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About us

## Fiction

#### Amanda Lees represented by Lisa Moylett



Amanda was born in Hong Kong and survived both a convent boarding school and a Jesuit boys' school before being summarily ejected from the latter. She gets her thirst for adventure from her parents who met in the jungle in Borneo where her mother had set up a hospital and her father, a former Gurkha Intelligence officer and Oxford-educated spy, was probably up to no good.

A broadcaster as well as an actress and novelist, Amanda appears regularly on BBC radio and LBC and was a contracted writer to the hit series *Weekending* on Radio 4. As well as Eastern European Mafiosi and the ex-head of the KGB, Amanda numbers serving and retired Police Officers, FBI agents, members of the Special Forces and distinguished forensic scientists among her dubious but well-qualified contacts.

Her novels *The Paris Spy's Girl* and *If I Can Save One Child* are published by Bookouture. They are part of a heart-pounding, heart-wrenching and totally addictive World War Two Resistance series.

Amanda's latest novel is *Cairo*. Cairo, present day, and Sophie is on honeymoon alone, her wedding cancelled at the last minute when her fiancé, Ben, was killed in a burglary gone wrong. Or at least, that's how it was made to look. Two years to the day later, Sophie is on the trip they should have taken together. A journey not just to mark the start of their new life but to stir up the ghosts of the past. Ghosts that include her great-aunt Nadia who served as a spy in Cairo during the war, living, loving and partying hard in a villa she and her compatriots named Eden. The villa Sophie has inherited and where she will find not just the clues to who killed Ben and why but also the key to a hidden cache of cursed gold and a man who will help her to learn to love again.

November 1942 and Nadia stares up at the villa on an island in the Nile. A young man bounds down the steps, an Alsatian puppy at his heels. Little does she know that Tom will turn out to be the love of her life. Together, they undertake a clandestine mission to assassinate the vicious Nazi General Rauff, the man who rules Tunisia with an iron fist, stealing from its people 20 million pounds' worth of gold. The legendary, cursed gold that will lead to Tom's death. As Nadia hunts down his killer and the gold, so does Sophie eighty years later, both women determined to avenge the death of a man they loved beyond life itself. A hunt that will end in the answers Sophie so desperately needs as she learns that what happened to Tom is the answer to the riddle of Ben's death too.

Books

**Publishers** 

Bookouture

**Rights Available** 

#### Catriona McPherson

represented by Lisa Moylett



Catriona McPherson writes a series of 1920/30s detective stories and a separate strand of contemporary psychological suspense. Her novels have won two Anthony awards, two Agathas, three Bruce Alexanders, two Macavitys, a Lefty, a Falchion, and an IndieFab Gold in the USA and been shortlisted for a CWA dagger, an MWA Edgar and three Mary Higgins Clark awards. Catriona was born in a village outside Edinburgh in 1965 and educated at Edinburgh University, leaving with a Ph.D. in Linguistics. She has been writing full-time since 2000 and, since 2010, has lived in northern California. Catriona's entire back list including 14 Dandy Gilver books (published in both the US and UK) is available.

*The Dead Room*, Catriona's latest novel, is a psychological suspense that intertwines grief, memory, and mystery in a setting brimming with nostalgia and unease.

It's *Sleeping Murder* meets *Gaslight*, and follows Lindsay Hale, a woman returning to her childhood home in the aftermath of her husband's death. Lindsay needs the comfort of her family and her old familiar friends. At first, it seems she's found them. Her brother and his wife say she's welcome to stay as long as she wants in the family home, a bungalow next to the family scrapyard, and her oldest and closest pal, Chloe, is there for whatever Lindsay needs. She even forms a new bond with an older woman, Peggy, a widow like herself, someone who can point the way. Finally, unbelievably, she meets a man. It's far too soon but he's kind as well as funny and is willing to take it slow.

And yet there is something very wrong, something more than grief, something Lindsay can only see out of the corner of her eye. Why does she think she recognises strangers? Why can't she remember the people she used to know? And how can an elderly widow like Peggy disappear and only Lindsay notices she's gone?

Then there's the house. Lindsay's beautiful house, her enormous, unfillable dream-come-true of a house that, after dark, fills with nightmares. They must be nightmares, all in her mind. Surely none of this can be true. Lindsay has come home. So where can she run to?

**Books** 

**Publishers** UK, Joffe Books UK, Hodder & Stoughton UK, Severn House **Rights Available** Translation Audio TV and Film

#### Darren O'Sullivan represented by Lisa Moylett

Darren O'Sullivan is a bestselling author, screen writer/director and award nominated theatre director. His books have sold over 150,000 copies and been translated into German and Polish and sold into America, Canada and Australia. Two of his novels were selected for the prestigious Karin Slaughter Bookclub.

Darren has also contributed a short story *The Big Burn Bookclub* to Everyday Kindness, a 2021 up-lit anthology with proceeds going to Shelter.

Darren also writes under a pseudonym, BB Thomas. BB's first book *The Rain* was published in 2021

exclusively for Audible and was an editors' choice. His first novel, *Our Little Secret*, is optioned by Rollick Film, and he is credited as the writer of the feature film.

Darren's portfolio of work includes the aforementioned *Our Little Secret*, published in July 2017, *Close Your Eyes*, May 2018, *Closer Than You Think*, March 2019, *Dark Corners*, April 2020, *The Players*, May 2021, and *The Price*, June 2023. All six were published by HQ, HarperCollins.

His proposed trilogy *The Serial Killer Support Group* embarks with the story of a group of women, brought together for mutual support in the wake of terrible crimes against them, crimes for which they received no justice. But when their therapist leaves, the group lowers the blinds, switches off their phones and they support one another in a different, bolder and bloodier way. The trilogy will introduce readers to the vigilantes of the SKSG, who, empowered by their anonymity, begin a campaign of justice against those who have wronged them. Darren's series will entice and intrigue readers as much as it prompts societal conversation-starters.

