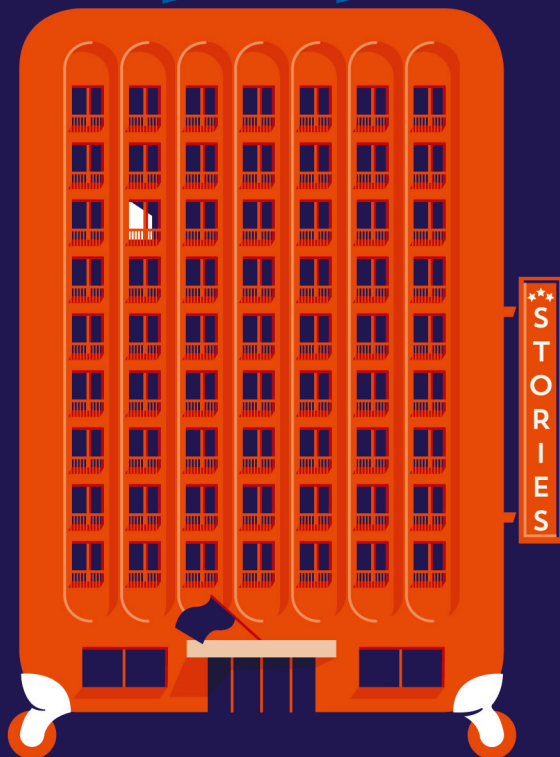


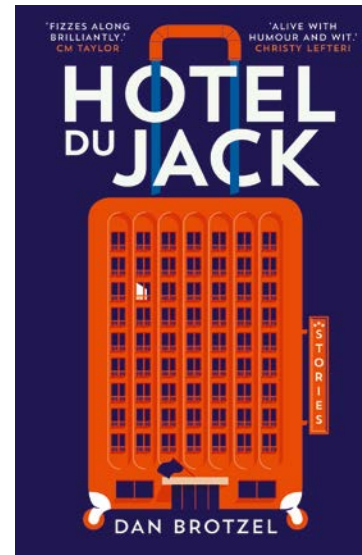
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Dan Brotzel's stories have been published widely online and in magazines. He won the 2018 Riptide Journal short story competition and was runner-up in the 2019 Leicester Writes competition.

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

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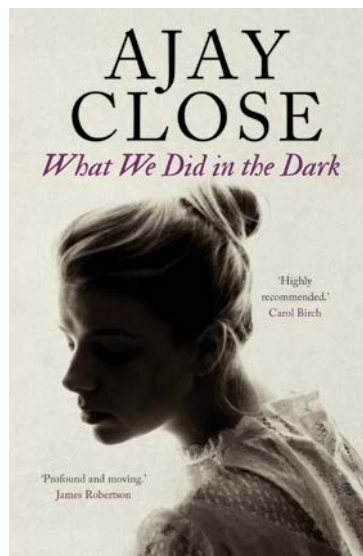
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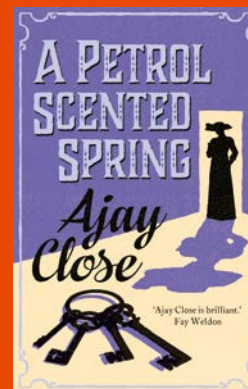


