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# **Instinctive Target**

#### CHARLES WHITE

John Robertson is a former British army sniper now working as a private contractor specialising in the protection of important people in dangerous countries. Carla Henderson is an American reporter assigned to report on the conflict in war torn Syria. For a price, they share an adventure no one could imagine...or survive.

*Instinctive Target* is Charles White's edge-of-your-seat romantic thriller. Packed with adventure, danger and intrigue, it is the first Jonny & Carla adventure by the author of *The Gardener*.



July 2022 9781916879041 £8.99 165 pages

ROMANTIC THRILLER/ ACTION-ADVENTURE



Charles White was born in Yeovil, Somerset and emigrated to Ireland at eleven years old. He returned to England twenty years later and worked in the motor industry. Now living in Dorset, he started writing as a pastime. First with stories for his children. This led to his first novel, *The Gardener*.

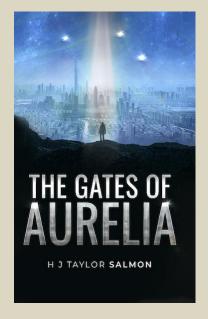


# The Gates of Aurelia

#### H. J. TAYLOR SALMON

In the occupied Aurelian colony of Lepans, Philip Creda has managed to escape his village after the murder of his father and mother and the capture of his two sisters, and is now in hiding with a small band of allies. It is a time of persecution. The conquering forces of Rana want nothing more than to destroy all Aurelian life in whatever form it takes. Hope appears to be as far away as the distant space stations - the gates of Aurelia - that shine like beacons above the planet.

After finding out where his sisters are, Philip, with the help of two missionaries, embarks on a rescue mission; a song in the night of a long-lost language guiding them to others seeking to take flight. So begins a race against time to the port where a transport ship posing as a trading ship awaits to take them back to the home world Aurelia. But the rescuers cannot wait for long, and not all will be able to escape.



July 2022 9781916879072 £8.99 135 pages

SCIENCE FICTION



Henry Salmon lives in Stratford-upon-Avon, England with his wife and two daughters. His love of creating worlds in his imagination has led to this debut novel. He is currently working on a second Aurelia story. Henry is also a music teacher, musician, and piano technician.



# Snake Town

#### TOBY WILSHER

Ludmilla Shatalova, a Ukrainian émigré, and her 21yr old daughter Rosie's devious plan to fleece their unsuspecting tenants - a secretive accountant and an affable night watchman - appears to be foolproof. By making sure the two men never meet and skilfully swopping their possessions twice a day, they can rent them the same flat and take a double rent. But each man has a secret. And events at the basement flat in the rundown seaside resort begin to unravel in spectacular fashion.

Snake Town is playwright Toby Wilsher's brilliant, fantastical debut novel. Packed with wit, invention and the unlikely combination of a deadly snake, stray dog, two million in cash, a psychopathic drug dealer, and one very lucky postman.



July 2022 9781916879058 £8.99 161 pages

**CRIME / DARK COMEDY** 



Toby Wilsher was born in London. He completed a degree in Performance Art at Middlesex Polytechnic and co-founded Trestle Theatre Company in 1981. Trestle became Europe's leading mask theatre company, touring globally to 33 countries. Since 2004 he has worked regularly as a freelance theatre director and communications trainer for business. He lives on the South Coast, married to Kathryn with 3 grown-up children, and still harbours dreams of being a rock star.

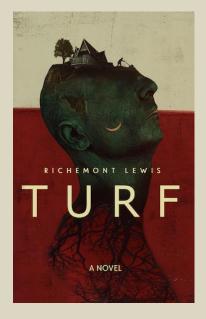


# **Turf**

#### RICHEMONT LEWIS

Council grass cutter-turned-sleuth Tom Trelawney is moonlighting as a groundsman at the imposing clifftop estate of Treludannan, home to the enigmatic turf tycoon Sir Terrance Chudleigh. However, nothing is what it seems at the country manor, and the further Tom investigates, the murkier the truths of Treludannan become. Unwittingly finding signs of disturbing activity, Tom and his colourful mates discover a prickly plot of intrigue, spelling dire implications beyond their beloved county.

