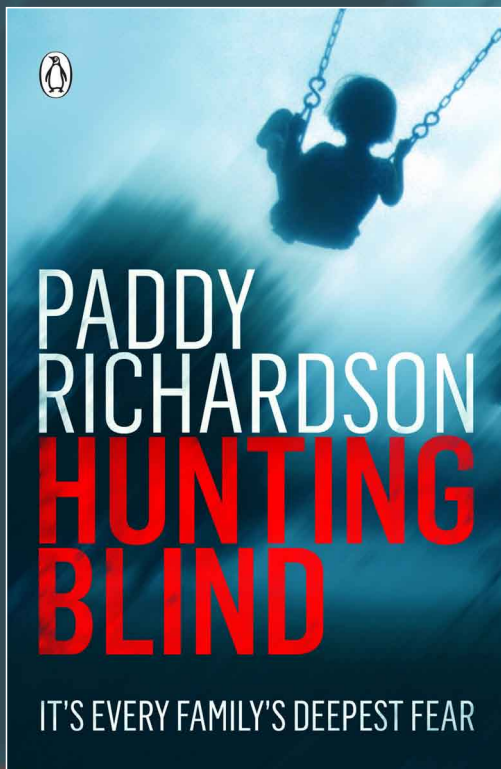
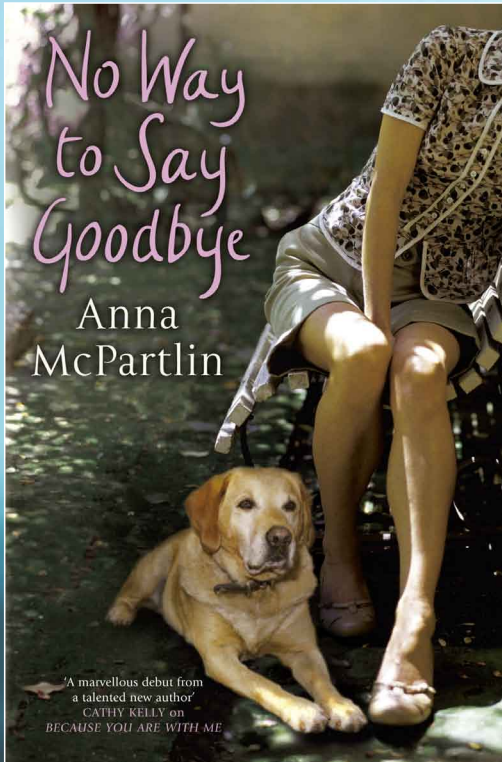
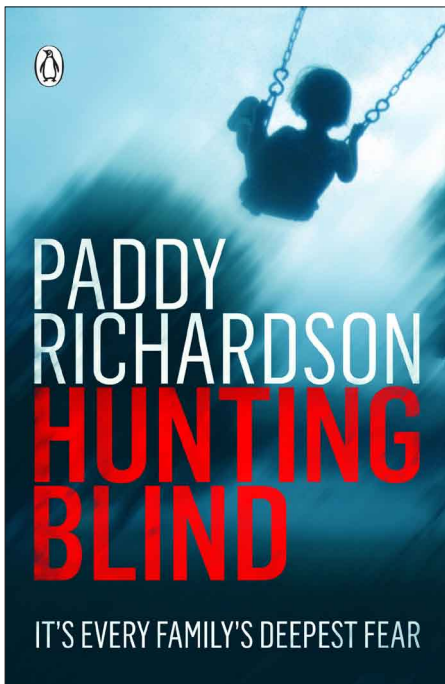


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HUNTING BLIND

Paddy Richardson

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A fast-paced thriller in the vein of Nicci French.

On a perfect summer's day, at a school picnic beside a lake, a little girl goes missing, leaving a family devastated and a community asking questions.

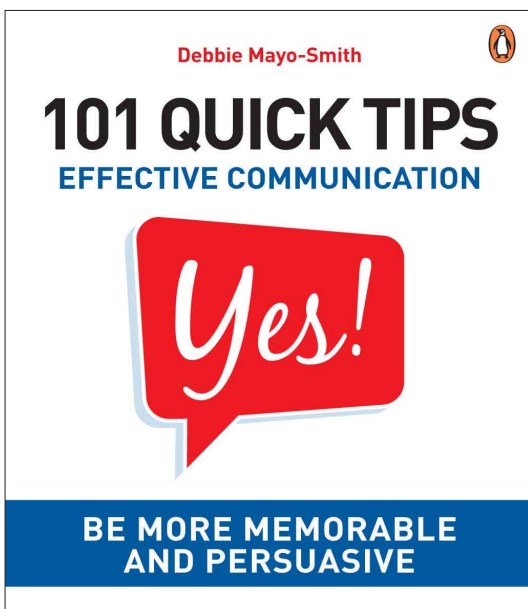
Seventeen years later her sister, Stephanie, is practising as a psychiatrist. A new patient's revelations force her to re-examine her sister's disappearance. *Why are their stories so similar?*

Unable to let the matter rest, Stephanie embarks on a journey to find out what happened to her sister.

