Cheer Up Love Adventures In Depression With The Crab Of Hate

Can Tim, who is very bad at games, survive his stint at the adventure camp where he must cope with abseiling, climbing, canoing and the derision of his fellow campers? Suggested level: primary, intermediate.

When Sunday Times fashion journalist Brigid Keenan married the love of her life in the late Sixties, little idea did she have of the rollercoaster journey they would make around the world together - with most things going horribly awry while being obliged to keep the straightest face and put their best feet forward. For he was a diplomat - and Brigid found herself the smiling face of the European Union in locales ranging from Kazakhstan to Trin miserable for the first time in a career into which many would have long ago thrown the towel, she found herself asking (during a farewell party for the Papal Nuncio): was it worth it? As this stream of it-really-happened-to-me stories shows, it most certainly was - if only for our vicarious bewilderment at how exactly you throw a buffet dinner during a public mourning period in Syria, remain viable as a fashion journalist when taste-wise you are geographically a world away, make people believe that there are actually terrible things going on in paradise, be a good mother and save some of the finest architecture in Damascus and Brussels from demolition - seemingly all simultaneously.

Meet Duggee, a big dog with a big job - he runs the Squirrel Club! Every day he is joined by a group of fun-loving little critters who hope to collect their next Squirrel Club badge. In this adorable picture book, Duggee's nephew, Duggly, is paying the Squirrels a visit. Having a puppy around is great fun, but it's not always easy! Each Hey Duggee picture book comes with activity ideas and a cut-out-and-keep badge so that little Squirrels can jo

A hilarious book about parent and child relationships for fans of Ian Falconer and Jon Agee--a perfect gift idea for Father's Day and beyond! Little Jumbo just can't understand why his dad is having such a bad day. It couldn't be the raisins Little Jumbo spit out at the ceiling or the bath he refused to take--after all, Little Jumbo's dad knew he hated raisins and had already taken a bath that week! Luckily, Little Jumbo is such a thoughtful elepha dad's bad day around with some of his--ahem, his dad's--favorite things. How to Cheer up Dad is a standout debut featuring a charmingly oblivious little elephant with serious pluck and staying power. It turns the parent-child roles upside down is a great book for dads and the kids who make them laugh.

Three Women and a Boat

Adventures in Travel, True Love, and Petty Theft

Furiously Happy

Wild Game

Between the Stops

The Adventures Of Henrietta And Her Foreign Correspondent

How Gay Culture Liberated the Modern World

The Doctor's Companion: A person who explores time and space with the Doctor, fights enemies with the Doctor, and often has to save the Doctor's life. If it wasn't for the companions, the Doctor probably wouldn't have made it out of so many scrapes. To celebrate the formidable women who have travelled in the TARDIS, dive into four fantastic new adventures with the Doctor, starring Rose, Sarah-Jane, Clara and Bill. Written by Jenny Colgan, Jacqueline Rayner, Dorothy Koomson and Susan Calman, these stories are the perfect way to celebrate the Doctor's fantastic female heroines, for fans of all ages.

A Richard and Judy Book club selection. In the summer of 1990, Cathy's brother Matty was knocked down by a car on the way home from a night out. It was two weeks before his GCSE results, which turned out to be the best in his school. Sitting by his unconscious body in hospital, holding his hand and watching his heartbeat on the monitors, Cathy and her parents willed him to survive. They did not know then that there are many and various fates worse than death. This is the story of what happened to Cathy and her brother, and the unimaginable decision that she and her parents had to make eight years after the night that changed everything. It's a story for anyone who has ever watched someone suffer or lost someone they loved or lived through a painful time that left them forever changed. Told with boundless warmth and affection, The Last Act of Love by Cathy Rentzenbrink is a heartbreaking yet uplifting testament to a family's survival and the price we pay for love.

'Part confession, part call to arms and wholly entertaining' OBSERVER 'Her writing style is as kooky and digestible as Bill Bryson's . . . A fun-filled, fact-packed, memorable ride' SUNDAY TIMES 'Full of wit and wisdom' RADIO TIMES Between the Stops is a sort of a memoir, my sort. It's about a bus trip really, because it's my view from the Number 12 bus. From a brief history of lady gangsters at Elephant and Castle to anecdotes about boarding school, this is the long-awaited memoir from one of Britain's best-loved characters. Presenter of QI, former host of The Great British Bake Off, writer, broadcaster, activist and comic on stage, screen and radio for nearly forty years: this is an autobiography with a difference - as only Sandi Toksvig can tell it. A funny and moving trip through memories, musings and the many delights on the number 12 route, Between the Stops is also an inspiration to us all to get off our phones, look up and talk to each other because as Sandi says: 'some of the greatest trips lie on our own doorstep'.

