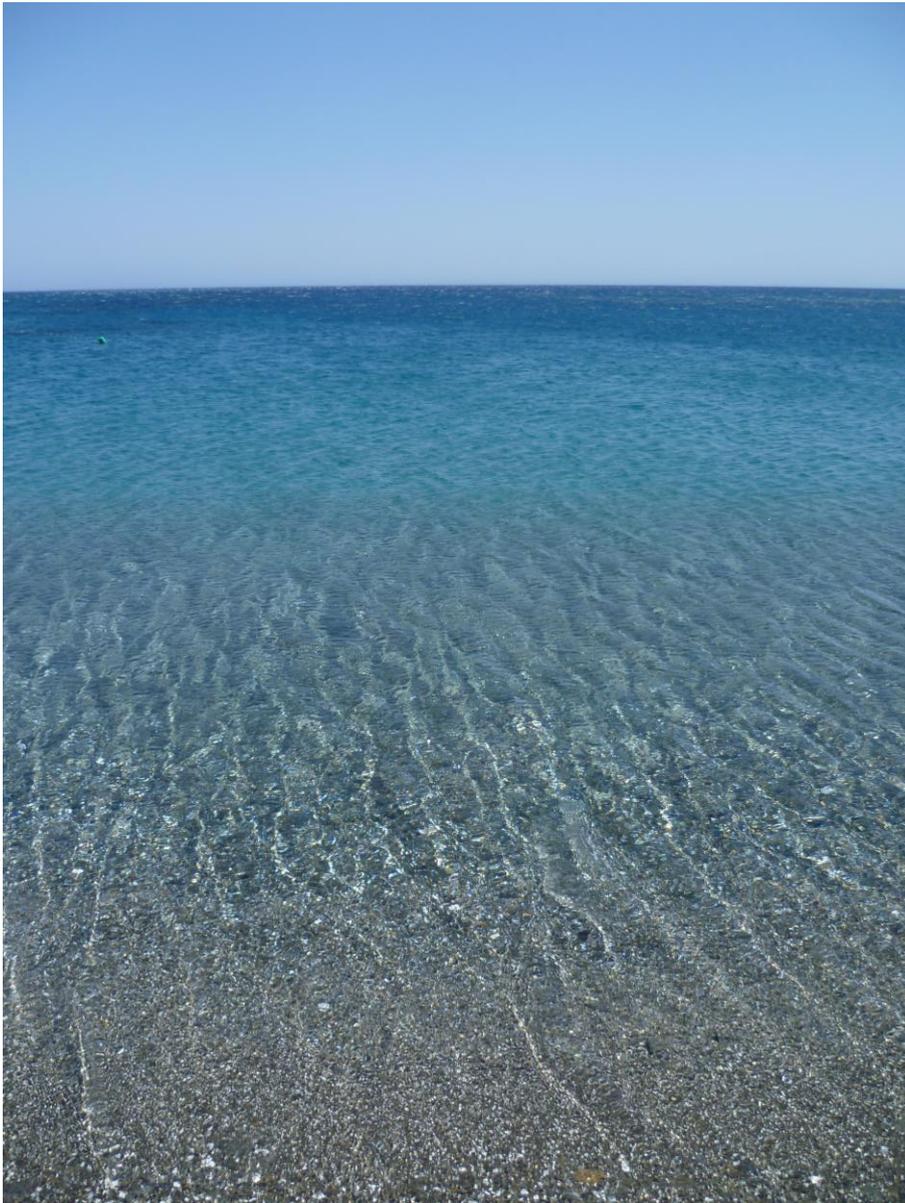


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THE VISITORS

Catherine Burns

US: Scout Press/Simon & Schuster
ANZ: Hachette
UK: Legend
Publication: Winter 2018

Translation rights on offer



'Grey Gardens meets Room' – Simon & Schuster

In this debut literary psychological thriller, Marion Zetland lives with her domineering older brother John in a decaying townhouse in a northern seaside resort. A timid, unworldly woman in her fifties who sleeps with teddy bears, she does her best to shut out the shocking secret about John's visitors. When her brother has a heart attack, Marion is forced to face the horrific truth in the basement.