Author PADDY RICHARDSON has written two collections of short stories, **Choices** and **If We Were Lebanese**, many of which have been broadcast on Radio New

Zealand National. Richardson's work has also been highly commended in the Katherine Mansfield and Sunday Star-Times awards. Her first novel, **The Company of a Daughter**, was written during her year as the Burns Fellow at Otago University, Dunedin, 1997, and Penguin published her second novel, **A Year to Learn a Woman**, in 2008. Paddy lives in Dunedin, where she writes and teaches part-time courses in creative writing.

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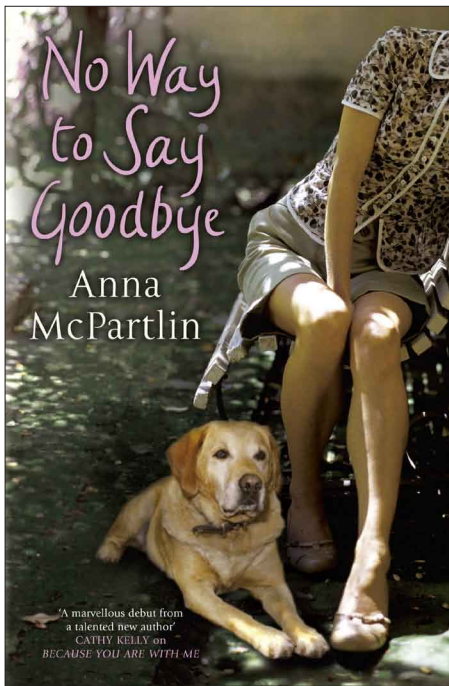
Want to be more memorable and persuasive?

Whether you're talking to a client, writing an email or just entertaining over the dinner table, you have to know and practice essential techniques for getting your message across.

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NO WAY TO SAY GOODBYE

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Five lost souls in search of redemption . . .

To outsiders it looks as if Mary was born unlucky, but deep down she believes in a happy ending. She just needs someone to remind her.

And Sam looks like a waster and a disappointment – the man who had it all and then threw it all away. He needs a fresh start.

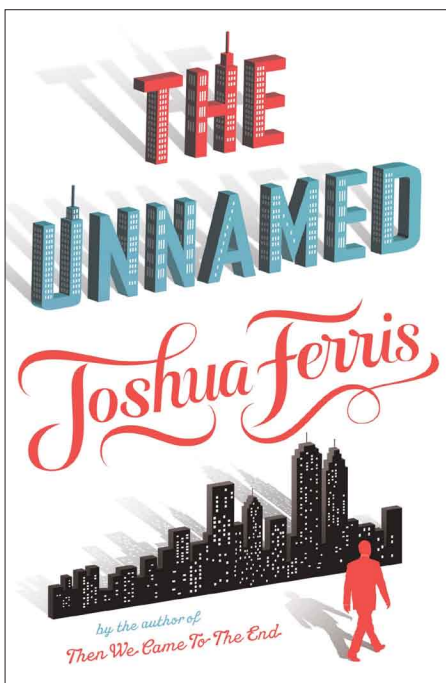
Penny is the life and soul of every party. She's also a drunk and some would say a home wrecker. She needs someone to understand her.

Ivan's a sucker – a man who still cares about the woman who broke his heart and took his children from him. He needs to be brave.

And Adam is in a loveless marriage and cheating on his wife, though only he knows why he married the wrong woman. He needs a wake-up call.

For these five souls change is going to come, and, when it does, they all get more than they bargained for.

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THE UNNAMED

Joshua Ferris

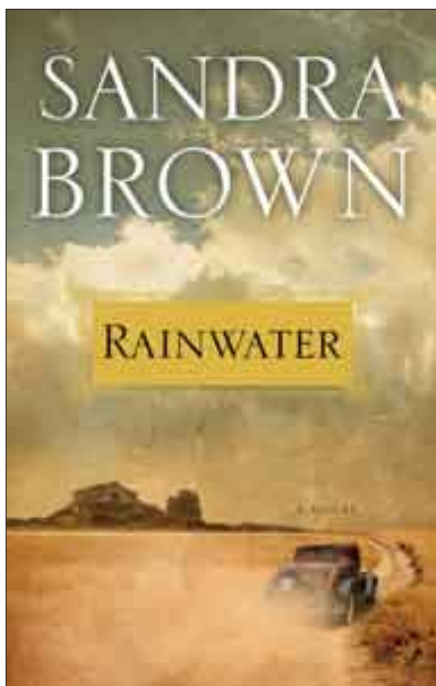
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Tim Farnsworth is a handsome, healthy man, ageing with the grace of a matinee idol. He loves his work. He loves his family. He loves his kitchen. And then one day he stands up and walks out on all of it. He cannot stop walking. And, as his body propels him relentlessly forward, deep into the unfamiliar outer reaches of the city, he begins to realise he is moving further and further from his old self, seemingly unable to turn back and retrieve what he has lost.

In his extraordinary novel Joshua Ferris delineates with great tenderness and a rare and inimitable wit the devastating story of a life taken for granted and what happens when that life is torn away without explanation or warning. **The Unnamed** is no less than a shimmering reflection of our times, of the lives we aspire to and the terrifying realisation of what is beyond our control.

