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The Unexpected Son Jun 18 2019 What happens when a woman who's realized her dreams wakes up to a shocking truth? Shobhan Bantwal's poignant new novel weaves a captivating tale of one woman's return to India: the place where she lost everything--and now has everything to gain... It is a morning like any other in suburban New Jersey when Vinita Patil opens the battered envelope postmarked "Mumbai." But the letter inside turns her comfortable world upside down. It tells Vinita an impossible story: she has a grown son in India whose life may depend on her... Once upon a time, a naive young college girl fell for a wealthy boy whose primary interests were cricket and womanizing. Vinita knew, even then, that a secret affair with a man whose language and values were different from her own was a mistake. He finished with her soon enough--leaving her to birth a baby that was stillborn. Or so Vinita was told... Now, that child is a grown man in desperate need. To help her son, to know him, Vinita must revisit her darkest hours by returning to her battle-scarred homeland--and pray for the faith of the family she leaves behind... Praise for Shobhan Bantwal and her novels... "Dazzles you with a taste of Desi culture in America." --Caridad Piñeiro, New York Times bestselling author on *The Sari Shop* *Widow* "Compelling and memorable." --Mary Jo Putney, New York Times bestselling author on *The Forbidden Daughter* "Vivid, rich...expertly portrays a young woman caught between love and duty, hope and despair." --Anjali Banerjee on *The Dowry Bride*

The Good Children Jul 24 2022 'Few novels are life-changing; this one just might be' Daily Mail Leaving home is one thing. Surviving is another. In 1940s Lahore, the Punjab, two brothers and two sisters are beaten and browbeaten into 'good children'. Each has a destiny to fulfil. Sully and Jakie will be doctors, Mae and Lana dutiful wives. But Sully falls for an unsuitable girl, Jakie an unsuitable man. Mae and Lana disgrace themselves and disobey. Rebelling is easy when you're far from home. But the ties that bind them across cultures, continents and time can never be broken. And when, decades later, death draws them back, it will affect them in ways they never imagined.

House Of Blue Mangoes Nov 16 2021 It Is The Last Year Of The Nineteenth Century In The Village Of Chevathar In Southern India. Solomon Dorai, The Headman, Is Desperately Trying To Hold Together The Fraying Ends Of Village Life At A Time Of Huge Social And Political Unease. When Violence Finally Erupts, It Takes Solomon And The Traditional Structure Of The Village With It. Three Generations Of Dorais Come And Go In The Village By The Sea, Winning And Losing The Battle For Chevathar. There Are Solomon S Sons: The Dazzling, Athletic Aaron And The Studious Daniel, Both Exiled By Their Father S Death But, In Different Ways, Both Determined To Make Their Mark On The World. And There Is Daniel S Son, Kannan, Faced With A Set Of Challenges That Could Break Him If He Isn T Strong Enough.

Babyji Feb 19 2022 Sexy, surprising, and subversively wise, *Babyji* is the story of Anamika Sharma, a spirited student growing up in Delhi. At school she is an ace at quantum physics. At home she sneaks off to her parents' scooter garage to read the *Kamasutra*. Before long she has seduced an elegant older divorcée and the family servant, and has caught the eye of a classmate coveted by all the boys. With the world of adulthood dancing before her, Anamika confronts questions that would test someone twice her age. Ebullient, unfettered, and introducing one of the most charming heroines in contemporary fiction, *Babyji* is irresistible.

The Glimmer Palace Apr 28 2020 A celebration of cabaret in Berlin and the birth of cinema, set against the rise and fall of Germany between World War I and World War II As the clock chimed the turn of the twentieth century, Lilly Nelly Aphrodite took her first breath. The illegitimate, soon orphaned daughter of a cabaret performer, she lands at a Catholic orphanage where she finds refuge and the first in a string of friendships that will change the direction of her life. When fellow orphan Hanne takes Lilly beyond their stone confines, introducing her to the seedy glamour of Berlin's notorious nightlife, it begins for Lilly a trajectory of reinvention. From urchin to maid, teenage war bride, tingle-tangle bargirl, model, and script typist, Lilly is eventually transformed into one of Germany's leading film stars and a partner in a remarkable love story that will span decades and continents—and be inextricable from the history unfolding around it. Gripping, seductive, and masterfully written, *The Glimmer Palace* is a page-turning story of glitter and splendor, drama and love, friendship and identity. The story of an extraordinary heroine living in an extraordinary time, it is vivid and surprising in its telling, intelligent and ambitious in its scope, sad and beautiful and unforgettable.

