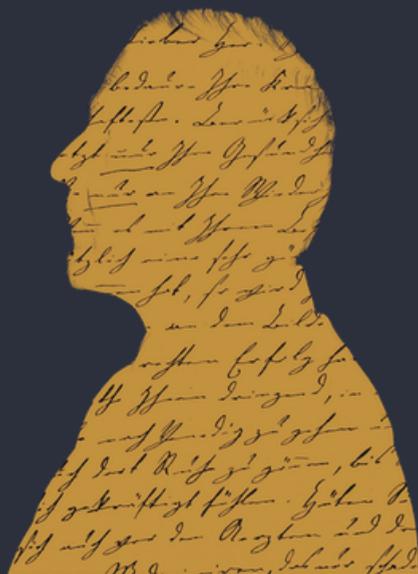


# SOFTWOOD

2025 / 2026 SELECT CATALOGUE



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SUFFOLK, UK

## A message from the Founding Director

It gives me great pleasure to introduce a sample of our extraordinary range of titles by truly independent authors.

As we approach our tenth year at Softwood Books, I'm reflecting with pride on how far we've come – and looking ahead with real excitement. Innovation continues to shape our work, alongside a strong commitment to sustainability and a determination to remove traditional barriers to distribution. Independent publishing has never been more important, and we are proud to help make it more accessible.

At Softwood, we believe individual voices matter. The authors featured in this catalogue represent a rich range of backgrounds, experiences, and motivations. Some share personal stories; others underline a corporate message, distil professional wisdom, or craft powerful fiction that keeps readers turning pages late into the night. What unites them is courage, creativity, and a desire to contribute something meaningful to the world.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are thrilled to be planning a wide programme of book launches and to be attending the London Book Fair, connecting with creatives and industry peers. We are also proud to support initiatives linked to the National Year of Reading, championing literacy and the transformative power of books.

We were early signatories to Publishing Declares Climate Action and are committed to the Publishing Inclusion Pledge, affirming equity, inclusion, and belonging as essential principles guiding the UK publishing sector. These commitments shape how we work and who we champion.

I hope you discover stories here that inspire, challenge, and resonate. Thank you for being part of our journey into our next decade.



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Maddy Glenn  
Founder, Softwood Books



# What we loved in 2025



Larry Lamb  
book launch



Award ceremony



Meeting authors



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Unboxings!



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"I was bowled over by both their professionalism and how simple they made this new world for me"

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# Publishing with Softwood Books

Softwood Books champions independent publishing with professional support. We combine expert editing, design, and distribution with full author control — meaning you retain your ISBN, rights, royalties, and final say at every stage. Transparent, flexible and relationship-led, our model treats publishing as both a creative partnership and a business venture.

## **Where do I start my journey?**

With a conversation. We meet every writer (via Zoom or in person) to understand your goals, budget, and expectations, then agree the best publishing route — from print-on-demand to wholesale distribution — ensuring your team delivers a product aligned with your vision.

## **How does editing work?**

You work directly with a professional editor. Manuscripts are edited in full, using Track Changes, often across several rounds, followed by proofreading before you approve the final version. Collaboration and clear communication are central throughout.

## **Will I have input on the cover?**

Absolutely. Your designer will read the manuscript and create professional concepts. You can share ideas, endorsements, and explore finishes such as foiling or sprayed edges, resulting in a market-ready cover you're proud to own.

## **What are my print and distribution options?**

Most authors choose print-on-demand for cost-effective global reach. Others place stock with our wholesale distribution partner, Gardners. You remain involved in decisions on pricing, discount, and profit margin.

## **What about marketing?**

Visibility requires engagement — from events to social media. We help you develop and implement a strategy that builds a community around your book and gets it in front of the right retailers and book lovers globally.

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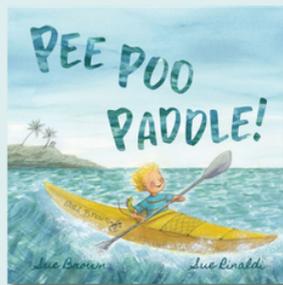
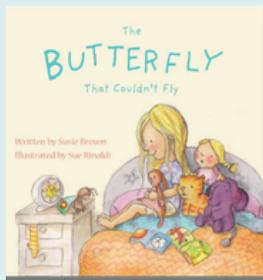
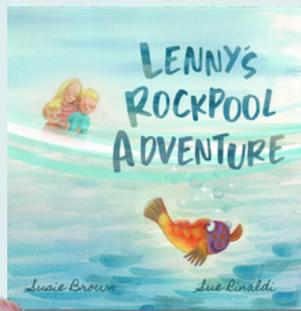
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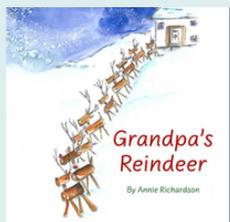
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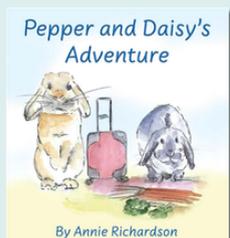
**Sue Brown** is a swimming instructor and founder of H2GO Swim in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Inspired by her love of children and animals, she is the author of several children's picture books. Illustrated by **Sue Rinaldi**.