Catherine Burns was born in Manchester in 1968 to a trade unionist and a school cleaner. She attended a comprehensive school then graduated from Trinity College Cambridge in 1990. She worked as a bond trader in the City of London for six years then went to study for an MA at the Moscow institute of film for two years. Between 2000 and 2015 she taught film theory at Salford University.

THROW THE HOULIHAN

Brad Smith

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Conley pointed vaguely toward the center of Deer Lodge. “There’s a boarding house with a passable reputation on Buckle Street, just off Main. Colored woman named McKee runs it. I trust you got your money from administration?”

“Yes sir,” Nate said. “One hundred and sixty-three dollars and fourteen cents. Should last me the rest of my life, so long as I don’t live any more than a month or two.”

“You intend to stay out of trouble, I assume?” Conley added.

“Staying out of trouble has always been my intention, Warden,” Nate told him. “I expect that’s true of most everybody.”

“You’re going to find it’s a different world out there than the one you knew. Telephones and electric lights. Automobiles are becoming the thing. Might take some getting used to.”

“It’s a better world, is it?” Nate asked.

After setting the bar for Canadian country noir for 15 years, Brad Smith turns to historical fiction. *Throw the Houlihan* is set in the last days of the cowboys, based on the marginalisation of the Blackfoot Indian tribe.

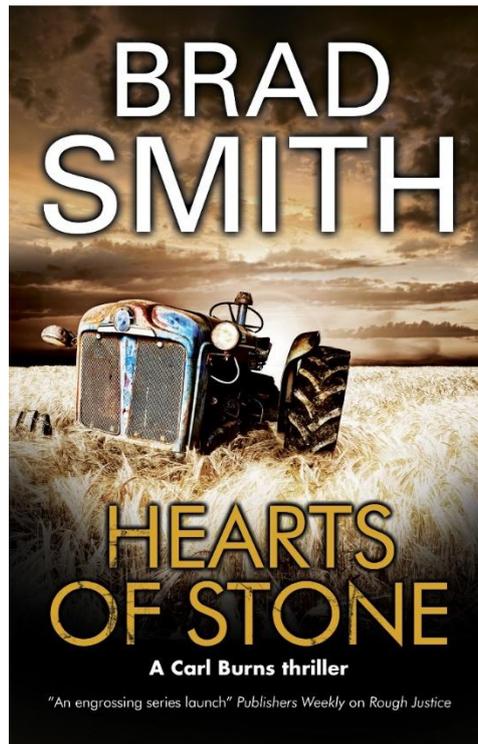
In 1910, cowhand Nate Cooper is released from prison after serving 28 years for the killing of a corrupt Indian agent. The world he finds is far removed from the one he left. One thing has not changed—the American government’s systematic disenfranchisement of the Indian tribes. A classic figure, Nate Cooper is a man who has outlived his era, trying to figure out his place in the world. Funny and moving, it is reminiscent Guy Vanderhaeghe, Fred Stenson and Larry McMurtry – but 100% Brad Smith.

HEARTS OF STONE

Brad Smith

World English: Severn House
Publication UK hb late 2016, US/Canada & pb 2017

Translation rights on offer



“An engrossing series launch” Publishers Weekly on Rough Justice

Happily ensconced at River Road Farm and running an organic produce business, planning to make maple syrup and cider at their quiet rural idyll, life is good for Carl Burns and his partner Frances, who also stars in her own TV show. But, unwittingly, Frances’s TV exposure has attracted attention. Targeted by a gang of small-time criminals who need to get their hands on a large amount of cash – fast, Carl and Frances’ perfect lives are shattered in an instant. With clues as to the gang’s identity thin on the ground, the cops’ hands are tied. It’s up to Carl to track down the perpetrators and bring them to justice – in whatever way he can.