*'DEEPLY HONEST, SURPRISINGLY HILARIOUS AND UPLIFTING' The Pool 'HEART-WARMING: UNMISSABLE' Damian Barr, Metro Susan Calman is a much-loved comedian and writer who has appeared on countless radio and television programmes from The News Quiz and Just a Minute to Armchair Detectives and Secret Scotland. She's hosted the podcast Mrs Brightside and stole the nation's hearts in Strictly Come Dancing. Her breakout solo stand up show, Susan Calman is Convicted, dealt with subjects like the death penalty, appearance and depression. It was the overwhelming and positive reaction to the show she wrote about mental health that made Susan want to write a more detailed account of surviving depression when you're the world's most negative and anxious person. The Crab of Hate is the personification of Calman's depression and her version of the notorious Black Dog. A constant companion all her life, the Crab has provided her with the best, and very worst of times. This is a very personal and affecting memoir of how, after many years and with a lot of help and talking, Susan has embraced her dark side and realised that she can be the most joyous sad person you'll ever meet. CHEER UP LOVE IS FUNNY, POIGNANT AND (HOPEFULLY) INFORMATIVE. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO TALK AND TO REALISE YOU ARE NOT ALONE. *If you loved Cheer Up Love, try Sunny Side Up, Susan's Calmanifesto of Happiness**

The View of My Life from the Top of the Number 12 Bus: the long-awaited memoir from the star of QI and The Great British Bake Off

Our Little Adventure Series

Bright World

How to Cheer Up Dad

Cheer Up Little Noddy

Lola Dutch

Just Ignore Him

All Amber wants is a little bit of love. Her mum has never been the caring type, even before she moved to California, got remarried and had a personality transplant. But Amber's hoping that spending the summer with her can change all that. And then there's Kyle, the most American person Amber's ever met. She can't help liking him. But can he really be interested in her? Even with best friends Evie and Lottie's advice, Amber's finding love is hard. Is it worth the fight? "I'm a big Holly Bourne fan and this is my favourite yet. She writes with such humour and great honesty, with wonderfully relatable characters. It's also refreshing to see feminism highlighted in such a positive and relevant way for teenagers." - Fiona Noble, The Bookseller "Bourne talks about feminism so openly and truthfully in her books and if you ever doubted the intelligence, ability or passion of teenage girls read her books and you never will again." - Muchbooks reader review on Guardian Children's Books "Written with humour and warmth, Amber's story perfectly captures the emotional rollercoaster that is love: embracing all its joy and pain, whether it be for family, friends or a gorgeous boy. A really satisfying page turner." - BookTrust "Emotive and thought provoking this searingly honest book deals with the biggest life lesson of all - nobody's perfect." - South Wales Daily Post "Holly Bourne truly is the Queen of YA!" - Humaira Kauser, age 17, for LoveReading4Kids "Holly Bourne is hugely popular with the young adult audience. The second instalment in her Normal series tells Amber's story of first love, friendship and addiction." - The Sunday Express "Holly Bourne's new novel demonstrates that with the right female friends, and a decent supply of cheesy snacks, a girl can get through anything... Well-written and thoughtful, this has a thoroughly authentic twenty-first century teen voice and lightens serious issues with humour." - LoveReading4Kids "When I received this book I let out a squeal... I really love this series." - Lucy the Reader "Hysterical" - Mslexia "The story is equal parts hilarious and heart-wrenching... I cannot get over how many times I snorted out loud whilst reading this book. You'll have to read it to see for yourself" - Fable & Table "[Holly Bourne's] writing style keeps me hooked, makes me feel things and genuinely makes me think hard about important issues. I cannot recommend her novels highly enough and I am on a mission to read them all!" - Adventures of a Teenage Bookworm

