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Pauline Melville  
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Pauline Melville is a British Guyanese writer who has worked in theatre, television, film and cabaret. Her novel *The Ventriloquist's Tale* won the Whitbread First Novel Award. Other literary awards include the Guardian Fiction Prize, the Macmillan Silver Pen Award, a Commonwealth Writers' Prize, the Guyana Prize for Literature and an accolade from the New York Public Library. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

'In this virtuoso performance, Pauline Melville shows us a world in upheaval, and reminds us that that's where we live.'

SALMAN RUSHDIE

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Steve Chilton  
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Steve Chilton is a committed runner and qualified athletics coach with considerable experience of fellrunning, competing in the World Vets Champs when it was held in Keswick in 2005. He is a longtime member of the Fell Runners Association (FRA).

'A fascinating insight into the life of legendary fellrunner Billy Bland.'

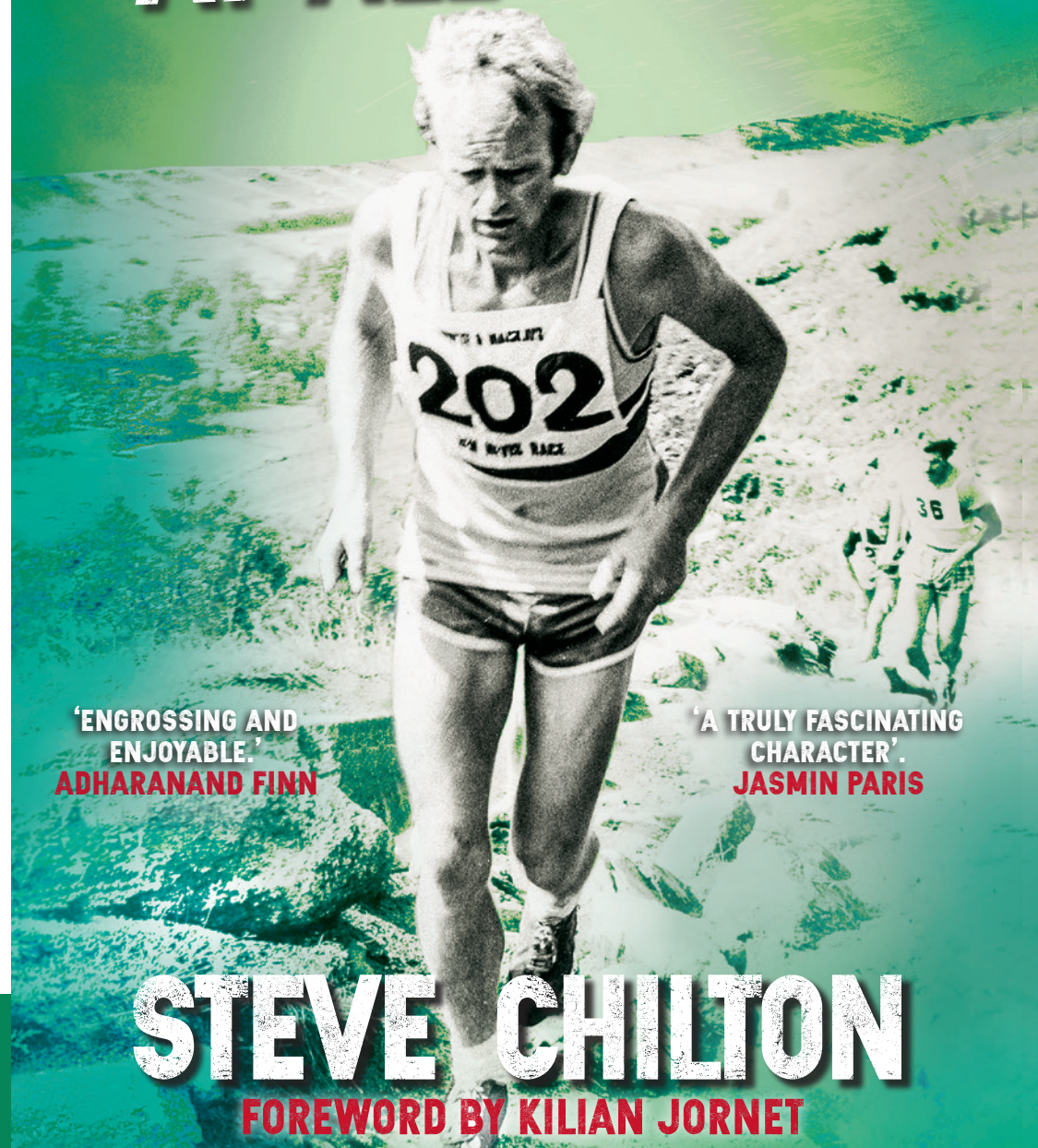
STEVE BIRKINSHAW

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'Anyone with a love of running will find this a fascinating and enjoyable read.' ADHARANAND FINN

# ALL OR NOTHING AT ALL

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'A wonderful novel,  
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Mark Atkinson is an environmental engineer, amateur runner, and author of the award-winning book, *Run Like Duck*. He is currently an ambassador for the Milton Keynes marathon.

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Dan Brotzel's short stories have won awards and been published widely, with *Hotel Du Jack*, his first full-length collection, published in 2019. He is also co-author of a comic novel-in-emails about an eccentric writers' group, *Work in Progress* (Unbound). *The Wolf in the Woods* is his debut novel.

Dan lives in London with his partner Eve and their three children.

'Brotzel's prose is anarchic  
and economical!'

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Fiction

What if the secrets we keep from each other  
are the only thing holding us together?



Lesley Glaister  
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1920: The Great War is over. Clementine, who was a nurse at the Front, must forget the past. Vincent, whose tin mask conceals his scars, knows how to take advantage of a grieving woman.

