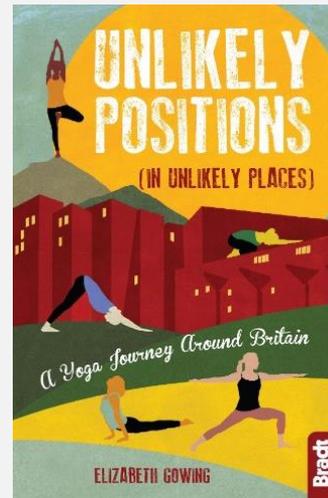
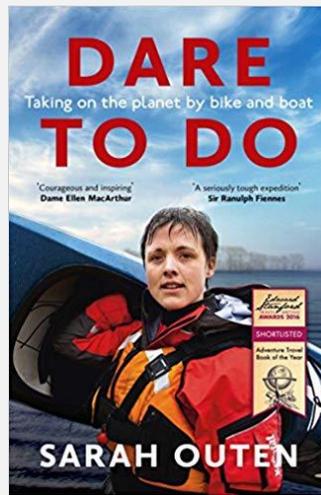
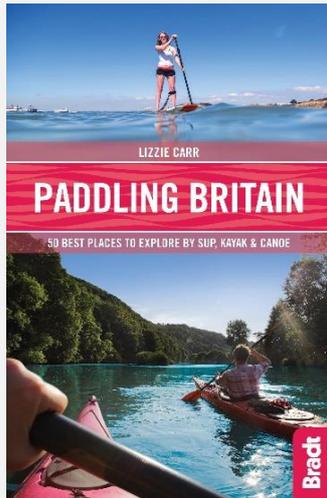
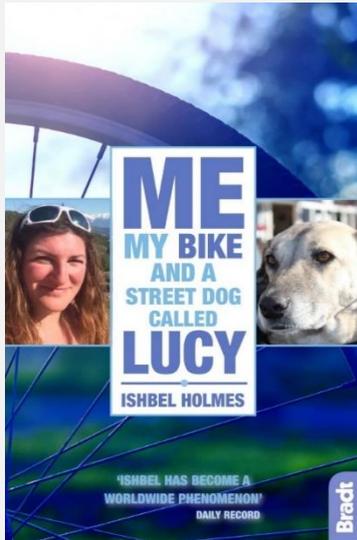


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- Lizzie Carr's PADDLING BRITAIN #1 bestseller in kayaking on Amazon UK
- DARE TO DO Sarah Outen's film HOME will be released this autumn
- Audio rights in UNLIKELY POSITIONS IN UNLIKELY PLACES: A Yoga Journey Around Britain by Elizabeth Gowing sold to WF Howes
- THE NOTE THROUGH THE WIRE by Doug Gold was a #1 bestseller in New Zealand, rights sold in Portugal and Italy



UK: Bradt
US and Canada: Velo Press
Audio: Tantor Media
German: DuMont Reise (lead title winter 2019-2020)
Spanish world: Planeta Mexico
Chinese: China Industry and Commerce Associated Press
Norwegian: Mangschou

‘A journey of tears, laughter and hope... Beyond inspiring!’ – Dion Leonard, author of *Finding Gobi*

‘Ishbel’s journey from literal abandonment as a teenager to World Bike Girl is astonishing, and in this beautifully crafted book we see how the courage of one woman shines through’ – Frank Gilhooley, actor

‘Hooked by page 2. Tears by page 5.’ – Jason Lewis, author and adventurer

‘Down to earth, honest and funny’ – Anna McNuff

‘Ishbel is awesome.’ – Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister for Scotland

- Shortlisted for the Lonely Planet/Stanfords Adventure Travel Award 2019
 - Featured in [*The Herald Scotland*](#), [*Daily Record*](#), [*Lonely Planet*](#), [*The Telegraph*](#), [*The National Student*](#), [*The Big Issue*](#)
- Reached #12 in all books on Amazon UK after her interview on BBC Radio 4’s Saturday Live show, #1 in Cycling/Dog Care/Middle Eastern travel

Scottish-Iranian ‘World Bike Girl’ **Ishbel Holmes** was cycling the world when a lame street dog crossed her path determined to follow. Protecting Lucy, Ishbel began to understand her own past: homeless at age sixteen, unwanted, abused and vulnerable. She decided to give her the love and the home she never had. Their journey across Turkey to Syria took them into the hearts of everyone they met.



A YEAR ALONG THE YANGTZE

Ash Dykes

Welsh adventurer Ash Dykes in August 2019 became the first person on record to walk the entire length of the Yangtze River.

It was a 12-month, 4,000-mile journey along the third longest river in the world, the longest to run through a single nation.

He followed it on foot from its true, scientific source on the Tibetan plateau as far as its mouth where it pours into the East China Sea, highlighting positive environmental stories and wild terrain rarely seen.

