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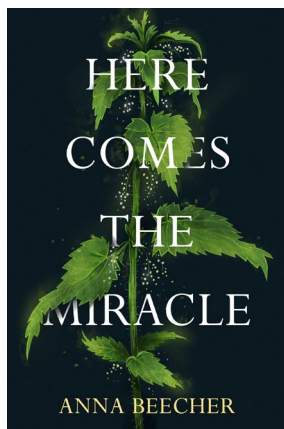
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**Recent & Forthcoming Titles**

## \* FORTHCOMING FICTION \*



### **HERE COMES THE MIRACLE**

**by Anna Beecher**

World excluding US: Weidenfeld & Nicolson – February 2021. US rights handled by SKA.

MS available from the publisher.

It begins with a miracle: a baby born too soon but defiantly alive. And decades earlier another miracle; two teenage boys fall in love. A profoundly moving drama spanning three generations of the same family. For fans of John McGregor, Max Porter and Jenny Offill.



### **RABBIT HOLE by Mark Billingham**

World excluding Germany: Little, Brown - July 2021. Options elsewhere.

MS due October 2020.

Alice Armitage is in long term psychiatric care following a drug-fuelled psychotic breakdown. When one of her fellow patients is murdered she ignores police and begins her own investigation, but can she trust her own judgement? Mark's twentieth novel CRY BABY was a *Sunday Times* bestseller.



### **HOPE NICELY'S LESSONS FOR LIFE**

**by Caroline Day**

World: Bonnier Zaffre – March 2021.

MS available from the publisher.

Hope Nicely struggles with social situations and remembering instructions. She's hoping that enrolling in a creative writing course will help make sense of her story, but when her adoptive mother falls ill, Hope will be tested in ways she never dreamed of. An exciting debut starring a unique heroine from a fresh new voice in commercial fiction.

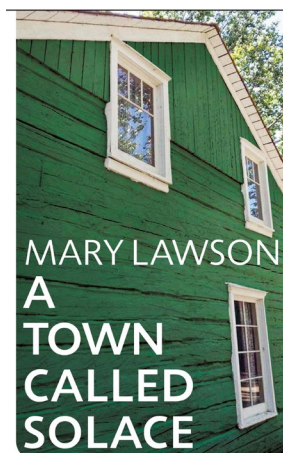


## **UNSETTLED GROUND by Claire Fuller**

UK: Fig Tree – January 2021. US: Tin House.  
Canada: House of Anansi Press. France: Editions  
Stock. Options elsewhere.

MS available.

Fuller's fourth novel is a devastating portrayal of rural poverty and marginalisation, and follows middle-aged twins Julius and Jeanie as they struggle to find independence and answers in the wake of their mother's sudden death.



## **A TOWN CALLED SOLACE**

**by Mary Lawson**

UK: Chatto & Windus – February 2021.

North America: Knopf Canada. France: Belfond.  
Germany: Heyne. Options elsewhere.

MS available.

When newly divorced Liam unexpectedly inherits the house of his former neighbour Mrs Orchard, he is pulled into the lives of the locals and finds himself helping with the search for a missing girl. An uplifting, beautifully observed drama for fans of Elizabeth Strout and Annie Proulx, from the international best-selling author of CROW LAKE.



## **A DOOR BEHIND A DOOR: A Novella**

**by Yelena Moskvich**

US: The Two Dollar Radio – Summer 2021.

MS available.

Part Pushkin's EUGENE ONEGIN, part A CLOCKWORK ORANGE, spun on its head Jodorovsky style. Exploring themes of freedom/incarceration, criminality as heritage, female desire and sexuality in revolt, this uncanny novella packs an incredibly powerful punch. Yelena's second novel VIRTUOSO was longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize 2020.



## **LAGOMORPH & OTHER STORIES**

**by Alexander MacLeod**

UK: Jonathan Cape – Spring 2022. US: Farrar Straus & Giroux. Canada: McClelland and Stewart. Germany: Luchterhand. Netherlands: De Bezige Bij. Spain: Alianza de Novelas.

Unedited MS available.

The follow-up to MacLeod's critically acclaimed debut *LIGHTLIFTING*, this new collection was sold at auction in Canada, Germany and the Netherlands and pre-empted in the US, and cements the author as a master of compelling, strange, beautifully observed prose fiction. MacLeod has previously won the Atlantic Book Award and an O'Henry Prize for his writing, and his stories have been shortlisted for the Giller Prize, Commonwealth Writers Prize, the Frank O'Connor award and the Thomas Head Raddall Fiction Award.