Love Life Feb 07 2021 Bursting with color, free-spirited and energetic, this gift book celebrates living fully, being inspired and embracing possibilities.

A Double Detectives Medical Mystery: Diagnosis Danger Mar 28 2020 Ali and Tulip know all about being medics. They know something about being detectives too, which is a good job because there's a new case that needs their skills. A fun fresh take on the detective genre, full of excitement, humour, and medical know-how!

Stag's Leap Aug 01 2020 A poignant sequence of poems traces the evolution of a divorce while exploring themes of love, sex, sorrow, memory and freedom as reflected by everyday familiarities and the poignancy of former lovers parting, in a collection by the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning author of *The Dead and the Living*.

A Golden Age Sep 02 2020 "Spellbinding Anam has written a story about powerful events. But it is her descriptions of the small, unheralded moments . . . that truly touch the heart." —San Francisco Chronicle Tahmima Anam's deeply moving debut novel about a mother's all-consuming love for her two children, set against the backdrop of war and terror, has led critics to comparisons with *The English Patient* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*. Rehana Haque, a young widow transplanted to the city of Dhaka in East Pakistan, is fiercely devoted to her adolescent children, Maya and Sohail. Both become fervent nationalists in the violent political turmoil which, in 1971, transforms a brutal Pakistani civil war into a fight to the death for Bangladeshi independence. Fair-minded and intensely protective of her family, but not at all political, Rehana is sucked into the conflict in spite of herself. A story of passion and revolution, of family, friendship and unexpected heroism, *A Golden Age* depicts the chaos of an era and the choices everyone—from student protesters to the country's leaders, and rickshaw wallahs to the army's soldiers—must make. Rehana herself will face a cruel dilemma; the choice she makes is at once heartbreaking and true to the character we have come to love and respect.

Painted Hands Jun 23 2022 Muslim bad girl Zainab Mir has just landed a job working for a post-feminist, Republican Senate candidate. Her best friend Amra Abbas is about to make partner at a top Boston law firm. Together they've thwarted proposal-slinging aunties, cultural expectations, and the occasional bigot to succeed in their careers. What they didn't count on? Unlikely men and geopolitical firestorms. When a handsome childhood friend reappears, Amra makes choices that Zainab considers so 1950s—choices that involve the perfect Banarasi silk dress and a four-bedroom house in the suburbs. After hiding her long work hours during their courtship, Amra struggles to balance her demanding job and her unexpectedly traditional new husband. Zainab has her own problems. She generates controversy in the Muslim community with a suggestive magazine spread and friendship with a gay reporter. Her rising profile also inflames neocons like Chase Holland, the talk radio host who attacks her religion publicly but privately falls for her hard. When the political fallout from a terrorist attempt jeopardizes Zainab's job and protests surrounding a woman-led Muslim prayer service lead to violence, Amra and Zainab must decide what

they're willing to risk for their principles, their friendship, and love. Jennifer Zobair's *Painted Hands* is *The Namesake* meets *Sex and the City*, an engaging and provocative debut novel about friendship and the love lives of American Muslim women.

[Haunting Bombay](#) Oct 23 2019 In a novel set in Bombay in the 1960s, teenager Pinky Mittal, who is being raised by her grandmother, opens a door that has been bolted all her life and frees the ghost of a stillborn infant that totally disrupts the household.

[The Very Merry Murder Club](#) Apr 09 2021 A collection of wintery crime and mystery stories by thirteen of the most exciting and diverse authors in children's books today! Co-edited by Serena Patel, the award-winning author of the *Anisha: Accidental Detective* series and by Robin Stevens, author of the bestselling *Murder Most Unladylike* series.

