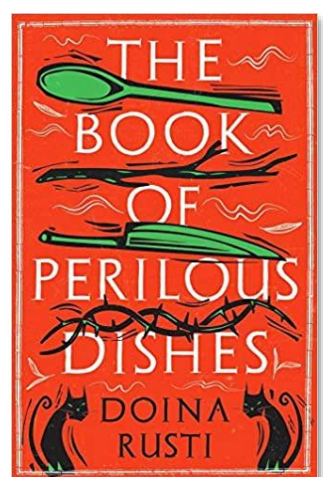
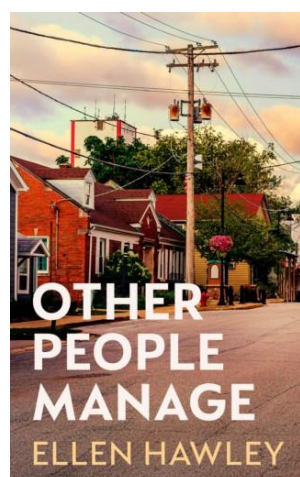
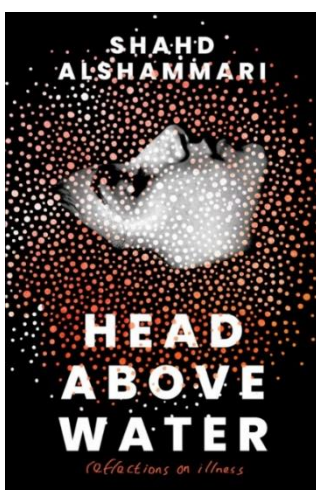
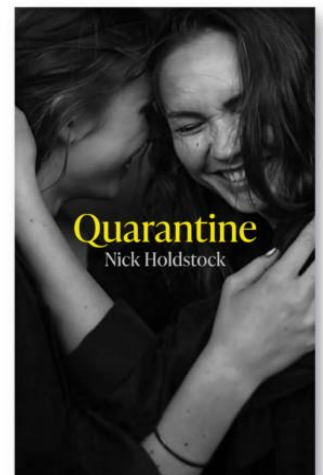
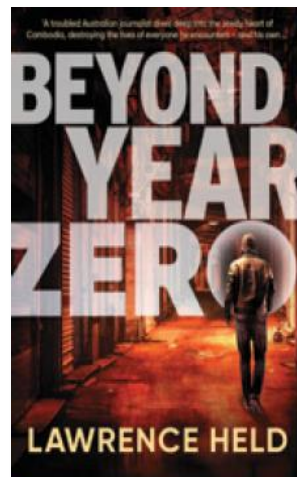
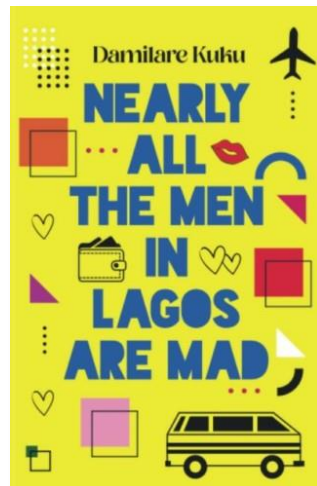
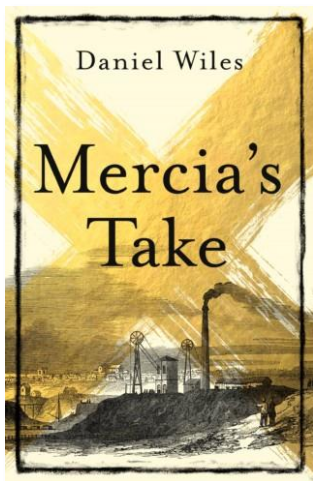


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Mercia's Take
by Daniel Wiles

(Swift Press - February 2022)

