brood** Jackie Polzin

'The coop houses no predators, but the chickens do not know this. A chicken knows only what it can see. A chicken's life is full of magic. Lo and behold.'

Meet Gloria, Gam Gam, Darkness, Miss Hennepin County, and their unlikely owner. Over the course of a single year, our nameless narrator heroically tries to keep her small brood of four chickens alive despite the seemingly endless challenges that caring for another creature entails. From the freezing nights of a brutal winter to a sweltering summer which brings a surprise tornado, she battles predators, bad luck, and the uncertainty of a future that may not look anything like the one she always imagined.

*Brood* by Jackie Polzin is a darkly funny, deeply moving and startling original debut novel of motherhood and grief, full of sorrow, joy and unrelenting hope. Perfect for fans of Jenny Offill and Elizabeth Strout.

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# The Young Team Graeme Armstrong

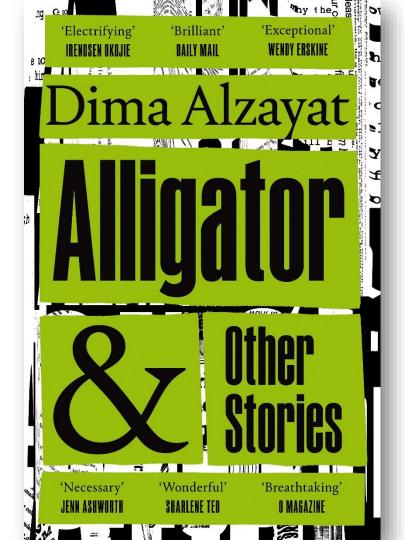
**2005**. Glasgow is named Europe's Murder Capital, driven by a violent territorial gang and knife culture. In the housing schemes of adjacent Lanarkshire, Scotland's former industrial heartland, wee boys become postcode warriors.

**2004.** Azzy Williams joins the Young Team [YTP]. A brutal gang conflict with their deadly rivals, the Young Toi [YTB] begins.

**2012**. Azzy dreams of another life. He faces his toughest fight of all – the fight for a different future.

Expect Buckfast. Expect bravado. Expect street philosophy. Expect rave culture. Expect anxiety. Expect addiction. Expect a serious facial injury every six hours. Expect murder. Hope for a way out.

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# Alligator and Other Stories Dima Alzayat

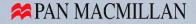
In *Alligator and Other Stories*, Dima Alzayat captures luminously how it feels to be 'other': as a Syrian, as an Arab, as an immigrant, as a woman. Each of the nine stories is a snapshot of those moments when unusual circumstances suddenly distinguish us from our neighbours, when our difference is thrown into relief.

Here are 'dangerous' women transgressing, missing children in 1970s New York, a family who were once Syrian but have now lost their name, and a young woman about to discover the hollowness of the American dream. At its centre lies 'Alligator': a remarkable compilation of real and invented sources, which rescues from history the story of a Syrian-American couple who were murdered at the hands of the state.

Alzayat explores experiences that are startling and real, delivering an emotional punch that lingers long after reading.

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#### April release One Simple Test to Uncover Who You Are Dr Emma Loveridge and Dr Curly Moloney

Improve your life, work, relationships and wellbeing with The Cambridge Code. This book provides unprecedented insight into your psychological profile, your innate preferences and traits.

Until now, the only way to access a meaningful understanding of the subconscious brain was the equivalent of hours of one-on-one therapy with a top quality psychologist. Developed by Dr Emma Loveridge and Dr Curly Moloney along with a team of scientists and researchers from Cambridge University, The Cambridge Code is a guide that includes exclusive access to a thirty-minute guiz beyond the reach of established psychological measurement, providing you with an instantaneous profile of your subconscious; the DNA of your mind.

In clear, easy-to-follow language, it allows you to understand the unconscious code that makes you who you are. Why you have a tendency to act, react, think and behave in certain ways in specific situations. The results of the test reveal unconscious drivers that shape daily thoughts, reactions, desires and choices and are divided into ten key brain areas, from the competitive and rebellious brain, to the gracious and analytical brain. This newfound self-knowledge, aided by the step-by-step analysis throughout the book, will allow you to focus on the areas that may need improvement or support, from work to family and relationships.

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### **Listen Like You Mean It** Reclaiming the Lost Art of True Connection Ximena Vengoechea

Hear me out. Does this sound like you?

You end a team meeting and can't recall a single thing that was said. You leave a conversation with a friend feeling disconnected and unfulfilled.