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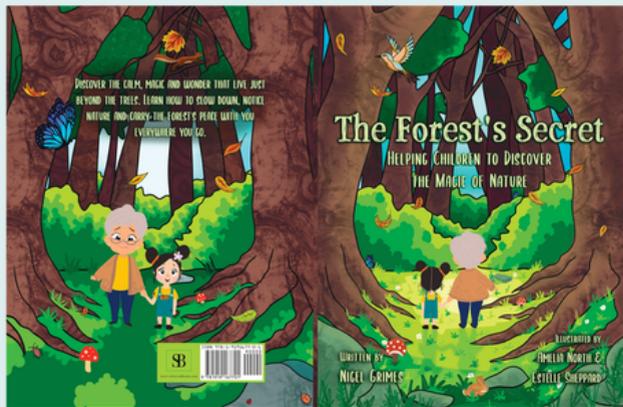
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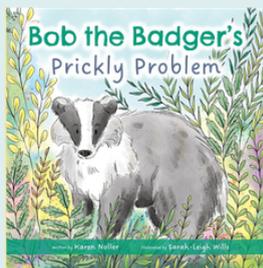


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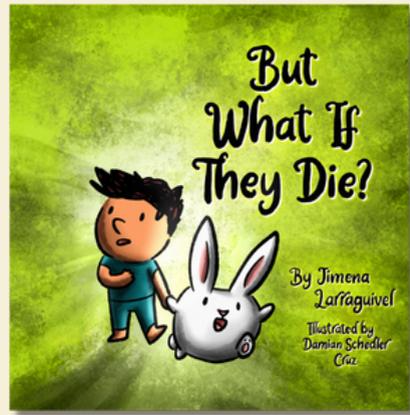


When Bob the Badger is trapped by the wicked Malicio in the magical land of the Fern Fairies, Queen Caitlyn must seek help to save him before it's too late.



**Karen Noller** is a retired teacher with a passion for story-telling. Illustrated by **Sarah-Leigh Wills**.





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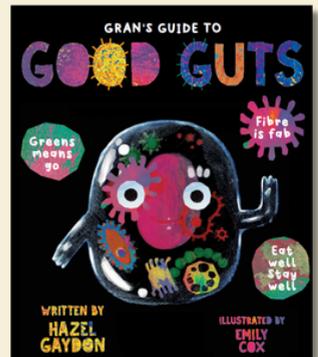
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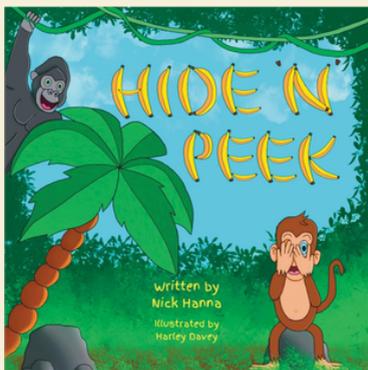
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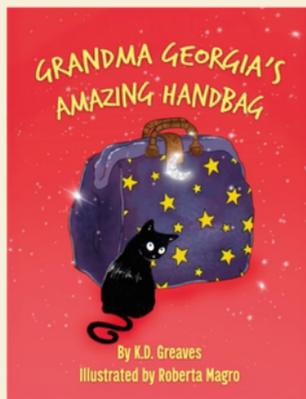
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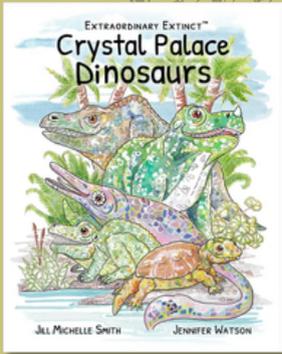
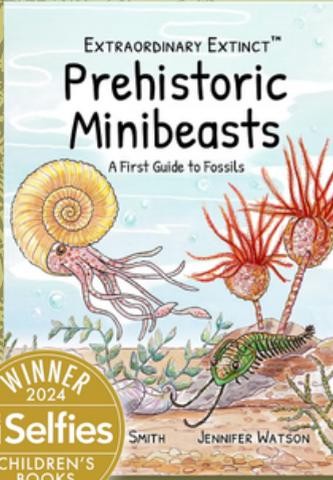
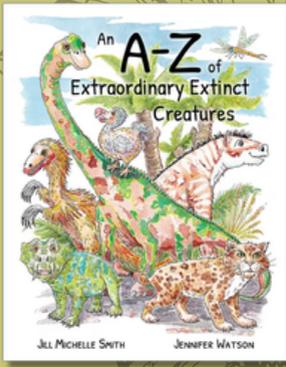
Klara climbs into a handbag to find out how it can hold so many wonderful things. Accompanied by a small black cat, Klara finds herself falling through a magical, amazing adventure in Alice in Wonderland style! Will she ever reach the bottom?

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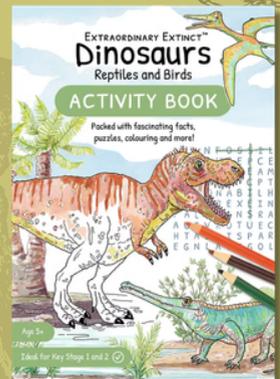
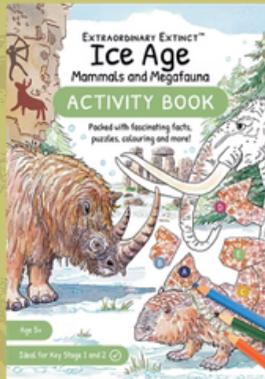
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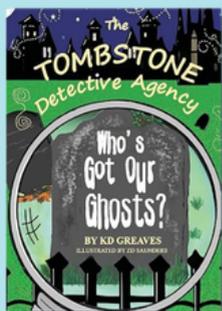
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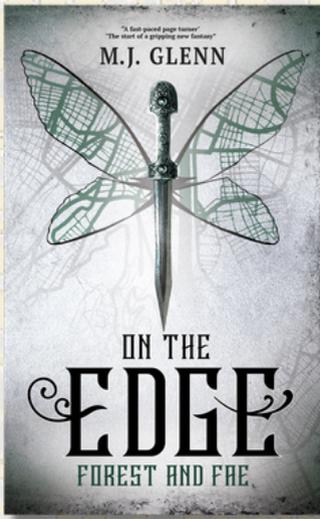
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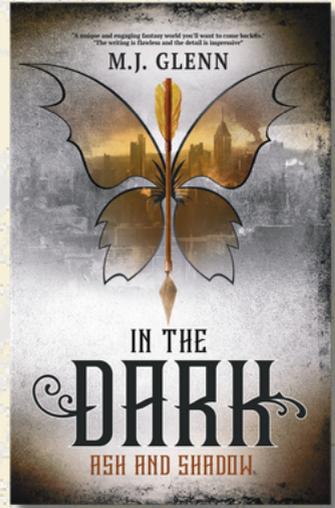