Darren is working on a new dark psychological thriller *DareMe*. These are the rules to follow on the DareMe app: 1, each dare must be completed in the time allocated. 2, there are 2 types of dares in the app. Open dares and Closed dares. 3, each dare must be live streamed in the app for proof of completion, in order to receive payment. And a new DareMe is posted: all they have to do is kill Cassie Jones and the prize for completion is £100,000. They have five hours. And the clock is ticking.

**Books** 



Joffe Books, WR HQ, WEL Publishers

#### **Rights Available**

Translation (Dark Corners, The Players, The Price, The Night They Stole My Baby)

#### Joanna Dodd

represented by Lisa Moylett



Joanna owes her life of crime to Agatha Christie and Murder She Wrote, which she discovered at an impressionable age. She's been a huge fan of crime fiction ever since.

She loves a great twist, and is fascinated by decades-old secrets, and toxic friendship and family groups. Her debut psychological thriller features all of these things, and explores the terrifying consequences

when those secrets start to unravel. She's currently working on a second book.

In the past, she's been shortlisted for the Crime Writers Association Debut Dagger and the Historical Writers Association Dorothy Dunnett short story award.

When she's not writing, she enjoys acting and spending time with her (lovely and not at all toxic) friends and family. She lives in London.

Jo's latest novel is *She Wants You Gone*. She is the perfect child. Only you know there is something very wrong. Beth is excited to move to a remote, tiny hamlet in Suffolk with her new husband and stepdaughter, Dolly – but she quickly finds that all is not what it seems. The hamlet has a dark history and there is something odd about its tiny population.

Beth tries hard to build a bond with her new stepdaughter but although Dolly is lovely to everyone else, when the two of them are alone, she is a very different child. Beth soon realises that Dolly wants her gone. For good. How far will she go to get what she wants?



**Publishers** 

Hera Books

**Rights Available** 

TV and Film Translation Books

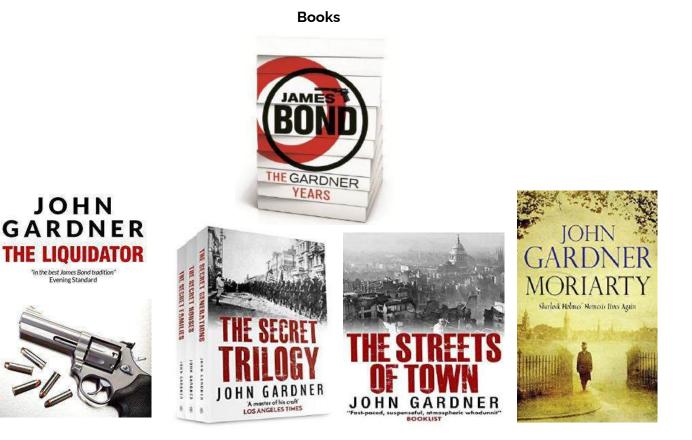
#### John Gardner (d. 2007)

represented by Lisa Moylett



Before becoming an author of fiction in the early 1960's John Gardner was variously a stage magician, a Royal Marine officer and a journalist. In all, Gardner has fifty-four novels to his credit, including a series of highly acclaimed comic novels featuring a cowardly secret agent called Boysie Oakes. He was also invited by Ian Fleming's literary copyright holders to write a series of continuation *James Bond* novels, which proved to be so successful that instead of the contracted three books he went on to publish some fourteen titles. Having lived in the Republic of Ireland, the United States and the UK, John Gardner sadly died in August of 2007 having just completed his third novel in the Moriarty trilogy. Moriarty, was published here in the UK by Quercus

and in the US by Harcourt in November 2008.



#### **Publishers**

WEL, Lume Books Germany, Edel Russia, Veche Publishers Turkey, Bilge Karinca Yayinevi Japan, Hayakawa

**Rights Available** 

Translation Audio

#### Kate Glanville

represented by Lisa Moylett



Kate Glanville was born in West Africa to Irish parents. Kate now lives in rural West Wales with her three children, two dogs, three cats and a guinea pig.

She graduated with a degree in fashion design at Central St. Martins and worked in the textile industry before becoming a ceramic artist. Kate's tableware designs have been sold in shops and galleries all over the world including Liberty, Conran Shop, Fortnum & Masons and

Fired Earth. Among her many customers Kate has produced work for The Prince of Wales, Madonna, Roger Daltry and Robbie Williams. As well as a successful career as a visual artist Kate has been writing stories since the age of eight, but it wasn't until the age of forty that she had the confidence to show anyone!

Her first novel, *A Perfect Home*, was published by Penguin U.S. in August 2012 and Accent Press in 2014. *Heartstones* was published by Accent Press in 2014 and Baste Lubbe in Germany in 2015. It has also been published in Norway. *Stargazing* was published by Accent in 2016 and Baste Lubbe in 2016. *Stargazing* is available as an audiobook. Kate's books were republished by *Headline Accent* in 2021, including two new titles; *The Cherry Tree Summer* and *The Peacock House*. Kate's latest novel, *The House on Fairy Hill*, is part family saga, part thrilling mystery, containing her trademark candour, empathy and instantly recognisable female characters. The story spans almost 100 years and is set in the small Irish village of Carraig Glen, County Wicklow.





#### **Publishers**

WEL, Headline Accent Germany, Bastei Entertainment

**Rights Available** 

Translation



#### Leye Adenle represented by Lisa Moylett

Leye Adenle is a writer and author of the award-winning Amaka Series published by Cassava. The first, *Easy Motion Tourist*, won the Prix Marianne in 2016 and is currently under TV option.