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RAINWATER

Sandra Brown

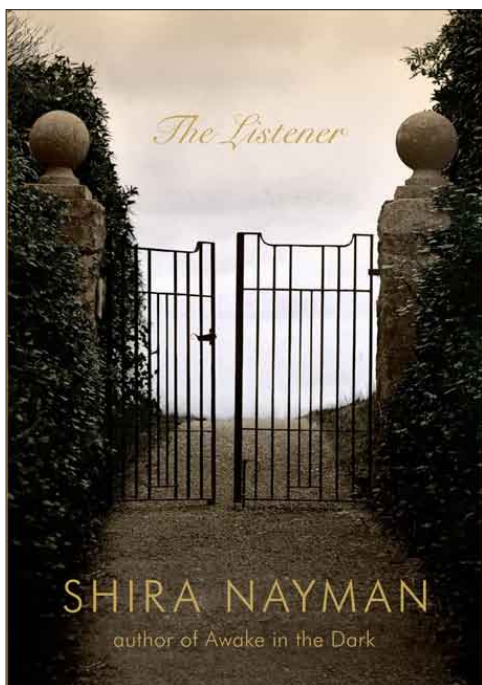
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A romantic historical novel from bestselling thriller-writer Sandra Brown, about an independent woman who runs a boarding house in Dust Bowl Texas.

Ella Barron runs her Texas boarding house with the efficiency of a ship's captain and the grace of a gentlewoman. She cooks, cleans, launders, and cares for her ten-year-old son, Solly, a sweet but challenging child whose busy behavior and failure to speak elicits undesired advice from others in town. Ella's plate is full from sunup to sundown. But when a room in her boarding house opens up and the respected town doctor, Dr. Kincaid, brings Ella a new boarder – the handsome and gallant Mr. David Rainwater – Ella is immediately resistant to opening up her home to this mysterious stranger.

Racial tensions, the financial strain of livelihoods in cotton drying up into dust, and the threat of political instability swirl together into a tornado on the horizon. One thing is certain: the winds of change are blowing all over Texas-and through the cracks in the life that Ella Barron has painstakingly built. In the beloved tradition of *Gone With the Wind* comes the story of a woman who takes her life's circumstances in both hands, but who will be forced to reckon with the chaos of her historical circumstances . . . and with the appearance of her male counterpart.

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THE LISTENER

Shira Nayman

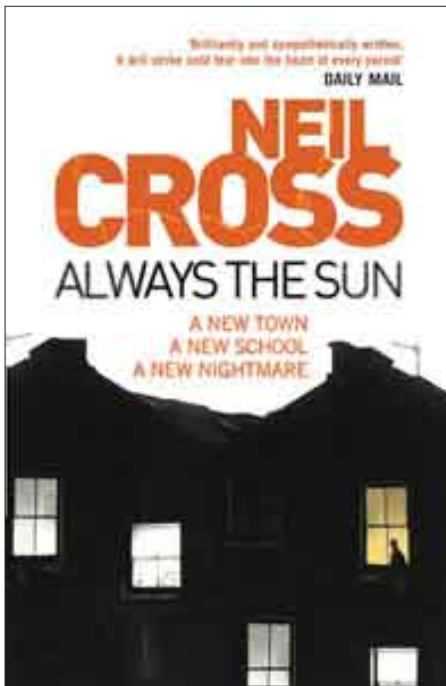
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From the author of the well-received short story collection AWAKE IN THE DARK comes a riveting and haunting first novel of madness and passion set in a psychiatric hospital just after World War II.

The hospital was more like a mansion than an asylum-elegant hallways filled with manservants, vaulted ceilings, vast windows, and a magnificent expanse of ground that made the delicate dance between patients and those who treat them seem effortless. But, at the end of World War II a patient arrives that throws this careful architecture into chaos.

Shira Nayman's mesmerising storytelling is relentless and thrilling. A riveting tale of madness and passion, with taught sentences, startling revelations and eerie wisdom. *The Listener* excavates the dark corners of the human heart and mind. it is a work of rare depth and power.

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ALWAYS THE SUN

Neil Cross

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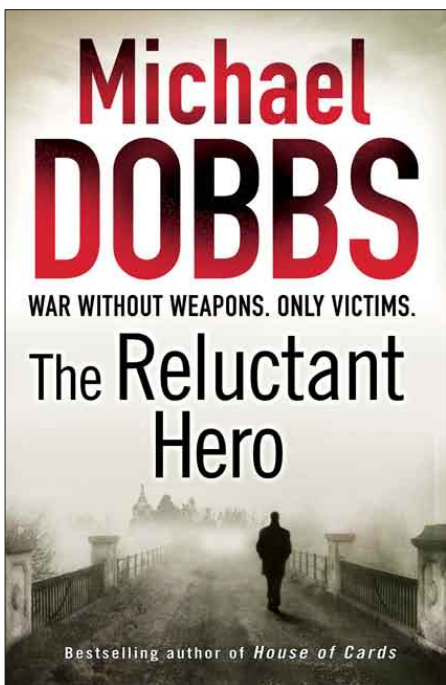
A deeply affecting, uncompromising exploration of the lengths to which a father will go to protect his son.

What do you do when your son is bullied and how far will you go to protect him from those who seek to cause him harm?

Jamie is thirteen years old, an only child who has recently lost his mother. He and his father Sam have moved to Sam's home town to make a fresh start. But one day Jamie comes home, bearing the scars of every parent's nightmare.

Something must be done . . . So it begins.