In-studio television interviews 20-22 August

Sky News 'Sunrise': <https://vimeo.com/355308800?ref=em-share>

ITV 'Good Morning Britain': <https://vimeo.com/355074749?ref=em-share>

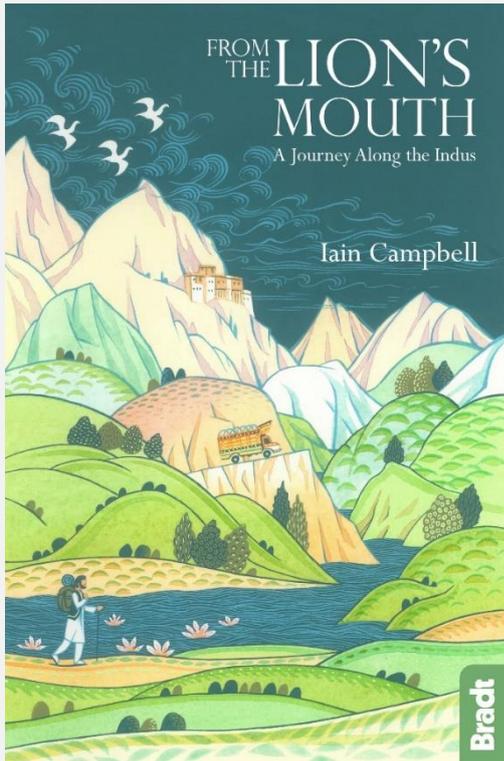
BBC 'The One Show': <https://vimeo.com/354970333?ref=em-share>

Other media coverage includes: [Fox News](#), [The Guardian](#), [The Times](#), [BBC](#).

- First book ***Mission Possible: A Decade of Living Dangerously*** published by Eye Books in the UK, Shanghai Joint Publishing in China and Saigon Books in Vietnam
- Ash's down-to-earth, positive approach, his ordinary background and his honest voice are irresistibly inspiring and easy to relate to.
- Affiliated with major brands and organisations, Ash has a global reach of over 1 million people per month through his social media channels

Ash Dykes at 23 became the first person to walk solo and unsupported across Mongolia, almost dying of dehydration in the Gobi desert. At 25, he traversed the length of Madagascar via its eight highest peaks, and despite contracting a deadly strain of malaria, achieved another world first. www.ashdykes.com





Published August 2019

World English: Bradt

Audio and translation available

**Multiple-page features in: *The Scotsman*,
The Daily Record, *Sunday Mail***

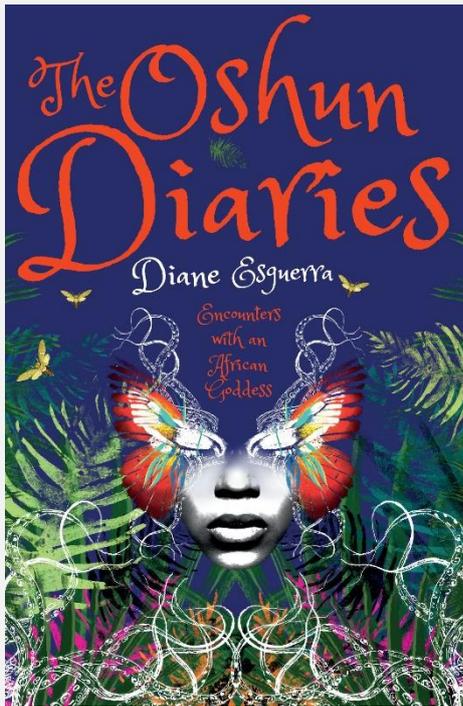
Iain Campbell decided to follow the Indus River – ‘the river from the lion’s mouth’ as the Tibetans call it – from near Karachi to its source in the Tibetan plateau.

He journeyed on rickety bus roofs, bumping along aboard venerable passenger trains, plodding on lung-crushing mountain ascents – through a world defined by the water. His book reveals the secrets of a river that both gives life and destroys lives as it twists through Pakistan and The Punjab, Kashmir and Ladakh.

This is also a story about stories, with first-hand accounts from Alexander the Great’s armies to European mountaineers, and the characters he encounters on his way – Sufi ascetics, Pakistani spell-makers, toddler Buddhist abbots and mischievous mountain fairies.

Iain Campbell has travelled widely in the mountains of his home country of Scotland and further afield. He studied history at Oxford University where he specialised in medieval religious history. He lives with his family in Edinburgh.





Published August 2019

World English: Eye Books

Reviews from the blog tour:

‘It’s difficult to put into words how profoundly moving and enlightening this book is... A stunning memoir.’

Cal Turner Reviews

‘What a special book about women’s rights, discrimination and the beautiful culture of Africa.’

Fany Van Hemelen

‘An engrossing book... moving at times, wryly amusing at others... full of sharp observation. Eye-opening and admirable.’

Books are Cool

‘profoundly spiritual whilst still remaining highly accessible’

Lexi Rees

‘I urge you to read this book... I truly enjoyed every second. Esguerra writes impeccably’

Vain Radical

‘This book pushed me completely out of my comfort zone. And I am so pleased that it did.’

Bookbound

‘I was captivated...’

