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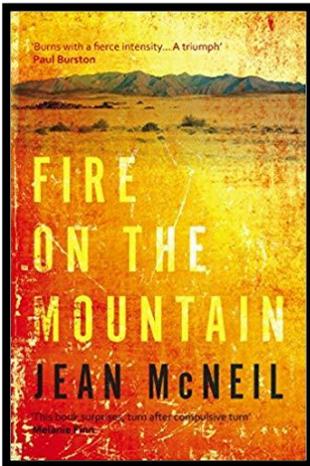
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Fiction

** Narrative **

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN, Jean McNeil

(Legend Press | UK | 256 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#LGBTLove #AfricanLandscape #LiteraryRomance

A visionary novel that examines the restrictions of taboos and South African landscape

When NGO worker Nick drops unexpectedly into the lives of Pieter and Sara Lisson, he feels he has found the parents he never had. Nick is enraptured by their lives of splendour and acclaim as much as the stirring setting of the African city where they live, but he soon senses a secret at the heart of his new family.

Nick then meets Riaan, the Lissons' son, and so begins an intense connection that threatens to erupt into a relationship neither had ever considered. In the shadow of the Brandberg, the glowing mountain that stands at the heart of the desert, Nick will discover that his passion for Riaan is not the only fire which threatens his newfound home.

**** Comparisons to *Brokeback Mountain* and JM Coetzee**

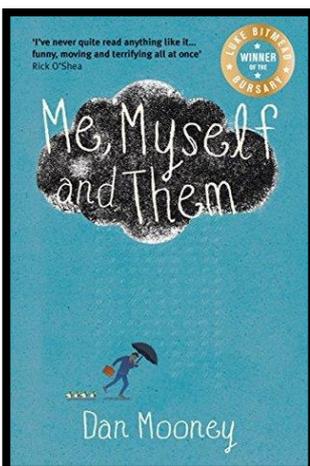
TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT – “Sharp and evocative.”

DAILY MAIL – “Completely absorbing, eminently readable...”

THE NEW YORK TIMES – “Stunningly written.”

ME, MYSELF AND THEM, Dan Mooney

(Legend Press | UK | 288 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Contemporary #PsychologicalFiction

“One part *The Rosie Project*, one part personal *Heart Of Darkness*, one part Stephen King”, The BookBag

Struggling to cope with a tragic loss, Denis Murphy has learned to live a bit differently. Both his friends are used to it - the only problem is his monstrous housemates. When his enigmatic ex-girlfriend comes back into his life, she threatens to shatter the finely crafted world around him.

**** Winner of the Luke Bitmead Bursary**

**** Shortlisted for short film screenplay - The City of Culture 2017**

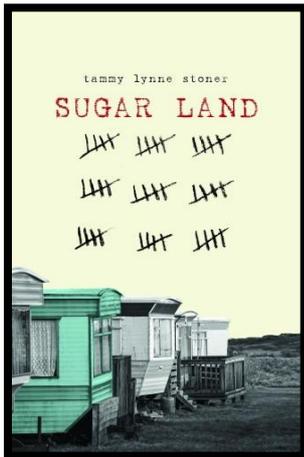
**** Comparison authors: Nathan Filer and Mark Haddon**

LUKE BITMEAD BURSARY PANEL - "A very accomplished novel, which adopts a unique and sensitive approach to the subject of mental health in the wake of a traumatic event."

Rights sold: US (Park Row Books/HarperCollins)

SUGAR LAND, Tammy Lynne Stoner

(Red Hen | US | 344 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#SouthernNovel #20's #ProhibitedLove #LGBT

***Sugar Land* reads like *Fried Green Tomatoes*—if it were written by John Irving and Jeanette Winterson.**

In 1923 rural Texas, 19-year-old Dara falls in love with her best friend Rhodie—who also happens to be a girl. In order to hide her forbidden love, she flees to a job as a cook at the Sugar Land Prison, where she befriends the incarcerated Blues singer Lead Belly and tries to stay in the closet by marrying the prison warden. Lead Belly sings his way out (true story)—but only after he makes her promise to free herself from her own prison.

Sugar Land is a southern novel about love, Lead Belly, and liberation. A triumphant, beautiful novel about the heart's refusal to be denied what the heart wants.

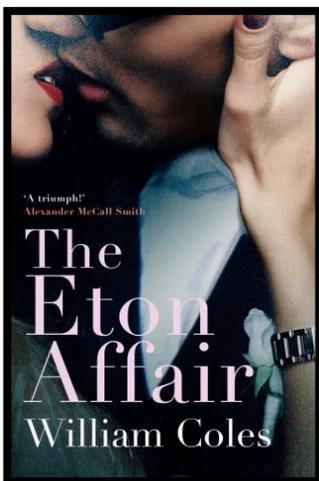
**** A gorgeous debut novel about race, class, sexuality, and the prisons we make of ourselves**

KIRKUS - "A ravishing debut. Dara's story is a postcard of small-town Texas life from prohibition through civil rights, tracing the treatment and awareness of gay people through these decades"

CAROLINE LEAVITT, *New York Times* bestselling author - "How can you not adore a novel about love, food, and how working in a prison can help you discover who you really are?"

THE ETON AFFAIR, William Coles

(Legend Press | UK | 288 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#FirstLove #LifeChanging #Charming #Commercial

The bittersweet story of a life-changing love. An intensely passionate affair. A wild and unaccustomed thrill of first love.

Seventeen-year-old schoolboy Kim is an idle drifter at one of Britain's most extraordinary institutions, Eton College. His head is full of a possible army career, until the day he hears his new piano teacher, the beautiful but pained India, playing Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier. Kim's life is destined never to be the same again.

Twenty-five years on, Kim recalls that heady summer and how their fledgling relationship was so brutally snuffed out -finished off by his enemies, by the constraints of Eton, and by his own withering jealousy.

**** Film rights acquired**

ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH – "A triumph."