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Lesley Glaister is a writer of fiction, poetry and plays. She has published fifteen novels and received a Somerset Maugham and a Betty Trask award for *Honour Thy Father*. She has won or been listed for several literary prizes for her other work. She teaches creative writing at the University of St Andrews and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

'A sensitive, unsettling tale of a post-First World War romance.'

*THE INDEPENDENT*

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'Glaister is an experienced novelist, and this is a consummate and heart-wringing performance.' *THE SUNDAY TIMES*

LESLEY GLAISTER



# Blasted Things

'A sensitive, unsettling tale.' *The Independent*



OCTOBER

C.J. Schüler

# THE WOOD THAT BUILT LONDON



Standing in the busy streets of South London today, it is hard to imagine that much of this suburban townscape was once a vast wood, stretching unbroken for almost seven miles from Croydon to the Thames at Deptford.

This compelling narrative history charts the fortunes of the North Wood from the earliest times: its ecology, ownership, management, and its gradual encroachment by the expanding metropolis.

C.J. Schüler is the author of three illustrated histories of cartography and co-author of the best-selling *Traveller's Atlas*. His latest book, *Along the Amber Route*, published in 2020, was listed for multiple awards.

He has also written on literature, travel and the arts for *The Independent*, *The Independent on Sunday*, *The Tablet*, *The Financial Times* and *the New Statesman*. He was chairman of the Authors' Club from 2008 to 2015.

'In marvellous detail, the  
captivating narrative presents  
the people who shaped  
the woodlands.'

CLIFTON BAIN

Royal HBK / 320 pages  
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'Important and timely. A significant addition to the growing  
new genre of urban nature writing.' RACHEL LICHTENSTEIN

# C. J. SCHÜLER THE WOOD THAT BUILT LONDON

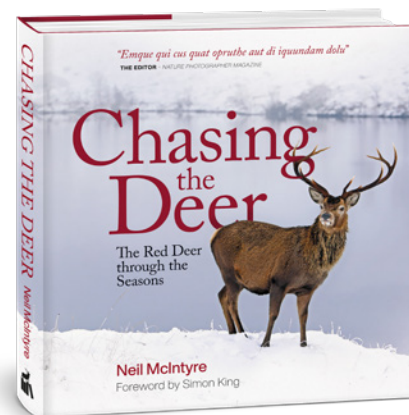
*A human history of the Great North Wood*

FOREWORD BY RACHEL LICHTENSTEIN



# Neil McIntyre CHASING THE DEER

Foreword by Simon King



The red deer is Britain's largest land mammal and undisputed king of woodlands and glens. Common across the Scottish Highlands and resident elsewhere, the animal is emblematic of our wild country and a beloved icon. Yet to some, red deer are seen as little more than pests.

Born into a family of deer stalkers, Neil McIntyre has been fascinated by red deer all his life. In this stunning collection of photographs, he invites you to know and respect them as he does.



Neil McIntyre is one of Britain's leading wildlife photographers and is based in Aviemore in the Cairngorms National Park where he has lived for over 40 years. He contributes to many publications and has won several awards in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year and British Wildlife Photography Awards.

'Stunning'  
SAM HEUGHAN

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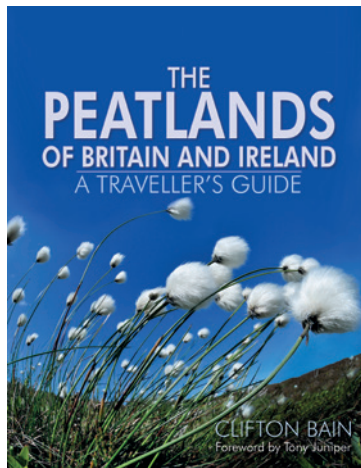
'A work of art as well as a moving meditation on man's relationship with red deer.' CAL FLYN



Clifton Bain

# THE PEATLANDS OF BRITAIN AND IRELAND

A Traveller's Guide



A source of fuel for many generations, Great Britain and Ireland's peatlands are now a haven for wildlife and plants as well as a storehouse of greenhouse gasses. Their social history is one of exploitation and the value of mending and restoring is a major theme of the book.

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Clifton Bain has over 25 years of experience working with the wildlife charity RSPB. Now Director of the IUCN Peatland Programme, his writing gives passionate insight into the human interventions that have shaped Scotland's wildlife and landscape. As a firm believer that conservation relies on people enjoying nature, Clifton shares his experiences of the country's natural treasures.

'For too long considered as wastelands, Clifton Bain puts the record straight regarding the beauty and value of Britain's peatlands in this richly illustrated guide.'

DR TONY JUNIPER CBE, ENVIRONMENTALIST

Jacketed HB 250 x 200 / 224 pages

Author location: Edinburgh

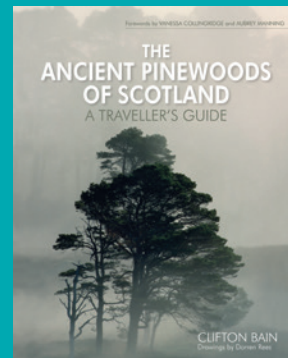
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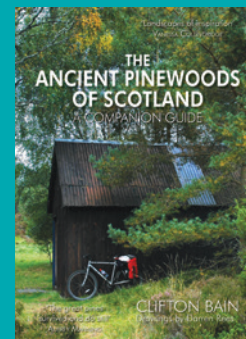


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'Moran's writing flows from a profound passion for the hills, and a sense of fellowship with those who share that love.'

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'Wonderfully engaging.'

MARTIN DOYLE

# HIGHER

A MOUNTAIN  
GUIDE'S LIFE

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