Set in coastal west Cornwall, *Turf* is a literary novel that reads like a detective story, irreverently informed by Tom's musings on history, economics, religion, friendship, old wisdom, and the popular culture.



July 2022 9781739593001 £8.99 277 pages

MYSTERY-CRIME/ LITERARY FICTION



Richemont Lewis, who lives in Cornwall, England, was born in Queens, New York, in 1964. He is a professional architect, designer, artist and author. Richemont's interests include science, international politics, economics, automotive design, psychology, and mysteries of the unknown. Many of these themes are woven into his first novel. *Turf*.



# The Devil You Know & The Depths of Murder

#### SAMANTHA TURNER

#### THE DEVIL YOU KNOW

Disenchanted and timid forty-something Lizzie Holland, living in the same town where she was born, married with no children, quits her mundane job and trains in a new career as a self-employed nail beautician. This sets in motion a chain of terror and tragedy that will leave Lizzie Holland changed forever.

#### THE DEPTHS OF MURDER

When the bound and gagged body of a young woman washes up on the surface of a reservoir, Lizzie Holland, now a Detective Inspector in the force's Major Investigation Team, must confront her demons and prove she has got what it takes to solve a brutal murder right on her doorstep.



July 2022 9781739593094 £9.00 130 pages

CRIME/
POLICE PROCEDURAL



Samantha Turner lives in the North-West of England. She is an author, poet, and emotional explorer. The Devil You Know is her first novel. She is currently working on the next DI Lizzie Holland crime thriller.

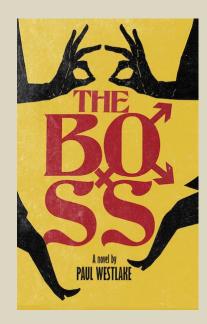


# The Boss

#### PAUL WESTLAKE

An amoral boss. A naive pregnant woman. A closet gay. A confession. A crime. And a bunch of problems that have only one solution—a solution with a heavy price. The question is: who is going to pay?

When his flatmate and lifelong friend, Mandy, suddenly breaks the monotony of a weekday evening by announcing that she has been having a secret affair with her married boss and is now carrying his baby, Jack is both shocked and supportive. But the wheels of confession are in motion. Jack reveals that he is gay, and has also been having an affair, which turns out to be with the same man. To make matters worse, the local police have arrived to question Mandy over the smuggling of a consignment of jeans. As their secret lives begin to unravel and the truth sinks in, the penny drops: they have the same problem. A problem that only has one solution – the boss must pay.



August 2022 9781916879065 £8.99 122 pages

DARK COMEDY

Paul 'Pops' Westlake was born and raised in Plymouth, Devon where he still lives today. He served in the Royal Navy for 11 years, and has worked as a road sweeper, bookmaker, and security guard. The Boss is his debut novella. His previous work includes By Pure Chance and The Walters Boys.



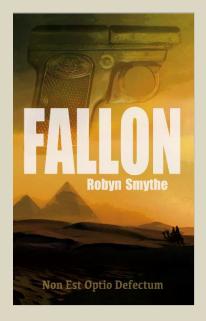
# Fallon: The Legacy Series

# Part One: 'Failure Is Not an Option'

#### ROBYN SMYTHE

An old man, still grieving the loss of his beloved wife, welcomes his nine-year-old granddaughter into his home. After putting her to bed, whilst sitting in his study, the old man gazes wishfully at a picture of his deceased wife in her younger days. His mind drifts back to when they first met, Cairo 1916 and the beginning of an exciting adventure.

Join Jonathan Fallon and a small band of heroes as they try and stop a dastardly plot to change the course of the First World War in the soaring heat of the desert ~ a dazzling story of derring-do, romance and love spanning three generations.



September 2022 9781739593049 £8.99 120 pages

ROMANCE/ ACTION-ADVENTURE



Robyn Smythe is a Scottish writer. Born in the Sixties in Fife, he was educated at Madras College secondary school where he wrote his first full length story. More than three decades later, after a varied working life that has involved being a lifeguard and Post Office clerk, he finally found the time to write *Fallon*, his debut novel. He is married with two teenage girls.



