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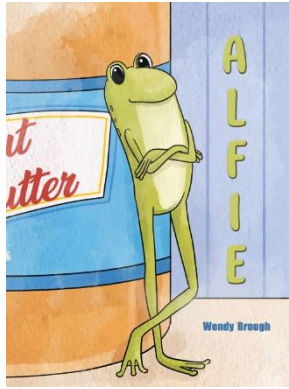
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## **Alfie by Wendy Brough**

Join the charming and lively Alfie, a frog with a taste for peanut butter, on his whimsical escapades that will warm your heart and tickle your funny bone.

Join Alfie as he spreads joy, finds unexpected friendships, and discovers that sometimes, the most enchanting surprises are just around the corner.

A delightful tale of friendship, kindness, and the joy of sharing, Alfie's adventures will delight readers of all ages.

### **Author:**

Wendy, a passionate writer of children's picture books, finds joy in creating playful and imaginative stories capturing the essence of childhood. With a knack for crafting rhymes and a young-at-heart spirit, Wendy believes in the power of letting kids be kids through the magic of storytelling. Wendy's books reflect a celebration of fun, innocence, and the pure wonder of being a child in a world of endless possibilities.

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## If Dresses Could Talk by Luciola Pires

Jane and Terry may be in the same history class, but they come from different worlds. When they have to pair up to work on a school project, their trip to the museum doesn't quite go as planned...

Join them in a historical fashion adventure as they discover the deadliest dresses to date and meet some spooky friends along the way!

### **Author:**

Luciola Pires, a Brazilian fashion designer turned illustrator, embarked on her first children's book journey alongside her daughter, Olivia Pires Zamprogna, a gifted young individual who contributed her imaginative flair to the story, aiding in its structuring and editing. Luciola's fascination with historical dresses, nurtured by her years of teaching and later her Master's in Illustration, led her on museum explorations across Europe. It was during these adventures that the idea for their book was born. Luciola's passion for history and her dedication to nurturing children's curiosity shine through in her storytelling, aiming to empower and enchant young readers with the wonders of the past.

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## **First Day of the New School Year by Amy Redfern**

The first day of term in September is nerve-wracking for everyone, and Louise is no exception. As she navigates new teachers, classmates, and challenges, will it be a fresh start or a tough beginning? Follow Louise's journey as she tackles the ups and downs of her first day back at school!

### **Author:**

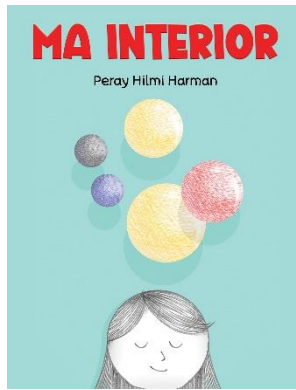
Amy is a retired primary school teacher. She bases her writing on experiences she had during her career, which she hopes will help children with their journey through school. Amy is married with two grown up children and lives in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

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## **Ma Interior by Peray Hilmi Harman**

The Japanese concept of MA becomes prevalent in Hana's life when she has important exams such as GCSEs to focus on. However, in the back of her mind there are other pressing issues too which keep on resurfacing and creating unnecessary clutter for her.

Back in her bedroom, her solitary space, she allows for undisputed areas concerning the absence of her father to just be. And in having done so finds that she's able to free up her mind thus allowing for a more positive space. Hana now has the ability to move forward and to rise.

### **Author:**

Peray Hilmi Harman is a full time senior instructor at EMU teaching English as a second language. She was born in London studying English Language and Literature overseas. She has a master's degree in English Studies having written her dissertation on the Social Effects of Surrealism. Peray also has a diploma in Interior Design from NYIAD. She is the author and illustrator of 7 published children's books. *Her latest book is MA Interior.*

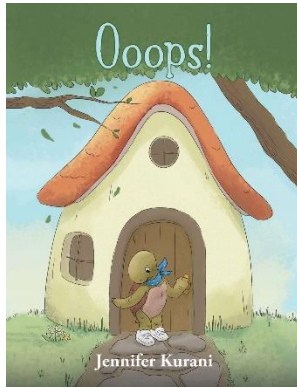
Peray's previous books include *MA Landscape*, *Living with Angels*, *Willow*, *Mummy I Can*, *On the Day You Were Born*, *The Magic Muffin* and *The Butterfly and the Lion*.

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## **Oops! By Jennifer Kurani**

Excited to own a brand-new pair of white sneakers, Turtle wondered if he should be careful with them. Will he be able to run fast? Will he be able to jump high? Will his friends like them? Turtle just wants to test out and show his friends how special his new sneakers are!

Squirrel is busy climbing a tree, Rabbit is hopping around the carrot patch, Bee is buzzing through the garden, and Firefly is glowing his twinkling light.

Will Turtle get a chance to use his new sneakers? Will they be as good as he imagines them to be?

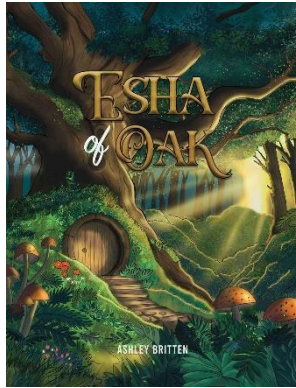
### **Author:**

Jennifer Kurani loves writing children's books! As an award-winning author, she writes books that instill character building traits and talk about feelings, friendship and love. She is also the director of a short, animated 3D film based on her book *Feeling Special*. Her series of books and film have been featured in various book and film festivals and publications all over the world including the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, *Kidliomag*, New York International Film Awards, and Brussels Art Films Festival. She was born and raised in New York and enjoys spending time with her family and friends and playing Mahjong, although not necessarily in that order!

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## **Esha of Oak by Ashley Britten**

In the charming village of Treetown, Esha's enormous oak tree grows so large that it begins to overshadow the village's beloved ash grove. Faced with this challenge, Esha must find a way to keep her shimmer happy while maintaining harmony within her community.

Esha of Oak is a heartwarming tale of kindness and acceptance. Through Esha's journey, readers learn that even when we are different from those around us, we can still extend the hand of friendship and welcome one another with open hearts.

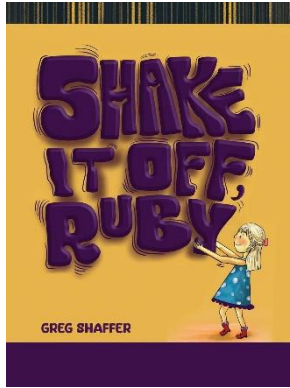
### **Author:**

Ashley Britten is first and foremost a mother to two brilliant daughters. She is also a lifelong reader, writer, and lover of nature. Ashley currently resides in the southern USA but was born and raised in Canada.

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## Shake It Off Ruby by Greg Shaffer

Ruby is having the absolute worst day ever. No matter where she goes or what she does, everything seems to be going wrong.

But her parents know just the trick to help her ‘shake it off’ and win the day.

### **Author:**

Greg Shaffer first wrote a children’s story almost twenty years ago but didn’t take the time to learn or understand the process that goes into making a picture book. After receiving a bachelor’s degree later in life, he made it a goal to finish what he started. It’s funny what happens when you follow through on something. Shake It Off, Ruby is his literary debut.

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## The Girl with the Sky on Her Face by Estelle Beutler

What if you had the power to transport yourself into any fictional world you choose? Piper Evangeline Roth never considered herself a reader, but after an unfortunate incident leads to her suspension from school, she discovers a rare gift: the ability to transport herself into any book she wants. This newfound power becomes her escape from reality and she even forms a friendship with a fictional character, Octavio. However, as Piper becomes more invested in her alternate world, she realizes she must change the story to save Octavio's life before it's too late.

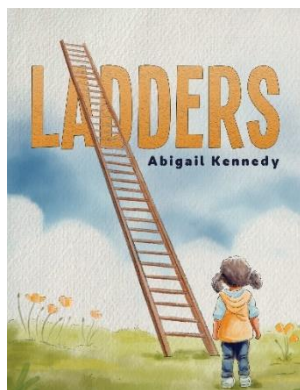
### Author:

Estelle Beutler has been writing and telling stories since the age of 3, when she first learned to write in big, sloppy letters. Growing up she could almost always be seen with a new book in her hand or a stack of them taller than her head; in short, she just couldn't be kept away from books. Estelle strongly believes in the power and beauty to be found in a good book. She wishes to use storytelling to show children how much color there is to be found in life, and what life could look like if you remember to search for the beauty and subtle hints of magic. Because to Estelle, magic is everywhere; if only you have the eyes to see it.

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## **Ladders by Abigail Kennedy**

Have you ever wondered why school seems to be easy for some, but really difficult for others? Have you ever wondered why some parents help with homework, and others don't? Have you ever felt alone? Have you ever seen your parents fight... Dragons?

Life can feel unfair sometimes, especially when the people who are supposed to help you aren't able to. Watching the people you love fight dragons can make things like school and learning feel hard. It can make you feel very lonely. What we tell ourselves in these moments can make all the difference. Remember: you are not alone.

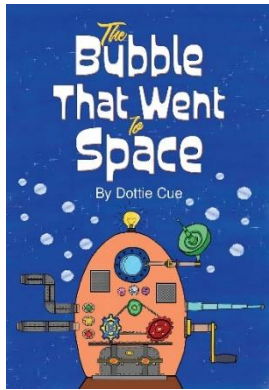
### **Author:**

Abigail Kennedy has taught in schools across East London for over a decade. Teaching has always been her passion, and this book is inspired by the children she has encountered over the years. She lives in East London with her two cats, Ginger and Tuther. Her favourite food is chocolate and cheeseburgers – but not at the same time!

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## **The Bubble That Went to Space by Dottie Cue**

Have you ever wondered how far a bubble can go, when you give it a very big blow?

