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JANUARY

JEM LESTER

Author location: London

SHTUM

Published in paperback, January 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

Shtum is a deeply moving and darkly funny story of a boy with autism and the lengths his parents have to go to in order to get the help they desperately need. The book is firmly based in personal experience – Jem has a severely autistic son himself – and so the battles fought in the book are all things he has first hand experience of. He was initially unsure about writing such a personal novel but there are three main reasons why he decided to do it and why he is so passionate about talking about it now. Firstly to show the juxtaposition of desperation and joyous hilarity that comes from raising an autistic child. Secondly, to educate people because he was fed up of being asked what his son's 'special talent' was. And thirdly, simply because he wanted to be the one to tell this most personal of stories.

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STEPHEN BAXTER

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THE MASSACRE OF MANKIND

Published in hardback, January 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

120 years on from the original publication of THE WAR OF THE WORLDS, THE MASSACRE OF MANKIND is the authorised sequel, written by one of the world's greatest science fiction authors. It has been 14 years since the Martians invaded England and the world thinks it is prepared for a second invasion – it is not. Thrust into the chaos of a new invasion, a journalist - sister-in-law to Walter Jenkins - must survive, escape and report on the war.

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DAVINA MCCALL

Author location: Kent

DAVINA'S SUGAR-FREE IN A HURRY

Published in trade paperback, January 2017

Signing, in-conversation

Audience 150+

Following on from the huge success of DAVINA'S FIVE WEEKS TO SUGAR-FREE and DAVINA'S SMART CARBS, Davina McCall is back with a brand new cookbook to help you kick the sugar habit and cut out junk food for good, even if you're short on time. Davina is available for book signings and can talk about her experiences of going sugar-free at major food and book festivals.

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FIONA HEGGIE AND ELLIE LUX

Author Location: London/Surrey

THE ALLERGY-FREE BABY & TODDLER COOKBOOK

Published in hardback, January 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

With over 100 delicious, wholesome recipes covering your baby's very first tastes up to mini meals, The Allergy-Free Baby & Toddler Cookbook works with whichever weaning method you use.

Fiona Heggie and Ellie Lux have experience of dealing with the day-to-day practical aspects of managing food allergy. Both have children with multiple food allergies and have learnt to deal with the issues involved in eating out, going to birthday parties, reading food labels and other aspects of managing the lifestyles of children with food allergies.

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FEBRUARY

HOLLIE NEWTON

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HOW TO GROW: A Guide For Gardeners Who Can't Garden Yet

Published in hardback, February 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel, workshop

Audience 30+ or smaller for a workshop

This is a gardening book reimagined for a new generation. A book for people who want to learn how to grow things, but haven't got a clue where to start. With the average person now spending an enormous 8 hours and 41 minutes in front of a screen every day, gardening is an easy way to escape for half an hour. Whether on a rented balcony or a sunny kitchen windowsill, it turns out growing something with your own two hands can make you feel better. Irreverent and inspiring, this book will equip you with all the know-how and confidence you need to take your first steps into a lifelong gardening love affair - trowel in one hand, drink in the other.

Hollie Newton is a self-taught gardener. She started growing vegetables and fruit on her tiny rented balcony in an attempt to escape from the pressure of her job as a Creative Director, reclaiming a slice of the natural world in which she feels happiest. Follow Hollie on Twitter and Instagram at [@HollieNuisance](https://twitter.com/HollieNuisance) and [hollienuisance](https://www.instagram.com/hollienuisance)

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VICTOR SEBESTYEN

Author location: London

LENIN THE DICTATOR: An Intimate Portrait by Victor Sebestyen

Published in hardback, February 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

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Published to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, Victor Sebestyen's intimate biography of Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov (1870-1924), alias Lenin, is the first major work in English for nearly two decades on one of the most significant figures of the twentieth century. In Russia to this day Lenin inspires adulation. Everywhere, he continues to fascinate as a man who made history, and who created a new kind of state that would later be imitated by nearly half the countries in the world. Told through the prism of Lenin's key relationships, Sebestyen's lively biography casts a new light the Russian Revolution, one of the great turning points of modern history.

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TOM TONER

Author location: Somerset

THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD

Published in trade paperback, February 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

The Weight of the World is the second book in the Amaranthine Spectrum. It is mind-bending Science Fiction from a remarkable new voice. Perfect for fans of China Mieville.

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ALASTAIR REYNOLDS

Author location: Aberdare

SLOW BULLETS

Published in hardback, February 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

From the author of the Revelation Space series comes an interstellar adventure of war, identity, betrayal, and the preservation of civilization itself. Numerous shortlisted for the ARTHUR C. CLARKE AWARD; and having won the BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION AWARD.

Reynolds is one of the UK's premiere SF writers.

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JORDAN BOURKE

Author location: London

HEALTHY BAKING

Published in hardback, February 2017

Demo, talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

Reclaiming 'healthy' for what it really means - nutritious, balanced food made from natural ingredients - these are recipes to bring joy and flavour back into your baking and beyond.

Jordan Bourke is an Irish chef and author of the critically acclaimed best-selling OUR KOREAN KITCHEN which won both the FORTNUM & MASON and OFM awards for best cookbook.

Having trained at Ballymaloe, he worked at the Michelin-starred Petersham Nurseries.

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MINA HOLLAND

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MAMMA: REFLECTIONS ON THE FOOD THAT MAKES US

Published in hardback, February 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

MAMMA: REFLECTIONS ON THE FOOD THAT MAKES US is a collection of oral histories about the food we ate as a child, our mother's cooking and all that it signifies and encapsulates throughout our life. A fascinating trip around the globe, the book features interviews with some of the world's best-loved cooks including Jamie Oliver, Yotam Ottolenghi, Claudia Roden, Stanley Tucci and many more. Mina Holland is the Editor of GUARDIAN COOK. Her first book, THE EDIBLE ATLAS, was published by Canongate and, to date, is being translated into 12 languages and will be available in 20 countries.

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DANIEL COLE**Author Location: Bournemouth**

RAGDOLL

Published in hardback, February 2017

In-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

***Orion's lead crime debut of 2017** The beginning of an exciting new series starring detectives Wolf and Baxter. A body is discovered with the dismembered parts of six victims stitched together, nicknamed by the press as the 'Ragdoll'. Assigned to the shocking case are Detective William 'Wolf' Fawkes, recently reinstated to the London Met, and his former partner Detective Emily Baxter. The 'Ragdoll Killer' taunts the police by releasing a list of names to the media, and the dates on which he intends to murder them. With six people to save, can Fawkes and Baxter catch a killer when the world is watching their every move? At 33 years old, Daniel Cole has worked as a paramedic, an RSPCA officer and most recently for the RNLI, driven by an intrinsic need to save people or perhaps just a guilty conscience about the number of characters he kills off in his writing. He currently lives in sunny Bournemouth and can usually be found down the beach when he ought to be writing book two instead.*

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SHANNON LEONE FOWLER**Author location: London**

TRAVELING WITH GHOSTS

Published in hardback, February 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

H IS FOR HAWK meets WILD in this beautifully written memoir of love, loss and the grief that follows after a sudden tragedy. Whilst travelling in Thailand in 2002, Shannon's fiancé, Sean, died suddenly after being stung by a box jellyfish in the sea in Koh Pha Ngan while Shannon looked on helplessly. Shattered, distraught and alone, Shannon set out on a journey to make sense of her loss and her grief. From the silence of Auschwitz, to learning the rules for sitting Shiva amid daily bombings in Israel, to finding humour and creativity in Sarajevo – a city still

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scarred by the recent war, Shannon charts a path through sorrow to recovery. **Shannon Leone Fowler** is a marine biologist and freelance writer. Shannon grew up in San Francisco, US, with her mother – the writer, Karen Joy Fowler, and now resides in London with her three children. TRAVELING WITH GHOSTS is her first book.