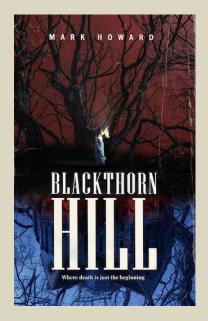
# **Blackthorn Hill**

#### MARK HOWARD

On a warm September night in 1867, three women give birth to healthy sons in the village of Medcott. As the boys grow, so does their friendship.

On the day they turn thirteen, the boys venture out of their village in the hope of catching a glimpse of the inhabitants of an isolated convent high on Blackthorn Hill. They follow what they believe to be a nun, but as they approach the small dark figure, an inexplicable force prevents them seeing its face. It then delivers a cryptic message before vanishing into thin air.

Overwhelmed by fear they swear never to tell a soul. Thirty-five years later and far beyond the reach of Medcott the dark figure returns, and one by one they discover a terrifying legacy that connects them all to Blackthorn Hill.



September 2022 9781916879089 £8.99 181 pages

**HORROR** 



Born in London, Mark Howard completed a degree in Performance Art at Middlesex Polytechnic and co-founded Trestle Theatre Company in 1981. Trestle became Europe's leading mask theatre company, touring globally to 33 countries. Since 2004 he has worked regularly as a freelance theatre director and communications trainer for business.

# Keterlyn

#### STEVEN J. YEO

"An unspeakable crime. A mind-blowing investigation."

A six-year-old girl is found in a wood among one hundred and thirty children's bodies; the sole survivor of a horrifying paranormal atrocity. Shocked and bewildered by the discovery, experienced police officer DI Janet Walsh enlists the help of author and lecturer on the paranormal Dr Tony Small. As the investigation expands, horrifying answers begin to emerge unearthing the legend of the Pied Piper of Hamelin.



October 2022 9781739593056 £8.99 140 pages

HORROR/CRIME



**Steven J. Yeo** started his writing career as a playwright, with fifteen plays and pantomimes being performed all over the world. He also directs when required. He has now completed several novels and novellas. *Keterlyn* is the first book in a series of three.



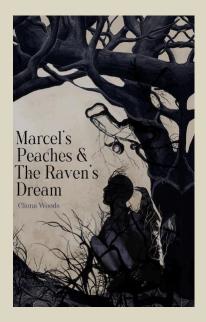
# Marcel's Peaches & The Raven's Dream

### CLÍONA WOODS

"Behind this garden is a labyrinth. It's a dark and dangerous place, but there's a boy trapped inside."

When a tragic chain of events tears his life apart, eleven-year-old Thomas finds himself in a children's home. He is found by a sinister character called Raven who takes him to an old orangery where they encounter a ragged man called Marcel. The sole purpose of Marcels' life is to feed an old gnarly peach tree. From a branch hangs a single ripe peach. Marcel tells Thomas that if he eats this peach, it will take away all his problems. But there is a terrible price to pay, because the tree demands tribute; a tribute which must be hunted down within a dark and dangerous labyrinth and taken from the soul of a lost boy it has imprisoned.

A powerful debut novel that is both a story of horrifying things and a celebration of the power of hope and resilience.



February 2023 9781739593025 £8.50 60 pages

**FANTASY / HORROR** 



Cliona Woods grew up between the mythical landscapes of Shropshire, England and County Meath, Ireland. Her origins lie in the brutal Spanish and Viking invasions of Ireland; ravages which mingled their mythologies, and left behind a race combining the ethereal Norwegians, vivacious Spaniards, and the mystical indigenous Irish. She has always loved stories; they are an intrinsic and essential part of her identity. As a child Cliona's primary source of sustenance came from authors such as Susan Cooper, Alan Garner, Jenny Nimmo and Tolkien. Marcel's Peaches & The Raven's Dream is her debut novel



# **Pretty Wonder**

#### JENNA LEIGH-RAINE

"Go back now and remember how you once explored and got lost in corners and saw beyond the walls."