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THE RELUCTANT HERO

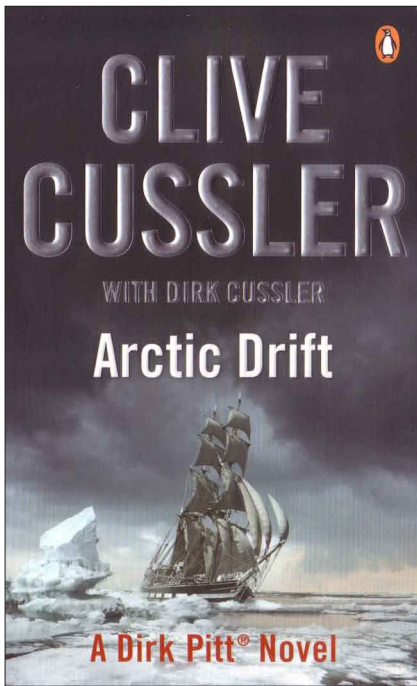
Michael Dobbs

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Harry Jones, hero of THE EDGE OF MADNESS, is caught in a web of international intrigue, with an old friend as bait and a female assassin at his side.

When Harry Jones discovers that former friend Zac Kravitz's life is in danger, a debt of honour sends him on a perilous rescue mission to Kargistan, a mountainous and landlocked former Soviet republic bordering Russia, China and Afghanistan. Muscling his way onto a delegation of MPs who happen to be paying the state a visit, Harry finds an unlikely ally in the stubbornly independent Martha and together they devise a plan to break Zac out of the grim prison Bodima. But when the attempt backfires and he finds himself stuck in prison in Zac's place, little by little Harry realises that all is not as it seemed and that he has been lured into a web of international conspiracy.

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ARCTIC DRIFT: A DIRK PITT NOVEL

Clive Cussler with Dirk Cussler

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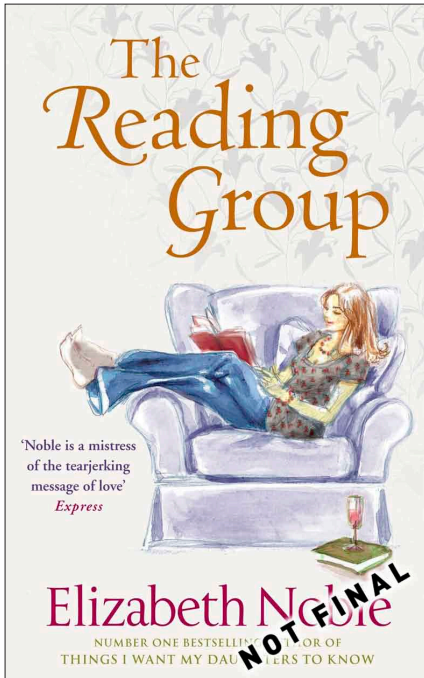
A foundered Victorian ship looking for the fabled Northwest Passage holds a secret in its icy grave . . .

When Dirk Pitt of NUMA® is almost blown to pieces in a lab explosion, he suspects sabotage. The lab in question belongs to a scientist hoping to use a rare mineral to combat greenhouse gases – but who would want to destroy our one chance to save the planet?

However, there are those who will do anything to control such a valuable prize. Pitt's investigations take him to the Arctic in search of a clue to the origins of this precious mineral. There he and NUMA® colleague Al Giordino must battle for survival against the hostile elements and evil megalomaniac who is about to plunge the North American continent into war . . .

Arctic Drift is a white-knuckle ride of a novel that once picked up you won't want to put it down.

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THE READING GROUP

Elizabeth Noble

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A New Year.

Five women gather for their first ever Reading Group; each is uncertain, clasping her expectations and fears close to her chest.

A New Page.

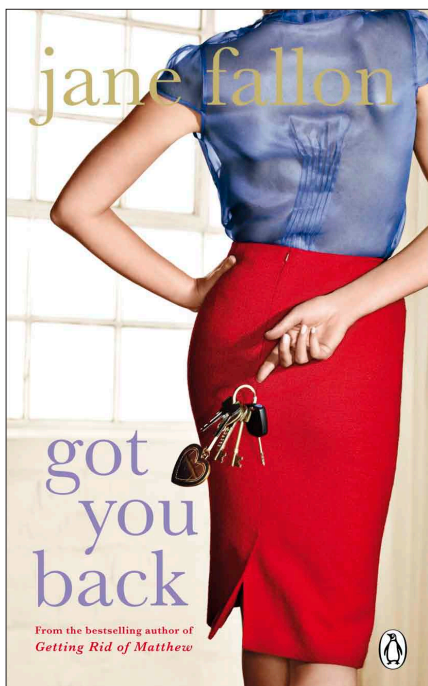
Harriet and Nicole are best friends who find themselves – in different ways – trapped in loveless marriages. And Polly is the epitome of a successful single mum, until a marriage proposal and an unexpected pregnancy threaten to derail her. Susan is the self-elected mother of the group but ironically she's facing the terror of a future without her mother. And finally Clare is a woman consumed by love for the children she is longing – but unable – to have.

A New Reading Group.

Over the coming year their lives will intertwine in surprising ways. Loves are lost, hearts are broken and worlds are turned upside down, but through it all they have **The Reading Group**.

Where the stories end, real life begins . . .