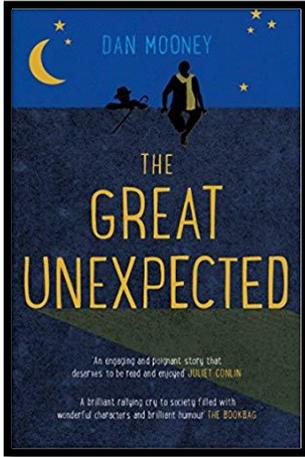
SUNDAY EXPRESS – "Outstanding... A wonderful story of first love."

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL – "Charming, moving, uplifting."

Rights sold: US (Soho Press)

THE GREAT UNEXPECTED, Dan Mooney

(Legend Press | UK | 304 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#DarkComedy #Heartbreaking #Friendship #UpliftingTale

The darkly comic story of an old man who decides to end his life, but finds that the process of planning his suicide is the most fun he's had in years. An unlikely friendship. The adventure of a lifetime.

Joel lives in a nursing home, and he's not one bit happy about it. He hates being told when to eat, when to sleep, when to take his pills. He's fed up with life and begins to plan a way out when his new roommate, a retired soap opera actor named Frank, moves in and turns the nursing-home community upside down.

Though the two men couldn't be more opposite, a fast friendship is formed when Frank is the only one who listens to and stands up for Joel. When he tells Frank about his burgeoning plan, they embark together on a mission to find the perfect escape, and along the way will discover that it's never too late for new beginnings. Filled with colorful characters, sparkling humor and deep emotion, *The Great Unexpected* is a story of friendship, finding oneself later in life and experiencing newfound joy in the most unexpected places.

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THE BOOKBAG – “A brilliantly rallying cry to society filled with wonderful characters and brilliant humour.”

JULIET CONLIN - “An engaging and poignant story that deserves to be read and enjoyed.”

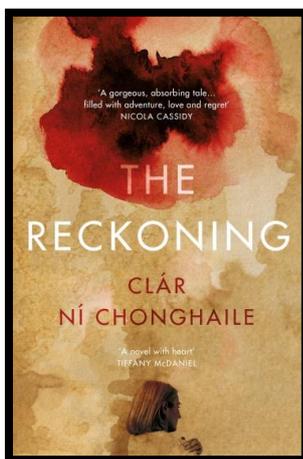
STEVEN PRIMROSE-SMITH - “A darkly funny, heart-breaking and ultimately uplifting story.”

RICK O'SHEA - “I've never read anything quite like it ... funny, moving and terrifying all at once.”

Rights sold: US (Park Row), Germany (HarperCollins), Spanish (Enciclopèdia), Catalan (Enciclopèdia), China (Beijing Fonghong Books), Czech Rep (XYZ, Albatros Media Grup)

THE RECKONING, Clár Ní Chonghaile

(Legend Press | UK | 304 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#WWII #Melancholy #Literary

A highly literary account of the experience of war, all from the unique perspective of a somewhat cold, clinical woman who abandons her child when her husband commits suicide after World War II.

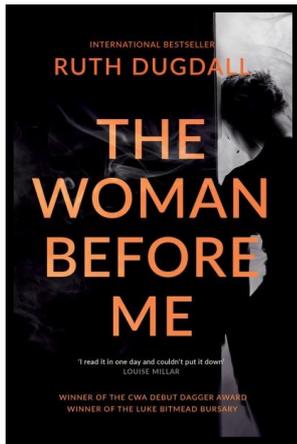
In a cottage in Normandy, Lina Rose is writing to the daughter she abandoned as a baby. Now a successful if enigmatic author, she is determined to trace her family's history through the two wars that shaped her life.

But Lina can no longer bear to carry her secrets alone, and once the truth is out, can she ever be forgiven?

**** 2019 is the 80th anniversary of the start of World War II**

THE WOMAN BEFORE ME, Ruth Dugdall

(Legend Press | UK | 320 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#PsychologicalThriller #Suspense #LongSeller #InternationalSales

A clever, sophisticated, psychological thriller, perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn, S.J. Watson, B A Paris and Sophie Hannah

They came for me, just like I knew they would. Luke had been dead for just three days. Rose Wilks' life is shattered when her newborn baby Joel is admitted to intensive care. Emma Hatcher has all that Rose lacks. Beauty. A loving husband. A healthy son. Until tragedy strikes and Rose is the only suspect. Now, having spent nearly five years behind bars, Rose is just weeks away from freedom. Her probation officer Cate must decide whether Rose is remorseful for Luke's death, or whether she remains a threat to society. As Cate is drawn in, she begins to doubt her own judgement. Where is the line between love and obsession, can justice be served and, if so... by what means?

- ** Legend Press' #1 bestseller of all time, over 50,000 copies sold to date**
- ** Over 300 reviews on Amazon with an average of 4.5 stars**
- ** Winner of the CWA Debut Dagger Award**
- ** A new edition for the multiple award-winning thriller that remains an international bestseller after 8 years in the market**

CWA judging panel – “Dark, disturbing and authentic.”

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY – “A chilling tale of betrayal and obsession... keeps its secrets well.”

KIRKUS – “Well-plotted... The author understands how to build suspense and create atmosphere.”

THE DAILY MAIL – “Authentic... diverting debut.”

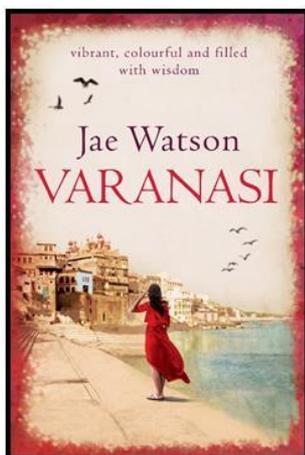
CRIME TIME - “Impressive in its unflinching realism... a dark and haunting psychological thriller that possesses both depth and sensitivity.”

ALEX MARWOOD - “An absolute tour de force that left me thinking for days.”