Will it fall onto the floor, or float up higher than any bubble ever has before?

Come with Alma and have so much fun, as she explores the stars, planets, moon, and sun!

### **Author:**

Dottie is a neurodivergent, 23-year-old educator, passionate about teaching through books and stories.

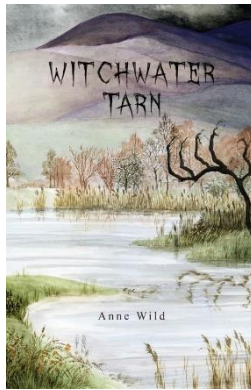
Growing up, Dottie was often told she could not draw or write. She was determined to prove those people wrong and show children, just like her, that they are capable of anything when they work hard to achieve their dreams.

Dottie's mission as an author is to create an imaginative world as diverse as our own. She believes all children should feel represented in the stories they read.

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## **The Witchwater Tarn by Anne Wild**

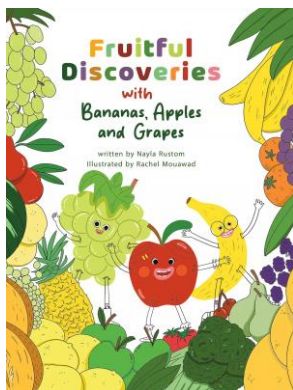
An air of mystery surrounds Hoarfrost, the hermit of Witchwater Tarn. The inhabitants of Witchwater Wood are wary of him and fail to understand his constant search for knowledge. In their fear and distrust, they betray him, yet in the end, when their need is greatest, it is he who saves them – but at what cost to himself? Told through the eyes of a group of woodland creatures and set in an earlier century, Witchwater Tarn is an inspiring and thought-provoking story for younger readers. Its beautiful illustrations complement this tale of strong relationships and moral dilemmas, of courage and kindness, and of deceit and forgiveness. This wonderfully descriptive story is brought to life with both lovely illustrations and rich language. The ideas expressed communicate a sense of moral integrity, providing valuable support for parents and educators as they help children grow and develop. This story offers reassurance and comfort to all who face the difficulty of choosing between good and evil.

### **Author:**

Anne Wild is the author and illustrator of more than twenty books for children in the hands-on learning genre, ranging from making mathematical models to mobiles, code-breaking to creating pop-up books. Published by Tarquin Publications, a number of these have been translated into French, German, Spanish, Greek, Arabic, Indonesian and Chinese, and this experience became the turning point which encouraged her to start her own business venture.

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## **Fruitful Discoveries with Bananas, Apples and Grapes by Nayla Rustom**

Step into a world where bananas, apples, and grapes come alive to share their flavorful tales in an adventure like no other! Through the goings-on of these personified fruits, children will learn about their fascinating journey from plant to delicious fruit, uncover their unique flavors, explore their ‘superpowers’ of nutrition, and meet the animals who savor their taste.

Packed with captivating facts, creative discoveries, and a dash of humor, this book offers young readers a delightful exploration into the wonders of nature.

Join in the fun, discover tasty treasures, and create lasting memories with a delightful recipe to try with the whole family. Engaging, educational, and deliciously fun, this book aims to spark the curiosity of young minds towards fruits and healthy living.

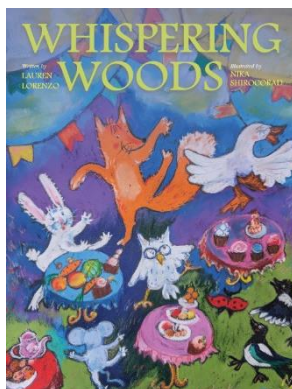
### **Author:**

Nayla Rustom is a certified self-development consultant in the renowned growth program "Thinking into Results" from the Proctor Gallagher Institute. Alongside this role, she passionately designs and hand-paints unique tableware items, adding her artistic flair into each piece. With 15 years of corporate experience and certification as a health coach, Nayla's passion for nutrition and reading led her to write a children's book about personified fruits.

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## **Whispering Woods by Lauren Lorenzo**

Whispering Woods is a magical children's book that follows Finn the Fox as he moves from the city to the enchanting world of Whispering Woods. There, he meets a delightful group of new friends, including Daisy the Duck, Milo the Mouse, Rosie the Robin, and Ollie the Owl. Together, the animals work as a team to protect their beloved woods from developers, clean up the polluted river, and celebrate with a grand woodland party. Whispering Woods is a heart-warming story about the importance of friendship, bravery, and teamwork. It also encourages children to appreciate and care for the natural world. Join Finn and his wonderful friends on this unforgettable adventure!

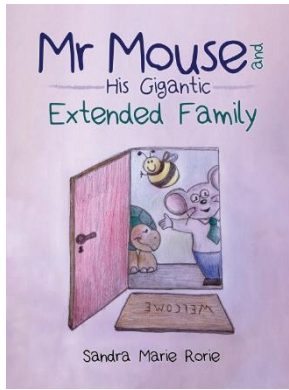
### **Author:**

Lauren has had a varied career working for BBC TV and Radio. She went on to become General Manager for ZYX Records running the UK operation and promoting artists and recordings with a string of no. 1 hits. She then stepped into the world of independent film making in the capacity of producer and director. She works freelance on productions and works on her own productions. She loves reading, history, and the arts.

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## **Mr Mouse and His Gigantic Extended Family by Sandra Marie Rorie**

*'Oh, that smells SOOOOOO good. I need it now. Will anybody know if a small chunk goes?'*

If you were as small as a mouse, what would you get up to?

Come meet Mr Mouse, his family and friends, like Mr Mole who lives in a hole, or the busy bees who like eating, come see. Or even the woodpecker family Tom, Dick and Harry.

We could go on and on and on, but instead, come join in with the fun and find out what adventures they will get up to next.

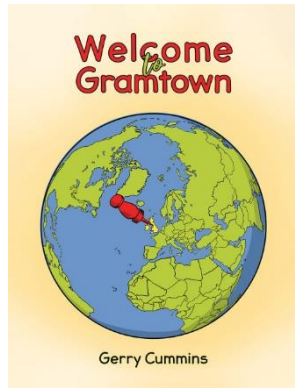
### **Author:**

Sandra has three kids who are grown now and many pets from no legs to four. At school the teacher would write in her report, 'Sandra is a pleasant child, but a day dreamer and the class clown.' Not much has changed, not even her height. She is like a magnet to kids and loves to have fun almost as much as they do. Sandra's stories have been included in children's TV programmes broadcast in multiple countries and accessed online internationally. Her books are a lovely way to introduce your child to reading, imagining, and opening up the opportunity to explore the choices we make.

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## **Welcome to Gramtown by Gerry Cummins**

Planet Earth revolves quietly within space, while we Earthlings never notice. In Gramtown, the Noun family are so inactive that nothing ever changes.

Watch out! The Nouns are about to have their world shaken up by new neighbours: the Verbs; one little nudge over the garden fence and life will never be the same again.

What tales will be created in Gramtown?

Get ready to dive in – but watch out – it might get messy, especially with Digger and Sleaky!

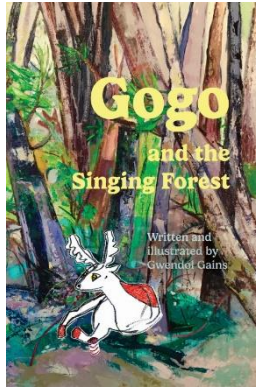
### **Author:**

Gerry Cummins has a guilty passion for words. A lover of children's stories, her mother and Nana would share Irish folk tales which passed through to stories with her children. A primary school teacher responsible for English, she was often frustrated that teaching is weighed down by technicalities, even though her classes were used to her spinning off, to liven a subject! Hence her creation of *Welcome to Gramtown*.

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## **Gogo and the Singing Forest by Gwendol Gains**

What will happen to Gogo now he can no longer walk?

The river is too far from the forest where Gogo likes to take a drink.

Gogo is getting hungry too.

He waits a long time for help. The creatures of the forest begin to notice the plight of Gogo and although most of them are too small to lift Gogo they find an amazing way to help.

Can you imagine what that would be?

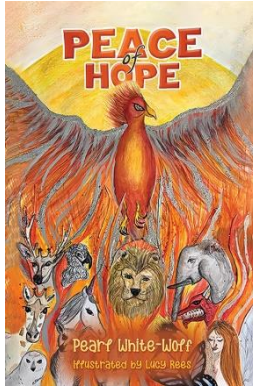
### **Author:**

Gwendoline Gains grew up on a farm in the East Midlands. Following a serious riding accident, Gwendol then spent four years at Leicester College of Art and Design. This led to a successful career in London as Art Editor with various publishing houses: The Hamlyn Group, Conran Design Group, and Morgan Grampian.

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## **Peace of Hope by Pearl White-Wolf**

No realm is impossible within the adventures inside *Peace of Hope!*

Immerse yourself in these adventures and make some new friends who will be faithful and true to the end!

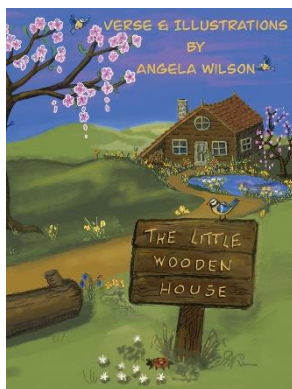
Use your imagination to take you further into their world to have your own fun and adventures with them...

### **Author:**

Pearl White-Wolf is the pen name of Margaret Ralph, née Parr. Mother and Grandmother of Counsel of Wolves (Colin Ralph, Graham Ralph (deceased), Jeanne Hughes and Joanna Hughes). Colin, Graham, Jeanne and Jo wrote the stories published as *Peace of Wild* in memory of Margaret Ralph and under the name of Pearl White-Wolf.

The second book of the proposed trilogy, entitled *Peace of Hope*, was written by Colin, Jeanne and Jo in memory of Graham.