[A Certain Way](#) Jul 20 2019 *A Certain Way* by Mona Dash A review by Reshma Ruia Mona Dash's new collection of poems, 'A Certain Way,' displays a heightened sensibility that straddles the East and the West. The poems reflect the narrative of displacement and question tradition as well as modernity in language that is lyrical but enriched with strong imagery. In 'Home and Beyond,' she writes about those who pine for "the country they came from where the frangipani breathes, where the fish glisten...forgetting they were the ones who decided to leave the country of the narrow roads and claustrophobia." A number of poems in the collection hark back nostalgically to a past and a way of life left behind. In 'Konarak Express,' she writes about a child's fears as the father leaves the train to "fill water, get tea in earthen cups, samosas served in bowls of leaves." The imagery conjures up an India where the pace of life is still slow and unhurried. Yet Mona's poems are not entirely steeped in nostalgia, she also evokes the pain of being an outsider trying to carve a life as an immigrant in a hostile and unwelcoming land. The title poem, 'A Certain Way,' reflects this paradox of in-betweenness and adjustment that defines the diaspora. "Uproot, grow, take root, parallel truths, a little of this, a little of that. For an immigrant, there is no certain way to be." Not all poems deal with the trauma of alienation, a few poems such as, 'Advice to my Unborn Daughter,' and 'Motherhood,' examine the bond between mother and children and the weight of expectations and responsibilities that accompany parenthood. In 'Carousel,' for instance, Mona says, "We worry about jobs, pension funds, bills to pay...and when the baby looks up mouth open in an O we rearrange drooping mouths and wear brilliant-smile facades." In another poem, the poet tackles the inevitable disappointments of ageing. In 'Midlife Crisis,' she laments, "Was this enough? Did I do myself proud? Did I make anyone proud?" This collection marks the arrival of a poet with an astute and sensitive awareness of what it means to arrive and leave. Reshma Ruia's recent collection, *A Dinner Party in the Home Counties* (ISBN9780956084064), is hailed by Lemn Sissay MBE as 'I feel I am reading someone whom everyone will be reading in f

[The Purple Decades](#) Jun 30 2020 This collection of Wolfe's essays, articles, and chapters from previous collections is filled with observations on U.S. popular culture in the 1960s and 1970s.

[Ladies Coupe](#) May 10 2021 The story of a woman's search for strength and independence Meet Akhilandeshwari, Akhila for short: forty-five and single, an income tax clerk and a woman who has never been allowed to live her own life—always the daughter, the sister, the aunt, the provider. Until the day she gets herself a one-way ticket to the seaside town of Kanyakumari, gloriously alone for the first time in her life and determined to break free of all that her conservative Tamil brahmin life has bound her to. In the intimate atmosphere of the ladies coupe which she shares with five other women, Akhila gets to know her fellow travellers: Janaki, pampered wife and confused mother; Margaret Shanti, a chemistry teacher married to the poetry of elements and an insensitive tyrant too self-absorbed to recognize her needs; Prabha Devi, the perfect daughter and wife, transformed for life by a glimpse of a swimming pool; fourteen-year-old Sheela, with her ability to perceive what others cannot; and Marikolanthu, whose innocence was destroyed by one night of lust. As she listens to the women's stories, Akhila is drawn into the most private moments of their lives, seeking in them a solution to the question that has been with her all her life: Can a woman stay single and be happy, or does a woman need a man to feel complete? Note: This book is in the Hindi language and has been made available for the Kindle, Kindle Fire HD, Kindle Paperwhite, iPhone and iPad, and for iOS, Windows Phone and Android devices.

[Half Life](#) Aug 25 2022 On the morning that changes everything, Aruna Ahmed Jones walks out of her ground-floor Victorian apartment in London wearing only jeans and a t-shirt, carrying nothing more substantial than a handbag, and keeps on walking. Leaving behind the handsome Dr. Patrick Jones, her husband of less than a year, Aruna heads to Heathrow, where she boards a plane bound for Singapore and her old life. Educated and beautiful, Aruna has a desperate need to risk it all. But why? Waiting for

her is a messy past and a perfect past lover she had once abandoned without even saying goodbye – a story left unfinished – until now. Aruna is not running away from home, she is running back to the home she always had, before it became impossible for her to stay. Before her father, the only family she'd ever known, passed away. Before she tried, and failed, to create a life and a family with her best friend and lover, Jazz. Before her doctor delivered a complicated psychological diagnosis she'd rather forget. After years of fleeing the ghosts that continue to haunt her, Aruna is about to discover that running away is really the easy part; it is coming home—making peace with her past, with Jazz and those they have loved—that is hard. Spanning the world from London to Singapore to India and back again, *Half Life* is a richly layered tale of love and conflict, friendship and sacrifice, the luminous story of a young woman who risks everything in order to find where she truly belongs.