You're not imagining it. People are getting ruder. And this is a serious problem. The book that inspired the iTunes Top Ten podcast Did you know that even one rude comment in a life and death situation can decrease a surgeon's performance by as much as 50%? That we say we don't want rude politicians, but we vote for them anyway? Or that rude language can sway a jury in a criminal case? Bestselling writer and broadcaster Danny Wallace (Yes Man, Awkward Situations For Men), is on a mission to understand where we have gone wrong. He travels the world interviewing neuroscientists, psychologists, NASA scientists, barristers, bin men, and bellboys. He joins a Radical Honesty group in Germany, talks to drivers about road rage in LA, and confronts his own online troll in a pub. And in doing so, he uncovers the latest thinking about how we behave, how rudeness, once unleashed, can spread like a virus - and how even one flippant remark can snowball into disaster. As insightful and enthralling as it is highly entertaining, F* You Very Much* is an eye-opening exploration into the worst side of human behaviour. "A cry for human decency... deliciously hilarious. I politely encourage you to read this book. Immediately." Adam Grant author of Originals, Give and Take, Option B *This book was originally published under the title, I Can't Believe You Just Said That. But we decided it just wasn't rude enough...**

A beautiful gift book bringing together four more Katie Morag adventures, this is the perfect companion volume to Katie Morag's Island Stories. Katie Morag is always up to something--whether it's getting excited about the new pier, trying to cheer up Grannie Island in time for Granma Mainland's big day, singing naughty songs at the Grand Concert, or solving riddles to get back in everyone's good books.

Spectacles is the hilarious, creative and incredibly moving memoir from much loved comedian, writer and presenter Sue Perkins. When I began writing this book, I went home to see if my mum had kept some of my stuff. What I found was that she hadn't kept some of it. She had kept all of it - every bus ticket, postcard, school report - from the moment I was born to the moment I finally had the confidence to turn round and say 'Why is our house full of this shit?' Sadly, a recycling 'incident' destroyed the bulk of this archive. This has meant two things: firstly, Dear Reader, you will never get to see countless drawings of wizards, read a poem about corn on the cob, or marvel at the kilos of brown flowers I so lovingly pressed as a child. Secondly, it's left me with no choice but to actually write this thing myself. This, my first ever book, will answer questions such as 'Is Mary Berry real?', 'Is it true you wear a surgical truss?' and 'Is a non-spherically symmetric gravitational pull from outside the observable universe responsible for some of the observed motion of large objects such as galactic clusters in the universe?' Most of this book is true. I have, of course, amplified my more positive characteristics in an effort to make you like me. Thank you for reading. Pre order Sue Perkins new book, East of Croydon now. Praise for Spectacles 'Drama, tears and laughs - Spectacles has got it all. A brilliant, touching memoir suffused with love, it reminds you that life is best lived at wonky angles. I ADORED it' Jessie Burton, bestselling author of The Miniaturist 'Very funny . . . It seems there are two Sue Perkins: the TV one, who gabbles and pratfalls, and the sensitive one who aches. The first of course, exists to protect the second. They can both write. The first writes comedy, the second tragedy; in this sense, reading her memoir is very like meeting her' Sunday Times 'It's a proper book . . . so well written. Tight & bright & full of inspiration' Chris Evans, Radio 2

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Cheer Up

The Hazards of Love Vol. 1

Love and Pompoms

Four Stories from the TARDIS

The Last Act of Love

Worldwide Adventures in Love

Woods identifies the ways in which homosexuality has helped shape Western culture. Extending from the trials of Oscar Wilde to the gay liberation era, this book examines a period in which increased visibility made acceptance of homosexuality one of the measures of modernity. Woods looks at the informal networks of gay people in the arts and other creative fields. Uneasily called "the Homintern" by those suspicious of an international homosexual conspiracy, such networks connected gay writers, actors, artists, musicians, dancers, filmmakers, politicians, and spies. While providing some defense against dominant heterosexual exclusion, the grouping brought solidarity, celebrated talent, and, in doing so, invigorated the majority culture. Traveling from Harlem in the 1910s to 1920s Paris, 1930s Berlin, 1950s New York and beyond, this book presents a portrait of twentieth-century gay culture and the men and women who both redefined themselves and changed history.