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MARCH

PHILIPPE SANDS

Author location: Hampstead, London

EAST WEST STREET

Published in paperback, March 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 150+

Winner of the Baillie Gifford Prize for Non Fiction, East West Street is a uniquely personal exploration of the origins of international law, centring on the Nuremberg Trials, the city of Lviv and a secret family history from internationally-renowned human rights lawyer Philippe Sands who is Professor of Law at University College London and a practising barrister at Matrix Chambers. He frequently appears before international courts, including the International Criminal Court and the World Court in The Hague, and has been involved in many of the most important cases of recent years, including Pinochet, Congo, Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Iraq and Guantanamo.

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IAN MCDONALD

Author location: Belfast

LUNA: WOLF MOON

Published in trade paperback, March 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

The BSFA and Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning author returns with the second part of his stunning moon colonisation epic, perfect for fans of THE MARTIAN and RED MARS.

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LIZZIE KING

Author location: London

LIZZIE LOVES HEALTHY FAMILY FOOD

Published in hardback, March 2017

Demo, talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

LIZZIE LOVES HEALTHY FAMILY FOOD is a book that will feed both parent and child. There are recipes for the older members of the family, which can then be blended for a child who is weaning so you never have to eat separately from your little ones. There are time saving recommendations alongside meal plans for weeks of clean eating or lazy days (where the after-school activities mean you have less time than ever to prep food).

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Lizzie King is a mother of three young children and is a qualified Nutritional Health Coach, a rising Instagram star, graduate of Leith's School of Cookery and founder of Vitalove children's food.

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LIZ FENWICK

Author location: Cornwall

THE RETURNING TIDE

Published in trade paperback, March 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience in and around Cornwall: 40+

THE RETURNING TIDE tells two stories; one of two sisters, Amelia and Adele, who are finding their way during the Second World War and find the influx of American GIs a welcome distraction from the grim realities of life. But on a heady night of celebration, a betrayal is committed that will divide the sisters forever. The second story is about Lara who heads back to Windward, the rambling house on the Cornish cliffs she's only ever seen in old family Photographs after her marriage collapses. On arrival, she's thrown into the midst of a wedding; but it's a union which appears cursed to fail, according to the best man... Can a house really be haunted by its past?

Liz Fenwick is an author, ex-pat expert, wife, mother of three, and dreamer turned doer. Liz was born in Massachusetts, but fell in love with an Englishman and now happily resides in Cornwall with her husband and three children. Author of novels *The Cornish House*, *A Cornish Affair*, *A Cornish Stranger* and *Under A Cornish Sky*.

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DR ROSEMARY LEONARD

Author location: London

MENOPAUSE: THE ANSWERS

Published in trade paperback, 9 March 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel, Q&A

Audience 30+

In this definitive guide, Dr Rosemary Leonard debunks some of the myths surrounding the menopause, including why 'perimenopause' is a layman's term, and the pros and cons of HRT. Rosemary discusses the best approaches to the menopause and whether drugs, holistic remedies or other forms of treatment will work best for the individual.

Covering everything from hot flushes, changes to your menstrual bleeding pattern, how to tackle sex after menopause, and advice on alternative remedies, MENOPAUSE: THE ANSWERS is the comprehensive 'bible' on how to navigate your body's changes.

Dr Rosemary Leonard's work as a consultant to national television, radio and newspapers makes her one of the country's best-known doctors. She is the resident doctor on BBC Breakfast, and also writes a weekly page for the DAILY EXPRESS and a weekly column in S MAGAZINE. She is the medical editor and regular feature writer for WOMAN AND HOME magazine. Her first book, THE SEVEN AGES OF WOMAN, came out at the start of 2007.

Rosemary was awarded an M.B.E. for her services to healthcare in the New Year's Honours List, 2004.

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SARAH J NAUGHTON

Author Location: London

TATTLETALE

Published in hardback, March 2017

In-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

A shocking psychological thriller that's impossible to predict, by Costa Award shortlisted Sarah J Naughton.

One day changes Jody's life forever.

She has shut herself down, haunted by her memories and unable to trust anyone. But then she meets Abe, the perfect stranger next door and suddenly life seems full of possibility and hope.

One day changes Mags's life forever.

After years of estrangement from her family, Mags receives a shocking phone call. Her brother Abe is in hospital and no-one knows what happened to him. She meets his fiancé Jody, and gradually pieces together the ruins of the life she left behind. But the pieces don't quite seem to fit...

About the author: Sarah J Naughton grew up in Dorset, on a diet of tales of imperiled heroines and wolves in disguise. As an adult her reading matter changed but those dark fairytales had deep roots. Her debut children's thriller, THE HANGED MAN RISES, featured a fiend from beyond the grave menacing the streets of Victorian London, and was shortlisted for the 2013 Costa award.

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MICHEL BUSSI

Author Location: Rouen *available on 21, 22 March and late August in the UK*

DON'T LET GO

Published in hardback, April 2017

In-conversation, panel (translator needed)

Audience: 25+

From the acclaimed author of AFTER THE CRASH

In an idyllic resort on the island of La Réunion, Liane Bellion and her husband Martial are enjoying the perfect moment with their six year-old daughter. Turquoise skies, blue sea, palm trees, a warm breeze.

Then Liane disappears. She went up to her hotel room between 3 and 4pm and never came back. Her husband, worried, had gone to the room along with the concierge and found an empty, blood-soaked scene. Despite his protestations of innocence, the police view Martial as their prime suspect. He was the only other person who went to the hotel room during the hour that Liane disappeared according to the hotel staff. But when Martial himself disappears, along with his daughter, the case no longer looks so clear-cut.

About the author: Michel Bussi is France's second-bestselling author, having sold over a million copies of his eight novels there. In 2015 the first of his novels to be published in the

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UK, *AFTER THE CRASH*, attracted rave reviews and was selected by Waterstones as their inaugural Thriller of the Month, going on to sell over 100,000 copies. Waterstones have also selected his second novel, the acclaimed *BLACK WATER LILIES*, as their Thriller of the Month for March 2017. Michel Bussi has won fifteen literary awards in France and is Professor of Geography at Rouen University.

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PETER DUNNE

Author locations: Herefordshire, London

THE 50 THINGS

Published in hardback, March 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

A collection of humane, wise and funny letters from a father to his children. When Peter Dunne turned fifty he realised that while he may not have invented the Internet or found a cure, he had nonetheless fathered three remarkable children. Inspired by that fact, Peter set out to leave a trail of metaphorical breadcrumbs for them, and the result is a blueprint for liberal, thoughtful living in the modern world. Peter Dunne has worked in the film and TV industry for over thirty years, holding senior marketing positions at major studios. This is his first book.