## **THIS IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK**

**by Alexander MacLeod**

UK: Jonathan Cape – 2023. US: Farrar Straus & Giroux. Canada: McClelland and Stewart. Germany: Luchterhand. Italy: Einaudi. Netherlands: De Bezige Bij. Spain: Alianza de Novelas. Partial MS available; full MS due September 2022.

The author's debut novel was sold at auction in Canada, Germany and the Netherlands and pre-empted in the US and Italy. Inspired by real events at Lac Megantic, Quebec, it follows the devastating aftermath and far reaching consequences of a train derailment and chemical fire in a small town in 1984.

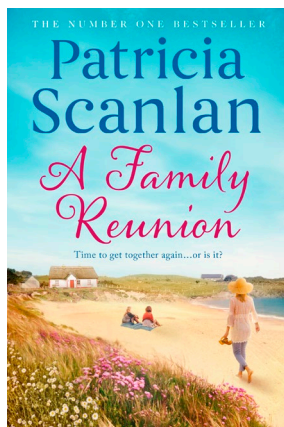


## **IN A GARDEN BURNING GOLD**

**by Rory Power**

UK: Titan. US: Del Rey – 2022. Russia: ST Licence  
Ptd. Unedited MS available.

Debut fantasy novel from the *NYT* bestselling author. A sweeping Balkan-set story which combines lush world-building with a vibrant and dynamic cast of characters reminiscent of Katherine Arden's *WINTERNIGHT* trilogy and V. E. Schwab's *SHADES OF MAGIC*.



## **A FAMILY REUNION by Patricia Scanlan**

UK: Simon & Schuster – March 2021.

MS available.

A funny and moving portrait of faith and forgiveness, spanning six decades and three generations of remarkable women. Patricia's books have sold over 1.3m copies and been translated into seventeen languages. Published in Ireland in March 2020 as *THE LIBERATION OF BRIGID DUNNE*.



## **HEAR NO EVIL by Sarah Smith**

UK: under offer. US rights handled by: David Forrer at InkWell

Gripping historical crime debut about the first deaf person ever to stand trial in Scotland, reminiscent of *ALIAS GRACE*. Young single mother Jean Campbell stands accused of murdering her own child. Her interpreter, Robert Kinniburgh must win her trust and turn investigator if he is to save her from the hangman's noose.





### **THE LISTENERS by Jordan Tannahill**

UK: Fourth Estate – September 2021. Canada: Harper Collins. US rights handled by: David Forrer at Inkwell. MS due November 2020.

This masterful speculative novel by the award-winning Canadian playwright was sold at auction in the UK. When suburban teacher Claire becomes plagued by a low hum that her family can't hear, she joins a local support circle hoping for answers; a decision with devastating consequences.

## **\* FORTHCOMING NON-FICTION \***



### **THE GALLERY OF MIRACLES AND MADNESS by Charlie English**

UK: William Collins – May 2021. US: Random House. Options elsewhere. MS available.

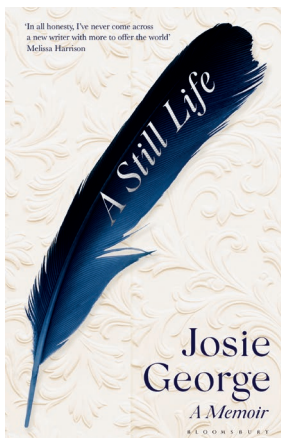
Charlie English's much-anticipated second book. The Prinzhorn collection, comprising the art of mentally ill artists, inspired some of the most celebrated cultural movements of the modern era, from Dada to Surrealism to Abstract Expressionism. Once it fell into Hitler's hands however, the collection would prove lethal – both for art in Nazi Germany, and for its creators.



### **THE MAN WHO INVENTED MOTION PICTURES: *The Disappearance of Louis le Prince, the Making of the World's First Film & the Birth of the Modern World* by Paul Fischer.**

UK: Faber – August 2021. US: Simon & Schuster. MS due October 2020.

Louis le Prince invented the motion picture in 1890. A month before unveiling it to the world, he disappeared. Three years later, Thomas Edison made the technology public, and claimed to have invented it himself. Beautifully told and forensically researched, this is a ghost story, a family saga, an unsolved mystery, and the story of an invention which would immortalise human experience.