Corner Shop Sep 26 2022 There are only two tragedies in life. One is not getting your heart's desire - and the other? Getting it. Fourteen-year-old Lucky Khalil loves three things: football, Star Wars and Portia, the girl who works in his grandfather's corner shop. In that order. But Lucky has a destiny – worse than a destiny, he has a dream. He dreams that one day, his lucky left foot will win the World Cup for England . It torments him, because it tastes real, because when he wakes he weeps with disappointment that it is just a dream. Meanwhile, Lucky's mother Delphine seems to have had all her dreams come true. But Delphine feels increasingly trapped in her apparently perfect marriage and gilded lifestyle. She fantasizes about rediscovering the freedom of her youth, but rekindling a relationship with her maverick father-in-law, Zaki, is only going to end in disaster. Zaki, a charming gambler who loved and lost Delphine long before she married his sensible and successful son, feels equally trapped in the corner shop that he has unwillingly run for years for his family's sake. He wonders whether the time has come to abandon his middle class responsibilities, to try once more to achieve his own long-forgotten dreams. As each of the Khalils discovers in Roopa Farooki's beautifully written and richly layered tale, the closer one's dreams become, the more risk there is of losing sight of what really matters.

Bitter Sweets Nov 23 2019 With this spellbinding first novel about the destructive lies three immigrant generations of a Pakistani/Bangladeshi family tell each other, Roopa Farooki adds a fresh new voice to the company of Zadie Smith, Jhumpa Lahiri and Arudhati Roy. Henna Rub is a precocious teenager whose wheeler-dealer father never misses a business opportunity and whose sumptuous Calcutta marriage to wealthy romantic Ricky-Rashid Karim is achieved by an audacious network of lies. Ricky will learn the truth about his seductive bride, but the way is already paved for a future of double lives and deception--family traits that will filter naturally through the generations, forming an instinctive and unspoken tradition. Even as a child, their daughter Shona, herself conceived on a lie and born in a liar's house, finds telling fibs as easy as ABC. But years later, living above a sweatshop in South London's Tooting Bec, it is Shona who is forced to discover unspeakable truths about her loved ones and come to terms with what superficially holds her family together--and also keeps them apart--across geographical, emotional and cultural distance. Roopa Farooki has crafted an intelligent, engrossing and emotionally powerful Indian family saga that will stay with you long after you've read the last page.

The Fugitive Nov 04 2020 The long-awaited penultimate volume--"the very summit of Proust's art" (Slate)--in the acclaimed Penguin translation of Marcel Proust's greatest work, in time for the 150th anniversary of his birth "The greatest literary work of the twentieth century." --The New York Times A Penguin Classics Deluxe Edition, with flaps and deckle-edged paper Peter Collier's acclaimed translation of *The Fugitive* introduces a new generation of American readers to the literary riches of Marcel Proust. The sixth and penultimate volume in Penguin Classics' superb new edition of *In Search of Lost Time*--the first completely new translation of Proust's masterpiece since the 1920s--brings us a more comic and lucid prose than readers of English have previously been able to enjoy. "Miss Albertine has left!" So begins *The Fugitive*, the second part of what is often referred to as "the Albertine cycle," or books five and six of *In Search of Lost Time*. As Marcel struggles to endure Albertine's departure and vanquish his loss, he ends up in an anguished search for the essential truth of the enigmatic fugitive, whose love affairs with other women provoke in him jealousy and a new understanding of sexuality. Eventually, he lets go of Albertine and begins to find himself, discovering his own long-lost inner sources of creativity.