'A brilliant debut' - *Guardian*
Observer Debut novelist of 2022

Best Historical Fiction of 2022 so far, *The Times*

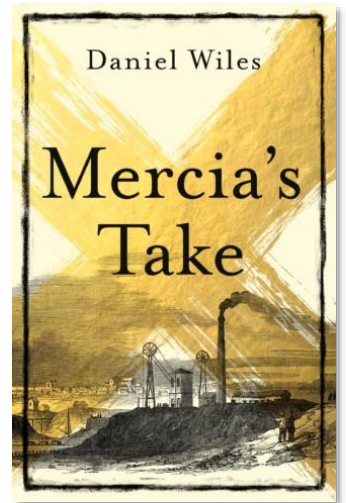
1870s, the Black Country. Michael is a miner. But it's no life for a man. Michael exhausts himself working two jobs, to send his son Luke to school, so he won't have to be a miner too. Down the pit one day, he finds a seam of gold. If he gets it out, he can save his own life, and Luke's ...

Daniel Wiles is from Walsall in the West Midlands. He recently completed the Prose MA at UEA, where he was the recipient of the Booker Prize Foundation.

RIGHTS SOLD: Greece (Dioptra); Turkey (Ayrinti)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Translation, Audio

KEYWORDS: historical, literary



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Nearly All the Men in Lagos Are Mad
by Damilare Kuku

(Swift Press - July 2022)

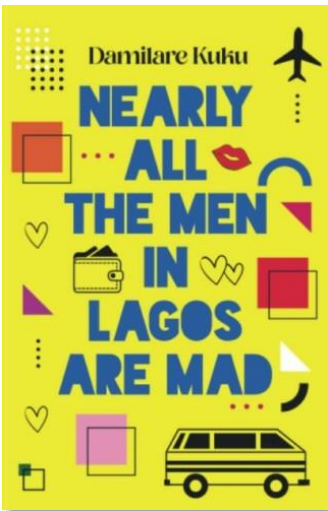
'Witty and utterly enjoyable! At the heart of every story is a juicy scandal waiting to unfold.'
- Sally Kenneth Dadzie, bestselling author of *Stranger In Lagos*

Nearly All the Men in Lagos are Mad is an anthology written by Nigerian author and actress Damilare Kuku. It was first published by Masobe Books in 2021. It has a collection of twelve short stories which describes various women in relationships and their experiences with men.

Damilare Kuku, from Lagos, has worked as a radio presenter, scriptwriter, film producer, actor and director. *Nearly All the Men in Lagos Are Mad* is her first book. She is currently working on a novel.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Translation, audio

KEYWORDS: short stories, feminist, Nigeria



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Other People Manage
by Ellen Hawley

(Swift Press – April 2022)

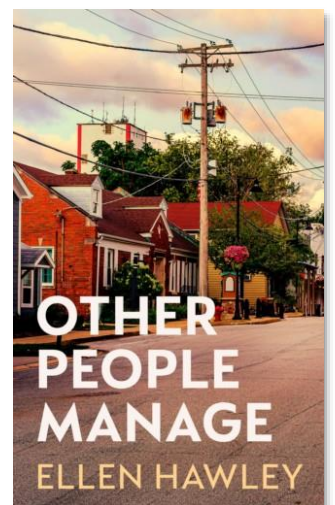
'A short, quietly devastating novel about our failing and how we cope... imagine an Anne Tyler or Carol Shields novel' – Patrick Gale

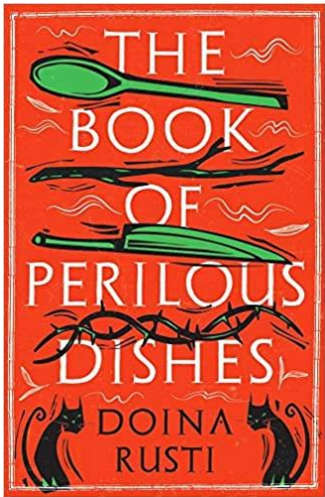
It's Minneapolis in the 1970s, and two women meet in the Women's Coffeehouse. Marge is a bus driver, and Peg is training to be a psychotherapist. Over the next twenty years, they stay together, through the challenges any couple faces and some that no one expects. Then one day things change, and Marge has to work out what she's left with – and if she still belongs to the family she's adopted as her own. With spiky wisdom and the dissolution of an ordinary life, akin to the work of Anne Tyler, this is a surprisingly devastating novel of the heart.

