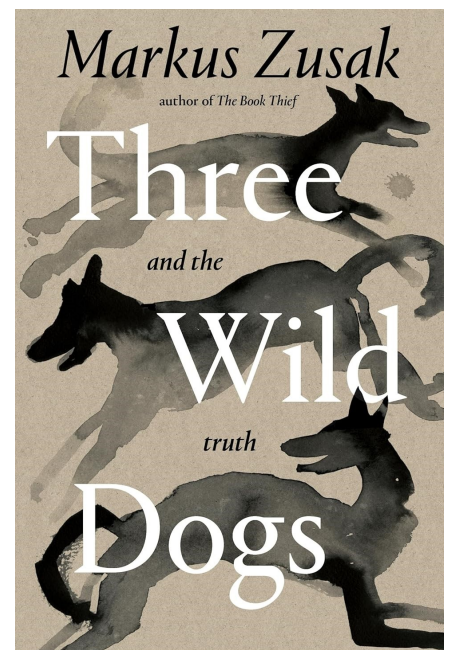
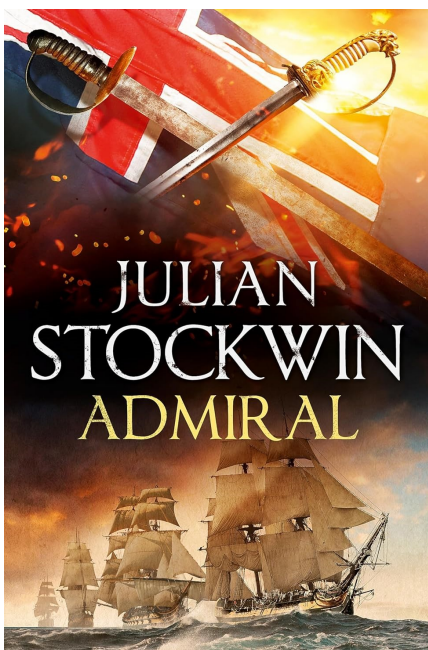


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# What's New

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**Admiral / *Stockwin, Julian***

April 1814. Napoleon is deposed and exiled after defeat by a resurgent allied coalition. Saddled with huge war debts, the British government has no choice but to place many of its naval ships in reserve. Captain Sir Thomas Kydd is one of the lucky officers not to be put on half pay. Instead, in the realisation of his life's ambition, he is offered an admiral's flag, but the station is West Africa and with it comes anti-slavery operations set in fever-ridden swamps. Despite the obvious dangers and hardships, Kydd readies for sea with his beloved Thunderer as his flagship.

**Bay of thieves / *Davis, Megan***

Kate is tired of her London life so decides to follow in the footsteps of her charismatic friend Vanessa, who is living extravagantly among the elite in Monaco. She hopes that the colourful coastline and sparkling shores will herald an exciting new chapter. But, unknown to Kate, Vanessa is helping oligarchs conceal their wealth and taking increasingly perilous risks for her bullying boss. When Vanessa's actions have an unexpected effect on her son, her life-long belief in putting money first is challenged. Meanwhile, Kate is deeply drawn under the corrupting influence of those around her. But what is she willing to do to keep the rich new life she has found?

**The belburd / *Simpson, Nardi***

Ginny Dilboong is a young poet, fierce and deadly. She's making sense of the world and her place in it, grappling with love, family and the spaces in which to create her art. Like powerful women before her, Ginny hugs the edges of waterways, and though she is a daughter of Country, the place that shapes her is not hers. Determined and brave, Ginny seeks to protect the truth of others while learning her own. The question is how? And, all the while, others are watching. Some old, some new. They are the sound of the belburd as it echoes through the world; the sound of cars and trucks and trains. They are in trees and paper and the shape of ideas. They are the builder and the built. Everything, even Ginny, is because of them.

**The Black Loch / *May, Peter***

The body of eighteen-year-old TV personality Caitlin is found abandoned on a remote beach at the head of An Loch Dubh - the Black Loch - on the west coast of the Isle of Lewis. A swimmer and canoeist, it is inconceivable that she could have drowned. Fin Macleod left the island ten years earlier to escape its memories. When he learns that his married son Fionnlagh had been having a clandestine affair with the dead girl and is suspected of her murder, he and Marsaili return to try and clear his name.

**Blood ties / *Nesbø, Jo***

Brothers Carl and Roy Opgard have succeeded in life. Or at least they've had as much success as is possible in a small town like Os, where they've killed their way to the top. Carl manages the swanky spa hotel, while Roy has made ambitious plans for an amusement park. Life's good at the top. But the local sheriff is looking to bring them down. Sheriff Kurt Olsen believes he has new evidence that will prove the brothers' involvement in several past murders, but Carl and Roy are used to covering their tracks, and they're not afraid to get their hands dirty. The body count in Os is about to get even higher.

**The blue hour / *Hawkins, Paula***

A place that is unreachable from the Scottish mainland for twelve hours each day. Once the hideaway of Vanessa, a famous artist whose notoriously unfaithful husband disappeared twenty years ago. Now home to Grace. A solitary creature of the tides, content in her own isolation. But when a shocking discovery is made in an art gallery far away in London, Grace receives an unexpected visitor. And the secrets of Eris threaten to emerge

**The book swap / *Bickers, Tessa***

A reason to live. Still grieving the death of her best friend, Erin knows she needs to start living, but has no idea how. Then she loses her favourite book, heavily annotated and containing her friend's final words to her. A reason to love. When James finds Erin's note-filled book in his local community library, it sparks a life-changing conversation. He writes his own message back, and soon they are locked in an anonymous book exchange, with no idea who the other person in the margins might be. A reason to forgive? But Erin and James have a shared history that neither of them realise. How will Erin react when she discovers the other writer isn't a stranger at all, but the person she once swore she'd never forgive?

**The boyfriend / *McFadden, Freida***

She's looking for the perfect man. He's looking for the perfect victim. Sydney Shaw, like every single woman in New York, has terrible luck with dating. She's seen it all: men who lie in their dating profile, men who stick her with the dinner bill, and worst of all, men who can't shut up about their mothers. But finally, she hits the jackpot. Her new boyfriend is utterly perfect. He's charming, handsome, and works as a doctor at a local hospital. Sydney is swept off her feet. Then the brutal murder of a young woman - the latest in a string of deaths across the coast - confounds police. The primary suspect? A mystery man who dates his victims before he kills them.

**The Briar Club / *Quinn, Kate***

Washington, DC, 1950. Everyone keeps to themselves at Briarwood House, a down-at-the-heels all-female boarding house in the heart of the nation's capital where secrets hide behind white picket fences. But when the lovely, mysterious widow Grace March moves into the attic room, she draws her oddball collection of neighbors into unlikely friendship.

**Capture or kill / *Bentley, Don***

As war looms in the Middle East, only Mitch Rapp can deliver truth and justice. 2011. On a remote mountaintop overlooking the remains of the Iranian nuclear weapons programme, Azad Ashani witnesses a Quds Force demonstration of a capability meant to upend America's war in the Middle East. Ashani, director of the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security and Irene Kennedy's former back channel to the Iranian government, recognises the demonstration's true significance and the nation-ending conflict it will provoke. In Washington, DC, CIA director Irene Kennedy briefs the president that the operational window to kill or capture Osama bin Laden is rapidly closing. But before he'll authorise a commando raid on Pakistani soil, the president demands irrefutable proof of bin Laden's presence.