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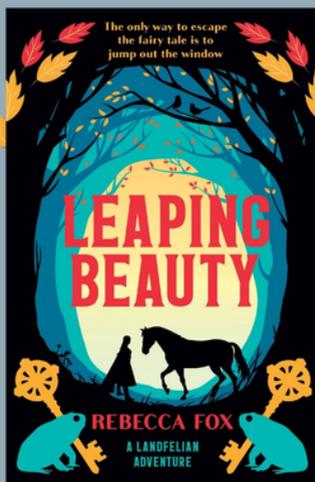
**MJ Glenn** is author of The Dwelling Hunter Series and is Director of a successful publishing house.



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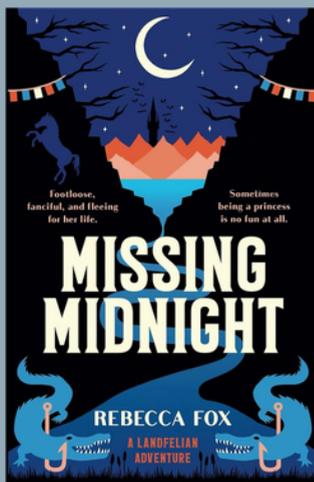
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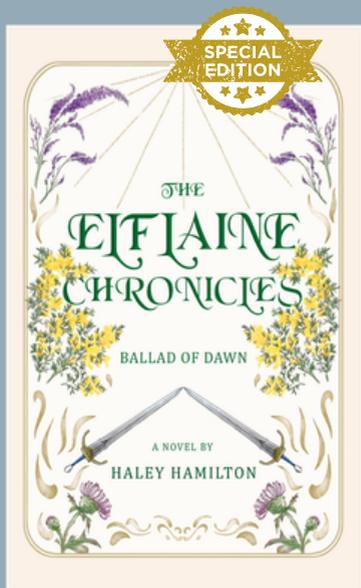
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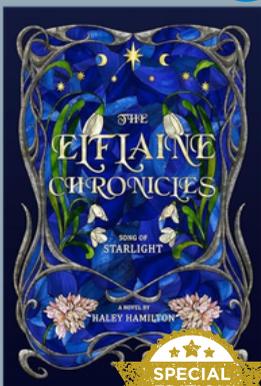
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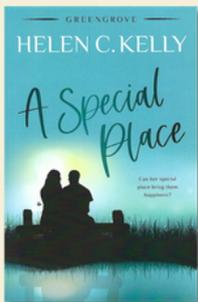
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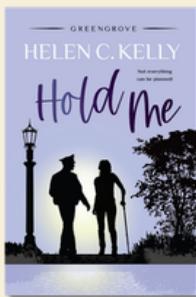
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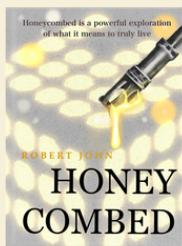
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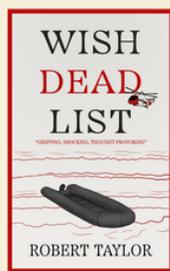
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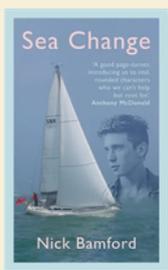
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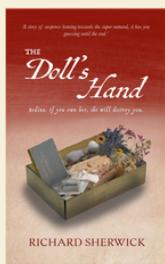
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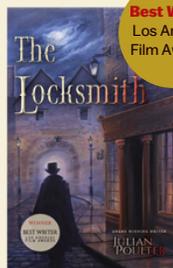
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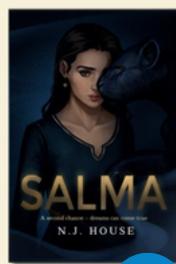
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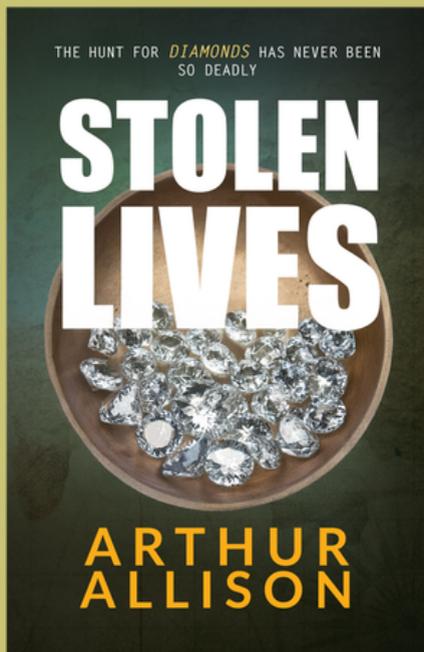
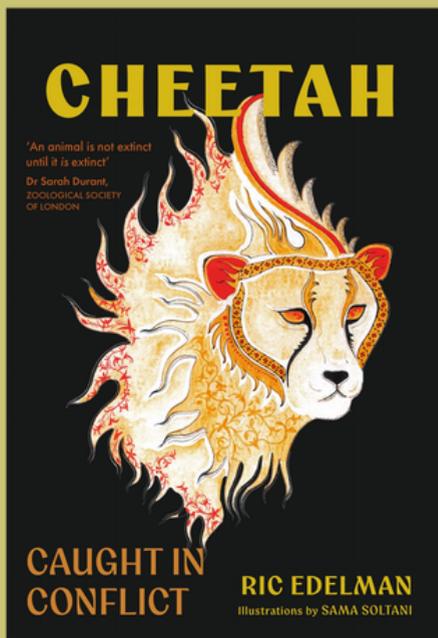
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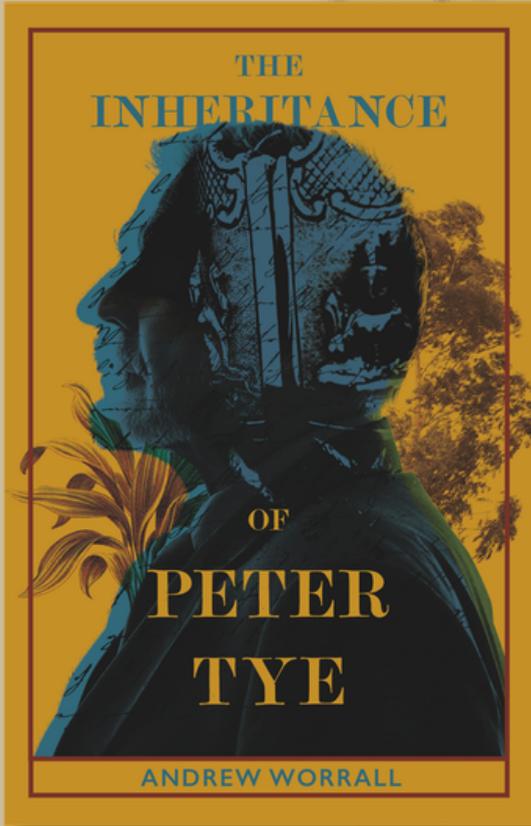
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Michael Ashton expects a routine security job at a Congolese diamond mine, until girls start vanishing without trace. As he uncovers a conspiracy reaching into European and British power, his pursuit of justice becomes a deadly race.