Rights sold: Germany, USA, Italy, ANZ, Croatia, India

VARANASI, Joe Watson

(Legend Press | UK | 272 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Secrets&Mystery #IntriguingSetting #CleverPlot

Following the breakup of her relationship, and unsure of her life's direction, Marianne leaves her home to travel for a year with the mysterious and beautiful Sara.

They soon immerse themselves in the chaotic and mystical heart of India, and events take a dramatic turn... soon after their arrival in the Holy City of Varanasi, Sara's body is found floating in the Ganges. As the investigation ensues, unexpected and shocking revelations cast a new light on Sara, and Marianne finds herself on a painful but vital journey to uncover the truth about her friend and her own true self.

A spell-binding mystery set in the exotic city of Varanasi, India.

- ** Fascinating insight into India: landscape, chaos, proud people and the mystical**

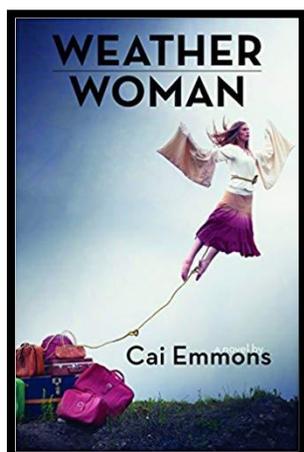
**** Every tiny action in the novel has a meaning and an implication, but only a very sharp reader will be able to unravel these clues and guess what happened to Sara before the reveal at the end of the novel.**

WRITEWORDS.CO.UK – “A fascinating read that kept me intrigued to the end. It is a novel that defies expectation and provides no cosy solutions.”

ROUNDTABLE REVIEW – “Ambitious and bold... this is a book which ventures off the beaten track.”

WEATHER WOMAN, Cai Emmons

(Red Hen | US | 356 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#MagicalRealism #UnexpectedSuperpower #WomanFiction

A realistic novel with a touch of fantasy, *Weather Woman* is the story of a meteorologist who discovers she has the power to change the weather

30-year-old Bronwyn Artair, feeling out of place in her doctoral program in Atmospheric Sciences at MIT, drops out and takes a job as a TV meteorologist. After a year of enduring the indignities of her job she discovers her deep connection to the natural world has given her an ability to affect natural forces. When she finally accepts she really possesses this startling capability, she must then negotiate a new relationship to the world. Who will she tell? Who will believe her? Most importantly, how will she put this new skill of hers to use?

As she seeks answers to these questions, she travels to Kansas to see the tornado maverick she worships; falls in love with Matt, the tabloid journalist who has come to investigate her; visits fires raging out of control in Los Angeles; and eventually voyages to the methane fields of Siberia.

A story about a twenty-something who can't make lemonade out of life's lemons.

**** A smart, ambitious character struggling to find her place in the universe, until the universe imposes a role she never expected.**

GOODREADS - "A deeply fascinating and extremely timely novel."

Y. OPPENHEIMER, HORSEMAN OF LOS ALAMOS, Aaron Tucker

(Coach House | Canada | 220 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#BiographicalNovel #AtomicBomb #ManhattanProject

The novel of J. Robert Oppenheimer: reluctant father of the atomic bomb, enthusiastic lover of books, devoted husband and philanderer.

Engaging with the books he voraciously read, and especially the *Bhagavad Gita* this lyrical novel takes us through the story of the father of the atomic bomb, from his tumultuous youth to his marriage with a radical communist and the two secret, consuming affairs he carried on, all the while bringing us deep inside the mind of the man behind the Manhattan Project.

Y brings us deep inside the passions and moral qualms of this man with pacifist, communist leanings as he created the world's first weapon of mass destruction -and, in the process, changed the world we live in immeasurably.

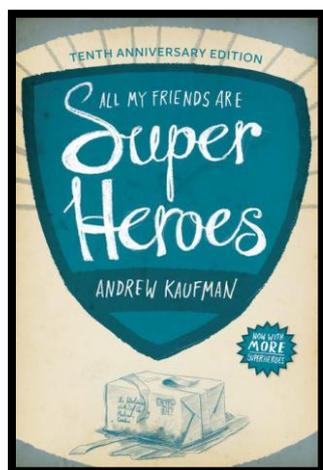
**** Using progressively shorter chapters that shape into an inward spiral**

Rights sold: France (Editions La Peuplade)

**** Fantasy & SciFi ****

ALL MY FRIENDS ARE SUPERHEROES, Andrew Kaufman

(Coach House | Canada | 152 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Fantasy #SuperheroFriends #ModernClassic #Whit&Charm

A compendium of extraordinary and extremely familiar personalities, like those of all our friends; a psychological treatise of the time and a charming narrative like no other.

All Tom's friends really are superheroes. There's the Ear, the Spooner, the Impossible Man. Tom even married a super hero, the Perfectionist. But at their wedding, the Perfectionist was hypnotized (by ex-boyfriend Hypno, of course) to believe that Tom is invisible. Nothing he does can make her see him. Six months later, she's sure that Tom has abandoned her. So she's moving to Vancouver. She'll use her superpower to make Vancouver perfect and leave all the heartbreak in Toronto. With no idea Tom's beside her, she boards an airplane. Tom has until the wheels touch the ground in Vancouver to convince her he's visible, or he loses her forever.

- ** 10th anniversary special edition**
- ** New catalogue of superheroes & gorgeous illustrations by Tom Percival**
- ** More than 15 translations**
- ** Audio, stage and film rights sold**

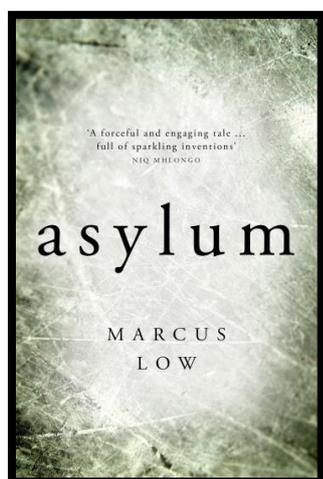
SHEILA HETI – “This book is like a kiss in the afternoon sun.”