Black Mamba Boy Mar 20 2022 Yemen, 1935. Jama is a "market boy," a half-feral child scavenging with his friends in the dusty streets of a great seaport. For Jama, life is a thrilling carnival, at least when he can fill his belly. When his mother—alternately raging and loving—dies young, she leaves him only an amulet stuffed with one hundred rupees. Jama decides to spend her life's meager savings on a search for his never-seen father; the rumors that travel along clan lines report that he is a driver for the British

somewhere in the north. So begins Jama's extraordinary journey of more than a thousand miles north all the way to Egypt, by camel, by truck, by train, but mostly on foot. He slings himself from one perilous city to another, fiercely enjoying life on the road and relying on his vast clan network to shelter him and point the way to his father, who always seems just a day or two out of reach. In his travels, Jama will witness scenes of great humanity and brutality; he will be caught up in the indifferent, grinding machine of war; he will crisscross the Red Sea in search of working papers and a ship. Bursting with life and a rough joyfulness, *Black Mamba Boy* is debut novelist Nadifa Mohamed's vibrant, moving celebration of her family's own history.

[The Flying Man \(India Only\)](#) Aug 13 2021 Meet Maqil - also known as Mike, Miguel and Mikhail- a chancer and charlatan. A criminally clever man who tells a good tale, trading on his charm and good looks, reinventing himself with a new identity and nationality in each successive country he makes his home, abandoning wives and children and careers in the process.

[The Lilac House](#) Apr 21 2022 Meera is happily submerged in the role of corporate wife and cookbook writer. Then, one day, her husband fails to come home. Overnight, Meera, disoriented and emotionally fragile, becomes responsible not just for her two children, but also her mother, grandmother and the running of Lilac House, their rambling old family home in Bangalore. A few streets away, Professor J.A. Krishnamurthy or Jak, cyclone studies expert, has recently returned from Florida, to care for his nineteen-year-old daughter, the victim of a tragic accident. What happened on her holiday in a small beachside village? The police will not help, Smriti's friends have vanished, and a wall of silence and fear surrounds the incident. But Jak cannot rest until he gets to the truth. Meera and of Jak's paths intertwine as they uncover the truth about the secrets of their pasts and the promise of the future. *The Lilac House* is a sweeping story of redemption, forgiveness and second chances.

[All My Friends Are Superheroes](#) Oct 03 2020 All Tom's friends really are superheroes. There's the Ear, the Spooner, the Impossible Man. Tom even married a superhero, the Perfectionist. But at their wedding, the Perfectionist was hypnotized (by ex-boyfriend Hypno, of course) to believe that Tom is invisible. Nothing he does can make her see him. Six months later, she's sure that Tom has abandoned her. So she's moving to Vancouver. She'll use her superpower to make Vancouver perfect and leave all the heartbreak in Toronto. With no idea Tom's beside her, she boards an airplane in Toronto. Tom has until the wheels touch the ground in Vancouver to convince her he's visible, or he loses her forever.

[Kingdom of Characters](#) Jan 18 2022 What does it take to reinvent a language? After a meteoric rise, China today is one of the world's most powerful nations. Just a century ago, it was a crumbling empire with literacy reserved for the elite few, as the world underwent a massive technological transformation that threatened to leave them behind. In *Kingdom of Characters*, Jing Tsu argues that China's most daunting challenge was a linguistic one: the century-long fight to make the formidable Chinese language accessible to the modern world of global trade and digital technology. *Kingdom of Characters* follows the bold innovators who reinvented the Chinese language, among them an exiled reformer who risked a death sentence to advocate for Mandarin as a national language, a Chinese-Muslim poet who laid the groundwork for Chairman Mao's phonetic writing system, and a computer engineer who devised input codes for Chinese characters on the lid of a teacup from the floor of a jail cell. Without their advances, China might never have become the dominating force we know today. With larger-than-life characters and an unexpected perspective on the major events of China's tumultuous twentieth century, Tsu reveals how language is both a technology to be perfected and a subtle, yet potent, power to be exercised and expanded.