When only child Olivia moves to an old house, she soon discovers decades of stories trapped still and creaking in her home in Holland Park, London. Strange occurrences and restless spirits seem to guide her, but what could it all mean? It turns out that her destiny lies far beyond her wildest imagination. Guided by an ability to communicate between two worlds, and with her trustworthy cat Cherokee by her side, Olivia will find ways to help lost and lonely ghosts find love and peace and keep scary things from harming her family.



February 2023 9781916879034 £8.50 61 pages

YA FANTASY/ SUPERNATURAL



Jenna Leigh-Raine was born in Lightwater, Surrey, England and grew up in Ipanema, a neighbourhood located in the city of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil. In the mid-eighties, Jenna's travels took her to Los Angeles, which became her second home. Music from an early stage became her "light force and passion", and in her teens she became aware of her ability to "hear spirits", eventually going on to have a very long and exciting career in both music and as a professional psychic medium.



## The Rivers That Run Through Us

#### PHIL M. SHIRLEY

The Rivers That Run Through Us is a story that revolves around five estranged brothers living in the disappearing world of East London's Isle of Dogs and lost in a labyrinth of troubling preoccupations where nothing is ever what it seems. Henry, Paul, Jack, Ray and John Killerman lead messed up lives, each one dealing with the struggle of his own. Their relationships progress to another level when Ray decides to help Henry save his love, the wildly enigmatic Sunny, unleashing a chain of events that defy belief.

Phil M. Shirley was born in Stoke-on-Trent and grew up there. He is a former sportswriter and the author of a number of books, including *The Soul of Boxing*, which was longlisted for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year. He lives on the Isle of Dogs in East London.



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CONTEMPORARY FICTION/ LITERARY FICTION

# A Boy Called Yank

#### DAVID MCCANN



Summer 2023

HISTORICAL/
YA FICTION/
COMING-OF-AGE

Thirteen-year-old Conor Cleary lives with his mother in a cottage in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland. With little contact with the outside world and nothing much to do, life is uneventful. Until one day the United States Army are posted in Fermanagh on their way to fight in mainland Europe during the Second World War, and Conor's life changes forever. An exploration of friendship and adventure. An unforgettable coming-of-age story of small-town adolescence and universal experience.

**David McCann** is a film maker and producer of two short films set in 1920s Ireland titled *Sgt Collins RIC* & *The Green Fella*. He has worked as a hospital porter and an Irish Police Officer in the Garda Reserve. He lives in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.



# **Gutabug And The River Treasure**

#### SAMANTHA PARRY

Gutabug And The River Treasure is English writer Samantha Parry's enchanting picture book debut with illustrations by Amy Elizabeth.

Gutabug lives in Moodool Land with best friends Muddle Duddle, Ding Dong and Smoldie Oldie. Together they search for treasure, collect rubbish and grow things, appreciating all the things about each other that are different...well almost all the things.

A charming tale of river life adventure and an entertainingly conveyed message about difference and tolerance.

Samantha Parry is an English writer now living in Queensland. She grew up in Hertfordshire, England and now spends her time writing and travelling between Australia and the UK. An avid mudlarker, Sam is married with children and grandchildren.



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CHILDREN'S FICTION/ ADVENTURE STORIES

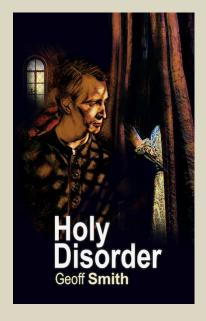




# **Holy Disorder**

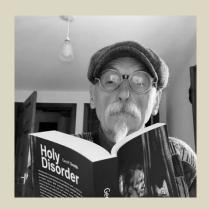
# **GEOFF SMITH**

Holy Disorder is Geoff Smith's first literary work, a semi-autobiographical novel that has the potential to establish itself as an English classic. With empathy, clarity, and perspicuity, and writing that is raw, real, and honest, Smith chronicles the journey of a working-class lad from seeking both purpose and understanding in 1960's Manchester, a city rocked by the crimes of Moors murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley, to becoming chaplain to a bishop. Smith's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle provides thought-provoking as well as emotional and spiritual impact through its social commentary, and reflections on humanity and of the sad, inevitable and possibly irreversible decline of the Church.