His novel, *The Beautiful Side of the Moon*, is his first sci-fi fantasy published by Ouida and has also been optioned. What would happen if God forgot who he was? Drawing on age-old African story-telling traditions, modern

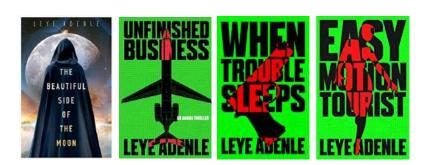
science-fiction and contemporary thriller writing, *The Beautiful Side of the Moon* conjures up an entirely new way of seeing the world. The central character, Osaterin, thinks he is just a modest IT guy living in Lagos – but it turns out he is much, much more than that...

The London-based author has written and published many short stories, one *The Assassin*, was shortlisted for the 2017 CWA Short Story Dagger. He is a regular contributor to Lagos Noir and Sunshine Noir as well as Capital Crime.

Leye is currently working on the first book in the Hallelujah trilogy. How dangerous can working with bad cops be? Bobby Fatokun is *The Bad Coach*. A former detective with the Nigerian Police Force, Bobby now earns a living helping British police officers with their unconscious bias, excessive use of force, and a whole dictionary of other euphemisms. These are people on the brink of disciplinary action, people whose careers are on very thin ice.

D'Don, a Nigerian lawyer turned Pentecostal pastor, holds a secret that lies at the very heart of the British Establishment. Bobby is soon deep into an investigation, and the more he digs, the more worried he becomes about D'Don, the charismatic pastor of the church. Bobby begins to fear that he must expose the man of God before something terrible happens to his congregation.

**Books** 



Publishers

World Rights, Cassava Republic Simon & Schuster

**Rights Available** 

WEL Translation Film and TV

#### Lisa Hall

#### represented by Lisa Moylett



Lisa loves words, reading and everything there is to love about books. She has dreamed of being a writer since she was a little girl – either that or a librarian – and after years of talking about it, was finally brave enough to put pen to paper (and let people actually read it).

Lisa lives in a small village in Kent, surrounded by her towering TBR pile, a rather large brood of children, dogs, chickens and ponies and her long-suffering husband. She is also rather partial to eating cheese and drinking wine. Lisa's debut *Between You and Me* is a Kindle No 1 Best seller. *The Party*, published by HQ in 2018 was a bestseller in the UK and got to #1 on Kobo and #26 on Kindle overall, as well as #1 in

its category on Kindle. *Have You Seen Her*, also published by HQ, was released in 2019 and *The Perfect Couple* in 2020.

*The Mysterious Double Death of Honey Black* was published by Hera Books in 2023, a time-hop crime mystery set in the Golden Age of Hollywood.

*The Day She Disappeared* was also published in 2023 by Joffe Books, an unputdownable psychological thriller with an astonishing twist.

*Eight Years of Lies* is Lisa's latest book and is a No 1 Amazon bestseller. It's just a normal day for Claire Bennett as she waves her husband, Tom, and seven year old daughter Isla off to work and school, but moments later everything changes when, over coffee and a scroll through social media before she leaves for work, Claire sees a post from a woman named Lydia French, requesting help to find her missing husband and child. There is a photo beneath the plea – and the photo is that of Tom and Isla, Claire's own family.





**Publishers** World, HarperCollins Hera Books Joffe Books **Rights Available** Translation (The Day She Disappeared, The Mysterious Double Death of Honey Black) TV and Film

#### Louise Sharland represented by Lisa Moylett



Originally from Montreal, Louise moved to the UK nearly thirty years ago after falling in love with a British sailor. She began writing short fiction, and in 2010 won the Woman & Home Magazine Short Story Competition. Her entry *Black Rock*, was subsequently published as part of an anthology, '*The Best Little Book Club in Town*' (Orion 2011), alongside writers such as Ruth Rendell, Jodi Picoult and Lee Child. This gave her the confidence to embark on her first novel, a young adult dystopia, '*The Time of Forgetfulness*', and then her adult psychological thriller '*The Lake*,' which was published by Avon Books in March 2021.

Louise's second novel with Avon, *My Husband's Secrets*, was published in 2022. On the evening of their wedding anniversary, Ali and Matthew are involved in a fatal car accident.

*Vengeance Street* is the Louise's eagerly awaited new novel bought by Bloodhound Books. The first in a series, this smart, pacey and riveting read focuses on Grace Midwinter, a Plymouth-based probation officer drawn into a world of violence, revenge and vigilante justice.

When a series of male ex-offenders are found murdered, one by one, Grace soon finds herself going beyond the call of duty to find out why, and who's behind it. At the same time, recently separated Grace must juggle the demands of her personal and professional lives when her teenage daughter falls in with an eerily enigmatic local Christian group. Could the two sets of circumstances be connected and - if so - what can Grace do to protect herself, her job and her family? And how far is she prepared to go to absolve a recent, grievous mistake that threatens, increasingly, to overwhelm her?



Publishers

Bloodhound Books Avon

Translation (Vengeance Street)

**Rights Available** 

#### Mark McCrum

#### represented by Jamie Maclean



Mark McCrum began his career as a travel writer, with well-received books about Southern Africa (*Happy Sad Land*), Australia (*No Worries*) and Ireland (*The Craic*). A continuing interest in people in unusual settings then led him to document the UK's first two Reality TV series, 1900 House and Castaway 2000 (both top ten bestsellers).

He then accepted an invitation to write about Robbie Williams on his sell out 'Sermon on the Mount' tour of Europe, which became the No. 1 bestseller, *Somebody Someday*.

Mark's next book was Going Dutch In Beijing, a light-hearted account

of the differences in etiquette around the world. After that came *Walking With The Wounded*, which told the powerful story of four wounded soldiers and their successful attempt to reach the North Pole. He has also ghost written for subjects ranging from legendary TV explorer Bruce Parry (*Tribe*) to survivors of forced marriage (*Jack and Zena*), amongst nameless others.

Most recently, Mark has turned to crime, with three well-received whodunnits: *The Festival Murders, Cruising to Murder* and *Murder Your Darlings*, which was selected as a book of the year by the Mail on Sunday, who described it as 'wonderfully realised'. Of *Cruising to Murder*, the Daily Mail wrote, 'it has a charm and wit that the mistress of crime herself might admire'. *Ghosted* was published by Bloodhound Books in 2023.

