

George Michael – The Life 1963–2016

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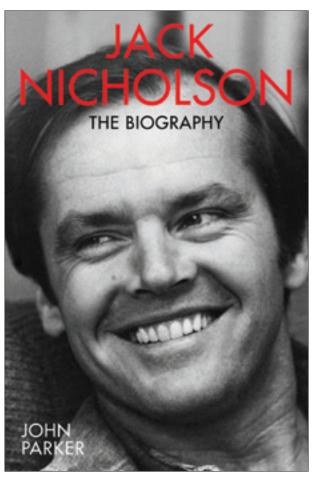
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Born to Greek Cypriot immigrants in North London, George Michael dreamed of stardom even as a little boy. Aged just twelve, he met Andrew Ridgeley, and they went on to achieve stunning success in the early 1980s with Wham!.

Despite the enormous popularity of Wham!, however, George wanted more. Reinventing himself as a serious solo artist, he achieved even greater success. Yet even from the early days he was plagued with insecurity about his sexuality, which, with other personal tragedies, plunged him into a lifelong struggle with drug addiction. He died, at the tragically early age of fifty-three, on Christmas Day 2016.

George Michael's life and career made him one of the immortal greats of pop music, and his sudden death shocked the world. As Emily Herbert shows in this new biography, his legacy is not just his music, but his many extraordinary, often anonymous, acts of charity.

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Jack Nicholson – The Biography

John Parker

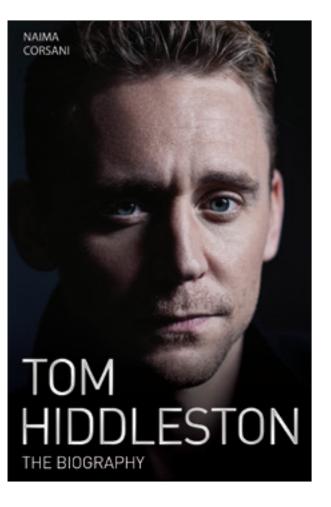
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As he turns eighty, Jack Nicholson can look back on a career that has spanned more than six decades. With iconic roles in movies like *Easy Rider, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, The Shining* and *The Departed*, he remains arguably our greatest living actor.

This comprehensive biography explores Nicholson's life with the help and co-operation of many of his Hollywood associates. Born in 1937 in New Jersey, he was brought up, unbeknownst to him, by his grandparents, who had agreed to raise their teenage daughter's child. From such humble beginnings, he rose to award-winning success and multiple high-profile relationships with Hollywood's most glamorous women. The most nominated male actor in Academy Award history and a true bon viveur, Nicholson has lived the most extraordinary of lives.

John Parker examines the real Jack Nicholson and his legacy in enthralling detail in this must-read for any film lover.

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Tom Hiddleston – The Biography

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Still only in his thirties, British television, stage and film actor Tom Hiddleston has become one of Britain's great acting exports.

After emerging on British television and stage – winning the Lawrence Olivier Award in 2008 and appearing in *Othello* opposite Ewan McGregor – Hiddleston had his breakthrough when he was cast as Loki in the films *Thor* (2011), *The Avengers* (2012) and *Thor: The Dark World* (2013). It was a role that cemented him as a star. He has since worked with legends of stage and screen, including Woody Allen and Steven Spielberg, and recently won a Golden Globe for his role in the BBC adaptation of John Le Carré's *The Night Manager*.

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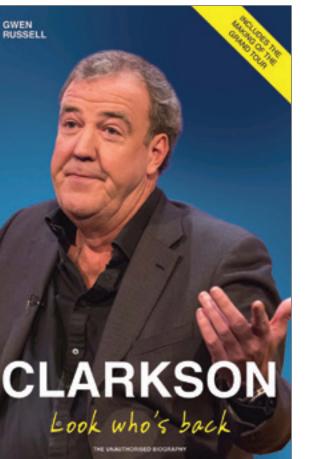
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Clarkson – Look Who's Back

Gwen Russell

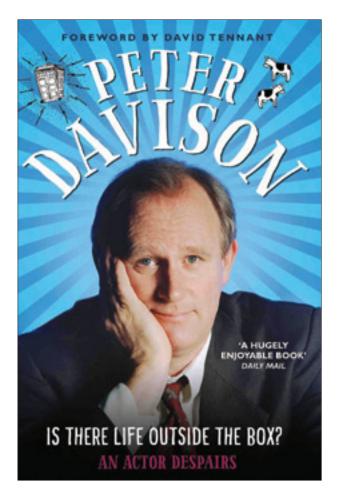
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There was a national outcry in 2015 when the BBC announced that they were parting ways with Jeremy Clarkson. However, one thing was clear; he was never going to be away from our screens for long... During his time on *Top Gear*, Jeremy Clarkson established himself not only as the nation's favourite motoring aficionado but also an unlikely political commentator with a knack for telling us how it is (and putting his foot in it). However, his 'gaffes' only made the nation love him more.

The Beeb revived Top Gear after the departure of Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond, introducing an all-star line-up including Chris Evans and Matt LeBlanc. But something just wasn't right. They soon learned to their cost that there's no one quite like Clarkson. From scandals over 'feckless Mexicans' and infamous punchups to his escapades on The Grand Tour, this is the true story of his extraordinary life and career.

This entertaining and fully up-to-date biography charts Jeremy Clarkson's rise and fall (and rise again) along with the uncensored views and hilarious anecdotes that have made him a national treasure.

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Peter has secured his place in science-fiction history, becoming the fifth Doctor Who, despite nearly turning down the role. The Time Lord connection continued with the marriage of his daughter Georgia to Dr Who number ten, David Tennant, The former Peter Malcolm Gordon Moffett has starred in many much-loved television series, including A Very Peculiar Practice, At Home with the Braithwaites and as Tristan Farnon in All Creatures Great and Small, in which he became a national treasure for having his arm up a cow in his role as Tristan Farnon. He has a number of musicals to his name, including Legally Blonde, Chicago and Spamalot. More recently, he starred alongside Imelda Staunton in the record-breaking *Gypsy*.

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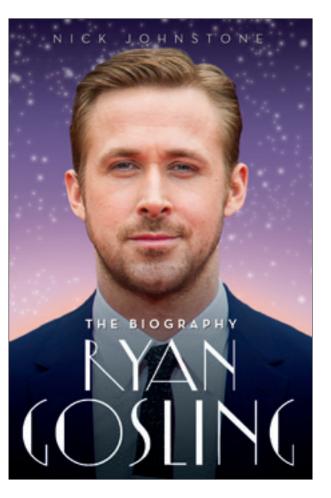
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Ryan Gosling – The Biography

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With the enchanting chords of his piano and his effortless charisma and charm in the modern classic *La La Land*, Ryan Gosling has swept back onto our screens and confirmed himself as one of Hollywood's greats. From his breakthrough role as Noah in romantic weepie *The Notebook*, Ryan Gosling has gone on to star in films as diverse as *Half Nelson, Crazy Stupid Love* and *The Big Short* and become a global star. In this career-spanning biography, journalist Nick Johnstone looks into the life and career of this most gifted, charming and enigmatic leading man.