Rights sold: Arabic, Brazil, Catalan, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, South Korea, Turkey, Netherlands, UK



ASYLUM, Marcus Low

(Legend Press | UK | 208 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#SciFi #Dystopia #SuspensefulThriller #PageTurner

Perfect for fans of post-apocalyptic fiction and classic prison escape thrillers.

Barry James is detained in a quarantine facility in the blistering heat of the Great Karoo. Here he exists in two worlds: the unforgiving reality of his incarceration and the lyrical landscapes of his dreams. He has cut all ties with his previous life, his health is failing, and he has given up all hope. All he has to cling to are the meanderings of his restless mind, the daily round of pills and the journals he reluctantly keeps as testimony to a life once lived.

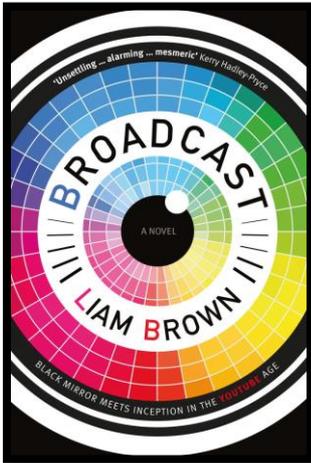
And then there's an opportunity to escape.

**** Authentic writing, developed through Low's experience as a public health expert, specialising in TB and HIV.**

SUNDAY TIMES – “The most credible dystopian novel I have ever read.”
NIQ MHLONGO – “An engaging tale that brilliantly blends the real and imagined world and is full of sparkling inventions.”
CAPE TIMES – “Thought-provoking, alluring and sensitively written... a new thrilling talent.”

BROADCAST, Liam Brown

(Legend Press | UK | 288 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#TechnoThriller #Sci-Fi #Psychology #Dystopian #CommercialUpmarket

**A Truman Show-like nightmare for the YouTube generation.
Inception meets Black Mirror meets Brave New World.**

The idea behind is simple. We insert a small chip into your skull and then every thought, every feeling, every memory is streamed live, twenty-four hours a day. When David Callow is offered the lead role in a revolutionary new online show, he snatches at the opportunity. Rapidly becoming a viral sensation, David is propelled to stratospheric levels of celebrity. However, he soon realises the downside of sharing every secret with the world.

**** Shortlisted for the Luke Bitmead Bursary (2014), Bare Fiction Prize (2015) and Grist Prize (2015)**

**** Longlisted for the Guardian Not the Booker 2015, 2016**

**** Film rights sold**

THE GUARDIAN - “Compelling”

STEPHEN MAY, COSTA AWARD-SHORTLISTED AUTHOR – “...as intoxicating as home-distilled hooch.”

SOCRATES ADAMS, AUTHOR OF A MODERN FAMILY - "A relentlessly thrilling selfie-induced panic attack. *Broadcast* isn't about the future, it's about right now."

Rights sold: Australia (Penguin Random House), Russia, Turkey

SKIN, Liam Brown

(Legend Press | UK | 304 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#FastPaced #DystopianThriller #GlobalVirus

A strange virus is sweeping the globe. Humans have become allergic to one another. Simply standing next to somebody could be a death sentence. A kiss could be fatal.

Angela is a woman trying to get by in this bewildering new world. Though she still lives with her husband and children, they lead separate lives. Confined to their rooms, they communicate via their computers and phones. In some ways, very little has changed. That is, until she spots a mysterious stranger walking through town without even a face mask for protection. A man, it seems, immune to this disease. A man unlike anyone else she knows. A man it might just be safe to touch...

**** Hot lead title Spring 2019**

****Previous novel *Broadcast* optioned for film by Annapurna Studios and sold rights in Turkey, Russia and Australia**

**** Taps into the current interest in dystopian novels in light of recent political movements**

(Praise for Liam Brown's writing)

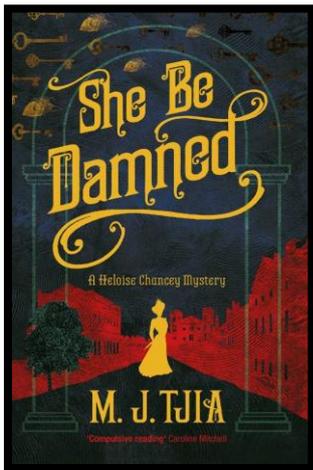
DAILY MAIL – “Delivers a brilliant, ice-cold rush of horror as we follow our hero into a nightmare entirely of his own making. Truly a morality tale for our digital age.”

RABEEA SALEEM, *Bookriot* – “A claustrophobic story about corporate culture and social media.”

**** Historical ****

SHE BE DAMNED, M.J. Tjia

(Legend Press | UK | 288 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#HistoricalCrime #Suspense #Female

**A modern spin on a classic style of mystery writing
Heloise Chancey: London courtesan or professional sleuth?**

London, 1863: prostitutes in Waterloo area are turning up dead, their sexual organs mutilated and removed. When another girl goes missing, fears grow that the killer may have claimed their latest victim. The police are at a loss and so it falls to courtesan and professional detective, Heloise Chancey, to investigate.

**** Longlisted CWA Debut Dagger 2015**

**** Shortlisted Luke Bitmead Bursary 2015**

**** Awarded Fellowship, National Writers House 2014**

**** Awarded Residential Membership, NRWC 2013**



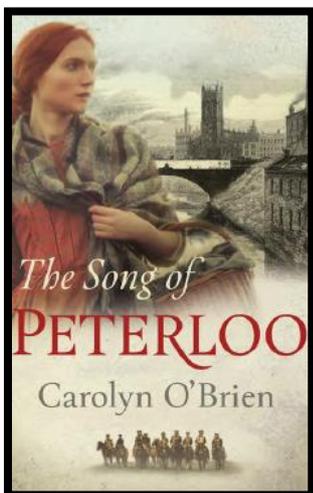
The Heloise Chancey Mysteries,
best historical crime set in London

SARAH WARD - "An intelligent and intriguing crime novel set in the heart of Victorian London. Its atmospheric and twisting narrative had me hooked."

