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The goal remains the same; to publish and promote debut authors and new voices who have never been published before. We take pride in publishing Scottish authors and writers, with first time authors from other countries taking their place in our catalogue too.

We also pride ourselves in the use of local talent in the preparation of books and production – in 2011 establishing an art competition with the Edinburgh College of Art, which now forms part of the second year students coursework.

Local artists, graphic designers and illustrators are used wherever possible and we have a healthy intern programme where they don't just have to make the tea.

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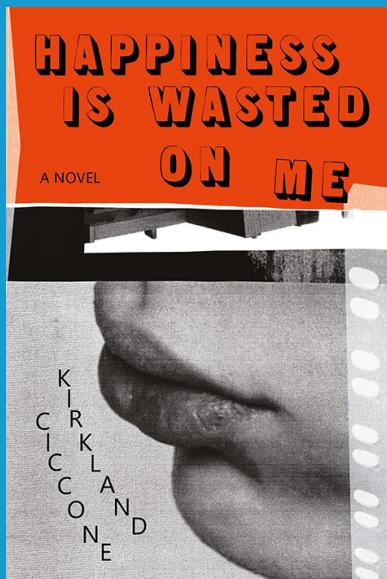


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Forthcoming Publications





Happiness is Wasted on Me

Kirkland Ciccone

Cumbernauld was built to be the town of the future...that is, if the future looked like a really rubbish episode of Doctor Who. It's also home to Walter Wedgeworth, a child stuck in a uniquely dysfunctional family controlled by the tyrannical Fishtank, whose CB Radio aerial is a metal middle finger to all the neighbours on Craigieburn Road.

When 11-year-old Walter discovers the corpse of a baby inside a cardboard box, he resolves to ignore it, pretend it didn't happen. He knows the price of being a grass. But the child's fate haunts Walter, bringing him into conflict with the world around him. Walter's journey will lead him from childhood to asexual adulthood; school, college, bereavement, Britpop, his first job, Blackpool, the Spice Girls, feuds with his neighbour, and finally...face-to-face with a child killer.

Taking place in the 90s, Happiness Is Wasted On Me is a genre-blending tale that spans a decade in the life of Walter. It's a coming of age tale, a family drama, a mystery, and a biting dark comedy. Ultimately, it's the story of how even the strangest people can find their way in the world.

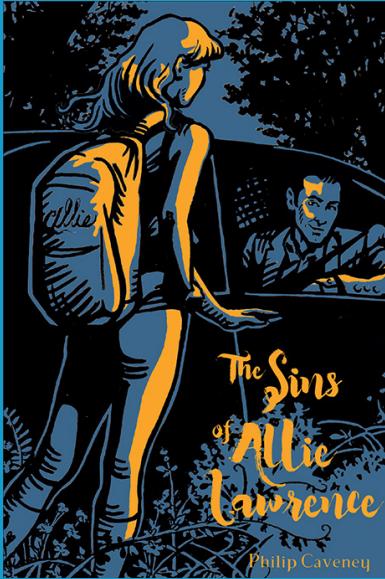
Happiness Is Wasted On Me is Kirkland's first novel for adults.

ISBN: 9781912280353
Publication: 29 October 2020
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 312pp
Format: 129 x 198mm
Genre: Contemporary Fiction
Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99
Rights: World
Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland

Available in eBook format



The Sins of Allie Lawrence

Philip Caveney

After a blazing row with her mother, sixteen-year-old Allie Lawrence impulsively runs away from the family home in Killiecrankie, with no plan other than to go to Edinburgh to 'be an actor.'

Then a chauffeur-driven car pulls up beside her and she's offered a lift by its handsome and mysterious passenger, Nick. Against her better judgement, she accepts – and soon discovers that he is a 'manager,' who claims he can make all her dreams come true.

She just needs to sign a contract...

The Sins of Allie Lawrence is a tale of temptation, inspired by the legend of Black Donald, and set against the vibrant world of the theatre.

ISBN: 9781912280315

Publication: 30 November 2020

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 232pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Fiction

Readership: Young Adult

RRP: £8.99

Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence:

Edinburgh, Scotland

Available in eBook format



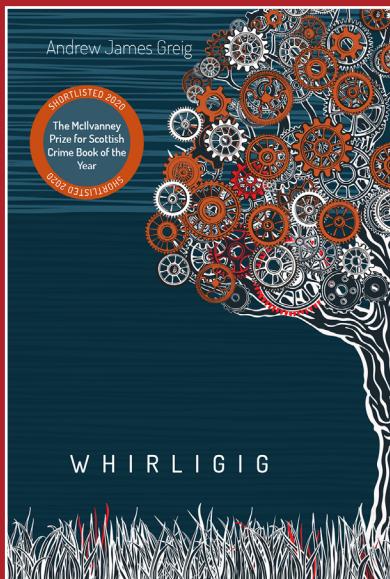
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Crime

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Whirligig

Andrew James Greig

**Shortlisted for The McIlvanney Prize
Scottish Crime Book of the Year 2020**

**Longlisted for the 2020 CWA John Creasey
New Blood Dagger Award**

Just outside a sleepy Highland town, a gamekeeper is found hanging lifeless from a tree. The local police investigate an apparent suicide, only to find he's been snared as efficiently as the rabbit suspended beside him. As the body count rises, the desperate hunt is on to find the murderer before any more people die. But the town doesn't give up its secrets easily, and who makes the intricate clockwork mechanisms carved from bone and wood found at each crime?

Whirligig is a tartan noir like no other; an exposé of the corruption pervading a small Highland community and the damage this inflicts on society's most vulnerable. What happens when those placed in positions of trust look the other way; when those charged with our protection are inadequate to the challenge; when the only justice is that served by those who have been sinned against?

This debut crime novel introduces DI James Corstophine – a man still grieving for a wife lost to cancer; his small close-knit team of passed-

ISBN: 9781912280339

Publication: March 2020

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 352pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Crime Fiction

Readership: Adult

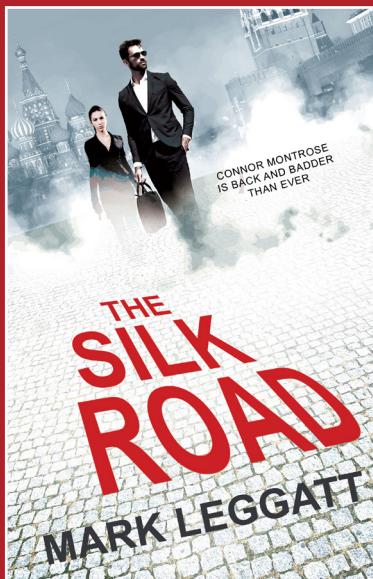
RRP: £9.99

Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland

Available in eBook format



The Silk Road

Mark Leggatt

Ex-CIA technician Connor Montrose tracks two suspected terrorists to a deserted mountain village in Tuscany, where he witnesses an attack on a US Air Force troop plane, using a ground-breaking portable Surface to Air (SAM) missile. Unaware that the CIA were also monitoring the suspects, Montrose is blamed for the attack and narrowly escapes. The CIA receive orders from Washington to shoot him on sight, and a shadowy organisation begins to track his every move.