**Counting miracles / *Sparks, Nicholas***

Tanner has spent his whole life moving from place to place, belonging nowhere. So when his dying grandmother reveals the name and location of the father he never knew, he plans to visit Asheboro to lay the past to rest, then move on... just as he always has.

**Deadly game / *Caine, Michael***

DCI Harry Taylor has no respect for red tape or political reputations, but he's great at catching criminals. And all his unorthodox skills will be needed as an extraordinary situation unfolds on his doorstep: a metal box of radioactive material is found at a dump in Stepney, East London, but before the police can arrive it is stolen in a violent raid. With security agencies across the world on red alert, it's Harry and his unconventional team from the Met who must hit the streets in search of a lead. They soon have two wildly different suspects, aristocratic art dealer Julian Smythe in London and oligarch Vladimir Voldrev in Barbados. But the pressure is on. How much time does Harry have?

**The deal / *Miller, Alex***

It's 1975, and at the threshold of his writing career Andy McPherson is navigating how to be fully present both for his partner, Jo, and their young daughter. When forced to take a part-time teaching job Andy meets Lang Tzu, a charismatic and intriguing man. Andy is drawn deeper into a dangerous relationship when Lang asks him to prove his friendship by brokering a risky deal for a much-desired piece of art.

**Death at the sanatorium / *Ragnar Jónasson***

An old sanatorium. A terrifying murder. Six suspects and a case that never closed... Once a hospital dedicated to treating tuberculosis, The Akureyri Sanatorium now sits haunted by the ghosts of its past. But a single wing remains open, housing six employees. When one of the hospital's nurses, Yrsa, is found brutally murdered, it sets in motion a series of terrifying events. Despite just six suspects, the case remains unsolved two decades later. Until young criminologist, Helgi Reykdal, attempts to put the mysteries of the hospital's past to rest.

**Dusk / *Arnott, Robbie***

In the distant highlands, a puma named Dusk is killing shepherds. Down in the lowlands, twins Iris and Floyd are out of work, money and friends. When they hear that a bounty has been placed on Dusk, they reluctantly decide to join the hunt. As they journey up into this wild, haunted country, they discover there's far more to the land and people of the highlands than they imagined. And as they close in on their prey, they're forced to reckon with conflicts both ancient and deeply personal.

**An eye for an eye / Archer, Jeffrey**

In one of the most luxurious cities on earth... A billion-dollar deal is about to go badly wrong. A lavish night out is about to end in murder. And the British government is about to be plunged into crisis. In the heart of the British establishment... Lord Hartley, the latest in a line of peers going back over two hundred years, lies dying. But his will triggers an inheritance with explosive consequences. Two deaths. Continents apart. No obvious connection. So why are they both at the centre of a master criminal's plot for revenge?

**The fallen woman / McIntosh, Fiona**

Botanical artist Jane Saville is devastated when her manipulative mother banishes her to the countryside to protect someone else's honour. Isolated far from home, she is forced to live an impoverished, secretive life to save the family from public shame. Guy Attwood is heir to a fortune, but prefers his quiet passion for rare-apple hunting on behalf of Royal Kew Gardens to building the family's business empire. He sets out to find a critically endangered apple species that he dreams of gifting and re-naming for his friend, the soon-to-be coronated George V. When the paths of these people from two very different worlds collide, Jane begins to hope for a different future, but their new friendship is shattered by jealousy, misunderstanding, duty and treachery.

**First wife's shadow / Parks, Adele**

When Emma meets Matthew, a kind, handsome widower, he seems to be just what she needs. Yet as their relationship moves fast, Emma's friends worry Emma might be exploited. She's a rich woman after all. Emma doesn't care Matthew has no money. But as the memory of his perfect first wife hangs over them, Emma does have one tiny doubt. If Matthew's wife hadn't died, he wouldn't be with her. And Emma wonders if she's second best. Can she ever fill the dead woman's shoes? As jealousy and suspicion blossom between Emma and Matthew, events take a darker, dangerous turn. Suddenly Emma doesn't know who she can trust. Her friends? Her husband? Or even herself...?

**The fog / Hardwick, Brooke**

Kate arrives on the wild, remote island of Rathlin in the freezing Irish Channel for a ten-day writers' retreat. Plagued by memories she can't unravel and desperate to understand the breakdown of her marriage, Kate is determined to leave the retreat with answers. As the retreat's director uses techniques that tap into the eerie mythology of the island, Kate becomes increasingly fascinated by him and her surrounds. But when the temperature plummets and the strange therapy intensifies, her memories unspool. Triggered into a series of disturbing flashbacks, Kate realises her past hides a frightening truth, but can she trust her own mind?

**Frankie / Norton, Graham**

Always on the periphery, looking on, young Frankie Howe was never quite sure enough of herself to take centre stage, after all, life had already judged her harshly. Now old, Frankie finds it easier to forget the life that came before. Then Damian, a young Irish carer, arrives at her London flat, there to keep an eye on her as she recovers from a fall. A memory is sparked, and the past crackles into life as Damian listens to the story Frankie has kept stored away all these years. Travelling from post-war Ireland to 1960s New York, a city full of art, larger than life characters and turmoil. Frankie shares a world in which friendship and chance encounters collide.

## **The games gods play / *Owen, Abigail***

The gods love to play with us mere mortals. And every hundred years, we let them. I have never been favoured by the gods. Far from it, thanks to Zeus. Living as a cursed office clerk for the Order of Thieves, I just keep my head down and hope the capricious beings who rule from Olympus won't notice me. Not an easy feat, given San Francisco is Zeus' patron city, but I make do. I survive. Until the night I tangle with a different god. The worst god. Hades. For the first time ever, the ruthless, mercurial King of the Underworld has entered the Crucible - the deadly contest the gods hold to determine a new ruler to sit on the throne of Olympus. But instead of fighting their own battles, the gods name mortals to compete in their stead.

## **The girl on Legare Street / *White, Karen***

Melanie Middleton has grown accustomed to renovating old houses, but she never imagined she'd have to renovate her own life to include her estranged mother. Ginnette Prioleau Middleton left Charleston thirty-five years ago. She's returned wanting to protect the daughter she's never really known after receiving an ominous premonition. Melanie never wanted to see her mother again, but with some prodding from her partner, Jack Trenholm, she agrees and begins to rebuild their relationship. Together Melanie and Ginnette buy back their old home. With their combined psychic abilities they expect to unearth some ghosts. But what they find is a vengeful dark spirit whose strength has been growing for decades.

## **The glass room / *Cleeves, Ann***

DI Vera Stanhope is not one to make friends easily, but her hippy neighbours keep her well-supplied in homebrew and conversation, so she has more tolerance for them than most. When one of them goes missing she feels duty-bound to find out what happened. But her path leads her to more than a missing friend. It's an easy job to track the young woman down to the Writer's House, a country retreat where aspiring authors gather to workshop and work through their novels. It gets complicated when a body is discovered, and Vera's neighbour is found with a knife in her hand.