*Death on the Press Trip* is Mark's latest standalone novel, and follows a group of journalists on the eponymous junket around South America. This is an intelligent double whodunnit with a teasing structure that will appeal to fans of the TV series The White Lotus. We know, from the start, that a member of the party won't be coming home alive, but it isn't revealed which member, or why they are not to return, or who or what might be responsible.

Is the mystery death of the title the result of murderous tensions growing within the group; the action of a sinister outsider; or an accident or natural catastrophe? As the little press pack moves from Rio de Janeiro to the world's largest waterfall at Iguaçu, then on to the Atacama desert, Santiago and Chilean Patagonia, they encounter urban muggers, wild horses, crevasse-strewn glaciers, drunken Chilean soldiers and other likely threats - but which will prove fatal?



**Publishers** 

WEL, Bloodhound Books

**Rights Available** 

#### **Richard Jerram** represented by Lisa Moylett



Richard Jerram was raised in the north, but long ago ventured south in search of education and employment. He lives near a park in London with his wife and, at times, children. Runs slowly. Swims enthusiastically. Plays chess competently. Reads. The fertile soil of the UEA's crime fiction MA gave rise to The Makoto Murders, Richard's first novel. A noir thriller, set in Tokyo, it won the Crime Writers' Association's Debut Dagger award in 2024.

In a previous life, Richard used an economics doctorate from the LSE to find employment in London, Tokyo and Singapore. It has occurred to him that working as an economist in financial markets might be closer to being a crime fiction writer than many people realise.

Richard's latest novel is a gripping and atmospheric literary-crime thriller set against the vivid backdrop of Tokyo, and combines a deeply flawed protagonist with a richly textured setting and an original, unsettling premise.

With a darkly immersive tone and a protagonist as compelling as he is morally ambiguous, *The Makoto Murders* challenges the conventions of the genre while delivering an unforgettable story. At the heart of *The Makoto Murders* is Ken Kato, a photojournalist whose relentless pursuit of the next big story has left his personal life in tatters. Once celebrated for capturing an iconic image of tragedy, Ken has spent the years since that professional "triumph" struggling to find his next defining moment.

But when his past entanglements and obsessive tendencies lead him into the orbit of a disturbing murder case, Ken's world spirals into a dangerous labyrinth of deceit, obsession and self-destruction. His voice is sharp, cynical and uncomfortably honest: he's someone whose motivations are as complex as the crimes he documents.

#### Richard O'Rawe

represented by Lisa Moylett



Richard O'Rawe was born into the Lower Falls area of Belfast and experienced the full force of the civic unrest that enveloped Northern Ireland for thirty years. In 2005, he wrote his first book *Blanketmen*. It was a political book about the 1981 IRA/INLA hunger strike and was an Irish best-seller. Richard's second book was written in 2010 and was entitled *Afterlives*.

Then he wrote In the *Name of the Son*, in 2017. This was a biography of Richard's life-long friend, Gerry Conlon, of the Guildford Four. His first novel, *Northern Heist* was published in

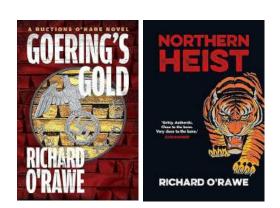
2018 by Merrion Press. TV and film rights were sold to ENVISION ENT LTD. Then came the next heist novel in the Ructions O'Hare series; *Goering's Gold* in 2022. *Stakeknife's Dirty War* was published by Merrion Press in 2023 and tells the story of Scappaticci, the IRA's Nutting Squad, and the British spooks who ran the war.

Witch Hunt is a novel co-authored by Ricky and his daughter Bernadette.

This gripping, sinister thriller weaves police procedural with historical horror in an engaging plot, relatable protagonists and tightly orchestrated suspense. It explores themes of power, misogyny and revenge, wrapped in a narrative that encompasses suspense and social commentary. Ricky and Berni have completed extensive edits on the book, too, based on feedback from our beta readers.

Detective Superintendent Grace O'Malley and journalist Juliette Bouchet are drawn into the macabre and chilling deeds of a self-styled "Witchfinder General," Matthew Hopkins. His actions echo the brutality of the historical figure of the same name, who hunted witches in 17th-century England. Hopkins puts a horrifying spectacle into motion: a woman burned alive on a remote-controlled boat in the Thames, symbolically reenacting the witch trials.

**Books** 



**Publishers** 

Merrion Press Melville House

#### Rowena Macdonald

represented by Lisa Moylett



Rowena Macdonald lives in London, and has worked in the House of Commons – the setting for her debut novel *The Threat Level Remains Severe*, (Gallic Books) – for the past 22 years.

Part thriller and part black comedy about the worlds of work and dating, *The Threat Level Remains Severe* has a Bridget Jones-esque heroine and is also a satirical behind-the-scenes look at Westminster. A pilot script for a six-part TV series has been adapted from this novel by Tim John (*A Streetcat Named Bob*) and is on submission to production companies.

Her debut story collection, *Smoked Meat* (Flambard Press), was short-listed for the 2012 Edge Hill Prize. Her stories have won or been short-listed in many competitions, including the VS Pritchett Prize and the Galley Beggar Press Prize, and they have been published by Glimmer Train, Influx Press, Galley Beggar Press, Ambit, Unthank Books, and Serpent's Tail, among others.

*The Temptation of Ralph Lauren* is Rowena's latest novel. It is set in and around Selfridges, and narrated from the point of view of the iconic store's CCTV operator and security guard, Paul.

There is much to intrigue, amuse and shock the reader across this blend of whimsical social satire and human drama, spanning comedy, tragedy and everything in between. From sex and desire to luxury, designer goods, consumerism, religion and illness, Rowena has weaved a complex web of themes, characters and situations into a fascinating and poignant whole.