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APRIL

WENDY MOORE

Author location: south London

THE MESMERIST: The society doctor who held Victorian London spellbound

In conversation, talk

Audience: 80+

From the author of the No. 1 bestseller *Wedlock* comes the story of John Elliotson, who at the beginning of the 1800s, when surgery was a brutal affair, became the dazzling new hope of the medical world. Charismatic and ambitious, he was determined to transform medicine from a medieval hodge-podge of archaic remedies into a practice informed by the latest science. In this aim he was backed by Thomas Wakley, founder of the new *Lancet* magazine and a campaigner against corruption and malpractice. Then in the summer of 1837, a French visitor arrived to promote an exotic new idea: mesmerism. It was a trend that would take the nation by storm but would ultimately split the two friends, and the medical world, asunder; throwing into sharp focus fundamental questions about the line between medicine and quackery. **Wendy Moore** is an award-winning freelance journalist and author. Her first book *The Knife Man* won the Medical Journalists' Association Consumer Medical Journalists' Association Consumer Book Award. Her highly-acclaimed second book, *Wedlock* was a Sunday Times No1 bestseller and her third book *How To Create the Perfect Wife* was published to rapturous reviews on both sides of the Atlantic. She lives in London.

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ALEX RENTON

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Author location: Edinburgh

STIFF UPPER LIP: Secrets, Crimes and the Schooling of a Ruling Class

Published in hardback, April 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

A revealing account of the abuse - and cultural fallout - that occurs in Britain's elite boarding schools.

This is the story of generations of parents, Britain's richest and grandest, who believed that being miserable at school was necessary to make a good and successful citizen. Childish suffering was a price they accepted for the preservation of their class, and their entitlement. The children who were moulded by this misery and abuse went on - as they still do - to run Britain's public institutions and private companies.

Alex Renton is an award-winning journalist whose career has ranged from theatre criticism and food columnising to investigation of child abuse, political correspondent and war reporter in the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans. As a result of his OBSERVER piece on his personal experience of abuse and boarding, Alex Renton received a record number of emails and letters (over 500) in response to it. Link to article: <http://gu.com/p/3zzfm> in response to it. Link to article: <http://gu.com/p/3zzfm>

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ROSAMOND RICHARDSON

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WAITING FOR THE ALBINO DUNNOCK: How Birds Can Change Your Life

Published in hardback, April 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

Rosamond Richardson explores the world of birds through the seasons of a single year. It describes encounters with particular birds in the landscapes of East Anglia where the author is rooted - the Fens with their waterscapes and wide skies, the forested heathland of the Brecks, the flat coastlines of Norfolk, and the arable fields and woodlands of Suffolk and Essex. As the subtitle implies, the beauty of birds has the power to change lives, as it did the author's. She looks at the impact birds have had on writers and artists and musicians and explores the degree to which wildness is embedded in the human psyche and how beauty is central to our mental and emotional wellbeing.

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MARCUS CHOWN

THE ASCENT OF GRAVITY: The Quest to Understand the Force that Explains Everything

Published in hardback, April 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 60+

Gravity is the weakest force in the everyday world yet it is the strongest force in the universe. It was the first force to be recognised and described yet it is the least understood. It is a 'force' that keeps your feet on the ground yet no such force actually exists. Gravity, to steal the words of Winston Churchill, is 'a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma'.

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And penetrating that enigma promises to answer the biggest questions in science: what is space? What is time? What is the universe? And where did it all come from?

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MASON CROSS

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DON'T LOOK FOR ME

Published in trade paperback, April 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

DON'T LOOK FOR ME is the nail-biting new thriller from the author of Richard and Judy Book Club pick, *The Samaritan*.

Don't look for me. It was a simple instruction. And for six years Carter Blake has kept his word. He hasn't looked for the woman he once loved and lost. But now her life is in danger and Blake is forced to break that promise. Trenton Gage is a hitman with a talent for finding people - dead or alive. His latest job is to track down a woman who's on the run, harbouring a secret many would kill for. It turns out Blake and Gage are after the same person - but who will get to her first?

Mason Cross is a well-reviewed crime writer with a loyal following. He was born in Glasgow in 1979. He studied English at the University of Stirling and currently works in the voluntary sector. He has written a number of short stories, including 'A Living', which was shortlisted for the Quick Reads 'Get Britain Reading' Award. He lives in Glasgow with his wife and three children. Find out more at www.masoncross.net or follow him on Twitter

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DAN VYLETA

Author location: Stratford-upon-Avon

Published in mass market paperback, April 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

SMOKE is 'JK Rowling meets Charles Dickens' *Metro*. Imagine a world in which your sin is visible.... addictive and intoxicating, SMOKE is a Dickensian, thrilling, rich novel for fans of PHILIP PULLMAN, THE SECRET HISTORY and THE SHADOW OF THE WIND.

Dan Vyleta is the son of Czech refugees who emigrated to Germany in the late 1960s. After growing up in Germany, he left to attend university in the UK where he completed a PhD in History at King's College, Cambridge. His debut novel, *Pavel & I*, gathered immediate international acclaim and was translated into eight languages. His second novel, *The Quiet Twin*, was shortlisted for the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize, and his third, *The Crooked Maid*, was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and won the J.I Segal Award. He lives in Stratford-upon-Avon.

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HARRIET CUMMINGS

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WE ALL BEGIN AS STRANGERS

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Audience 30+

Inspired by true events - a beautiful debut novel about an English village pushed to the brink, and the secrets its residents are desperate to protect. For fans of THE TROUBLE WITH GOATS AND SHEEP and ELIZABETH IS MISSING.

Follow Harriet on Twitter @HarrietWriter or find out more at www.harrietcummings.co.uk

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MADELEINE SHAW

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A YEAR OF BEAUTIFUL EATING

Published in hardback, April 2017

Demo, signing, talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 100+

In A YEAR OF BEAUTIFUL EATING, bestselling food writer and nutritional health coach Madeleine Shaw shows you how to eat your way to health and beauty all year round. With over 100 nutritious and wholesome recipes packed with flavour and medicinal benefits, Madeleine focuses on the importance of eating in tune with nature and supercharging your plate with what your body needs to look and feel beautiful season by season.

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STEVE MOSBY

Author Location: Leeds

YOU CAN RUN

Published in trade paperback, April 2017

In-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

A page-turning psychological thriller and a dark police procedural, the new novel from CWA Dagger winner Steve Mosby, explores the blurred lines between truth and fiction.

When a stolen car crashes into a house on a suburban street, the police are shocked to discover a woman being held captive inside the building. As the remains of many more victims are found in the house, it seems that the Red River Killer - who has been abducting women for twenty years and taunting the police with letters about his crimes - has finally been identified.

As the hunt for the killer intensifies, DI Will Turner finds the investigation edging dangerously close to uncovering his own demons. He must be the one to catch the killer while keeping his own past buried. The clock is ticking, and there are lives at stake...

About the author: Steve Mosby lives and works in Leeds. His novels have been translated widely and longlisted for the Theakstons Crime Novel of the Year Award and CWA Dagger in the Library.

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SIMON WROE

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HERE COMES TROUBLE

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In-conversation, panel

Audience: 30+

From the Costa-shortlisted, Desmond-Elliot shortlisted and Betty Trask-winning author of CHOP CHOP.

Ellis Dau dreams of the West – of London and New York. But he is growing up in Kyrzbekistan, a secretive nation where revolution barely makes the news. Following his expulsion from school, Ellis is sent to work with his father. His father is the editor of The Chronicle, the last bastion of free speech in their strange land. The Chronicle, and the country itself, is under threat: from heavy-handed policemen, violent revolutionaries and the resident Russian billionaire.