WENDY JONES – “A tantalising mystery... it draws you in and transports you back to days long gone. Heloise and her maid, Amah Li Leen, are a force to be reckoned with.”

THE SONG OF PETERLOO, Carolyn O'Brien

(Legend Press | UK | 304 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Historical #PowerfulWoman #Heart-wrenching

A story of hope, and sacrifice and above all, courage.

Manchester 1819: Prices are high and wages are low, but as the poor become poorer, the rich are alarmed by their calls for reform.

Mill-worker Nancy Kay struggles to support her ailing mother and sensitive son. Desperate to provide for them, she is inspired to join the growing agitation. But, as she risks everything to attend a great assembly on St Peter's Field, Nancy is unaware the day will go down in history, not as a triumph but as tragedy; the Peterloo massacre.

This is one woman's story of belief in change.

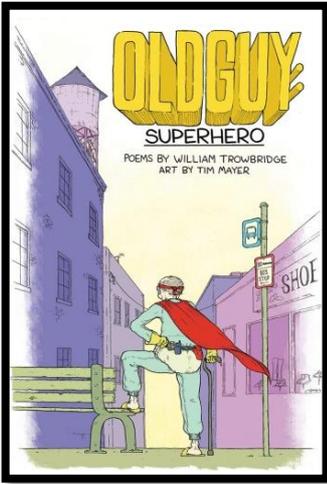
**** 200 year anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre**

**** Comparison to: Tracy Chevalier, Philippa Gregory**

**** Graphic Novel ****

OLDGUY: SUPERHERO, William Trowbridge

(Red Hen | US | 28 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Poetry #Comic #AgedHero

This chronicles the life of a senior citizen superhero who has seen his better days and must rely on a different skill set to accomplish his goals

Meet Oldguy: your regular aging superhero whose powers have dwindled over the years, and whose very mechanics are seriously fizzling. In seriocomic misadventures, Oldguy valiantly attempts to continue his former heroism in a somewhat wry version of Faulknerian endurance, defeating his enemies time and again—if not through superhuman abilities, then at least by 'outliving the sons-a-bitches.'

Another giggle-inducing, heartwarming smash—this time in a comic-chapbook blend, featuring washed up superhero Oldguy and his Quixotic misadventures through aging.

**** Hybrid indie delightful piece of work**

ALBERT GOLDBARTH - "Oldguy's here to save your day."

GOODREADS – "One of the funnest things in poetry I've seen in a long time.",
"An absolutely delightful read. (My 9-year-old and his grandpa thought it was hilarious and sometimes sad too."

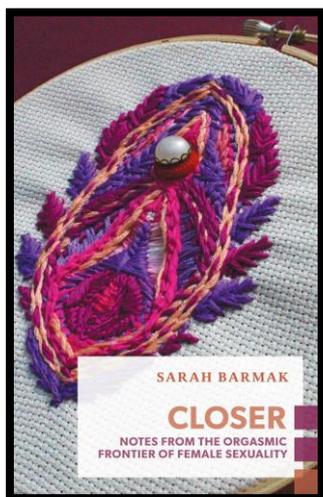
Non Fiction

** Body, Mind & Spirit **

CLOSER.

NOTES FROM THE ORGASMIC FRONTIER OF FEMALE SEXUALITY, Sarah Barmak

(Coach House | Canada | 152 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#FemaleSexuality #Reshaping #Reportage #Feminism

Using a blend of reportage, interview, and first-person reflection, journalist Sarah Barmak explores cultural trends that are getting us closer to the truth of women's sexuality.

We think of the modern woman as sexually liberated – if anything, we're told we're oversexed. Yet a striking number of women are dissatisfied with their sex lives. *Closer* reveals how women are reshaping their sexuality today in wild, irrepressible ways: nude meetings, how-to apps, trans-friendly porn, therapeutic vulva massage, hour-long orgasms and public clit-rubbing demonstrations – and redefining female sexuality on its own terms.

- ** Shortlisted for the Kobo Emerging Writer Prize
- ** Globe and Mail Best of 2016 CBC Best of 2016
- ** National Post Best of 2016
- ** Quill & Quire Best of 2016
- ** Film rights sold

RABBLE.CA – “Closer tackles its subject with eloquence, intelligence, and humour... I recommend it to my friends of all genders, my boyfriend, my sisters, and especially the woman who started it all, my mother.”

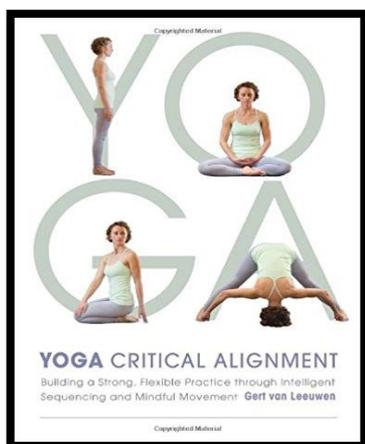
CBC Books – “A fascinating social history of the female orgasm – where we've come and where we are today.”

Bitch Magazine ‘... Closer is a revelation.’

Globe and Mail – “... an incredibly insightful exploration of female pleasure.”