Brad Smith was born and raised in southern Ontario, and lives near the north shore of Lake Erie. His previous novels include one Carl Burns thriller, three Virgil Cain mysteries, *All Hat*, which was made into a major feature film, and *One-Eyed Jacks*, which was shortlisted for the Dashiell Hammett Award.

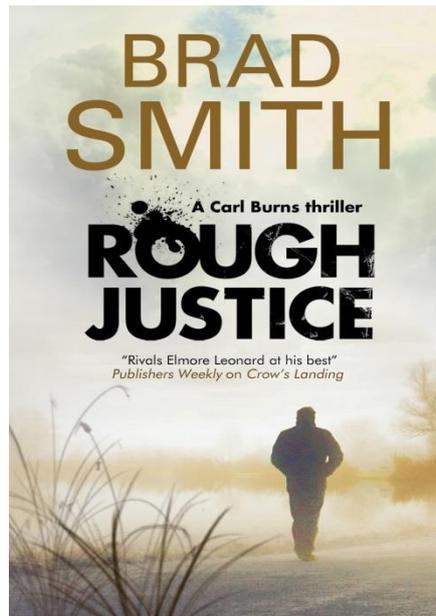
www.bradsmithbooks.com

ROUGH JUSTICE

Brad Smith

World English: Severn House
Published hb 2015, pb 2016

Translation rights on offer



“An engrossing series launch” - *Publishers Weekly*

“Nobody does stand-up guys better than Smith” - *Booklist*

“A slow-burning tale of vigilante justice” - *Kirkus*

After a spell in prison, Carl Burns has returned to his hometown of Rose City to offer support to his estranged daughter Kate, one of four witnesses testifying against the former mayor who stands accused of multiple counts of rape. Carl is determined to get justice, whatever it takes. But he finds himself incurring the wrath of powerful enemies as he attempts to uncover the shocking truth beneath the layers of corruption and lies which engulf the town.

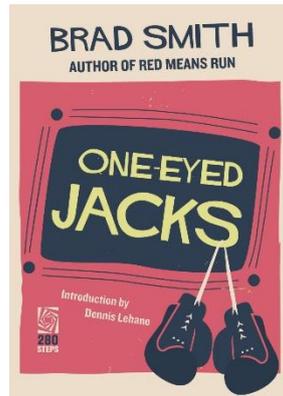
‘Rivals Elmore Leonard at his best’ - *Publishers Weekly on Crow’s Landing*

‘For such a furiously funny writer, Smith has great reserves of tenderness’
– *New York Times Book Review*

‘He’s funny, poignant, evocative, and he tells a blistering tale’ – Dennis Lehane

“Wonderfully wrought characters, delicious wit” - *Publishers Weekly on Shoot the Dog*

Brad Smith: backlist



Doubleday Canada 2000; Japanese, Hungarian; reprinted by 280 Steps 2013
Shortlisted for the Dashiell Hammett Award



Penguin Canada, Henry Holt USA 2003-2007;
reprinted by Endeavour Press 2016
***All Hat* adapted as a feature film**

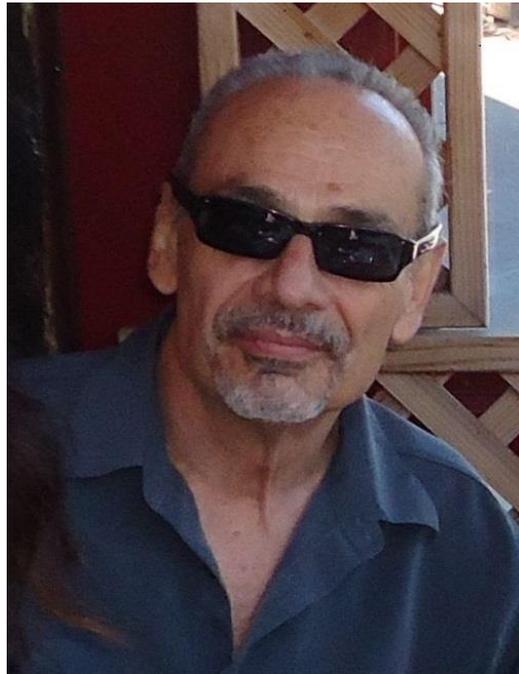


First published by Simon & Schuster Canada, Scribner USA 2012-2013;
reprinted by Crime Vault UK