You think you and your boss are on the same page, only to find out you haven't been meeting expectations. Fortunately, listening, like any communication skill, can be improved—and Ximena Vengoechea can show you how. As a user researcher, she has spent the past six years facilitating hundreds of conversations at LinkedIn, Twitter, and Pinterest. It's her job to uncover the truth behind how people use--and really think about--her company's products. In *Listen Like You Mean It*, she reveals the tips and tricks of the trade, including:

- How to quickly build rapport with strangers
- Which questions help people unlock what they need to say
- When it's time to throw out the script entirely
- How to recover from listener's drain

Drawing from her own research sessions, as well as stories and interviews with marriage counselors, life coaches, filmmakers, podcast hosts, and other real-life listening experts, Vengoechea shows us how to better listen so that we can all feel heard, connected, and understood in a world that keeps turning up the volume.

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The Number One New York Times bestselling author

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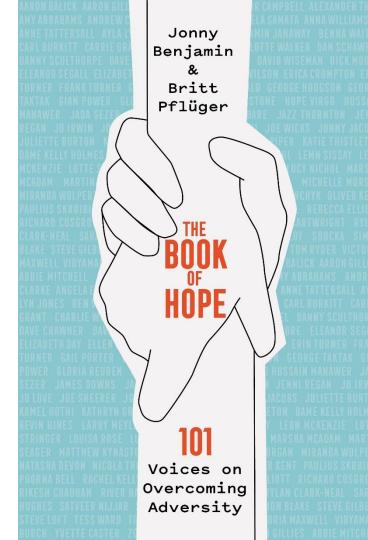
### **Broken** In the Best Possible Way Jenny Lawson

As Jenny Lawson's hundreds of thousands of fans know, she suffers from depression. In *Broken*, she explores her experimental treatment of transcranial magnetic stimulation with brutal honesty. But also with brutal humour.

Jenny discusses the frustration of dealing with her insurance company in 'An Open Letter to My Insurance Company', which should be an anthem for anyone who has ever had to call their insurance company to try and get a claim covered. She tackles such timelessly debated questions as 'How do dogs know they have penises?' We see how her vacuum cleaner almost set her house on fire, how she was attacked by three bears, business ideas she wants to pitch to Shark Tank, and why she can never go back to the post office. Of course, Jenny's long-suffering husband Victor, the Ricky to Jenny's Lucille Ball, is present throughout.

A treat for Jenny Lawson's already existing fans, and destined to convert new ones, *Broken* is a beacon of hope and a wellspring of laughter.

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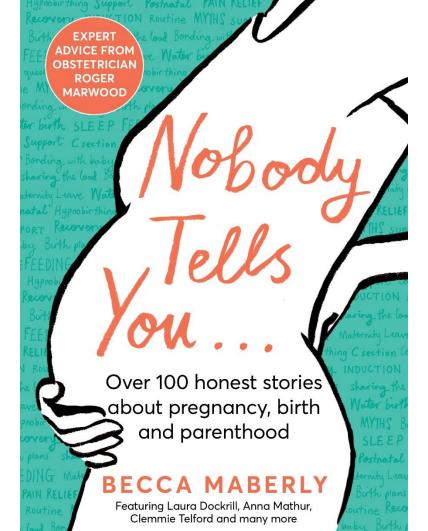
### **The Book of Hope** 101 Voices on Overcoming Adversity Jonny Benjamin And Britt Pflüger

There is always hope, even when we cannot seem to seek it within ourselves.

The Book of Hope is an anthology of 101 key voices in the field of mental health, who share not only their experiences with anxiety, psychosis, panic attacks and more, but also what helps them when they are feeling low. Compiled by award-winning activist Jonny Benjamin and author Britt Pflüger, the inspirational contributors in this book range from the likes of Lemn Sissay, Frank Turner and Zoe Sugg, to Elizabeth Day, Hussain Manawer and Joe Wicks; from authors, poets and musicians to charity workers, activists and psychiatrists.

Jonny Benjamin is known for his book and documentary film, *The Stranger on the Bridge*, which fought to end stigma around talking about mental health, suicidal thoughts and schizoaffective disorder. When his campaign to find the man who prevented him from taking his own life went viral, Jonny was one of a wave of new figures lifting the lid on mental health struggles. In this book, he brings together a range of voices to speak to the spectrum of our experiences of mental health and the power of speaking up and seeking help.

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# **Nobody Tells You**

### Over 100 Honest Stories About Pregnancy, Birth and Parenthood Rebecca Maberly

A no-holds-barred collection of more than 100 real-life accounts of pregnancy, birth, and life with a baby, brought together with simple advice from pregnancy and postnatal expert Becca Maberly and consultant obstetrician Roger Marwood.

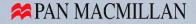
This broad range of honest pregnancy, birth and parenting stories, from the likes of Clemmie Telford, Molly Gunn, Megan Rose Lane, Anna Mathur and many more, is accompanied by professional and reassuring advice from experts that will help you navigate your own experience with positivity and confidence. *Nobody Tells You* will give you all the tools you need to be informed and prepared for one of life's great journeys. Without any scaremongering or sugar coating, truths are shared about topics including:

- Trying to conceive
- C-Sections
- Postnatal recovery
- Not loving breastfeeding
- Self-care
- And many, many more!