CRITICAL ALIGNMENT YOGA, Gert van Leeuwen

(Gottmer | Holl | 432 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Founder #ClearInstructions #Method

By the founder of the renowned Critical Alignment yoga method. Learn to relax your body, build deep core strength and find new ease of movement

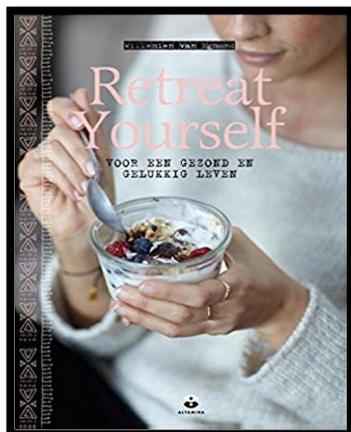
Critical Alignment Yoga contains a wealth of insights that shed a light on practicing the many asanas. ‘Critical’ means ‘accurate, precise’ and ‘alignment’ refers to all parts of the body being positioned correctly. This method calls on using the posture muscles as well as the underlying muscles that support the spinal cord.

- ** With clear instructions using text, illustrations and photos
- ** Photographs and b/w illustrations 21 x 29'7 cm

Rights sold: English World (Shambhala), Russian (Ctpaha)

RETREAT YOURSELF, Willemien van Egmond

(Gottmer | Holl | 336 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Health #Happiness #Life #Habits

For a Happy and Healthy Life. *Retreat Yourself* offers practical tips to find peace of mind, fulfil your dreams, relax your body, eat well, and organize your home in an enjoyable way!

Included are tools to get in touch with your inner being, to take better care of yourself, and to listen to the desires of your heart –all without having to take time off from your life.

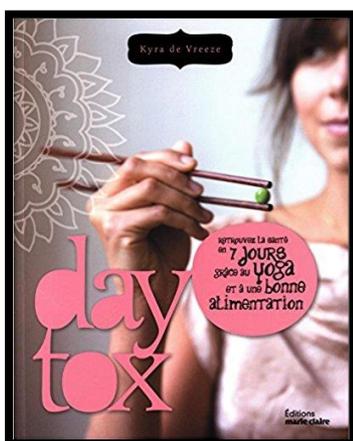
- ** Practical tips for a happier and healthier life**
- ** Full-colour photographs, 17 x 24 cm, 128 pages**

Rights sold: French (Éditions Marie Claire)

SIMPLY DAYTOX.

BACK TO BASICS IN SEVEN DAYS, Kyra de Vreeze

(Gottmer | Holl | 128 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#7DaysPlan #Health #Happiness #Food #AtHome

Detox at home!

The best detox focuses not only on nutrition. Diet is only one part of our busy lives: so no matter how healthy you eat, it won't slow down the world. But you'll learn to do just that with Simply Daytox.

This will help you get back to basics: you'll cook, eat, and live simpler. You'll slow down, tidy up and gain insight into what is essential for your personal well-being and happiness.

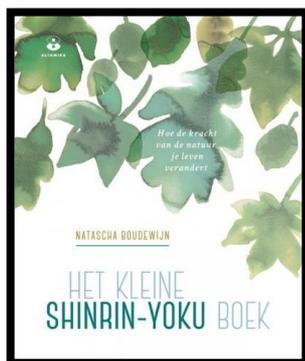
- ** A 7-day lifestyle and food programme**
- ** Full-colour illustrations, 17 x 24 cm**

Rights sold: German (Christian Verlag), French (Éditions Marie Claire)

THE SMALL SHINRIN-YOKU BOOK.

HOW THE POWER OF NATURE CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE, Natascha Boudewijn

(Gottmer | Holl | 13x14 cm | 176 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Shinrin-yoku #PracticalGuide #ExercisesInThePark

Experience the healing effects of nature with the Japanese trend of forest bathing.

It is common knowledge that nature has a calming effect on the body and significantly reduces stress.

Shinrin-yoku or 'forest bathing' is Japanese by origin and also known as 'nature-therapy' because of the healing properties of the forest. But you don't literally take a bath, you immerse yourself in nature so that you can consciously stimulate your senses. This was what Natascha Boudewijn (nature coach and shinrin-yoku teacher) discovered when her world came to a standstill. The power of nature changed her life forever

- ** Practical compact shinrin-yoku guide based on the seasons.**
- ** With inspiring exercises adapted to be done also in the park around the corner or in your own backyard.**



**** Food ****

AVOCADO, Colette Dike

(Gottmer | Holl | 19'5 x 19'5 cm | 72 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)

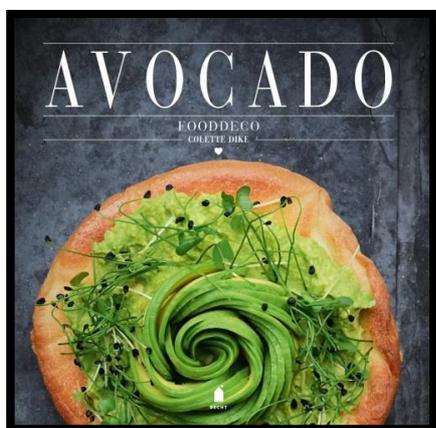
#Advocado #FoodPorn #30dishes

Avocados are naturally not only incredibly tasty and healthy, but also rather photogenic.

In Avocado you'll find more than thirty beautifully-crafted recipes: from breakfast, lunch and dinner to savoury and sweet snacks. Discover how food can look beautiful without going to a lot of trouble.

**** Colette Dike's Food Deco has 120 K Instagram followers**

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SWEET POTATO, Colette Dike

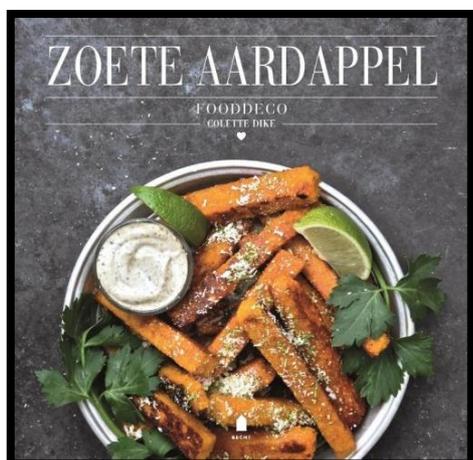
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#SweetPotato #FoodPorn #30dishes

It's about time the sweet potato got a book of its own, given cooking with this orange tuberous root has become increasingly popular.