Zimbabwean-born **Arthur Allison** spent his early years as a soldier in the African bush before a long career in London finance and a successful safari business.

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*Worrall has proven age is no barrier to learning, becoming the Suffolk's first Creative Writing PhD while gaining recognition for*

*heritance of Peter Tye  
 tional award*

**“Moving and profound, underpinned by humour”**

**Dr Andrew Worrall** is a novelist and lifelong educator with over twenty-five years' experience teaching English and Performing Arts and a further fifteen as an Educational Adviser, Education Officer, Assistant Director of Children's Services, and government consultant.



# All Wrapped Up

**Larry Lamb**

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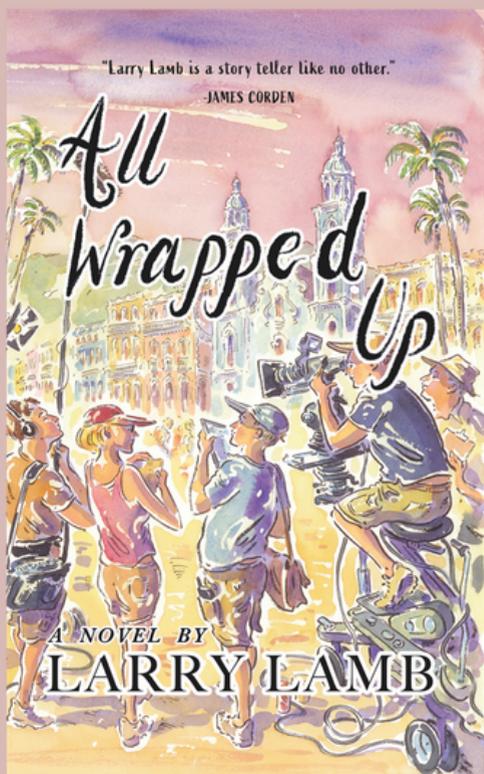
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Amidst political turmoil on a Caribbean Island, the first assistant director is determined to see his film through - if the chaos doesn't consume them first.

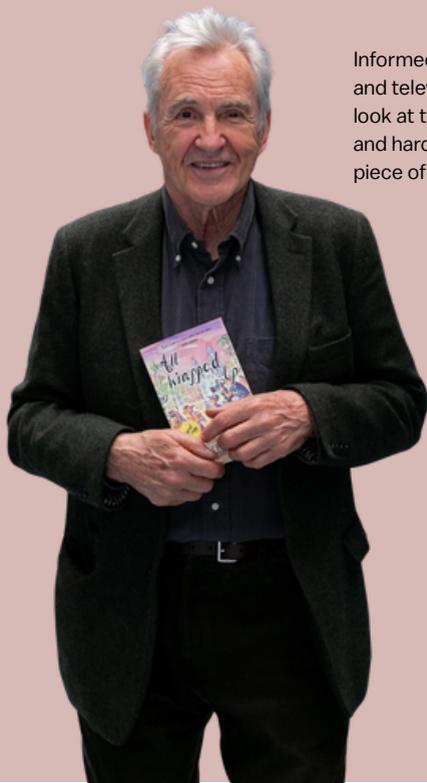
Between managing an impossible lead actor, navigating power struggles on and off set, and a crew member vanishing under mysterious circumstances, the production is at risk of falling apart.