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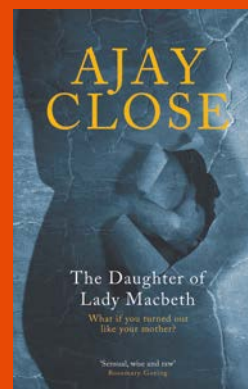
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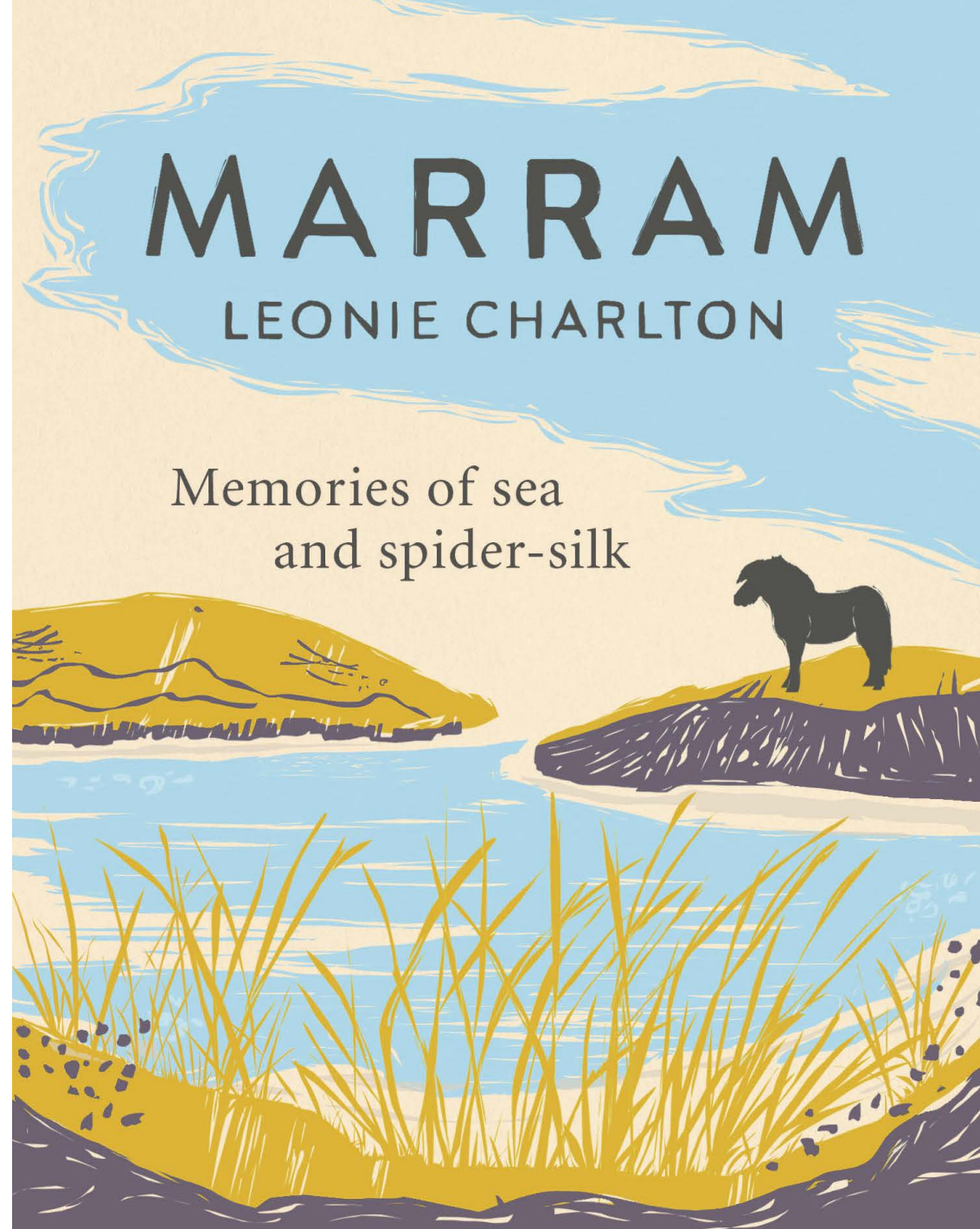
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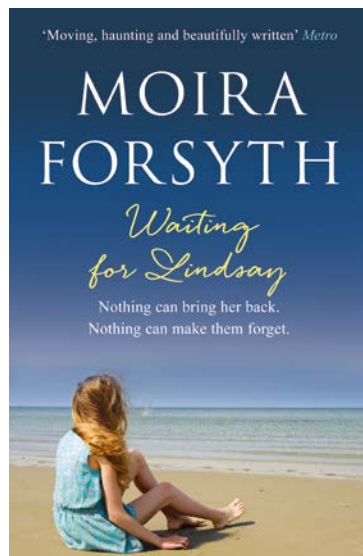
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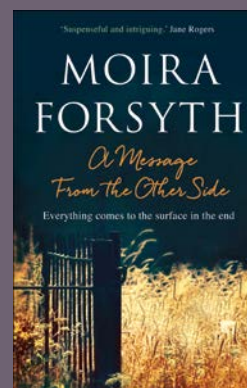
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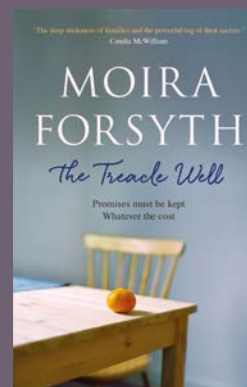


