





## Latest Releases

*For January - May 2023*

	<p><b>Title:</b> Cousins of Pemberly series, by Linda O'Byrne <b>Publisher:</b> Spellbound Books <b>Rights Sold:</b> German (Books 1 &amp; 2), Audio <b>Rights:</b> Film and Translation rights via RCL <b>Synopsis:</b> Many years have passed since the dramatic events of Pride and Prejudice.</p> <p>In The Cousins of Pemberley series, we follow a new generation of heroines - cousins with lives as different and interesting as those enjoyed by their mothers.</p>
	<p><b>Cassandra:</b> Cassandra Wickham, daughter of a flirt and a scoundrel, an innocent abroad in a world where money can buy you anything, even a bride. When danger threatens and the man she thought she could rely on fails her, there is only one place she can turn to for help...</p>
	<p><b>Catherine:</b> Catherine Collins, a very ordinary young woman - plain, quiet, often over-looked but possessing a reputation for having great common-sense. Or so her distant cousin Elizabeth Darcy believes and so recommends her as governess for little Matilda Courtney.</p> <p>Catherine travels to Northumberland, full of good intentions to do her best and be a credit to the family.</p> <p>But appearances and reputations can be deceptive - Robert and Martin Courtney will soon learn exactly what type of girl Elizabeth has sent them.</p>



**Miriam:** Mary Bennet - overlooked, laughed at, despised - married a missionary and vanished into a life of service out in Africa. But now Miriam, her daughter, is coming to England, disliking everything she has been told about her family.

Her aunts and cousins are expecting someone quiet, dull and bookish, just like her mother, not the quick-tempered, impulsive girl who arrives.

How can this adventurous girl with her desire for freedom possibly fit into their well ordered world? And what havoc will she cause as she tries?



**Jane:** The Darcys have always worried about their daughter Jane.

Gentle and delicate, she has been cosseted and protected from the world. But all the Darcy wealth and power cannot save Jane from heartbreak and betrayal.

Can she find a courage no one believes she has?

Can she break free from the golden cage that imprisons her?

**Title:** The Victoria Crescent Sagas 1-5, by June Francis

**Publisher:** Canelo Saga

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### **Step by Step**

Will their friendship survive against all odds?

In the early 1900s two girls see each other through good times and bad. But can their friendship endure when an dreadful act of violence sees their families turn against one another?

Hannah Kirk and Alice Moran have been friends since childhood. Growing up in the back streets of Chester, they support each other through hard times. But when Alice's mother dies in childbirth, the girls both must take on great burdens.

Alice's violent father attacks Hannah's mother and the friends are separated when Alice is forced to flee with her father while Hannah cares for her bedridden mother and the rest of the family. As Hannah struggles to cope and suffers awful mistreatment at the hands of her devious older brother, she questions whether Alice is her friend – or the cause of all her troubles. Will Hannah and Alice reconcile, or are the wrongs of the past impossible to make right?

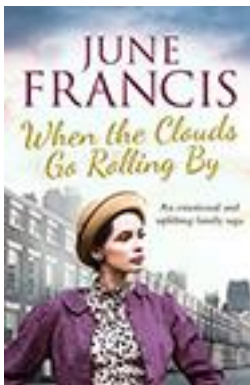


### **A Dream to Share**

Her sister paid a terrible price. Can she avoid the same fate?  
A quest for revenge leads a young woman to a new friend, but also puts her in grave danger. Can love triumph over evil?

Chester, 1907. Emma Griffiths' sister took her own life when she became pregnant out of wedlock to a man who refused to take responsibility. Now Emma is out to avenge her sister's death.

Emma leaves her job as a maid, no longer willing to put up with unwanted attention from her employer. As poverty threatens to engulf her, she meets another young servant, Alice, who is struggling to escape her own unhappy past. Emma and Alice become close and it soon becomes apparent that the two girls' lives may be linked in more ways than one. Just as she finds love Emma's newfound happiness is threatened when she realises that she may not be the only one seeking revenge...