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The love affair between Prince Harry and American actor Meghan Markle that has captured the nation. After much speculation in the national media, Harry finally confirmed the rumours about his relationship with Meghan Markle. His fervent declaration, which stated that he would do anything to protect his girlfriend, was most unusual for a royal, and it is this unprecedented announcement which clearly signifies Ms Markle is here to stay.

In this exclusive biography of their relationship, experienced journalist Emily Herbert provides an in-depth account of the relationship between Harry and Meghan. This timely biography sheds light on what has been a particularly secretive affair and is sure to gain a large readership. The royals have always captured the imagination of the public and this modern-day love affair is likely to be no different.

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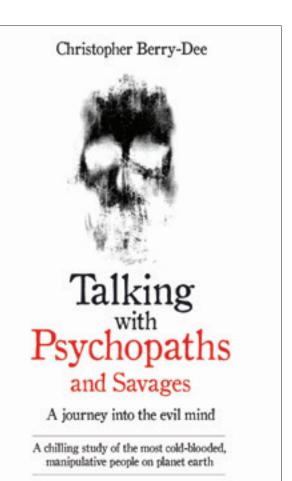
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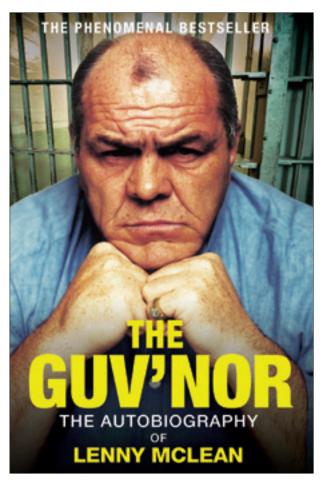
The person sitting next to you could be a cold, heartless murderer.

Bestselling author and criminologist Christopher Berry-Dee takes readers deep inside the dark minds of some of the most dangerous people alive. Having spent years interviewing imprisoned criminals – including notorious serial killers – he discovered that the lack of remorse these people showed was in many ways even more terrifying than their crimes.

The author also interviewed his subjects' psychiatrists and, in doing so, uncovered a terrible truth: a monster can be hidden behind a friendly face.

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Lenny McLean was one of the deadliest bareknuckle fighters Britain has ever seen. He had dear, powerful friends, but he also had terrible enemies. So much so that he has two bullet wounds in his back – each from a different attack. He has also been stabbed repeatedly – always from behind. In this autobiography he tells of how the Mafia flew him to New York to take on their greatest bareknuckle boxer in a multi-million pound illicit challenge bout. The Mafia's man lasted less than three minutes. Lenny, however, is also a warm, grizzly bear of a man, whose main weakness is an overwhelming desire to put the welfare of his mates ahead of his own wellbeing. This is the story of Britain's greatest ever hardman.

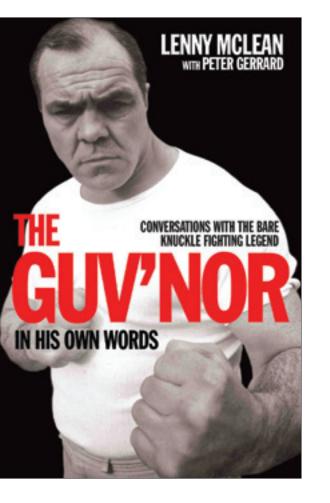
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The Guv'nor in His Own Words

Lenny McLean with Peter Gerrard

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Born in East London in 1949, Lenny McLean grew up in an area that had been ravaged by the Second World War. A victim of violent abuse at the hands of his stepfather, Lenny spent many of his teenage years in borstal as he began to follow a career of crime. However, it was his ability as a fighter that was to turn his life around. In these unedited conversations between Lenny and his 'book man' Peter Gerrard, featuring many anecdotes that did not appear in *The Guv'nor*, we get to see the man behind the public image. As he looks back on his life, these transcripts reveal Lenny's humour and charm as well as the volatility that made him one of the most notorious figures ever to emerge from the East End.

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Madeleine McCann TEN YEARS ON

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On the evening of 3 May 2007, Gerry and Kate McCann returned to their holiday apartment in the resort of Praia da Luz on Portugal's Algarve to every parents' worst nightmare: their daughter, three year-old Madeleine Beth McCann, had vanished from her room.

The weeks after her disappearance saw almost unparalleled levels of media coverage, as the face of a blonde, giggly little girl and her grief-stricken parents made front pages and news bulletins the world over.

Potential suspects were questioned and released – including Gerry and Kate McCann themselves. Opportunities were missed. Accusations were levelled on all sides. The competence of the Portuguese police came under scrutiny. Meanwhile, the international media asked why parents would leave their young children alone while they dined elsewhere.

Ten years on, Spain-based investigative journalist Danny Collins has returned to Praia da Luz to re-examine the case. This is the story of what happened on that terrible night and what has followed since.

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The Face of Evil – The True Story of Serial Killer **Robert Black**

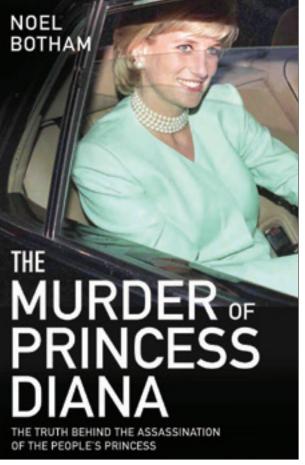
Robert Giles and Chris Clark

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In 1994, Robert Black was convicted of the kidnap, sexual abuse and murder of four young girls, and sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum tariff of thirty-five years. He died in HMP Maghaberry, Northern Ireland, in January 2016, aged sixty-eight, unmourned and unrepentant

These horrific facts do not scratch the surface of the truth about this Scottish-born serial killer, who undoubtedly committed further murders for which he was never tried - both in this country and on the Continent. Robert Giles, who has spent years tracing the killer's movements and sifting through evidence, including transcripts of the trials, convincingly argues that Black was a long-term habitual killer. Co-written with Chris Clark, a former police intelligence officer whose tireless work into the Yorkshire Ripper case produced new evidence of other murders that went unnoticed or unrecorded, The Face of Evil paints a portrait of human cruelty at its worst.

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Why was the killing sanctioned? How was it executed? Was there really another car in the tunnel at the time of the crash? All of these questions and more - including how the truth was covered up by an official whitewash - are answered.

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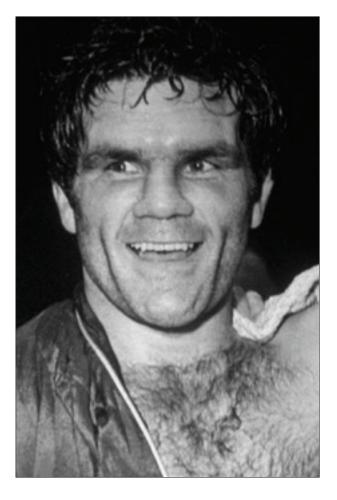
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'The most terrifying and frightening book ever written about soccer violence' - The Independent

Meet the figureheads who ruled the football terraces. They caused chaos and struck fear into any rival fan who crossed their path.