Ellen Hawley Ellen Hawley has worked as an editor and copy editor and a talk-show host. She has also taught creative writing. She was born and raised in New York, lived in Minnesota for many long, cold winters, and now lives in Cornwall, U.K.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Translation, audio

KEYWORDS: literary, family, love story





The Book of Perilous Dishes by Doina Ruști

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(Neem Tree Press - March 2022)

At the intersection of historical fiction and fantasy, switching between 1798 and 1829, we follow Patca as she recollects her magical (mis)adventures in a very multicultural Bucharest. She's only 14 when her world is turned upside down, and must embark on a dangerous mission, alone, to fulfil her destiny as a witch from the magical order of the Satorines. To top it all, her uncle, the only one who could have guided her, is murdered and the precious Book of Perilous Dishes is gone...

Doina Ruști is one of Romania's most successful writers of historical and speculative fiction and has won many prizes. Romanian literary critics have compared her work to Patrick Suskind and Mikhail Bulgakov.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: North American, Turkish, audio

KEYWORDS: translated, historical fantasy

5

Quarantine by Nick Holdstock

(Swift Press - May 2022)

Ten years after a deadly pandemic, the world has returned almost back to normal. Except for a few. Lukas is one of the infected in a secret and long forgotten settlement, waiting for a cure, though as of yet, no cure has come. Rebecca is the only scientist in the world still testing in case a mutation of the virus could threaten to destroy humanity again, and there is only one place to trial her theory... Intelligent, gripping and human, *Quarantine* is about how we deal with the aftermath of catastrophe.

Nick Holdstock is a China expert who now lives in Edinburgh. As well as three non-fiction books on China, he has written for the *Guardian*, *n+1*, the *LRB*, the *TLS* and elsewhere. *Quarantine* is his first novel to be published in the UK.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Translation, audio

KEYWORDS: literary, gripping, timely



Can I Stray? by Jenna Adams

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(Neem Tree Press – September 2022)

When 14 year old Brooke is cast as Juliet to 17 year old Matt's Romeo, sparks fly. Their short lived relationship sets off a catalyst of events that will change both their lives forever and can never be reversed. Uniquely told from both perspectives, this is a story of consent, co-dependency, mental health and the concept of 'true love'.

Jenna Adams lives in London and writes from her third-floor flat which is covered in plants. She always has a book in her handbag, and runs a Twitter and Instagram where she posts about her favourite novels. This is her first novel.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL

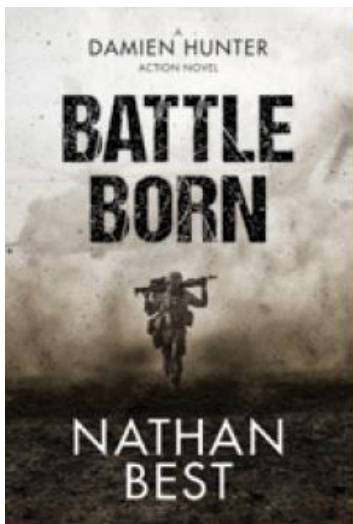
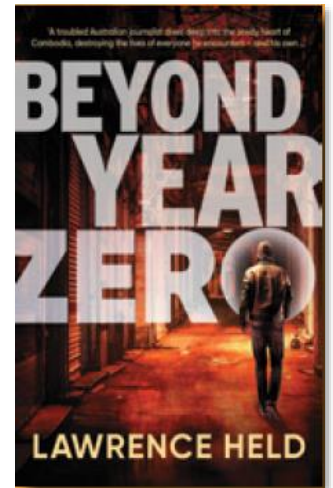
KEYWORDS: New adult/crossover, contemporary, consent, toxic relationships, mental health, coming of age