Then a spate of terror attacks threatens the fabric of NATO and the entire Western alliance. Civilian airlines are the new target, and the overwhelming evidence points to a CIA false flag plan to bring down aircraft and blame it on Moscow-backed terrorists. Montrose's investigations lead him to underground arms sales on The Silk Road, the secret marketplace of the internet, hidden deep in the Dark Web. Montrose must assimilate himself into the society of the European aristocracy and the ultra-rich, assisted by Kirsty Rhys, to pose as a middleman for the purchase of arms on The Silk Road and find the remaining cache of missiles.

Montrose uncovers the layers of duplicity between governments and arms dealers, which lead first to the CIA in Rome, then the exclusive clubs of Monaco, the subterranean ruins of a medieval German town wiped off the map in WW2, and finally to the palaces of the last Russian Tsar and the new oligarchs. And Montrose must discover the remaining cache of missiles before the CIA catch up with him, and before carnage is unleashed over the skies of Europe.

Third in the Connor Montrose series.

ISBN: 9781912280117

Available: Sept 2018

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 320pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Crime Fiction

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

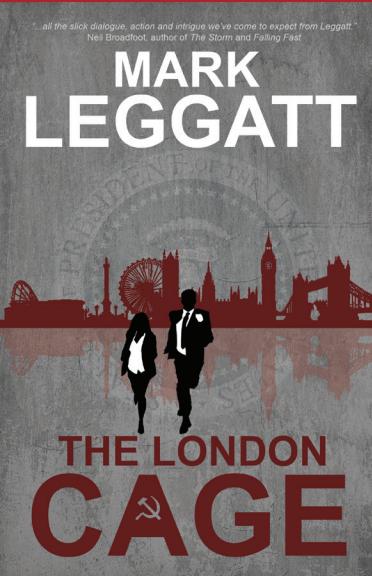
Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence:

Edinburgh, UK

Available in eBook format



The London Cage

Mark Leggatt

A man who doesn't exist discovers a weapon that doesn't exist. The retreat of the glaciers has revealed a Cold War secret that should have lain buried for centuries, with the power to bring down the communications and defence systems of every country on the planet. Including his own. He is faced with the choice of betrayal or survival, but either way, he'll lose.

Then an old man tells you, "If I had the choice between betraying my friends and betraying my country, I should hope I have the guts to betray my country." Your country needs you, but if you give up the secret, your friends and those you love will die.

The second Connor Montrose thriller from Mark Leggatt is guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat.

"Ticks along with the precision of a fine Swiss watch. A worthy follow-up to Names Of The Dead with all the slick dialogue, action and intrigue we've come to expect from Leggatt. A cracking read."

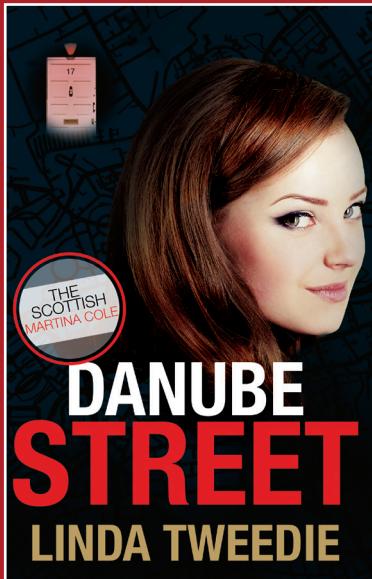
Neil Broadfoot, author of 'The Storm' and 'Falling Fast'

ISBN: 9781905916122
Publisehd: 29 June 2016
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 416pp
Format: 129 x 198mm
Genre: Crime Fiction
Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99
Rights: World
Market restrictions: none

Author Residence:
Edinburgh, UK

Available in eBook format



Danube Street

Kate McGregor and Linda Tweedie

Danube Street tells the tale of notorious Madame, Stella Gold, and her mission to turn the infamous number 17 Danube St into Edinburgh's most exclusive brothel.

The house, situated in one of Edinburgh's most exclusive streets, was known the length and breadth of the country; a magnet for red-blooded males, single or otherwise. Danube Street was always the first port of call when Merchant or Naval ships docked in Leith, and was the attraction, never to be missed by visiting clergymen of every denomination.

Stella Gold began life far from the bright lights of the city. Born Agnes McLeod, she was reared in the wilds of Ayrshire. The only daughter of a tenant farmer, she endured a harsh, rugged upbringing. Now, although the darling of Edinburgh's glitterati, she finds herself the victim of a vendetta by the city's most dangerous and violent criminal brothers, and a corrupt Chief of Police.

Survival was a constant challenge which Stella thought she had under control. How wrong could she be?

ISBN: 9781912280131

Publication: October 2018

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 256pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Family Saga

Readership: Adult

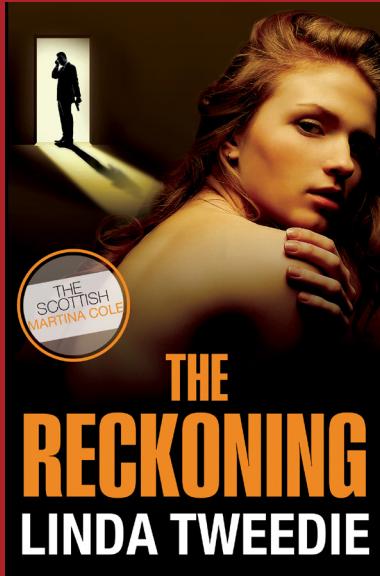
RRP: £9.99

Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland

Available in eBook format



The Reckoning

Linda Tweedie

From the glamorous resort of Marbella to the mean, dark and dangerous East End of Glasgow, *The Reckoning* follows the next generation of bitter enemies stalking the Coyles.

The unknown enemy leaves a trail of death and despair and pushes the Coyle family to the brink of destruction.

A tale of sadistic murder and extortion where there can be only one winner.

The Reckoning is the third book in the Coyle trilogy continuing the drama brought to you in *The Silence* and *The Betrayal*.

ISBN: 9781905916108

Publisehd: 28 Oct 2016

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 320pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Crime Fiction

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

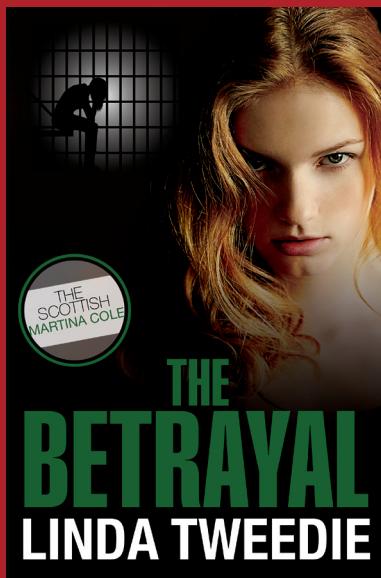
Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence:

Edinburgh, UK

Available in eBook format



The Betrayal

Linda Tweedie

From the dark and mean streets of Glasgow to the glamorous and decadent resort of Marbella, *The Betrayal* sees the continuation of a family feud spanning decades. This is a gritty novel following the fortunes of bitter enemies, the Coyles and McClellands.