In this ground-breaking book, the men behind the mobs come together to reveal their experiences as key figures in the most notorious terrace fights. Bestselling writers Cass Pennant, from West Ham's InterCity Firm (ICF), and Chelsea Head Hunter main man Martin King have joined forces to produce the definitive book on terrace culture. From the bovver boys of the sixties and seventies to the football casuals of the eighties, the names central to the biggest firms have all been tracked down and interviewed – names that were to become the stuff of which terrace legends are made.

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The killing spree lasted more than a year. During that time, the author – himself once suspected by Scotland Yard of being this depraved killer – had a mole inside Scotland Yard's Murder Squad, similar to Watergate's 'Deep Throat'. His contact drip-fed him step-by-step ploys to snare the monster terrorising West London.

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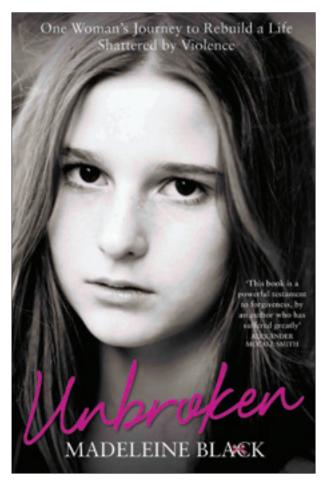
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Unbroken – One Woman's Journey to Rebuild a Life Shattered by Violence

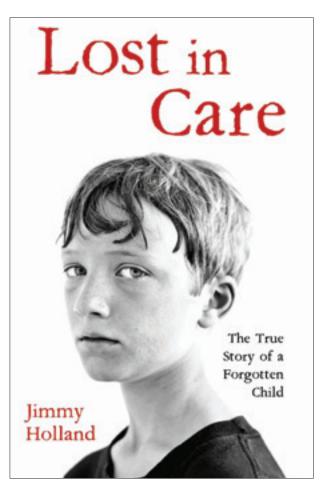
Madeleine Black

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'This book is a powerful testament to forgiveness, by an author who has suffered greatly.' Alexander McCall Smith

Violently gang-raped when she was thirteen years old, and raped three more times before the age of eighteen, Madeleine has experienced more trauma in her life than most people ever will. It took her years of struggle to confront the buried memories of that first attack and begin to undo the damage it had wrought. Yet after growing up with a burden no teenager should ever have to shoulder, she found the heart to carry out the best revenge plan of all: leading a fulfilling and happy life. For Madeleine, forgiveness was the key. True forgiveness takes genuine effort. It takes a real desire to understand those who have done us so much harm. It is the ultimate act of courage. In *Unbroken*, Madeleine tells her deeply moving and empowering story.

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Jimmy Holland was born into a turbulent family life and a broken home. Let down and abused, it wasn't long before Jimmy strayed onto the wrong side of the tracks.

With only brief periods spent with his brothers, and sporadic contact with his mother over thirty years, Jimmy spiralled into drug addiction and crime. Inevitably imprisoned, he became associated with the ringleaders of an infamous gang responsible for prison riots and hostage-taking. The lost little boy had become a feared and tortured man.

A shocking and profoundly moving insight into life as a state-raised boy, *Lost in Care* is the heart-rending tale of a man who lost his childhood and his way.

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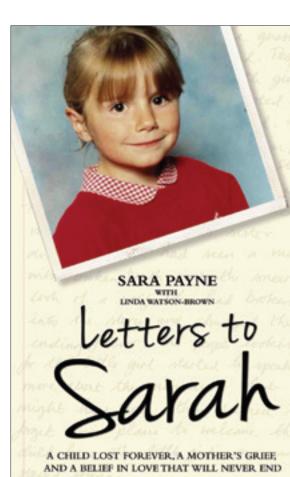
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Letters to Sarah

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A child lost forever, a mother's grief, and a belief in love that will never end

In the summer of 2000, schoolgirl Sarah Payne went missing from a beach where she played with her siblings. The nation waited with her whole family as the search for the little girl touched the hearts of everyone in the country. After Sarah's body was found (she had been abducted and murdered by convicted paedophile Roy Whiting), her mother, Sara, spoke of how she had survived those terrible times. Now, seventeen years later, Sara tells the full story of how she coped then, and how she has survived since. Through letters to her beloved daughter, she takes the reader on a heart-breaking but uplifting journey through every parent's worst nightmare in a moving account of the ultimate emotional survival. It is a story for the little girl who was taken, but a reminder to us all that hope never dies – and love never ends.

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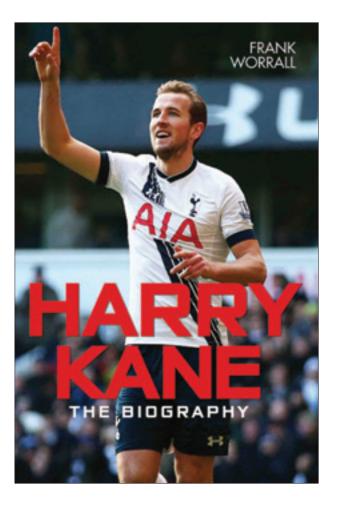
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Harry Kane – The Biography Frank Worrall

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The story of the local kid, born five miles from White Hart Lane stadium, who became the hero Tottenham and England desperately needed.

Harry Kane is a Spurs man through and through – 'one of our own', as the fans' ditty goes. Having graduated from the youth ranks, he had his first Premier League start in 2014, and won the Golden Boot after scoring twenty-five goals in the 2015/16 season. The boy who started out in the same junior club as David Beckham, and who was rejected by Arsenal because he wasn't big or quick enough, has become Tottenham's most promising striker and a legend in the making.

In the first-ever biography of the striker, best-selling football writer Frank Worrall delves into how Harry Kane became his club's great hope – and makes it clear just why Manchester United was willing to pay up to $\pounds 60$ million for his skills.

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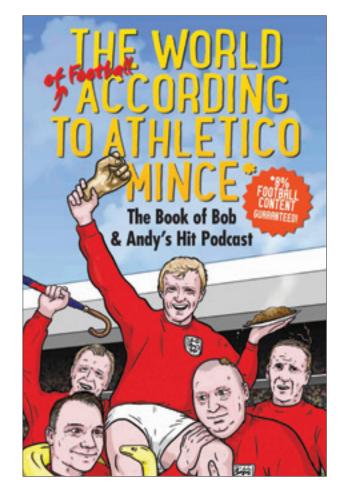
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Conor McGregor is the biggest star in mixed martial arts. The Dubliner achieved more in three years with the Ultimate Fighting Championship than anyone in the twenty-year history of the organization and now overshadows the brand. From an unknown prospect in 2013 to the first man to hold two world titles simultaneously, McGregor's knockout-filled march through the featherweight and lightweight rankings sent shockwaves through the sporting world. Outside the cage, McGregor drew thousands of screaming fans to press events with his wit and charisma.

But his journey was far from smooth and his destiny anything but certain. This is the tale of how one young man, through bloody-minded determination and indomitable spirit, changed the whole sport of mixed martial arts. From Crumlin to Las Vegas, from the cage to the cars, *Notorious* explores not just how the fight game changed Conor McGregor, but how Conor McGregor revolutionised the fight game.