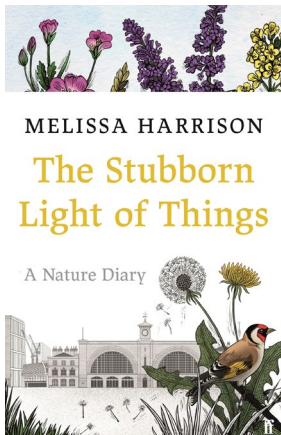


## **A STILL LIFE: *A Memoir* by Josie George**

UK: Bloomsbury – February 2021.

MS available.

Josie George has struggled with chronic and debilitating pain since childhood. In this wise and joyful memoir, she explores the rich possibilities inherent in a slower, more observant life. “In all honesty, I’ve never come across a new writer with more to offer the world” - Melissa Harrison.



## **THE STUBBORN LIGHT OF THINGS:**

***Collected Nature Writing* by Melissa Harrison**

UK: Faber – November 2020. Options elsewhere.

MS available.

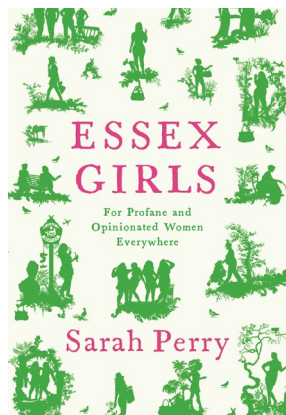
First published in *The Times*, Harrison’s beautiful observations of the natural world are an inspiring reminder of the fragile ecosystems all around us. Melissa’s lockdown podcast of the same name proved hugely popular and was praised in *The Guardian* and *Financial Times*. Her latest novel *ALL AMONG THE BARLEY* was the winning entry for the 2019 EU Prize for Literature.



## **THE ISLAND OF EXTRAORDINARY CAPTIVES by Simon Parkin**

UK: Sceptre – July 2022. US: Scribner. Options elsewhere. MS due January 2021.

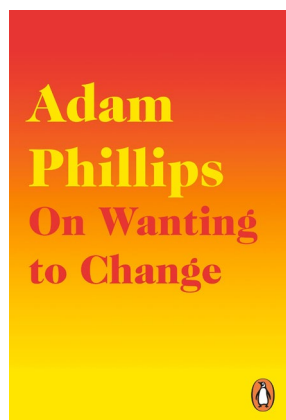
14,000 German and Austrian refugees were interned in camps on the Isle of Man during WW11, some of the world’s most gifted creatives and thinkers among them. Simon Parkin’s mesmerising new book will be an exploration of the battle between fear and compassion at a time of national crisis.



## **ESSEX GIRLS: *For Profane and Opinionated Women Everywhere* by Sarah Perry**

UK: Serpent's Tail – October 2020. Options elsewhere. MS available.

Perry summons her home county's most unquiet spirits, sitting them alongside Audre Lorde, Kim Kardashian and Harriet Martineau, to show us that the Essex Girl represents a particular type of female agency, and that it is time to celebrate this. Keira Knightley will produce and star in the film adaptation of Sarah Perry's 2016 bestseller *THE ESSEX SERPENT* for Apple TV+.



## **ON WANTING TO CHANGE and ON GETTING BETTER by Adam Phillips**

UK: Hamish Hamilton – March 2021/November 2021. US: Farrar Straus & Giroux.

MS vol.1 available. MS vol.2 due March 2021.

We are always being invited to change; through politics, fitness, diet or therapy. As such, we want to think of our lives as narratives of positive personal growth, at the same time as we inevitably age and suffer setbacks. These two new instalments from the UK's foremost literary psychoanalyst explore the theme of change and all its contradictions.



## **THE SUITCASE: *Six Attempts to Cross a Border* by Frances Stonor Saunders**

UK: Jonathan Cape – June 2021. Options elsewhere.

US rights handled by: Aragi Inc. MS available.

A captivating exploration of history, memory and geography. The award-winning writer turns her acute eye on her own family after being handed an old suitcase filled with her father's papers, resulting in a richly detailed, profound story of shifting nationalities and personal upheaval. The *LRB* has run extracts from this new masterpiece by the author of *WHO PAID THE PIPER?*, *HAWKWOOD* and *THE WOMAN WHO SHOT MUSSOLINI*.





## **THE LAST DROP: *Solving the World's Water Crisis* by Tim Smedley**

World: Picador – 2023. MS due December 2021.