7***Beyond Year Zero*
by Lawrence Held**

(Big Sky Publishing - July 2022)

Beyond Year Zero is the story of one man's journey into the steamy heart of Asia – and simultaneously into himself. Along the way, Carl becomes entangled in the lives of the mysterious 'Bible Bill' Butt and the two beautiful Eurasian sisters, Bopha and Dara. He is forced to confront Cambodia's dark underworld of child pornography, trafficking in human body parts, personal and political corruption, cannibalism, love, lust and drugs. Having got himself into this seething milieu, where the only certainties are cruelty and violence, Carl then has to get himself out ...

Lawrence Held tutors English to foreign students and creative writing to aspiring authors and writes book reviews for the *Sydney Morning Herald*. He trained at the 'Central School of Speech & Drama' (London) and went on to work in theatre and television in the UK and continental Europe, write a nine-part series for the BBC.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL and audio**KEYWORDS:** hard-boiled crime, Cambodia***Battle Born (Damien Hunter #1)*
by Nathan Best****8**

(Big Sky Publishing - September 2022)

An explosive new action thriller series that immerses the reader in fast paced authentic military action, giving little time to breath from start to finish. The author captures character driven storylines which weave through the series adding depth and complexity to each novel. The series is embedded with personal experiences and draws on the expertise of Special Forces veterans to portray combat as it can only be experienced first-hand.

Nathan Best is a thirty-year veteran of the Royal Australian Air Force, where he worked as a communicator. Deployed to the Middle East operations in Iraq and Kuwait as part of the Australian commitment to the War on Terror, Nathan has gathered unique and credible experiences to add realism and authenticity to his writing. Nathan currently serves as a reservist with the Royal Australian Air Force's Combat Survival Training School.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL and audio**KEYWORDS:** action thriller, modern military, page-turner, authentic

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Nitrate (#2 Mantra 6) **by Russell Hutchings**

(Big Sky Publishing – June 2022)

‘As real as it gets!’ – Chris Ryan, no 1 internationally best-selling author of *Strike Back*

Series optioned for feature film

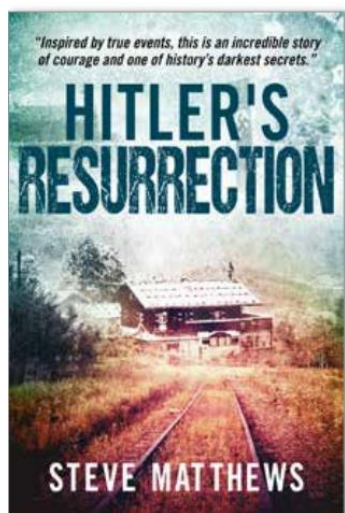
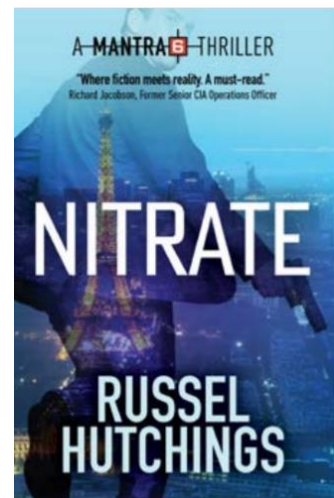
‘When thinking of MANTRA-6, think: JASON BOURNE meets TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY meets SICARIO..’ – Exec producer, Graeme Coleman

John Devereaux and his MANTRA-6 team are now fully operational. On the frozen landscape of Northern Russia, four figures dressed in arctic camouflage uniform break into the Polyarny Naval Base near Murmansk – home of Russia’s Northern Fleet. Their mission: to steal 60 kilograms of highly enriched Uranium-235 and hand it over to the Russian Mafia. However, other rogue nations and despots – North Korea, Libya, Iran, Al-Qa’ida, Hamas and Hezbollah – want to get their hands on this lethal cargo...So let the bidding begin. As ‘the goods’ are fought over, MANTRA-6 is on the hunt – and God help anyone who gets in their way.