As Ellis navigates his collapsing, blacked-out city – and his feelings for the oligarch's beautiful daughter – he realises that some things are worth fighting for. But can he save his family and the newspaper fuelled only by youth, grain spirit and unrequited love?

About the author: Simon Wroe is a freelance journalist and former chef. He writes food and culture features for THE GUARDIAN and reviews for THE ECONOMIST. His first novel, CHOP CHOP, was shortlisted for the Costa First Novel Award in 2014, longlisted for the Desmond Elliot Prize and won a Betty Trask Award. He was born in 1982 and lives in Camberwell, South London.

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MAY

HENRY MARSH

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ADMISSIONS: A Life in Brain Surgery

Published in paperback, May 2017

Talk or in-conversation

Audience 150+

Henry Marsh has spent a lifetime operating on the surgical frontline, wrestling with the quotidian dilemmas of brain surgery. Since retiring from full-time job in the NHS, his work in Nepal, Albania and Ukraine has forced him think more deeply about our own healthcare system, our attitudes to death and the need to prolong life. In this searing, provocative and deeply personal new book, the bestselling author of DO NO HARM confronts difficult questions about his own life and what matters to us all in the end.

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JOHN SUTHERLAND

Author location: south London

BLUE: A MEMOIR – Keeping the Peace and Falling to Pieces

In conversation, panel, talk

Audience: 80+

A searingly honest memoir of the uplifting highs and crushing lows of a life spent policing on the front line. Chief Superintendent John Sutherland joined the Met Police in 1992, having dreamed of being a police officer since his teens. Rising quickly through the ranks, and compelled by the opportunity to make a real difference in London's local neighbourhoods,

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he worked across the capital, experiencing first-hand the enormous satisfaction as well as the endless trauma that a life in blue can bring. In early 2013, whilst working as the Borough Commander for Southwark in south London, John suffered a major breakdown and a consequent battle with crippling depression. After a career spent policing the streets and racing to be first at the scene of crimes and catastrophes, he found himself in pieces, unable to put one foot in front of the other. *Blue* offers an immensely moving and personal account of what it is to be a police officer today.

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JONATHAN DEAN

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I MUST BELONG SOMEWHERE: Three men. Two migrations. One endless journey

Published in hardback 18 May 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

When the present refugee crisis became front-page news, journalist Jonathan Dean finally decided to sit down and read the diaries that his grandfather, Heinz Schapira, had written when he came to London as a young refugee in 1939 to escape his fate as an Austrian Jew. As Dean makes the journey into his family history, the fascinating story of Heinz's escape and eventual assimilation emerges, and he discovers disturbing parallels with the situation of today's refugees.

Jonathan Dean is Senior Writer for Sunday Times Culture, regularly interviewing the world's biggest stars. He has also contributed pieces to Sunday Times News Review on subjects ranging from Remembrance Day to racism in the Oscars nominations, and occasionally writes for the Pool.

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THE SWITCH

Published in trade paperback, May 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

Harmony is the perfect society. So anyone born 'defective' must be eradicated. For orphans like Nico and Twostar this means a life that's brutal, regulated and short. They're offered a way out, but they might end up trading their freedom for their minds. This groundbreaking new novel from one of the genre's most respected authors is a thrilling mix of science, magic and politics.

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THE FOREVER HOUSE

Talk, panel

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Audience 40+

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Would you know your forever house if you found it? Hunter's Moon is the ultimate 'forever' house. Nestled by a river in the Peasebrook valley, it has been the Willoughbys' home for over fifty years, and now estate agent Belinda Baxter is determined to find the perfect family to live there. But the sale of the house unlocks decades of family secrets - and brings Belinda face to face with her own troubled past. A gorgeous escapist read for anyone needing a hug in a book - perfect for fans of Erica James, Lucy Diamond and Harriet Evans.

Veronica Henry is the bestselling author of HOW TO FIND LOVE IN A BOOKSHOP and has worked as a scriptwriter for THE ARCHERS, HEARTBEAT and HOLBY CITY amongst many others, before turning to fiction. She won the 2014 RNA NOVEL OF THE YEAR AWARD for A NIGHT ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS. Veronica lives with her family in a village in north Devon. Contact: Lauren Woosey 020 3122 7193 lauren.woosey@orionbooks.co.uk

THE HAIRY BIKERS

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THE HAIRY DIETERS GO VEGGIE

Published in trade paperback, May 2017

Signing, talk, in-conversation

Audience 150+

Following on from the first 3 books in THE HAIRY DIETERS series, THE HAIRY DIETERS GO VEGGIE shows that going vegetarian can be just as easy as going low-cal. Whether you want to cut out meat entirely, cut down, or just incorporate some more meat-free dishes into your diet, the book is full of simple and easy-to-follow recipes for tasty veggie meals and snacks, from Lancashire Hot Pot to Veggie Sausages.

Si King and Dave Myers are two of the nation's favourite food heroes. The stars of numerous TV cookery series, they represent all that is good-hearted and loved about food.

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ITAB AZZAM and DINA MOUSAWI

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SYRIA: RECIPES FROM HOME

Published in hardback, May 2017

Demo, talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

'Syrian cuisine deserves a high place in our culinary knowledge and Itab and Dina, with their brilliant recipes and fascinating stories, are the perfect authors to do this' Ruth Rogers Friends and passionate cooks Itab and Dina met Syrian women in the Middle East and Europe to collect together the very best recipes from one of the world's greatest food cultures. They spent months cooking with them, learning their recipes and listening to stories of home. From hot yoghurt soup with turmeric to cherry meatballs, this is a delicious celebration of the unique taste, culture and food of Syria - and a celebration of everything that food and memory can mean to an individual, to a family and to a nation.

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THE GOOD GUT GUIDE: Delicious Recipes & a Simple 6-Week Plan for Inner Health & Outer Beauty

Published in hardback 4 May 2017

Talk, in –conversation, demo

Audience 50+

The Good Gut Guide takes a close look at the link between the gut and our physical and mental health and provides a practical, easy-to-follow 6-week programme to improve your wellbeing from within. Beautifully illustrated throughout, each week focuses on a different aspect of transforming your digestive system. From detox and cleansing, healing and repopulating, to nourishing the good guys, balancing your whole body and, finally, maintenance and radiance from the inside out. Packed with the latest science, the book contains information on probiotics, prebiotics, supplements, and how best to address your individual needs and goals- whether this be specific to life stage, a long-standing health issue or weight loss. Liz Earle is a bestselling lifestyle and wellbeing writer and a regular guest on ITV 1 This Morning and is best known for co-founding the award winning Liz Earle Beauty Company.

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KATHERINE WEBB

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THE HIDING PLACES

Published in hardback, May 2017

In-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

Wiltshire, 1922. Fifteen-year old Pudding Cartwright has begun the career she always wanted, as girl groom to the Hadleigh family's horses at Manor Farm. Irene Hadleigh is struggling to adjust to her new life in sleepy Slaughterford, having married Alistair to escape a scandal in London. At a loss to occupy herself, Irene sets about restyling Manor Farm, and during the work the chance finding of a strange object, hidden away in the house for years, will change everything.

When somebody close to both of them is murdered, Pudding and Irene are thrown together to seek out the identity of the killer in their midst, unaware of just how deep the roots of the crime lie.

During a hot, humid summer of grief, betrayal, and misapprehensions, they will uncover truths neither of them could ever have foreseen.

About the author: Katherine Webb was born in 1977 and grew up in rural Hampshire before reading History at Durham University. She has since spent time living in London and Venice, and now lives in Wiltshire. Having worked as a waitress, au pair, personal assistant, book binder, library assistant, seller of fairy costumes and housekeeper, she now writes full time.