The birth of Erin and Bobby's son sets in motion a chain of terrifying events, leaving Erin to rot in a Spanish jail with no support or assistance from her family and no knowledge of her son's whereabouts. Exacting revenge for the murder of his father, Bobby has laid claim to baby Ryan; however an unexpected twist of fate leaves the child in the clutches of his parents' worst nightmare.

A tale of murder, drug smuggling and kidnap takes two families to the brink and only one can survive. *The Betrayal* is the sequel to *The Silence*.

ISBN: 9781905916047

Publisehd: 15 Sep 2015

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 288pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Crime Fiction

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

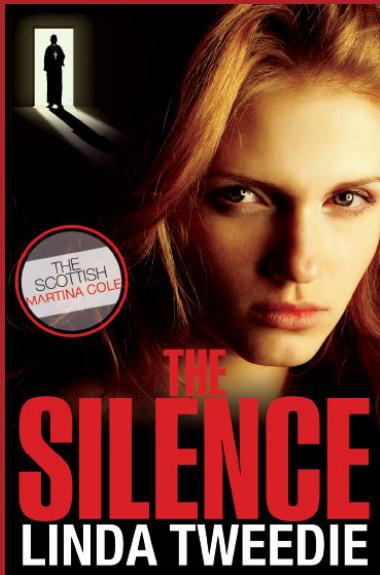
Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence:

Edinburgh, UK

Available in eBook format



The Silence

Linda Tweedie

The Silence is a gritty novel set in Glasgow at the time of the Ice Cream Wars in the 1980s. A bloody raid on a family celebration leaves Paddy Coyle's only daughter so traumatised she loses the power of speech.

Blaming his sworn enemies, the McClellands, Coyle seeks to destroy the family in revenge for his daughter. The McLellands have no alternative but to flee the country and adopt new identities. Almost penniless desperate to support his family, Pete Mack, together with the help of his old friend and mentor, Canon O'Farrell, soon establishes a lucrative but vile trade in human trafficking.

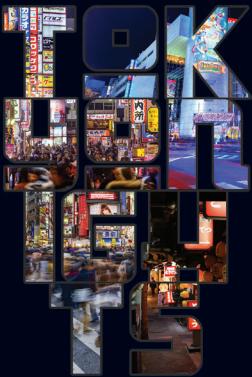
A holiday romance between Erin Coyle and Bobby, the son of her father's enemy, sets off a chain of events which no one could have predicted. Kidnapping, drug smuggling and murder ensue in this fast-paced novel.

ISBN: 9781905916993
Publisehd: 11 May 2015
Binding: Paperback
Extent: 288pp
Format: 129 x 198mm
Genre: Crime Fiction
Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99
Rights: World
Market restrictions: none

Author Residence:
Edinburgh, UK

Available in eBook format



Tokyo Nights

Jim Douglas

Charlie Davis, a modern day heretic, ditches his past and rushes into a picturesque journey through the glistening nights of Tokyo and the desolate wilds of northern Hokkaido.

But the past is not so ready to ditch him.

Wistful private investigator Colin McCann, hired to look into the death of a wealthy businessman's daughter, has a few hard questions for Charlie and won't give up until he's got answers.

He is not the only one on Charlie's trail...

Enter a world of empty orchestras, night butterflies, polite assassins, decadent TV celebrities and a pit-bull called Marvin. Tokyo Nights is a quest and an investigation into what we have become, a dark parable, a wake-up call to the dead 21st century obsessed with compromise, safety and longevity, and a novel that celebrates the excitement and energy of a culture like no other.

ISBN: 9781905916191

Publisehd: 14 Nov 2016

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 368pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Crime Fiction

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Tokyo,
Japan

Available in eBook format



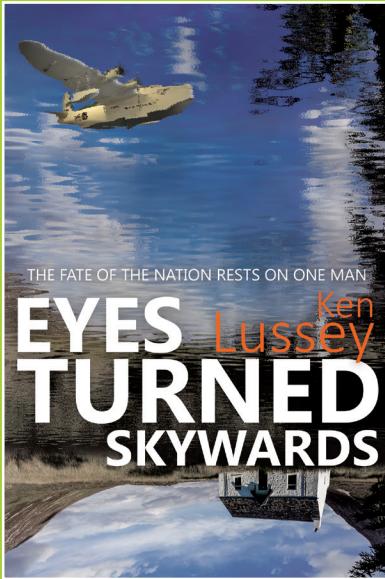
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Historical Fiction

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Eyes Turned Skywards

Ken Lussey

Wing Commander Robert Sutherland has left his days as a pre-war detective far behind him.

Or so he thinks.

On 25 August 1942 the Duke of Kent, brother of King George VI, is killed in northern Scotland in an unexplained air crash; a second crash soon after suggests a shared, possibly sinister, cause. Bob Sutherland is tasked with visiting the aircraft's base in Oban and the first crash site in Caithness to gather clues as to who might have had reason to sabotage one, or both, of the aircraft.

Set against the background of a country that is far from united behind Winston Churchill, and the ever-present threat from the enemy, we follow Bob as he unravels layers of deceit and intrigue far beyond anything he expects.

This novel reflects on the rumours and theories surrounding a number of real-life events, including the death of the Duke of Kent and the aircraft crashes of Short Sunderland W4032 and Avro Anson DJ106.

ISBN: 9781912280155

Publication: May 2018

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 320pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Thriller/Historical
Fiction

Readership: Adult

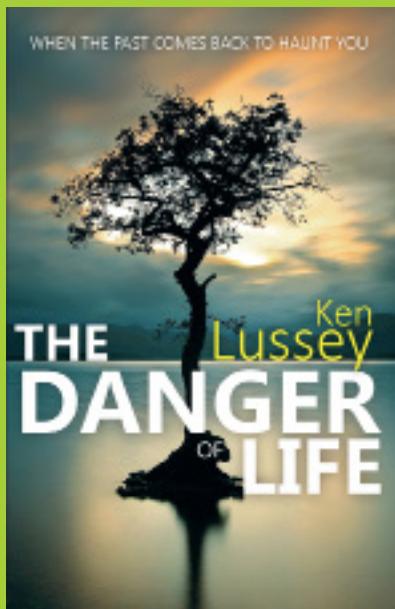
RRP: £9.99

Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland

Available in eBook format



The Danger of Life

Ken Lussey

It is late 1942. Group Captain Robert Sutherland's first week in charge of Military Intelligence 11's operations in Scotland and northern England is not going smoothly. A murder at the Commando Basic Training Centre in the Highlands is being investigated by one of his teams, until events take an even darker turn that draws Bob in personally. He is also trying to discover who was behind an attempt to steal an advanced reconnaissance aircraft from a military airfield in Fife, an investigation made no easier by the perpetrator's death.