Born in Perth, Western Australia, **Russell Hutchings** is a former SAS Warrant Officer with over 20 years’ service in the Regiment. Russel has operated in many of the world’s troubled areas and most recently performed the role as a military adviser.

RIGHTS SOLD: WEL audio (Wavesound)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL excl Film **KEYWORDS:** action thriller, feature film option, espionage



Hitler's Resurrection (#3 Hitler Trilogy) **by Steve Matthews**

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(Big Sky Publishing – October 2022)

The third and climactic volume in the Nazi trilogy...

While intelligence agents undertake missions to verify if Hitler is alive, a Hitler double – the Wolf – is laying a false trail across Europe and South America. The real Hitler is hiding out in a monastery in Poland. Klara’s sister Natalka receives a tip-off through her work with the Polish Government pursuing and executing Nazi fugitives and recruits Klara to track him down. Retribution is close. But brutally buffeted by the winds of fate since the War began, Klara can’t take any more. One final twist awaits her, revealing a future she couldn’t possibly have imagined!

Steve Matthews’ work in children’s literacy in Australia and abroad has been widely recognised and acknowledged, and his acclaimed children’s books are sold in Australia, Canada, the UK and the USA. *Hitler’s Assassins* is Steve’s third novel for adults, the follow up to the bestselling *Hitler’s Brothel*.

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech Republic (Euromedia); Hungary (IPC); Italy (Newton Compton); Poland (Bukowy Las); WEL audio (Wavesound)

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL

KEYWORDS: historical thriller, WW2

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How to Win a War: The Eight Principles of Warfare
by Paul Barnes

(Forum Press/Swift - Summer 2023)

The principles of war, first gathered by J.F.C. Fuller in the early 20th century, have been formally adopted into the doctrines that govern how to fight, and how to win wars, by many major military powers. But these principles, whilst still good rough guides, require revision. We live in a world that is changing rapidly, and warfare is changing with it. How can we reboot the principles of war for the contemporary world whilst not being seduced by the conceit of the present? And what does this mean for the rest of us? The application of these principles should not be seen as purely restricted to the field of battle. In any human endeavour where there is competition or conflict – in business, politics, sport, for instance -- the principles of war can be effectively applied. This book seeks to give the reader that kind of understanding. By lifting the lid on the grand strategy of a modern fighting force, we'll find out what principles govern our thinking and decision making.

Paul Barnes is a serving British officer in the Army. He has deployed on operations to the Former Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland, Iraq, and Afghanistan. He is currently a doctrine writer at the Army's Land Warfare Centre in Wiltshire.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Translation **KEYWORDS:** military tactics, serious non-fiction

Liberal Bullies: Why the Left has an Authoritarianism Problem and How to Fix it
by Dr Luke Conway

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(Forum Press/ Swift – June 2023)

The first major book on the market about an issue of rising prominence: left-wing authoritarianism, written by one of the leading, pioneering psychologists studying this burgeoning new subject, for fans of Jonathan Haidt's *The Righteous Mind*. Concluding with an eloquent call for firm but rational resistance to this rising tide of liberal bullying, no-one concerned about cancel culture and the hyper-partisan warzone that the political arena has become can afford to miss this book.