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The Book of Bob & Andy's Hit Podcast

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In the first book inspired by their wildly popular podcast, Bob Mortimer and Andy Dawson have tried to produce an authoritative guide to the past, present and future of football. But, as in the podcast, they tend to get a bit sidetracked. As well as delivering some (fairly) genuine football facts 'n' stats, Bob and Andy are waylaid by speculation about the lifestyle of baked-bean-loving, yellow-snake-owning former England boss Steve McClaren. There's also input from the Secret Soccer Superstar – a former player who lifts the lid on what it's really like to be a top pro. In short, it's a bit of a mess. But a beautiful mess.

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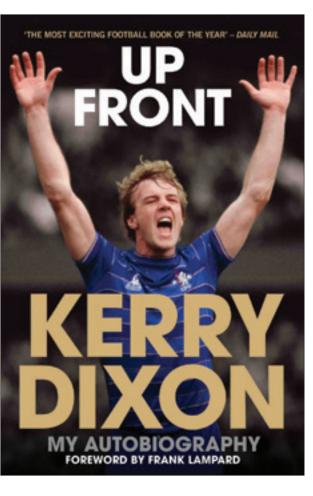
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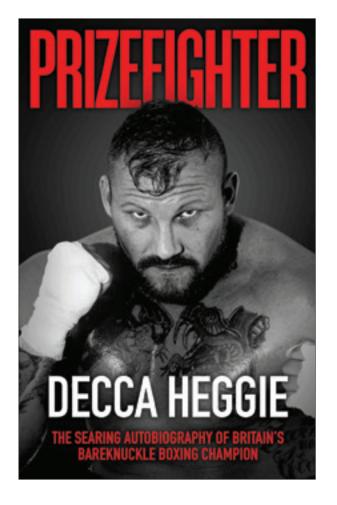
Kerry Dixon Foreword by Frank Lampard

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'The most exciting football book of the year' - Daily Mail

Kerry Dixon delighted Chelsea and England fans during the 1980s. Yet his life in recent years has been bedevilled by gambling, drugs and, worst of all, imprisonment in 2015 for grievous bodily harm. This book is the unflinching account of his rise and spectacular fall – and of the new life he is now patiently building. His memories of playing in a more robust era of the game, before the days of multi-million-pound salaries and the modern football circus, will appeal to nostalgic football fans, and those who remember him as one of the game's all-time greats. Equally, his unflinching recollections of his darkest days are about as far from the Beautiful Game as anyone could imagine – and fascinating, if sometimes uncomfortable.

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'You can get a couple of years for beating the shit out of another bloke or a couple of grand. I chose to do the latter.'

Cruelly bullied as a boy, Derek 'Decca' Heggie decided to replace the fear with fury – as the bullies soon discovered to their cost. Working on the doors attracted more trouble, but further enhanced his growing reputation. At the age of nineteen, depression set in. For almost ten years, he fell prey to a rampant cocaine habit, making him unpredictable and dangerous to be around. Out of sheer desperation, his dad arranged Decca's first unlicensed boxing match. He won and became instantly hooked. Many brutal undefeated fights followed, as did two bareknuckle boxing titles. A chance meeting with renowned boxing promoter Ricky English led to Decca's shot at the iconic 'Guv'nor' title. The rest, as they say, is history.

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Tai Woffinden – The Autobiography

Tai Woffinden with Peter Oakes

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A double speedway world champion and former captain of the Great British speedway team, Tai Woffinden is one of the sport's biggest stars.

In making his name as a notable speedway rider, Woffinden was following in his late father's footsteps. Known for his speed on the tracks and his quirky tattoos, he remains a popular figure within the sport. He has over 55,000 followers on Twitter, where he frequently posts pictures of himself and fiancée Faye; they married in late 2016.

With a host of titles to his name, including youngest-ever world champion (at the age of twenty-three), Woffinden has come a long way from his Scunthorpe roots. However, he has faced his share of struggles too. In 2010, while dealing with internal issues within his team, he lost his father to cancer.

Tai Woffinden's autobiography provides an eye-opening insight into the life of one of speedway's most beloved stars.

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Novak Djokovic: The Biography

Christopher Bowers

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Novak Djokovic is not just one of the world's great tennis players – he is also the de facto ambassador for his homeland, Serbia. Not an easy job, given the lingering resonance of Serbia's role in the 1990s Yugoslav wars. In this revised and updated study, Christopher Bowers describes Djokovic's modest upbringing, revealing how he met the woman who taught him both to play tennis and how to deal with life as a high-profile icon. He charts Djokovic's battle with illness, his relationship with a volatile father, and how his on-court deeds have made his country proud. He also tells the story of Serbia, offering a nuanced portrait of a people with a troubled past, and provides an unrivalled assessment of the player's recent drop in form – and the untold reasons behind it.

Bowers – also a biographer of Swiss tennis star Roger Federer and former British deputy prime minister Nick Clegg – weaves together these sporting and geo-political strands to present a sensitive portrait of a man and his people. S

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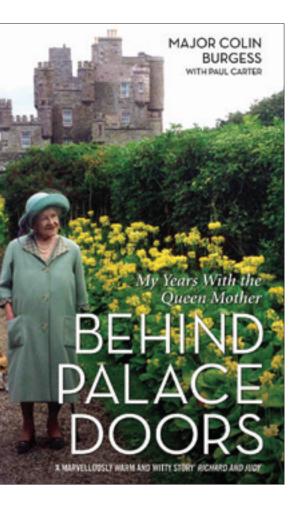
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Behind Palace Doors – My Years With the Queen Mother

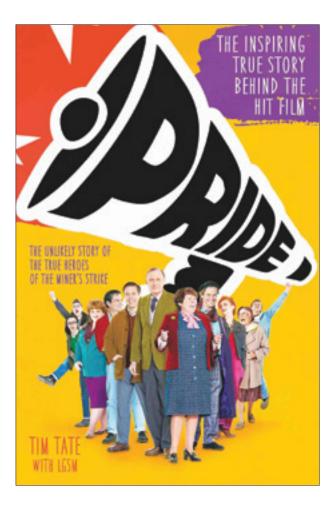
Major Colin Burgess with Paul Carter

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The life of the Queen Mother was intensely secret. Indeed, she did not give one media interview in her 101 years.

In this sharp, funny and evocative memoir, the author draws on his years as the Queen Mother's equerry and right-hand man to recount numerous previously untold stories of an extraordinarily long and eventful life. From dancing with Fred Astaire to living through the Blitz; from the time Princess Margaret caught fire at a dinner party to when Prince Charles sought advice and comfort from his grandmother as his marriage collapsed, each anecdote and observation provides an historic insight into one of our longest-surviving institutions. Constantly fascinating and packed with previously untold stories of the idiosyncrasies of royal protocol, this is also a celebration of a way of life fast disappearing.

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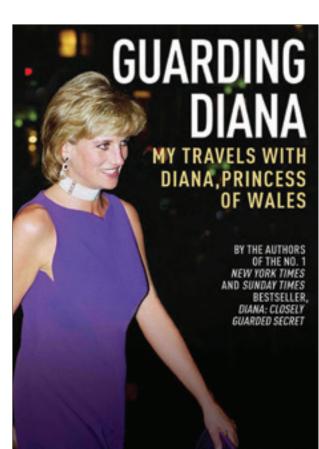
In 1984, a small group of homosexual men and lesbian women stepped away from the vibrant culture and hedonism of London's defiant gay scene to befriend and support the beleaguered villages of a traditional mining community in the valleys of South Wales. They did so during the bitter miners' strike, in one of the most turbulent periods of modern British history.