## **Guilty / *Cole, Martina***

Steph Barker can't forget her past. A single mother, Steph runs a women's shelter for local prostitutes while coming to terms with a tragic loss. And it's people like Joseph Potter, battling with his own grief, who keep her going. When Hennie, one of her friends from the shelter, goes missing, Steph's convinced Hennie's violent pimp Artie Rogers has something to do with it.

## **Harbour Street / *Cleeves, Ann***

In Newcastle, Detective Joe Ashworth and his daughter Jessie travel home on the busy Metro. The train is stopped unexpectedly, and Jessie sees that one woman doesn't leave with the other passengers: Margaret Krukowski has been fatally stabbed. No one saw the murder take place. How could this be when the train was packed? Searching for a lead, DI Vera Stanhope heads to the quiet Northumberland town of Mardle to investigate. She can feel in her bones that the local residents know more than they are letting on...

## **Harlan Ellison's greatest hits / *Ellison, Harlan***

How to summarise the psychedelic, witty, helter-skelter mind of Harlan Ellison? A mind that refused to be contained by something as rudimentary as genre, form, or even a particular label. A mind that created some of the most outrageous short stories and novellas of the science fiction, fantasy, and speculative genres. Greatest Hits is an overview of Ellison's award-winning and highly acclaimed short stories.

## **Head for the hills / *Stringer, Tricia***

Margot and her sister Roslyn have lived side by side in a little town in the Adelaide Hills most of their lives, supporting each other through thick and thin. Then their neighbour Gunter dies. Surprisingly, his will asks that his house and vineyard be sold and that Roslyn donate the money to a charity of her choice. When a developer wants to buy the land and create a hotel just over Margot's fence, Margot is outraged and decides to stand for Mayor and fight the development. But Roslyn feels differently. Her awareness of family violence and homelessness is sparked by the arrival in town of a young pregnant woman, who is escaping abuse and sleeping in her car. Determined to do some good, Roslyn supports the sale - she has found her charitable cause and the money will go to the homeless.

## **High wire / *Fox, Candice***

You only take the High Wire if you're desperate - or up to no good. A notorious unmarked track through outback Australia, the 'Wire' crosses slabs of lawless land, body-dumping grounds and mobile-phone blackspots. Harvey Buck is certainly desperate. Racing to be with his dying girlfriend, he encounters Clare Holland, whose car has broken down. He offers the hapless traveller a ride... and then their nightmare begins.

## **Identity unknown / *Cornwell, Patricia Daniels***

Autopsies can reveal the secrets of the dead. And this victim is sending Scarpetta a message... Summoned to an unnerving, abandoned theme park to retrieve a body, Dr Kay Scarpetta is devastated to learn that the victim is a man she once loved. While teaching in Rome during the early days of her career, Scarpetta had an intense love affair with Sal Giordano that led to a lifelong friendship. The murder scene is bizarre, with a crop circle of petals around the body, and Giordano's skin is strangely red. Scarpetta's niece Lucy believes he was dropped from an unidentified flying craft. Scarpetta knows an autopsy can reveal the dead's secrets, but she is shocked to find her friend seems to have deliberately left her a clue.

## **In too deep / *Child, Lee***

Reacher had no idea where he was. No idea how he had got there. But someone must have brought him. And shackled him. And whoever had done those things was going to rue the day. That was for damn sure. Jack Reacher wakes up, alone, in the dark, handcuffed to a makeshift bed. His right arm has suffered some major damage. His few possessions are gone. He has no memory of getting there. The last thing Reacher can recall is the car he hitched a ride in getting run off the road. The driver was killed. His captors assume Reacher was the driver's accomplice and patch up his wounds as they plan to make him talk. A plan that will backfire spectacularly ...

**Intermezzo / Rooney, Sally**

Aside from the fact that they are brothers, Peter and Ivan Koubek seem to have little in common. Peter is a Dublin lawyer in his thirties, successful, competent and apparently unassailable. But in the wake of their father's death, he's medicating himself to sleep and struggling to manage his relationships with two very different women - his enduring first love Sylvia, and Naomi, a college student for whom life is one long joke. Ivan is a twenty-two-year-old competitive chess player. He has always seen himself as socially awkward, a loner, the antithesis of his glib elder brother. Now, in the early weeks of his bereavement, Ivan meets Margaret, an older woman emerging from her own turbulent past, and their lives become rapidly and intensely intertwined.

**Juice / Winton, Tim**

Two fugitives, a man and a child, drive all night across a stony desert. As dawn breaks they roll into an abandoned mine site. From the vehicle they survey a forsaken place, middens of twisted iron, rusty wire, piles of sun-baked trash. They're exhausted, traumatised, desperate now. But as a refuge, this is the most promising place they've seen. The child peers at the field of desolation. The man thinks to himself, this could work... Problem is, they're not alone. So begins a searing, propulsive journey through a life whose central challenge is not simply a matter of survival, but of how to maintain human decency as everyone around you falls ever further into barbarism.

**Kitty's war / Lawlor, Eimear**

Kilkenny, 1939. Ireland might be neutral, but Kitty Flynn is caught in her own war. Forced to give up her child at seventeen, she escaped to London in search of a fresh start. However, in 1941, upon hearing that her brother, Anthony, who had been injured during the Spanish Civil War, is now gravely ill, Kitty must return home to care for him. In a time where food and medicine are scarce, Kitty is relieved to secure a nursing job, that is, until G2, the Irish Intelligence notices her proficiency in German.

**Knife skills for beginners / Murrin, Orlando**

A recipe for disaster. When chef Paul Delamare takes a job teaching at an exclusive residential cookery school in Belgravia, the only thing he expects his students to murder is his taste buds. But on the first night, the unthinkable happens: someone turns up dead... The school rests on a knife-edge. The police are convinced Paul is the culprit. After all, he's good with a blade, was first on the scene and everyone knows it doesn't take much to push a chef over the edge. To prove his innocence, he must find the killer. Could it be one of his students? Or the owner of the school, a woman with secrets and a murky past?

**The ledge / White, Christian**

When human remains are discovered in a forest, police are baffled, the locals are shocked and one group of old friends starts to panic. Their long-held secret is about to be uncovered. It all began in 1999 when sixteen-year-old Aaron ran away from home, drawing his friends into an unforeseeable chain of events that no one escaped from unscathed. In *The Ledge*, past and present run breathlessly parallel, leading to a climax that will change everything you thought you knew.



**Liars / *O'Loghlin, James***

Speak your truth. Or at least the truth you want others to believe. Everyone is guilty of something. Handy-woman Barb Young has lived in the sleepy coastal town of Bullford Point for over fifty years and frankly, in that time, not much has happened, unless you count that business where a bush turkey managed to board the ferry a couple of years ago. When Joe Griffiths returns from Sydney after six years of drug addiction, jail and, eventually, rehab, Barb offers him a job, hoping to help him turn his life around. However, when another new resident of Bullford Point is murdered, Joe becomes the prime suspect. Barb thinks the police have got it wrong, but the more she tries to find the truth and clear Joe's name, the more confusing things become.