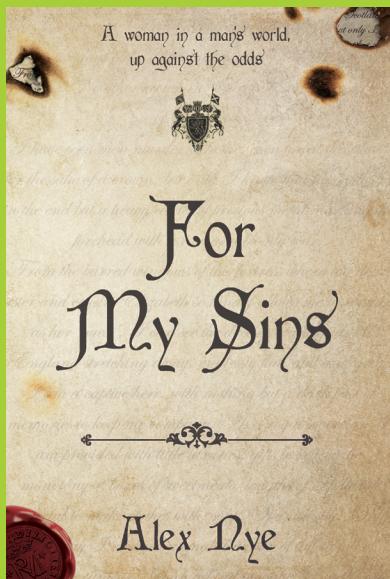
The complication he could really live without comes via a telephone call from Monique Dubois in MI5. An operation she's been running in Glasgow, without Bob or anyone else knowing, has gone badly wrong, and she wants him to intervene before it is entirely compromised.

The Danger of Life is a fast-paced thriller set in Scotland during the Second World War. It is Ken's second novel to feature Bob Sutherland and Monique Dubois and picks up not long after the end of his first, *Eyes Turned Skywards*. The action moves back and forth across Scotland, with much of it set in Lochaber, where the present war intersects with another conflict that took place two centuries earlier: with deadly consequences.

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Publication: 30 April 2019
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Genre: Historical Fiction
Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99
Rights: World
Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland



For My Sins

Alex Nye

From award-winning author, Alex Nye, the long awaited adult historical novel, For My Sins.

In corridors of power, filled with conspiracy, intrigue, wrecked by factionalism and religious division... meet a strong woman in a man's world, up against the odds.

The year is 1587. Mary Stuart is sitting in an English prison cell, stitching her tapestries, haunted by the ghosts of her past. She needs to tell her own story, the secrets, the lies, the truth...all the men who tried to control her and the country she was born to rule.

She needs to communicate with the outside world, connect with other Catholic supporters throughout the land to get her story across to the people and sow seeds of discord against the throne upon which Elizabeth sits.

If she writes it down now before her death, who can she trust to keep this memoir alive?

ISBN: 9781905916788

Available: 20 Mar 2017

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 400pp

Format: 198 x 129mm

Genre: Historical Fiction

Readership: Adult

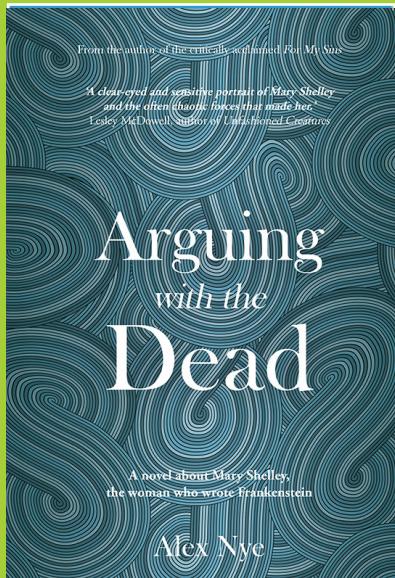
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Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Dunblane,
UK

Available in eBook format



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Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99
Rights: World
Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland

Arguing with the Dead

Alex Nye

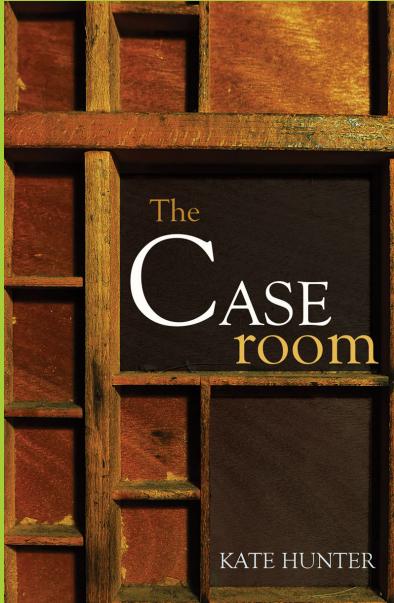
From award-winning author, Alex Nye.

Following the literary success of *For My Sins*, an account of the life of Mary, Queen of Scots, Alex Nye has written the fictional memoir of another giant in women's history - Mary Shelley.

The year is 1839, and Mary Shelley - the woman who wrote *Frankenstein* - is living alone in a tiny cottage on the banks of the river Thames in Putney. As she sorts through the snowstorm of her husband's scattered papers she is reminded of their past: the half-ruined villas in Italy, the stormy relationship with Shelley and her stepsister Claire, the loss of her children, the attempted kidnapping of Claire's daughter Allegra from a prison-like convent in Florence. and finally, her husband's drowning on the Gulf of Spezia as they stayed in a grim-looking fortress overlooking the sea.

What she has never confided in anyone is that she has always been haunted by Shelley's drowned first wife, Harriet, who would come to visit her in the night as she slept with her two tiny children in a vast abandoned villa while Shelley was away litigating with lawyers. Did Mary pay the ultimate price for loving Shelley?

Who will Harriet come for next?



The Caserom

Kate Hunter

**Shortlisted for The Saltire Society
First Book of the Year Award 2017**

A fictionalised account of real events, *The Caserom* is an historical novel set in late nineteenth/early twentieth century Edinburgh's thriving print industry. It tells the story of Iza Ross, one of around 800 women who for a few decades worked as hand typesetters, or comps, a highly-skilled craft trade that was generally a male preserve and was to become so once more.

Against the odds, Iza hangs on to work that absorbs her and allows her to feed her imagination on books she would not otherwise be able to read. Keeping her job, though, means having to harden herself to the needs of those she loves, including abandoning her illegitimate daughter, but a life embroiled in bitter labour disputes gradually gives her the consciousness to examine her loyalties.

ISBN: - 9781905916221

Available: 27 Apr 2017

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 384pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Historical Fiction

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

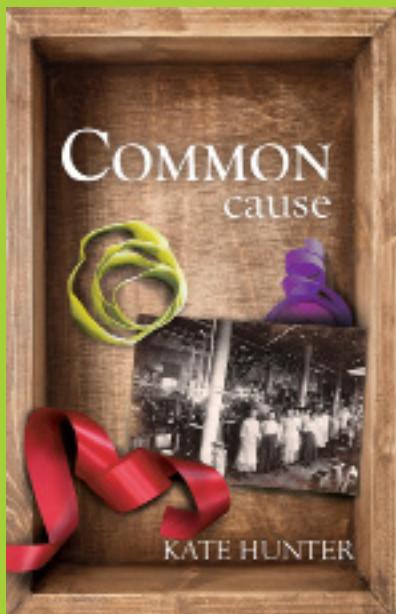
Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence:

Edinburgh, UK

Available in eBook format



ISBN: 9781912280193

Publication: 1 July 2019

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 320pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Fiction

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Milton
Keynes

Common Cause

Kate Hunter

It's 1915 and Britain is at war as Kate Hunter's sequel to *The Caserom* [shortlisted for The Saltire First Book of the Year 2017] opens on the next stage in the lives of Iza Orr, skilled compositor, and the workers in Edinburgh's print industry.

At a time of momentous events, we step alongside Iza as she copes with unexpected complexities of patriotism, women's suffrage, worker victimisation and a historic wartime lockout.