Their alliance helped keep an entire valley clothed and fed during the darkest months of the strike. And it led directly to a long-overdue acceptance by trades unions and the Labour Party that homosexual equality was a cause to be championed.

Pride tells the inspiring story behind the hit film of how two very different communities – each struggling to overcome its own internal arguments as well as a hostile government and press – found common cause. And how this one unlikely act of friendship would help change life in Britain for ever.

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INSPECTOR KEN WHARF WITH ROBERT JOBSO

Guarding Diana – My Travels with Diana, Princess of Wales

Inspector Ken Wharfe with Robert Jobson

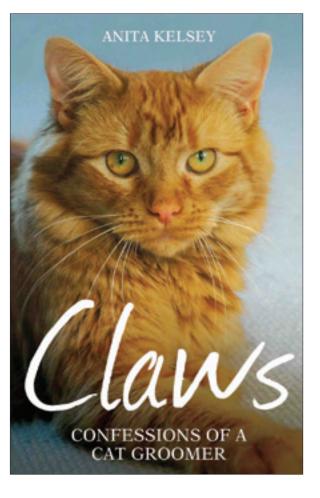
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Wherever Diana, Princess of Wales (security code name 'Purple Five Two') went, in public or in private, she was shadowed by her Scotland Yard personal protection officer, Inspector Ken Wharfe, whose job it was it keep her safe – to the extent of sacrificing his own life, if necessary.

The SAS-trained officer from the Yard's elite Special Operations 14, Royalty and Diplomatic Protection Department, was with the Princess every step of the way. Whenever Diana wanted a private holiday, Ken would be despatched in secret to find an idyllic spot.

In the six years that Ken was at Diana's side they travelled hundreds of thousands of miles together, sharing secrets, laughter and tears on a truly extraordinary journey. This is their exclusive story.

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Claws – Confessions of a Cat Groomer

Anita Kelsey

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A must-have book for every cat lover, filled with hilarious stories about the author's furry feline friends.

Anita Kelsey has travelled the world as a cat groomer and even has a degree in Feline Behaviour and Psychology! Throughout her years of visiting people's homes and attending cat shows, she has amassed a vast array of funny, cute and ridiculous stories about felines and, of course, their owners.

In *Claws*, Kelsey picks out just a few of her favourite tales to share with the reader from, 'Sammy the Swooner' to 'Tubbs: The Fat Cat Caught in His Flap'.

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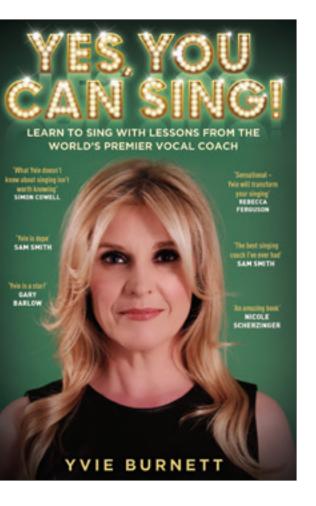
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Yes, You Can Sing!

Yvie Burnett with Richard Barber

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Yvie Burnett is Britain's premier voice coach, appearing on everything from *The X Factor* to *The Voice*, from *Britain's Got Talent* to *Let it Shine*.

She's helped Sam Smith to stay at the top of his game. She's shown Paloma Faith how to get her tonsils round tongue-twisting lyrics. She's worked with Katy Perry ahead of major stadium shows. She's coached Leona Lewis on her ascent of charts worldwide.

Now it's your turn. Yvie will cover everything from how to prepare for that nerve-racking audition to how to conquer breath control, how to stand, what to wear and why to always avoid tongue piercings! As well as a foreword by Louis Walsh, there are contributions from the likes of Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, will.i.am, Nicole Scherzinger, Ricky Wilson, Gary Barlow, Leona Lewis and Tom Jones. Yvie Burnett wants to teach the world to sing. And that means you!

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Fire a Lethal Shot – On Active Service in Iraq and Afghanistan – and the Truth About Sergeant Blackman and the Taliban

Sergeant Robert Driscoll with Jeff Hudson

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Rob Driscoll, former sergeant with 42 Commando, Royal Marines, served in Iraq, Kuwait and Kosovo. A born leader, with the medals to prove it, he endured three tours in Afghanistan. The last marked the first time a British serviceman has been tried for murder on the battlefield since World War II. That serviceman was Sergeant Alexander Blackman, Driscoll's friend and fellow NCO in 42 Commando. *Fire a Lethal Shot* also gives a gripping first-hand account of life with the Royal Marines, of incursions into war-torn countries and the death of comrades. Most shockingly, it reveals the reality of warfare, as soldiers risk their lives on behalf of politicians back home who fail to support them.

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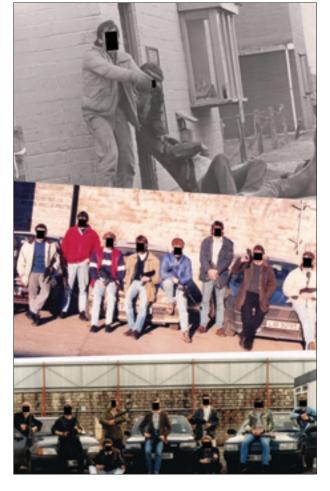
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Fishers of Men – The gripping true story of a British undercover agent in Northern Ireland

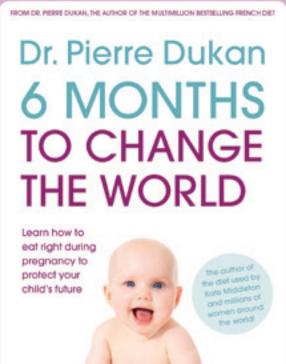
Rob Lewis

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Fishers of Men is the engrossing account of operations carried out by the British Army's Force Research Unit – an outfit so secret that the rest of the Army was unaware of its existence.

Those who work in the field of covert intelligence-gathering undertake hazardous risks with tenacity and professionalism. The price for negligence is high, the need for secrecy paramount – even at the expense of personal relationships. Drawing on his own cases, Rob Lewis describes the methods used to target, recruit and handle contacts, the way the FRU protected their informants, and the terrifying life their agents led. Available for the first time in paperback, *Fishers of Men* presents the hitherto unpublished story of the secret war against terrorism in Northern Ireland.

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6 Months to Change the World – Fight Obesity and Diabetes from the Very Start

Dr Pierre Dukan

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The Dukan Diet was translated into over thirty languages and sold tens of millions of copies worldwide. However, this time Dr Dukan's miracle formula has been transformed into a diet guide for pregnant women. This is not a book about losing weight, but rather ensuring maximum health benefits for both mother and baby during pregnancy.

6 Months To Change The World gives new insights into optimising the development of your unborn baby through nutrition, especially during the latter six months of pregnancy. Clearly and cogently, Dr Dukan outlines simple measures which can be taken to promote a healthy baby, and in doing so hopes to contribute towards the elimination of childhood obesity and diabetes.