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GOT YOU BACK

Jane Fallon

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A husband. A wife. A mistress. And the ultimate plan for revenge . . .

The husband: James never intended to lead a double life – with a wife in London and a mistress in the country, it's exhausting. But that's all about to change . . .

The wife: Stephanie isn't really snooping when she finds a text message from a strange woman on her husband's mobile. But now she's found it, how can she ignore it? It's time to track the woman down and find out what's going on . . .

The mistress: Katie has no reason to believe her boyfriend, James, is cheating until someone claiming to be his wife gets in touch. Now she's been cast in the role of mistress. Not one she's happy with . . .

Once Stephanie and Katie know about each other, they must decide what to do. They could both just throw him out or they could join forces to make his life hell first.

But revenge isn't always sweet. And what happens when one woman thinks enough is enough but the other doesn't know when to stop?

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ACCIDENTALLY SINGLE

John Aiken

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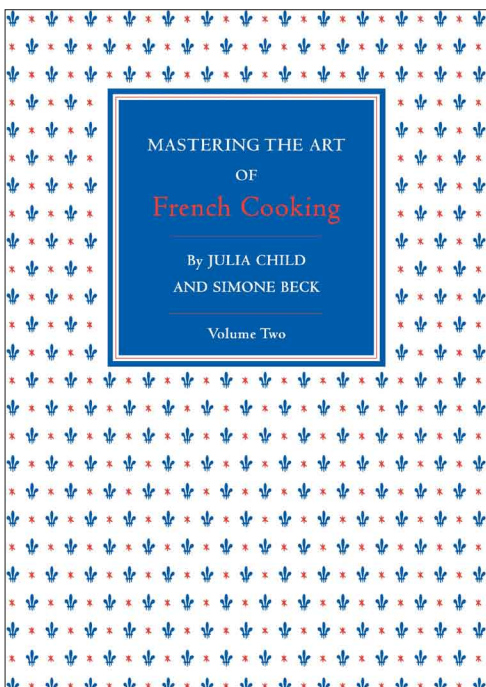


Most dating guides tell us that by following a few simple rules, we can be on the road to relationship nirvana: don't call too soon, be confident, be careless, get a new hairdo, walk away, persevere, flirt more, flirt less. But those who have been single for a while, or in and out of unsatisfactory relationships, know that the complexities of dating cannot be reduced to a checklist for a Saturday night on the town.

John Aiken has spent years listening to his patients talk about the difficulties of finding a partner and has come to the conclusion that many of our dating mistakes are ones we don't even know we are making. John identifies 15 life habits, including being too bossy, being a fitness junkie, being over-involved with our parents, working too much and being chaotic, that put off potential partners. And he provides detailed step-by-step advice on how to overcome these habits in order to make room in our lives for love.

Insightful, authoritative and compassionate, **Accidentally Single** provides grown-up advice for singles who want real relationships that last, and are prepared to do the work to make it happen.

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MASTERING THE ART OF FRENCH COOKING: Volume 2

Julia Child and Simone Beck

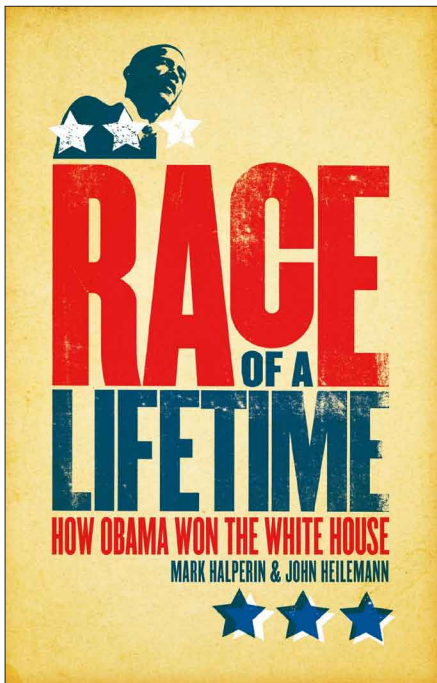
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Here, from Julia Child and Simone Beck, is the sequel to the cooking classic, **Mastering the Art of French Cooking**, that has inspired a whole generation to new standards of culinary taste and artistry. On the principle that 'mastering any art is a continuing process,' they continued, during the years since the publication of the now-celebrated Volume One, to search out and sample new recipes among the classic dishes and regional specialties of France — cooking, conferring, tasting, revising, perfecting. Out of their discoveries they have made a brilliant selection of precisely those recipes that will not only add to the repertoire but will, above all, bring the reader to a yet higher level of mastering the art of French cooking.

The success of the movie *JULIE & JULIA* has bought **Mastering the Art of French Cooking** to a whole new generation.