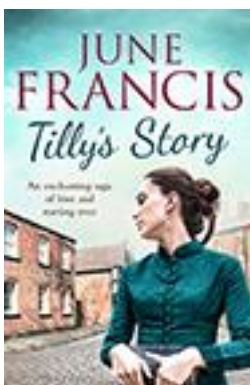


### **When the Clouds Go Rolling By**

The secrets of the past can never be forgotten  
An orphaned young woman is overjoyed to find a family she never knew existed, but has to come to terms with their troubled history.

Since her parents died Clara O'Toole has lived with her grandmother, Bernie. When Bernie seeks an audience with a medium in the hope of reaching her son, Clara discovers her links to the Bennett family in Chester, and clues to the whereabouts of Bernie's long-lost daughter.

Meanwhile, Alice Bennett is relieved to learn that her husband, Seb, is alive. However, her joy is short lived when she discovers the extent of his injuries. The family struggle to come to terms with Seb's damaged body, and mind. As Clara spends more time with her newfound relatives, she finds hope for the future. But she has no idea that the family she is so glad to be part of are going to place her in grave danger...





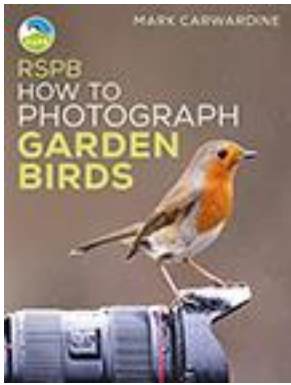
### **Tilly's Story**

Can she leave her troubles behind to find true happiness?  
In the aftermath of the Great War, many are searching for a new life. But has Tilly missed her only chance for love?

Since the end of the First World War, the residents of Victoria Crescent have been slowly rebuilding their lives. For Tilly Moran, this means living under the watchful eye of her elder sister, Alice, while waiting to come of age. Unable to bear the restrictions placed upon her, Tilly flees to Liverpool for a fresh start.

As Tilly enters a new line of work she meets many interesting characters, and is charmed by Leonard Parker, a shipping entrepreneur. But when Tilly

	<p>becomes involved in an investigation for a private detective agency she discovers that some of her new associates aren't what they seem. Can Tilly's dreams of love and independence come true, or will her luck run out?</p>
	<p><b>Sunshine and Showers</b>  Now the war is over, is happiness within their reach?  Two women are given opportunities for a positive future, but must choose between following their heads or their hearts.</p> <p>Patsy Doyle is glad of her new job as a live-in maid in for David Tanner and his wife, but the constant rows between the spouses make it difficult to settle. Patsy becomes an unwilling confidante – and keeper of more secrets than she'd care to know.</p> <p>Joy Kirk is busy planning her wedding. Since her first love was killed in the Great War, she has accepted that she'd never fall in love again. Now, having spent many years working as Robbie Bennett's housekeeper, she finally accepts his proposal of marriage. She soon realises she has let herself in for more than she bargained for.</p> <p>Both Joy and Patsy will face unexpected fortunes. But will they ultimately find happiness?</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Hers to Have and to Hold, by June Francis  <b>Publisher:</b> Canelo Saga  <b>Rights Sold:</b> Large Print, Audio  <b>Rights:</b> Translation/film and TV via RCL  <b>Synopsis:</b> An enchanting Second World War saga</p> <p>How much does she truly know about her husband?</p> <p>Eliza Jones and her husband Bryn had a whirlwind romance and married shortly after meeting, but he was soon sent off to fight. In the midst of a Blitz attack on Liverpool, which leaves Eliza with amnesia, she gives birth to their baby son, Alfie. Still struggling with the aftermath of the birth, Eliza is distraught when Alfie is kidnapped from the nursery.</p> <p>As the search for Alfie progresses and the community bands together around Eliza, she is left with more questions than answers. Who would take her baby, and why? And does she have any hope of being reunited with her baby? When her search for answers leads her back to Bryn's family, Eliza must ask herself how well she really knew the man she married.</p> <p>A gripping saga set in Liverpool against the backdrop of the Second World War, perfect for fans of Pam Howes and Katie Flynn.</p>



**Title:** RSPB Photography Book, by Mark Carwardine  
**Publisher:** Bloomsbury  
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**Synopsis:** This accessible, practical guide includes everything you need to know to capture fantastic photographs of birds on your doorstep.