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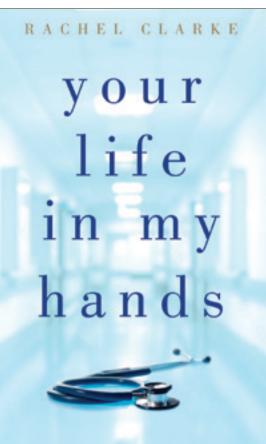
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A junior doctor's story

Your Life in My Hands – A Junior Doctor's Story

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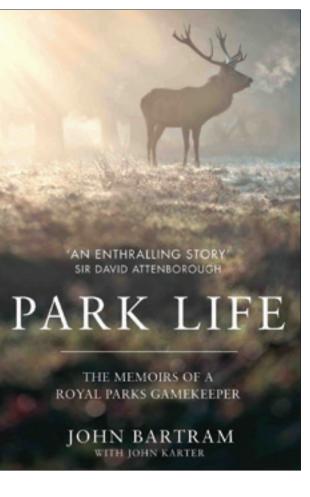
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How does it feel to be spat out of medical school into a world of blood, pain and dying that you feel wholly illequipped to handle?

In this deeply personal memoir, former television journalist turned doctor Rachel Clarke captures the extraordinary realities of life on the NHS front line. From the junior doctor strikes of 2016 to the 'humanitarian crisis' declared by the Red Cross, our health service is on the precipice, requiring doctors to draw on superhuman reserves of what first compelled them into medicine: kindness.

Your Life In My Hands is both a powerful polemic on the systematic degradation of Britain's most vital public institution and a love letter of hope to the health service and its supporters. It captures with tenderness and humanity the highs and lows of a new doctor's first steps onto the wards with the NHS at breaking point.

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Park Life – The Memoirs of a Royal Parks Gamekeeper

John Bartram with John Karter

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'Retire? You can't retire!' Sir David Attenborough told John Bartram, when the man who has been gamekeeper and senior wildlife officer for Richmond Park for the past thirty years announced his intention to step down. John has been the behind-the-scenes mastermind ensuring the welfare of Richmond Park's world-famous herd of deer – widely thought of as the finest in captivity.

Chronicling the final year of John's charmed life as the guardian of Richmond Park, this memoir describes the unique demands of each new season, and the wrench he will feel upon no longer waking up amidst so much wild beauty. *Park Life* is a treasure trove of memories, some poignant, others offbeat: from the farcical interview that led to him getting the job, to the tragedy of putting down fatally wounded animals and the annual ritual of the rut – as dependable as the rising and setting of the sun.

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I've Bought it, So I'll Drink It – The Joys (or Not) of Drinking Wine

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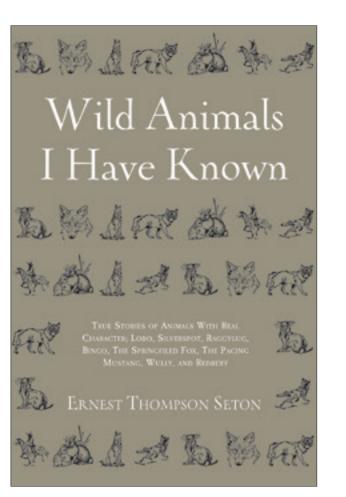
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Winner of the John Avery Award, 2014 André Simon Food and Drink Book Awards

For those who couldn't tell a glass of Château d'Yquem from a can of orange Tango, help is at hand. Based on the authors' esteemed blog 'Sediment' (described by Nicholas Lezard of *The Guardian* as 'the finest wine blog known to humanity'), *I've Bought It, So I'll Drink It* takes a wry look at the social, financial and personal issues surrounding middle-class wine drinking.

Brilliantly written, and almost painfully funny, this is not a book that takes wine too seriously. Rather, it wrestles it out of the bottle and makes it tell the truth - in language we can all understand.

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Wild Animals I Have Known

Ernest Thompson Seton

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'I was given a copy of *Wild Animals I Have Known* when I was eight. I still have it. It was the most precious book of my childhood. I knew very well that the man who wrote it understood the animals he was writing about with an intimacy, perception, and sympathy that was not equalled by any other author' – Sir David Attenborough

This mesmerising collection of wildlife tales brings the animal world to life with a magically realised vision of nature combined with acute scientific observations. From beast to bird, each tale focuses on an individual creature with its own personality and heroic tale. Most striking is the author's sympathetic portrayal of these animals, each of which appears as an engaging character to whom any reader can relate, from the adventurous cottontail rabbit Raggylug to the noble but deadly grey wolf, Old Lobo.

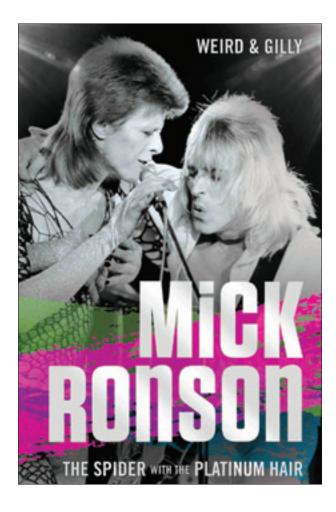
With 200 of Seton's sketches accompanying the stories, this handsome facsimile hardback edition faithfully reproduces the layout and illustrations of the original.

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Mick Ronson – The Spider with the Platinum Hair

Weird and Gilly

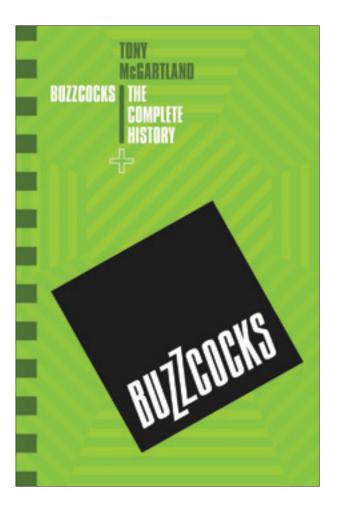
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Mick Ronson was much more than just the guitarist for Ziggy Stardust. This fully updated first biography is full of recollections by those closest to him. It includes a foreword by his wife Suzi and a hand-written speech by his daughter Lisa.

Over a five-year period, authors Weird and Gilly have spoken to more than fifty family members, close friends and colleagues, including Suzi Ronson, David and Maggi Ronson (brother and sister), Minnie Ronson (mother), Steve Popovich (manager), Lou Reed, Mick Jones, Ian Hunter, Chrissie Hynde, Glen Matlock, Steve Harley, Bob Harris and Joe Elliott. There are scores of unpublished photographs and unseen rarities, including a hand-written six-page autobiography by Mick himself, love letters to his first girlfriend, family photographs and an exhaustive discography.

Mick passed away in the spring of 1993 aged just forty-six, after losing his battle with cancer. This book is a salute to his remarkable music and legacy.

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Buzzcocks – The Complete History

Tony McGartland

978 178606 274 1 May 2017 £7.99 PB

Presenting the bible for fans of the legendary Manchester band who helped birth the indie label movement and released some of the greatest punk records of all time.

Combining sardonic wit, romanticism and timeless tunes, the four-piece produced classics such as 'Orgasm Addict', 'What Do I Get?' and 'Ever Fallen in Love'. Their split in 1981 only added to their aura, and the widespread acclaim that greeted their reformation and new material has solidified their reputation.