Inspired by her own experience and frustration at the lack of honest information, Becca Maberly, pregnancy and postnatal expert and the founder of A Mother Place, and Roger Marwood, an obstetrician and gynaecologist, compiled this collection about the highs and lows of the unique and often nerve-wracking experience of pregnancy, childbirth and beyond.

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### Why are We Yelling? The Art of Productive Disagreement Buster Benson

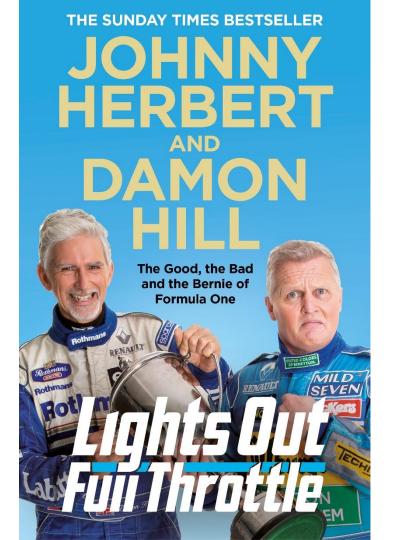
If the threat of raised voices, emotional outbursts, and public discord makes you want to hide under the conference room table, you're not alone. Conflict, or the fear of it, can be exhausting. But as this powerful book argues, conflict doesn't have to be unpleasant. In fact, properly channeled, conflict can be the most valuable tool we have at our disposal for deepening relationships, solving problems, and coming up with new ideas.

As the mastermind behind some of the highest-performing teams at Amazon, Twitter, and Slack, Buster Benson spent decades facilitating hard conversations in stressful environments. In this book, Buster reveals the psychological underpinnings of awkward, unproductive conflict and the critical habits anyone can learn to avoid it. Armed with a deeper understanding of how arguments, you'll be able to:

- Remain confident when you're put on the spot
- Diffuse tense moments with a few strategic questions
- Facilitate creative solutions even when your team has radically different perspectives

*Why Are We Yelling* will shatter your assumptions about what makes arguments productive. You'll find yourself having fewer repetitive, predictable fights once you're empowered to identify your biases, listen with an open mind, and communicate well.

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### **Lights out, Full Throttle** The Good the Bad and the Bernie of Formula One Johnny Herbert and Damon Hill

Johnny Herbert and Damon Hill between them competed in 261 Grands Prix, amassing twenty-five wins, forty-nine podium finishes, one World Championship, 458 championship points, a Le Mans win, two smashed ankles, a broken arm, wrist and leg, sixty broken ribs, and two bruised egos.

Having retired from racing, Johnny and Damon have become the one constant for passionate English F1 fans in a rapidly changing landscape. They have earned cult status as commentators and pundits, with viewers loving their unerring dedication to the sport's greatness. Drawing on a lifetime of sniffing petrol fumes, Lights Out, Full Throttle stands large over the landscape of Formula One and takes the temperature of the good, the bad and the ugly of the petrol head's paradise.

It offers F1 fans a tour of the sport – from Monaco to Silverstone; Johnny's crowd-surfing and Bernie's burger bar; the genius of Adrian Newey and Colin Chapman; why Lewis Hamilton will never, ever move to Ferrari (probably); getting the yips; money; safety; what it's like to have an out-of-body experience while driving a car in the pouring rain at 200mph; and the future of the sport in the wake of Covid-19 and Black Lives Matter. Whether you're a fan of Nigel, Niki, Kimi or Britney, pine for the glory days of Brabham, Williams, Jim Clark and Fangio, or believe that Lewis is one year away from retiring as the GOAT, *Lights Out, Full Throttle* is the oily rag for the Petrol head fan to inhale while waiting for the racers to line up on the grid.

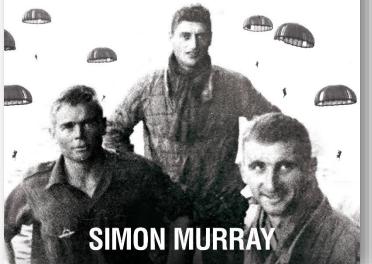
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# FIVE YEARS IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION, THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST ARMY



#### Legionnaire

Five Years in the French Foreign Legion, the World's Toughest Army Simon Murray

The French Foreign Legion – mysterious, romantic, deadly – is filled with men of dubious character, and hardly the place for a proper Englishman just nineteen years of age. Yet in 1960, Simon Murray traveled alone to Paris, Marseilles, and Ultimately Algeria to fulfill the toughest contract of his life: a five-year stint in the Legion. Along the way, he kept a diary.