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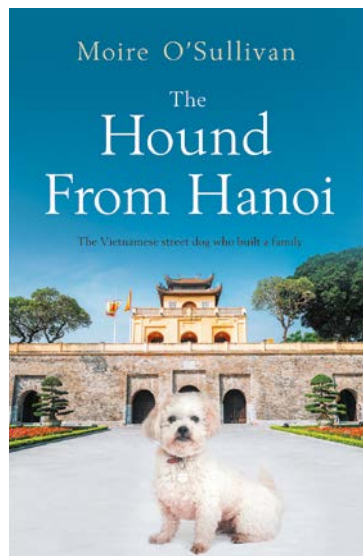
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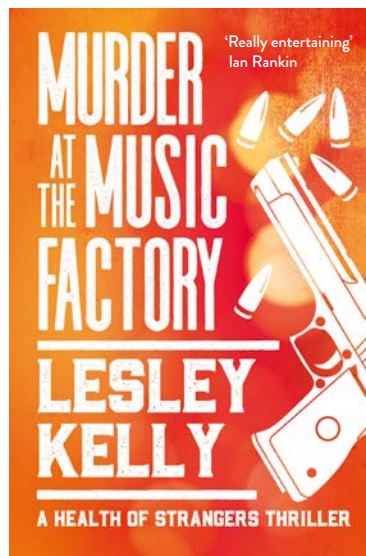
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Lesley Kelly has worked in the public and voluntary sectors for the past twenty years, dabbling in poetry and stand-up comedy along the way. Her debut novel, *A Fine House in Trinity* was long-listed for the McIlvanney Prize in 2016. Follow her on Twitter @lkauthor.

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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.

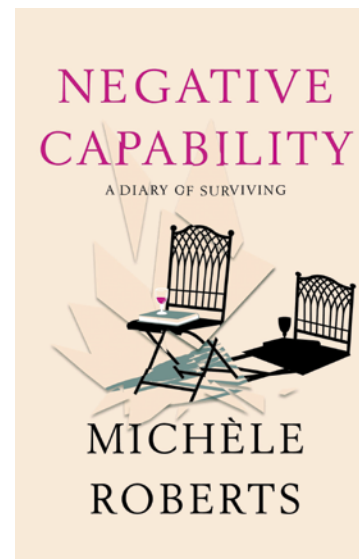
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Michèle Roberts is the author of fourteen critically acclaimed novels, including *Daughters of the House*, which won the WHSmith Literary Award and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize, and, most recently *Ignorance*, which was longlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction, 2013 and the Impac Award. Her memoir *Paper Houses* was a BBC Radio 4 Book of the Week.