**Like mother, like daughter / *McCreight, Kimberly***

When Cleo, a student at NYU, arrives late for dinner at her childhood home in Brooklyn, she finds food burning in the oven and no sign of her mother, Kat. Then Cleo discovers her mom's bloody shoe under the sofa. Something terrible has happened. But what? The polar opposite of Cleo, whose "out of control" emotions and "unsafe" behaviour have created a seemingly unbridgeable rift between mother and daughter, Kat is the essence of Park Slope perfection: a happily married, successful corporate lawyer. Or so Cleo thinks. Kat has been lying. She's not just a lawyer; she's her firm's fixer. She's damn good at it, too. Growing up in a dangerous group home taught her how to think fast, stay calm under pressure, and recognize a real threat when she sees one.

**Look on the bright side / *Higgins, Kristan***

Lark Smith was planning a fairy-tale wedding to her high school sweetheart when, in the blink of an eye, everything she dreamed of was suddenly gone. That day, Lark decided the best way to deal with loss was to prevent others from ever having to. Five years later, her goal of becoming a doctor-the best doctor-is just within reach when, without warning, she's fired. Now getting back on track means making a deal with the devil. Well, not exactly, even if they do call renowned surgeon Lorenzo Santini "Dr. Satan" behind his back.

**The lost memories / *Cook, Lorna***

Suffolk, 1944. American pilot Charlie's second tour is about to draw to a close, but his heart is forever changed when he meets Kitty, a local girl with dreams of joining the Women's Land Army. As love blooms, the pair are all too aware that every perilous mission Charlie flies may well be his last. Suffolk, 2011. When Kitty's granddaughter and ambitious tearoom owner Amy meets American tourist and photographer Jack, she agrees to show him around in exchange for his photographic talents. The deal quickly grows into an unexpected bond but when long-buried secrets emerge, neither of their worlds will ever be the same again.

**The masterpiece / *Alexandra, Belinda***

Paris 1946: A young woman, Eve Archer, has come to Paris to find Serge Lavertu, the father she never knew. But before Eve can find the courage to tell him who she is, Serge is arrested, accused of selling a French national treasure to Hitler during the war and murdering the original owner. Could Serge truly be guilty of treason or has he been set up? Only one person knows the truth that might save Serge from execution: Kristina Belova, a beautiful Russian artist recently returned from a concentration camp and suffering amnesia.

**Midnight and blue / *Rankin, Ian***

John Rebus spent his life as a cop putting Edinburgh's most deadly criminals behind bars. Now having been convicted of a homicide, he's joined them. A convict is brutally murdered in his locked cell deep in the heart of Scotland's most infamous prison. Sleeping in a cell across the floor lies John Rebus, the equally notorious detective. Stripped of his badge and estranged from his police family, he is now fighting for his own life, protected by an old nemesis but always one wrong move away from the shank.

**The moth catcher / *Cleeves, Ann***

Life seems perfect in Valley Farm, a quiet community in Northumberland. Then a shocking discovery shatters the silence. The owners of a big country house have employed a house-sitter, a young ecologist named Patrick, to look after the place while they're away. But Patrick is found dead by the side of the lane into the valley, a beautiful, lonely place to die.

**The mountains sing / *Nguyễn, Phan Quế Mai***

Born in Viet Nam in 1920, Tran Dieu Lan was forced to flee her family farm with her six children during the Land Reform as the Communist government rose in the North. Years later in Ha Noi, her young granddaughter, Huong, comes of age as her parents and uncles head off down the Ho Chi Minh Trail to fight in a conflict that tore both her beloved country and her family apart.

**Murder island / *Patterson, James***

They thought they found heaven on earth. But their paradise becomes a nightmare when Professor Brandt Savage and his girlfriend Kira Sunlight stumble on a terrifying conspiracy. When professor turned crime-fighter Brandt 'Doc' Savage and his girlfriend Kira Sunlight land on a desert island in the middle of the Atlantic, they think they've found a perfect utopia. An escape from their tumultuous pasts. But they don't have long to enjoy their newfound peace before they are violently separated and dragged to opposite ends of the Earth. Doc's search for Kira takes him from the coast of Brazil to northern Europe and the jungles of the Congo, and he discovers they are entangled in a global conspiracy that is bigger he ever could have imagined.

**Murder your employer / *Holmes, Rupert***

Welcome to The McMasters Conservatory for the Applied Arts. A luxurious, clandestine college dedicated to the fine art of murder where earnest students study how best to "delete" their most deserving victim. Who hasn't wondered for a split second what the world would be like the object of your affliction ceased to exist? But then you've probably never heard of The McMasters Conservatory, dedicated to the consummate execution of the homicidal arts. To gain admission, a student must have an ethical reason for erasing someone who deeply deserves a fate no worse (nor better) than death.

**The night she disappeared / *Jewell, Lisa***

Midsummer 2017: teenage mum Tallulah heads out on a date, leaving her baby son at home with her mother, Kim. At 11pm she sends her mum a text message. At 4.30am Kim awakens to discover that Tallulah has not come home. Friends tell her that Tallulah was last seen heading to a pool party at a house in the woods nearby called Dark Place Tallulah never returns. 2018: walking in the woods behind the boarding school where her boyfriend has just started as a head-teacher, Sophie sees a sign nailed to a fence. A sign that says: DIG HERE.

**The night we lost him / *Dave, Laura***

Liam Noone was many things to many people. To the public, he was an exacting, self-made hotel magnate fleeing his past. To his three ex-wives, he was a loving albeit distant family man who kept his finances flush and his families carefully separated. To Nora, he was a father who often loved her from afar, notably a cliffside cottage perched on the California coast from which he fell to his death. The authorities rule the death accidental, but Nora and her estranged brother Sam have other ideas. As Nora and Sam form an uneasy alliance to unravel the mystery, they start putting together the pieces of their father's past and uncover a family secret that changes everything.

**Opal / *Wolf, Patricia***

A small mining town, A brutal double murder, A killer among them. DS Lucas Walker is out bush with his little sister Grace from Boston. They're fetching his cousin Blair, who's been mining boulder opal in Kanpara. The town is tense with rumours of a big opal find, and Blair wants out but Kanpara is in Channel Country, and when the three try to leave the next day, they find themselves completely cut off.

**The Paris gown / *Wells, Christine***

Paris, 1955. Three friends, Claire, Gina, and Margot who parted as very young women with their whole lives ahead of them, reunite in Paris years later, determined to start life anew. Parisian Claire has been working hard to become a Michelin-starred chef one day, but ever since the heady time she spent in the company of socialites Gina & Margot, her dream has been to own a Dior gown. This seemed like a far-off fantasy, until the eccentric and wealthy Madame Vaughn, who lives above Claire's family brasserie, abruptly leaves Paris, asking Claire to mind her apartment.