THE STING OF THE WASP

Yianni Xiros

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“Gun down a sixteen-year-old kid from Halandri,” Psarros said with a touch of bitterness, “and they burn Exarchia. Kill six old men and everyone, says, oh really, yawns and goes back to solving the country’s problems over coffee.”

The murder of a 91-year-old man is the sixth in a series of killings of wealthy individuals in Athens and with the debt crisis, robbery seems an obvious motive.

Panos Akritas, the best detective on the Hellenic Police, is called in and informed secretly that the true motive is political – the men were used by the Nazis during the occupation to combat the leftist resistance and then served the right wing governments against the communists. After a two attempts to kill Akritas by persons unknown, however, he begins to suspect that there is also something else at work.

Yianni Xiros was born in Athens during the Greek Civil War, but has also lived in Italy, Britain, and Canada. Involved in education for thirty-five years, he now divides his time between Athens, London, and Vancouver.

HERE COME THE BODIES

Short stories

Chris Humphrey

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'Here come the bodies,' said Jane Ashcroft from behind the net curtains of her three bedroomed semi in a cul-de-sac of tranquil suburbia.

A woman latches on to a tragedy in the neighbourhood to make herself important for a day; a shopkeeper finds a strange door behind a box in his storeroom and follows a tunnel to another world; Will finds that his father has left him the family estate on condition he fight a gorilla. Chris Humphrey combines the mundane and the bizarre to create a fictional world that is darkly humorous and utterly engaging, a mixture of absurdity and magic realism.

Chris Humphrey has worked in jobs ranging from cleaner and cartographer to chef and salesman. He has travelled to over fifty countries, spending the last twelve years teaching English in the UK, Asia and the Middle East, and is now the Vice-Principal of a chain of language schools in England. He has written for local newspapers, gift books and was a sports columnist in South Korea.

Non-fiction



HOW TO MAKE A FRENCH FAMILY

A Memoir of Love, Food and Faux Pas

Samantha Vérant

UK rights on offer

US & Canada: Sourcebooks
Translation rights: Sourcebooks
Publication: 2017



By the author of *SEVEN LETTERS FROM PARIS* – published in 12+ countries and optioned for film – 'A charming story, and a delightful tribute to the power of a good old-fashioned love letter' - Peter Mayle, author of *A Year in Provence*

When Sam married the rocket scientist Frenchman she'd ignored for twenty years, she became an instant stepmother to two teenagers in a small town in southwest France. Once she got over the culture shock, the Californian woman who always enjoyed cooking had to learn to cook all over again. *HOW TO MAKE A FRENCH FAMILY* is a fun-filled recipe whose ingredients are communication, friendship, adventure, passion... and, of course, love.

DARE TO DO

Taking on the Planet by Boat and Bike

Sarah Outen

All rights: Nicholas Brealey/Hachette UK

Publication: late 2016

'Courageous & inspiring' DAME ELLEN MACARTHUR

DARE TO DO

SARAH OUTEN

Taking on The Planet by Bike and Boat

'A seriously tough expedition' SIR RANULPH FIENNES

'A powerful story' MARK BEAUMONT



CROSSING MADAGASCAR

Ash Dykes

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Since the age of 19, Ash Dykes has searched for adventure and challenge; he learned to survive in the jungle with a Burmese hill tribe, worked as a master scuba diver and trained as a Muay Thai fighter. Now in his mid-twenties, he has achieved two world firsts: walking solo across Mongolia, and over 1600 miles across Madagascar.