The second book from Royal Society Book Prize shortlisted environmental journalist Tim Smedley, pre-empted in the UK. To thoroughly investigate “the next big climate crisis”, Tim will travel the world to meet experts, victims, activists and pioneers, finding out how we can mend the water table that our survival depends on.

## **\* COOKERY \***

### **OTTOLENGHI FLAVOUR**

**by Yotam Ottolenghi and Ixta Belfrage**

World ex US: Ebury – September 2020. US: Ten Speed Press. MS available from the publisher.

This 9th cookbook from the phenomenal, internationally best-selling Yotam Ottolenghi and his team went straight to the top lists on publication and looks to smash records all over the world. A follow-up to PLENTY and PLENTY MORE which once again showcases extraordinary vegetarian recipes offering up simple ideas for weeknights, low effort/ high impact dishes and stand-out meals.



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**FLAVOUR**



### **BREADSONG by Kitty Tait and Alex Tait**

World: Bloomsbury - October 2021.

MS due January 2021.

At a moment of personal crisis, 14 year-old Kitty Tait was taught how to bake a loaf of bread by her father, Alex, in an attempt to bring her back from the edge. One year later they opened the now iconic Orange Bakery in a small town in Oxfordshire. BREADSONG shares their extraordinary journey and the life-affirming magic of baking through the delicious, creative and achievable recipes they've developed along the way.

## \* CHILDREN'S & YA \*



### **BY OAK AND ASH AND THORN**

**by Melissa Harrison**

World: Chicken House - May 2021. MS available from the Publisher.

The award-winning author's debut middle-grade novel inspired by BB's classic tale THE LITTLE GREY MEN, in the vein of THE BORROWERS. Cumulus, Moss and Burnet wake from their winter hibernation to discover one of them is in grave danger. The three friends set out on a nature-filled adventure to try and save the day.



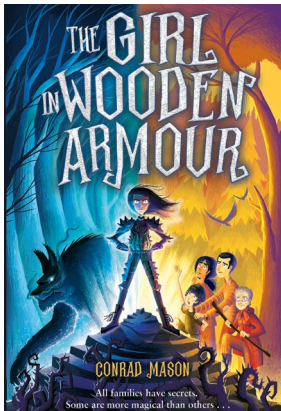
### **THE CURSE OF THE DEADLY 7**

**by Garth Jennings**

World: Macmillan - February 2021.

MS available from the Publisher.

The last book in the funny, action-packed, exciting monster adventure trilogy by the director of SING. "A fantastic new voice in middle grade fiction. I loved it!" - Robin Stevens.



### **THE GIRL IN WOODEN ARMOUR**

**by Conrad Mason**

World English: David Fickling Books - April 2021. MS available.

Hattie embarks on a dangerous quest to find her missing grandmother; her journey will lead her to the monsters of the Un-forest, the secret society who try to contain them, and the truth about her family. An action-packed adventure from the author of the TALES OF FAYT series.



### **GROW by Luke Palmer**

World: Firefly Press - April 2021. MS available from the Publisher.

A powerful and moving YA debut. A white supremacist group and its violent leader target teenage Josh, who is struggling to cope with his father's recent death. An unflinching exploration of grief and a timely and compelling comment on racism and radicalisation in today's society woven through with redemptive strands of love, friendship and nature.



### **THE WORLD ENDS HERE by Rory Power**

US: Delacorte - October 2021. Options elsewhere. MS due September 2020.

A speculative thriller following ex-girlfriends raised at a remote, icy research institute, and what happens when they uncover the nightmarish discovery their families are protecting. BURN OUR BODIES DOWN, Rory's follow up to her *NYT* bestselling debut WILDER GIRLS, was published in July 2020 to rave reviews.

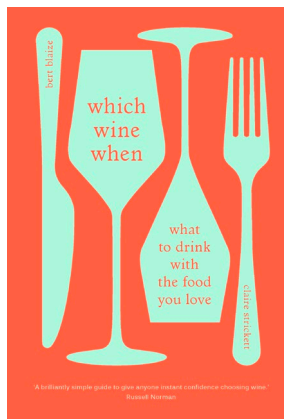


### **THE SECRET DETECTIVES by Ella Risbridger**

World: Nosy Crow - February 2021.  
MS available from the Publisher.

When Isobel Petty is suddenly orphaned, she is sent away from her home in India to live with a distant uncle in England. On board the SS Mariana, Isobel witnesses a shocking crime, and must solve two mysteries – the identities of both the murderer and the victim – before reaching England. Outstanding debut middle-grade for fans of Katherine Rundell.