*Legionnaire* is a compelling, firsthand account of Murray's experience with this legendary band of soldiers. This gripping journal offers stark evidence that the Legion's reputation for pushing men to their breaking points and beyond is well-deserved. In the fierce, sun-baked North African desert, strong men cracked under brutal officers, merciless training methods, and barbarous punishments. Yet Murray survived, even thrived. For he shared one trait with these hard men from all nations and backgrounds: a determination never to surrender.

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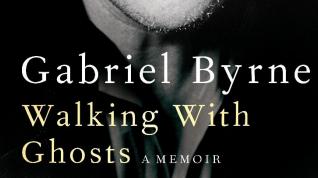
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#### Walking with Ghosts A Memoir Gabriel Byrne

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As a young boy growing up in the outskirts of Dublin, Gabriel Byrne sought refuge in a world of imagination among the fields and hills near his home, at the edge of a rapidly encroaching city. Born to working-class parents and the eldest of six children, he harboured a childhood desire to become a priest. When he was eleven years old, Byrne found himself crossing the Irish Sea to join a seminary in England. Four years later, Byrne had been expelled and he quickly returned to his native city. There he took odd jobs as a messenger boy and a factory labourer to get by. In his spare time he visited the cinema, where he could be alone and yet part of a crowd. It was here that he could begin to imagine a life beyond the grey world of '60s Ireland.

He revelled in the theatre and poetry of Dublin's streets, populated by characters as eccentric and remarkable as any in fiction, those who spin a yarn with acuity and wit. It was a friend who suggested Byrne join an amateur drama group, a decision that would change his life forever and launch him on an extraordinary forty-year career in film and theatre. Moving between sensual recollection of childhood in a now almost vanished Ireland and reflections on stardom in Hollywood and on Broadway, Byrne also courageously recounts his battle with addiction and the ambivalence of fame.

*Walking with Ghosts* is by turns hilarious and heartbreaking as well as a lyrical homage to the people and landscapes that ultimately shape our destinies.

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Sleeping Beauties

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# The Sleeping Beauties And Other Stories of Mystery Illness

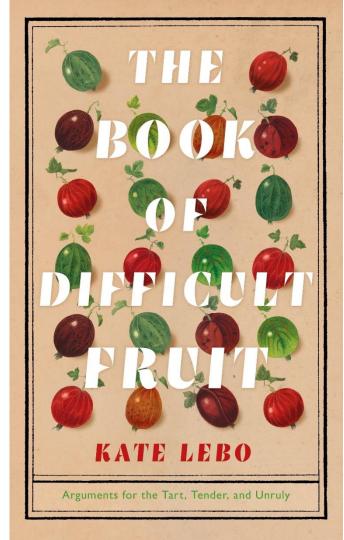
#### Suzanne O'Sullivan

In Sweden, refugee children fall asleep for months and years at a time. In upstate New York, high school students develop contagious seizures. In the US Embassy in Cuba, employees complain of headaches and memory loss after hearing strange noises in the night.

These disparate cases are some of the most remarkable diagnostic mysteries of the twenty-first century, as both doctors and scientists have struggled to explain them within the boundaries of medical science and – more crucially – to treat them. What unites them is that they are all examples of a particular type of psychosomatic illness: medical disorders that are influenced as much by the idiosyncratic aspects of individual cultures as they are by human biology. Inspired by a poignant encounter with the sleeping refugee children of Sweden, Wellcome-Prize winning neurologist Suzanne O'Sullivan travels the world to visit other communities who have also been subject to outbreaks of so-called 'mystery' illnesses.

From a derelict post-Soviet mining town in Kazakhstan, to the Mosquito Coast of Nicaragua via an oil town in Texas, to the heart of the Maria Mountains in Colombia, O'Sullivan hears remarkable stories from a fascinating array of people, and attempts to unravel their complex meaning while asking the question: who gets to define what is and what isn't an illness? Reminiscent of the work of Oliver Sacks, Stephen Grosz and Henry Marsh, *The Sleeping Beauties* is a moving and unforgettable scientific investigation with a very human face.

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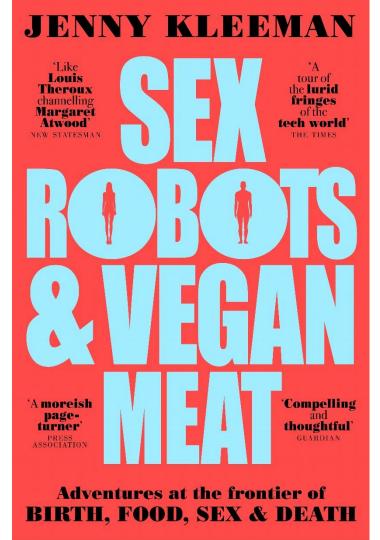
#### The Book of Difficult Fruit Arguments for the Tart, Tender, and Unruly Kate Lebo

Inspired by twenty-six fruits, essayist, poet and pie lady Kate Lebo expertly blends the culinary, medical and personal. A is for Aronia, berry member of the apple family, clothes-stainer, superfruit with reputed healing power. D is for Durian, endowed with a dramatic rind and a shifty odour – peaches, old garlic. M is for Medlar, name-checked by Shakespeare for its crude shape, beloved by gardeners for its flowers. Q is for Quince, which, fresh, gives off the scent of 'roses and citrus and rich women's perfume' but if eaten raw is so astringent it wicks the juice from one's mouth.