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ANNE DE COURCY

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Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 60+

THE HUSBAND HUNTERS: Social Climbing in London and New York

Towards the end of the nineteenth century and for the first few years of the twentieth, a strange invasion took place in Britain. The citadel of power, privilege and breeding in which the titled, land-owning governing class had barricaded itself for so long was breached. From 1874 - the year that Jennie Jerome, the first known 'Dollar Princess', married Randolph Churchill - to 1905, dozens of young American heiresses married into the British peerage, bringing with them all the fabulous wealth, glamour and sophistication of the Gilded Age. Anne de Courcy is the author of thirteen widely acclaimed works of social history and biography, including THE FISHING FLEET, MARGOT AT WAR, THE VICEROY'S DAUGHTERS and DEBS AT WAR. She lives in London and Gloucestershire.

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DR PIPPA MALMGREN

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SIGNALS: How Everyday Signs Can Help Us Navigate the World's Turbulent Economy

Published in paperback, May 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 100+

SIGNALS is the story of the world economy, told in the language of everyday objects, places and events - from magazine covers and supermarkets to public protests. Dr Pippa Malmgren is a former presidential advisor and has served as the chief currency strategist for Bankers Trust and the deputy head of global strategy at UBS. She co-founded H Robotics, a manufacturing firm, and DRPM, a consulting business. She serves on advisory boards at MIT, Indiana University and the Ditchley Foundation. Malmgren is a frequent guest on the BBC, including Newsnight and the Today programme, and is a popular commentator and public speaker with the Financial Times, the Economist, Intelligence Squared and others. Find her on Twitter @DrPippaM

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LAURA BARNETT

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GREATEST HITS

Published in hardback, June 2017

In-Conversation, joint events with Kath Williams, panel

Audience: 50+

The follow-up to the best-selling debut of 2016, THE VERSIONS OF US

Cass Wheeler is spending the day in her recording studio at home in Kent, listening to her old records. Throughout the 70s and 80s she enjoyed enormous success as one of the world's most acclaimed singer-songwriters, but a decade ago she withdrew abruptly from public life following a terrible personal tragedy. During the last ten years Cass, whose world was once filled with music, has lived in silence. She has been unable to listen to any of her own recordings or bring herself to write a new song. But now she has agreed to a Greatest Hits compilation and is choosing its sixteen tracks.

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Each chapter of GREATEST HITS opens with a song and tells the story of Cass's life when it was written: her parents' troubled marriage, her mother's betrayal, her discovery of music and her own gifts, her rise to fame, her difficult relationship with the man she loved, her beloved daughter.

The collaboration with Kathryn Williams

Laura Barnett will collaborate on Greatest Hits with Mercury-nominated singer-songwriter Kathryn Williams. The original songs are written by Kathryn Williams, with lyrics by Laura Barnett and Kathryn Williams, and will be released as an album named SONGS FROM THE NOVEL GREATEST HITS through One Little Indian, in June 2017.

About the Author: Laura Barnett was born in 1982 in south London, where she now lives with her husband. She studied Spanish and Italian at Cambridge University, and newspaper journalism at City University, London. Her debut novel, THE VERSIONS OF US, was published in May 2015. The novel spent ten weeks in The Sunday Times hardback bestseller list; and went straight to number one in The Sunday Times paperback fiction bestseller list, going on to spend six weeks in the Top Ten. To date, over 250,000 copies of have been sold. It was nominated for the 2016 BBIA Award for Debut Fiction, and won the Richard and Judy Spring 2016 Book Club. It was also selected by Waterstones as a Book of the Month and Book Club choice. TV rights have been optioned by Trademark Films.

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MODERN CALLIGRAPHY: Mastering the Art of Creativity

Published in trade paperback, June 2017

Workshop, demo, talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+ or smaller for workshop

A beautiful workbook that provides an introduction to modern calligraphy and creative ways to develop your own unique style of lettering. Lucy Edmonds is the founder of Quill London and heads up its Modern Calligraphy studio. Quill London was the first to host Modern Calligraphy workshops in London, and has been at the forefront of the modern calligraphy trend, having seen thousands of students through its classes since 2012. Lucy runs 4 calligraphy workshops a week, which are booked up months in advance and a 4,000 strong waiting list for her beginners class. Lucy's contemporary lettering style has been sought after by fashion, lifestyle brands and individuals alike, and she has worked on projects for M&S, Gucci, Ted Baker, Boden, Aesop and Radley to name a few.

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LYNNE JONES

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OUTSIDE THE ASYLUM: A Memoir of War, Disaster and Humanitarian Psychiatry

Published in hardback 8 June 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

Astonishing insight into the life of a humanitarian psychiatrist working in war and disaster zones around the world - from Bosnia and 'mission-accomplished' Iraq, to tsunami-affected Aceh, post-earthquake Haiti and 'the Jungle' in Calais.

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Over almost twenty-five years Lynne Jones has been working as a humanitarian psychiatrist, treating those whose mental health has been affected by war or genocide or unimaginable natural disaster, often in communities where clinical mental health treatment is on the margins, or simply does not exist. In some of the most dangerous places in the world, where huge numbers are dying or physically incapacitated, it is easy to ignore the mental wounds suffered when being forced to watch as members of your family are murdered, or when a place that you've always thought of as safe is destroyed; the feeling of helplessness as you watch your community being torn apart, or all your worldly possessions carried out to sea. Contact: Virginia Woolstencroft 020 3122 6738 virginia.woolstencroft@orionbooks.co.uk

VANESSA LAFAYE

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AT FIRST LIGHT

Published in hardback 1 June 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

A story of an epic love and an unsolved murder from the author of the Richard and Judy Summer Book Club hit, *Summertime*. 993, Key West, Florida. When a Ku Klux Klan official is shot in broad daylight, all eyes turn to the person holding the gun: a 96-year-old Cuban woman who will say nothing except to admit her guilt.

1919. Mixed-race Alicia Cortez arrives in Key West exiled in disgrace from her family in Havana. At the same time, damaged war hero John Morales returns home on the last US troop ship from Europe. As love draws them closer in this time of racial segregation, people are watching, including Dwayne Campbell, poised on the brink of manhood and struggling to do what's right. And then the Ku Klux Klan comes to town...

Inspired by real events, *At First Light* weaves together a decades-old grievance and the consequences of a promise made as the sun rose on a dark day in American history.

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LYDIA BRIGHT

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LIVE LAUGH LOVE ALWAYS LYDIA

Published in hardback 15 June 2017

In-conversation

Audience 50+

Lydia Bright – everyone's favourite (Essex) girl next door – exploded onto our screens back in the first series of *TOWIE*. Six years later and now fashion designer, campaigner and blogger in her own right, Lydia has a LOT to share ...

In this, her first book, Lydia goes back to the beginning of *TOWIE* – sharing everything from how she landed the dream job to her Cinderella moment at the BAFTAs and all the backstage drama that went hand in hand with the rise of the show. As well as funny and touching accounts of her childhood, she also draws on everything she's learnt from her life in the spotlight and as the co-founder of her successful fashion company, *Bella Sorella*, to give readers fashion inspiration, career advice and dating tricks. And of course, in true Lydia style, you know you'll be getting the genuine story behind her life-long love affair with James 'Arg' Argent.