In RSPB How to Photograph Garden Birds, celebrated photographer and wildlife writer Mark Carwardine shares his expert advice and insider tips and tricks for capturing the perfect photo. Whether you have a professional camera and a garden filled with birds, or a smartphone and access to a bird table, his guidance will improve your photography in leaps and bounds.

Packed with beautiful photographs, this book is a step-by-step masterclass on garden bird photography - from attracting different species to using artificial rain and capturing spectacular images of birds in flight.

Once you've mastered the basics, you can make garden bird photography as simple or as challenging as you like. A robin perched on a garden spade? Easy. A blackbird feeding among fallen leaves? No problem. A blue tit in flight? Might take some planning but still very achievable.

And there's more. Garden bird photography isn't only rewarding in its own right - it's also a sensational way to hone wildlife photography and field skills that you can then adapt to suit any subject anywhere in the world.

**Title:** Dragon Storm Series Collection, by Alastair Chisholm  
**Publisher:** Nosy Crow  
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**Synopsis: Tomás and Ironskin:**  
Tomás has always been told that now, dragons are extinct, and so he can't believe it when a mysterious stranger invites him to join a secret society, the Dragonseer Guild - and tells him that not only do dragons still exist, but also that Tomás has a very special power...



**Cara and Silverthief:** Cara has spent her life on the streets, relying on her wits - and a mysterious voice that seemed to live inside her head - for survival. She's amazed when she learns that the voice actually belongs to a dragon - her dragon.



**Ellis and Pathseeker:** It's the Maze Festival in the city of Rivven, and young dragonseer Ellis and his dragon Pathseeker are determined to be the first to complete the three mazes in the grounds of the king's palace and win this year's tournament.



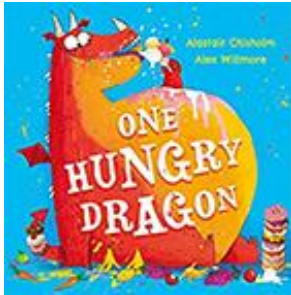
**Mira and Flameteller:** Young dragonseer Mira and her dragon Flameteller love finding out how things work and fixing them, and so they're excited to learn about the ancient magic that powers the home of the Dragonseer Guild - and helps keep its existence a secret.



**Kai and Boneshadow:** When dragonseer Kai and his dragon Boneshadow are summoned to the palace to work for the King, they decide to secretly search for a dragon they believe is hiding there. But during the search, Kai comes into contact with a mysterious potion.



**Erin and Rockhammer:** When Erin and her dragon Rockhammer get into a fight with another dragonseer, they're sent away to Stillness. There they discover the Solace Stone, a magical object that creates calm. In the peace of Stillness, Erin almost forgets that she can't summon her dragon Rockhammer.



**Title:** One Hungry Dragon, by Alastair Chisholm  
**Publisher:** A Hachette North  
**Rights:** All rights via Hachette North  
**Synopsis:** STOMP! STOMP! STOMP! Here comes Bernardo... and he's one HUNGRY dragon! This dragon is on the hunt for his lunch - is there anything that he won't try to gobble up?

A hilarious counting tale featuring lots of favourite fairy tale characters, including magical mermaids, fairy godmothers, funny frogs.. and one very big BURP!