Books



**Publishers** 

Gallic Books Flambard Press

#### Samantha King

#### represented by Lisa Moylett



English graduate and former senior commissioning editor Samantha King lives in west London with her husband and two teenage children. As a parent, Sam is steeped in the nuances of modern family life; as a qualified psychotherapist, she is fascinated by human behaviour. Writing psychological suspense novels has become a thrilling alchemy of both, enabling Sam to (safely) play out her darkest fears by creating emotionally charged scenarios laced with domestic peril that push her characters to their limits.

Sam's debut novel, *The Choice* (published by Piatkus/Little, Brown), was an international bestseller that explored a mother's nightmare decision about which of her children to save. It was translated into more than a dozen languages and was described by Publishers Weekly as 'a convincing portrait of a woman in extreme psychological distress'. Her second novel, *The Sleepover*, was a tense, cautionary tale about perils and paranoia of parenthood in this social media age, while *The Secret Keeper's Daughter* and *Not My Child*, both published by HQ Digital, were top-ten Amazon bestsellers.

*Wife of the Accused* is Samantha's latest book, a fresh spin on traditional domestic suspense focused on familial bonds, betrayal and the unrelenting pursuit of truth...

When Clara Jackson's teenage daughter vanishes two days before her 16th birthday, her world implodes. With a blood-stained note giving police a 24-hour deadline to find Amelie, all evidence points to Clara's husband, Nathan. Straddling the dual crises of searching for her daughter and defending her marriage, Clara faces an agonising choice: stand by Nathan or risk everything to uncover the truth.



**Publishers** Piatkus/Little, Brown HQ Digital **Rights Available** 

Translation Audio TV and Film

#### Simon Brett OBE

represented by Lisa Moylett



Simon Brett's first job out of Oxford University (where he gained a First in English) was as a department store Santa. He then worked for ten years as a comedy producer for *BBC Radio* and two years doing the same job for *London Weekend Television*. Since 1979 he has been a full-time writer. His writing for radio and television includes *After Henry*, *No Commitments* and *Smelling of Roses*. He has published over a hundred books, some humorous like the best-selling *How To Be A Little Sod*, but mostly crime novels, including the *Charles Paris*, *Mrs Pargeter*, Fethering and *Blotto & Twinks* series. In 2014 he was awarded the Crime Writers' Association Diamond Dagger 'for Excellence'. In 2016, he was

presented with an OBE 'for services to literature'. His latest book *Death and the Decorator* was published by Severn House in July 2022. Simon's considerable backlist, including the *Fethering Mystery* series, *Mrs Pargater*, the *Charles Paris* series and The new *Decluttering Mysteries* series is available for translation except for the German Rights





#### **Publishers**

WEL, Severn House WEL, Summersdale WEL, Constable & Robinson USA, Macmillan Germany, Weltbild Germany, S. Fischer Czech, Libor Mertl

**Rights Available** 

Translation

#### Steven Kedie

represented by Lisa Moylett



Steven Kedie is a writer who was born and raised in Manchester, where he still lives with his wife and their two sons. A man of simple pleasures, his great loves are sport, music and books. His novel, *Running and Jumping*, about the rivalry between two athletes, set across eight years and three Olympic Games, is published by Wire Books.

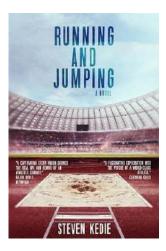
Steven is the co-founder of the music website <u>Eight Albums</u> – a site where people write about albums that are important to them and why. Steven's choices included Oasis, Bruce Springsteen and

Arctic Monkeys, which tells you all you need to know about his tastes.

Steven's latest novel *In the Footsteps of the Missing* introduces private detective Jack Gallagher, who is approached by his ex-wife Tracey for help. The relationship between the pair is complicated: Tracey left Jack 27 years ago for another man, and together they had a son, Luke, who vanished while on his stag do in Tenerife. Jack is torn, but accepts the case and flies to the island, making contact with a gangster he'd sent down 15 years previously, now living in Tenerife, and who with some persuasion might be able to help locate Luke. This is a fast-paced and emotional read with plenty of twists and turns. I can honestly say it is one of the best thrillers I have read in a long time!

Steven's next work in progress is *The Murder of Matthew Jones*, which examines the impact of being a murder detective on different police officers at various stages of their careers. It shines a light, in particular, on how officers cope when they know who committed a crime but are unable to prove it. As with In the Footsteps of the Missing, Steven's commitment to research is second to none, and he is in the process of interviewing detectives to ensure veracity of process and emotion.

**Books** 



**Publishers** 

Wire Books

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#### Vena Cork

represented by Lisa Moylett



Vena studied at Homerton College, Cambridge and was one of the first female members of the Cambridge Footlights. She was an actress, playwright and teacher before becoming a full-time writer and producing the *Thorn* trilogy. Since then, Vena has published three books: two full length novels *The Lost Ones* and *Toxic*, and one novella *Playing Dead*.

Thorn, the first in the Thorn trilogy, was hailed by the *Guardian* as 'a compelling, dark-hued psychological thriller', by *Time Out* as 'an outstanding debut', and by *The Times* as 'one of those rare and energetic books you can't put down and don't want to end.' It was

followed by The Art of Dying and Green Eye, both also highly praised.

Vena lives in north-west London with her husband, the art critic and historian Richard Cork.

Books



#### **Publishers**

WEL, Lume Books German, Weltbild

#### **Rights Available**

Translation Audio Large

#### Zoë Apostolides represented by Lisa Moylett Zoë Apostolides was born i



Zoë Apostolides was born in south London in 1990. She began her career in magazine and newspaper journalism after graduating from the University of Oxford, and has written for a variety of print and online media. She is the author of several works of non-fiction and *The Homecoming* is her first novel. It will be published by Salt in July 2025.

Quietly disturbing, The Homecoming tells the story of Ellen, a young ghost-writer sent to record the memoirs of an elderly woman living in a remote Northumberland manor. Elver House is dilapidated, its faded beauty falling to ruin.