The sweet potato is a refreshing variation on the ordinary potato and can be used in many hearty and sweet dishes. The cookbook Sweet Potato includes more than 30 dishes that are a feast for the eye, such as sweet potato-polenta fries, pizza dough from sweet potato flour and sweet potato cheesecake.

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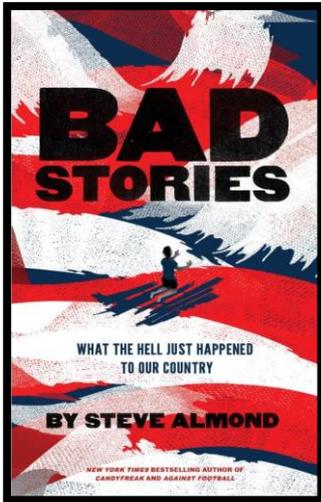


** Science, Humanities & Current Affairs **

BAD STORIES.

WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED TO OUR COUNTRY, Steve Almond

(Red Hen | US | 272 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Politics #SocialSciences #Storytelling

Almonds uses the lens of literature and storytelling to explain the profound cultural schisms that led to Trump's not only possible, but inevitable election.

Like a lot of Americans, Steve Almond spent the weeks after the 2016 election lying awake, in a state of dread and bewilderment. Nobody could explain, in any sort of coherent way, why America had elected a cruel, corrupt, and incompetent man to the Presidency. *Bad Stories* is Almond's effort to make sense of the US historical moment.

Almond looks to literary voices—from Melville to Orwell, from Bradbury to Baldwin—to help explain the roots of US moral erosion as a people. Using literature as a lens to understand *what the hell happened to our country*.

**** #1 Amazon Hot Release**

**** Nathan Hill, author of *The Nix*, says: "I feel like I have a much better grasp of the tortured American psyche. Thanks for the thrilling read."**

THE NEW YORK TIMES - "Almond is a shifty cornerback of a writer: rangy, sarcastic, offbeat. And every once in a while, he'll blindside you with a big hit."

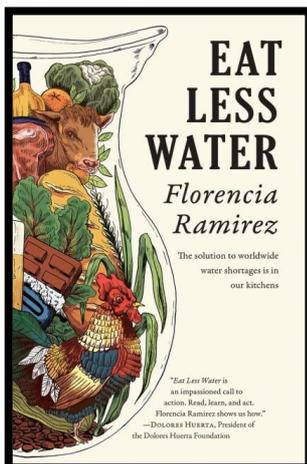
BOOKLIST, *starred* - "With the same biting wit that marks Almond's previous books of social criticism... Almond holds up literature as a guide through America's age-old moral dilemmas."

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY - "A worthwhile foray into understanding and responding to the Trump era"

CHERYL STRAYED, author of *Wild* - "SO FUCKING GOOD! With fierce intelligence, moving candor, and dazzling insight, Almond draws on everything to dismantle the false narratives about American democracy. A profound and essential book for all time, but especially for now."

EAT LESS WATER, Florencia Ramirez

(Red Hen | US | 246 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#GreenPlanet #SustainableLiving #AgriculturalSciences

The solution to worldwide water shortages is in our kitchens.

Experts predict two-thirds of people living on this planet in 2030 will experience water scarcity, a situation expected to result in the deaths of millions and an unprecedented rise in military conflicts. Can we hope to? As individuals we can have an effect on the global scale of water misuse—with our food choices—and make a significant difference.

Eat Less Water tells the story of water served on our plates: an eye-opening account of the under-appreciated environmental threat of water scarcity and a fascinating personal narrative that will teach the reader how they, too, can eat less water.

**** A useful cookbook with water-sustainable recipes in each chapter**

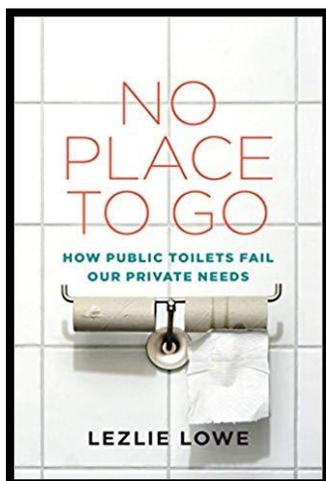
MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW - "Exceptional, unique, impressively informative, thoughtful and thought-provoking, *Eat Less Water* is an extraordinary and life-changing read"

THOMAS M. KOSTIGEN, *New York Times* journalist and bestselling author - "*Eat Less Water* is as clever as its title. It's a thoughtful book. Read it and learn."

NO PLACE TO GO

HOW PUBLIC TOILETS FAIL OUR PRIVATE NEEDS, Lezlie Lowe

(Coach House | Canada | 220 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#SocialNarrative #UrbanPlanning #PopCulture

Public bathroom access is about cities, society, design, movement, and equity. The real question is: Why are public toilets so crappy?

Celebrities like Lady Gaga and Bruce Springsteen have protested bathroom bills that will stomp on the rights of trans people. And where was Hillary Clinton after she arrived back to the stage late after the first commercial break of the live-televised Democratic leadership debate in December 2015? Stuck in a queue for the women's bathroom.

Like, for the homeless, who, faced with no place to go sometimes literally take to the streets. (Ever heard of a municipal poop map?) For people with invisible disabilities, such as Crohn's disease, who stay home rather than risk soiling themselves on public transit routes. For girls who quit sports teams because they don't want to run to the edge of the pitch to pee.