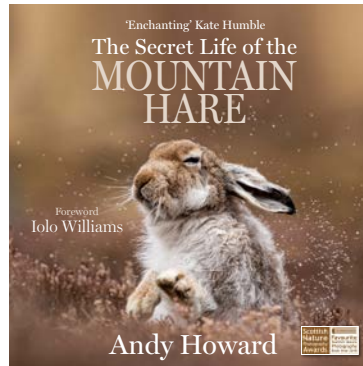
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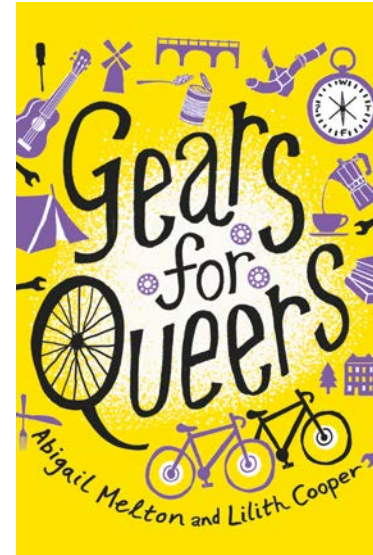
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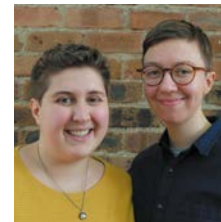
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Abigail Melton and Lilith Cooper



Keen to see some of Europe, queer couple Lilith and Abigail get on their old bikes and start pedalling. Along flat fens and up Swiss Alps, they will meet new friends and exorcise old demons as they push their bodies – and their relationship – to the limit.



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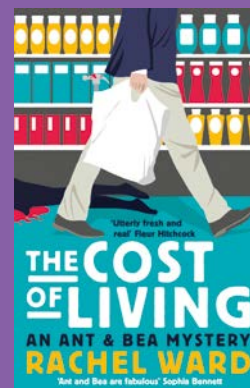
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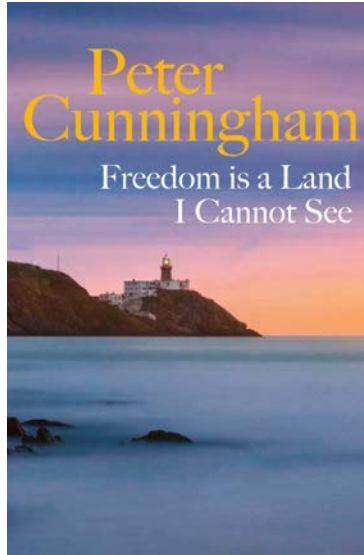


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Peter Cunningham is from Waterford in the south east of Ireland. He is the author of the *Monument* series, widely acclaimed novels set in a fictional version of his home town. *The Taoiseach* was a controversial best seller; *The Sea and the Silence* won the prestigious Prix de l'Europe. He is a member of Aosdána, the Irish academy of arts and letters.

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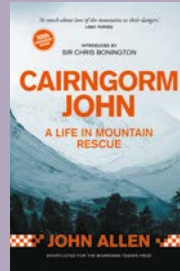
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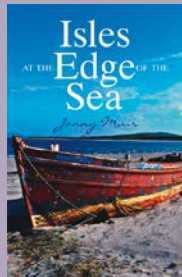
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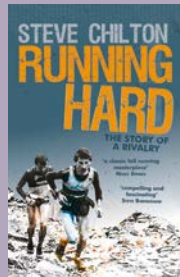
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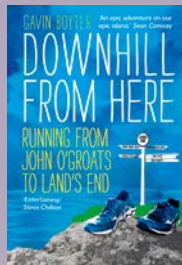
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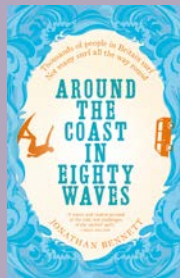
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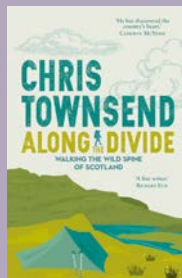
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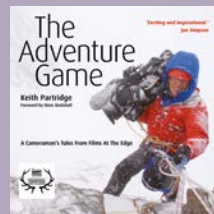
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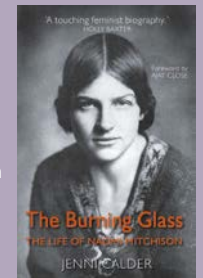
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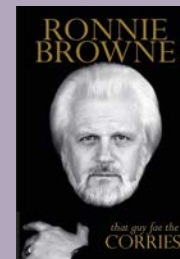
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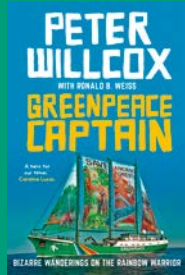
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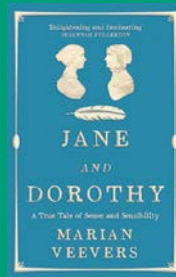