Karen Botha

‘an absolute joy to read... if you like your books with some depth and loads of female empowerment this is the book for you!’

Book Addiction

‘thoroughly absorbing read which I raced through in a few days.’

Over the Rainbow

When Diane Esguerra hears of a mysterious Austrian high priestess to Ifa goddess Oshun in Nigeria, a love goddess of female empowerment, her curiosity is aroused. It is the start of an extraordinary friendship that leads to a quest to take part in Oshun rituals. She finds herself travelling with her sister to Ifa shrines in Florida amid vultures, snakes, goats’ heads, machetes, torrential rain and a cigar-smoking god.

Diane Esguerra is the author of *Junkie Buddha: A Journey of Discovery in Peru*, featured in *The Independent* and the *Mail on Sunday* and on BBC Radio.



US: Scout Press (Simon & Schuster)

ANZ: Hachette

UK: Legend

Audio: Oakhill

Croatia: Znanje

Czech: Alpress

Spanish: Panamericana

US mass market paperback due Feb 2020

‘Once you start Catherine Burns’ dark, disturbing, and enthralling debut novel, it’s hard to stop. *The Visitors* is bizarrely unsettling, yet compulsively readable.’ – Iain Reid, internationally bestselling author of *I’m Thinking of Ending Things*

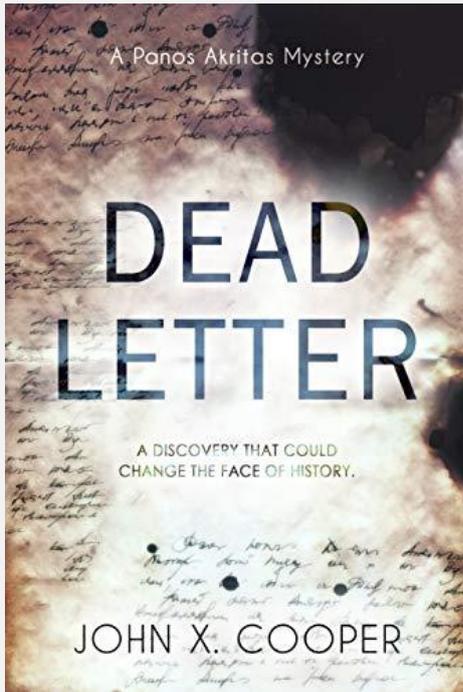
- Reached #1 on Kindle on Amazon UK for Crime/Suspense/Horror
 - ‘This week’s must-read books’ – *New York Post*
 - Books Etc’s October Book of the Month
 - A ‘Crime must-read’ - LitHub
 - A ‘Book to read in one sitting’ – MediaBookBub

Marion lives with her older brother John in a crumbling house on the edge of a seaside resort. A timid woman in her fifties, she turns a blind eye to the noises she hears coming from the cellar... and the laundry in the hamper that isn’t hers – until John has a heart attack.

Catherine Burns was born in Manchester, graduated from Cambridge, worked as a bond trader in the City of London before studying at the Moscow Institute of Film and teaching film theory at Salford University. This is her first novel.

‘thrilling debut novel: disturbing, gripping, and hugely impressive.’ – The Bookbag

Burns blurs the line between crime fiction and horror... Deliberate pacing, a claustrophobic setting...’ – *Publishers Weekly*



Published May 2019

World English: Endeavour

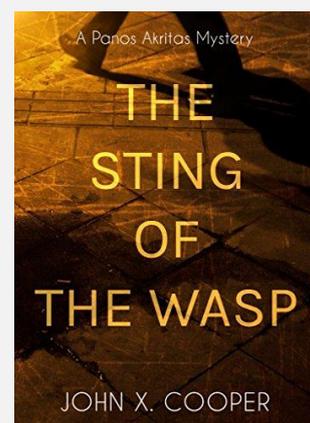
‘*Dead Letter* is a treat, a page-turning procedural with style to spare. John X. Cooper’s plotting is impeccable, his prose as sharp as a scalpel. A great read.’

– **Brad Smith, author of *The Return of Kid Cooper* (winner of the 2019 Spur Award for Best Western) and the *Virgil Cain* mystery series**

‘You’re dealing with God’s party. And God’s party takes no prisoners.’

The body of a scholar with the life squeezed out of it is found in a library in Athens housing priceless books and manuscripts spanning thousands of years of civilization. More murders follow as it emerges that the motive is the acquisition of a lost letter – a letter that could threaten the power of the Church and change the face of history. Captain Panos Akritas finds himself drawn into a case more sinister and dangerous than anything he’s ever faced. With an Albanian assassin on the loose, can Akritas and feisty female detective Valia take on the might of the Church – both Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic – and survive?

John Xiros Cooper was born in Athens, Greece, and lived in Britain and Canada. He taught English Literature at a Canadian university and has published seven academic books with Cambridge University Press including *The Cambridge Introduction to T.S. Eliot*. He is the author of *The Sting of the Wasp*, the first in the Panos Akritas series. He spends his time in Canada, Italy, the UK and Greece.



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