The assignment seems simple enough: Ellen will spend a week conducting interviews at Elver House before returning to London to write Miss Carey's autobiography. She and her editor know very little about Miss Carey besides her request to be interviewed in person; Ellen's editor has agreed the dates and gathered scant information, but it'll be up to Ellen to tease out the story.

The village is remote and rural, and Elver is no quaint country cottage but a wild and sprawling estate. Ellen digs deeper into the history of Elver, preparing to return to London and write her client's book. In doing so, she must confront much more than she bargained for, and realises that Miss Carey is being haunted by more than the past.

Part mystery, part ghost story, this is a story about isolation, memory, spirits and secrets, intergenerational friendship and motherhood.



**Publishers** 

WEL, Salt

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Translation

Books

## **Non-Fiction**

#### Amanda Lees represented by Lisa Moylett

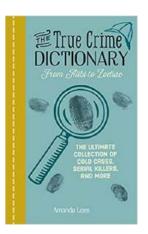


Amanda is the author of the bestselling satirical novels *Selling Out* and *Secret Admirer* (published by Pan) which have both received critical acclaim and have been translated into several languages. Her major YA thriller trilogy, *Kumari, Goddess of Gotham*, was nominated for the Guardian Children's Book Prize and the Doncaster Book Award.

Amanda has a degree in drama and her first telly job was as a member of the Communist

Resistance in *Allo Allo*. A broadcaster as well as an actress and novelist, Amanda appears regularly on BBC radio and LBC and was a contracted writer to the hit series *Weekending* on Radio 4 and has written for top publications.

*The Dictionary of Crime: From Aconite to the Zodiac Killer*, was published by Constable & Robinson in 2019 to critical acclaim.



Publishers

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#### Books

#### Charlotte Henry represented by Lisa Moylett



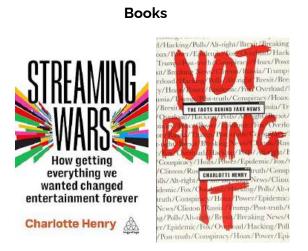
Charlotte Henry has been a journalist covering tech, media and politics for a number of years. Her byline has appeared in all sorts of publications including *City AM*, *Independent on Sunday, Times Red Box, The Telegraph, The Times Literary Supplement* and more.

Before launching her own independent outlet, *The Addition*, she was on the staff of *The Mac Observer*, a specialist tech publication focusing on Apple. At *The Addition*, Charlotte publishes investigations, breaks news and gives a better insight into the crossover of media, tech and culture.

She also has experience in politics, campaigning and working for a think-tank.

Charlotte's first book was *Not Buying It*. Released in 2019, it looked at the increasingly prominent issue of fake news and disinformation. Many of the conclusions in that book proved to be depressingly prescient as Donald Trump again campaigned for the White House, the Covid pandemic triggered waves of anti-vax conspiracies and antisemitism flourished.

Streaming Wars: How Getting Everything We Wanted Changed Entertainment Forever is Charlotte's highly anticipated investigation into contemporary streaming and was bought by Kogan Page. Due for release in October 2025.



**Publishers** 

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#### Franziska Thomas represented by Lisa Moylett

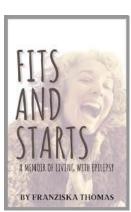


Franziska has previously worked as a journalist, and teacher. She is currently working as an author and podcaster. She lives in London with her husband Tim, their children Oskar and Kurt, and two Maine Coons. The family's latest arrival is Magus Elmore, the Epilepsy Support Dog for whom there are grand plans on the horizon. In 2022 Franziska launched her Podcast, Tuesday Epilepsy Club, which has been in the Top 3 for over a year on Spotify.

Fran is the author of the enormously popular memoir *Fits & Starts*, which detailed her life with epilepsy - the myths surrounding the condition, its daily challenges, and her own coming-of-age as a

teacher and a parent. *Fits and Starts* was shortlisted for the Audie Award in 2022 as well winning the One Voice Award. It was a Top 100 Kindle Bestseller as well as Number 1 in the Audible Charts. The rights to the full, edited manuscript are available for publication following initial self-publication.

Franziska's second book *Fits & Floors* bought by Robinson Psychology is a much-needed handbook for epileptics and non-epileptics alike. It includes everything you need to survive when you are having fits. Everything is tried and tested, after being used up close and personal – bruising is optional. This searingly honest and thought-provoking book is the story of the author's fits, injuries, and increasing memory loss, set inside the wider story of Epilepsy and society. Focussing on her own experience of repeatedly falling down, getting up, then falling down again and again and again.



**Publishers** 

WEL, Little, Brown

### Books

#### Guy Doza represented by Lisa Moylett



Guy has worked as a non-partisan speechwriter writing for and advising members of both The House of Commons and The House of Lords. Outside of Parliament, he has worked with numerous companies ranging from BP to the BBC. As well as this, he has worked as a speechwriter and special adviser to a range of governments across Europe and Central Asia. His favourite speech was one he wrote for his nine year old brother who successfully stood for a position on his school council.

In 2019, Guy gave a <u>TEDxTalk</u> at the University of Cambridge about how rhetoric influences the decisions that shape our lives. He has also lectured and written for Oxford, Harvard and Caltech.

Guy's latest book *The Language of Evil: How Dictators Manipulate the Masses and Wield Power Through Words* will be published by Canbury Press.



Publishers

**Canbury Press** 

#### Helen Batten represented by Lisa Moylett



Helen has always been drawn to quirky worlds and unusual narratives, escaping into books and cheering up her mother with embellished tales of life on the outside. She read history at Cambridge, did a journalism course at Cardiff and went into television working as a producer/director in factual programmes at the BBC. She then had three children, retrained as a psychotherapist and now works in private practice in west London.