Blending sharp dialogue, rich behind-the-scenes detail, and the grit of a top-notch crew, *All Wrapped Up* is a compelling portrait of non-blockbuster filmmaking under fire - where the real battle isn't just on screen.

**"Larry Lamb is a storyteller like no other"** James Corden

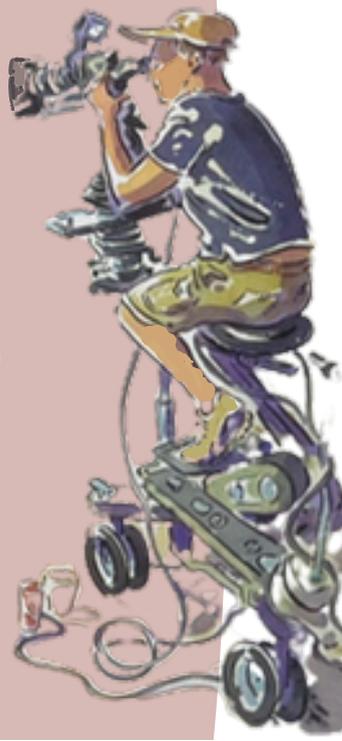


Informed by his years of experience in film and television, Larry Lamb gives an inside look at the industry; the trials, tribulations, and hard won successes of producing a piece of cinema.



**Larry Lamb** is a well-known British actor and presenter with a career spanning several decades, best recognised for his acting roles in the BBC soap opera 'EastEnders' and the sitcom 'Gavin & Stacey'.

Larry published his critically acclaimed autobiography, *Mummy's Boy*, in 2011.





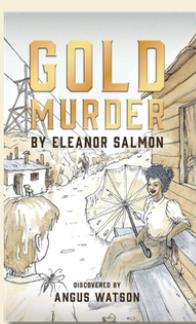
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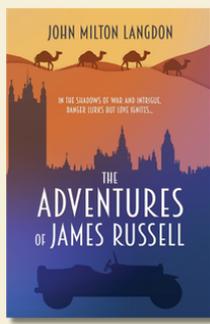
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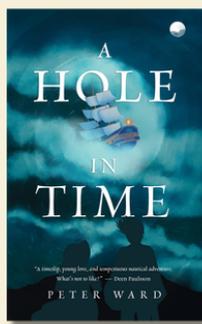


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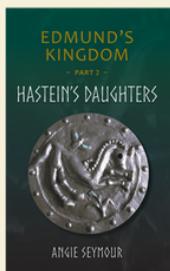
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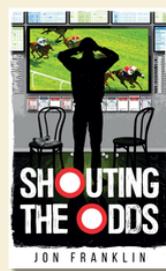
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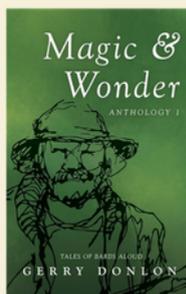
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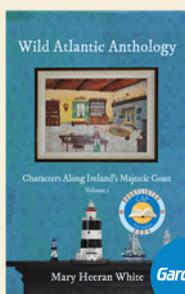
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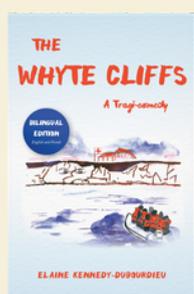
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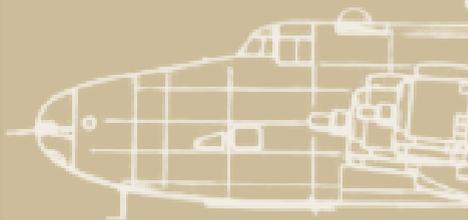
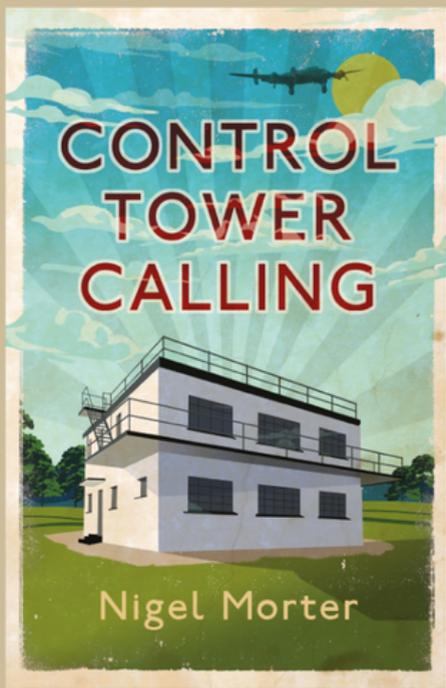
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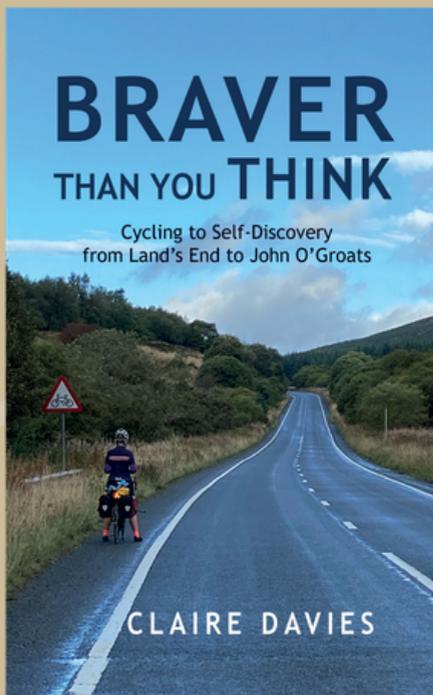
**“Control Tower Calling is a fitting tribute to the extraordinary times and those extraordinary lives now vanishing all too swiftly behind us in an age increasingly desperate to find meaning, relevance, and reassurance in its own past.”**

Gary Armitage (Rober Edric), Novelist

**Nigel Morter** runs the Control Tower B&B in North Norfolk with his wife Claire Nugent. After completing a BSc in Environmental Science, he was employed as a Principal Lecturer in Labour & Trade Union Studies, teaching graduate and post-graduate programmes.