'It seems the country needs starched cloth-lappers and lunatic asylum attendants, but it does not need books, does not need learning and intellectual stimulation.' Printers are denied reserved occupation status but, with bankruptcies looming, the jobs of Edinburgh's dwindling number of female hand typesetters are on the line.

Riven by challenges both political and personal, Iza must weather conflicting calls for loyalty to nation, to class, to gender, to family – her marriage to troubled John, her children, her estranged daughter Mary, now a grown woman – to discover her true common cause.



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"Highly propulsive, incredibly seductive. A masterclass in how to develop intrigue and heighten tension. I loved it."
— CJ Skuse, author of SWEETPEA

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The new, chilling novel from award-winning author

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GRANT**

Ghost

Helen Grant

From award-winning author, Helen Grant.

Augusta McAndrew lives on a remote Scottish estate with her grandmother, Rose. For her own safety, she hides from outsiders, as she has done her entire life. Visitors are few and far between - everyone knows that Langlands House is haunted.

One day Rose goes out and never returns, leaving Augusta utterly alone. Then Tom McAllister arrives - good-looking and fascinating, but dangerous. What he has to tell her could tear her whole world apart.

As Tom and Augusta become ever closer, they must face the question: is love enough to overcome the ghosts of the past?

In the end, Langlands House and its inhabitants hold more secrets than they did in the beginning...

ISBN: 9781912280094

Publication: February 2018

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 416pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Contemporary Horror

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

Rights: Commonwealth

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland

Available in eBook format



The Incomers

Moira McPartlin

**Shortlisted for The Saltire Society
First Book of the Year Award 2012**

Mission-raised Ellie Amadi expects to live a dream life when she and her son Nat leave home in West Africa to join her white, estate factor, husband James in the Fife mining village of Hollyburn.

In 1966 Fife, mixed marriages are unusual, never mind interracial ones, and Ellie soon witnesses the villagers' ignorance of out-siders. Ellie struggles to adapt to her new life and rebels against her husband's pressure on her to conform. When she is accused of neglecting her baby, and subjected to an allegation of witchcraft, Ellie questions her ability to go on living among white faces.

The story draws on deep parallels between the cultures of West Africa and Scotland. Each chapter ends with a vernacular 'party line' telephone conversation between two village women, tracking the initial animosity towards Ellie and gradually, a grudging acceptance of her.

When Nat is abducted by the school bully and nearly drowns, Ellie is stunned by the hostility she receives from an African male doctor. It is only then she realises that prejudice of incomers exists everywhere, and acceptance grows if nurtured by familiarity.

This novel cleverly explores historical racial prejudice in Scotland and may raise some difficult cultural issues, perhaps still applicable 45 years later.

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Binding: Paperback
Extent: 288pp
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Genre: Literary Fiction
Readership: Adult

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Rights: World
Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Stirling,
UK

Available in eBook format

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Life Stories





David Emery's
**FULL
METAL
CARDIGAN**
Adventures on the Frontline of Social Work

ISBN: 9781912280179

Publication: August 2018

Binding: Paperback

Extent: 256pp

Format: 129 x 198mm

Genre: Humour

Readership: Adult

RRP: £9.99

Rights: World

Market restrictions: none

Author Residence: Scotland

Available in eBook format

Full Metal Cardigan

David Emery

“Last week, social services referred their client who, once accepted to our team, became a service user and, on further review by the doctor, a patient.

He was found not to meet the eligibility criteria; he was a survivor but not with the right symptoms, an expert but with the wrong experience.

He was promptly discharged and ended the day as just a person.”

Full Metal Cardigan is David Emery's first book and chronicles his adventures in social care, from enthusiastic volunteer to feral frontline worker, taking in abusive popstars, chanting cults, drug runs and interviewing a corpse.

He recounts how he gained international notoriety for cheating in a pancake race, encounters with the supernatural, High Court appearances, accidentally booking someone into Dignitas, one-inch death punches in Woolworths, waterboarding, psychotic psychopaths, plunger-wielding pregnant women and suicide attempts with rhubarb along the way.

This is a humorous look at life as a social worker: in turns both laugh-out-loud funny and mind-boggling.



Start

Graham Morgan

This biography does not gloss over or glamorise mental illness, instead Graham Morgan highlights that people can, and do, live full and positive lives.

Join Graham through his recollections of detention under the Mental Health act, learning to live with a new family, and coping with the symptoms that he still struggles to accept are an illness. He takes you through his preparations to address the United Nations in his role working with the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.

Graham Morgan has an MBE for services to mental health, and helped to write the Scottish Mental Health (2003) Care and Treatment Act.

This is the Act under which he is now detained.

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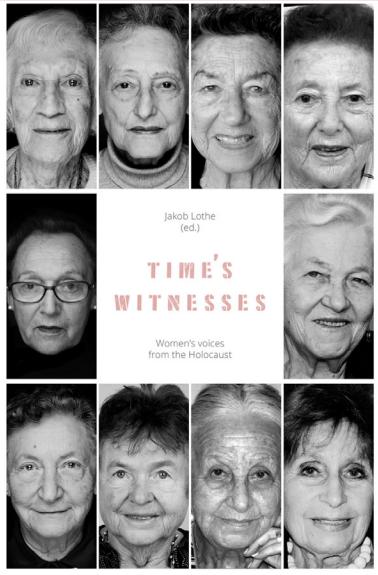
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Time's Witnesses

Edited by Jakob Loethe

Time's Witnesses is the history and words of ten Jewish women who survived the Nazi concentration and extermination camps during World War Two. These are women who lived through an unimaginable time, yet are still prepared to remember, so that the world does not forget.

The women tell of a time of degradation, deprivation, starvation and hopelessness, but each one, with incredible strength of spirit survived and extraordinarily share a common desire for resolution and a hope that by sharing their experiences these horrific moments in history will never be repeated.

Judith Meisel tells of the mother of the baby that a SS soldier dashed to the ground and killed. The mother afterwards refused to open one of her hands—she was clenching something she did not want to show. When the soldiers finally got the mother to open her hand, they saw a baby's shoe. The SS soldier ordered her to hand it over. When the mother refused, she was shot. This mother is one of the heroes of the Holocaust: a hero with moral integrity who not only showed great love of her child but also impressive courage.

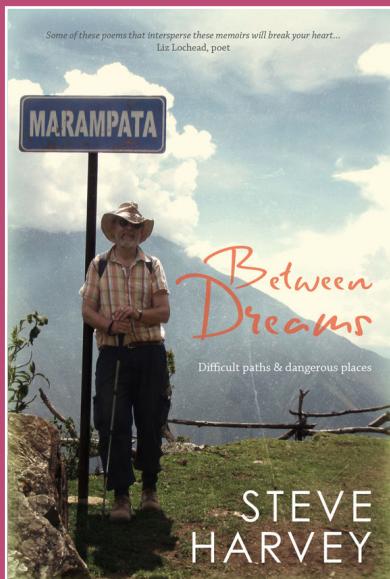
Time's Witnesses is not a comfortable book to read, but one that needs to be experienced if we are to learn.

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Between Dreams

Steve Harvey

Easy paths rarely lead anywhere interesting:
Adventures seldom happen in safe places.