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## **The Little Wooden House by Angela Wilson**

A lonely grey mouse finds a place to live and friends to share it with, but when disaster strikes, they all know just what to do.

All the characters in this story discover that being kind, sharing, caring and working together brings happiness.

### **Author:**

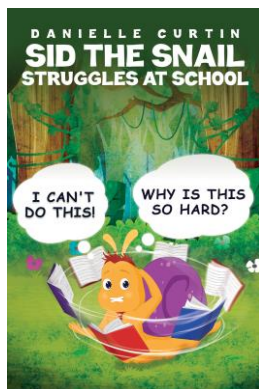
Angela Wilson has an MA in education and drama and was the winner of the international Firebird poetry prize in 2012. She lives with her partner in Lytham St Annes in Lancashire. Having spent most of her life in the company of children, as a mother, grandmother, and teacher she is now dedicating her time to writing for them. *The Little Wooden House* is her first published story in rhyme.

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## **Sid the Snail Struggles at School by Danielle Curtin**

Sid has always enjoyed school, but this year things seem to be getting more and more difficult for him.

Can Mummy Snail and Sid's class teacher, Miss Olive, discover the cause of his struggles to help support him within the classroom, and his friendship groups?

Follow Sid the Snail on his journey of classroom difficulties and friendship woes in this heart-warming story that inspires children to accept and embrace others for who they are.

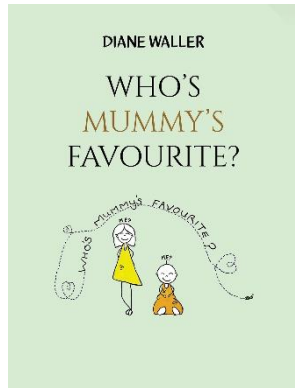
### **Author:**

Danielle Curtin was born and raised in East London, and has a passion for writing and poetry. Her main job has been in education, however her desire to write has always been present. Danielle was inspired to write her first children's picture book through her own son, who was diagnosed as dyslexic in junior school. Danielle enjoys being a mum to her two children and a wife to her supporting husband.

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## **Who's Mummy's Favourite? by Diane Waller**

*Who's Mummy's Favourite?* is the sequel to *Olivia and Her Baby*. Siblings often think the other is loved more. This book shows that while siblings are different and do different things, they are equally loved by their parents. It's a story to enjoy with a cuddle and a giggle, offering comfort and reassurance.

### **Book #1: Olivia and Her Baby**

Olivia will no longer be the only child. A new member of the family is on the way! For the parents this is a busy, happy time preparing for the new arrival. But how does Olivia feel about having a new sibling?

Olivia is shown she is a much loved, valued, and important member of the family. This book, intended to be read to toddlers, helps prepare them for their parent's inevitable distraction by the baby's needs. This can help to reinforce family love and avoid the troubles and conflict that often arise among young siblings.

### **Author:**

Diane Waller was born in Waltham Abbey, Essex. She currently lives in Rayleigh – still the same county – where her children live close by. Diane has had a professional career as a beauty therapist for 35 years working in the West End. In the last ten years, she has worked in the community and care homes, caring for people with dementia. Diane's two children are now starting families of their own. Diane loves family life and has written *Olivia and Her Baby* for her granddaughter.

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THE ADVENTURES OF  
*Defib*  
THE AMBULANCE CAT



NADYNE ASHWELL

## **The Adventures of Defib the Ambulance Cat by Nadyne Ashwell**

Socks is on a quest to find a new home. His friends try to help, but nothing seems suitable for the little cat. Just when he feels all hope is lost, Socks stumbles upon the ambulance station. The kind-hearted paramedics take him in, giving him a warm bed and a new name. Join Socks on his heartwarming adventure as he discovers that sometimes, the perfect home is found in the most unexpected places.

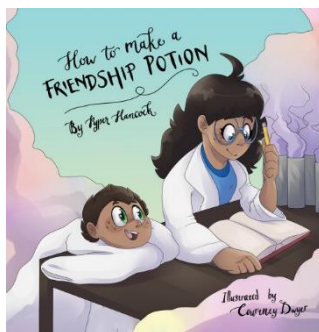
### **Author:**

Nadyne resides in Essex with her husband. She began her professional journey in the emergency services, initially serving within the police service. Driven by a passion for helping others, she later pursued further training with the ambulance service, ultimately becoming a qualified ambulance technician. Her diverse experience in both the police and ambulance services highlights her dedication to public safety and her commitment to making a positive impact in her community.

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## How to Make a Friendship Potion by Pyper Hancock

How do you make the perfect friendship potion?

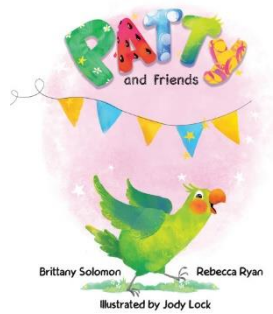
With a dash of honesty, a sprinkle of silliness, and a generous helping of trust dust!

Join our young adventurers on a magical journey as they mix up the most delightful potion for making friends. Along the way, they'll discover the true ingredients of friendship: kindness, fun, and working together. A heartwarming story about creating bonds and sharing joy, this tale is sure to inspire children to whip up their own recipe for friendship!

### **Author:**

Pyper Hancock was born in New Zealand and has always enjoyed writing short stories. *The Friendship Potion* started as a simple school project that she developed into the book you now hold.

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## **Patty and Friends by Brittany Solomon**

“Listen with your ears, but also your eyes. Communication is all around you, in ways that might surprise.”Patty and Friends playfully promotes conversations about communication differences and emphasizes inclusivity. This charming story highlights the diverse ways we share our messages and celebrates the unique forms of communication in our world.As new mothers, authors Brittany and Rebecca hope Patty’s story helps raise children’s awareness of all communication styles from an early age. By introducing young readers to the beauty of varied communication methods, they aim to foster understanding and acceptance in the next generation.

### **Author:**

Rebecca and Brittany began their friendship in 2011 as they studied a Bachelor of Speech Pathology at the University of Queensland. Now with over 14 years of clinical experience between them, both Rebecca and Brittany specialise in Paediatric communication difficulties. While working with a diverse community of children and families, both developed a strong passion for helping children communicate using speech or alternative forms of communication and spreading awareness about the challenges those with communication differences face. As new mothers, Brittany and Rebecca hope Patty’s story helps raise children’s awareness of all styles of communication from an early age and leads to a new generation of inclusivity. Beyond their field of work, Rebecca and Brittany share interests in raising their border collies and enjoying Queensland beaches. They have also enjoyed travel together, with their biggest adventure being a road trip from Porto to Lisbon in Portugal.

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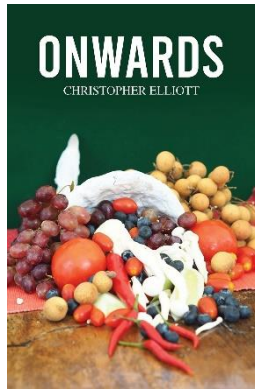
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## **Onwards by Christopher Elliott**

### **Short Stories**

*Onwards* marks the captivating third instalment in the beloved Cornucopia series, a collection of short stories that masterfully blend humour, pathos, and a keen eye for the human condition. Spanning the past seventy years, these tales weave together events, relationships, loves, and losses, creating a rich tapestry of life's varied experiences. Each story is crafted to resonate with the reader, promising hours of enjoyable, thought-provoking, and deeply satisfying reading.

In today's fast-paced world, where reading time is often a luxury, the short story format of *Onwards* is especially relevant. Perfect for busy individuals, this collection is an ideal companion for those moments of pause – whether you find yourself in transit, in a waiting room, or relaxing on a beach, at a bar, or in a hotel room.

Beyond entertainment, *Onwards* offers profound insights into the intricacies of life. It reassures adult readers that their doubts, worries, joys, and tears are universal experiences. This collection is not just a book to read; it's one to treasure, revisit, and cherish, becoming a beloved addition to your literary collection.

### **Author:**

In the mid-sixties, Christopher Elliott, then a student of English and French literature at Trinity College, Dublin, found himself in a small group studying short story writing with the great Irish writer, Frank O'Connor. Elliott's first pieces were not successful. "You have to tell a story," said the master. "If there is no story, there

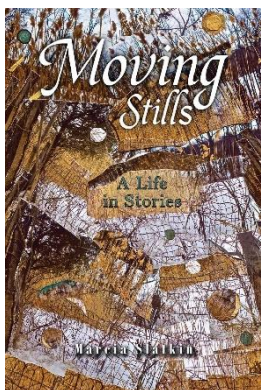


is nothing.” But in those years, Christopher Elliott, had few stories to tell. Today, many years later, the world has remedied that.

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## **Moving Stills by Marcia Slatkin**

### **Short Stories**

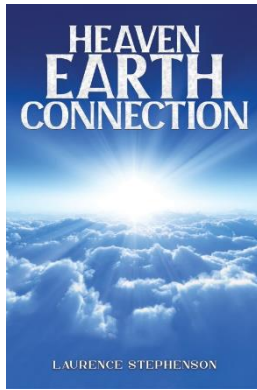
'How did I go from a bold, sassy teenager to a woman afraid to get out of bed?' laments Paula, 30 and desolate. These 38 strikingly diverse stories reveal the origins of her pain, then lead us through her sometimes difficult, often exhilarating journey toward health. Although inspired by events in her own life, Ms. Slatkin has created in Paula a vibrant fictional narrator. The writing is fast-paced, forthright, and laced with sometimes startling situations. Humour abounds. Paula is an honest spirit, and some stories deal openly with raw emotional experiences. The narrative texture, though rich in dialogue, is poetic in its use of imagery. Despite some difficult subject matter, there is an uplifting zest and vigour throughout the collection.