A beautiful graphic novel fantasy romance that follows two young women who have to go on their own separate adventures to discover the truth about themselves and about each other. Preet is magic. Valissa is not. Everyone in their village has magic in their bones, and Preet is the strongest of them all. Without any power of her own, how can Valissa ever be worthy of Preet's love? When their home is attacked, Valissa has a chance to prove herself, but that means leaving Preet behind. On her own for the first time, Preet breaks the village's most sacred laws and is rejected from the only home she's ever known and sent into a new world. Divided by different paths, insecurities, and distance, will Valissa and Preet be able to find their way back to each other? A beautiful story of two young women who are so focused on proving they're meant to be together that they end up hurting each other in the process. This gorgeous graphic novel is an LGTBQ+ romance about young love and how it can grow into something strong no matter what obstacles get in the way.

The hilarious feminist account of the female body by the award-winning comedian ** PRE-ORDER SARA PASCOE'S NEW BOOK SEX POWER MONEY NOW** 'HILARIOUS' Daily Telegraph 'Brilliant' Frankie Boyle Sometimes Sara Pascoe confuses herself. She gets wildly and pointlessly jealous. She spends too much time hating her bum. And you know what she hates more than her bum? Her preoccupation with her bum. She's had sexual experiences with boys she wasn't really into, but still got a post-coital crush on them. She's ruined brand-new relationships by immediately imagining them going into reverse. There was so much about her behaviour that Pascoe wanted to understand. So she started researching what makes us - women - tick. And what she read made her eyes fall out of her face. Reader, here is everything science has to tell us about love, sexuality, infidelity, boobs, periods, pubes, broodiness, and clever old fat. Merry Christmas and Hallelujah! Suddenly being a woman doesn't look like such a minefield after all. 'Fresh and HONEST' Guardian 'Timely and INTELLIGENT' The Times 'FUNNY, sad, angry, affronted, engaging and ENLIGHTENING' Stylist

Nowadays, we question what leading a happy life entails, how to be satisfied. We end up wasting our energy away, looking for happiness and not living it the right way. What even is the right way!? We follow the path that is supposedly set out to us by societal stresses and cunning commercials, steering us in the direction of Always. Wanting. More. When in your twenties, thirties or sixties, we often question what's happening. Let's heal together.

All Over the Place

How Hard Can Love Be?

Spectacles

Sunny Side Up

Chill Out and Cheer Up

A Novel

Peggy and Me

Meet Lola Dutch, a delightfully creative girl who is bursting with grand ideas. From the best ways to serve breakfast -- an elegant feast! -- to the ideal sleeping spot -- a majestic blanket fort, of course! -- Lola is inspired all day long. Her dear companion Bear sometimes says she is just too much, but Lola is rich with imagination and originality, which even Bear will agree is AMAZING.The unstoppable Lola Dutch is about to show you how to make every day grand and full of fun. You'll love her so much! Inspired by their own four gorgeously feisty children, Sarah Jane and Kenneth Wright are thrilled to introduce the unstoppable Lola Dutch and her fresh, fun, commercial, character-driven series.

"It's the difference between surviving life and living life. It's the difference between taking a shower and teaching your monkey butler how to shampoo your hair." Jenny Lawson - aka The Bloggess - returns with the follow-up to her bestselling memoir Let's Pretend This Never Happened, recounting stories from everyday family life in her inimitably frank, hilarious, bizarre and endearing way. She describes her battles with depression and anxiety and her quest to overcome them by saying yes to even the absurdist opportunities and making the good times gloriously good. For as Jenny says: 'You can't experience pain without also experiencing the baffling and ridiculous moments of being fiercely, unapologetically, intensely and (above all) furiously happy...' It's a philosophy that has - quite literally - saved her life.

Magical friends Unicorn and Yeti love to help each other. Yeti thinks the dark forest is pretty. Maybe Unicorn needs to see the forest from a different perspective? These sparkly, laugh-out-loud stories with full-color artwork and easy-to-read text throughout are perfect for new readers.

Some people are meant to travel the globe, to unwrap its secrets and share them with the world. And some people have no sense of direction, are terrified of pigeons, and get motion sickness from tying their shoes. These people are meant to stay home and eat nachos. Geraldine DeRuiter is the latter. But she won't let that stop her. Hilarious, irreverent, and heartfelt, All Over the Place chronicles the years Geraldine spent traveling the world after getting laid off from a job she loved. Those years taught her a great number of things, though the ability to read a map was not one of them. She has only a vague idea of where Russia is, but she now understands her Russian father better than ever before. She learned that what she thought was her mother's functional insanity was actually an equally incurable condition called "being Italian." She learned what it's like to travel the world with someone you already know and love -- how that person can help you make sense of things and make far-off places feel like home. She learned about unemployment and brain tumors, lost luggage and lost opportunities, and just getting lost in countless terminals and cabs and hotel lobbies across the globe. And she learned that sometimes you can find yourself exactly where you need to be -- even if you aren't quite sure where you are.