## \* RECENT HIGHLIGHTS \*



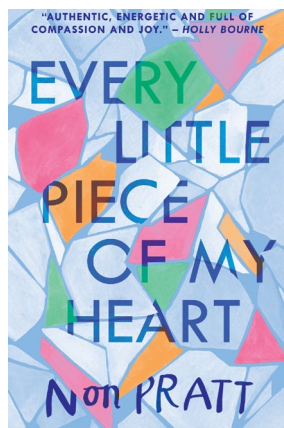
### **WHICH WINE WHEN**

**by Bert Blaize & Claire Strickett**

World: Ebury – August 2020.

MS available from the publisher.

Whether you're ordering a curry, taking a bottle to a friend's, cooking to impress or vegging out on the sofa, this irreverent and fun wine guide will turn even the most down-to-earth meal into a magical combination of what's on your plate and what's in your glass. "A brilliantly simple guide to give anyone instant confidence choosing wine" – Russell Norman



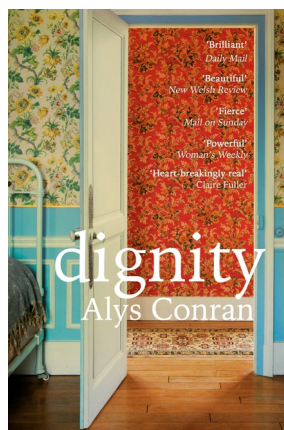
### **EVERY LITTLE PIECE OF MY HEART**

**by Non Pratt**

World: Walker Books – August 2020.

MS available from the Publisher.

Sophie doesn't understand why her best friend Freya left town so suddenly, but when letters start arriving from Freya addressed to people on the periphery of her life, Sophie starts to put the puzzle together. Pratt's debut, *TROUBLE* was shortlisted for the YA Prize and Branford Boase Award and longlisted for the Carnegie.



### **DIGNITY by Alys Conran**

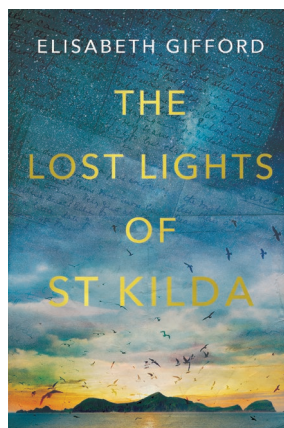
UK: Weidenfeld & Nicolson – April 2019.

US rights handled by: Lutyens & Rubinstein.

MS available.

'I loved this... Magda is a real stand-out character for me in books I've read recently, I can't quite stop thinking about her' Jane Garvey, *BBC Woman's Hour*. This warm-hearted novel was shortlisted for the 2020 Wales Book of the Year and was a Waterstones Welsh Book of the Month.





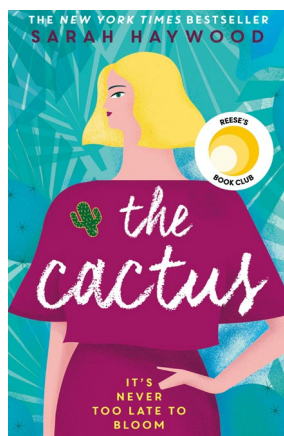
## THE LOST LIGHTS OF ST KILDA

by Elisabeth Gifford

World: Corvus – March 2020.

MS available from the publisher.

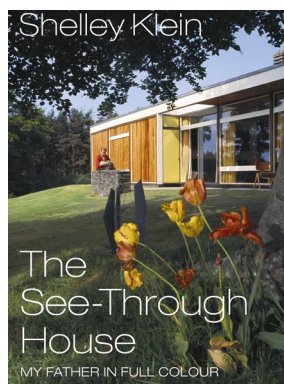
A sweeping love story crossing oceans and decades. Imprisoned as a POW in France, Fred Lawson dreams of the summer he spent on St Kilda, and Chrissie, the woman he fell for. Making his daring escape in 1940, he is sustained by one thought only; finding his way back to her. “A gorgeous, melancholy love story”- *The Times*



## THE CACTUS by Sarah Haywood

UK: Two Roads – January 2018. US: Park Row Books. Brazil: Intrínseca. Croatia: Znanje. Czech Republic: Albatros Media. Finland: Tammi. France: Editions Denoel. Germany: Piper. Greece: Pedio Publishing. Israel: Dani Books. Italy: Feltrinelli. Lithuania: Alma Littera. Macedonia: Polica. Poland: Wydawnictwo Albatros. Netherlands: De Fontein. Romania: Trei. Russia: Eksmo. Serbia: Laguna. Slovenia: Učila. Spain: Harper Collins. Sweden: HarperCollins. Turkey: Yabancı. Ukraine: Old Lion Publishing House. MS available.

