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Nikky Smedley



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OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY
 My Life as a Teletubby



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Say 'Eh-Oh' to the performer behind the beloved Teletubby Laa-Laa in this candid and entertaining book.

Lifting the curtain on what it was like to be Laa-Laa and experience the astonishing success of the international hit show, Nikky Smedley's enchanting story is warm, affectionate and as lively and funny as the Teletubbies themselves.

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Nikky Smedley has spent her career trying to avoid what her parents called 'a proper job'. This doesn't mean she hasn't worked hard. Before taking on the iconic role of Laa-Laa, she ran her own dance company for twenty years. After *Teletubbies*, she worked behind the scenes in children's TV for a further decade and currently writes and performs stories for young children and grown-ups. Nikky is a highly sought-after conference speaker and still choreographs.

'Puts us right inside those hellishly uncomfortable costumes, without trashing the magic or betraying the children who gave Laa-Laa their love.'

MICHEL FABER

Royal HBK / 240 pages
 Author location: Warwick
 Pub date: 11/08/22
 ISBN: 9781914518058
 RRP: £19.99
 Biography

'Top notch insight into the woman within the puppet.' VIC REEVES

C. J. Schüler

THE WOOD THAT BUILT LONDON

A Human History of the Great North Wood



© Victoria Carew-Hunt

The densely populated cityscape of South London was once a great wood stretching almost seven miles. Scattered through the suburbs from Dulwich to Norwood, a number of oak woodlands remain, surviving since before the Norman Conquest. *The Wood That Built London* charts the fortunes of the Great North Wood in war and peace, from earliest times to the gradual encroachment of the metropolis.

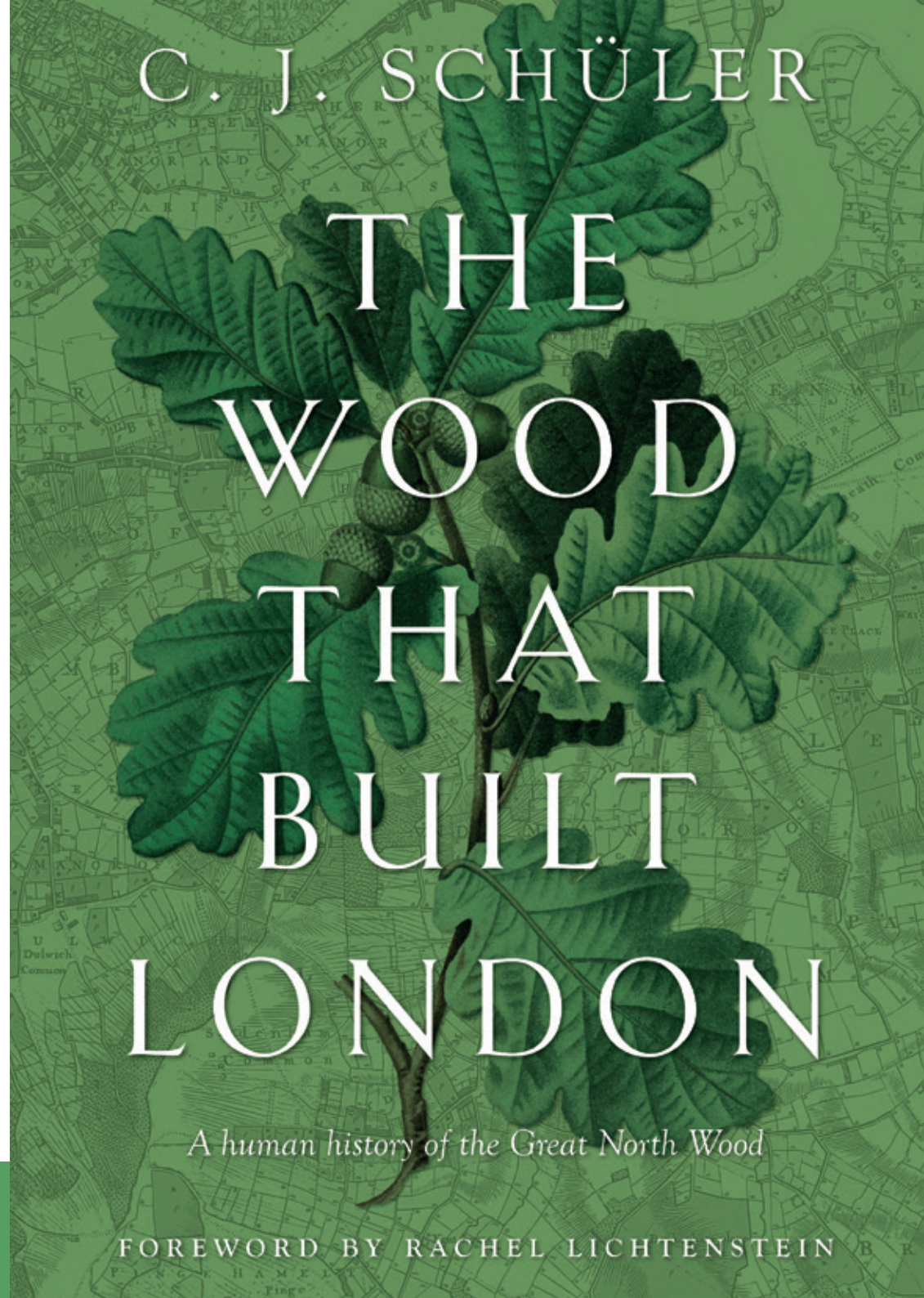
C J. Schüler has written on literature, travel and the arts for *The Independent*, *The Independent on Sunday*, *The Tablet* and the *Financial Times*. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 2011.