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RACE OF A LIFETIME: HOW OBAMA WON THE WHITE HOUSE

Mark Halperin & John Heilemann

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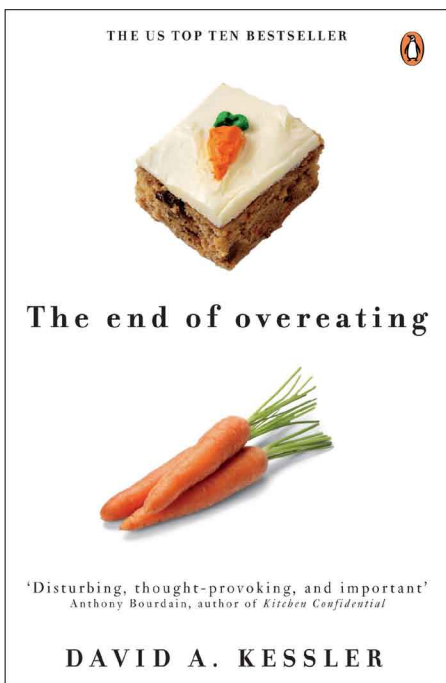
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Forget everything you think you know about the making of the most powerful man on the planet. President Barack Obama's triumph was not inevitable: it was the end product of a brilliant, calculated, convention-defying political campaign. In a race that will be talked about for years to come, he faced down his rivals with ruthless focus and efficiency.

Race of a Lifetime is the gripping inside story of those thrilling months: from the meteoric rise of Obama and the collapsing House of Clinton to the erratic John McCain and the bewildering Sarah Palin.

Brimming with exclusive revelations, this compulsively readable book lays bare the characters of the candidates, warts and all; exposes the inner workings of their operations; and charts the true path to the White House. It's a tour de force: the sometimes shocking, often funny, and ultimately definitive account of the campaign of a lifetime.

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THE END OF OVEREATING

David Kessler

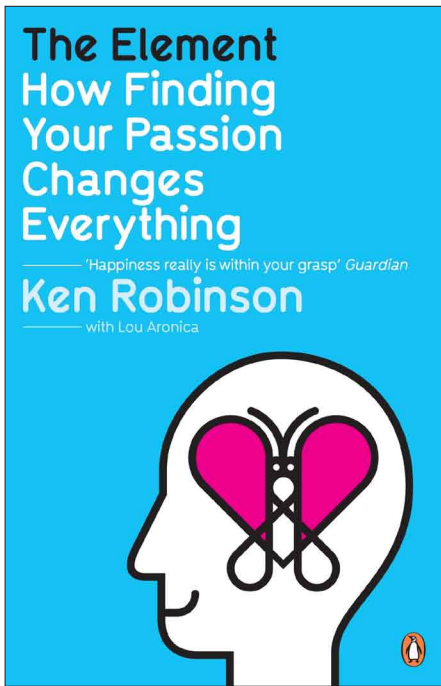
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Many of us find ourselves powerless in front of a bag of crisps, a packet of biscuits, the last slice of pizza. But why is that so many of us simply can't say no?

In *The End of Overeating*, David Kessler, the dynamic former head of the US Food and Drug Administration, exposes how modern food manufacturers have hijacked the brains of millions by turning our meals into perfectly-engineered portions of fat, salt and sugar. The result is a ticking time-bomb of obesity, heart conditions and a mass of health problems around the globe. Examining why we are often powerless in the face of such combinations, David Kessler reveals how our appetites have been and are increasingly conditioned by the hyper-palatable foods to simply keep eating – all the time. *The End of Overeating* reveals how he overcame his own cravings by changing the choices he makes, and produces a clear plan and vital tools for reclaiming our cravings – and our bodies.

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THE ELEMENT: HOW FINDING YOUR PASSION CHANGES EVERYTHING

Ken Robinson

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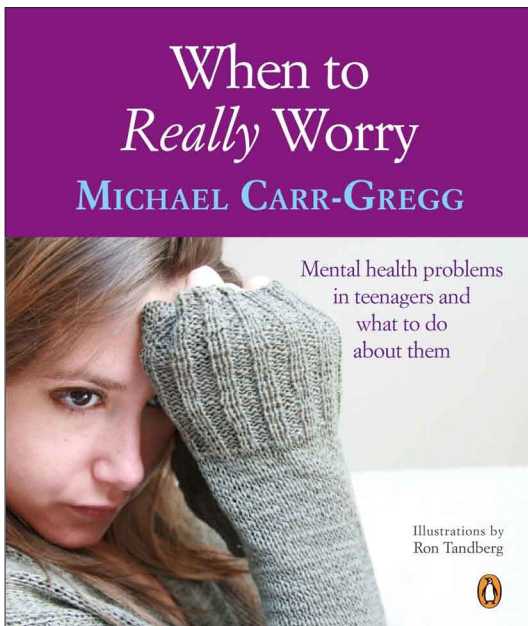
The Element is the point at which natural talent meets personal passion.

In this groundbreaking book, world-renowned creativity expert Ken Robinson considers the child bored in class, the disillusioned employee and those of us who feel frustrated but can't quite explain why – and shows how we all need to reach our Element.

Through the stories of people like Vidal Sassoon, Arianna Huffington and Matt Groening, who have recognized their unique talents and made a successful living doing what they love, Robinson explains how every one of us can find ourselves in our Element, and achieve everything we're capable of.

With a wry sense of humour, Ken Robinson shows the urgent need to enhance creativity and innovation by thinking differently about ourselves. Above all, he inspires us to reconnect with our true self – it could just change everything.