### **Author:**

Marcia Slatkin, a former English teacher, is currently a photographer, photo-collagist, and cellist. She lives in Rhinebeck, New York, with her longtime partner, Dan Maciejak, a farmer and landscape architect. They grow vegetables and flowers, cook, and worry about politics. Her three full-length poetry books have been published over the past two decades. *A Woman Milking*, *Barnyard Poems* (Word Press, 2006) focuses on a decade of goat-milking and cheese-making on a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre Long Island suburban plot. *Not Yet, A Care-Giving Collage* (SFA State University Press, 2012) describes four healing years during which she cared for her mother, an Alzheimer's patient. *Cheese After Fukushima: Poems for a Changing Planet* (SFASU Press, 2017) aims to instill active awareness of climate change. Her one-act plays, many of which were produced in off-off Broadway theatres in the 90s, are not yet published. The stories in this current volume revolve around a familiar human scenario: you get hurt, scarring causes

mistakes, but hopefully you'll work to understand your reality and pull yourself out of the mire. We watch Ms. Slatkin's narrator, Paula, struggle along this axis. As she ages, her voice matures. Ms. Slatkin has created a reliable narrator – unflinchingly honest, open, unjaded, with a questing, philosophical spirit. She capably guides us through 38 diverse and idiosyncratic fictions. Judaism, both as a spiritual possibility and cultural practice, plays a role in several of the stories and sometimes becomes pivotal to the motivations of key characters. All the action takes place in suburban northeastern USA. Ms. Slatkin's family includes her longtime partner, Dan, a landscape architect and farmer, and her smart, brave, devoted children: retired English teacher Heidi; her Australian husband, Fintan, an NY Botanical Garden rock garden specialist; their sprightly daughter, Imogen, 9; and Becky, who emigrated to England 20 years ago and is an occupational therapist in London. In close contact with their mom, they bring her security and joy.

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## **Heaven-Earth Connection by Laurence Stephenson**

### **Fantasy**

A book of eight stories each told through the eyes of eight different people.

From London to Cairo, this collection of novellas begins before time to the creation of man. Then takes you on a journey through time to Yeshua the God Man.

Each story has an earthy feel with a heavenly connection. Throughout the history of man, there has always been a Heaven-to-Earth connection, but not always easily recognised.

John is a lonely man from London.

Rosie is a sprightly Scottish teen.

Ricardo is a Portuguese fisherman.

Ordinary people having extraordinary experiences.

Then, in their own words, the Stories of Noah, Abraham, Moses and David.

Finally, we see the birth of Yeshua through the eyes of Yosef and the perilous journey to keep him safe before he becomes a man in his own right.

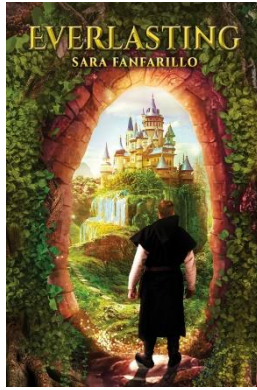
### **Author:**

Laurence Stephenson was born in East London and lived there until the age of 26 when he moved with his wife to Prestonpans, which is a small mining town twelve miles outside Edinburgh. There he helped raise two daughters plus many children whom he and his wife fostered.

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## Everlasting by Sara Fanfarillo

### Fantasy

Immerse yourself in a captivating fantasy novel written by a talented young author with a vivid imagination. Step into a world of enchantment and adventure, embarking on an exciting journey through the pages of this compelling tale. With rich world-building and engaging characters, the author weaves intricate plots that keep readers hooked as they follow the protagonist's quest to uncover deep mysteries. The main character unknowingly sets out on a challenging and emotionally profound path, guided by a force capable of creating evocative settings. This journey of discovery seeks to reveal the truths of life, with references to the past and signs inherited from ancestors weaving the story together. Remote bonds, seemingly unconnected, ultimately converge in a stunning revelation. Despite the wise old master's guidance, the truth remains obscured by unfolding events. The realignment of entrenched realities heralds a new beginning and a fresh start. Don't miss this enchanting adventure from a promising new voice in fantasy fiction.

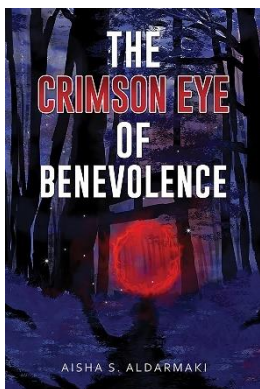
### Author:

Sara Fanfarillo is a passionate writer with a deep love for storytelling, the creative mind of

– *Everlasting* –

Her journey into the world of writing began at a young age, 17, when she decided to give herself a chance to expand her horizons.

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## **The Crimson Eye of Benevolence by Aisha S.Aldarmaki**

### **Fantasy**

Lucy's world is plunged into darkness when her father mysteriously vanishes, shattering her reality. But when two enigmatic warlock boys appear and whisk her away to a realm beyond her wildest imagination, Lucy discovers the unthinkable truth: her father hasn't disappeared: he's been abducted. Determined to save him, Lucy makes a daring choice to ally with the warlocks, offering her loyalty in exchange for their help.

However, the world she's stepped into is far from safe. It's a treacherous place, crawling with ghastly creatures and hidden perils lurking at every corner. To rescue her father, Lucy must leave behind the comforts of safety and face the unknown, where unearthly horrors and unimaginable dangers await. With fierce determination, she embarks on a quest that will test her courage, strength, and heart.

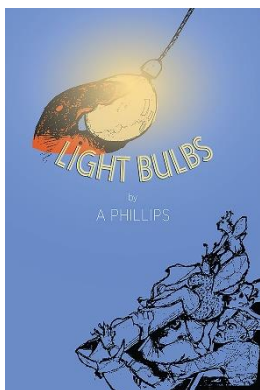
### **Author:**

Aisha S. Aldarmaki was born and raised in Abu Dhabi. This is where she immersed herself in the worlds of her favorite novels during her free time. She avidly collected books from libraries and book fairs, nurturing her passion for literature. By day, she indulges in baking as a hobby, while at night, she dedicates herself to writing. Aisha continues to reside in Abu Dhabi with her family, drawing inspiration from her imaginative surroundings for her creative endeavors.

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## **Light Bulbs by A Phillips**

### **Fantasy**

An idyllic Alpine village nestled deep in a remote valley remains unaware of the evil forces that threaten its peaceful existence. The denizens of Hell have gotten their hands on modern electricity and now covet the pristine valley as the location for a second Hell under Satan's rule. But the land is closely guarded by righteous angels.

To disarm these angelic protectors, Satan dredges up two antiquated demons considered behind-the-times by current hellish standards and sends them to the valley to collect lightbulbs and plunge the village into darkness. However, the bumbling pair quickly get themselves electrocuted, forcing them out of the ether and into mortal view. Stranded, visible yet unable to return to Hell, they soon become media sensations.

As the two demons gain fame, will their distraction provide the opening needed to disable the angels and leave the fragile village open to a terrible infernal invasion? This clever tale blends quirky humour with imaginative world-building to deliver an engaging good-versus-evil adventure.

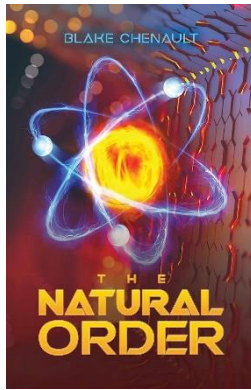
### **Author:**

Born in 1945, the author is an artist and sax player. Art school trained, he took up writing as another way of creating pictures, this time in people's heads. He lives with his long-time partner in an end terrace and likes jazz-trance and the science fiction of Iain Banks.

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## **The Natural Order by Blake Chenault**

### **Sci-Fi**

One of the world's top scientists, Nigel Mitchell, is driven by a nagging fear: that life on Earth is a cosmic accident, a mistake the universe is trying to correct. This compels him to make the most of every day, dedicating himself to helping friends, family, and society. His research at the world's largest laboratory provides him the resources to pursue this goal, searching for signs of life in distant galaxies and striving to understand the universe's origins.

But a mistake in his lab threatens to destroy everything. Obsessed with enhancing life, Nigel now faces the possibility of destroying the planet. His search for a remedy takes him from the depths of the Earth to the surface of the Moon, all while wrestling with his fear of a cosmic mistake.

As the clock ticks down, and with the lives of his loved ones hanging in the balance, Nigel begins to suspect that the very error that threatens Earth might be the key to restoring the universe's natural order.

### **Author:**

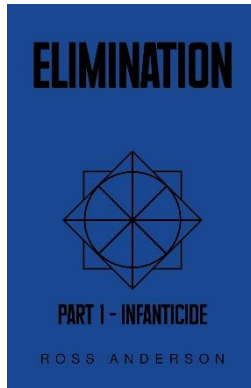
Blake Chenault is an accomplished writer, having published three non-fiction books, was a news reporter for 25 years before recently retiring. The stories that I covered within that time help me to write unique and interesting stories about people and their struggles.

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## **Elimination by Ross Anderson**

### **Sci-Fi**

This is the world. This is our world. This is my world. My world is not fair. My world is cruel. My world is indifferent to all that inhabit it. In my world, life is cheap. In my world, evil excels. In my world, the good are condemned, while the bad proliferate. There are many people who inhabit my world. To the east, there is the fascist 'paradise' of Antrioch. There, women dominate all. There, the leader decides what is right and what is wrong. There, humanity is unaffordable. To the west, there is the democratic country of Allia. There, they think they're free.

Are they really free, though? It's a funny thing, freedom. It's often when we believe that we possess it that it's furthest from our reach. To the north, there is my home, the socialist utopia of Spidred. Here, there is little to do but think and freeze. Often that is the best strategy for survival. Is it enough to consider? Or must we act in consideration? That's what's left to contemplate in this part of the world. Technology has supposedly freed us.