Dr Luke Conway is a Professor of Psychology at the University of Montana and is currently part of a prestigious team of adversarial academic collaborators trying to understand that degree that cognitive rigidities related to authoritarianism are found equally on the left and right.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: Translation **KEYWORDS:** psychology, sociology, politics

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Head Above Water: Reflections on Illness by Shahd Alshammari

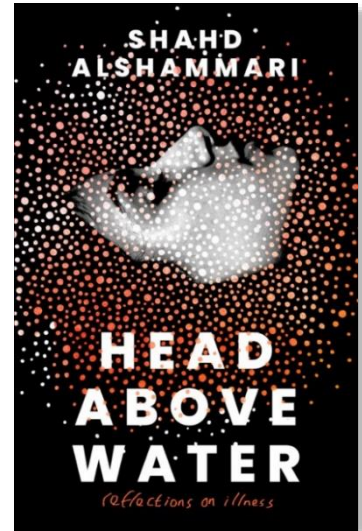
(Neem Tree Press – May 2022)

Head Above Water is a memoir that takes us into a space of intimate conversations on illness and society's stigmatization of disabled bodies. We are invited in to ask the big questions about life, loss, and the place of the other. The narrative builds a bridge that reminds us of our common humanity and weaves the threads that tie us all together. Through conversations about women's identities, bodies, and our journeys through life, we arrive at a politics of love, survival, and hope.

Shahd Alshammari is a Professor of English Literature in Kuwait. She is also the author of *Notes on the Flesh* (2017, Faraxa Press) and a poet, where her collections have sold thousands of copies in the Middle East. She lives with Multiple Sclerosis and she regularly speak at events on chronic illness.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL excl Arabic

KEYWORDS: literary memoir, chronic illness, literature, identity, feminist



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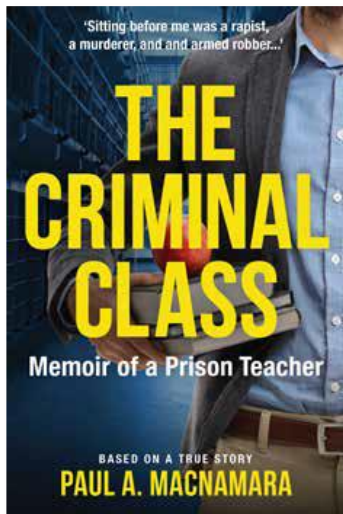
The Criminal Class by Paul A Macnamara

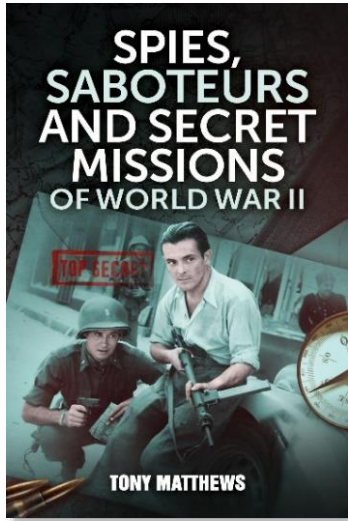
(Big Sky Publishing – May 2022)

Inspired by the true experiences of an everyday teacher who takes a job as an educator in the prison system, treading a precarious path as he tried to help reform rapists, murderers and other hardened criminals, *The Criminal Class* is an eye-opening account of incarceration from someone who had a foot in both worlds.

Paul A Macnamara was born in Sydney, Australia. He has worked as an educator in several correctional centres in Australia as well as a teacher in the juvenile justice system.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL, Audio **KEYWORDS:** true life, memoir, prison system





Spies, Saboteurs and Secret Missions of World War Two
by Tony Matthews

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(Big Sky Publishing – May 2022)

From technical wizardry that goes disastrously wrong, to underwater warfare with a sting in its tail, this new book by Tony Matthews delves into a wide range of top-secret stories, including black propaganda missions, calamitous resistance operations and accounts of espionage activities at the very highest level. *Spies, Saboteurs and Secret Missions of World War II* is a fascinating insight into some of the most astonishing clandestine activities of the Second World War.

Tony Matthews is a Welsh-Australian author and historian who has dedicated almost his entire adult life to writing Australian and world history. He writes extensively on military and espionage history with a specific emphasis on both world wars. He is the author of more than thirty books published all around the world, including several historical novels.

RIGHTS AVAILABLE: WAL, Audio **KEYWORDS:** history, ww2, espionage

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