[The Sweet Dove Died](#) Sep 14 2021 'Barbara Pym is one of my most favourite novelists. Few other writers have given me more laughter and more pleasure.' Jilly Cooper Between the amorous antique dealer Humphrey and his good-looking nephew James glides the magnificent Leonora, delicate as porcelain, cool as ice. Can she keep James in her thrall? Or will he be taken from her by a lover, like Phoebe . . . or Ned, the wicked American? 'A highly distinctive and - ultimately - charitable novel' *Financial Times* 'Faultless' *Guardian* 'Her Characters are all meticulously impaled on the delicate pins of a wit that is as scrupulous as it is deadly' *Observer* 'A coldly funny book' *Sunday Telegraph* 'Highly distinctive . . . the critics who have recently insisted on Miss Pym's too long neglected gifts have not been wrong' *Financial Times*

[Bitter Sweets](#) Oct 27 2022 Follows the machinations of a Bangladeshi-Pakistani family whose penchant for telling lies shapes the destinies of every member, from Henna, who lies her way into a marriage to a wealthy romantic, to her daughter Shona, who struggles with the superficial

The Arsonists' City Jun 11 2021 "The Arsonists' City delivers all the pleasures of a good old-fashioned saga, but in Alyan's hands, one family's tale becomes the story of a nation--Lebanon and Syria, yes, but also the United States. It's the kind of book we are lucky to have."--Rumaan Alam A rich family story, a personal look at the legacy of war in the Middle East, and an indelible rendering of how we hold on to the people and places we call home The Nasr family is spread across the globe--Beirut, Brooklyn, Austin, the California desert. A Syrian mother, a Lebanese father, and three American children: all have lived a life of migration. Still, they've always had their ancestral home in Beirut--a constant touchstone--and the complicated, messy family love that binds them. But following his father's recent death, Idris, the family's new patriarch, has decided to sell. The decision brings the family to Beirut, where everyone unites against Idris in a fight to save the house. They all have secrets--lost loves, bitter jealousies, abandoned passions, deep-set shame--that distance has helped smother. But in a city smoldering with the legacy of war, an ongoing flow of refugees, religious tension, and political protest, those secrets ignite, imperiling the fragile ties that hold this family together. In a novel teeming with wisdom, warmth, and characters born of remarkable human insight, award-winning author Hala Alyan shows us again that "fiction is often the best filter for the real world around us" (NPR).

A Roll of the Dice Oct 15 2021 Mona Dash's first child is born with SCID (Severe Combined Immuno-Deficiency) for which there is no treatment in his country. And so begins her roller-coaster journey which spans ten years, takes her from India to London, and involves her in the complexities of genetic medicine. Mona Dash writes her story of genetics roulette without self-pity, with astounding courage and even humour. Her memoir contains valuable information for couples facing infertility and complicated pregnancies, for parents of premature babies and children with SCID. With an introduction by Professor Bobby Gaspar of Great Ormond Street Hospital, pioneer in gene therapy.

As It Was Written Dec 25 2019 The epic journey of an Indian-American family which unfolds when men and women, Hindus and Catholics, histories and curses, collide In McLean, Virginia, Dr. Raman Nair lives a life of abounding satisfaction with his tiny wife, Jaya, and his harem of enormous and beautiful daughters. He has been away from his native Kerala, India for so long that he has happily forgotten the ancient Brahmin curse that follows his family like a black cloud, killing one girl for love in every generation. But his wife hasn't forgotten, nor has his baby sister, Gita. Suddenly his daughters are up to no good and Dr. Raman Nair doesn't know which way to turn. As It Was Written marks the arrival of a wonderful new voice in fiction, and a storyteller of the highest order.

