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RUTH THOMAS

JANUARY

Ruth Thomas

THE SNOW AND THE WORKS ON THE NORTHERN LINE



Hidden within the confines of The Royal Institute of Prehistorical Studies, Sybil is happy enough with her work - and her love life. Then to her dismay, her old adversary, assertive and glamorous Helen Hansen, is appointed Head of Trustees. To add insult, Helen promptly seduces Sybil's boyfriend. Betrayed and broken-hearted, Sybil becomes obsessed with exposing Helen as a fraud, no matter the cost.

Ruth Thomas is the author of three short story collections and two novels, as well as many short stories which have been anthologised and broadcast on the BBC. *The Snow and the Works on the Northern Line* is her third novel. Her writing has won and been shortlisted for various prizes, including the John Llewellyn Rhys Award, the Saltire First Book Award and the VS Pritchett Prize, and long-listed for the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Award. She lives in Edinburgh and is currently an Advisory Fellow for the Royal Literary Fund.

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Randa Jarrar

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Randa Jarrar's work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* and *Buzzfeed*. Her first book, *A Map of Home*, won a Hopwood Award and an Arab-American Book Award. Her second book, *Him, Me, Muhammad Ali*, won an American Book Award, a PEN Oakland Award, and a Story Prize Spotlight Award.

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her human –
humans make
her fear

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Paul Braddon

'Exquisite.'
CHRISTINA DALCHER

Paul Braddon
THE ACTUALITY



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Paul Braddon grew up in Surrey and lives in London with his wife Mary and son Thomas. He has a degree in English Literature and Language from Reading University. *The Actuality* is his debut novel.

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Stephen O'Rourke is an advocate and a Member of the Institute of Chartered Arbitrators. He formerly wrote a regular column for *The Scotsman* and has written for *The Guardian*, *Caledonian Mercury* and *Think Scotland* websites. In 2012 he won a short story competition run by *The Daily Telegraph*, which proved to be the basis for *The Crown Agent*.

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'Colourful and fascinating'

ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

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'Fast paced'

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Craig Weldon
THE WEEKEND FIX
 Foreword by Bee Leask



Like many young people of his generation, Craig Weldon came of age on hills all around the British Isles, but especially the Munros in Scotland. With his friends he braved the high mountains of the Cuillin and the lower tops of Gloucestershire, wild Welsh farmers and even wilder midges in the Highlands. Usually funny, sometimes dangerous, more often wet, one thing was for sure: life was never boring!

Craig Weldon lives in Bonnyrigg with his wife and dog and works as an analyst at the Scottish Parliament. Every now and then he goes out to the hills to check up on them. They're still there.

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CRAIG WELDON

FOREWORD BY
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© Claire Armstrong

Sarah Armstrong is the author of three previous novels, most recently *The Wolves of Leninsky Prospekt*, the first in the *Moscow Wolves* series. She teaches undergraduate and postgraduate creative writing with the Open University. Sarah lives in Colchester with her husband and four children.

'A thrilling read,
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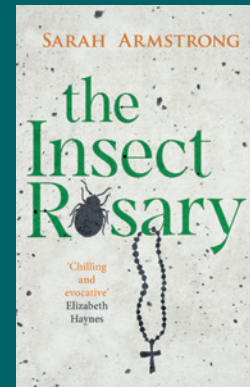
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POWER OF PLACE

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Linda Gask
FINDING TRUE NORTH
The Healing Power of Place



Beneath the wide skies of Orkney Linda Gask recalls both her career as a consultant psychiatrist and her lifelong struggle with her own mental health. After the favelas of Brazil, the glittering cities of the Middle East, and the forests of Haida Gwai, will she find perspective, spiritual relief, and healing in the quietude of her new home? Her troubled past is never far away.