In this work of unique invention, these and other difficult fruits serve as the central ingredients of twenty-six lyrical essays (and recipes!) that range from deeply personal to botanical, from culinary to medical, from humorous to philosophical. The entries are associative, often poetic, taking unexpected turns and giving sideways insights into life, relationships, self-care, modern medicine and more. What if the primary way you show love is to bake, but your partner suffers from celiac disease? Why leave in the pits for Willa Cather's Plum Jam? How can we rely on bodies as fragile as the fruits that nourish them?

Lebo's unquenchable curiosity leads us to intimate, sensuous, enlightening contemplations. The Book of Difficult Fruit is the very best of food writing: graceful, surprising and ecstatic. Includes black and white illustrations.

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#### **Sex Robots & Vegan Meat** Adventures at the Frontier of Birth, Food, Sex & Death Jenny Kleeman

What if we could have babies without having to bear children, eat meat without killing animals, have the perfect sexual relationship without compromise or choose the time of our painless death?

To find out, Jenny Kleeman has interviewed a sex robot, eaten a priceless labgrown chicken nugget, watched foetuses growing in plastic bags and attended members-only meetings where people learn how to kill themselves. Many of the people Kleeman has met say they are finding solutions to problems that have always defined and constricted humankind. But what truly motivates them? What kind of person devotes their life to building a death machine? What kind of customer is desperate to buy an artificially intelligent sex doll – and why? Who is campaigning against these advances, and how are they trying to stop them? And what about the many unintended consequences such inventions will inevitably unleash?

Sex Robots & Vegan Meat is not science fiction. It's not about what might happen one day – it's about what is happening right now, and who is making it happen. In the end, it asks a simple question: are we about to change what it means to be human...for ever?

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'The grasp of the period is masterful' ALISON WIER

'Skillfully interweaves the politics with the passion . . . an enlightening read' THE SUNDAY TIMES

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SEX AND SCANDAL AT THE COURT OF CHARLES II

#### **Mistresses** Sex and Scandal at the Court of Charles II Linda Porter

According to the great diarist, John Evelyn, Charles II was 'addicted to women', and throughout his long reign a great many succumbed to his charms. Clever, urbane and handsome, Charles presided over a hedonistic court, in which licence and licentiousness prevailed.

*Mistresses* is the story of the women who shared Charles's bed, each of whom wielded influence on both the politics and cultural life of the country. From the young king-in-exile's first mistress and mother to his first child, Lucy Walter, to the promiscuous and ill-tempered courtier, Barbara Villiers. From Frances Teresa Stuart, 'the prettiest girl in the world' to history's most famous orange-seller, 'pretty, witty' Nell Gwynn and to her fellow-actress, Moll Davis, who bore the last of the king's fifteen illegitimate children. From Louise de Kéroualle, the French aristocrat – and spy for Louis XIV – to the sexually ambiguous Hortense Mancini. Here, too, is the forlorn and humiliated Queen Catherine, the Portuguese princess who was Charles's childless queen.

Drawing on a wide variety of original sources, including material in private archives, Linda Porter paints a vivid picture of these women and of Restoration England, an era that was both glamorous and sordid.

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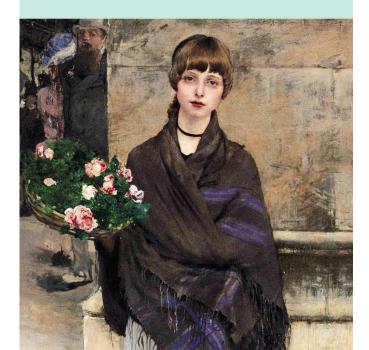
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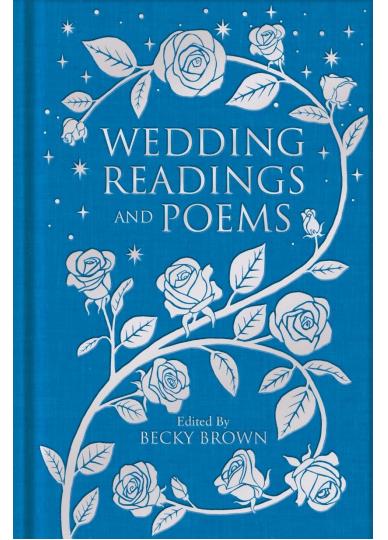
#### **Pygmalion & Other Plays** George Bernard Shaw

George Bernard Shaw is one of the most famous and celebrated English playwrights and this new collection brings together the very best of his witty and entertaining comedies in one volume; *Pygmalion, Major Barbara* and *Androcles* and the *Lion*.