A laugh-out-loud romp written by Alastair Chisholm, winner of Blackwell's Children's Book of the Year, The Queen's Knickers Award and Scottish Book Trust's Bookbug Prize. Illustrated by Alex Willmore, winner of Oscar's Book Prize.



**Title:** King's Road: The Rise and Fall of the Hippest Street in the World, by Max Décharné  
**Publisher:** Omnibus Press  
**Rights:** All rights via Omnibus Press  
**Synopsis:** The King's Road in Chelsea was at the epicentre of not one, but two worldwide cultural shifts. In the mid-sixties, it became a focal point and shop window for the new 'swinging' London, encompassing music, theatre, the visual arts, fashion and much more. It remained at the forefront of developing trends throughout the following decade until it became the breeding-ground for UK punk rock, helping inspire youthful rebellion the world over. In short, it was the place to be. In the time between the formation of the Rolling Stones and the demise of the Sex Pistols, the King's Road had the attention of the world. Just how this came to be is a classic rise-and-fall story of satisfaction and sedition, featuring some of the most famous people of the late twentieth century and many of the pivotal moments of the fifties, sixties and seventies. This revised and expanded edition of King's Road covers the cultural history of the King's Road, tracking many key figures who lived or spent time there, from Henry VIII to David Bowie, Margaret Thatcher to Vivienne Westwood, Karl Marx to The Beatles, and Mozart to Mary Quant.



**Title:** From Me to You, by Hitchcock and Greenley

**Publisher:** Spellbound

**Rights:** Translation film and TV via RCL

**Synopsis:** In 2010 Alison Hitchcock made an unusual offer to an acquaintance, Brian Greenley, who had been diagnosed with cancer – she offered to write letters to cheer him up while he was undergoing treatment.

She had no idea what possessed her – she barely knew Brian and didn't imagine there was much humour to be had out of cancer. But two and a half years later Brian had defied the statistics and was cancer free, Alison had embarked on a writing career inspired by her letters and they had become best friends.

While Brian battled 3 bouts of cancer, was given a 10% chance of survival and struggled with the general unpleasantness of a colostomy bag, Alison was a 42 year old woman in search of a new career, a new love-life and purpose, distracting herself by writing witty letters to a man she barely knew.

Although she was putting on a brave face, she was feeling lost: life wasn't working out, personally or professionally, and as she dithered and dabbled, it was writing to Brian, and following his own radical changes, which eventually led her to her passion: writing.

While the letters were only ever meant to amuse Brian, and his journal entries were only ever for himself, together they tell their story of friendship, following a passion, battling to stay alive and, above all, seeing the funny side.

In a final twist to the story, at the end of 2016, with Brian celebrating 4 years cancer-free, the two were recorded by Radio 4, telling the story of the letters, Brian's recovery, and their friendship.



**Title:** Feeling Blah?, by Tanith Carey

**Publisher:** Welbeck Balance

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**Synopsis:** How much do you enjoy your life?

Does life feel dull? A bit grey?

Do you feel as if your emotions have flatlined?

This is anhedonia – a word only a few of us have heard of but one that explains why so many of us feel we are sleepwalking through life.

Anhedonia is from the Greek word for 'without pleasure' and describes a loss of interest in activities you once enjoyed. It explains why many of us

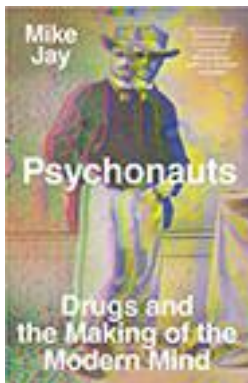
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spend our lives in a fog, feeling neither happy nor sad, just not very much at all.

In the first book to tackle this missing piece in mental health, writer Tanith Carey joins the dots on how convenience culture, stressful lifestyles, modern diets and both female and male hormonal changes can dial down our ability to feel excitement and joy.

With the help of world-leading experts and by digging into the latest research, Tanith shows you how your brain's dopamine reward system works and provides strategies to help you bring colour back into your life.