Cheer Up Peter Reid

The surprising truth about why people are so rude

Straight Outta Crawley

Coming Back

Cheer Up, Mr. Widdicombe

Cliffhanger

The Blue Day Book

When Joe sees his late wife on a street corner, he believes he's either seen a ghost, or is insane. Jen and he were indescribably in love, but she was tragically killed a year earlier, and he's since remarried.Jen wasn't killed. The report of her death was an appalling mistake. Shattered and almost destroyed in finding him married to someone else, she struggles to find sanity and a new life. A story of love and strife that poses many questions.

A daughter's tale of living in the thrall of her magnetic, complicated mother, and the chilling consequences of her complicity Every time I fail to become more like my mother, I become more like me. On a hot August night on Cape Cod, when Adrienne was 14, her mother Malabar woke her at midnight with five simple words that would set the course of both of their lives for years to come: Ben Souther just kissed me. Adrienne instantly became her mother's confidante and helpmate, blossoming in the sudden light of her attention; from then on, Malabar came to rely on her daughter to help orchestrate what would become an epic affair with her husband's closest friend. The affair would have calamitous consequences for everyone involved, impacting Adrienne's life in profound ways, driving her into a doomed marriage of her own, and then into a deep depression. Only years later will she find the strength to embrace her life -- and her mother -- on her own terms. This is a book about how the people close to us can break our hearts simply because they have access to them. It's about the lies we tell in order to justify the choices we make. It's about mothers and daughters and the nature of family. And ultimately, it's a story of resilience, a reminder that we need not be the parents our parents were to us; that moving forward is possible. 'Not since The Glass Castle has a memoir conveyed such a complex family bond, in which love, devotion, and corrosive secrets are inextricably linked' J. Courtney Sullivan

FROM THE STAR of the award-winning BBC sitcom Miranda, comes Miranda Hart's hilarious account of life with her beloved dog Peggy, a gorgeous white bichon frise. 'Hilariously funny and often moving memoir ... we loved every word **' Heat 'Open, honest ... her misadventures are hilariously described ... charming and funny' Daily Express * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * Hello dear book browser and welcome to Peggy & Me, the story of my life since getting a beautiful Shih-Tzu Bichon Frise cross puppy (I call the breed a Shitty Frise - fun) in the form of Peggy. Some of you may be thinking: "a book about a dog, how totally brilliant, I need hear no more, I'm sold." In which case we should be best friends and go out to tea together, every day. Others of you may be thinking: "a book about a dog, how totally mad, she must have officially lost it." In which case I completely understand. For I once viewed dog owners with much suspicion. The way they obsessively talk about their dogs often using voices for them to reply; the way they have a light covering of dog hair all over their clothes and sofas; and worse, an alarming comfort and ease around excrement. But I now get why people become so mad about their hounds. It wasn't instant love I have to admit. Getting a puppy when I was at a low ebb in my life wasn't easy - there was a lot of challenging, what I call, dog administration (dog-min), and the humiliating first trip to the vet still haunts me. It's been a bumpy old road, but Peggy has been lovingly by my side through some life-changing moments and I wouldn't have coped without her. Most surprisingly she has taught me a huge amount - not how to get an old pie packet out of a bin and lick it (I could already do that), but real lessons about life and love and trust and friendship. Put aside any doggy reservations and come walkies with Peggy and me ...***

Amparo's deal with the talking cat was simple: a drop of blood and Amparo's name to become a better person. Their mother and abuela would never worry about them again, and they'd finally be worthy of dating straight-A student Iolanthe. But when the cat steals their body, becoming the better person they were promised, Amparo's spirit is imprisoned in a land of terrifying, flesh-hungry creatures known as Bright World. With cruel and manipulative masters and a society that feeds on memories, Amparo must use their cleverness to escape, without turning into a monster like the rest. On "the other side," Iolanthe begins to suspect the new Amparo has a secret, and after the cat in disguise vanishes, she's left searching for answers with a no-nonsense medium from the lesbian mafia and the only person who might know the truth about Bright World.