With unique access to unpublished materials from veterans and their families, who approached him with memories, documents and diaries, he felt compelled to document this fascinating story of RAF North Creake before it was lost.





## Braver Than You Think

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**"A powerful account of a journey that proves 'This Girl Can'"**

Are you braver than you think? That's the question **Claire Davies** began asking herself as she cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats, ill-prepared, unsupported and alone.

On one level, this book is a travelogue, a day-by-day account of an iconic British journey, to be enjoyed as much by those with real aspirations of cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats as by armchair cycle tourists.

But the challenges Claire faced on the ride, and her personal reflections from the saddle, will also serve as inspiration for anyone who needs coaxing out of their comfort zone, or is simply seeking a spot of vicarious adventure.

## TedFest: Nothing but the Truth

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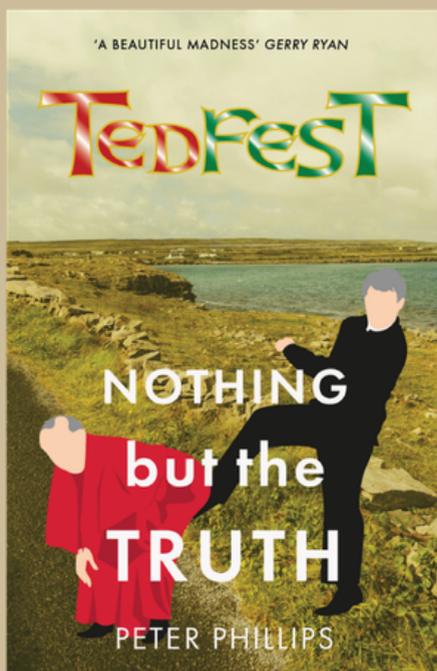
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This is the wildly entertaining true story behind TedFest, the much-loved festival celebrating Channel 4's iconic sitcom **Father Ted**.

Written by Peter Phillips, one of the festival's co-founders, the book charts how a Welsh writer, an Irish filmmaker, and a succession of terrible ideas collided across Sri Lanka, Wales, Fargo, and the west coast of Ireland to create a cultural phenomenon.

Part memoir, part travelogue, and part love letter to Father Ted, festivals, pubs, and joyful resistance, this is a book for comedy fans, festival-goers, and anyone who believes that sometimes the silliest ideas are the most important ones.



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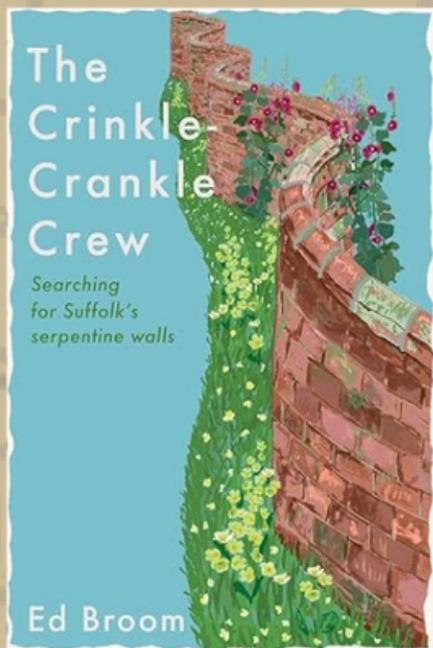
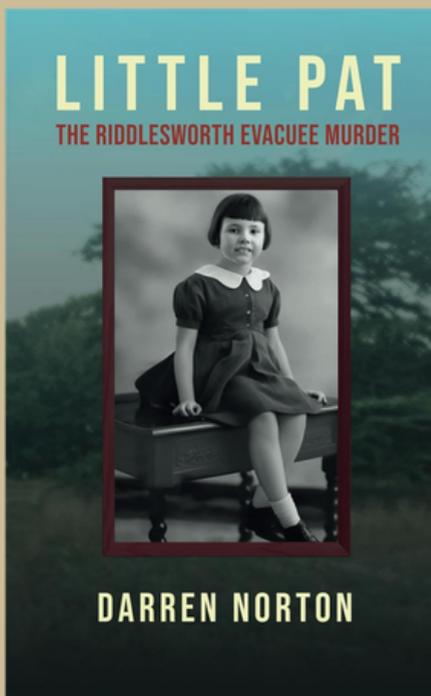
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An evacuee walking through parkland to school. A soldier working in a nearby forest. This is the **true** story of the Riddlesworth evacuee murder of 1942.

It takes a balanced look at those involved, in the hope the reader brings their own conclusion as to whether the ultimate punishment was just.

Newspapers across the nation updated their readers about the case, from investigation, to confession, to trial sentencing. Yet today, this story is largely forgotten, as is the victim.



## The Crinkle-Crackle Crew

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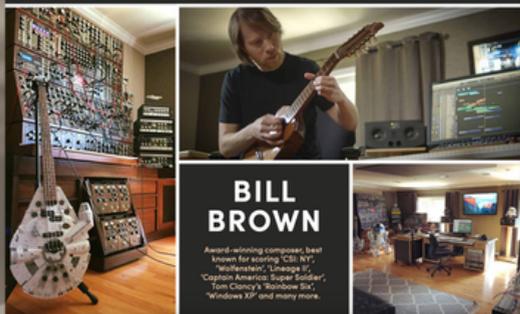
When Suffolk writer, **Ed Broom**, set out to find something uniquely local for a writing competition, he stumbled upon the curious charm of 'crinkle-crinkle' walls - sinuous, wavy brickwork found across the county.