Are we truly advanced? Or are we merely tomorrow's obsolescence? Sometimes I wonder. Will this world thrive? Will it move forward to a better future? Or is it doomed to destitution? I do not know, but, I'm sure that I will have fun finding out.

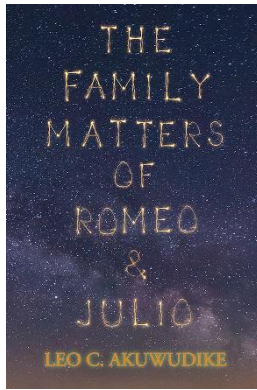
### **Author:**

Ross Anderson is a young man who was born and bred in Northern Ireland. He was born in 1986 and considers himself the very pinnacle of British society.

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## **The Family Matters of Romeo & Julio by Leo C.Akwudike**

### **Romance**

Romeo Moses-Clifford and Julio Clifford-Moses are a married gay, interracial couple and now fathers to twins Adrian and Carly. They are a happy and young family living life to the fullest. Romeo finds himself back in touch with his ex-wife Liberty. As they reminisce, Liberty develops old feelings towards Romeo to the point where there becomes something more than a hatred against Julio. How far will she go to claim back her old love?

Julio develops a friendship with art gallery owner Naveed. He lets Julio showcase his artwork at his gallery. But what is just a working relationship progresses into a bit more than that. Romeo with Julio open a nightclub in partnership with gangster Cameron. Romeo takes a shine to his adult son Finlay. Romeo becomes a shoulder to lean on for the troubled young man. However, Finlay takes this the wrong way and if Cameron gets the wrong end of the stick, then this could put Romeo and his family in danger.

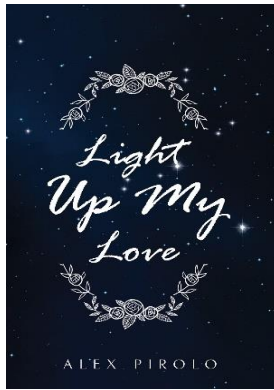
Romeo's parents Miles and Imelda are estranged but still hold a torch for one another. Is it over between them? Or are they destined to be together? Julio's Mother Quisha has a secret she has kept to herself for years and it's now coming back to haunt her family. Julio's sister Jodie is set to marry her true love, but she is sceptical of whether marriage will ruin their relationship in the long run. In this story we see a darker side to Julio's teenage sweetheart Sam that causes havoc for him as well as for Romeo.

**Author:**

Leo C. Akuwudike was born in London, United Kingdom in 1989 and was educated at Langdon School (now called Langdon Academy). For his GCSEs, he passed English Literature taking the test on William Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet'. In the summer of 2005 for work experience he worked as an admin assistant for Laing O'Rourke in Canary Wharf.

He has received a degree in Graphic & Media Design from the University of the Arts London at the institution London College of Communication, graduating in 2016.

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## Light Up My Love by Alex Pirolo

### Romance

Fate plays a teasing game with Athena and Teo. Their paths intertwine time and again, yet the stars never seem to align for their love to blossom. From fateful encounters to serendipitous meetings during family meetings, their connection seems inevitable, yet circumstances conspire to keep them apart.

Athena, with her contagious laughter and unwavering kindness, finds herself drawn to Teo's quiet strength and loneliness. Despite the chemistry sparking between them, timing always proves elusive, casting a shadow on their romance.

As the seasons change and life unfolds its unpredictable tapestry, they both navigate their own paths, entangled in a web of missed chances and poignant near-misses. Each fleeting glance and tender moment whispers of a love waiting to bloom, but fate seems determined to test the depths of their patience.

Caught between other lovers and the secrets of their hearts, Athena and Teo discover that destiny has a way of orchestrating unexpected twists. Will they seize the fleeting moments that put them together, or will hesitation and circumstance consign their love to the realm of what-ifs?

Discover a tale of serendipity, second chances, friendship and the enduring power of love in *Light up your love* a heartwarming romantic journey that proves some love stories are worth the wait.

## **Author:**

Aged 25, Alexandra Pirolo is an enthusiastic digital marketer, dedicated student, and passionate writer, fuelled by an ardent love for journalism and literature. Juggling the intricate art of digital marketing with her insatiable thirst for storytelling, she embodies a vibrant blend of creativity and analytical prowess. Whether unravelling the nuances of marketing strategies or penning captivating narratives, Alexandra Pirolo infuses her work with a rich tapestry of words, driven by an unwavering commitment to both the art of storytelling and the dynamic world of digital communication.

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## **La Libre Rose by Kathleen-Ann Liberty**

### **Romance**

In the quaint village of Dorset, where the past and present intertwine, Liberty finds herself at the crossroads of a new beginning. Retired and seeking solace in the comfort of her cottage, Cuphea's Nest, she discovers that life has more chapters waiting to be written.

Amidst the backdrop of a harsh winter, Liberty's routine life is gently disrupted by her neighbour, Joseph Beam, a widower grappling with his own sea of grief. As they navigate their daily lives, an unexpected friendship blossoms, offering them a chance at healing and rediscovery.

But *La Libre Rose* is more than a tale of newfound companionship. It is a journey through time, where magical realms speak of undying love, and historical echoes remind us of the resilience of the human spirit. From the enchanting whispers of fairies in the holly tree to the poignant memories of a world torn by war, this novel weaves a rich narrative of love, loss, and the enduring hope for a better tomorrow.

As Liberty and Joseph find solace in each other's company, they are unwittingly guided by the mystical forces of the universe, leading them to uncover the true meaning of home and heart. Will the magic of Dorset and the legacy of the past empower Liberty to embrace her future?

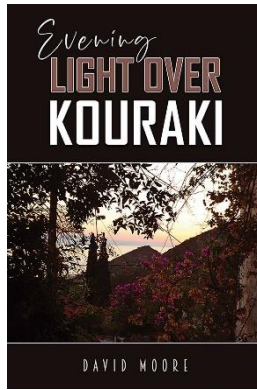
**Author:**

Kathleen-Ann Liberty lives in her beloved Dorset, England. She enjoys the creativity of writing and watercolour and oil painting, a love she has passed on to her children. She loves her cat and dog as well as the countryside and her special garden.

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## Evening Light Over Kouraki by David Moore

### Contemporary

This is a story about the search for identity.

Michael Dowd, an out-of-work theater misfit, feels like a failure, and he traces this feeling back to being adopted. Driven to uncover his roots, Michael approaches the adoption agency, only to be denied the answers he seeks. Yet one clue surfaces: his birth name, Kokolakis, hints at Greek origins. With that small lead, he travels to Greece in search of his family.

In the secluded village of Kouraki, he encounters a colorful cast of characters: Elias, the local fool who becomes his unlikely companion; Wolff, a German expat and eccentric inventor; Sotiri, a warm-hearted olive-picker; Penelope, a sharp-minded intellectual from Athens; and Mihaeli, the village mayor, who warns him of the dangers his search could awaken. Each encounter draws Michael deeper into a mystery that tests his resolve and uncovers long-buried secrets.

### Author:

David Moore was born in Ireland. He emigrated to Montreal, Canada, in 1964. Moore published his first collection of poetry, *Silence*, in 2016. Other books followed: *Poems:2*, 2020, *The March of the Copy-long Shadows*, 2020, *Fame and Fortune*, *The Copyright Curse of Cassandra*, 2021, *The Life of a Slave*, 2022, and *The Timeless Love of Billy B for Scheherazade*, 2025. Moore is a visual artist as well as an author. He has had sixty solo exhibitions, most of them installations, in Canada, USA and Europe. The book *Installations, David Moore, 1976–2013*, published in 2017, is an exhaustive compilation of his most notable artworks. He

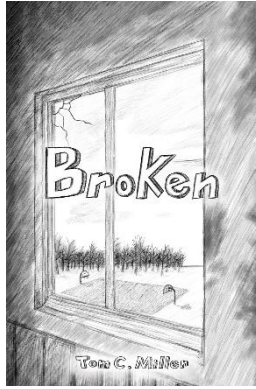


was a professor at Concordia University, Montreal, in the department of Fine Arts between 1974–2006.

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## **Broken by Tom C. Miller**

### **Contemporary**

Johnny is conflicted. Self-doubt, the animosity of the students he teaches, and the soul crushing education system are killing him. As a young, idealistic teacher, the school environment, which once seemed so promising, has crumbled into misery. His spirit is breaking. Trapped in a failing system and gasping for air, will Johnny rediscover his purpose and find his path?

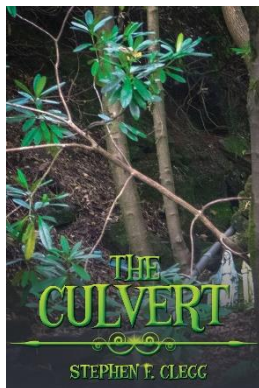
### **Author:**

Tom C. Miller is a young English and Humanities teacher from Adelaide, South Australia. He believes in the power of language, literacy education and the importance of stories.

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## **The Culvert by Stephen F.Clegg**

### **Crime**

In 2014, during a birthday celebration in a country pub, members of historic researcher Naomi Wilkes' family are intrigued to see an old and faded, countryside photograph attached to a chimney breast entitled 'The Man In The Photo'. Despite careful studying by everyone else, the only person who can see anyone is Naomi's six-year-old daughter Francesca, who says that she can see the man's eyes, that she doesn't like him, and that he is trying to escape from a hole.

In 1854, a work detail of selected prisoners from a nearby gaol arrive at Wordale Nabb in Lancashire with the intention of extending an abandoned mine to help improve the water supply to the nearby Whitewall Estate. But nobody is aware that their endeavours are going to take them through land that has for the previous three hundred years been believed to be the domain of underground demons.