The Twin Jan 26 2020 When his twin brother dies in a car accident, Helmer is obliged to return to the small family farm. He resigns himself to taking over his brother's role and spending the rest of his days 'with his head under a cow'. After his old, worn-out father has been transferred upstairs, Helmer sets about furnishing the rest of the house according to his own minimal preferences. 'A double bed and a duvet', advises Ada, who lives next door, with a sly look. Then Riet appears, the woman once engaged to marry his twin. Could Riet and her son live with him for a while, on the farm?'The Twin' is an ode to the platteland, the flat and bleak Dutch countryside with its ditches and its cows and its endless grey skies. Ostensibly a novel about the countryside, as seen through the eyes of a farmer, 'the Twin' is, in the end, about the possibility or impossibility of taking life into one's own hands. It chronicles a way of life which has resisted modernity, is culturally apart, and yet riven with a kind of romantic longing. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A Double Detectives Murder Mystery: the Cure for a Crime Aug 21 2019 Twins Ali and Tulip have grown up with a surgeon mother and so have picked up lots of knowledge of first aid, medicine, and the ways of the hospital - they even know where the secret biscuit drawer is. When their mother becomes unnaturally sleepy and forgetful, they become suspicious of her new boyfriend. With help - and a watchful eye - from their mysterious wheelchair-bound gran, they set out to crack the mystery. Will they succeed? They'll need a combination of fast talking, quick thinking, rule breaking, medical investigation, and determination - plus a good dash of "that spooky twin thing" - to cure this crime. A fun fresh take on the detective genre, full of excitement, humour, and medical know-how!

A Double Detectives Medical Mystery: The Cure for a Crime Jan 06 2021 Twins Ali and Tulip have grown up with a surgeon mother and so have picked up lots of knowledge of first aid, medicine, and the ways of the hospital--they even know where the secret biscuit drawer in A&E is. When their mother becomes unnaturally sleepy and forgetful, they become suspicious of her new boyfriend. With help--and a watchful eye--from their mysterious wheelchair-bound gran, they set out to crack the mystery. Will they succeed? They'll need a combination of fast talking, quick thinking, rule breaking, medical investigation, and

determination-plus a good dash of 'that spooky twin thing'-to cure this crime. A fun fresh take on the detective genre, full of excitement, humour, and medical know-how!

Dorothy on the Rocks May 22 2022 A middle-aged actress and singer whose career is on a downward spiral, lovable, self-destructive Maggie Barlow discovers the only role that she can get is Dorothy in the Little Britches Theater Company's production of The Wizard of Oz and finds herself falling for the gorgeous younger man with whom she has a one-night stand that she cannot remember. A first novel. Original.

Jane and Prudence Sep 21 2019 The author of Excellent Women explores female friendship and the quiet yearnings of British middle-class life—a literary delight for fans of Jane Austen. Jane Cleveland and Prudence Bates were close friends at Oxford University, but now live very different lives. Forty-one-year-old Jane lives in the country, is married to a vicar, has a daughter she adores, and lives a very proper life in a very proper English parish. Prudence, a year shy of thirty, lives in London, has an office job, and is self-sufficient and fiercely independent—until Jane decides her friend should be married. Jane has the perfect husband in mind for her former pupil: a widower named Fabian Driver. But there are other women vying for Fabian's attention. And Pru is nursing her own highly inappropriate desire for her older, married, and seemingly oblivious employer, Dr. Grampian. What follows is a witty, delightful, trenchant story of manners, morals, family, and female bonding that redefines the social novel for a new generation.

Everything is True Mar 08 2021 CHOSEN AS A BOOK OF 2022 BY THE GUARDIAN 'A STAND OUT' SUNDAY TIMES 'STARTLINGLY HONEST AND DEVASTATINGLY GOOD' RACHEL CLARKE, GUARDIAN 'BRILLIANT' OBSERVER 'The most powerful and evocative account of working through the pandemic that I have read' ADAM KAY 'A laser guided insight into what's been happening in hospitals during the pandemic laying bare what we were all clapping for ... Beautifully written, brutally honest' JO BRAND From the frontlines of the NHS, the story of a junior doctor's love, loss and grief through the Covid-19 crisis ----- In early 2020, doctor Roopa Farooki lost her sister to cancer. But just weeks later, she found herself plunged into another kind of crisis, fighting on the frontline of the battle taking place in her hospital, and in hospitals across the country. Everything is True is the story of Roopa's first forty days of the Covid-19 crisis from the frontlines of A&E and the acute medical wards, as struggling through her grief, she battles for her patients' and colleagues' survival. Working thirteen-hour shifts, she returns home each evening to write through her exhaustion, chronicling the devastating losses and slowly eroding dehumanisation happening in real time on the ward. At once an unflinching insider's account of medicine in the time of coronavirus, and the devastating story of a sister's grief, Everything is True is an exhilarating memoir of holding on to that which makes us human against insurmountable odds. 'An extraordinary writer ... Beautiful, heartbreaking, brilliant, furious and oh-so-honest - an amazing read' KATE MOSSE 'A powerful, honest, angry, vivid book ... It will undoubtedly have a big impact ... and finds absolutely the right route through the personal, the political, the angry, the sad, the mundane' ALICE JOLLY 'An eloquent testimonial of grief and fury through the first forty days of the Covid crisis - Farooki's urgent, fragmentary diary of life on the wards conveys the fear, confusion and uncertainty of those first weeks with singular brilliance' GAVIN FRANCIS