September 2022 9781739593018 £12.99 386 pages

LITERARY FICTION/ RELIGIOUS & INSPIRATIONAL



Geoff Smith was ordained in 1969 in Sheffield and has been a curate, a vicar and a cathedral canon. *Holy Disorder* is drawn from the author's first-hand experience of his work in the Church of England.



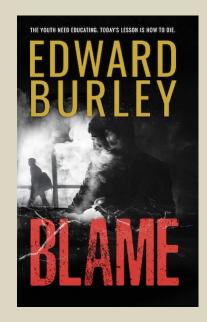
# **Blame**

#### EDWARD BURLEY

Joseph Darby has been a sociology of culture lecturer for twenty years. And never has he felt so enraged and disillusioned by the self-inflicted behaviours of the students he is trying to teach. On his desk, among the completed essays with red pen comments and a circled grade, is his own work. A manifesto with the title: \*\*The Wasted Youth\*\*

In the city's biggest cinema, a terrible crime has been committed. A bomb has exploded in screen room four. Among the dead are students from the university. Cue the arrival of DCI Colin Mills and DI Kate Dee, experienced detectives assigned to the bomb squad. As they begin to untangle the horror of the cinema bombing, two other devices are detonated at other venues populated by students.

As the university city is gripped by terror, they face a race against time to connect the crimes, understand the motive, and catch the bomber before more innocent people are killed.



September 2022 9781739593032 £8.99 300 pages

CRIME THRILLER



Edward Burley has always been fascinated by human behaviour. What makes people do what they do? He could think of no better place to explore this question than in the world of crime fiction. Edward lives in the West Country with his wife, two children and a healthy guitar collection.



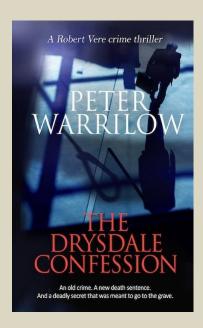
# The Drysdale Confession

#### PETER WARRILOW

London in the Sixties. A violent bank robbery. The getaway driver sentenced to death by hanging. His accomplices escape with the money, vanishing entirely. A sealed letter from the condemned man handed to a young solicitor with instructions not to open until after his execution. Did he name his accomplices?

Years later Robert Vere, a vigilant lawyer, together with his fashion journalist partner Yvonne Clarkson, find themselves privy to the contents of the letter, unwittingly triggering a chain of events that bring them to the attention of a ruthless master criminal who will stop at nothing to protect his identity and empire.

Even Vere is not prepared for the twists and turns in store – as unexpected as they are bloody. As the bodies pile up, Vere finds the killer's reach getting closer to everything – and everyone – he loves. Soon he is fighting not only for justice, but for his own life.



November 2022 9781739593087 £10.99 461 pages

CRIME THRILLER



Peter Warrilow was raised in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and began his working career in engineering, before moving into banking and then sales management in the motor trade. He represented his local amateur boxing club at welterweight and was a keen competitive rower, completing the annual Lincoln to Boston rowing marathon eight times.

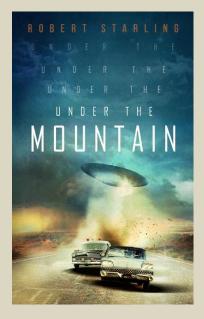


# **Under The Mountain**

#### ROBERT STARLING

It's 1952 in Phoenix Arizona and hapless career criminal Marco Delucci is fleeing the scene of a botched robbery with the police in hot pursuit during the worst electrical storm in twenty years. Just when things couldn't get much worse for Marco, he is thrown from his car while attempting to evade capture on a mountain road and finds himself miraculously in one piece and in some kind of underground tunnel containing what appears to be alien technology. Sensing an opportunity, rather than a setback, Marco shares the discovery with two friends - Arnold, a disgraced scientist who used to work at Area 51, and ex-con Syl. Together the unlikely heroes plunge headlong into a game of cat-and-mouse with the FBI and military as they try to expose the government cover up of alien existence... and make a heap of money into the bargain.