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*Pygmalion* was first performed in 1914 and was an instant hit which then inspired the hit musical and award winning film, My Fair Lady. It tells the story of Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins, who tries to elevate a feisty flower girl out of her working-class roots and into high society. In Major Barbara, idealistic Barbara is a major in the Salvation Army, at odds with her millionaire father as they war over the best route to salvation. Androcles and the Lion is a clever retelling of the Bible story about a gentle Christian who pulls a thorn from a lion's paw. All three plays are not only wonderfully amusing, they also showcase Shaw's intense concerns about poverty, class and inequality.

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#### Wedding Readings and Poems Ed. Becky Brown

Offering indispensable inspiration for wedding readings, this gorgeous compilation of writing on love and marriage is also the perfect gift for couples and wedding guests alike.

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This beautiful anthology is filled with readings to light up every kind of wedding ceremony. There are poems about falling in love, joyful prose celebrating marriage and wise words about commitment from some of our greatest writers and poets such as Elizabeth Barrett Browning, E. E. Cummings and Katherine Mansfield. It's a book brimming with inspiration that solves the dilemma of choosing what to read at weddings and marriage celebrations.

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#### Dead Simple Peter James

A TV tie-in edition of *Dead Simple*, the stunning first novel in the number one bestselling Roy Grace series from award-winning author, Peter James.

Now a major ITV series, adapted for television by screenwriter Russell Lewis and starring John Simm as Roy Grace. Detective Superintendent Roy Grace's first major case is one he'll never forget. It was meant to be a harmless stag-night prank. But a few hours later, the groom has disappeared and his friends are dead.

With only three days to the wedding, Grace is contacted by the man's distraught fiancée to unearth what happened on that fateful night. Grace discovers that the one man who ought to know of the groom's whereabouts is saying nothing. But then he has a lot more to gain than anyone realizes, for one man's disaster is another man's fortune...

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#### Looking Good Dead Peter James

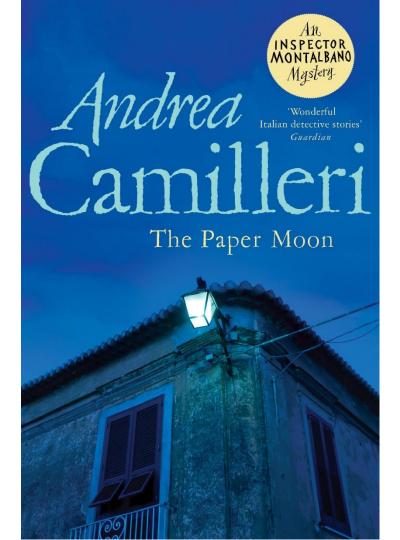
This is a TV tie-in edition of *Looking Good Dead*, the second bestselling title in the Detective Superintendent Roy Grace series from number one author Peter James.Now a major ITV series, adapted for television by screenwriter Russell Lewis and starring John Simm as Roy Grace.

When a young woman's body is found butchered in Brighton, Detective Superintendent Roy Grace cannot help but think of his own missing wife and her unsolved fate.

Elsewhere in the city, when Tom Bryce finds a disc left on a train, he simply tries to do the right thing – return it to its owner. But this attempted act of kindness makes him the sole witness to that same vicious murder.

Learning that Tom has made a statement to Grace's team, the killers have to act. But when they plan the murder of the Bryce family, it's not just revenge – it's entertainment.

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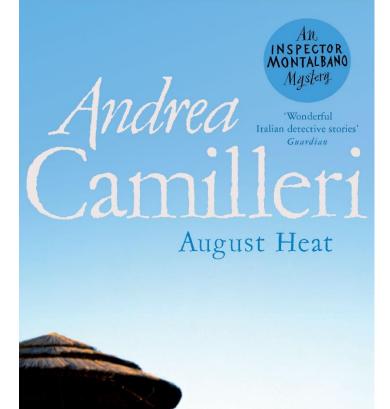
#### The Paper Moon Andrea Camilleri

*The Paper Moon* is the thrilling ninth instalment in the Inspector Montalbano series, by Italian author Andrea Camilleri.