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WHEN TO REALLY WORRY

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

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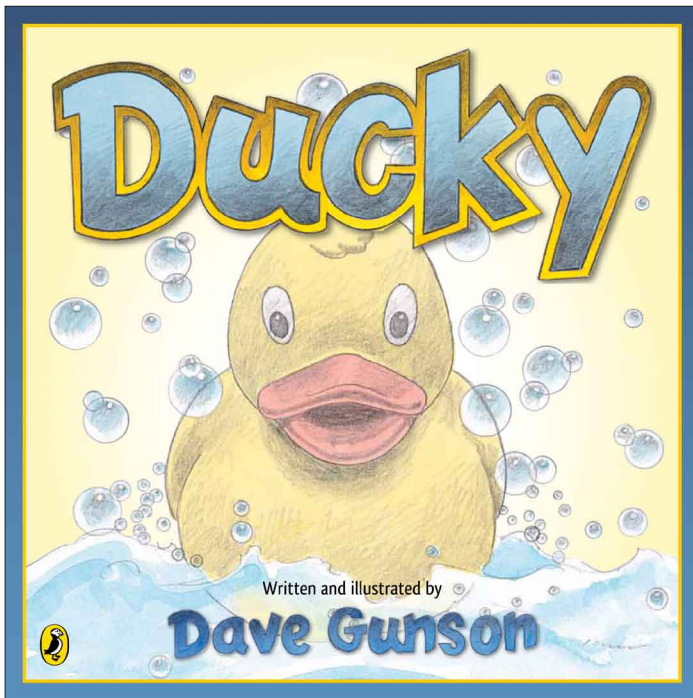
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When does normal teenage behaviour become something more serious, something so worrying that parents must step in to take action?

Mental health problems in young people are increasing in frequency and severity, with one in five children and adolescents affected. In this moving and insightful book Carr-Gregg, a leading authority on adolescent mental health, explains the symptoms, causes and treatments for everything from ADHD and eating disorders to anxiety, depression and suicide.

In his down-to-earth, accessible style, he offers practical information on how to detect early warning signs, and most importantly, advice on what to do when teenagers have lost their psychological moorings.

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DUCKY

Written & illustrated by Dave Gunson

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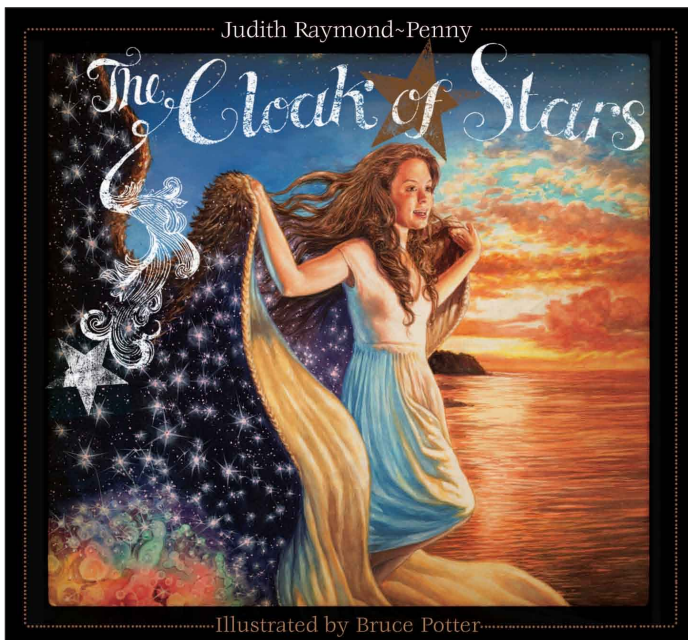
With shades of *The Velveteen Rabbit* and Mick Inkpen's *Nothing*, Dave Gunson tells the wistful story of a little rubber duck who dreams of becoming real.

Eventually bought by a family with young boys, Ducky's early life is full of fun and excitement until the boys grow up and she is left all alone and sadly neglected on the bathroom shelf.

But like all good fairytales, Ducky's life has a happy ending.

Beautiful illustrations make this a lovely package, ensuring the story will be one to keep and treasure.

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CLOAK OF STARS

Judith Raymond-Penny
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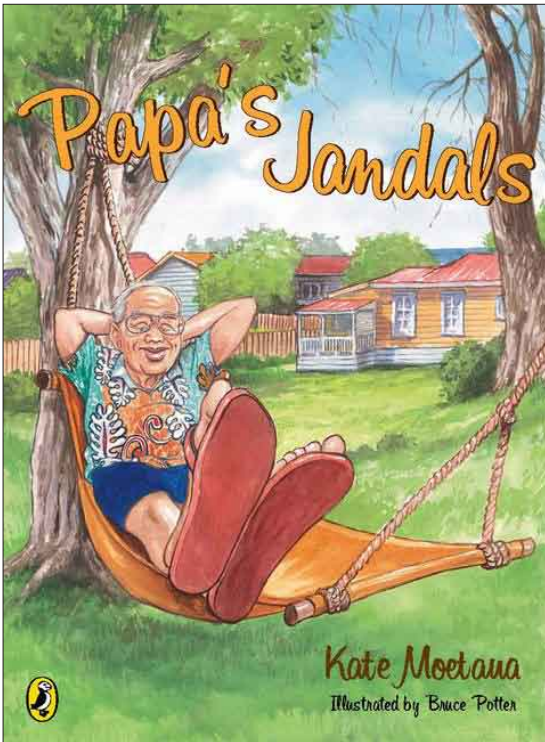
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There was once a beautiful princess named Marika with skin the colour of honey and hair that rippled in a waterfall to her waist. The little princess was a happy child, full of fun and mischief and with a mind of her own.