And the outcome for both parties, separated by one-hundred-and-sixty years, is just as gripping and terrifying.

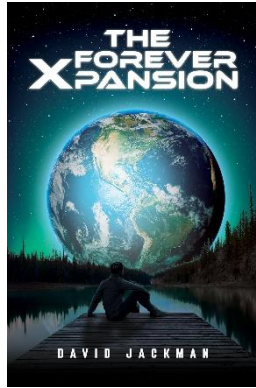
**Author:**

Stephen Clegg was born in Stockport 1947. He is retired but actively volunteering, and lives happily on the south coast of England with his wife. Since the publication of *Maria's Papers*, his first in this series of novels, he has been nominated for three prestigious book prizes and was a finalist in The People's Book Prize for his novel *The Matthew Chance Legacy*. This novel *The Culvert*, is the last in the series.

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## **The Forever Xpansion by David Jackman**

### **Thriller**

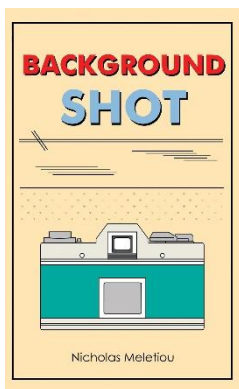
Jack Silver's life changes in an instant after witnessing a brutal murder outside a London eatery. Relentlessly pursued by the victim's psychotic brother, Silver finds himself falsely accused and caught between reality and a dystopian otherworld as he desperately seeks to escape. Darting from shadow to shadow, he finds allies and understanding in unexpected places. Meanwhile, in the cold blackness of space, an ancient artifact of immeasurable power awakens and hurtles towards Earth. A chain of events is in motion that threatens not only Jack Silver's life but the fate of all humanity...

### **Author:**

Born in London in 1962 just 17 years after the end of World War 2, David Jackman grew up against a backdrop of sixties psychedelics and seventies terrorism anarchy and punk rock.

Living now in Berkshire the writer put pen to paper in order to leave a legacy for his children. 'Children are our future, the only one any of us ever have...'

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## **Background Shot by Nicholas Meletiou**

### **Thriller**

The story begins in the early 1980s, at the Queen's Club in London, where Mario, a young architect, meets Andrea, a journalist who is over from New York to report on Wimbledon.

The young couple go out to dinner and arrange to meet again in New York, where Mario has a scheduled business trip to view the real tennis courts of the New York Racket Club, as he is designing the Tennis and Rackets Museum in London.

Mario's hobbies are photography and camera collecting, and he frequently visits camera fairs and camera auctions, purchasing classic cameras. On one occasion, he discovers undeveloped film in a Nikon camera, which he develops himself and is shocked to find out that the photos were taken in the early 1960s, depicting the shooting of a major international crime!

Shocked and realizing the seriousness of this, he doesn't know where to turn and decides, as he has a trip planned to New York soon, to take them there and discuss the matter with Andrea, whom he feels he can trust.

In New York, Andrea becomes equally shocked when the matter is revealed and suggests that it will have to be handled with caution with people they can trust implicitly.

Further complications occur as they realize they are being followed and refrain from discussing the matter in public places, but only at her flat where, inevitably, tenderness ensues.

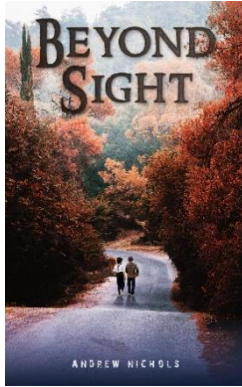
The story develops further by visiting the assassin's widow's house, which is in Dallas, Texas.

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## **Beyond Sight by Andrew Nichols**

### **Crime**

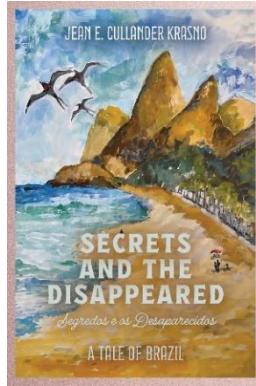
Jonny Sears, a young boy seeking refuge from his parents' troubles, embarks on a summer adventure that takes a terrifying turn when he finds himself trapped in the depths of hell, encountering both benevolent and malevolent characters as he navigates the treacherous landscape, testing his resilience and determination in a gripping tale of a perilous odyssey that will leave readers breathless, wondering if Jonny will ever find his way back to the world he once knew.

### **Author:**

Andrew Nichols was born in Newcastle, Northeast England. Raised by his mother, Lynne, and father, Steven, in a small old mining town called Springwell Village, Gateshead. Surrounded by adventurous fields, railways, quarries and animals, his imagination was able to run wild. In his spare time, he enjoys writing poems, stories and songs. Spending much time raising his much beloved two daughters, Iyla and Lily, he is most happy. He moved with his family to southern England in 2009 and currently lives in Didcot. Andrew is equally happy walking the Oxfordshire hills and riverways between keeping fit with his martial arts.

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## Secrets and the Disappeared by Jean E.Cullander Krasno

### Thriller

1990: doctoral student Maggie Grayson travels to Brazil, still emerging from a repressive military dictatorship, to conduct research on its political transformation to democracy. Soon after arriving, she encounters a Brazilian journalist and becomes embroiled in uncovering the military’s secret nuclear weapons program, learning of people who have been ‘disappeared’ by the regime. Meanwhile, a nine-year old boy has been kidnapped by a street gang controlled by a macumba priest...

### Author:

Dr. Jean Krasno is a tenured member of the faculty in the Department of Political Science at the City College of New York (CCNY).

Her publications include: “Brazil” in Chase, Hill, and Kennedy, *The Pivotal States: A New Framework for U.S. Policy in the Developing World* (1998), St. Martin’s Press. She co-authored with Elisabeth Szeli *Banning the Bomb: the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* (2021); *The United Nations: Policy and Practice*, (2023) Lynne Rienner Publishers.

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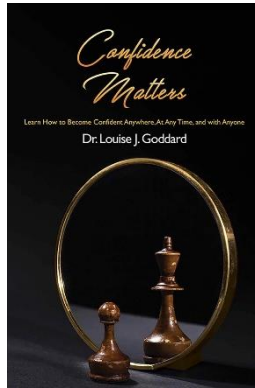
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## **Confidence Matters by Dr.Louise J.Goddard**

### **Self-help**

This book can help you to develop your self-awareness, your self-belief, and your sense of self-worth so that you can feel confident whenever, wherever, and with whomever.

Go on a journey of self-discovery with practical step-by-step exercises, and develop and strengthen your authentic motivation and self-confidence with techniques based on the powerful behavioural science of neuro-linguistic programming.

Confidence Matters by Dr. Louise J. Goddard EdD is for everyone – from teachers to business leaders, entrepreneurs to coaches, parents, and people from all walks of life. It goes beyond positive thinking. It contains no-nonsense step-by-step exercises for self-discovery, transcendence of unconscious limiting beliefs, and enhancement of mental clarity, self-awareness, motivation, gratitude, and self-empowerment.

### **Author:**

Dr. Louise J. Goddard is an organizational psychologist, a.k.a. an occupational psychologist, and an expert on organizational leadership and learning, a motivational speaker and a performance coach. Her pioneering techniques in neuro-linguistic programming, hypnosis, and training of the same have been featured in national newspapers across Canada. A resident of Ontario, Canada

at the time of this publication, Louise was born in Ottawa, Canada, but grew up and was educated in England. She is passionate about helping people to achieve authentic self-confidence, inner security and tranquillity. Drawing on her Doctoral studies and her Master's in business, she enjoys teaching and encouraging those in leadership positions to create a culture of psychological safety, and to foster growth, collaboration, and empowerment of team members. In recent years, she has created and led wellness initiatives for the Federal Government of Canada with hundreds of attendees from across Canada, which included topics such as negative stress, vicarious trauma, and mental resilience. A Doctor of Education in Leadership, specializing in Organizational Psychology, Louise's research concerned the detrimental cognitive impact of negative workplace stress – specifically on our working memory and decision-making function.

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*Authentically You,  
With No Apologies!*

WHY VULNERABILITY IS YOUR ULTIMATE  
SUPERPOWER IN LEADERSHIP, LOVE & LIFE



Charmaine Vincent

## **Authentically You, With No Apologies! By Charmaine Vincent**

### **Self-help**

Do you ever feel as though history is frustratingly repeating itself, with the dreaded ghosts of the past relentlessly attempting to sabotage your present? Has your confidence been shaken, leaving you struggling to find the courage to hold up the mirror and face vulnerability head-on? Rest assured, you're not alone!

Life is inevitably filled with challenges, both at home and at work. Unfortunately, it's often our own personal shame or fear of being judged by others that can take control and hinder how we present ourselves to the world.

In this book, Charmaine Vincent, a passionate, award-winning female entrepreneur, provides an honest and candid insight into her life experiences. She openly discusses the highs and lows, the shadow and the light, and how self-investment and self-belief can profoundly shape your future and help you achieve remarkable things.

Discover an empowering 5-step framework that will gift you the confidence and courage to remove the mask and be authentically you, unapologetically.

### **Author:**

Charmaine Vincent is a passionate, award-winning female entrepreneur. Charmaine has experienced loss and success in equal measure. She's encountered incredible business accomplishments, millionaire status and multiple national award wins. But she has also confronted loss, shame, divorce, gender inequality and vulnerability in abundance.

She fully recognises her need, not want, to make a difference to others and be a positive role model for her daughter: a powerful woman with an inner girl's voice who isn't afraid of showing vulnerability.

Her mission is simple: to empower others to become the best version of themselves by showing up authentically, with no apologies.