In Madagascar he stumbled upon the shells of birds that became extinct over 400 years ago and spotted the rarest bird in the world, traversed dunes and desert, dodged bandits, bubonic plague, crocodiles and forest fires, contracted malaria, summited the eight highest mountains, was caught in the tail end of a cyclone and carried a white cockerel for two and a half weeks to ward off bad spirits.

Ash Dykes, a Welsh adventurer from an ordinary background, two times World First record holder, has been called by *FHM* 'one of the world's most fearless outdoors men'. He's been invited to 10 Downing Street, won the 2015 UK Adventurer of the Year Award and the 2016 Welsh Adventurer of the Year Award. He's been featured in *The Times*, *Forbes*, *The Guardian*, *the Mail Online*, *BBC World News*, *ITV*, *Channel 5* and more. He gives inspiring talks regularly in schools and colleges, and addressed parliament on behalf of Malaria No More UK, as one of three 'special ambassadors' alongside David Beckham and Andy Murray.

WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS

How We Went Beyond Our Comfort Zone To Live Our Dream and Change Our Lives

Caspar Craven

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It's 1:30 am. There is a strong smell of diesel. The wind is howling outside, rain driving sideways. I'm head down, backside up in the bilges underneath the engine. Arms covered in oil. My back aches and I can't bend properly. I'd like some sleep.

Nichola courageously volunteers to bail out the bilges. It's a mucky job in a very confined space so she strips down to her underwear and squeezes in underneath the engine. Covered in oil and diesel, she looks up at me.

'Are we living the dream yet?' I ask.

We both burst into laughter. Clearly not just yet.

In June 2009, Caspar and Nichola created a plan to sail around the world with their young children. Most people thought they were crazy. Maybe they were. But over the past 7 years they've embraced every moment of this chapter of their lives. Five years of planning – the vision, the values, the excitement, the highs, the lows, the heartache, the agonising decisions, the seemingly adventure-stopping obstacles. Then two years of living their dream – the magical and the scary; enjoying life and learning as a family.

RUNNING WILD

Katharine Lowrie

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Millions of people charge through life without ever truly seeing the world. Without seeing a kestrel hanging as if by a wire, motionless in the air, as it scours a tussock for a vole; without seeing a hummingbird's back sparkling like jewels as the light plays on its plumage; without seeing the individual scales of a coral snake, as it pushes through the bush in its red, yellow and black warning cloak.

They had no ties yet, but a lust for wilderness and running. So two everyday runners decided to run the length of South America, barefoot, unsupported, pushing their bodies and minds to levels they never considered possible.

Katharine Lowrie became the first woman in the world to run the length of South America, 6,504 miles. She wrote blogs for *The Independent* and *The Ecologist* during the journey. She has worked as an ecologist for the RSPB and Environmental Protection in the Caribbean, and can now sometimes be seen running in the lanes of Devon and the foothills of Scotland while pushing her baby son, Theo, in front of her.

'I am delighted to support the journey and hope that many thousands will be inspired by their stories' - Ed Smith, Chairman, WWF-UK

DID ANDROPOV DREAM OF ELECTRIC SHEEP? From Tallinn to Tbilisi in Search of a Post-Soviet Future Thom Wheeler

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From Tallinn, Estonia, one of the most forward-thinking ex-Soviet republics with its cobbled streets rammed with weekend revellers, to the least developed, Georgia and the legendary Caucasus Mountains in the south; through Eastern Europe and the once Eastern Bloc, from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea; through largely forgotten parts of Latvia and Lithuania, through Poland, Austria, Hungary and Romania; visiting old friends and making new ones, Wheeler searches for what remains physically and metaphysically of the Soviet ambition – always with a light and humorous touch. Memorable incidents include a naked photo shoot on the shores of the Baltic Sea and the purchase of an aging Soviet Lada from a Polish car thief.