As he gets older, Inspector Montalbano is plagued by existential questions. But he doesn't have much time to wax philosophical before the gruesome murder of a man – shot in the face at point-blank range with his pants down –commands his attention. Add two evasive, beautiful women as prime suspects, dirty cocaine, dead politicians, mysterious computer codes, and a series of threatening letters, and things soon get very complicated at the police headquarters in Vigàta.

*The Paper Moon* is followed by the tenth book in the Inspector Montalbano series, August Heat.

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#### August Heat Andrea Camilleri

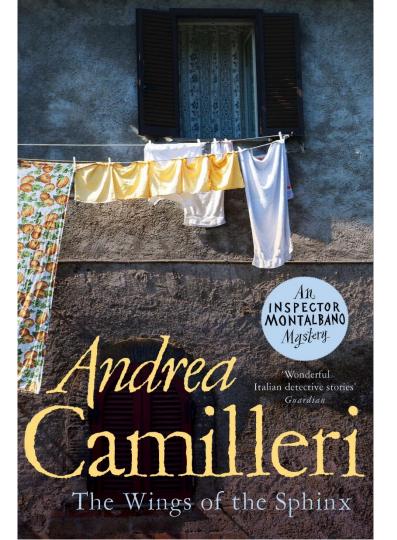
August Heat by Andrea Camilleri is the tenth installment in the Inspector Montalbano series, now adapted as a major BBC4 television series.

The lazy, slow month of August at the height of the Sicilian summer is, Inspector Montalbano assures his girlfriend Livia as they prepare for a relaxing holiday in a villa he has found for them, far too hot for any murders to be committed. But when Livia's friends' young son goes missing, a chain of events is sparked which will certainly ruin the Chief Inspector's pleasant interlude.

A secret apartment and a grisly find in an old trunk are just the beginning, as Montalbano navigates his way through the case, as well as coping with the sweltering heat, the suspicious death of an Arab labourer and the tempting lure of a beautiful girl...

*August Heat* is followed by the eleventh book in the series, The Wings of the Sphinx.

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#### The Wings of the Sphinx Andrea Camilleri

The Wings of the Sphinx is the eleventh book in the wickedly funny Inspector Montalbano series by Italian author, Andrea Camilleri.

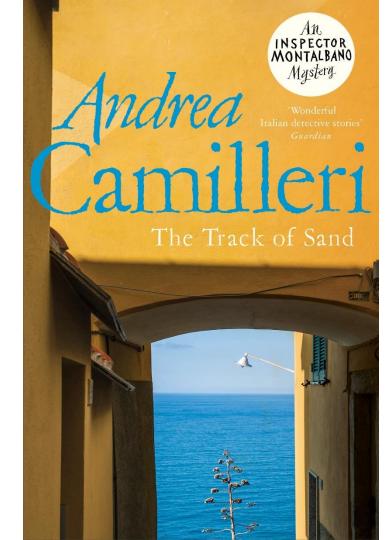
Things are not going well for Inspector Montalbano. His long-distance relationship with Livia is on the rocks, he feels himself getting even older and he's growing tired of the violence in his job.

Then the dead body of a young woman is found in an illegal dump, with half her face missing. Her identity at first unknown; a tattoo of a sphinx moth on her left shoulder links her with three other girls bearing the same mark, all recent Russian immigrants to Italy. Victims of an underworld sex trade, these girls have been rescued from the Mafia night-club circuit by a Catholic charity organization. The problem is, the other girls can't help Montalbano with his enquiries. They are all missing.

As his investigations progresses, it seems that not everyone wants Montalbano to discover what really lies behind the organization's charitable façade. And not only does Montalbano have a case to solve, he has a demanding stomach to feed, and he must save his foundering relationship with Livia...

The Wings of the Sphinx is followed by the twelfth gripping mystery, The Track of Sand.

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#### The Track of Sands Andrea Camilleri

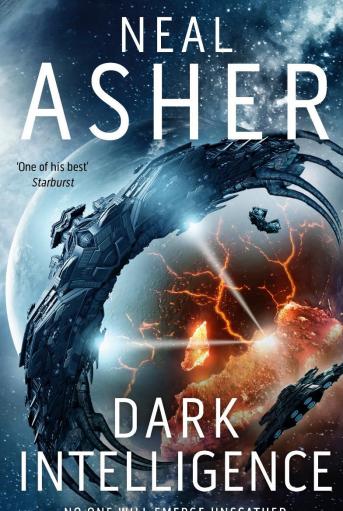
*The Track of Sand* is Andrea Camilleri's twelfth outing in the wryly humorous Inspector Montalbano series.

Inspector Montalbano rises one morning to find the carcass of a horse on the beach in front of his seaside home. But no sooner do his men arrive, than the body has mysteriously vanished, leaving only a track in the sand. Before long Rachele, a beguiling equestrian champion, turns up at police headquarters to report her horse missing. The horse had been stabled at the grounds of a certain Saverio Lo Duca, one of the richest men in Sicily. Lo Duca has lost one of his own horses too.