*Under The Mountain* is a marvellous romp through a past America so bizarre, so outrageous... you'll be hooked immediately.



November 2022 9781739593063 £9.50 296 pages

SCIENCE FICTION/ CRIME THRILLER



Robert Starling is a child of the fifties born and raised in Bristol, England. He is an accomplished guitarist and songwriter and the founder member of New Wave of British Heavy Metal band Stormtrooper. He played and programmed most of the instruments on Eye of The Storm, the latest album by classic rock outfit Stormhunters. *Under The Mountain* is his first novel.



# The Gardener

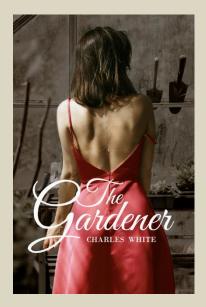
#### CHARLES WHITE

Sarah has been happily married for over 20 years with a lifestyle most could only dream of. Until lately, she has been content, but with her biological clock ticking, Sarah is growing restless.

And when her husband accepts a promotion and relocation without discussing it with her first, Sarah finally realises that their now sexless marriage is on his terms and decides from now on she will make sure that her feelings and aspirations are taken into account, even if it means straying to fulfil her desire to become a mother.

As they settle into their new way of life, Sarah is suddenly given an unexpected chance to use her sexuality to get what she wants. But there will, inevitably, be a price to pay.

Set in modern-day California, *The Gardener* is a quietly exhilarating novel that takes a midlife affair into completely uncharted form, keeping readers thoroughly enthralled until the last stunning page.



December 2022 (Available in the UK Summer 2023) 9781739593070 £14.99 560 pages

CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE/ LITERARY FICTION



Charles White is the author of the Jonny & Carla adventure *Instinctive Target*; an edge-of-your-seat romantic thriller packed with adventure, danger and intrigue. *The Gardener* is his first novel.



# (One) Who Is Not

#### ANDRÁS FORGÁCH

(One) Who Is Not is a collection of short stories based on the teachings of the often unruly and unpredictable Zen Master Chan Chu and the life situations that illustrate his teachings-sketches and anecdotes played out in unexpected situations and unlikely places including Tel Aviv, Warsaw, and Ádám Clark Square in Buda; the Polish movie director caught in an elevator, a meeting with a famous European writer, a dangerous robber and killer hidden from police in a monastery. Truth or fiction? Zen wisdom or Zen nonsense? You decide.

András Forgách was born in Budapest on 18 July 1952. He has published four novels, two books of short prose and two books of essays including *Aki Nincs* ((One) Who Is Not), in 1999, followed by *Zehuze* in 2007 and the international bestseller *Acts of My Mother/No Live Files Remain*, in 2017. He is also a playwright and screenwriter and has also had considerable success as a translator from English including Shakespeare's *King Lear*, Marlowe's *Edward II*, and several plays by Joe Orton.



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LITERARY FICTION/ CONTEMPORARY FICTION

#### Hermes

#### EMILY CHANCE



Summer 2023

SCIENCE FICTION

It's 2150. Adam, the last survivor of humanity dies on a broken, uninhabitable, toxic Earth. Far above the earth, on a derelict space station, a consciousness created with a fine and honourable moral compass reacts and sends a plea for help across the heavens. Forty billion light years away an ancient civilization responds and travels back into Earth's past to encourage humanity to take a different path. Will they listen?

Emily Chance is an English writer who makes her home in the Middle East, while spending time in England and New Zealand. In 2020, when the world introduced restrictions to combat Sars Cov 2, she was lucky enough to be on the South Island of New Zealand where life went back to normal very quickly. As a gift to a number of friends who are *Star Trek* and *Downton Abbey* fans, she wrote completely original stories within these existing landscapes. She wrote *Hermes*, her debut novel, in the Spring of 2022.