Linda Gask is Emerita Professor of Primary Care Psychiatry at the University of Manchester. She is now retired and lives on Orkney where she maintains a popular mental health blog, *Patching the Soul*, and contributes to twitter as a mental health influencer. She is the author of *The Other Side of Silence*, which was featured on BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour and serialised in the *Times magazine*. In 2017 she was awarded the prestigious President's Medal by the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

'Illuminating and
enlightening.'
RAYNOR WINN

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'Engrossing.' ANDREW GREIG

APRIL

'Nicola Sturgeon's story... could yet determine the future of the entire United Kingdom.'

BBC News

'The demonisation of Nicola Sturgeon has intensified as her popularity – and threat – has grown.'

The Guardian

'The world's most dangerous woman.'

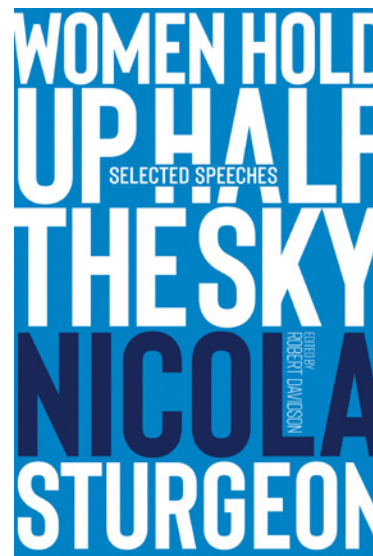
Piers Morgan,
Daily Express

A 'shining political star'

The Washington Post



Edited by Robert Davidson
WOMEN HOLD UP HALF THE SKY
Selected Speeches of Nicola Sturgeon



The first woman to be elected First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon's impact on the future of Scotland and the United Kingdom makes her words essential reading.

Independently selected by editor Robert Davidson, this collection of speeches addresses such crucial matters as the climate crisis, education, human rights and the European Union. *Women Hold Up Half the Sky* depicts a leader tackling not only immediate, pressing concerns but also mapping out a progressive agenda for the future.

Nicola Sturgeon was born and educated in Ayrshire and took her law degree at the University of Glasgow. She was among the first intake of MSPs to the Scottish Parliament in 1999. She was elected First Minister of Scotland in 2014, the fifth person to hold this position and the first woman.

Robert Davidson is a writer, editor, and publisher located in Highland Scotland.

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FOREWORD BY VAL McDERMID

Ryan Collett

THE DISASSEMBLY OF DOREEN DURAND



After witnessing from her apartment window the killing of two young boys by a hit and run driver, Doreen Durand lies low, alone and friendless, refusing to answer the door or her phone to the investigating police. When she runs away she is picked up and protected by the mysterious Violet Cascade, wealthy and powerful. As Officer Solloway continues to pursue Doreen, a surreal game of cat and mouse begins.