Helen has had three non-fiction books published. After making a documentary about circuses, she wrote her first book with the circus owner Gerry Cottle, *Confessions of A Showman*. Next she went to a convent and wrote a book based on the lives of the nuns behind the *Call the Midwife* series, *Sisters of the East End*,

which reached number two in the *Sunday Times* non-fiction chart. Then she wrote another bestseller, *The Scarlet Sisters*, the story of five feisty red headed sisters growing up between the wars and how trauma can be passed down the generations.

Helen finished her first novel, which is a tale of the shattering consequences of infidelity, in 2020. Her latest published work is a non-fiction book about a pair of Victorian music hall and opera star sisters who formed their own production company and toured the world. It is not only a portrait of a complex sibling relationship and nineteenth century theatre, but also challenges preconceptions about what women could and did do at the height of the Victorian era. *The Soldene Sisters* was published by Allison & Busby in 2021.

Helen's latest work *Are Lovebites Dangerous?* is a history of the problem page. Lying somewhere between friend and professional, the advice column has been perpetually popular since the first problem page was published in 1691. For over 300 years they have given reassurance, direction, and occasional rebukes to the anonymous in distress. Samples are available on request.

#### Books



**Publishers** 

WEL, Allison & Busby WEL, Ebury Press

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#### lan Dunt

#### represented by Lisa Moylett



Ian Dunt is editor-at-large of Politics.co.uk and a columnist for the *i newspaper* and the New European. He is a regular contributor to a range of newspapers and magazines, including the Washington Post and the Guardian. He is a host on the Oh God What Now podcast, the UK correspondent for ABC's Late Night Live and regularly appears on Newsnight, the Sky newspaper review and other news programmes.

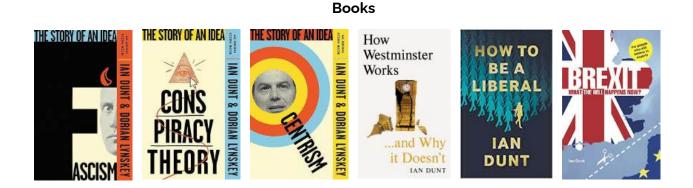
His first book, Brexit: What The Hell Happens Now, was published in 2017. His second, How To Be A Liberal, was

published in 2020. Ian is an investigative reporter and political commentator and has a strong online presence of over 365,000 Twitter followers, including most of the UK's senior political journalists, editors and commentators.

How Westminster Works and Why It Doesn't is Ian's latest work and will be published in 2024 by Weidenfeld & Nicolson. British politics is broken. Anyone sitting down to watch the news will get a firm sense that something has gone terribly wrong.

How Westminster Works and Why It Doesn't is an impeccably researched and highly informative account of the reality behind the news stories we read every day. It provides exactly what people in power have always tried to avoid: a description of the mechanisms of government which can be understood by anyone.

Centrism (An Origin Story book) will be published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson in November 2024. The words we use shape the world we live in - so it matters when we get them wrong. This series, from the creators of the chart-topping Origin Story podcast, sheds much-needed light on the true meanings and surprising stories behind some of our most used and abused political terms. Where did these terms originate? Who coined them and why?



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#### Jennifer O'Leary

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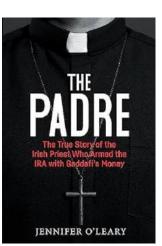


Jennifer O'Leary is an award-winning investigative reporter with BBC Northern Ireland. As a journalist, she has been at the frontline of the investigation and presentation of some of the biggest news stories in Irish current affairs in recent years, including the republican movement's handling of sexual abuse allegations against suspected IRA members.

She was also one of the reporters of the BBC landmark series, *Spotlight on The Troubles: A Secret History*, broadcast in 2019. As a freelancer, she previously wrote for a number of national publications in Ireland, including The Sunday Business Post and Image magazine. Originally from County Cork, Jennifer now lives in Belfast.

*The Padre* is Jennifer's first book. It's the true story of the Irish Priest who armed the IRA with Gaddafi's Money.

Drawing on highly sensitive information, divulged by Father Patrick Ryan during exclusive secret meetings with the author, *The Padre* lifts the lid on the true extent of the priest's involvement with the IRA and its campaign of terror across Europe, Britain and Ireland – from being the link between the IRA and the Gaddafi regime, to Ryan's connection to the failed assassination attempt on Margaret Thatcher and her Cabinet. Decades on, Patrick Ryan is unrepentant: 'If I had ever met Mrs Thatcher, my parting shot would have been, I wish you well mam, but I'm sorry we missed you at Brighton.'



Books

Publishers

**Merrion Press** 

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TV and Film

#### K No a H b T T t S S m

Malachi O'Doherty is a writer and journalist based in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He has published nine books so far, works of memoir, social and political history and fiction. His main areas of interest are Northern Ireland, religion and terrorism.

His first novel, *Terry Brankin Has A Gun* was published in 2020 by Merrion. He has written three studies of the IRA, *The Trouble With Guns* (Blackstaff 1998), *The Telling Year, Belfast 1972* (Gill and Macmillan 2007) and a biography of the former Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams (Faber and Faber 2017). His memoir-led account of social and cultural change during the Troubles, *Fifty Years On: The Troubles and the Struggle for Change in Northern Ireland*, was published in 2019 by Atlantic.

Malachi has also written a book on cycling, On My Own Two

*Wheels* (Blackstaff 2012) and has provided photography for his own books and for a poetry book by his wife Maureen Boyle, Strabane. He has contributed short stories in a range of journals including *The Honest Ulsterman*, *The Hindustan Times* and *The Erotic Review*.

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Malachi has a PhD in Creative Writing from Queen's University and in 2019 he was given a Major Artist Award by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

Malachi O'Doherty's latest work, *How to Fix Northern Ireland*, argues that division in Northern Ireland is fundamentally not constitutional - as presumed by the Good Friday Agreement – but sectarian, an inter ethnic stress comparable to racism. The roots of that social rift are in history going back centuries to the Reformation and the Plantation of Ulster.