Srilaaji Jul 12 2021 The untamed, incandescent and battle-ready Srilaa grows up in her wealthy Marwari family's palatial house in Calcutta. After suffering her first heartbreak at the hands of a potential suitor, she is married and packed off to Bombay to live with her new husband. There she experiences womanhood and confronts her sexual curiosities, misgivings and desires, but continues to hope daringly and love fearlessly—refusing to live her life by the unrealistic standards society often sets on unconventional women. The young and vivacious Srilaa slowly but assuredly becomes the inimitable Srilaaji! And each time life starts crumbling around her, she manages to pick herself up ... and from the ashes of an uncertain life, a phoenix rises. Told with Shobhaa De's matchless blend of candour, humour and seductive earthiness, Srilaaji captures the soul of an indomitable spirit. A book that simmers and erupts at will, and presents us with one of the most unforgettable protagonists in years - the utterly delicious Srilaaji.

The Sea House Dec 05 2020 When Lily rents a cottage in the seaside village of Steerborough to research the life of famous architect Klaus Lehmann, she's quickly entranced by the beautiful landscape and soon begins to question the hectic London world she inhabits with preoccupied lover Nick. Uncovering the depth of Lehmann's passion, not just for his work, but for his wife, Lily finds herself seduced into a new life by neighbour Grae, a man she barely knows. And she realizes she must make a choice, between a

past she thought she knew and a future much less certain . . .

The Black Ice Feb 25 2020 When an LAPD narcotics officer is found with a fatal bullet wound and a suicide note, Detective Harry Bosch follows a bloody trail of drug murders across the Mexico border. Working the case, LAPD detective Harry Bosch is reminded of the primal police rule he learned long ago: Don't look for the facts, but the glue that holds them together. Soon Harry's making some very dangerous connections, starting with a dead cop and leading to a bloody string of murders that wind from Hollywood Boulevard to the back alleys south of the border. Now this battle-scarred veteran will find himself in the center of a complex and deadly game—one in which he may be the next and likeliest victim.

The Ladies' Lending Library Dec 17 2021 From the award-winning author of *Honey and Ashes* and *Thieves*, *The Ladies' Lending Library* is a richly evocative story for anyone who has longed for the heady days of bygone summers and the risky promises of change. During the languorous summer of 1963 - before the Beatles, before JFK - the women of Ontario's Kalyna Beach anticipate the long holiday season ahead... With their husbands away in the city, the wives break up monotonous days of children and chores by gathering together for their weekly 'lending library' - an excuse to exchange 'daring' novels and the latest gossip. As heavy waves pound the sand and the sun beats down on their beach-cottage steps, gin is poured, secrets are shared and they become ever closer. Meanwhile, their adolescent daughters are making discoveries and forging intimacies of their own... Consumed by thoughts of marriage and sex, by memories of the past and longing for the future, innocence gradually gives way to new understanding. And as the summer gradually draws to an end, the women of Kalyna Beach come to realize that nothing will be quite the same again...

The Grand Babylon Hotel May 30 2020 This eBook edition of "The Grand Babylon Hotel" has been formatted to the highest digital standards and adjusted for readability on all devices. Grand Babylon Hotel is a supremely exclusive hotel. When an American millionaire, Theodore Racksole, and his daughter Nella buy the hotel, strange things start happening. The situation becomes intense when a German prince mysteriously disappears.