Between 1975 and 2010 I've had adventures travelling alone or with a companion in the Indian sub-continent, the USA, the Caucasus, New Zealand and South America. I've worked for NGOs in the Middle East and Africa. Along the way I've written poems...

When the poet John Hegley said to me "Steve, if I were you, I'd forget about your poetry and fiction and focus on writing about your adventures," I didn't exactly feel it was a compliment.

Well, John, several unpublished years later, I've finally followed your advice, as you can see..

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BOARD

'David Flanagan's tale is an
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Board

David C Flanagan

David Flanagan came from a long line of seafarers and thought learning to surf would be easy, despite the fact he was scared of the ocean and fast approaching middle age.

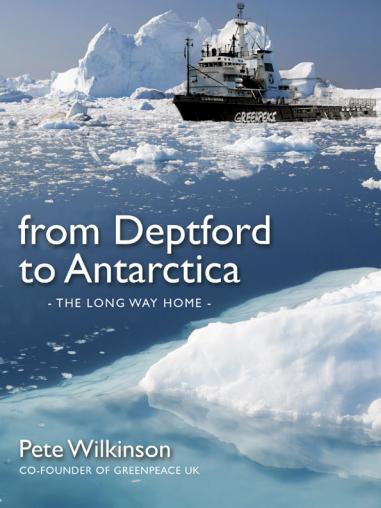
As a journalist living in an island community, he had intended to write a light-hearted account of his progress towards surfing nirvana, but instead found himself facing danger, doubt and the spectre of childhood bereavement in an often wild and unwelcoming sea.

Meanwhile on land, and back riding a skateboard after a 30-year-gap, David found himself facing bemusement, ridicule and the wrath of the medical profession. But his decision to turn back the clock to the 1970s would also prove remarkably life changing and, occasionally, utterly catastrophic.

Warm, funny, touching and honest – with a strong dose of adrenalin - Board explores loss, ego, fear and fatherhood, charting a quest for inner peace against a backdrop of thundering Atlantic waves.

At its heart, Board is an inspiring story about accepting some limitations and overcoming others, while completely ignoring common sense and social convention.

CONTAINING THE UNABRIDGED DIARIES FROM
FIVE GREENPEACE ANTARCTIC VOYAGES



From Deptford to Antarctica

Pete Wilkinson

Pete Wilkinson grew up in Deptford, south London, in the 50s. Somehow he got to grammar school and was spat out of the education system in 1962 with a few GCE 'O' levels and no idea of what to do with his life. The 60s rock 'n' roll scene, motor scooters and free love offered a mild distraction but, as a general malcontent, he drifted from job to job, uncertain of where life would take him. He was feisty, easy to provoke and had a fierce sense of what decency and justice should look like, qualities which found their natural home when he finally found - unlike U2, a band which would ultimately provide the justification for his jaundiced view of environmentalists - what he was looking for.

Pete helped establish Friends of the Earth, leaving after suffering three years of the classism which prevented his natural campaigning flair to flourish, and then joined Greenpeace UK. He was a co-founding member and became a central figure in the UK's embryonic green movement. His friendship with the charismatic father of the modern Greenpeace phenomenon, the late David Fraser McTaggart, and his naturally strategic mind helped Wilkinson to the highest positions in the organisation from where he ran what one journalist called 'some of the most important and successful environmental campaigns of the 80s'. And they were campaigns that he and his colleagues won: radioactive waste dumping at sea, whaling, Canadian sealing, the Orkey seal cull, captive cetaceans, the fur industry, Sellafield: no company or industry was too big for Greenpeace to take on.

Even Antarctica.

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"This is a remarkable account
of a personal struggle which
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becoming julie



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Becoming Julie

Julie Clarke

Julie Clarke was born a boy in the 50s in central Scotland. From a very early age she knew she was different from other boys, but growing up in the 50s and 60s was not conducive to discussing feelings of gender difference and for many years Julie didn't even know there was a medical term for her dilemma: she was transsexual.

Becoming Julie details how Julie Clarke spent many years battling her demons. As a man she married and became a firefighter and later, a charter boat skipper on the Isle of Coll, hoping that these acts would suppress her longing to become female, but to no avail. She encountered much prejudice in her journey to become the woman she is today, but also many acts of kindness, and the book tells Julie's story in her own words.

Finally, in 2006, Julie achieved her dream and after undergoing transgender surgery, she physically became a woman. She is still living happily on the Isle of Coll and working for Cal-Mac in the role she previously held as a man.

A life on the wire

Winchman

Chris Murray Q.G.M.

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Winchman

Chris Murray

This is the life story of Chris Murray from Stornoway. As a winchman on Search and Rescue helicopters for 22 years he was involved in the rescue of many people from the seas and mountains around the north of Scotland and further afield.

He details his exploits from his early days as a Royal Navy diver in the elite Faslane diving team, disabling explosive devices; as a civilian diver working offshore for various companies and finally – 22 years as the winchman on a Sikorsky S61; frequently hanging from a wire in stormy seas and snowstorms, risking his life to aid fishing vessels in distress and on one memorable occasion, receiving the Queen's Gallantry medal for the rescue of crewmen from the fishing vessel The Hansa.

Includes 32 pages of high gloss photographs.

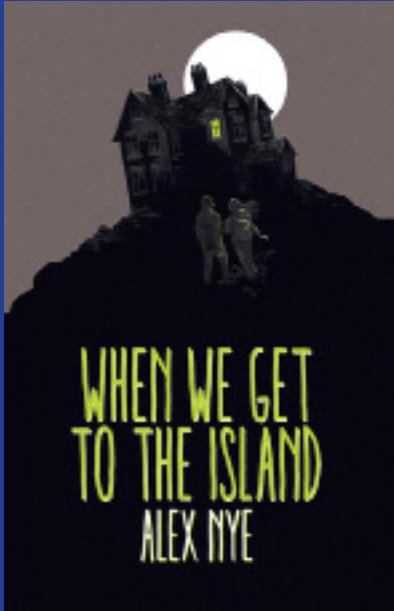


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YA Fiction





When We Get to the Island

Alex Nye

From award-winning author, Alex Nye.

Hani is 12 and invisible, and yet everyone wants to capture him. After escaping from Syria with his sister, he finds himself working in atrocious conditions somewhere in Scotland. When his sister disappears, he begins a perilous journey to find her, across some of the wildest terrain in Scotland.

Mia is also on the run, and sometimes it feels as if she will never stop running. When she helps Hani escape from his captors, the two become inseparable. Her dream is to reach the island where she was last happy, when her parents were alive, and find the little house she believes they still own. Once we reach the island, she tells Hani, everything will be okay.

But their journey takes them into dangerous landscapes, hunted by dangerous men, chased through a system of underground flooded caverns while a great storm sweeps the coast. Whatever happens, Mia knows that she must help Hani to find his sister. What they will really find at the end of their journey may come as a surprise to both of them.

Alex Nye is the award-winning author of *Chill*, *Shiver* and *Darker Ends*.