However, when her father decides it is time for Marika to marry, the task that she sets her prospective suitors seems destined to stump them all . . . until she meets Xavier.

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PAPA'S JANDALS

Kate Moetaua

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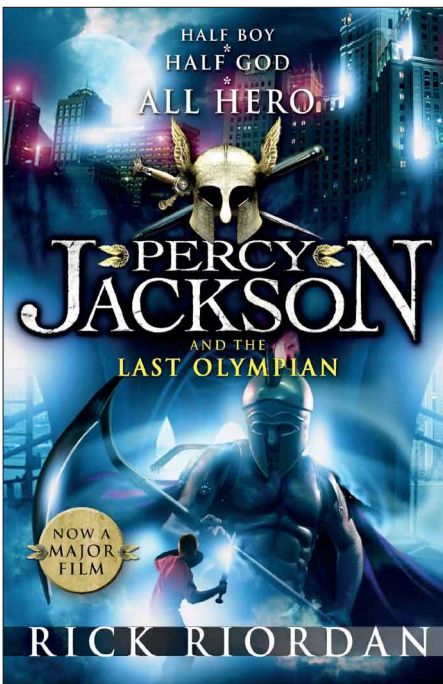
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Junior is a cheeky brother with a huge smile and a wild crop of curly black hair. He also has enormous feet – nearly as big as his Papa's. But one day when he loses Papa's favourite pair of jandals he has to work fast to get these back and nothing in his wildest imagination could prepare him for where he eventually find these.

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PERCY JACKSON AND THE LAST OLYMPIAN

Rick Riordan

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Most people get presents on their sixteenth birthday. I get a prophecy that could save or destroy the world.

That's how it is when you're the son of Poseidon, God of the Sea. According to an ancient prophecy, bad things will happen when I turn sixteen – because I'm the one who gets to decide the fate of the entire world. But no pressure.

This is the one where Kronos, Lord of the Titans, is beginning his attack on New York City, where Mount Olympus stands virtually unguarded. Oh, and the dreaded (and not to mention enormous) monster Typhon is also heading our way. So it's me and forty of my demigod friends versus untold evil . . .

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HALO

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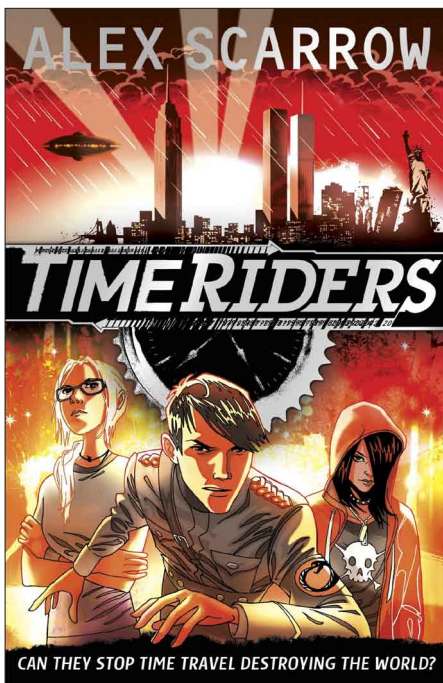
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Washed ashore as a baby in ancient Greece, Halo is discovered by a family of centaurs. Although her true identity remains a mystery, she is loved as one of their own. But when Halo is dragged away by fishermen, her wild adventure begins . . .

Halo soon realizes that if she is to survive then she must live in disguise – as a boy. A violent war is threatening to erupt and Halo is at the mercy of the mighty Spartan warriors. And as she battles to hide her secret, Halo never forgets her quest to find out who she is – and where she really came from.

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Alex Scarrow

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Liam O'Connor should have died at sea in 1912.
Maddy Carter should have died on a plane in 2010.
Sal Vikram should have died in a fire in 2029.

Yet moments before death, someone mysteriously appeared and said, 'Take my hand . . .'

But Liam, Maddy and Sal aren't rescued. They are recruited by an agency that no one knows exists, with only one purpose – to fix broken history. Because time travel is here, and there are those who would go back in time and change the past.

That's why the **TimeRiders** exist – to protect us. To stop time travel from destroying the world . . .

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MAJOR MOTION PICTURE — *ALICE IN WONDERLAND*

Distributed by Disney, released early March 2010 & starring Johnny Depp



ALICE IN WONDERLAND (BOOK OF THE FILM)

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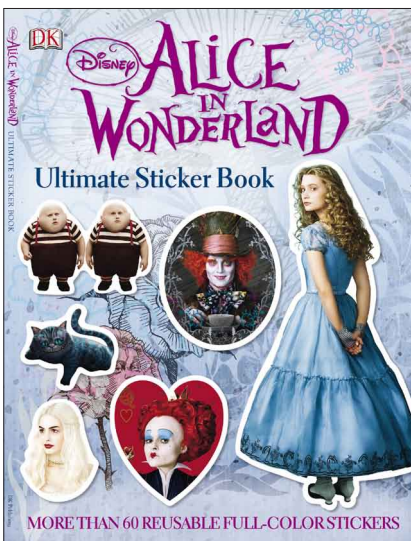
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