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DAVID M BARNETT

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CALLING MAJOR TOM

Published in paperback original, June 2017

In-conversation, panel, chairperson

Audience 30+

Calling Major Tom is a heartwarming, quirky and ultimately life-affirming story of friendship, family and forgiveness - and the world's most unlikely astronaut.

A man who has given up on the world: Forty-something Thomas is very happy to be on his own, far away from other people and their problems

A family who show him how to live: But beneath his grumpy exterior lies a story and a sadness that is familiar to us all. And he's about to encounter a family who will change his view of the world... for good. David Barnett is an author and journalist based in West Yorkshire. After a career working for regional newspapers he embarked upon a freelance career writing features for most of the UK national press.

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XEELEE: VENGEANCE

Published in hardback, June 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

The Xeelee won, but at a huge cost. And, defeated in a greater war, the Xeelee eventually fled the universe. Most of them. One of the world's bestselling science fiction authors returns to the series which made his name. The Xeelee are back for the last time.

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THE FALLEN KINGDOM

Published in trade paperback, June 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

My name is Lady Aileana Kameron. First the fae murdered my mother. Then they destroyed my world. Heiress. Debutant. Murderer. A new generation of heroines has arrived. Elizabeth May is a professional photographer who has worked for an array of magazines and publishing houses. She is currently living in Edinburgh with her husband, while studying anthropology.

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Published in paperback, June 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

Historian Anne Sebba has received rave reviews for this book from 'fascinating and beautifully written' in the Spectator to 'enthraling' in the Observer. She highlights an extraordinary era in Parisian history focusing on what it was like for women living in Paris between 1939 and 1949. These were years of fear, power, aggression, courage, deprivation and secrets. It was women, more than men, who came face to face with the German conquerors on a daily basis. How did these women react to their subjugators? What made them collaborate or resist? And did they have any choice?

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BLACKWING

Published in hardback, July 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

The republic faces annihilation, despite the vigilance of Galharrow's Blackwings. When a raven tattoo rips itself from his arm to deliver a desperate message, Galharrow and a mysterious noblewoman must investigate a long dead sorcerer's legacy. But there is a conspiracy within the citadel: traitors, flesh-eaters and the ghosts of the wastelands seek to destroy them, but if they cannot solve the ancient wizard's paradox, the Deep Kings will walk the earth again, and all will be lost. Blackwing is a gritty epic fantasy debut for fans of Mark Lawrence, Scott Lynch and Daniel Polansky.

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TOM LLOYD

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PRINCESS OF BLOOD

Published in hardback, July 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

It's not easy being an honest man in a lawless world. Brand new heroic fantasy from the bestselling author of the TWILIGHT REIGN series. Tom Lloyd was born in 1979 in Berkshire. After a degree in International Relations he went straight into publishing where he still works. He never received the memo about suitable jobs for writers and consequently has never been a kitchen-hand, hospital porter, pigeon hunter, or secret agent. He lives in Oxford, isn't one of those authors who gives a damn about the history of the font used in his books and only believes in forms of exercise that allow him to hit something.

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WATLING STREET: Travels Through Britain and Its Ever-Present Past

Published in hardback, July 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

A journey along one of Britain's oldest and most enchanting roads, from Dover to Anglesey, in search of the hidden history that makes us who we are today.

Watling Street is a road of witches and ghosts, of queens and highwaymen, of history and myth, of Chaucer, Dickens and James Bond. Along this route Boudicca met her end, the Battle of Bosworth changed royal history, Bletchley Park code breakers cracked Nazi transmissions and Capability Brown remodelled the English landscape. The hundreds of thousands of people who use this road every day might think it unremarkable, but, as John Higgs shows, it hides its secrets in plain sight. WATLING STREET is not just the story of a road, but an acutely observed, unexpected exploration of Britain, told with lyricism, wit and an unerring eye for curious and intriguing detail.

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TOGETHER

Published in hardback on 13th July 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

This is not a great love story. This is a story about great love... On a morning that seems just like any other, Robbie wakes in his bed, his wife Emily asleep beside him, as always. He rises and dresses, makes his coffee, feeds his dogs, just as he usually does. But then he leaves Emily a letter and does something that will break her heart. As the years go back all the way to 1962, Robbie's actions become clearer as we discover the story of a couple with a terrible secret - one they will do absolutely anything to protect.

Julie's books have been translated into fifteen languages and have sold nearly a million copies; *Dear Thing* was a Richard and Judy Book Club pick. Julie lives in Berkshire with her husband, son and a terrier of dubious origin.

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FANNY BLAKE

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OUR SUMMER TOGETHER

Published in paperback 27 July 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

Caro knows how to be a mother - advising her grown-up daughters on career and relationship worries. She knows how to be a grandmother - enjoying the hectic energy of her three-year-old grandson. She knows how to be a daughter - helping her aging mother retain her independence.

She thought she knew everything about being a wife, but when her husband suddenly leaves her for another woman, everything is thrown in the air. So, when a chance meeting

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introduces her to Damir - younger, intriguing and attentive - she realises that opening up to a man so different from everyone else in her life, might also mean getting to know who she really is...

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ISABEL ASHDOWN

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LITTLE SISTER

Published in paperback 27 July 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

After sixteen years apart sisters Jessica and Emily are reunited. With the past now behind them, the warmth they once shared quickly returns and before long Jess has moved into Emily's comfortable island home. Life couldn't be better. But when baby Daisy disappears while in Jess's care, the perfect life Emily has so carefully built starts to fall apart. Was Emily right to trust her sister after everything that happened before?

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LUCY VINE

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HOT MESS

Published in paperback 13 July 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

Hot Mess [n.] - someone who is attractive, but often in a state of disarray, repeatedly finding themselves in uncomfortable predicaments. Ellie Knight is just like you. Her life isn't turning out the way she thought it would. Some people might say she's a hot mess but then who really has their s**t together before they're thirty? It's Valentine's Day and Ellie Knight finds herself eating Nutella in the bar stockroom after a no-show date. But single doesn't have to be the loneliest number, does it?

She goes back home to her flatshare and weird flatmates. It's ok there's black mould everywhere, right? With a hangover from hell, she goes to the office job she thought she would have quit by now.

Doesn't everyone hate their job? Maybe Ellie isn't following the *official life plan* but perfect is overrated. For fans of Fleabag and Girls, this is a fresh and funny coming-of-age story with a single-girl heroine that everyone will relate to - a modern Carrie Bradshaw meets Bridget Jones.

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PERCEPTION

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In-Conversation, panel

Audience: 25+

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Perfect for fans of Pride and Prejudice, Perception continues the adventures of the Bennet sisters in the Regency world we all know.

Mary Bennet does not dream of marriage. Much to her mother's horror, Mary is determined not to follow in the footsteps of her elder sisters, Jane (now Mrs Bingley) and Lizzy (now Mrs Darcy). Living at home with her remaining sister, Kitty, and her parents, Mary does not care for fashions or flattery. Her hopes are simple - a roof over her head, music at the piano, a book in her hand and the freedom not to marry the first bachelor her mother can snare for her.

But Mrs Bennet is not accustomed to listening to her daughters. When one of Meryton's wealthiest residents reveals her son is returning home, Mrs Bennett is determined to hear wedding bells ring for one of her girls..