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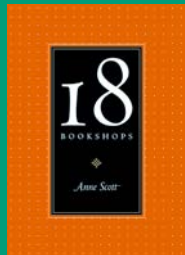


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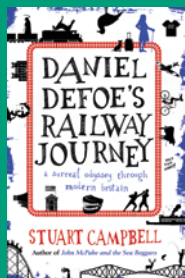


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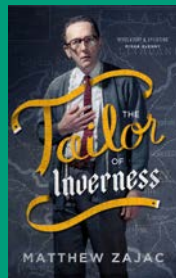


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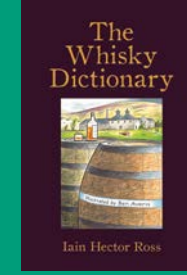


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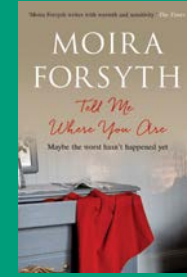


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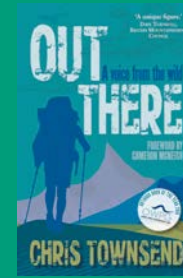


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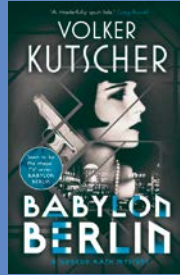
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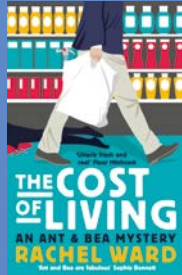
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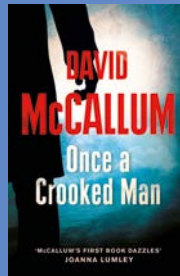
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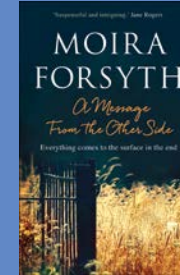


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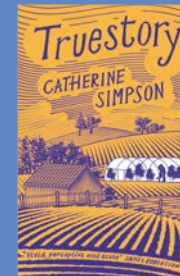
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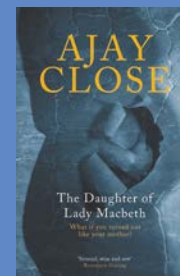
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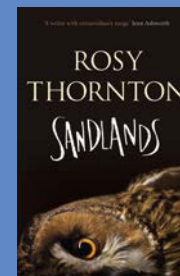
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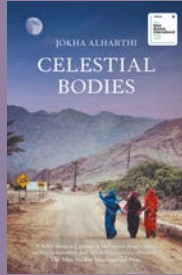