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## **A Meaningful Life by Albert Ge Goias**

### **Self-help**

*A MEANINGFUL LIFE* is a book about living purposefully and composedly in today's world of strife, turmoil, uncertainty, and competitive survival. The recognition is that, with a stable, intelligently derived sense of meaning, anyone can weather any storm with courage and composure, or, as stated by Friedrich Nietzsche, "If we have our own why in life, we shall get along with almost any how." Without it, today's youth are burdened by feelings of uncertainty, loneliness, fear, depression, or despair, leaving a hole in the soul they cannot comprehend, far less fill. The consequence is the irresistible attraction to alcohol, drugs, entertainment, reckless sexual encounters, or activities that cause harm to self or others just to escape these feelings or get comfort even, if superficial or fleeting.

Real meaning can only be reached through logic and scientifically sound reasoning, a personal and individually driven exercise. This book uses dialogue that critically examines the nature of self, of theism, and of our physical reality to guide the reader to achieve that objective for themselves or to guide someone in their charge to do so.

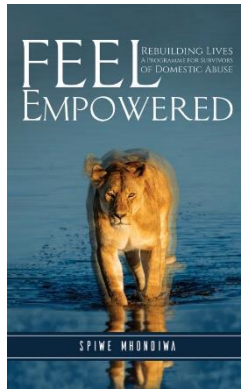
It does not offer ten easy answers or twelve rules to follow. It will, instead, dissect science, philosophy, and theology to reach a logical revelation of human existence in a world of perpetual change, showing that we are more than a composite of flesh slated only to survive but a real, though invisible existence, the soul, with a mandate to grow to be the best we can be.

**Author:**

In 1979, while practicing as a family physician in Toronto, a referendum in Quebec changed my life. In panic, a large number of established businesses moved their head offices from Montreal to Toronto. My practice was suddenly filled with new patients who showed serious emotional distress and physical diseases that had no specific aetiology. I started a private research project to determine how to treat these patients without resorting to symptomatic medications. I have since spent the past forty years working with people from all walks of life, from drug addicts to stressed executives, disenchanted physicians and disillusioned pastors. I have guided the majority of those I have seen to a positive and meaningful understanding of life as a font of perpetual and unpredictable change we are required to examine, analyse and understand. Our job is to use these challenges as opportunities to build self, not as obstacles that deplete us.

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## Feel Empowered by Spiwe Mhondiwa

### Self-help

*Feel Empowered* is your guide to reclaiming your life and rediscovering your inner strength. Designed for women who have faced or are facing domestic abuse, this programme offers the tools, support, and confidence needed to rise above adversity.

With information on domestic abuse and evidence-based strategies, *Feel Empowered* takes a holistic approach to healing. You'll learn to set healthy boundaries, develop strong coping mechanisms, and build resilience. Founded by Spiwe Mhondiwa, a survivor and advocate for vulnerable women, this programme draws on her journey of overcoming adversity.

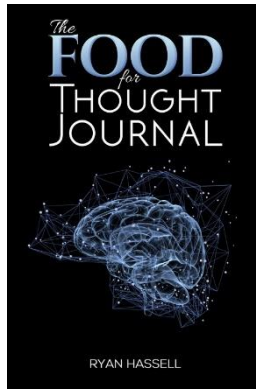
Spiwe's guidance will inspire you to take responsibility for your path, believe in your "why," and embrace the possibilities of a brighter future. *Feel Empowered* is more than a programme: it's your journey to becoming the best version of yourself.

### Author:

Spiwe Mhondiwa is the visionary founder of Severn Angels Housing & Support (SAHS). With a deep commitment to community support, social justice, and the dignity of marginalised individuals, Spiwe has become a leading figure in empowering vulnerable women to rebuild their lives.

Spiwe's journey into social work and community advocacy began with a profound recognition of the challenges faced by women in crisis. Her passion for helping others is shaped by her personal experiences, including overcoming domestic abuse and homelessness. Despite facing significant trauma and mental health struggles, Spiwe's determination led her to pursue a degree in Nursing, qualify as a Registered Nurse, and become a successful entrepreneur. Despite being dyslexic, she worked tirelessly to overcome her challenges, demonstrating that hard work, patience, and personal responsibility are key to recovery and success. Her journey is a testament to her belief that, regardless of one's past, with a strong "why" and a willingness to take full responsibility, anything is possible.

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## **The Food for Thought Journal by Ryan Hassell**

### **Mental Health & Wellbeing**

With so much information out there, getting in shape has become a minefield of confusing and expensive plans and products both good and bad alike.

Thousands of diets and workouts that leave you miserable, hungry, maybe even malnourished, and not a clue where to turn next once the current trend has failed you.

But would you believe me if I said it's all extremely simple when you have the right information?

This journal has been expertly designed to help you figure out exactly what you want when it comes to your health, fitness, and lifestyle.

It gives you guidelines that help you improve your nutrition and lifestyle without demanding you starve yourself or never eat your favourite foods again.

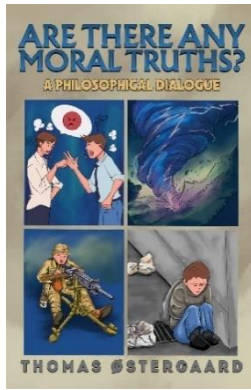
Best of all it does it in a way that's enjoyable, fun, and decided by YOU.

To make change easy, you first need to change your mindset, and that is what this journal is all about. It finally gives you that peace of mind you've been looking for when it comes to your diet and takes away the stress that you feel every time you look in the mirror.

## **Author:**

Ryan Hassell was born and raised in Staffordshire, UK, where he has spent the last 10 years trying to become a walking encyclopaedia of health and fitness knowledge. Before landing his job as a health and fitness coach, Ryan has been a competition winning flair bartender and logistics admin extraordinaire but quickly knew that helping people was much more important to him. Annoyed about how complicated health and fitness could be he's made it his mission to make it simple and easy to use.

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## Are There Any Moral Truths? By Thomas Østergaard

### Philosophy

We live in crisis-ridden times. Civilization is repeatedly ravaged by diseases, recessions, wars, and international terror, while global climate change and the existence of nuclear weapons could soon put an end to humanity. What are we to do? Serious problems like these raise many moral questions, but people often disagree, sometimes vehemently, about the answers.

Moral disagreements pose a fundamental question: Could some moral opinions be better than others? Are there any moral truths at all, or is right and wrong merely a matter of perspective, depending on the eye of the beholder? Perhaps moral beliefs are nothing but a kind of superstition, like beliefs about vampires or Greek gods and goddesses?

In this refreshingly unorthodox introduction, Danish philosopher Thomas Østergaard deals with these questions in a novel way. Written as a philosophical dialogue, the book makes the various positions come alive through four people's interchange of ideas and arguments, continuously interspersed with everyday examples as well as intriguing thought experiments. As a witness to this debate, the reader is invited to ponder the nature of morality, the possibility of resolving our moral differences, and the puzzling and provocative question: Why should I care about morality?

## Author:

Thomas Østergaard (b. 1970) is a Danish philosopher, currently living in Odense. This is his third book, his first in English. The Danish titles of his two previous books, both peer reviewed, are:

*Straffens filosofi—en kritisk indføring i debatten* (University Press of Southern Denmark, 2018).

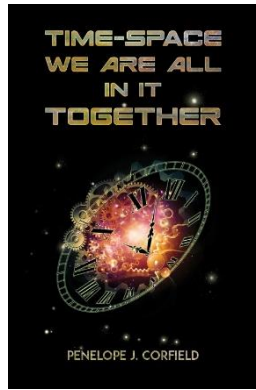
*Hvad er livskvalitet?—en filosofisk dialog* (Forlaget Muse, 2024).

The first is a critical introduction to the philosophy of punishment. The second is a philosophical dialogue about ‘the good life’.

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## Time-Space by Penelope J. Corfield

### Philosophy

Are you curious about the nature of time-space and the dynamics of human lives within it? Dive into this book and explore these fascinating concepts.

Time, the fundamental dynamo, leads the union with space, its perennial partner. Together, they frame a vast and restless cosmos where all individuals have their unique time and place. Yet, humans do not survive alone; they share this beautiful but tiny planetary homestead with many other species.

While humans walk upon Planet Earth, they simultaneously scan the stars, probing the unfolding saga of their home planet and the entire cosmos:

*'Twinkle, twinkle, little star  
How I wonder what you are...'*

This book combines insights from history, physics, geography, and literature – not forgetting songs. The opening section reveals how humans live, remember, forget, and think through time. The next section highlights key features of time and explains why denying time is nonsensical.

The final section surveys the collective human journey through time-space. Humans are a complex species, capable of both deceit and trust, hatred and love, conflict and cooperation. Yet, slowly, they are creating international networks and a global civics. This exciting trend is crucial, especially in responding effectively to today's urgent climate crisis on Planet Earth.

**Author:**

Penelope J. Corfield was born in York and loves Yorkshire; resides in Battersea, south London, and loves metropolitan vitality; is a Briton who enjoys the British sense of humour; and is a citizen of the world who loves Planet Earth.

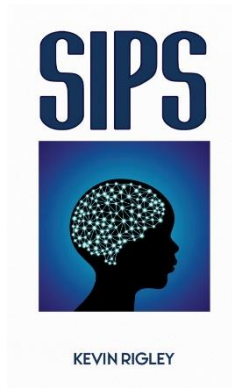
By profession, she is a historian, lecturing on that subject for many years at Royal Holloway, London University; and she writes on British history, global history, and the history of greetings, including the social spread of the handshake.

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## **SIPS by Kevin Rigley**

### **Educational**

*SIPS: The Molecular Connection Between Immunity & Learning*

Have you ever wondered why anxiety has become so prevalent in modern society? Or why today's children seem to be grappling more than ever with depression and other neurofunctional disorders? **SIPS**: The interaction of the **S**ympathetic nervous system (NS), **I**mmunity, and **P**arasymphathetic NS.