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THE COMPANION

In-Conversation, panel

Audience: 25+

Billy Shaw lives in a palace. Potter's Pleasure Palace, the best entertainment venue in Yorkshire, complete with dancing and swing-boats and picnickers and a roller-skating rink. Jasper Harper lives in the big house above the valley, with his eccentric mother Edie and Uncle Charles, brother and sister authors who have come from London to write in the seclusion of the moors. When it is arranged for Billy to become Jasper's companion, Billy arrives to find a wild, peculiar boy in a curiously haphazard household where nothing that's meant is said and the air is thick with secrets. Later, when Charles and Edie are found dead, it is ruled a double suicide, but fictions have become tangled up in facts and it's left to Anna Sallis, almost a century later, to unravel the knots and piece together the truth. Sarah Dunnakey writes and verifies questions and answers for a variety of TV quiz shows including Mastermind, University Challenge and Pointless. In 2014, Sarah won the Northern Writer's Award after submitting part of *The Companion*. This is her first book.

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EMIGRANTS: Why the English Sailed to the New World

Published in hardback, 6 July 2016

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

This is a riveting history of American settlement by the English told from a new angle. An astonishing 400,000 people left for the Americas in the seventeenth century. Most of them were from England. Historian James Evans delves in to the lives of these emigrants and asks the question: why did they go? He brings alive the stories of those who sailed from the bold fortune hunters and the poverty stricken looking for a better life to the pious seeking a new congregation. James Evans completed a PhD at Oriel College, Oxford, following a first-class

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GET ME THE URGENT BISCUITS: An Assistant's Adventures In Theatreland

Published in hardback, 6 July 2016

In-conversation

Audience 60+

A memoir of the author's apprenticeship to theatre producers Thelma Holt Ltd. By turns shrewd, comic and reflective, GET ME THE URGENT BISCUITS recalls life in the orbit of a theatrical impresario. Under Thelma Holt's tutelage, the extraordinary soon became the ordinary. Sweetpea's education would last twenty years, taking in eccentric demands, irascible directors and a hot-air balloon ride with British theatre's finest. Part *The Dresser*, part *The Devil Wears Prada*, this beguiling memoir deftly captures a vanishing world of indomitable egos and seemingly boundless possibilities.

Sweetpea Slight spent more than twenty years working with renowned theatre producer Thelma Holt. They worked with some of the biggest names in the industry, including Peter Hall, Dustin Hoffman, Sam Mendes, Vanessa Regrave, Alan Rickman, Fiona Shaw and Deborah Warner.

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AUGUST

MARK ALDER

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SON OF THE NIGHT

Published in trade paperback, August 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

Following on from the success of *Son of the Morning*, which saw him compared to both Bernard Cornwell for the flair of his historical writing and to George RR Martin for his gripping plotting, Mark Alder takes his history of the 100 years war into France as the war between Heaven and Hell swallows up the ambitions of both the French and English crowns. Mark Alder was a journalist before becoming a full time writer. Widely read in mediaval history he is also a keen fencer and is an instructor in the sport. He lives in Brighton with his family. He has also written historical fantasies under the name M.D. Lachlan.

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THE ANATOMY OF MANCHESTER UNITED

Published in hardback, August 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

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JAMES HAMILTON

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GAINSBOROUGH: A Portrait

Published in hardback, August 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

Gainsborough (1727-1788) lived as if electricity shot through his veins and crackled at his finger tips. He was a gentle and empathetic family man, but had a volatility that could lead him to slash his painting and an outrageous way of speaking, writing and behaving in public that shocked many. He would be dynamite in polite society today. Art Historian James Hamilton brings to life one of Britain's most famous artists in this fresh and exhilarating account. Curator, art and cultural historian, Hamilton is Fellow of the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at the University of Birmingham and has curated art collections and projects in Wakefield, Sheffield, Leeds and Portsmouth. His previous books include *Turner and Faraday*, which was shortlisted for the James Tait Black Memoiral Prize, and *A Strange Business: Making Art and Money in Nineteenth Century Britain*, which in 2014 was named Art Book of the Year by the *Sunday Times*.

SEPTEMBER

BEN AARONOVITCH

Author location: London

THE FURTHEST STATION

Published in hardback, September 2017

Talk

Audience 60+

A stunning new PC Peter Grant novella continues this bestselling series with commuting ghosts, a kidnapping, and a superb new London mystery. The Peter Grant books have now sold over a million copies and Ben's fans are always avid to hear more from him. He still lives in London, the city he likes to refer to as 'the capital of the world'.

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ADAM ROBERTS

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THE REAL-TOWN MURDERS

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Audience 30+

Alma is a private detective living in near-future Reading, rebranded as RI-town to try to tempt people away from the delights of Shine, the immersive successor to the internet. Her partner is ill, and has to be treated without fail every 4 hours, a task that only Alma can do. If she misses the 5 minute window her lover will die. So when Alma is called to an automated car factory to be shown an impossible death and finds herself caught up in a political coup, she knows that getting too deep may leave her unable to get home. What follows is a fast-paced thriller as she evades arrest, digs into the conspiracy, and tries to work out how on earth the dead body appeared in the boot of a freshly-made car in a fully-automated factory. Contact: Stevie Finegan on 020 3122 7009 stevie.finegan@orionbooks.co.uk

KEVIN TOOLIS

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MY FATHER'S WAKE: How the Irish Teach Us to Live, Love and Die

Published in hardback 7 September 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

An intimate, lyrical memoir exploring the ancient rite of the Irish wake.

Death is a whisper in the Anglo-Saxon world. But on the remote island of Dookinella, off the coast of Mayo, it has a louder voice. Along with reports of incoming Atlantic storms, the local radio runs a thrice daily roll of ordinary deaths. The islanders go in great numbers, often with young children, to wake with their dead. They keep the corpse and the bereaved company through the long hours of the night. They dig the grave with their own hands. It is a communal triumph in overcoming the death of the individual. In this beautifully written memoir, Kevin Toolis gives an intimate, eye-witness account of the death and wake of his father, and explores the wider history of the Irish Wake. With an uplifting, positive message at its heart, MY FATHER'S WAKE celebrates the spiritual depth of the Irish Wake and asks if we can find a better way to deal with our mortality, by living and loving in the acceptance of death.

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HENRY FRASER

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THE LITTLE BIG THINGS

Published in hardback 7 September 2017

Talk, in-conversation

Audience 100+

A short, inspirational read from Henry Fraser a young quadriplegic motivational speaker and artist.

Henry Fraser was a 17-year old sports enthusiast and senior prefect when he broke his spinal cord and was left paralysed from the shoulders down. Life as he knew it was over and yet, through extraordinary determination and a positive attitude, he has forged a successful career as an inspirational speaker and an artist. He chose survival over defeat, and transformed unimaginable difficulty into an opportunity to grow and inspire others.

This book will combine his wisdom and insight into accepting life's challenges with positivity and hope, and will resonate with anyone facing an obstacle, no matter how big or small. It

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includes Henry's thoughts on how to look at the right things and avoid the wrong things, looking for progress in whatever you do, and acknowledging and accepting the darkness when it comes. Right at the heart of Henry's inspiring philosophy is his belief that every day is a good day.

Henry has 50.8k followers on Twitter and public support from a number of celebrities, including David Beckham and J K Rowling.