Inspired by the work of local historian Norman Scarfe, who first listed Suffolk's walls in the 1960s, Ed began compiling his own detailed survey.



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**"a treasure trove of wisdom, knowledge, and inspiring stories"**

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Award-winning composer **Bill Brown** is best known for scoring all nine seasons of the hit CBS series 'CSI: NY', composing the score for the epic sci-fi series 'Dominion', as well as writing and producing music for games, including 'Wolfenstein', 'Lineage II', 'Captain America: Super Soldier', 'Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six', and many more.

He also composed the start up, shut down, and tour music for Windows XP, as well as music for commercials and theme parks early in his career. His scores for film include 'The Devil's Tomb', with Cuba Gooding Jr., 'Desiree', starring Ron Perlman, the action thriller 'Infamous', and the emotional war drama 'Mending the Line'. Accolades for his music include PCXL Magazine's Best Music Award for 'Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six', Nine BMI awards, and the Music4Games Editor's Choice Award.

His scores have also received nominations from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (**BAFTA**), The Game Audio Network Guild, and more.



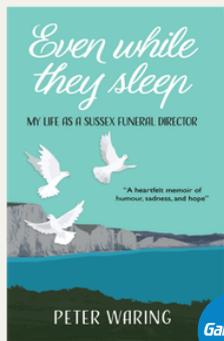
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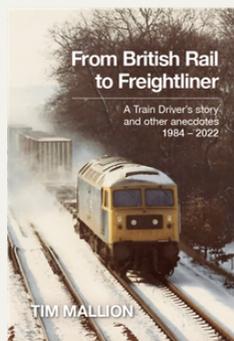
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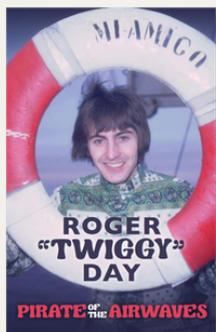


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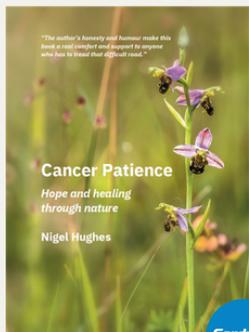


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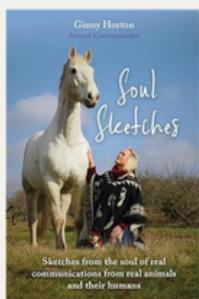


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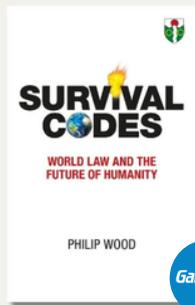


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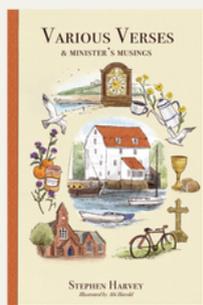
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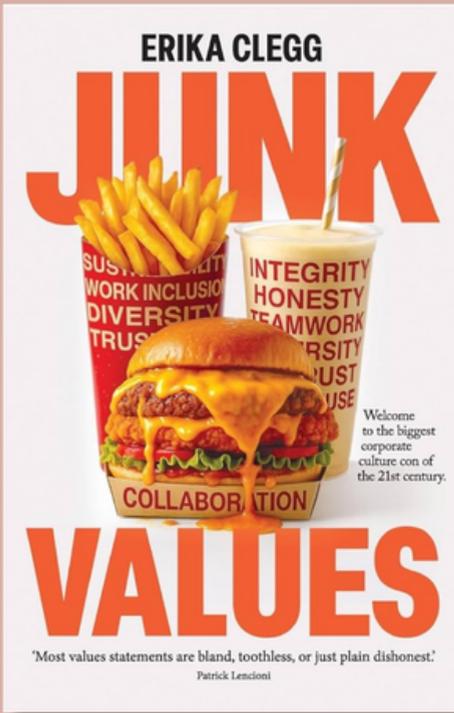


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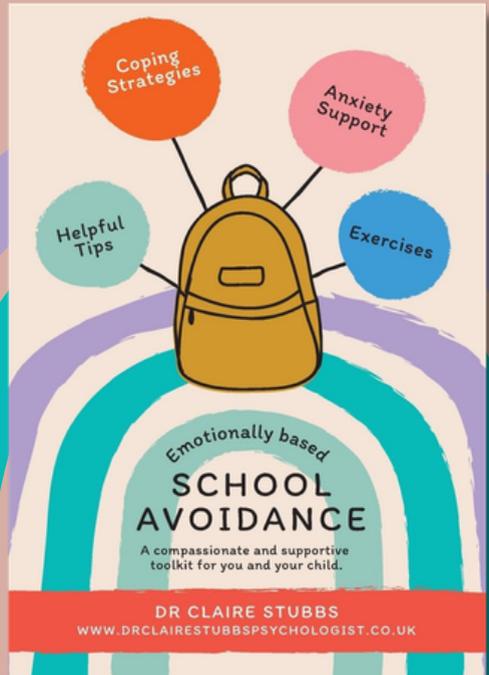
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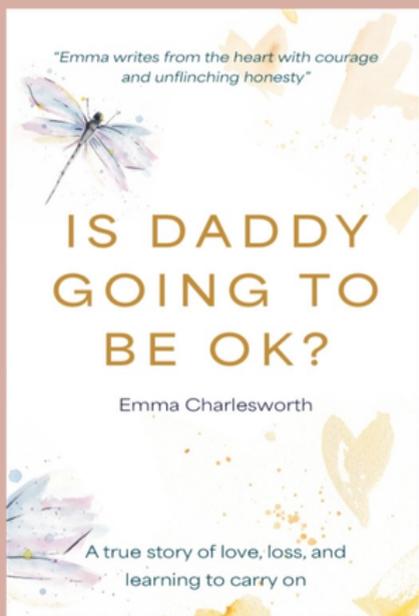