The Complete History draws on years of research and numerous interviews with the band and associates. It meticulously details every gig, record release, rehearsal, recording session, bootleg and line-up, plus the members' many and varied solo projects. A complete discography, along with photographs of every incarnation of the band (including many previously unseen shots), completes this ultimate collector's item. This revised and updated book gives Buzzcocks fans a unique, in-depth history of these British punk icons.

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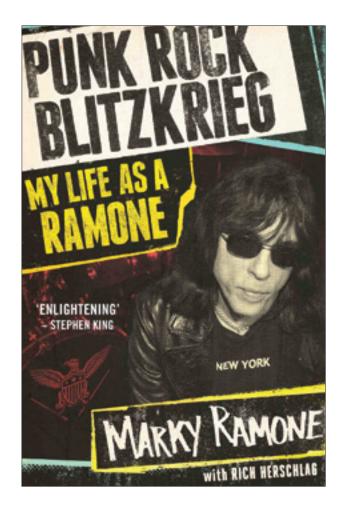
Ed Sheeran – Divide and Conquer

David Nolan

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From pub open-mic gigs to headlining at Madison Square Garden and performing with the likes of Sir Elton John and Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran has conquered the world. But how did a young musician go from selling CDs from his rucksack to becoming the millennial record-breaking international stadium act? Tracing his story from his bohemian childhood to the release of his third album Divide, music journalist David Nolan chronicles Sheeran's musical life and times. Featuring exclusive interviews with friends, relatives, musical collaborators and key figures in his rise to stardom, *Divide and Conquer* tells the story of how Ed Sheeran went from school drop-out to one of the world's most successful musicians.

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Marky Ramone – Forty Years of Punk

Marky Ramone

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The final word on the genius and mischief of the Ramones, told by the man who kept the beat – and lived to tell the tale.

When punk rock reared its spiky head in the seventies, Marc Bell had the best seat in the house. A young veteran of the prototype American metal band Dust, he took up residence in artistic, seedy Lower Manhattan, playing drums for artists who would shape rock music – including Wayne County, who pioneered transsexual rock, and Richard Hell and the Voidoids, who inspired the early British punk scene.

If punk has royalty, Marc joined it in 1978 when he was anointed 'Marky Ramone' by Johnny, Joey, and Dee Dee of the iconoclastic Ramones. Marc had dressed punk before there was punk, and brought with him his 'blitzkrieg' drumming, along with vital studio and stage experience.

From cult film *Rock 'n' Roll High* School and classic punk singles such as 'I Wanna Be Sedated' to Marky's own struggles, this is an unflinching, frank look at the people who reinvented rock music.

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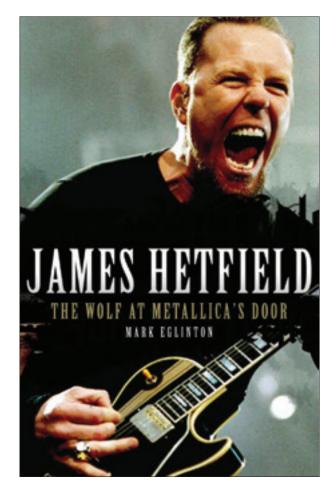
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James Hetfield – The Wolf at Metallica's Door

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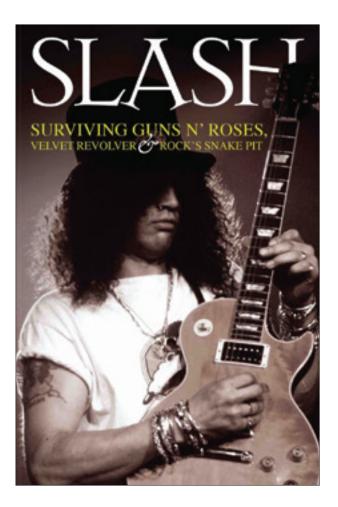
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978 178606 418 9 July 2017 £7.99 PB

Revised and updated to encompass 2016's incredible *Hardwired...to Self-Destruct*, this remains the only biography of Metallica's iconic frontman, James Hetfield. Featuring first-hand interviews with musicians, peers, industry figures and close friends, and rare photographs, it's a unique insight into the man at the forefront of arguably the biggest heavy metal band in history.

Brought up in an overtly religious household, by his early teens Hetfield was immersed in musical influences that still underpin his band's music. However, as Metallica outstripped the 1980s thrash metal scene to become a commercial giant with 1991's landmark album *Metallica*, he struggled to escape the shadow of his childhood. A personal battle during the making of *St. Anger* in 2001 saw him spend time in rehab, and Metallica's future seemed in doubt. But he returned: stronger, more self-aware. Metallica's incredible output since is testament both to his band's longevity and James Hetfield's steely inner strength.

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Slash

Paul Stenning

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A human cartoon of hair, super-strength cigarettes and the world's most famous top hat, Slash is the epitome of larger-than-life rock 'n' roll excess.

One of the most iconic guitarists of all-time, his staggering performance on Guns N' Roses' *Appetite for Destruction* heralded the arrival of a brand new superstar name in rock. His complex relationship with frontman Axl Rose and the phenomenal music that emerged from that band cemented his reputation in rock's history books.

This is the first book to examine the complete story of Slash, from his artistic roots in suburban London and a childhood in Hollywood, to his thunderous ride through the alleys and red carpets of California and stages worldwide. And now, with the original line-up of Guns N' Roses and their *Not in This Lifetime*... world tour racking up millions of attendees and millions more dollars, Slash's star has never been higher.

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Marc Bolan – Beautiful Dreamer

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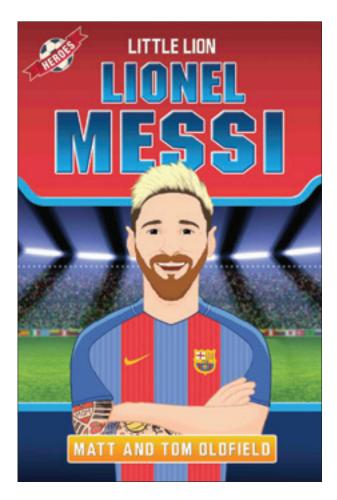
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Marc Bolan was the wizard who brought magic to rock music. From his early folk influences and Tolkienesque lyrics, he transformed himself into an effervescent glam-rock icon. His diamond-studded halo was extinguished on 16 September 1977, when his music was once more in the ascendancy.

It took time for people to appreciate what Bolan had brought to an early seventies rock music scene that had stagnated after the explosion of creativity in the sixties. He is now acclaimed for injecting colour and humour into an increasingly leaden genre.

Including rare and unpublished photographs, and Marc's own poetry, Beautiful Dreamer is the work of an original fan who followed Marc Bolan on tour, bought every record and made the singer's acquaintance at his peak. Published forty years on from Bolan's death, this is unashamedly a work of love, a portrait of a man whom the fans idolised and continue to cherish.