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CHRIS SKIDMORE

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RICHARD III: Brother, Protector, King

Published in hardback 7 September 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 60+

The last Plantagenet king remains one of England's most famous and controversial monarchs. There are few parallels in English history that can match the drama of Richard III's reign, witnessed in its full bloody intensity. Chris Skidmore's biography strips back the legends that surround Richard's life and reign, and by returning to original manuscript evidence, he rediscovers the man as contemporaries saw him. Rather than vindicate or condemn, Skidmore presents every facet of Richard's personality as it deserves to be seen: as one of the most important figures in medieval history, whose actions and behaviour underline the true nature of power in an age of great drama, upheaval and instability. Chris Skidmore is the author of three much admired books on Tudor and medieval history: EDWARD VI, DEATH AND THE VIRGIN and BOSWORTH. He previously taught at Bristol University and is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He is Member of Parliament for Kingswood.

ADAM RUTHERFORD

Author location: London

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EVERYONE WHO EVER LIVED: The Stories in our Genes

Published in paperback, September 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 60+

From the acclaimed science writer and broadcaster, a dazzling tour of the latest genetic discoveries which are blurring the boundaries between science and history. Adam Rutherford reveals what our genes now tell us about history, and what history tells us about our genes. From Neanderthals to murder, from redheads to race, dead kings to plague, evolution to epigenetics, this is a demystifying and illuminating new portrait of who we are and how we came to be.

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JOANNE M HARRIS

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A POCKETFUL OF CROWS

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Published in hardback, October 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 60+

A perfect autumn and Christmas read, this combines the harshness of nature with the spookiness of a ghost story and the comfort of a great folk tale, in one beautifully told novella.

Joanne M Harris has written a beautiful and powerful stand-alone novella which springs from the page as a haunting, lyrical and utterly compelling modern fairy tale. Inspired by the Child Ballads, it's a superb tale of love, loss and revenge.

About the author: Joanne Harris is the author of the Whitbread-shortlisted CHOCOLAT (made into an Oscar-nominated film starring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp) and many other bestselling novels. Her hobbies are listed in Who's Who as 'mooching, lounging, strutting, strumming, priest-baiting and quiet subversion'. She plays bass guitar in a band first formed when she was 16, is currently studying Old Norse, and lives with her husband and daughter in Yorkshire, about 15 miles from the place she was born.

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PAUL MCAULEY

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AUSTRAL

Published in trade paperback, October 2017

Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

The great geoenvironmental projects have failed. The world is still warming, sea levels are still rising, and the Antarctic Peninsula is home to Earth's newest nation. Austral Morales Ferrado, is a husky: an edited person adapted to the unforgiving climate of the far south, feared and despised by most of its population. She's been a convict, a corrections officer in a labour camp, and consort to a criminal, and now, out of desperation, she has committed the kidnapping of the century. But before she can collect the ransom and make a new life elsewhere, she must find a place of safety amongst the peninsula's forests and icy plateaus, and evade a criminal gang that has its own plans for the teenage girl she's taken hostage. Blending the story of Austral's flight with the fractured history of her family and its role in the colonisation of Antarctica, Austral is a vivid portrayal of a treacherous new world created by climate change, and shaped by the betrayals and mistakes of the past.

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GAVIN G. SMITH

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THE HANGMAN'S DAUGHTER

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Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

Four hundred years in the future, the most dangerous criminals are kept in suspended animation aboard prison ships and "rehabilitated" in a shared virtual reality environment. But Miska Corbin, a thief and hacker with a background in black ops, has stolen one of these ships, the Hangman's Daughter, and made it her own. Controlled by explosive collars and

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trained in virtual reality by the electronic ghost of a dead marine sergeant, the thieves, gangsters, murderers, and worse are transformed into Miska's own private indentured army: the Bastard Legion. Are the mercenaries just for fun and profit, or does Miska have a hidden purpose connected to her covert past?

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BORIS AKUNIN

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ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

Published in hardback, October 2017

Talk, In-Conversation, Panel

Audience: 50+

Fandorin receives a phone call to say a woman is in great danger. Eliza Altairskaya-Lauanten, the lead actress in a Moscow theatre troupe, is the estranged wife of a descendant of Genghis Khan. Her ex-husband has vowed to kill anyone who courts her, and has apparently already killed two men. But the mystery deepens when strange messages begin arriving at the theatre and another killer appears to be in the frame. When Fandorin watches Eliza on stage for the first time, he falls desperately in love with the actress... But can he solve the case - and win over Eliza - without attracting the attentions of the murderer he is trying to find?

About the Author: Boris Akunin is the pseudonym of Grigory Chkhartishvili. He has been compared to Gogol, Tolstoy and Arthur Conan Doyle, and his Erast Fandorin books have sold over eighteen million copies in Russia alone. He lives in Moscow.

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MARTIN LIPTON

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WHITE HART LANE

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Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 40+

A complete history of White Hart Lane, the home of Tottenham Hotspur from 1899 to 2017 and the setting for some of their greatest successes. With the active support and endorsement of the club, who have granted him exclusive access to senior figures, current employees at all levels and historical documents, Martin Lipton pays fitting tribute to the glory days at the Lane. He has talked to, among others, Jimmy Greaves, Martin Chivers, Pat Jennings, Glenn Hoddle, Ossie Ardiles, Chris Waddle, Teddy Sheringham, Jurgen Klinsmann, David Ginola, Gareth Bale and Harry Kane. And he has also interviewed fans, support staff, managers and board members in order to provide the complete and definitive story of White Hart Lane. Martin Lipton has had a 25-year-career as a journalist including being Chief Football Writer for the Press Association, *Daily Mail* and *Daily Mirror*, covering England at five World Cups and four European Championships plus reporting at Wimbledon, the Ryder Cup, Test and World Cup cricket and two Olympic Games. A graduate of Oxford University, he has also been an active Spurs supporter since attending his first game in 1972. He is now the Deputy Head of Sport at *The Sun*.

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SIMON INGS

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THE SMOKE

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Talk, in-conversation, panel

Audience 30+

THE SMOKE is an intense meditation on loneliness, capital and cognition by the author of WOLVES. Simon Ings is the author of eight previous novels (some science fiction, some not) and two works of non-fiction, including the Baillie Gifford longlisted STALIN AND THE SCIENTISTS. His debut novel HOT HEAD was widely acclaimed. He is the arts editor of New Scientist magazine and splits his time between a sweltering penthouse in Dubai (not his) and possibly the coldest flat in London.

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NIKITA GILL

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WILD EMBERS

Published in trade paperback, November 2017

Poetry readings, in-conversation, panel

Nikita Gill is one of the UK's most successful 'Insta-poets' – a movement of poets who have used Instagram as a platform to reach a new audience. Nikita's poetry has captured hearts and minds all over the world. Beautiful, honest and raw, her work is perfectly poised and sings with a wild energy. WILD EMBERS will showcase mostly unseen poetry and prose, delving into ideas about passion, identity, empowerment and femininity.

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SIR ROY STRONG

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SCENES AND APPARITIONS: The Roy Strong Diaries 1988–2003

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Talk

Audience 100+

The second volume of diaries from the bestselling author and former director of both the National Portrait Gallery and the V&A begins where SPLENDOURS AND MISERIES (1967-87), left off. On leaving art world, Roy Strong was free to reinvent himself, having vowed never to speak or write about museums again as long as he lived (in fact until he was eighty). Left with little to live on, he turned his hand to whatever came his way, acting as a consultant to the Canary Wharf development; designing gardens for the Prince of Wales at Highgrove and for Elton John at Old Windsor; and becoming a bestselling historian with the publication of *The Story of Britain*. The diaries also contain fascinating cameos of people, from royalty to fashion designers, the making of The Laskett garden in Herefordshire, and they close with the death of his wife in the autumn of 2003.

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