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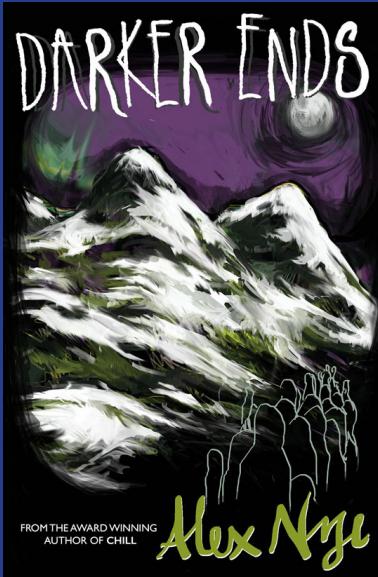
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Rights: World

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Author Residence: Scotland



Darker Ends

Alex Nye

DARKER ENDS is the third title by Alex Nye, again inspired by the landscape and history of Scotland. This time Glencoe is the background setting, and the ghosts of the recent past mingle with the dark events of 1692, when the leader of Clan Campbell authorized the genocide of a whole community as they slept in their beds before dawn...

Those who survived - women and children - struggled their way up into the lowering mountains of Glencoe, but what happened to them? Did they live to tell the tale? Two children, a brother and sister, wait in a lonely inn for their parents to come home, while a storm closes in. They have only lived at the inn for three days. Maggie, the eldest, seeks to reassure her younger brother, who is asthmatic and nervous.

When a stranger's car is marooned in the river below, and he knocks at their door for shelter, the long night darkens. All is not what it seems, and Maggie and Rory are about to learn what became of the so-called 'survivors' of Glencoe.

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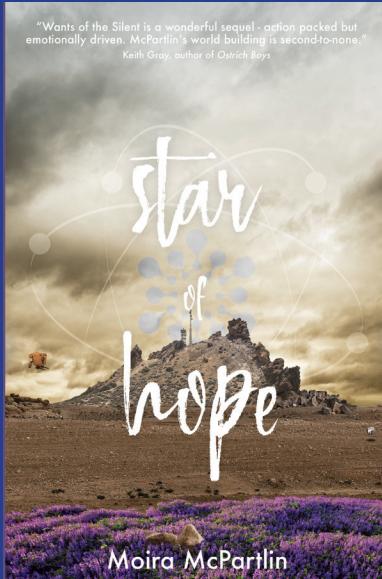
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Author Residence: Stockport,
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"Wants of the Silent is a wonderful sequel - action packed but emotionally driven. McPartlin's world building is second-to-none."
Keith Gray, author of *Outright Boys*



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Star of Hope

Moira McPartlin

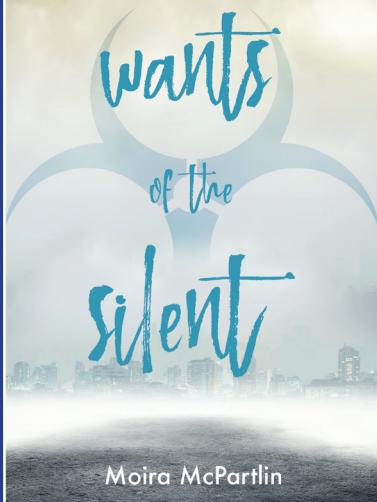
This third and final exciting volume of The Sun Song Trilogy finds Sorlie and Isabel working together in one last attempt to save Esperaneo.

The revolutionary forces of the Blue Pearl have ousted Sorlie's grandmother, Vanora, and taken control of her empire. The Black Market Noiri are in full cooperation with the new revolutionaries and take orders from their leader, The Prince.

As The Prince's health deteriorates he appoints his son, Sorlie, and Ishbel to lead the two strands of a mission entitled Star of Hope, which will be the final fight against the State and will free the native population of Esperaneo from slavery.

What will the outcome be?

"Wants of the Silent is a wonderful sequel - action packed but emotionally driven. McPartlin's world building is second-to-none."
Keith Gray, author of *Ostrich Boys*



Wants of the Silent

Moira McPartlin

When Sorlie's grandmother, the rebel leader Vanora is kidnapped Sorlie finds himself in a strange native refugee camp. What he finds is a guarded complex where only the Specials enter.

Who are these Specials, the strange inhabitants who are hidden from the State? What secrets does the silent girl Harkin hold? And who is this Prince everyone is whispering about?

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Ways of the Doomed

Moira McPartlin

It's the year 2089 and everything is altered. The revolutions of the early 21st century have created a world divided between the Privileged few and the Native (Celtic) underclass.

Sorlie is enjoying a typical carefree Privileged teenage life until it is smashed apart by the cruel death of his parents, and he is spirited away to live with his icycold grandfather at a mysterious island penal colony. Sorlie's discovery that the captives are being genetically altered to remove all trace of their Native origins triggers a chain of shocking events that reveal his grandfather's terrible secrets and, ultimately, the truth about himself.

The Sun Song trilogy explores life in a futuristic, post-apocalyptic Britain where society's norms have broken down and life has to be lived differently.

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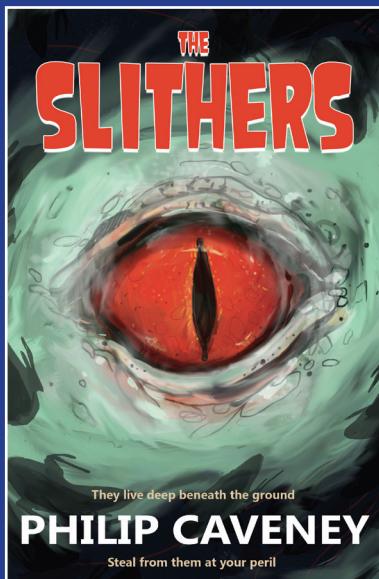
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Author Residence: Scotland

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The Slithers

Phillip Caveney

Zach Hamilton is in a bad place. After the death of his mother and the end of his father's high-powered career, he and Dad have come to the north of Scotland to live rent-free in Grandfather Alistair's cliff-top cottage. As if things weren't bad enough, Dad asks Zach to clean out the old garden pond, now a rotting nightmare where not even a tadpole can survive. But when Zach drains the pond and removes the lining, he's astonished to find something unexpected underneath the pond – a trapdoor leading down into darkness...

When Zach finally ventures down there, he discovers something amazing – a glowing egg-shaped stone that feels warm and comforting to the touch. Once brought back to the surface, Zach's run of bad luck seems to change entirely. Suddenly, he can't seem to stop winning and even Dad's career is unexpectedly back on track. But good luck can't last forever...

The stone belongs to a race of ancient creatures that dwell deep beneath the ground - and they want it back.

Pretty soon, unspeakable things begin to claw their way to the surface in search of the stone –and for Zach and his new friend, Pepper, there's one all-important question. Can they stay alive until morning?

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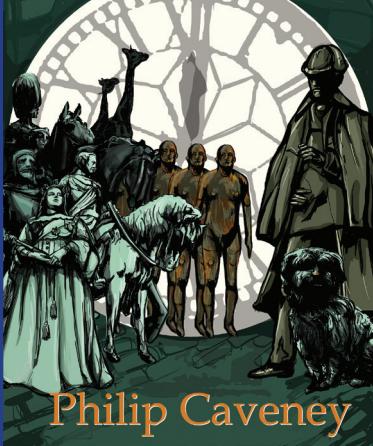
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When the clock strikes twelve, every statue in the city comes alive!