'A gentle and beautifully produced book... Skilfully alternates between pastoral and archival archaeology.'

THE TABLET

B paperback / 320 pages
Author location: London
Pub date: 01/09/22
ISBN: 9781914518164
RRP: £12.99
History

'Meticulously researched yet accessible.' *GEOGRAPHICAL*



High Risk

CLIMBING TO
EXTINCTION

BRIAN
HALL

FOREWORD BY

Joe Simpson



Brian Hall
HIGH RISK
Climbing to Extinction



The golden age of Himalayan mountaineering, from the mid 1970s to the '80s, brought forth a generation of radical young climbers. With tiny budgets and high ambitions they pioneered small scale, Alpine-style expeditions on mountains such as Everest and K2.

In *High Risk*, Brian Hall recalls the outrageous adventures of eleven of his climbing friends who risked, and too often lost, their lives to stand on some of the world's highest peaks at a turning point in mountaineering history.

Brian Hall is an internationally certified mountain guide who provides extreme location safety and rigging for the film industry.

His numerous credits include the BAFTA award-winning film *Touching the Void*. Between 1980 and 2008, he co-directed the Kendal Mountain Film Festival of which he is a founder. Brian and his wife, Louise, divide their time between the UK's Peak District and New Zealand's Southern Alps. *High Risk* is his first book.

'A riveting insight into the legendary characters of a remarkable climbing era.'

MICK FOWLER, MOUNTAINEER AND AUTHOR

Royal HBK w plate sections / 432 pages

Author location: Peak District

Pub date: 01/09/2022

ISBN: 9781913207823

RRP: £24.99

Mountaineering

'A frank, first hand account of a bold, high-octane generation of British climbers.' BERNADETTE McDONALD

Lucy Banks CAGED LITTLE BIRDS



© Pip Raud Photography

The public think Ava's a monster.

Ava thinks she's blameless.

In prison, they called her *Butcher Bird* – but Ava's not in prison any more. Released after 25 years to a new identity and a new home, Ava finally has the quiet life she's always wanted. But someone knows who she is. The lies she's told are about to unravel.

Originally from Hertfordshire, Lucy Banks moved to Devon, where she promptly fell in love with the landscape and lifestyle. Author of the *Dr Ribero's Agency of the Supernatural* series, and winner of several literary awards and competitions, she lives with her husband, two children, and extremely boisterous cat.