**Playground / *Powers, Richard***

Twelve-year-old Evie Beaulieu sinks to the bottom of a swimming pool in Montreal strapped to one of the world's first aqualungs. Ina Aroita grows up on naval bases across the Pacific with art as her only home. Two polar opposites at an elite Chicago high school bond over a three-thousand-year-old board game; Rafi Young will get lost in literature, while Todd Keane's work will lead to a startling AI breakthrough. They meet on the history-scarred island of Makatea in French Polynesia, whose deposits of phosphorus once helped to feed the world. Now the tiny atoll has been chosen for humanity's next adventure: a plan to send floating, autonomous cities out onto the open sea.

**The postcard / *Berest, Anne***

January, 2003. Together with the usual holiday cards, an anonymous postcard is delivered to the Berest family home. On the front, a photo of the Opéra Garnier in Paris. On the back, the names of Anne Berest's maternal great-grandparents, Ephraïm and Emma, and their children, Noémie and Jacques, all killed at Auschwitz. Fifteen years after the postcard is delivered, Anne, is moved to discover who sent it and why.

**Prize Catch / *Carter, Alan***

When Roz Chen's wife, Niamh, is killed in a hit-and-run on a lonely Tasmanian road, the grieving widow begins to wonder if Niamh's death was an accident after all. Meanwhile, SAS veteran Sam Willard is hoping for a fresh start with a job at a salmon farm. But as allegations of old war crimes surface and Sam is 'promoted' as a special operative against anti-salmon farm activists, he and Roz form an unlikely alliance. Forced to retreat into the unforgiving Tasmanian wilderness, Roz and Sam find themselves scrambling for the truth with murderous thugs on their trail.

**River song / *Morrissey, Di***

The arrival of a hotshot New York composer brings a rare touch of glamour and excitement to the peaceful country town of Fig Tree River. For Leonie, Madison, Sarita and Chrissie, four women involved in the local musical theatre, it's a welcome distraction from the pressures of daily life. Then a lottery ticket, bought together on impulse, changes everything. The winnings, shared between the four friends, are all they ever hoped for... and all they ever feared, bringing dreams, dilemmas and disaster. When their new lives start to fall apart, will the women have the strength to find the song inside their hearts once more?

**The safekeep / *Wouden, Yael van der***

A house is a precious thing... It is 1961 and the rural Dutch province of Overijssel is quiet. Bomb craters have been filled, buildings reconstructed, and the war is truly over. Living alone in her late mother's country home, Isabel knows her life is as it should be, led by routine and discipline. But all is upended when her brother Louis brings his graceless new girlfriend Eva, leaving her at Isabel's doorstep as a guest, to stay for the season.

**Sarah Evans / *Barry, Bernice***

London, 1798. Born into poverty, illiterate, eighteen-year-old Sarah Evans has been raised to believe she has no rights at all. She and her childhood friend, Lucy Burnes, struggle daily to find food and shelter, drawing strength and comfort from their friendship. When she is falsely accused and found guilty of theft, Sarah is sentenced to transportation, but, instead, she is secretly transferred to Coldbath Fields, one of London's most notorious prisons, at the request its sadistic governor, Thomas Aris. Placed in his household, she becomes entangled in a web of sexual exploitation, cruelty and corruption, where powerful men rule and the law disregards women.

## **The seachangers / *Appleyard, Meredith***

It's never too late for a new beginning. At 57, Ruth made a successful sea change, she relocated from the city to the country and opened Rosie's Cafe in the seaside town of Cutlers Bay. Business boomed, but five years on the shine has worn off. Where has that other Ruth gone, the independent, feisty woman who'd had the courage to sell up in the city and move to the country? Even the bathroom mirror is reflecting back someone she doesn't quite recognise: greying hair, wrinkles, the sparkle all but gone from her blue eyes.

## **Silverton Shores / *Magro, Mandy***

Jessica Sabatini had everything she ever wanted until a tragic accident only hours before her wedding sent her world spinning out of control. In a haze of grief, she ran as far from Silverton Shores as she could. It took her a long time to put the pieces of her world back together, but now she's a devoted mum to her young daughter, Chiara, and adores her job at her grandfather's renowned restaurant, Sabatini's, in Florence. But the secret that's gnawed at her all these years refuses to leave her alone. When her best friend and brother ask her to return for their wedding, Jessica is torn. Has enough time passed so she can find the strength to face the truth?

## **Small miracles / *Booth, Anne***

The 1990s are proving tough for the convent. The order of the Sisters of Saint Philomena is down to its three last nuns. The place that Sisters Margaret, Bridget and Cecilia call home is in dire need of repairs and, with no savings and no new recruits, they are facing the prospect of having to sell up and leave behind the friends and neighbours in the parish community that they love. That is, until 90-year-old Cecilia decides to play the newly launched National Lottery and a series of small miracles begins to unfold...

## **A sorceress comes to call / *Kingfisher, T.***

Cordelia knows her mother is unusual. Their house doesn't have any doors between rooms, there are no secrets in this house! Cordelia isn't allowed to have a single friend. Unless you count Falada, her mother's beautiful white horse. The only time Cordelia feels truly free is on her daily rides with him. But more than a few quirks set her mother apart. Other parents can't force their daughters to be silent and motionless, obedient, for hours or days on end. Other mothers aren't... sorcerers. After a suspicious death in their small town, Cordelia's mother insists they leave in the middle of the night, riding away together on Falada's back, leaving behind all Cordelia has ever known.

## **A spoonful of murder / *Hall, J. M.***

Every Thursday, three retired school teachers have their 'coffee o'clock' sessions at the Thirsk Garden Centre café. But one fateful week, as they are catching up with a slice of cake, they bump into their ex-colleague, Topsy. By the next Thursday, Topsy's dead. The last thing Liz, Thelma and Pat imagined was that they would become involved in a murder. But they know there's more to Topsy's death than meets the eye, and it's down to them to prove it...

**Think again / *Wilson, Jacqueline***

Adulthood isn't quite what Ellie Allard dreamed it would be when she was fourteen years old. Though she's got her beautiful daughter Lottie, her trusty cat Stella and life-long best friends in Magda and Nadine, her love life is non-existent and she feels like she's been living on auto-pilot, just grateful to be able to afford the rent on her poky little flat. But this year on her birthday, it seems it's time for all that to change, whether Ellie wants it to or not. As she navigates new, exciting and often choppy waters, she is about to discover that life will never stop surprising you, if only you let it.

**Triangle / *Steel, Danielle***

As she approaches the milestone birthday of forty, delicate blond beauty Amanda Delanoe finds joy in running a chic contemporary art gallery in the City of Light. The only child of a French businessman and an American model, both now deceased, Amanda lives well and adores her dog, Lulu, but so far the love of her life has eluded her. Then she meets Olivier Saint Albin, a dashing publisher. At the same time, she reconnects with Tom Quinlan, an old boyfriend from her days at NYU twenty years ago, now a lawyer on sabbatical who has come to Paris to devote himself to writing a thriller.