## In The Foothills of The Himalayas

#### SARAH HUSSAIN

Born in the Raj era under British rule, Vidhya grows up observing her father fight for a free India. She witnesses catastrophic flooding as a result of deforestation by order of a powerful English company, and begins to understand the importance of preserving the forest. When Vidhya uncovers a conspiracy that puts her in great jeopardy, she courageously leads a group of women on a non-violent protest, and they embrace the trees. But at what cost?

Dr Sarah Hussain is a Huddersfield based author and educator. Her novella, *Escaped from Syria* was a winner finalist in the People's Book Prize Award. In 2018 she won the Ms Shakespeare competition in Yorkshire and was commissioned to write a monologue, which was performed on International Women's Day.



Summer 2023

ECO THRILLER/ HISTORICAL FICTION

#### The Blood Coast

#### JASON M. KENNEDY



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SPY THRILLER

Peter Crane, a world-weary MI6 agent comes back to England to retire from active service and settle into a simple, quiet life at his late Grandmother's cottage outside a sleepy harbour town. But old habits die hard, and he is soon investigating an explosion at a local police station. Nothing could prepare him, however, for the unexpected inheritance left to him by his late grandmother, which reacquaints him with a rogue Government agent that he thought was long-since dead, and beyond that into the murky world of weapons testing and a shocking family revelation.

Jason M. Kennedy worked in intelligence and paramilitary operations in the private sector, before becoming a private detective. He now lives in Kent, England. *The Blood Coast* is his debut novel.



# Star Skimmer: The Pan-Galaxian Codex Book 1

#### JASON RANDALL SPRIGGS

The space adventure begins, but not as you'd expect. It begins with a wish. A wish that came true. A spaceship called Star Skimmer, built from thousands of specialised interlocking bricks, becomes real and launches its creator Xander into deep space and stranded 420 million lightyears from home. He'll do anything to get back, even help the weird and wonderful Myra Vanteel find her missing parents, lost and possibly held captive in a forbidden place called Rim. In return, she will help Xander find the missing piece he needs to make the journey back to Earth.

Jason Randall Spriggs was born in the Midwest. He began writing in 1994 and has contributed to several academic publications. He lives in Collinsville Illinois, home to the giant ketchup bottle. Working with kids and exploring themes in imagination, Jason has participated in a program called *Cartoons for Kids*. He has also been published as an illustrator for a children's book called *Tony Tales*.



Summer 2023

SCIENCE FICTION/
YA FICTION

#### The Liberation of Juno Jones

#### MARK WOODWARD



Summer 2023

CRIME / THRILLER/
MYSTERY/
CONTEMPORARY
FICTION

Trainee reporter Juno Jones is struggling to make progress in a male-dominated workplace, when a young man in a frilly pink shirt mutilates himself in a seedy bedsit, surrounded by the bodies of mice. Juno seizes the chance to write the story, and assisted by one of her housemates, Glynis - the owner of a yellow Lambretta - she sets out to investigate.

After brief spells in the travel trade and printing industry, and as a mental health worker and care assistant, **Mark Woodward** has spent most of his working life as an adult learning tutor and manager. As well as writing fiction and song lyrics, he is an enthusiastic runner, occasional saxophone-player, successful gambler and dedicated birdwatcher. Originally from London, he is now retired and living in Cheshire. *The Liberation of Juno Jones* is his debut novel.

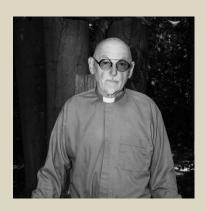


# The Gorton Gospel

#### **GEOFF SMITH**

Grace Givens, a non-binary lesbian, is returning to Gorton, the very time life in the forgotten Manchester neighbourhood is at an all-time low. Claims are made that they are the new Messiah. Miracles happen; the sick are healed, the lame walk, the dead are raised. Grace gives people hope but they quickly learn the ominous consequences of this as the Church demands an end to 'this nonsense'. But it doesn't end. There are rumours of resurrection. There is healing in community, it's just not the healing you'd expect.

Geoff Smith was ordained in 1969 in Sheffield and has been a curate, a vicar and a cathedral canon. His first novel *Holy Disorder* is drawn from the author's first-hand experience of his work in the Church of England.



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