Groundbreaking, accessible and often surprising, this is the book that will teach you how to kickstart your feel-good chemicals and start loving life again.



**Title:** Psychonauts, by Mike Jay

**Publisher:** Yale University Press

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**Synopsis:** A provocative and original history of the scientists and writers, artists and philosophers who took drugs to explore the hidden regions of the mind

“Captivating... A welcome reconsideration of the role drugs play in life, medicine, and science.”—Publishers Weekly

Until the twentieth century, scientists investigating the effects of drugs on the mind did so by experimenting on themselves. Vivid descriptions of drug experiences sparked insights across the mind sciences, pharmacology, medicine, and philosophy. Accounts in journals and literary fiction inspired a fascinated public to make their own experiments—in scientific demonstrations, on exotic travels, at literary salons, and in occult rituals.

But after 1900 drugs were increasingly viewed as a social problem, and the long tradition of self-experimentation began to disappear.

From Sigmund Freud’s experiments with cocaine to William James’s epiphany on nitrous oxide, Mike Jay brilliantly recovers a lost intellectual tradition of drug-taking that fed the birth of psychology, the discovery of the unconscious, and the emergence of modernism. Today, as we embrace novel cognitive enhancers and psychedelics, the experiments of the original psychonauts reveal the deep influence of mind-altering drugs on Western science, philosophy, and culture.



**Title:** Season of the Witch: The Book of Goth, by Cathi Unsworth  
**Publisher:** Nine Eight Books  
**Rights:** World via Nine Eight Books. Film/TV via RCL  
**Synopsis:** 1979. Months of industrial action throughout the winter have left the dead unburied and mountains of rubbish piling up in the streets.

After ten brutal homicides and the biggest police hunt in history, the Yorkshire Ripper is still at large and preparing to strike again.

Punk has reached its bleak climax with the fatal heroin overdose of Sid Vicious while awaiting trial for the murder of his girlfriend.

Unlikely alliances of outsiders prepare to seize power, set the political agenda and write the soundtrack for the years to come. Their figureheads are two very different kinds of dominatrices...

As Margaret Thatcher enters 10 Downing Street, four bands born of punk - Siouxsie and the Banshees, Joy Division, the Cure, and Magazine - find a way to distil the dissonance and darkness of the shifting decade into a new form of music. Pushing at the taboos the Sex Pistols had unlocked and dancing with the fetishistic, all will become global stars of goth.

By the time Thatcher is cast out of office in 1990, the arrival of goth will have imprinted on the cultural landscape as much as the Iron Lady herself.

Now, forty years since its inception, author Cathi Unsworth provides the first comprehensive overview of the music, context and lasting legacy of goth. This is the story of how goth was shaped by the politics of the era - from the miners' strikes and privatisation to the Troubles and AIDS --- as well as how its rock 'n' roll outlaw imagery and innovative, atmospheric music cross-pollinated throughout Britain and internationally, speaking to a generation of alienated youths.

A fascinating social history, Season of the Witch tells the tale of an enduring counter-culture, one that steadfastly refuses to give up the ghost.



**Title:** In the Shadows, by Jane Isaac  
**Publisher:** Legend Press  
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**Synopsis:** In the suburban town of Hampton, the peaceful night air is shattered by the sound of gunfire. Outside a local pub, five are feared dead and the murderer has fled the scene.

DCI Helen Lavery works alongside the counter terrorism unit to investigate. Who is behind the mass shooting? Why target this town?

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<p>Meanwhile, Helen is preparing for the trial of Chilli Franks, an organised crime boss who has a grudge against her family. But when Chilli's nephew befriends her son, and suggestions are made about Chilli's involvement in the shooting, past fears clash with the present.</p>
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<p>Under the spotlight of the world's media, Helen finds herself in a race against time to solve the case, protect her family and track down the killer before they strike again.</p>
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