Sarah Haywood’s internationally best-selling debut novel has been optioned by Reese Witherspoon’s production company Hello Sunshine. Reese is set to star as Susan Green in the Netflix adaptation.



## THE SEE-THROUGH HOUSE

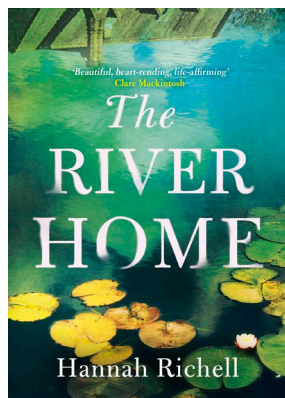
by Shelley Klein

World English: Chatto & Windus – July 2020.

MS available.

Shelley Klein’s remarkable memoir about her unique minimalist home and wonderful but exasperating father was a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week. “A luminous book, full of light and colour, and a remarkable reflection on childhood and untold stories” - Edmund de Waal.

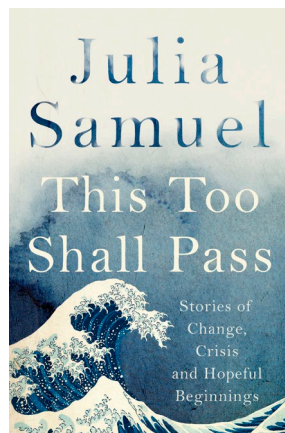




## **THE RIVER HOME by Hannah Richell**

UK: Orion – March 2020. France: Editions Belfond. Germany: Diana Verlag. Israel: Tchelet Books. Norway: Cappelen Damm. Russia: Polyandria. Spain: HarperCollins Iberica. Sweden: Forum. Turkey: Yakamoz. Options elsewhere. MS available.

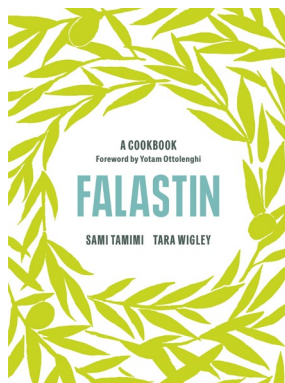
Sisters Eve, Lucy and Margot have drifted apart, but it's time to confront the past. "This book is beautiful and gripping but should come with a health warning – it will almost certainly make you cry" - Libby Page, author of *THE LIDO*.



## **THIS TOO SHALL PASS: *Stories of Change, Crisis and Hopeful Beginnings* by Julia Samuel**

World English: Penguin Life – March 2020. China: Penguin Random House. Croatia: Mosaik. Netherlands: Balans. Serbia: Psihopolis. Slovakia: Premedia. Turkey: Eksik Parca. Options elsewhere. MS available.

Acclaimed psychotherapist Julia Samuel draws on hours of conversations with her patients to show how we can learn to adapt and thrive during our most difficult and transformative experiences. A *Sunday Times* bestseller. "A remarkable portrayal of how we need to understand ourselves to truly heal" - Esther Perel.



## **FALASTIN by Sami Tamimi & Tara Wigley**

World: Ebury – March 2020. MS available from the publisher.

Sami Tamimi co-authored the million copy bestsellers OTTOLENGHI: *The Cookbook* and JERUSALEM. "A vibrant collection of recipes that reflect Palestinian traditions and yet is utterly contemporary... I really want to cook everything in this" - Nigella Lawson.

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In 2009 we opened the Lutyens & Rubinstein Bookshop  
in Notting Hill.

It has become a beloved independent with an emphasis on excellence in writing and narrative across a broad range of genres. The core stock was put together by canvassing hundreds of readers – writers, publishing contacts, friends (both adults and children) about which books they would most like to find in a bookshop. Every book stocked has its place because somebody loves it and has recommended it.

While 2020 has brought its fair share of hurdles, we are continuing to get books into the hands of readers including via our bespoke book subscription service in which every title is hand-picked based on the recipient's reading tastes. We hope you will be able to visit us again in person before too long but in the meantime...

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