How to be Champion

Cheer Up Love

Who Wrote the Book of Love?

A BBC Two Between the Covers book club pick

The No.1 Sunday Times Bestselling Autobiography

a story of kindness and joy

Animal

Help calm their fears and dry their tears. From sickness to surgery-broken bones to broken hearts - Your loved one will enjoy cuddling up to this sweet get well soon story?? Join these adorable friends, Bunny and Koala, on a heartwarming journey showing the importance of kindness and the power of empathy. When Bunny comes to cheer up Koala who is sick, they imagine the fun adventures they want to have when Koala feels better ??? It's the perfect way to go on a journey without getting out of bed. Comforting get well soon gift for women, men, children or teens Beautiful hand-drawn illustrations sure to brighten anyone's day Hidden ladybug and quilt pattern on every page Uplifting message for anyone who needs a pick-me-up Book and gift card all-in-one While the comprehension level is targeted for girls and boys ages 3-7, both children and adults will love this beautiful story they can enjoy again and again. Also available are both the Children and Adult Companion Coloring Books. Full of inspiration and warmth to help you feel better in no time. Show your loved one how much you care with this thoughtful gift. Buy now to enjoy some quality time together.

Tenth anniversary ed. features hand-colored photo enhancements and illustrated endpapers and new foreword.

A pocket-sized Noddy story time treat! Tubby Bear crashes Noddy's taxi in this hardback story book, based on classic Enid Blyton stories and fully illustrated with colourful CGI artwork.

Hilarious, heartwarming and inspirational, this is the number 1 Sunday Times bestselling autobiography by comedian Sarah Millican. The funniest book of the year! ***** 'The naughtiest, helpiest, laughieoutloudiest and goodest book I've ever done reading on. Give that girl a banana!' DAWN FRENCH SARAH MILLICAN'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH, FEEL NORMAL AND PROBABLY SNIFF YOUR LEGGINGS. Part autobiography, part self help, part confession, part celebration of being a common-or-garden woman, part collection of synonyms for nunny, Sarah Millican's debut book delves into her super normal life with daft stories, funny tales and proper advice on how to get past life's blips - like being good at school but not good at friends, the excitement of IBS and how to blossom post divorce. If you've ever worn glasses at the age of six, worn an off-the-shoulder gown with no confidence, been contacted by an old school bully, lived in your childhood bedroom in your thirties, been gloriously dumped in a Frankie and Benny's, cried so much you felt great, been for a romantic walk with a dog, worn leggings two days in a row even though they smelt of wee from a distance, then this is YOUR BOOK. If you haven't done those things but wish you had, THIS IS YOUR BOOK. If you just want to laugh on a train/sofa/toilet or under your desk at work, THIS IS YOUR BOOK. 'Of course Sarah Millican's book will make you laugh out loud, but there are moments where she will touch you deeply. The dirty bitch.' KATHY BURKE

More Katie Morag Island Stories

F*** You Very Much

Hey Duggee: Cheer Up, Pup!

A Ten-Step Guide

My Autobiography

Memoirs of a Distinctly Average Human Being

Truth Is Not Always True

A young girl whose family is breaking down finds escape in the life of a woman from the past in this latest novel by ex-Sleeper singer Louise Wener.

Denis Cooverman wanted to say something really important in his high school graduation speech. So, in front of his 512 classmates and their 3,000 relatives, he announced: 'I love you, Beth Cooper.' It should have been such a sweet, romantic moment. Except that Beth, the head cheerleader, has only the vaguest idea who Denis is. And Denis, the captain of the debate team, is so not in her league that he is barely even of the same species. And then there's Kevin, Beth's remarkably large boyfriend, who's in town on leave from the US Army. Complications ensue...

THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER Straight Outta Crawley is the hilarious and irreverent autobiography from comedian Romesh Ranganathan. 'Very, very funny. I can't recommend it highly enough.' Jonathan Ross _____ At the age of 9, Romesh Ranganathan delivered his first ever stand-up set at a Pontin's holiday camp talent competition, smashing the other competitor, a young girl playing the kazoo. The gig went so well that Romesh retired his comic genius for twenty-two years, hiding behind the guise of a maths teacher, before finally revealing himself again (no, not like that) at the tender age of 31. In 2010, Ranganathan staged his epic comeback gig to an almost silent room, and has since gone on to earn his place as the most in-demand overweight vegan Sri Lankan comedian in Britain. Now, for the first time, he tells the full story of how he got here. From the delights of Sri Lankan hospitality to his struggles as a child, teacher and now parent, to his adolescent flirtation with a rap career and his attempts to make it in comedy, Straight Outta Crawley is Ranganathan's hilarious and irreverent autobiography. Have you read Romesh's latest book? As Good As It Gets: Life Lessons from a Reluctant Adult is Romesh Ranganathan's hilarious and painfully accurate dissection of what it really means to grow up.

THE BBC RADIO TWO BOOK CLUB PICK A hugely charming, uplifting story that shows it's never too late for new adventures - for fans of HAROLD FRY, DEAR MRS BIRD and THE LIBRARIAN. 'Full of grace and humanity' SUNDAY TIMES 'Life-affirming and funny' GOOD HOUSEKEEPING Meet Eve, who has departed from her thirty-year career to become a Free Spirit; Sally, who has waved goodbye to her indifferent husband and two grown-up children; and Anastasia: defiantly independent narrowboat-dweller, suddenly vulnerable as she awaits a life-saving operation. Inexperienced and ill-equipped, Sally and Eve embark upon a journey through the canals of England, guided by the remote and unsympathetic Anastasia. As they glide gently - and not so gently - through the countryside, the eccentricities and challenges of canalboat life draw them inexorably together, and a tender and unforgettable story unfolds. Disarmingly truthful and narrated with a rare, surprising wit, THREE WOMEN AND A BOAT is a journey over the glorious waterways of England and into the unfathomable depths of the human heart. ---------- What customers are saying: 'Moving, tender and just a balm for the soul' ***** 'Perfect for those in need of an uplifting read' **** 'A warm and enjoyable read' *****

Doctor Who: The Day She Saved the Doctor

A Funny Book about Horrible Things

When You Feel Better: A Get Well Soon Gift

A Modern Heirloom Books Set Featuring First Words and Language Development

I Love You Beth Cooper

Diplomatic Baggage

A Lesson in Cheering Yourself Up

The Calmanifesto of Happiness 'One of the kindest people I have ever met - a beautiful dancer and a beautiful person' Kevin Clifton 'Be good, be kind, be more like Susan Calman' Kirstie Allsopp 'Be kind to yourself - read this book, keep it on your bedside table or on your Kindle - even Kindle has the word kind in it' Sandi Toksvig 'Full of wisdom and humour, with the soft underbelly of the profound' Fi Glover 'It's a warm, funny and delightful book that is sure to cheer even the grumpiest curmudgeon in your life' Woman and Home Susan Calman's enthusiasm at being on Strictly Come Dancing was an inspiration to all of us. Cheer Up Love, Susan's first book, had a clear aim: to help people understand depression. Sunny Side Up has a similarly clear path: to persuade people to be kinder to each other and spread more joy. These are extremely difficult and confusing times - people are cross and shouty. It's exhausting! But more than anything, people like Susan, people who don't hate other people, are apologising for the way that they think. Susan wants to make sure that they don't. She wants them to know that it's ok to love people and that kindness is something wonderful and brilliant. Above all, she wants them to bring on the joy. So the mission is simple. To get the nation to join her in not being negative. To bring back joy, kindness and community, to find that joy in the little things in life and defeat the hate and fear. Susan is a one-woman army of hope and joy, and she's ready to lead the nation in a different direction.

Named one of 2019's most anticipated reads by Entertainment Weekly, "a hilarious and witty joy of a novel about a family's insanely dramatic summer at their new island home" (Cosmopolitan) in the Pacific Northwest. The inimitable—some might say incorrigible—Frank Widdicombe is suffering from a deep depression. Or so his wife, Carol, believes. But Carol is convinced that their new island home—Willowbrook Manor on the Puget Sound—is just the thing to cheer him up. And so begins a whirlwind summer as their house becomes the epicenter of multiple social dramas involving the family, their friends, and a host of new acquaintances. The Widdicombes' son, Christopher, is mourning a heartbreak after a year abroad in Italy. Their personal assistant, Michelle, begins a romance with preppy screenwriter Bradford, who also happens to be Frank's tennis partner. Meanwhile, a local named Marvelous Matthews is hired to create a garden at the manor—and is elated to find Gracie Sloane, bewitching self-help author, in residence as well. When this alternately bumbling and clever cast of characters comes together, they turn "as frothy and bitter as a pot of freshly brewed dark-roast coffee, the kind that's always available on the Widdicombe's sideboard. And the dialogue, oh how it singes and sears" (The Washington Post). A "gleefully over-the-top satiric debut" (Kirkus Reviews), Cheer Up, Mr. Widdicombe is perfect for fans of Maria Semple's Where'd You Go, Bernadette?, Andrew Sean Greer's Less, and Jess Walter's Beautiful Ruins.