Montalbano, his curiosity piqued, investigates, but before long things take a more disturbing turn...But who has Montalbano upset within this strange, unfamiliar world of horse-racing? And what has the Mafia to do with it all?

*The Track of Sand* is followed by the thirteenth novel in the series, *The Potter's Field*.

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NO ONE WILL EMERGE UNSCATHED

### Dark Intelligence

#### **Neal Asher**

*Dark Intelligence* is the first novel in the *Transformation series*, a no holds- barred adventure set in Neal Asher's popular *Polity universe*.

One man will transcend death to seek vengeance. One woman will transform herself to gain power. And no one will emerge unscathed . Thorvald Spear wakes in hospital, where he finds he's been brought back from the dead. What's more, he died in a human vs. alien war that ended a whole century ago. But when he relives his traumatic final moments, he finds the spark to keep on living. That spark is vengeance. Trapped and desperate on a world surrounded by alien Prador forces, Spear had seen a rescue ship arriving. But instead of providing backup, Penny Royal, the AI within the destroyer turned rogue. It annihilated friendly forces in a frenzy of destruction, and, years later, it's still free. Spear vows to track it across worlds and do whatever it takes to bring it down.

Isobel Satomi ran a successful crime syndicate. But after competitors attacked, she needed more power. Yet she got more than she bargained for when she negotiated with Penny Royal. She paid it to turn her part-Al herself, but the upgrades hid a horrifying secret. The Dark Al had triggered a transformation in Isobel that would turn her into a monster, rapidly evolving into something far from human.

Spear hires Isobel to take him to the Penny Royal AI's last known whereabouts. But he cheats her in the process and he becomes a target for her vengeance. And as she is evolves further into a monstrous predator, rage soon wins over reason. Will Spear finish his hunt, before he becomes the hunted?

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# NEAL 'The man's a national treasure SFX ONE MAN WILL HAVE HIS REVENGE

#### War Factory Neal Asher

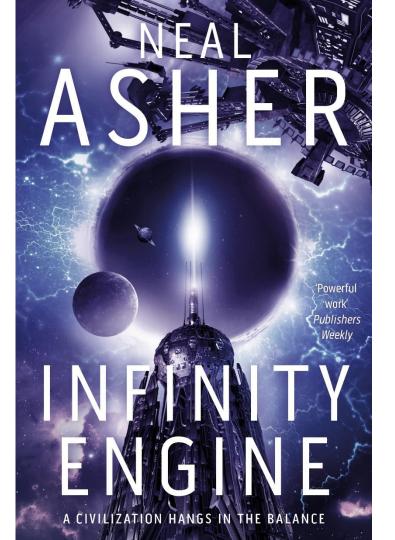
*War Factory* is the second novel in the *Transformation series*, a no holds- barred adventure set in Neal Asher's popular *Polity universe*. One seeks judgement, another faces damnation and one man will have his revenge...

Thorvald Spear is losing his mind as he drowns in dark memories that aren't his own. Penny Royal, rogue artificial intelligence, has linked Spear with the stored personalities of those it's murdered. And whether the AI seeks redemption or has some more sinister motive, Spear needs to destroy it. He feels the anger of the dead and shares their pain.

As Spear tracks the AI across a hostile starscape, he has company. Sverl, an alien prador, has been warped by Penny Royal and hungers to confront it. But will the AI's pursuers destroy each other or hunt it together? Sverl's prador enemies aren't far behind either. They plan to use his transition to prove human meddling, triggering a devastating new war.

Clues suggest Penny Royal's heading for the defective war factory that made it. So allies and enemies converge, heading for the biggest firestorm that sector of space has ever seen. But will Spear secure vengeance for his unquiet dead? Continue the action-packed adventure with *Infinity Engine*.

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#### Infinity Engine Neal Asher

Infinity Engine is the third and final novel in the Transformation trilogy by bestselling science fiction author Neal Asher, following Dark Intelligence and War Factory.

A man battles for his life, two AIs vie for supremacy and a civilization hangs in the balance...

Several forces now pursue rogue artificial intelligence Penny Royal, hungry for revenge or redemption. And the Brockle is the most dangerous of all. This criminal swarm-robot AI has escaped confinement and is upgrading itself, becoming ever more powerful in anticipation of a showdown.

Events also escalate aboard the war factory. Here Thorvald Spear, alien prador, and an assassin drone struggle to stay alive, battling insane AIs and technology gone wild. Then the Weaver arrives - last remnant of a race that died out two million years ago. But what could it contribute to Penny Royal's tortuous plans? And beyond the war factory a black hole conceals a tantalizing secret which could destroy the Polity. As AIs, humans and prador clash at its boundary, will anything survive their explosive final confrontation?

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