**Unblessed / *Simpson, Roger***

Within hours of arriving in New York City, Jane is dragged into a case and finds herself up against one of the toughest minds she's ever had to crack: a Silicon Valley billionaire whose ex-business partner has just been murdered. Sarah Noble is the darling of the tech world, the genius behind an AI defence system that hijacks enemy missiles. But when Sarah's estranged business partner is killed in a mysterious plane crash, suspicion immediately falls on one of the few people who could hack the plane's guidance system and had a motive to do so... Sarah herself.

**The unwedding / *Condie, Allyson Braithwaite***

Ellery Wainwright is alone at the edge of the world. She and her husband, Luke, were supposed to spend their twentieth wedding anniversary together at the luxurious Resort at Broken Point in Big Sur, California. Where better to celebrate a marriage, a family, and a life together than at one of the most stunning places on earth? But now she's traveling solo. To add insult to injury, there's a wedding at Broken Point scheduled during her stay.

**The valley / *Hammer, Chris***

Nell Buchanan and Ivan Lucic are back, as Nell is thrown into her most emotionally fraught investigation yet. A controversial entrepreneur is murdered in a remote mountain valley, but this is no ordinary case. Ivan and Nell are soon contending with cowboy lawyers, conmen, bullion thieves and grave robbers. But it's when Nell discovers the victim is a close blood relative, that the past begins to take on a looming significance. What did take place in The Valley all those years ago?

## **The Venice hotel / *Woods, Tess***

When the lives of four very different women become entangled in a boutique Venice hotel, dark secrets unravel and not everyone who checked into the hotel will check out again. Signora Loretta Bianchi, the world famous cook at Venice's Hotel Il Cuore, is forced to choose between once-in-a-lifetime passion and her devoted husband. Sophie, on assignment in Venice as a food writer, finds a lot more than Signora Bianchi's secret recipes to love, but what is the charming Rocco hiding? Law graduate Elena is sinking just like the endangered city she's returned home to, and she'll stop at nothing to be free from her marriage.

## **Wandering stars / *Orange, Tommy***

Colorado, 1864. Star, a young survivor of the Sand Creek Massacre, is brought to the Fort Marion Prison Castle, where he is forced to learn English and practice Christianity by Richard Henry Pratt, an evangelical prison guard who will go on to found the Carlisle Industrial School for Indians, an institution dedicated to the eradication of Native history, culture, and identity. A generation later, Star's son, Charles, is sent to the school, where he is brutalised by the man who was once his father's jailer. Under Pratt's harsh treatment, Charles clings to moments he shares with a young fellow student, Opal Viola, as the two envision a future away from the institutional violence that follows their bloodline.

## **We solve murders / *Osman, Richard***

Steve Wheeler is enjoying retired life. He does the odd bit of investigation work, but he prefers his familiar habits and routines, the pub quiz, his favourite bench, his cat waiting for him when he comes home. His days of adventure are over, adrenaline is daughter-in-law Amy's business now. Amy Wheeler thinks adrenaline is good for the soul. As a private security officer, she doesn't stay still long enough for habits or routines. She's currently on a remote island keeping world-famous author Rosie D'Antonio alive. Which was meant to be an easy job... Then a dead body, a bag of money and a killer with their sights on Amy have her sending an SOS to the only person she trusts.

## **We were girls once / *Odafen, Aiwanose***

Ego, Zina and Eriife were always destined to be best friends, ever since their grandmothers sat next to each other on a dusty bus to Lagos in the late 1940s, forging a bond that would last generations. But over half a century later, Nigeria is a new and modern country. As the three young women navigate the incessant strikes and political turmoil that surrounds them, their connection is shattered by a terrible assault.

## **The whalebone theatre / *Quinn, Joanna***

One blustery night in 1928, a whale washes up on the shores of the English Channel. By law, all whales belong to the King, but twelve-year-old Cristabel Seagrave has other plans. She and the rest of the household and their guests, her sister, Flossie (known affectionately as "The Veg"); her brother Digby, the long-awaited heir to Chilcombe manor; Maudie Kitkat, maidservant; Taras, a hot-tempered visiting artist - build a theatre within the whale's skeleton. Cristabel is an orphan, mostly ignored by her feckless step-parents and brisk governesses. But within the Whalebone Theatre, she is fully at home and in charge, and her imagination comes to life.

**When it rains / Warner, Dave**

For Broome detective Dan Clement, it seems that crime is as plentiful as wet season rain. When his sergeant is beaten up, and a woman is brutally assaulted, it seems like the same two suspects are behind both incidents. But when a woman's hand is discovered in crocodile-infested waters, things take a macabre turn. The stakes rise sky-high as Dan races against time to solve this complex and puzzling case.

**The will of the many / Islington, James**

The Catenan Republic, the Hierarchy, may rule the world now, but they do not know everything. I tell them my name is Vis Telimus. I tell them I was orphaned after a tragic accident three years ago, and that good fortune alone has led to my acceptance into their most prestigious school. I tell them that once I graduate, I will gladly join the rest of civilised society in allowing my strength, my drive and my focus - to be leeches away and added to the power of those above me, as millions already do.

**Winter garden / Hannah, Kristin**

Meredith and Nina Whitson are as different as sisters can be. One stayed at home to raise her children and manage the family apple orchard, the other followed a dream and traveled the world to become a famous photojournalist. But when their beloved father fails ill, Meredith and Nina find themselves together again, standing alongside their cold, disapproving mother, Anya, who even now, offers no comfort to her daughters. As children, the only connection between them was the Russian fairy tale Anya sometimes told the girls at night. On his deathbed, their father extracts a promise from the women in his life: the fairy tale will be told one last time - and all the way to the end.

**A winter wedding at Bletchley Park / Green, Molly**

When Rosie Frost was jilted on her wedding day, she didn't think life could get any worse. But six years later in the throes of the Second World War, she is unceremoniously dismissed from her job after they discover her illegitimate child. Thankfully, top secret war office Bletchley Park recognises Rosie's talent and recruits her to decipher their Italian naval signals. Proud to be doing her bit for the war effort, Rosie settles into her new life. But when she spots a familiar face at the Park, Rosie's world threatens to come crashing down once more. Can she put the past behind her in order to excel at the job she was born to do? And will her hard work help safeguard her nation's future...?



# Non-Fiction

## **100 knitted tiles : charts and patterns for knitted motifs inspired by decorative tiles / 2024**

This collection of knitting patterns and charts includes 100 designs inspired by decorative ceramic tiles from around the world. Choose from brightly coloured colorwork designs to simple textured motifs that evoke everything from Victorian floor tiles to the intricate and brightly coloured designs of ancient temples and palaces.

## **The history of philosophy / *Grayling, A. C.***

The story of philosophy is an epic tale, an exploration of the ideas, views and teachings of some of the most creative minds known to humanity. But since the long-popular classic, Bertrand Russell's History of Western Philosophy, first published in 1945, there has been no comprehensive and entertaining, single-volume history of this great intellectual journey.

## **Indonesia / *D'Arcy, Jayne***

Lonely Planet's Indonesia is your passport to the most relevant, up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Explore Komodo National Park, patrolled by the world's largest lizard, unwind on the sugar-white sand and turquoise waters of the Gili Islands, and experience a Balinese dance performance on Indonesia's most famous holiday island; all with your trusted travel companion. Get to the heart of Indonesia and begin your journey now!