'Disquieting, clever and
captivating – I loved it.'

KATHRYN FOXFIELD

B Paperback / 304 pages

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Psychological Suspense

'Sensationally sinister, stunning from the first to the last page. I devoured it.'

HELEN FITZGERALD

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Caged Little Birds



'Sensationally sinister'
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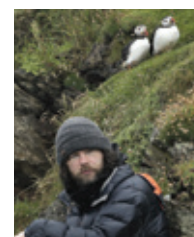
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clever and very dark'
Kathryn Foxfield

Kevin Morgans
PUFFINS
 Life on the Atlantic Edge



In this breathtaking new book, internationally renowned photographer Kevin Morgans celebrates the iconic Atlantic puffin and its place in the ecology of the British Isles.

With their brightly coloured beaks, quirky personalities and comical movements, the 'clowns of the sea' are the best loved of all Britain's seabirds. This series of stunning images from Morgans's award-winning portfolio documents their lives and their relationship with our windswept coast.



Kevin Morgans is an award-winning wildlife photographer and Britain's best known photographer of puffins, a body of work for which he was given worldwide, international recognition as Best Portfolio 2021 by Bird Photographer of the Year.

'This is a portfolio of sheer excellence, and will be a very tough act to follow.'

CHRIS PACKHAM

Large Format Square HBK / 208 pages

Author location: Merseyside

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RRP: £29.99

Nature Photography

'A beautiful, mesmerising portrait of the iconic puffin.' BEN FOGLE

Cameron McNeish
AN EYE TO THE HILLS



© Richard Else

For over four decades, Cameron McNeish has chronicled Scotland's majestic landscapes and the outdoor communities who inhabit them.

While much has changed, especially in terms of conservation and access, the hills themselves remain little altered, as do the reasons people visit them. In this collection of essays and diary entries, Cameron shines the light of experience on memory, and renews his vision, keen to share his insights with the many people who love Scotland's outdoors.

Cameron McNeish is a former editor of *Footloose*, *Climber*, and *The Great Outdoors* magazines. He is also well known for his regular television programmes which include *The Edge – 100 Years of Scottish Mountaineering*, *Wilderness Walks* and BBC Scotland's *The Adventure Show*. He contributes a monthly column to *Scots Magazine*.

'The author's eye for minor details and honest accounts of his experiences, bring his anecdotes to life.'

SCOTTISH FIELD

Royal HBK w plate sections / 352 pages

Author location: Highlands

Pub date: 20/10/22

ISBN: 9781913207861

RRP: £24.99

Non-Fiction/Outdoors

'A love letter to Scotland's wild places.' Mark Stephen

CAMERON McNEISH

AN EYE TO THE HILLS

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 TO SCOTLAND'S
 WILD PLACES
 MARK STEPHEN



FOREWORD BY CHRIS TOWNSEND

School's



Truants,
Troublemakers
and
Teachers'
Pets

JAMES THELLUSSON

James Thellusson SCHOOL'S OUT

Truants, troublemakers and teachers' pets



© John Powell

A charming gift book of pleas, put downs, misplaced career guidance and character assessments collected from the school reports and memoirs of celebrities and ordinary people from across the UK and Ireland.

Featuring household names such as Benedict Cumberbatch, David Bowie, Sandi Toksvig, Sir Billy Connolly, and even members of the Royal family, this collection will have readers laughing and digging out their own school reports.

James Thellusson has written for *The Oldie* and blogs regularly for several magazines. He went to St Paul's School, London and then York University to read English Literature. After a spell as a journalist, he went into PR.

James is a father, husband and bemused Boomer, whose alter ego Man in the Middle blogs against the demands of family life. The spark for this book was lit when he found his old school reports in the attic during the first Covid lock down.

'A jolly
good read. A+.'
ROB SPRACKLING

A Format HBK / 112 pages
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Humour, school & education

'An utter delight. 10 out of 10!' Harry Mount, editor, *The Oldie*

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