A ground-breaking idea has emerged in the ever-evolving field of immunology and neuroscience, connecting dots we never thought to join. Dive into the riveting exploration of how the very molecules responsible for warding off infections in our bodies play a pivotal role in how we learn and process the world around us.

More than just a revelation of interconnected systems, *SIPS* provides a comprehensive road map to ensure every child navigates the challenges of modern childhood and reaches their full potential. This book unfolds the symbiotic relationship between our body's defence mechanisms and cognitive functions.

At its core, *SIPS* sheds light on the hidden crisis of childhood mental health and is a call to action to reinvent the nurturing environments that are vital for healthy development.

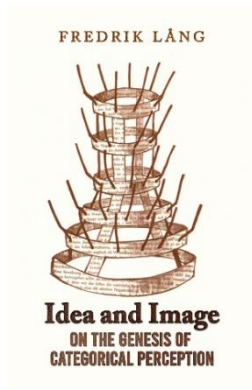
It highlights the urgent need to shift our understanding and approach to well-being. Discover why reviving the innocent smiles of our youth isn't just a nostalgic endeavour but a societal necessity. Learn practical strategies to protect and nurture the mental health of our young ones, preventing the rising tide of childhood depression.

In *SIPS*, we're invited to reimagine the future of learning and development and reinvent the essence of healthy childhood for generations to come. With this guide, we step closer to a world where every child's potential is realised and nurtured.

**Author:**

Kevin Rigley, CEO of Willows since 2017, embraced this role following the passing of his wife, Galyna, determined to uphold her legacy, the WillowsWay® pedagogy. With a background in immunology, Kevin merged his scientific expertise with early childhood education. He identified a gap in understanding the physiological processes underpinning learning, exploring how environments affect brain development. This approach explained the success of the WillowsWay®, aligning with scientific advances in brain research. Kevin's journey highlights resilience and innovation, ensuring children at Willows Pre-School receive the best start in life through a scientifically informed educational framework.

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## Idea and Image by Fredrik Lång

### History

What does art tell us about man's place in history?

In *Thought and Image*, award-winning author and philosopher Fredrik Lång takes the reader on a two-thousand-year journey spanning the worlds of art and philosophy, from ancient Greece into the modern day. *Thought and Image* explores the ways in which artistic expression is linked to the way of life and manner of thought of people throughout the centuries.

“Art, like knowledge, is an interpretation of a contemporary existence, executed in the concepts that thinking provides at the time. Every picture is worth a thousand words and every significant work of art contains a statement and is a confirmation of the general values of its time.”

Lång journeys slowly through the winding gallery of images and concepts that man has built up over the millennia, analysing the gaze of Giotto and the technical metaphors of Duchamp. The book ends with a challenging question: What is the significance of the insights gained for the understanding of our own time?

### Author:

Fredrik Lång, born in 1947, is a researcher and writer. His literary production consists of nearly thirty works in the form of novels of ideas, essays, aphorisms, and philosophical works. Lång is known as the author of the idea-historical

work *Bild och tanke*, which deals with the parallel development of art and thinking from antiquity up to Marcel Duchamp, romance novels and novels of ideas about, e.g., Leonardo da Vinci and Pythagoras.

Fredrik Lång has received many awards, including the State Literature Prize in 1985 for *Sommaren med Sue*, the Finland Prize in 2002, and the biggest Finnish literary prize, the Tollander Prize, in 2021. His latest books include the essay collection, *Geosofi—Bilder på en utställning* (2020), and the novel *Farväl Nappari* (2023).

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## **Breaking Boundaries by Dr.Hasan Al Mujaini**

### **Business & Finance**

This book is not merely a manual but a compass—designed to navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and shape the future. The narrative highlights both the global economic potential and your role—as the reader, the leader, and the innovator. Providing a deep understanding of the complex international economic tapestry, this book enables you to explore significant themes such as organizational foresight, innovation, digital transformation, and the unique fusion of artificial intelligence with human resources. By mastering these subjects, you will possess the necessary tools and wisdom to break through barriers and achieve unparalleled organizational excellence within the unique setting of today's interconnected world.

### **Author:**

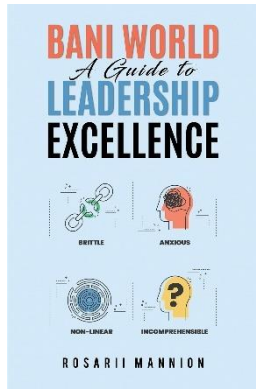
Dr. Hasan Al Mujaini is a UAE citizen and a distinguished scholar in management research with an exceptional track record of published work and professional collaborations. He holds a PhD in Management from Universiti Sains Malaysia, where he received numerous accolades for his outstanding academic performance. Dr. Hasan's expansive research range includes corporate foresight, organizational excellence, human capital management, and corporate finance and financial economics, which have garnered great acclaim from the scientific community. His research work has been widely recognized and published in numerous reputable journals and conference proceedings.

As a visionary researcher, his commitment to furthering knowledge and contributing to the realm of management remains steadfast. Remaining engaged and supportive of the next generation of scholars, he engages in ongoing research ventures and esteemed collaborations with colleagues. An unwavering dedication and passion drive his constant quest to leave a lasting legacy while inspiring others to embark on their own intellectual journeys. Dr. Hasan Al Mujaini's academic prowess deeply informs his work and has made him a valuable financial controller for one of the world's leading oil and gas corporations.

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## **BANI World: A Guide to Leadership Excellence by Rosarii Mannion**

### **Business & Leadership**

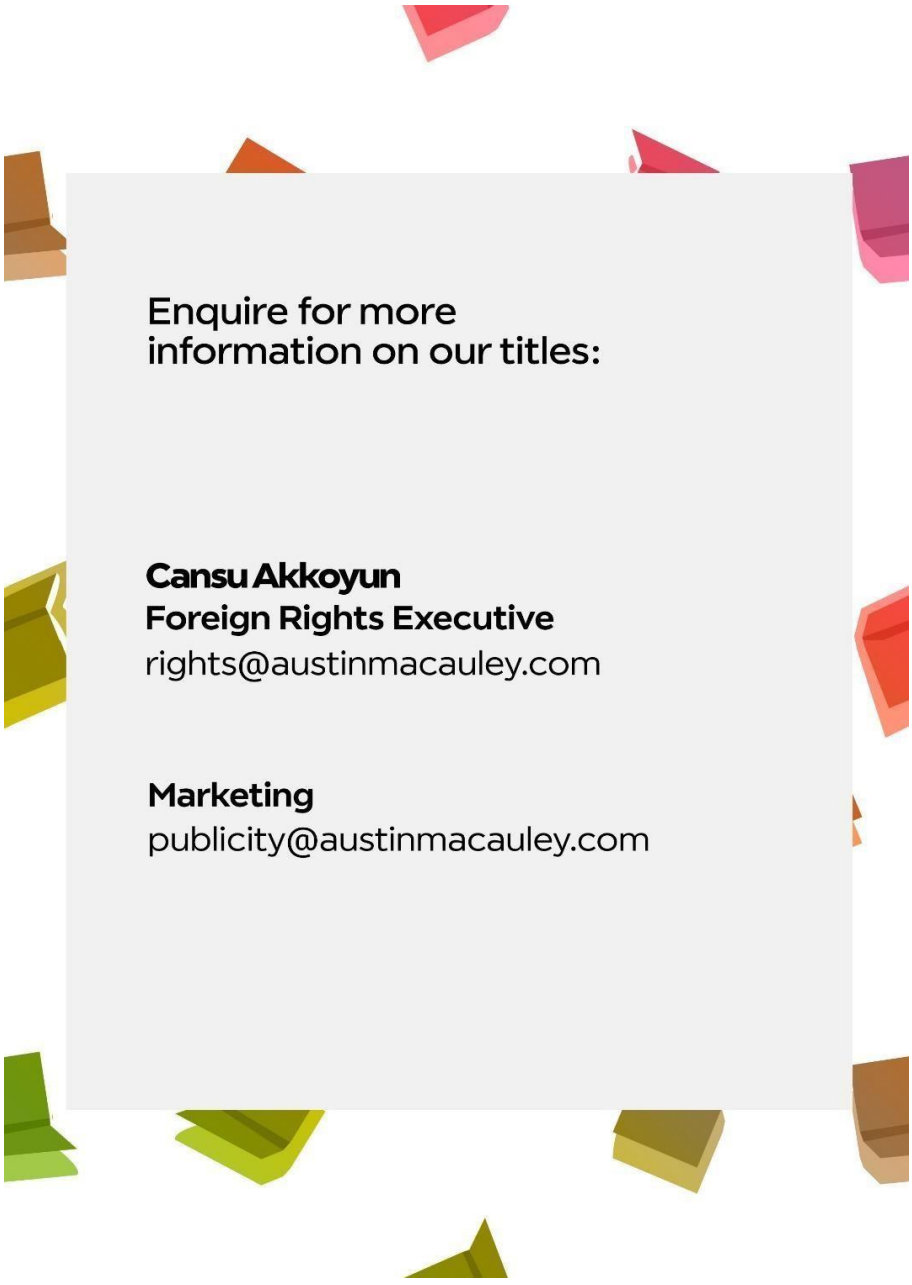
In today's workplace, traditional leadership models offer little guidance. Rosarii explores what can lead us to excellence in a BANI world: Brittle, Anxious, Non-linear, and Incomprehensible. This invaluable guide equips leaders, managers, and staff with the tools they need to navigate the complexities of the modern work environment.

Compelling and practical, *BANI World* is a must-read for leaders navigating these challenging times. This book will be the foundation for your success and the success of your team.

### **Author:**

Rosarii Mannion has worked at senior leadership levels in Ireland and across the globe. She serves CEOs, C-Suite executives and leadership teams around the world. Mannion has mastered the art of distilling real-world lessons and turning them into practical tools, presentations and exercises to help companies strengthen their leadership approach.

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