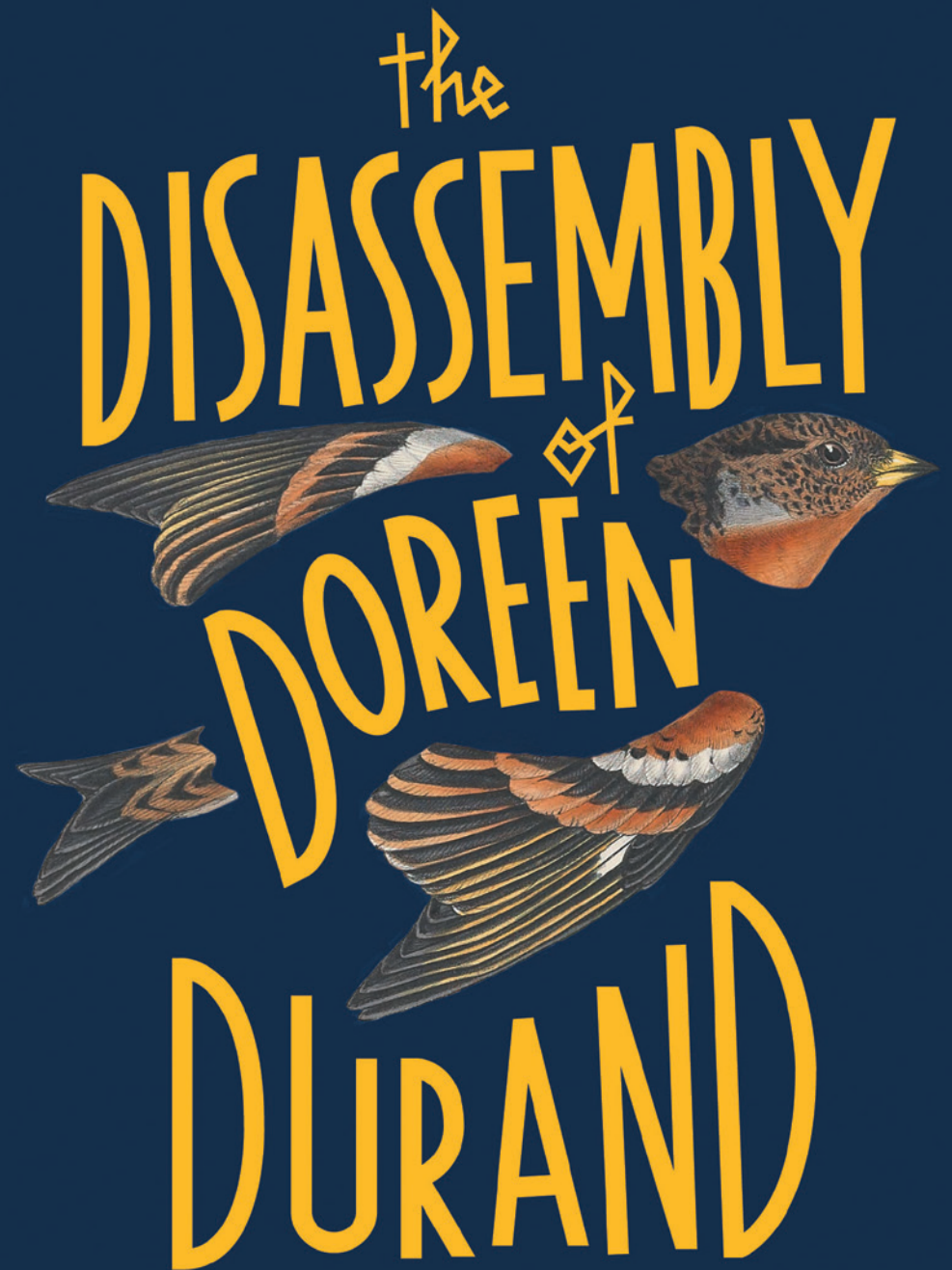
Ryan Collett grew up in Oregon and has lived in Idaho, Georgia, Utah and New Mexico, before eventually settling in London. He works as a Press Release Editor, and also runs a Knitting YouTube Channel with just over 94,500 subscribers.

'I read this genre-exploding, original debut in a single day.'

CHRISTINA NEUWIRTH

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RYAN COLLETT

Andy Howard

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Andy Howard's principal subjects are mountain hares, otters, red squirrels, and the birds of the Cairngorms. Andy contributes to many periodicals and other outlets. He has a large following on social media and a popular web site.

'Andy Howard is a stunning
wildlife photographer.'
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Jamie Mollart

KINGS OF A DEAD WORLD



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The city is about to wake.

Jamie Mollart's first novel, *The Zoo*, was published in 2015 and he was made an Amazon Rising Star. He is a long running guest on Litopia, and has taught novel writing for Writing School Leicester.

Jamie has won awards for his work in marketing, and is director of a creative advertising agency.

'Intriguing and timely.'