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**"Emma's writing captures both the raw rollercoaster of grief and the quiet strength it takes to get life back on track after such a devastating loss"**

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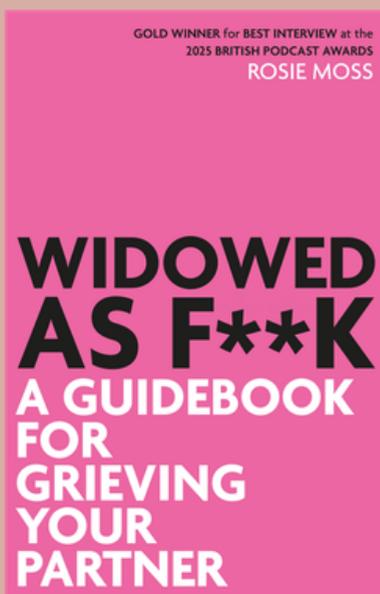
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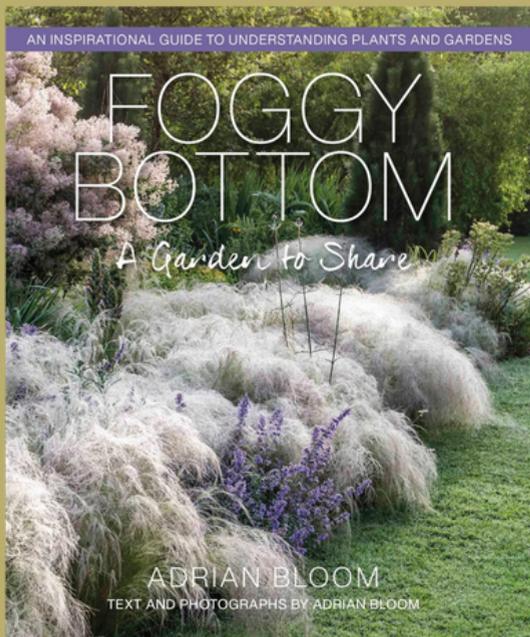
Widowed As F\*\*k takes you inside the hidden world of modern widowhood, where grief is loud, messy, beautiful, infuriating, and sometimes wildly misunderstood.

With warmth, humour, and absolute honesty, Rosie Moss weaves her own story together with hundreds of interviews from her groundbreaking podcast, revealing what life after loss really looks like. From navigating painful anniversaries to dealing with judgement, dating, single parenting, loneliness, widow's fire, and the strange admin of death, this book challenges stereotypes and shows how grief can change you without destroying you.

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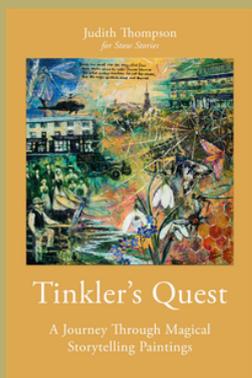
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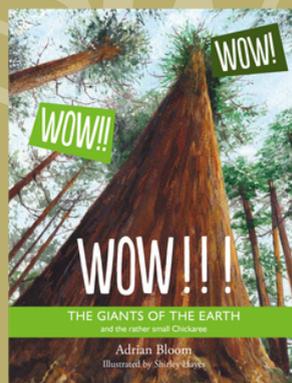


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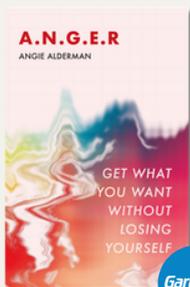
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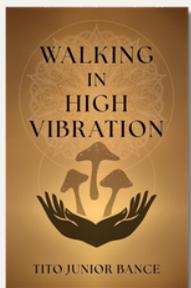
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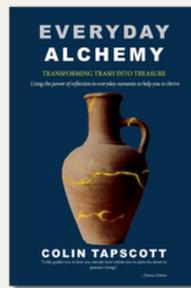
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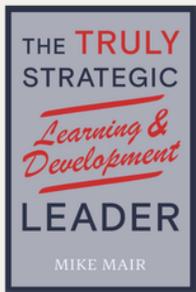
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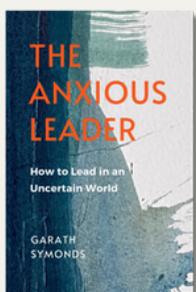
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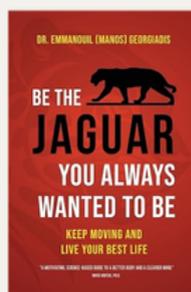
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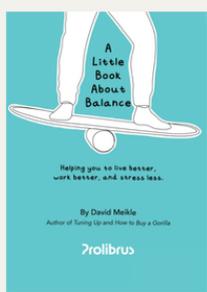
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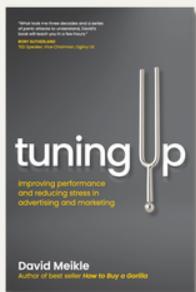
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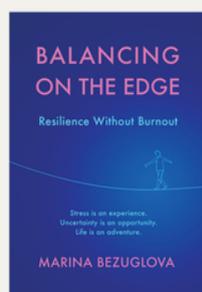
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