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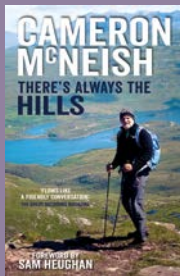
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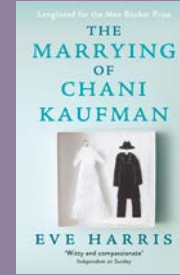
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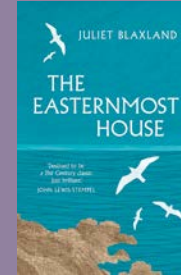
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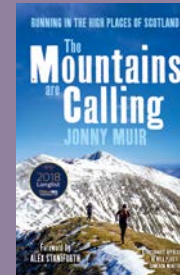
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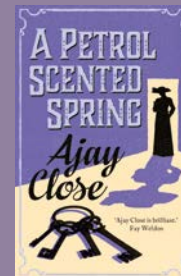
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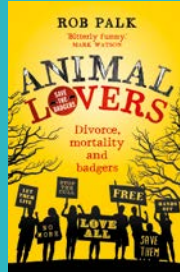


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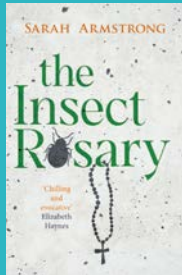


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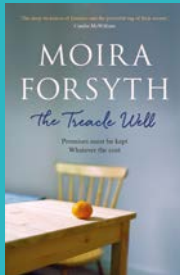


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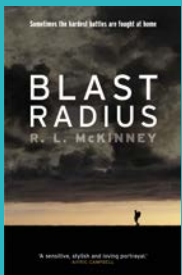


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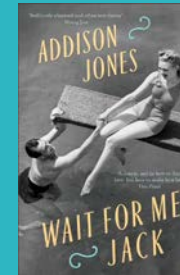


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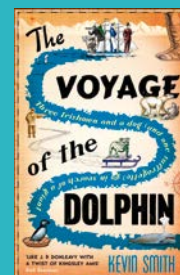


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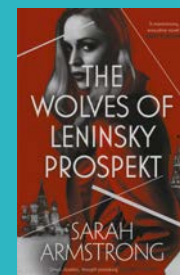


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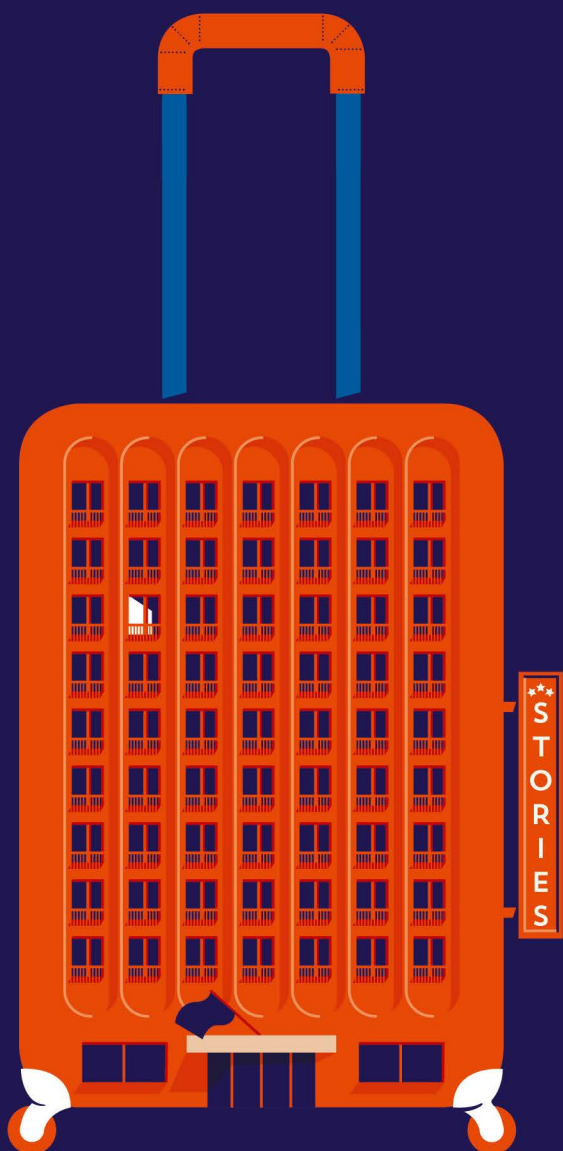
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