Thom Wheeler is the author of *ONE STEPPE BEYOND: Across Russia in a VW Camper* ('informative, accessible, and more fun than a banya full of vodka swilling Dmitrys' - *Library Journal*) and *THE WAY A RIVER WENT: Following the Volga through the heart of Russia* (featured in *The Metro* and *The Guardian*: 'En route to a wedding in Astrakhan, writer Thom Wheeler traced the length of the Volga River – and 500 years of Russian history – by foot, boat, bus and train'). Thom has lived and worked in several ex-Soviet Republics and continues to be a regular visitor. He has appeared on BBC Radio and Talk Radio Europe and was the first person to drive a campervan across the Russian Federation. He lives in Brighton and can be found online at www.thomwheeler.net and @wheelerthom.

ROAM ALONE: Inspiring Tales from Reluctant Solo Travellers

Various authors

Translation rights on offer

UK: Bradt Travel Guides (Literature Series)
US & Canada: Globe Pequot
Publication: 2017



Following the success of TO OLDLY GO: Tales of Intrepid Travel by the Over-60s and THE IRRESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER: Tales of Scrapes and Narrow Escapes – a new collection of inspirational true-life tales for 2017 about travelling alone

Solo travellers now make up one third of all those embarking on fixed-departure holidays. Many, but not all, are older people, widowed or divorced and facing the prospect of travelling alone for the first time. Some are planning a seriously adventurous trip lasting several months which they will have to do alone. What they have in common is anxiety: it takes courage to travel alone, especially if you are used to companionship.

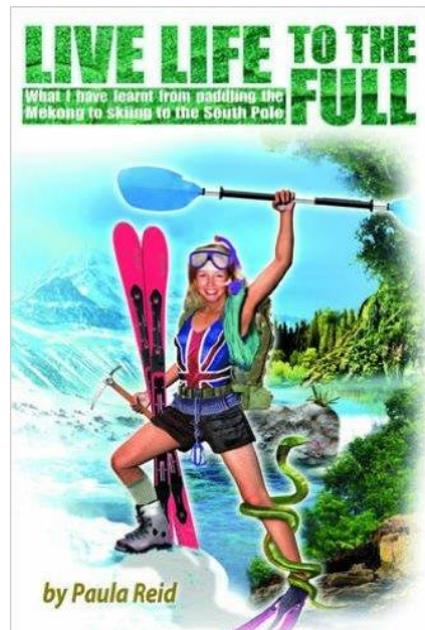
Full of exciting, amusing, nerve-wracking experiences, this is a collection of first-person stories by people who have reluctantly travelled alone – but loved it.

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

What I Have Learnt from Paddling the Mekong to Skiing to the South Pole

Paula Reid

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When you press the action replay button on your life, will it only contain images such as watching TV and writing emails? Or will it contain something more extraordinary?

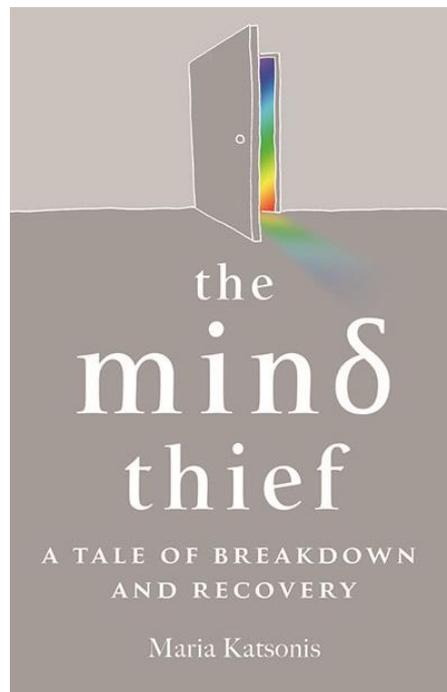
When we live a full life, enriched with adventure, experience and wonder, we feel alive and vibrant. This book tells of Paula's own adventures – the 'bucket list' and beyond – from sailing around the world to skiing to the South Pole; stories of resilience, camaraderie, laughter. It will inspire you to live your life to the full, to seize the day and savour the moment. We are all more amazing than we realise.