"Follow along with Little Fox as he plans a surprise picnic for his friend Owl," --

A sweet, queer teen romance perfect for fans of Fence and Check, Please! Annie is a smart, antisocial lesbian starting her senior year of high school who's under pressure to join the cheerleader squad to make friends and round out her college applications. Her former friend BeeBee is a people-pleaser—a trans girl who must keep her parents happy with her grades and social life to keep their support of her transition. Through the rigors of squad training and amped up social pressures (not to mention micro aggressions and other queer youth problems), the two girls rekindle a friendship they thought they'd lost and discover there may be other, sweeter feelings springing up between them.

Homintern

The Autobiography of a Female Body

My Mother, Her Lover and Me

The Story of My Brother and His Sister

(A Graphic Novel)

The Cat Who Covered the World

A foreign correspondent recalls life with Henrietta, an ordinary family cat who accompanied him all over the world as he covered important events in Russia, China, South Africa, and Canada.

Who Wrote the Book of Love? is acclaimed novelist Lee Siegel's comedic chronicle of the sexual life of an American boy in Southern California in the 1950s. Starting at the beginning of the decade, in the year that Stalin announced that the Soviet Union had developed an atomic bomb, the book opens with a child's first memory of himself. Closing at the end of the decade, when Pat Boone's guide to dating, 'Twixt Twelve and Twenty, topped the bestseller list, the book culminates just moments before the boy experiences for the first time what he had learned from a book read to him by his mother was called "coitus or sexual intercourse or sometimes, less formally, just making love." Between the initial overwhelmingly erotic recollection and the final climactic moment, all is sex—beguiling and intractable, naughty and sweet. Who Wrote the Book of Love? is about the subversive sexual imaginations of children. And, as such, it is about the origins of love. Vignettes from the author's childhood provide the material for the construction of what is at once comic fiction, imaginative historical reportage, and an ironically nostalgic confession. The book evokes the tone and tempo of a decade during which America was blatantly happy, wholesome, and confident, and yet, at the same time, deeply fearful of communism and nuclear holocaust. Siegel recounts both the cheer and the paranoia of the period and the ways in which those sentiments informed wondering about sex and falling in love. "Part of my plan," Mark Twain wrote in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, "has been to try to pleasantly remind adults of what they once were themselves, and of how they felt and thought and talked." With the same motive, Lee Siegel has written what Twain might have composed had he been Jewish, raised in Beverly Hills in the 1950s, and joyously obsessed with sex and love.

'A simply astonishing achievement. The quality, depth, emotional power and terrifying honesty of Alan Davies's story-telling take the breath away' Stephen Fry 'This hugely affecting book is brave, insightful and, at times, funny about things it is hard to be funny about' Jo Brand The story of a life built on sand. In the rain. In this compelling memoir, comedian and actor Alan Davies recalls his boyhood with vivid insight and devastating humour. Shifting between his 1970s upbringing and his life today, Davies moves poignantly from innocence to experience to the clarity of hindsight, always with a keen sense of the absurd. From sibling dynamics, to his voiceless, misunderstood progression through school, sexuality and humiliating 'accidents', Davies inhabits his younger mind with spectacular accuracy, sharply evoking an era when Green Shield Stamps, Bob-a-Job week and Whizzer & Chips loomed large, a bus fare was 2p - and children had little power in the face of adult motivation. Here, there are often exquisitely tender recollections of the mother he lost at six years old, of a bereaved family struggling to find its way, and the kicks and confusion of adolescence. Through even the joyous and innocent memories, the pain of Davies's lifelong grief and profound betrayal is unfiltered, searing and beautifully articulated. Just Ignore Him is not only an autobiography, it is a testament to a survivor's resilience and courage.