## **The kingpin and the crooked cop : the definitive inside story of Neddy Smith and Roger Rogerson, partners in crime / *Mercer, Neil***

Roger Rogerson captured Australia's attention as its most notorious cop in the golden age of graft and violence. But who was the real Rogerson? And who was his principal partner in crime, the underworld kingpin, heroin dealer and armed bandit Arthur 'Neddy' Smith? Now Rogerson and Smith are both dead, and the full truth can be revealed.

## **Mediterranean diet : the Australian way / 2024**

Australians are captivated by the Mediterranean diet, and no wonder. Along with its regular listing as the world's #1 healthiest diet, for anyone watching their grocery bills, it's also one of the most affordable. The ingredients that form the cornerstone of the Mediterranean diet are fresh, plentiful, accessible and wide-ranging in Australia, from vegetables to herbs, wholegrains to legumes, and fresh omega-rich fish. They're all at our fingertips.

# Non-Fiction

## **One pan : fast, no-fuss dinners everyone will love / 2024**

Cooking can be a time-consuming process, and when you have a family to feed, have returned from a busy day at the office, or just can't be bothered, the last thing you want to do is spend hours in the kitchen making dinner. One-pan cooking makes cooking an effortless experience. Including all your favourite family meals, these recipes have been developed with minimal prep and to be cooked all in the one sauce-pan, casserole dish or baking tray.

## **Saving Lieutenant Kennedy : the heroic story of the Australian who helped rescue JFK / Mason, Brett**

On a moonless night in August 1943, a US torpedo boat commanded by Lt John F Kennedy, on patrol in Solomon Islands, was rammed by a Japanese destroyer. Left clinging to wreckage within sight of Japanese encampments, the eleven surviving members of Kennedy's crew eventually struggled ashore on a small uninhabited island.

## **So good : food you want to eat, designed by a nutritionist / English, Emily**

When we think of nutrition and eating well, so many of us jump to the words 'diet', 'unenjoyable', and 'sacrifice'. Sometimes we see healthy eating as something we should do, rather than something we want to do. This is the book to help you kickstart healthy eating as an enjoyable lifelong habit rather than a fad for a week.

## **Thai home cooking : 100 recipes with steps and tips for easy, authentic Thai food / Souksisavanh, Orathay**

Immerse yourself in Thai food, and discover its exceptional flavours through 100 traditional recipes that take you to the heart of its cuisine. Including worldwide icons like Pad thai, Tom yum soup, Som tum (papaya salad), curries and larb salads, alongside local favourites like Pad kee mao (drunken noodles), Mok pla (steamed fish) and a range of other seafood, vegetable and meat dishes.

## **West Coast Australia / Ham, Anthony**

Lonely Planet's local travel experts reveal all you need to know to plan the trip of a lifetime to West Coast Australia. Discover popular and off the beaten track experiences from wreck diving in Geographe Bay to exploring Perth, one of the world's most isolated cities, and discovering remote Indigenous communities during an outback adventure through the Kimberley.

# Audiobook

## **All I Know / Coustas, Mary**

Starting with a colourful childhood in Collingwood and Doncaster and ending in sunny Bondi, All I Know is a journey through the life of Mary Coustas, and a journey through the three deaths that changed her life forever. In a voice rich with big-hearted generosity and quick-witted humour, Mary Coustas shares with us the heartbreak she faced while entertaining audiences as the larger-than-life Effie Stephanidis, and the life lessons she hopes can save us from giving in to grief, or denying ourselves a full life because of it. Mary's story of these three deaths is at times heartbreaking but, ultimately, is an enriching and uplifting celebration of life.

## **3 Days to Live / Patterson, James**

Before settling down to a new life in Italy with her fiance, Catriona decides to lay her past to rest by meeting up with her previous partners. But on the morning of her wedding, Cat is arrested for murder. Not just one murder, but three. All of the victims were her ex-boyfriends, and all of them were viciously mutilated. So now she's in jail, and the woman who is writing her biography has interviewed many people in Cat's life. But no one is telling the truth.

## **Black Candle Women / Brown, Diane Marie**

A warm and wise family drama with a magical twist about four generations of Black women living under one roof and the family curse that stems back to a voodoo sorceress in 1950s New Orleans.

## **The bullet that missed / Osman, Richard**

It is an ordinary Thursday and things should finally be returning to normal. Except trouble is never far away where the Thursday Murder Club is concerned. A decade-old cold case leads them to a local news legend and a murder with no body and no answers. Then, a new foe pays Elizabeth a visit. Her mission? Kill, or be killed. As the cold case turns red hot, Elizabeth wrestles with her conscience (and a gun), while Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim chase down clues with help from old friends and new. But can the gang solve the mystery and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again?

## **Capitol Scandal / Gray, A. W.**

The crime: murder. The accused: a wealthy Texas congressman. The victim: a young intern with whom he was having an affair. Attorney Sharon Hays is reluctant to defend this charismatic politician, for highly personal reasons. Now she must either withdraw from the case, confessing to the secrets of her own past, or remain silent and defend a man she has every reason to hate.

# Audiobook

## **Chlorine / *Song, Jade***

Ren Yu is a swimmer. Her daily life starts and ends with the pool. Her teammates are her only friends. Her coach, her guiding light. If she swims well enough, she will be scouted, get a scholarship, go to a good school. Her parents will love her. Her coach will be kind to her. She will have a good life. But these are human concerns. These are the concerns of those confined to land, those with legs. Ren grew up on stories of creatures of the deep, of the oceans and the rivers. Ones that called sailors to their doom. Ones that dragged them down and drowned them. Ones that feasted on their flesh. Ones of the creature that she's always longed to become: mermaid.

## **Cloud Girls / *Harding, Lisa***

Sassy, streetwise Sammy is falling through the cracks. Neglected by an alcoholic mother, the problems she endures at school and home lead her to act out, seeking attention from unseemly adults when what she wants most is protection. Meanwhile, in a small Eastern European village, sweet Nico is about to turn 13. As her family falls upon desperate times, her father receives an offer of money to marry her off. But when she's shuttled across the border into Ireland, she and Sammy find one another in a suburban brothel that is to be their new 'home'.

## **Dead Man's Tale / *Queen, Ellery***

When Barney Street, the fixer, was in Holland in World War II, his life had been saved by a German soldier. Now Barney is dead and his two million dollar estate is left entirely to the soldier who saved him, Milo Hacha. But that fortune comes with a death sentence, for Barney's widow, Estelle, won't rest until she gets back everything that is rightfully hers. She sends Steve Longacre, once one of Barney's boys, to Europe to find Hacha, trailing him from Holland to Switzerland, to Vienna, and finally to Prague. Longacre has Hacha is on the run, fleeing love, money, and a velvet-lined coffin.

## **A great marriage / *Mayes, Frances***

Dara Willcox, in New York for a weekend, meets Austin Clarke at an art gallery. The two are on different courses. Austin is British, temporarily in New York. Dara's from North Carolina, set on law school. They fall in love at first sight and are determined to make their lives together. Days after their engagement dinner, Austin hears unsettling news from London that wrecks their plans. Dara abruptly cancels the wedding. She refuses to reveal why, not even to her best friends or her parents or grandmother, disrupting their family tradition of openness.