Paula Reid is an ordinary woman achieving extraordinary things. She is a performance catalyst: coach, trainer, consultant and speaker who empowers and inspires people to be more visionary and effective. Her company 'Velocity Made Good' combines lessons from elite sports and extreme environments with business best practice.

THE MIND THIEF: **A Tale of Breakdown and Recovery** **Maria Katsonis**

US and translation rights on offer

UK: Eye Books
Australia and New Zealand: Ventura Press
Published: 2016



‘An excellent read. Had tears in my eyes.’

(5* Amazon review)

‘In the space of five years, I went from graduating at Harvard to becoming a psychiatric patient. I overcame the stranglehold of depression and chose not to die...’

This is the powerful and moving true-life story of a high-flying civil servant who fought a terrifying battle against depression and psychosis. Cut off from her Greek immigrant parents when she came out as gay, she built herself a successful career which took her to Harvard as a mature student. Within a year of graduation, however, she reverted to the role of dutiful daughter when her mother became sick. She never expected to go to the brink of suicide and psychiatric hospital.

Written with elegance and honesty, this harrowing account is ultimately uplifting.

Maria Katsonis is a government executive in Victoria, Australia, and a spokesperson for mental health.

THE STRONG GIRL'S GUIDE TO SOBRIETY

Corrine Barraclough

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I'd spent a lot of money doing a lot of damage to my body – and for what? A lifestyle that didn't even make me happy. Forget jewellery, shoes or expensive trips abroad – sobriety is absolutely the greatest gift I've ever given myself.

Lots of people would like to cut back on how much they drink but they simply can't imagine doing it without losing friends or severely sabotaging their social life. This is an insightful and inspirational self-help book for women to understand their relationship with drinking. Practical advice will be interwoven with plenty of personal experience in this modern girls' guide to one of the most difficult challenges: cutting back your alcohol intake, reducing boozy socialising or achieving total sobriety in a culture that loves to drink.

Corrine became heavily involved in the London party scene working as an entertainment journalist. As her career took off and she moved around the world she became increasingly dependent until recognising it as a serious problem that she had to tackle when she turned 40. She resigned from her high flying job, gave away her possessions and moved to the beaches of Gold Coast in Australia to rebuild her life.

Born in West Yorkshire, after editing weekly magazines in New York, Sydney and London, **Corrine** has established herself as a freelance writer for the Daily Mail, Daily Telegraph, Mamamia and She Said with a strong social media presence.

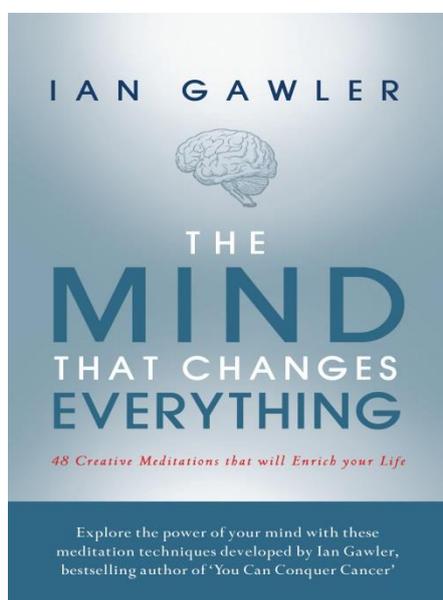
<https://corrinebarraclough.com/about/>

THE MIND THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING: 48 Creative Meditations that Will Enrich Your Life

Ian Gawler

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Australia and New Zealand: Brolga
Rights sold: India



The mind has an incredible capacity both to limit us and to set us free; to enable us to do what might have seemed impossible. Understand your inner world, the wisdom behind imagery, using a mental gym to train the mind, healing the body and healing the heart. Everything begins with the mind.

Well-informed, calm and spiritual, Gawler shows how to use the mind more fully and make good decisions. Used to dealing with people confronted by life-threatening illness, he has a practical approach. He also works with people who want to perform at their best and fulfil their potential.