ALISON MOORE,

BOOKER SHORTLISTED AUTHOR

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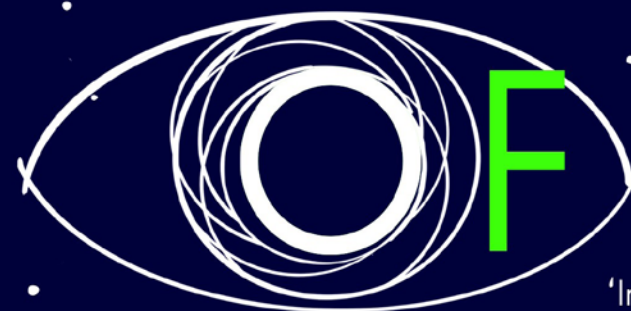
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Fiona Erskine
PHOSPHATE ROCKS



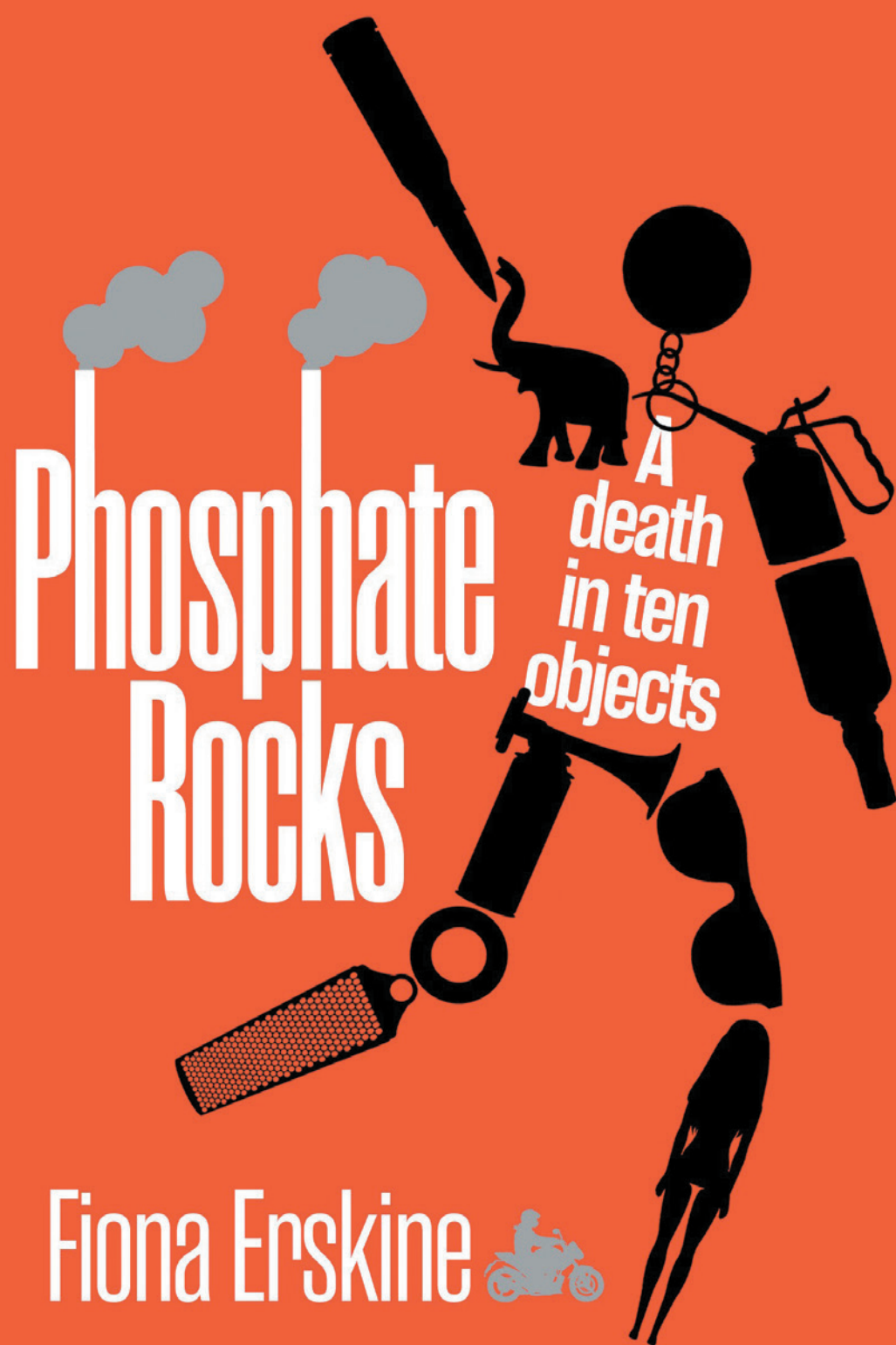
During the demolition of a fertiliser factory at Edinburgh's gritty Leith Docks, a shocking discovery is made: a mummified corpse encased in a carapace of hardened dust – phosphate rock – surrounded by ten unusual objects. *Phosphate Rocks* unravels the mystery with a mix of human anecdote, scientific explanation, and a touch of fiction, woven together to create a vivid account of the life and decline of a working factory over five decades.