**** A toilet tour from London to San Francisco to Toronto and beyond**

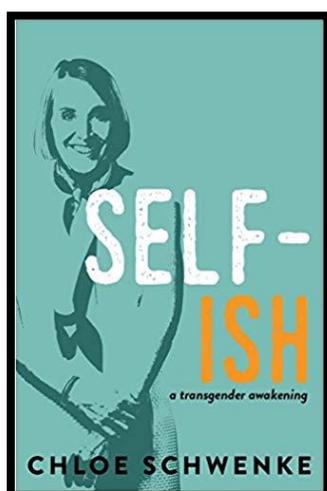
**** A marriage of urbanism, social narrative, and pop culture**

**** Memoir ****

SELF-ISH.

A TRANSGENDER AWAKENING, Chloe Schwenke

(Red Hen | US | 260 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Memoir #TransgenderActivist #Academic #Struggle #LGBT

A moving memoir of a remarkable transgender woman's life —from her childhood in a military family, an architectural career in Africa, a spiritual journey as a Quaker, and her service as a political appointee under President Obama.

Chloe Schwenke was raised as Stephen in a Marine Corps family and sent at age 14 to "man-up" at a military academy. Later—and still embodied as a man—she ventured abroad to work in some of the roughest regions of Africa and Middle East. Her far-flung global journey was matched in intensity by an inner identity and spiritual struggle and the associated ravages of depression before she came to the revelation of being a transgender woman.

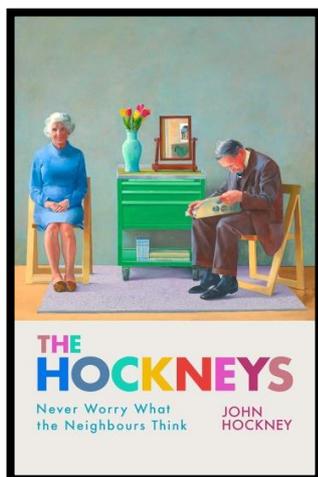
At a time when many Americans are just waking up to the reality of the transgender phenomenon, this portrayal of Chloe's life, her challenging gender transition creates a poignant story of authenticity, self-discovery, and the meaning of gender set against a fascinating international backdrop.

**** National Center for Transgender Equality's National Public Service Award**
**** One of the three transgender political appointees in U.S. history, under President Obama**

THE HOCKNEYS.

NEVER WORRY WHAT THE NEIGHBOURS THINK, John Hockney

(Legend Press | UK | 256 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#Memoir #Revelatory #PrivateDrawings #NewPerspective

Intimate look at one of the world's most famous artist and his family, revealed by his brother.

"Never worry what the neighbours think" was the philosophy that Kenneth Hockney used to inspire his children.

With a rare and spirited look into the lives of an ordinary family with extraordinary stories, we begin to understand the creative freedom that led to the successful careers of all the Hockney children. How was it that a poor family from Bradford- headed by a whimsical, conscientious objector father and an intense, religiously strict mother- brought into existence an artist whose work has inspired generations?

- ** The revelatory memoir of David Hockney**
- ** A never-before-seen insight into the lives of this family**
- ** Including never-before-seen drawings by David Hockney**

DAVID HOCKNEY - "John has a view of me no-one else has."

THE GUARDIAN - "the chance to view the artist from a fresh perspective."

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**** Travel & Sports ****

ALL HANDS ON DECK.

THINGS TO DISCOVER AND DO WITH KIDS ON BOARD, Lisette Vos & Ingrid Robers

(Gottmer | Holl | 17 x 24 cm | 96 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)

#WaterSports #SailorChildren #FunnyTeaching

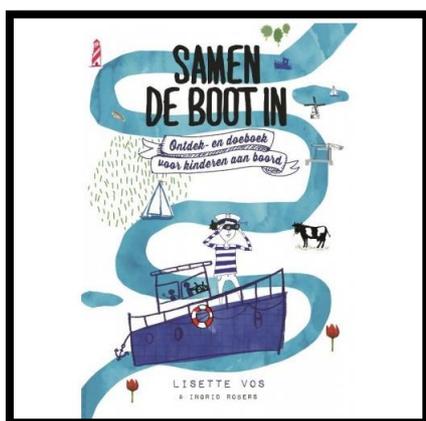
The book water sports enthusiasts have been waiting for.

Children only staring at their smartphone or iPad on board? It doesn't have to be like this!

There's nothing more fun than discovering things in an upbeat way: and it's no different when it comes to sailboats or motor boats. What's more: kids will want to help out aboard. *All Hands on Deck* is about having fun together and inspires young sailors to discover everything they need to know about boats and sailing. It's also about learning to be alert when you're out on the water. The character Sailor Taylor takes kids on an enjoyable excursion: from sailing regulations to charting a course, from tying knots to studying clouds.

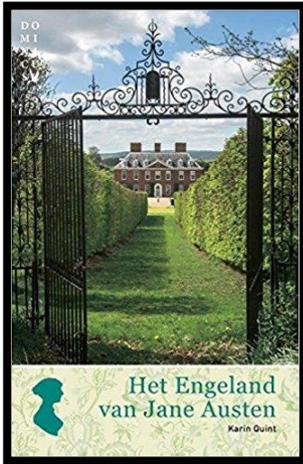
**** Teaching children about boating and sailing in a fun way**

**** With fun and informative DIY projects, guaranteed hours of sailing pleasure for the entire family**



JANE AUSTEN'S ENGLAND, Karin Quint

(Gottmer | Holl | 13x21 cm | 336 pp | Rights available: world Spanish & world Portuguese)



#LiteraryTravel #Life&Works #Janeites #CompanionGuide

With this comprehensive travel guide, all Janeites and travel enthusiasts can visit all these places, and enjoy a journey through Jane Austen's England all on their own.

The tourism around Jane Austen has increased. The Chawton cottage – where she wrote three books – is of course on top of every Janeite's (as Jane Austen lovers like to call themselves) list, as is her grave in Winchester, the city of Bath and the romantic coast village of Lyme Regis. But not only the places Jane Austen visited herself are attractive to Austen-tourists, also the locations – mansions, villages, nature – used in the film adaptations of her books are flooded every year by Austen devotees.

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