## **The life impossible / *Haig, Matt***

What looks like magic is simply a part of life we don't understand yet. When retired math teacher Grace Winters is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no guidebook and no plan. Among the rugged hills and golden beaches of the island, Grace searches for answers about her friend's life, and how it ended. What she uncovers is stranger than she could have dreamed. But to dive into this impossible truth, Grace must first come to terms with her past.

# Audiobook

## **The Survivor / *Johansen, Iris***

Eve Duncan accompanies archeologist Riley Smith when they search a remote island and uncover an archeological treasure. But can they escape the island and survive long enough to reveal it to the world?

## **Thief / *Sullivan, Mark***

As a CIA operative, Robin Monarch was the US government's most valuable asset. Nowadays, as a rogue international thief, he answers to only himself. So when Monarch finds himself in the darkest recesses of the Amazon jungle, very much against his own wishes, he is on unfamiliar terrain in more ways than one.

## **Welcome to Night Vale / *Fink, Joseph***

Located in a nameless desert somewhere in the great American Southwest, Night Vale is a small town where ghosts, angels, aliens, and government conspiracies are all commonplace parts of everyday life. It is here that the lives of two women, with two mysteries, will converge. Nineteen-year-old Night Vale pawn shop owner Jackie Fierro is given a paper marked "KING CITY" by a mysterious man in a tan jacket holding a deer skin suitcase.

# Biography

## **Klim / *Klim, Michael***

KLIM, the moving autobiography from Michael Klim, delves into the life of the legendary swimmer, exploring his triumphs, challenges and extraordinary resilience in and beyond the swimming lanes. As one of Australia's most celebrated athletes, Michael Klim's impact extends far beyond the pool. Klim's journey to greatness began with his early years in Poland before his family immigrated to Australia. From a young age, Klim displayed an extraordinary talent for swimming, honing his skills through rigorous training and competition.

## **Mothering heights / *McIntosh, Rachael Mogan***

As Rachael navigates her way through the confusing rules of modern-day motherhood and grapples with the crazy-making Sisyphean beast that is housework, her three children under five grow like weeds, eat like footballers and deliver non-stop comedic shenanigans. Rachael adapts to the realisation that her old identity no longer quite fits, and neither do her trousers. The year is beyond tough but the hard-won wisdom of motherhood cracks her heart wide open. A comedy, tragedy and farcical romp all rolled into one, Mothering Heights is a love story about becoming a mother.

## **Original sins : a memoir of faith, family & addiction / *Hill, Matt Rowland***

Matt Rowland Hill grew up the son of a minister in an evangelical Christian church in south Wales and then south-east England. It was a childhood fraught with bitter family conflict and the fear of damnation. After a devastating loss of faith in his late teens, Matt began his search for salvation elsewhere, turning to books before developing a growing relationship with alcohol and drugs. He became addicted to crack and heroin in his early twenties, an ordeal that stretched over a decade and culminated in a period of hopeless darkness.

## **Three wild dogs and the truth / *Zusak, Markus***

What happens when the Zusaks open their family home to three big, wild, pound-hardened dogs, Reuben, a wolf at your door with a hacksaw; Archer, blond, beautiful, deadly; and the rancorously smiling Frosty, who walks like a rolling thunderstorm? The answer can only be chaos. There are street fights, park fights, public shamings, property trashing, bodily injuries, stomach pumping, purest comedy, shocking tragedy, and carnage that needs to be seen to be believed ... not to mention the odd police visit at some ungodly hour of the morning.

**The ballad of Davy Crockett / 2024**

In 1815, an American Legend, whose wife has fallen deathly ill, leaving his young children to survive on their own, must fight his way back to them across the many perils found in the Savage Lands of the wild frontier.

**Belgravia : the next chapter / 2024**

25 years after the events of the previous show, scandals continue to plague this family.

**Beyond paradise. Series one / 2024**

This spin-off from Death in Paradise follows DI Humphrey Goodman and his fiancée, Martha, as they leave London to start a new life on the Devon coast. Humphrey takes up the vacant position of Detective Inspector at Shipton Abbott police station, a slightly antiquated outpost of the Devon & Cornwall Police district. Meanwhile, Martha's keen to open up her own café. Both are hoping for a quiet lifestyle away from the stress and violence of the city. But it doesn't take long for the couple to realise that countryside life is not going to be so quiet after all. For one thing, there's the surprisingly high crime rate to contend with...

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**The crown. The complete final season / 2024**

A relationship blossoms between Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed before a fateful car journey has devastating consequences. Prince William tries to integrate back into life at Eton in the wake of his mother's death as the monarchy has to ride the wave of public opinion. As she reaches her Golden Jubilee, the Queen reflects on the future of the monarchy with the marriage of Charles and Camilla and the beginnings of a new Royal fairytale in William and Kate.

# DVD

**Golda / 2024**

Focuses on the intensely dramatic and high-stakes responsibilities and decisions that Golda Meir, also known as the 'Iron Lady of Israel,' faced during the Yom Kippur War.

**Horizon : An American saga. Chapter 1 / 2024**

Chronicles a multi-faceted, 15-year span of pre-and post-Civil War expansion and settlement of the American west.

**Love & friendship / 2016**

The beautiful widow Lady Vernon decides to secure a husband for herself and her daughter, when two handsome suitors complicate her plans.

**Mythica. Stormbound / 2023**

Years after Szorlok's devastation and the Red Thorns' victory, a new evil will threaten the world and new heroes will rise to fight it.

**Vera. Series 13 / 2024**

With her caustic wit and singular charm, DCI Vera Stanhope leads her team as they face a series of captivating murder mysteries set against the breathtaking Northumberland landscape.



# DVD

## **Bad boys. Ride or die / 2024**

When their late police captain gets linked to drug cartels, wisecracking Miami cops Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett embark on a dangerous mission to clear his name.

## **Furiosa : a Mad Max saga / 2024**

The origin story of renegade warrior Furiosa before her encounter and team-up with Mad Max.

## **Monster mash / 2024**

Dracula, the Werewolf, the Mummy and the Invisible Man must work together to stop Dr. Frankenstein from creating an unstoppable monster.

## **Reacher. Season two / 2024**

In season 2, Reacher is contacted by a former member of his defunct MP unit from New York City when one of their own is murdered under mysterious circumstances. Reacher has only one thing on his mind - revenge. He reassembles his old team to find the murderers and avenge their friend.

## **Sleeping dogs / 2024**

An ex-homicide detective with memory loss is forced to solve a brutal murder, only to uncover chilling secrets from his forgotten past.

# DVD

## **The vanishing triangle / 2024**

Investigative journalist Lisa Wallace publishes an article about her mother's murder, which sparks the disappearance of Amy Reynolds. Detective David Burkely works with her to find Amy. Their investigation takes them around Ireland, as more girls go missing. They follow every lead, but some are dead ends. All the meanwhile, the killer plays psychological torture games with Lisa, putting her in compromising situations.