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Lionel Messi – Little Lion

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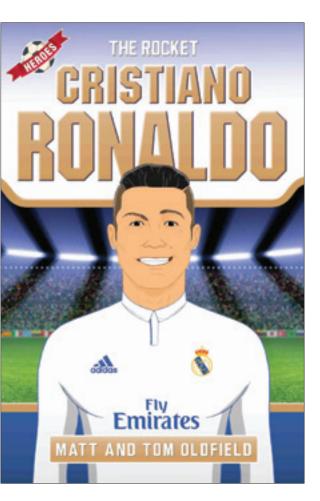
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Lionel Messi is a legend - Barcelona's star player and the world's best footballer. But when was young, he was so small that his friends would call him 'Little Leo' and coaches worried he wasn't big enough to play. Yet through bravery, talent and hard work, he proved them all wrong.

Little Lion tells the magical story of how the tiny boy from South America grew up to become the greatest player on Earth.

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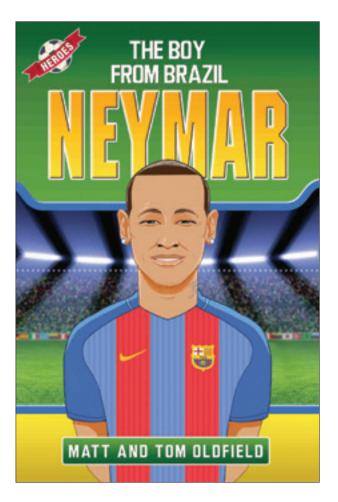
Cristiano Ronaldo - The Rocket

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The Rocket tells the story of how Cristiano Ronaldo overcame poverty and childhood illness to become one of the best football players of all time. Escaping the hot streets of Madeira, Ronaldo first proved himself as a wonder-kid at Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson, before becoming a legend for Real Madrid and Portugal. This is the story of how the gifted boy became a man, a team player and a legend.

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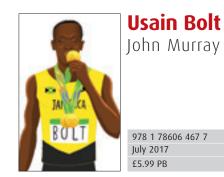


from zero to hero.

Zinedine Zidane is the fantastic story of the boy who started off on the streets of Marseille and went on to become the greatest player of his generation. Winning a World Cup with France, scoring the legendary left-footed volley during the 2002 Champions League Final, returning to Real Madrid as manager, 'Zizou' has achieved everything. This is how the poor boy with the incredible talent went

Matt and Tom Oldfield
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Philippe Coutinho follows the Brazilian football wonder on his stunning path from the backyards of Rio de Janeiro to the bright lights of Milan and the historic city of Liverpool. Read all about the young talent's move to Italy after he was discovered by Inter Milan at the tender age of sixteen, and how he keeps on surprising fans of football with his fast pace and incredible agility as Liverpool's Number 10. This is a truly inspiring story of a playmaker that constantly pushes his team towards success.



9.58 seconds was all it took for Usain Bolt to blaze his way into the history books, with a 100 metres world record that shocked the world. But when Usain was little, he preferred playing cricket to running no one had any idea that the tall, skinny boy from Jamaica's small town of Trelawney would go on to become the fastest man ever. This is the incredible true story of how 'The Lightning Bolt' became the planet's most amazing athlete.

Andy Murray John Murray н 978 1 78606 468 4 July 2017 £5.99 PB

As a boy, Andy found the courage to give up on playing football and to leave behind his home and family, moving abroad to join a tennis camp in Spain. Nervous at the prospect of a new life in a strange country, he had no idea of the rewards the future had in store for his bravery. A knighthood, Wimbledon titles, Olympic gold medals and the pride of being Britain's greatest ever tennis player all awaited the boy from Scotland. This is his incredible true story.

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Jamie Carragher tells the story of the Liverpool hero who was a formidable presence in English football for seventeen years. Carragher is one of the warriors who made Liverpool's breath-taking victory at the UEFA Champions League Final in 2005 possible, coming back against AC Milan, despite the Italian team's enormous lead. This is a story about true loyalty and dedication to football itself and to one of the world's greatest teams.



Chris Froome John Murray

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Growing up in Kenya, the young Chris Froome loved cycling so much he built his own bike from spare parts. Pounding the roads in the blazing sunshine was the perfect training for the boy who would one day go on to win the Tour de France. A journey of adventure, determination and courage, this is the story of how Froome won the hardest sporting test of them all - not just once, but three times.

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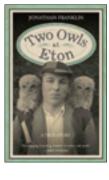
lan Hutchinson - 'Hutchy' to his many thousands of fans - is a motorcycle racer like few others. A road racer to the core, he has enjoyed spectacular success at the Isle of Man TT, the North West 200 and the Ulster Grand Prix, but his own story goes far beyond even those triumphs.



Shirley Leach lived in a world of extreme comfort, wealth and status. One day, in the midst of writing to her fiancé, her hand stopped writing unbidden; then it continued by itself, etching the words which would change her life forever... 'but there's no point now, as I am going to be a nun'.

This is at once a deeply poignant tale of doomed romance, and a heart-warming story of taking a leap of faith and finding a meaning in life beyond the wealth and comfort she was born into.

'Entertaining as well as informative, with humour a constant' - The Herald

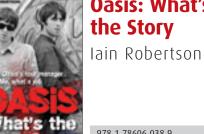


Two Owls at **Eton** – A True Story Ionathan Franklin

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When Jonathan Franklin takes two baby tawny owls back to Eton, he has no idea how chaotic the following months will be. How to keep them alive is a constant worry. He watches them grow from ugly balls of fluff into beautiful adults, every change of plumage and behaviour noted. All the time, Jonathan works to train them for eventual return to the wild. Will that be possible? He is never sure whether he will succeed.

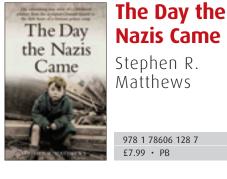
Two Owls at Eton, very British, very witty, yet always close to the rawness of the natural world, is a story to delight everyone.



Oasis: What's the Story

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lain Robertson is used to tough jobs - after retiring from the Parachute Regiment, he took on jobs guarding George Harrison, Gary Moore and Johnny Rotten. But keeping Oasis on the rails after debut album *Definitely Maybe* ignited their rise toward global superstardom would be the toughest gig of them all. His story is the defining chronicle of life on tour with Oasis.



By the time he was six years old, Stephen had been bombarded by the Luftwaffe and deported from occupied Guernsey, along with his family, to a prison camp in the heart of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich. Told through Stephen Matthews's own extraordinary experiences, as well as writing from his mother's diaries and previously unpublished photos of historical significance, this is an utterly unique memoir.

Bale – World's Greatest Frank Worrall 978 1 78606 263 5 £7.99 • PB

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Gareth Bale is the future of Real Madrid and the beating heart of the sensational Wales national side. In this revealing portrait of the player, acclaimed football biographer Frank Worrall delves behind the headlines to give an insight into just how the boy from Cardiff went on to become the world's most in-demand player.



Is There Life **Outside the** Box? - An Actor Despairs

Peter Davison 978 1 78606 112 6 £20.00 · HB

Peter Davison has secured his place in science-fiction history, becoming the fifth Doctor Who, despite nearly turning down the role. He has also starred in a number of television series including At Home with the Braithwaites and The Last Detective and became a national treasure for having his arm up a cow in his role as Tristan Farnon in All Creatures Great and Small.

Within these pages, intrepid readers will at last have the dubious honour of sharing in his life and times as he despairs over whether there truly ever can be life outside the box.



Zlatan **Ibrahimović** - Red Devil

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