THE CALLING



The Calling

Philip Caveney

Philip was winner of the Scottish Book Trust Award 2016 for his work as Danny Weston.

A boy wakes up on a train to Edinburgh. He is shocked to discover that no idea who he is or how he came to be on the train - and once off it, he finds himself immersed in the chaos of the Edinburgh Fringe. After a day of wandering the crowded streets, he falls asleep and is woken by the sound of bells tolling midnight - only to discover that is the night of The Calling - a magical yearly event when all the statues of the city come alive.

He is the only human ever to witness it. He quickly makes a couple of allies - the Colonel, the bronze cavalryman of the Scots Grey's monument, and the intrepid explorer David Livingstone. They christen the boy 'Ed Fest' and take him to Parliament Square to meet Charles II, the king of the statues, who isn't particularly fond of 'Softies' (humans). He assigns Sherlock Holmes to investigate the boy's case, to discover his real identity and to get back to his home and family. But as the bronze detective begins to decipher the clues, he discovers that 'Ed' is on the run from a sequence of terrible events; ones that could threaten his very existence.

The Calling is a magical story set during Edinburgh's most exciting event - and nearly all of its characters can be observed, standing on plinths in the heart of the city, waiting for next year's Calling.

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Crow Boy

Philip Caveney

Best Selling Title in Mary King's Close Souvenir Shop since publication

Young Tom Afflick has never felt so alone. His parents have split up and his mother has relocated him, hundreds of miles away from his home in Manchester to the unfamiliar city of Edinburgh.

At his new school, Tom is simply known as 'The Manc' – a blow-in, an outsider. On a routine school trip to the historic site of Mary King's Close, Tom follows the ghostly figure of a young girl – only to find himself transported back in time to 1645, the year of the Edinburgh plague.

Apprenticed against his will to a violent plague doctor, Tom needs to use all of his modern-day skills in order to survive, while he desperately searches for a way back to his own time.

This children's historical novel is a departure for Philip Caveney – acclaimed author of the Sebastien Darke thrillers for children and the Alec Devlin mysteries – and is sure to be a hit with them.

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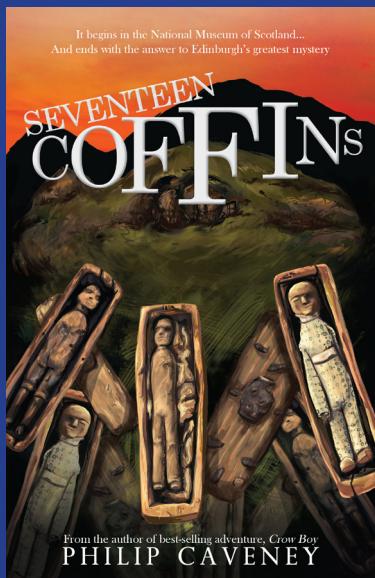
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Seventeen Coffins

Philip Caveney

After his nightmarish adventures in Mary King's Close in Crow Boy, Tom Afflick is drawn back to Edinburgh. At the National Museum of Scotland, he sees the eight tiny coffins that were discovered on Arthur's Seat in 1836 – one of the city's most intriguing mysteries.

After an aggressive confrontation with his stepfather, Tom finds himself spinning back in time again, to the year 1828, where the peril comes not from bubonic plague but from a series of unexplained disappearances. Lost and confused, Tom seeks refuge in Tanner's Close as the guest of two of the city's most infamous inhabitants...

But even two hundred years after the events of Crow Boy, he cannot escape the vengeful pursuit of bogus plague doctor, William McSweeney.

Tom is soon caught up in a desperate struggle for survival... and the mystery of the tiny coffins is finally solved.

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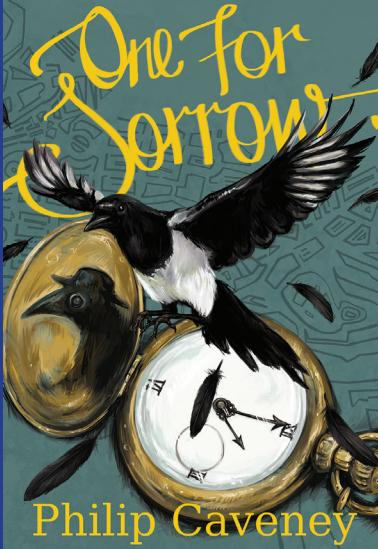
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Tom Afflick meets Robert Louis Stevenson. It's about time.



One For Sorrow

Philip Caveney

When Tom Afflick heads back to Edinburgh to stay with his mother and her partner, Hamish, he begins to think that he has finally come to terms with the breakup of his parent's marriage - but a sudden accident on a country road sends him tumbling once more, headlong into the past. This time, the book he is reading serves as the catalyst for his adventure.

The book is *Treasure Island*. In 1881, Tom meets Robert Louis Stevenson, a sickly young author who has just published the story as a weekly serial in a children's magazine. Can Tom persuade him to try and publish the book as a novel or will one of the world's greatest adventures be lost forever? And is Tom going to prove to be the inspiration for some of Stevenson's best-known adventures? One ally in Tom's quest is Catriona McCallum, the young girl he last met in 1828, now an elderly woman and an author herself.

But Tom's deadly adversary, *The Plague Doctor*, has once again followed him through time, and is intent on taking his revenge. As events spiral out of control, Tom realises that this is destined to be the deadliest adventure of them all ...one that he may not even survive.

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Watchers

Philip Caveney

Thirteen-year-old Will Booth is feeling terribly lonely. Ever since his dad died, he and his mum and their dog Spot are doing everything they can to cope with the feeling of emptiness that his father has left behind.

On a cold, miserable Saturday afternoon Will takes Spot out for the usual walk along the riverbank, but is met by a tall, odd-looking man. The man describes himself, and his kind, as Watchers and tells Will that he needs his help to save Will's dad from great danger.

How can Will's dad be in danger? Who are these Watchers that Will meets? Are they travellers or something more than that?

And what are the mysterious, misshapen humps hidden beneath their coats?



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LEO AND THE LIGHTNING
DRAGONS

WRITTEN BY GILL WHITE
ILLUSTRATED BY GILLI B



Leo & The Lightning Dragons

Gill White

Written by Gill White for her son Leo who suffers from Ohtahara Syndrome, an extremely rare form of epilepsy, and beautifully illustrated by Fife artist Gilli B, this story has been positively received by parents of children with complex needs, by care workers and medical staff and by parents of healthy young children who love the book simply as an adventure story.

Everybody in the kingdom is supporting the brave knight Leo in his battle against his fearsome dragons. They try lots of different things to help him defeat them but eventually Leo realises that the most important thing to do is to believe in himself.

This beautifully illustrated book with a poignant and uplifting rhyming story encourages children to persevere and find strength in the face of adversity, even when it seems that nothing is working.

All royalties from the sale of this book will go to CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland).

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