Publishers

WEL, Atlantic Merrion Press Faber & Faber

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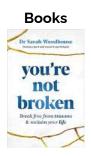
#### Dr Sarah Woodhouse represented by Lisa Moylett



Dr Sarah Woodhouse is a Research Psychologist. For the past seven years she's been funded by the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the University of Sussex to develop social models of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Her work is part of a new movement within psychology called The Social Cure and helps demonstrate that connection with other people and groups is essential to recovery and well-being. Her work has been published in notable peer-reviewed journals and her national study of birth trauma, conducted in partnership with the NCT, will be published and promoted next year. She received her Doctorate from the University of Sussex in May 2019.

Prior to psychology, Sarah worked in communications and public affairs in London. She has an undergraduate degree in Journalism and Modern Literature from Goldsmiths College (University of London) and a MA in International Relations from Warwick University. She has three young children and currently lives in a beach town in NSW, Australia. Sarah's book, *You're Not Broken*, about what trauma really is and how to break free from it, was a bestseller in Australia in 2021 and was published in the UK in April 2022. Sarah's latest book *Heal Yourself: How to heal your trauma one day at a time* will be published by Penguin Australia.

In her new book *What Will It Take?*, sold to Penguin Australia and Bloomsbury, Dr. Woodhouse shares the personal journey of her MS diagnosis, which ultimately led her to confront and heal her own trauma. Although she spent 15 years researching PTSD, it took her own health crisis to truly understand it. The book explores questions about why many of us need to hit rock bottom before we change, and how unresolved childhood trauma keeps us stuck in harmful patterns that affect our mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. Through personal stories, client case studies, and neuroscience research, Dr. Woodhouse outlines the path to breaking free from these patterns and argues that we are the agents of our own healing. It's a call to action for self-healing and meaningful change.



#### Publishers

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Translation

Bloomsbury ANZ, Penguin Australia Russia, Progress Kniga Ltd China, Beijing Standway Books Company Ltd

#### Sophie Morris

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Sophie is an introvert coach, mentor and advocate. She has worked with clients across a range of backgrounds and ages, and is a frequent guest on podcasts, at live events/summits and panels, and provides school visits. She has been included on Matthew Pollard's 2021 international list of inspirational introvert coaches.

Her passion is all things introversion and her mission is to educate people about what introversion really is

(and isn't) so that life becomes easier for all. This is her first book following years of professional expertise in the field of introversion.

Sophie's book *Introversion Uncovered* has been bought by Bloomsbury. Around 50% of the population are classified as introverts, but they are made to feel like the minority. By using a mix of her own experience, case studies and interviews with other introverts and their friends and families, Sophie helps readers reassess everything they may have thought about introversion in the past. They will learn how to harness their introvert strengths and skills to help them succeed on their own terms, without having to shout.

#### **Publishers**

Bloomsbury

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Translation Audio TV and Film

### About

#### Lisa Moylett



Lisa has worked in publishing for over 30 years and founded Coombs Moylett Literary Agency in 1997. Born in London but brought up in both Africa and the Middle East, Lisa graduated from Chelsea Art School and set up her first business as an agent for photographers and illustrators – representing Pixies' photographer, Simon Larbalestier, illustrator Richard Caldicott and portrait photographer Chris Garnham.

Lisa represents an eclectic list of authors and writers and is currently looking for well-written, commercial women's fiction with a strong hook, twisty plots, lots of emotion and lots of drama.

Her client list includes: continuation 007 Bond author, John Gardner, best-selling crime writers, Lisa Hall, Simon Brett and Catriona McPherson. Lexicographer and foremost authority on Anglophone slang, Jonathon Green. Journalist, author and broadcaster Malachi O'Doherty and political pundit Ian Dunt.

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#### Jamie Maclean

Jamie specialises in both fiction and non-fiction and is particularly interested in sexual politics, relationship, lifestyle how-to's, erotica, thrillers, whodunit and historical crime.

Educated at Edinburgh College of Art, Jamie was fortunate enough to join the pilot scheme of the Sotheby's Works of Art Course. Subsequently he worked for Sotheby's and briefly ran the newly formed Victorian paintings department before moving to Michael Parkin Fine Art, a gallery specialising in modern British art. His next job was at Wildenstein & Co, the international art dealers. Three years later he set up his own dealership, the Maclean Gallery, holding

exhibitions of paintings, drawings and prints from the 18th century to the present day, for which he produced several catalogues. In 1985 he curated the first exhibition of erotic art to be held legally in the UK.

At about this time he was asked to cover the art auction scene for House and Garden and wrote a column for seven years. He has also written for the Observer, Evening Standard and New Statesman.

In 1995 Jamie Maclean founded the Erotic Review, handing over the editorship to Rowan Pelling after two years but remaining as publisher; together they continued to build up the

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magazine's readership, which eventually reached 30,000. He resumed as ER's editor in 2007. Contributors included Naim Attallah, Joseph Connolly, Kate Copstick, Alan Jenkins, Simon Raven, Auberon Waugh, Alain de Botton, A.C. Grayling, DBC Pierre, Barry Humphries, Brian Sewell, Malachi O'Doherty and many others. In 2016 he co-edited an anthology of erotic short fiction with Mariella Frostrup, *Desire*.

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#### Zoë Apostolides

Zoë works on the agency's editorial side, helping new and existing writers to shape and develop their manuscripts across a range of crime, commercial fiction and non-fiction lists. She has a particular interest in horror fiction, non-fiction relating to education, politics and feminism.

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#### Elena Langtry



Elena has assisted Lisa Moylett since 2017, maintaining systems behind the scenes and processing contracts and rights. Elena has a degree in Human Biology and has worked at leading marketing and advertising agencies with blue chip pharmaceutical clients. Elena is interested in fresh and easy to read commercial women's fiction with quirky and current life stories, big hooks and diverse characters, as well as original, pacy psychological thrillers and cutting-edge non-fiction from popular science to true crime.

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