Fiona was born in Edinburgh, and grew up playing guitar, riding motorbikes and jumping into cold water. After studying Chemical Engineering at University she learned to weld, cast and machine with apprentices in Paisley. She is now based in Teesside and travels internationally as a professional engineer.

Her debut novel *The Chemical Detective* was published in April 2019.

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NEW FROM THE AUTHOR OF *THE CHEMICAL DETECTIVE*

Juliet Blaxland

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The Easternmost Sky is part memoir, part elegy and part warning.

It was written on the Suffolk coast, in a place known for its farmland, nature reserves and the fastest coastal erosion in Europe.

By exploring how climate change and social change are already affecting this agriculturally important part of the world, it is possible to imagine a very different landscape, to glimpse the future and to understand how these changes will affect us all.

Juliet Blaxland is an architect, author, cartoonist and illustrator. She is the author and illustrator of twelve children's books, and a prize-winning photographer. Following the planned demolition of the house described in her first book, *The Easternmost House* (2019), she now lives a little further away from the edge of the cliff at the easternmost edge of England. *The Easternmost House* was shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize and was The Times Nature Book of the Year, 2019.

'Destined to be a 21st century classic. Just Brilliant'

JOHN LEWIS-STEMPEL ON *THE EASTERNMOST HOUSE*

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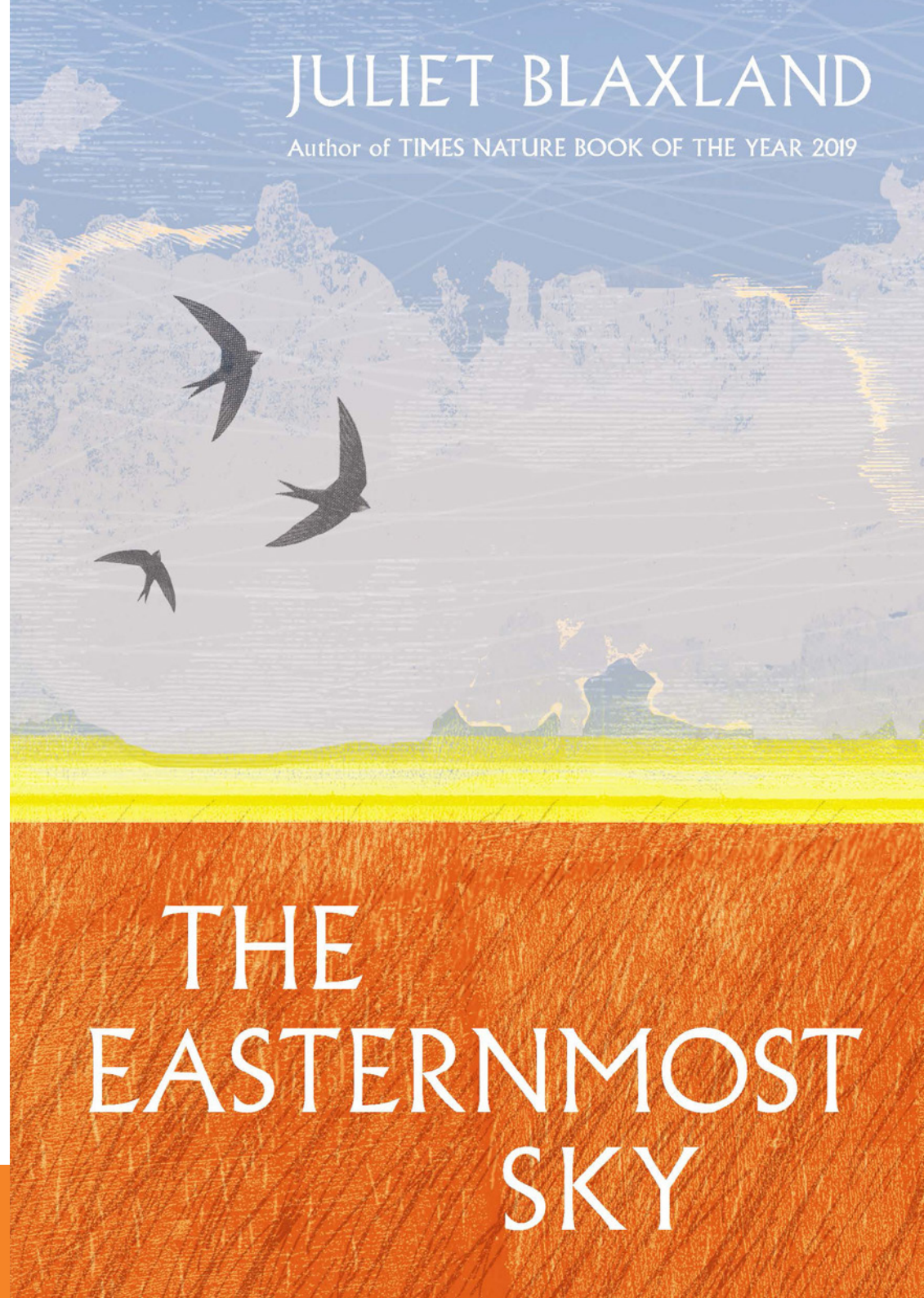
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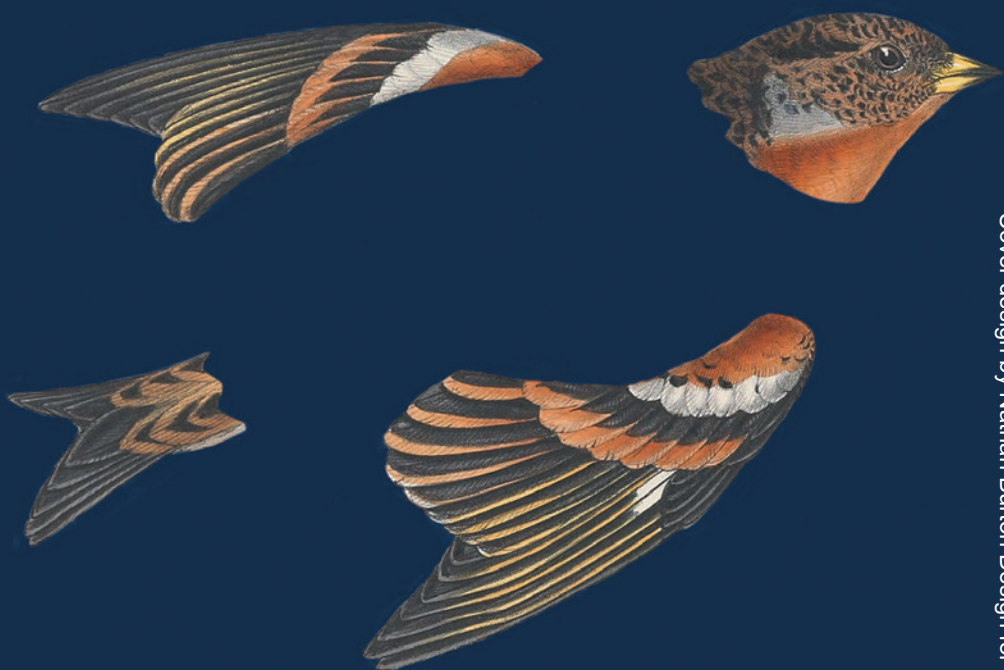
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