Dr Ian Gawler is an authority on mind-body medicine and meditation. In his bestselling book *You Can Conquer Cancer*, he told his story of losing a limb to bone cancer and, when the cancer returned, using an intensive health regime, positive attitude, meditation and acceptance of loving support to beat his prognosis (see www.gawler.org). His life and work offers hope, inspiration and direction to people around the world.

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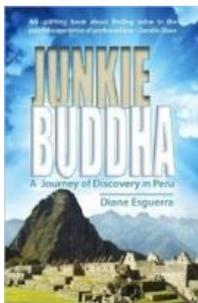
Sara Alexi

THE GREEK VILLAGE SERIES – over 15 bestselling self-published novels dominating the top 20 on Amazon UK for Kindle books on Greece since 2012
First in series: THE ILLEGAL GARDENER (rights sold Portuguese, film option)
4K reviews, average star rating 4.5/5. Sara was born in Oxford, UK.



Bradt Travel Literature

THE IRRESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER - collection includes Tim Cahill, Michael Palin, Simon Calder, Ben Fogle and Dervla Murphy
TO OLDLY GO – collection of true tales by writers over 60, including Colin Thubron, Matthew Parris and Dervla Murphy (rights sold Korea)



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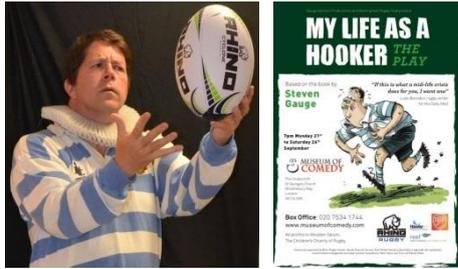
JUNKIE BUDDHA: a journey (Eye Books, 2015)

Featured in *The Independent* and *Daily Mail Femail*

'a raw and searingly honest account of love and loss, anger and grief... yet at the same time the prose is as colourful, finely woven and robust as a Peruvian rug' - David Hare, life coach

'I could not put it down... the most extraordinary book' - Jeni Barnet, BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey

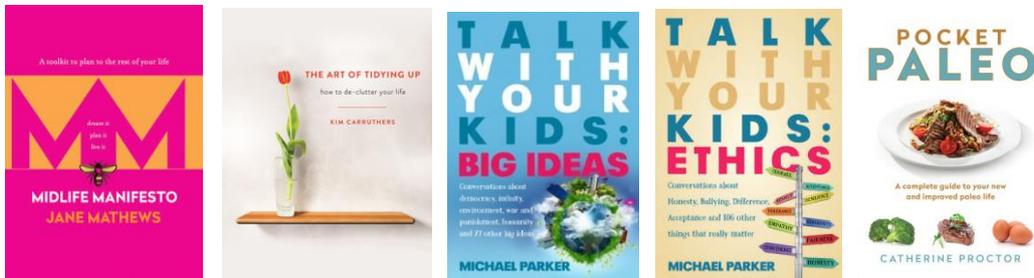
'an inspiring and uplifting book about finding infinite value in the most intense and painful experience of profound loss' - Sandie Shaw



Steven Gauge

Steven’s hilarious memoir *My Life as a Hooker: When a Middle-Aged Bloke Discovered Rugby*, shortlisted for the Sports Book of the Year Award, was staged as a play in London in 2015. During the rugby world cup he was invited by Radio 4 to explain the rules of rugby in 80 seconds. ‘If this is what a midlife crisis does for you, I want one’ – Luke Benedict, *Daily Mail*.

Author of several other gift and humour books on sport and politics
 'Steven Gauge is a supremely funny writer' - Toby Harnden



Ventura Press (Australia)

MIDLIFE MANIFESTO (rights sold US, Russia)

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS: ETHICS/BIG IDEAS (rights sold US, Russia, Czech;
 ‘Every parent in the world should read this book’ – Alan Jones Breakfast Show;
 ‘encourages parents to have real conversations with their children’ – Washington Post)

TALK LESS, LISTEN MORE (rights sold China – more than 25K copies sold)

THE ART OF TIDYING UP