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Explains how good language teachers work, drawing on teacher training theory as well as many examples and case studies. A MISSING CHILD RETURNS. BUT WHO TOOK HIM? * BBC RADIO 2 BOOK CLUB CHOICE* * SUNDAY TIMES CRIME CLUB PICK * 'Brilliant, utterly compelling, heart-wrenching...I was gripped and loved it.' PETER JAMES 'An unputdownable thriller.' ELLY GRIFFITHS 'Sensitive and moving...but with a core of pure tension' SUNDAY TIMES When 11 year old Evan vanishes without trace, his parents are plunged into their worst nightmare. Especially as the police, under massive pressure, have no answers. But months later Evan is unexpectedly found, frightened and refusing to speak. His loving family realise life will never be the same again. DI Naylor knows that unless those who took Evan are caught, other children are in danger. And with Evan silent, she must race against time to find those responsible... A gripping, heart-wrenching thriller with the emotional power of series like BROADCHURCH and THE MISSING, this is the perfect read for fans of Cara Hunter, Heidi Perks, Claire Douglas, Fiona Barton, Susan Lewis and Nuala Ellwood. 'Critics have hailed FOUND the must read crime thriller' THE SUN 'One of those rare finds - a page turner that is equally remarkable for the beauty of the writing. It will suck you in and take you on a journey' JO SPAIN 'Gripping...once started, impossible to put down!' MINETTE WALTERS 'FOUND took me on the kind of twisting journey that kept me turning the pages until the early hours.' CHRIS WHITAKER *** Readers and book bloggers are completely gripped and moved by FOUND: 'If you read one book this year make sure it's Found!' ***** Goodreads Reviewer 'Not often I finish a book in one day but I couldn't put it down.' ***** Goodreads Reviewer 'Heartfelt, traumatic ,terrifying...just an amazing read. An easy five stars' ***** Goodreads reviewer 'An amazing read...every single parent's worse nightmare but written in a truly beautiful way' ***** Goodreads reviewer 'It's a perfect book in every way...highly recommended' Short Book & Scribes 'I don't think a thriller has ever brought me to tears like this has...a stunning, compelling read.' The Bookwormery A wealthy Yorkshire industrialist dies and leaves his wife and daughter with next to nothing and his three sons the chance to win the entire inheritance. Whichever one of them has 1,000,000 in the bank at the end of three years will inherit everything." A comedy of manners, a mystery thriller, and a sardonic satire whose deliciously unscrupulous narrator claims that everything he did regarding his victims was "market-led," Dirty Tricks is pure entertainment from one of the most inventive writers around. When the nameless narrator embarks upon an affair with Karen, a seemingly vapid P.E. teacher married to a boring accountant, he does not know her fetish is for adultery while her husband is in the room or loitering nearby. But once he finds out, he doesn't care. He has been abroad for twenty years, and since his return to merry old England he's been startlingly uninhibited by morals or a conscience. Which is not only why he eventually gets involved

with blackmail, a kidnapping, and two murders, but also how, with hilariously syllogistic logic, he's able to justify his role in all of it. Full of highly original, and extremely funny stories, which established Andy Griffiths as the world's most annoying person. They include convincing his best friend Danny that he is invisible so that he will wreak havoc in the school library, and pretending that corn relish is vomit to make an old lady move seats on a plane.... A marine engineer who tumbles off a cliff path on a windy night. A burglary where everything taken was returned by the thief. The suicide of a man in love with life. An accident, a mystery, an unexplained tragedy. And nothing at all to connect them. Until, that is, Detective Constable Fiona Griffiths, searching for something - anything - to take her mind off the tedious job of evidence-cataloguing she's been assigned to, starts to wonder if all three incidents are not quite what they seem. It could just be her imagination. After all, she'd be the first to admit that she isn't exactly in the prime of psychological health right now, the darkness she's held at bay ever since she joined the police force now lapping dangerously at her door. But something tells her there are invisible threads linking the crimes, and as she investigates further, she starts to see the outlines of a conspiracy so unlikely and on such a vast scale, that it takes her breath away. And that's when they come for her. **THE KILLER IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK** The intelligent, original thriller that will keep you guessing, from Richard & Judy million-copy bestselling author Sharon Bolton and perfect for fans of Lisa Jewell, Cara Hunter and Karin Slaughter. 'Nail-biting!' - TESS GERRITSEN 'Spine-tingling!' - LISA GARDNER 'Bolton rules the world of psychological thrillers' - HUFFINGTON POST Readers are gripped by Like This, For Ever: ***** 'Managed to keep me on tenterhooks right up to the thrilling end.' ***** 'A haunting and disturbing read that was very difficult to put down.' ***** 'A perfect mix of thrills, gasps and plot twists.' ***** Twelve-year-old Barney Roberts is obsessed with a series of murders. He knows the victims are all boys, just like him. He knows the bodies were found on river banks. And he's sure the killer will strike again soon. But there's something else, a secret he'd rather not know, a secret he is too scared to share... And who would believe a twelve-year-old boy anyway? Celebratory, witty and incredibly insightful, Harry Bingham explores the eccentricities and customs of the British nation in a bid to answer a question which has everyone debating - Who are we? ****WINNER OF THE 2020 WALES BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD**** 'A magnificently gifted writer' Irvine Welsh A Welsh community witnesses a strange vision: the huge spectre of a woman floating over a ridge. Is it a collective hallucination, a meteorological phenomenon, or something supernatural? The individuals living in these mountains are already battling their own demons - of drink, drugs, domestic violence, depression - how could an apparition unite these crushed people or their fragmented country? This is a novel that gives voices to the marginalised, the dispossessed, the forgotten. An examination of modern humanity's desperate need to live meaningfully and vividly in a mediated world - where individual autonomy is lost and the collective heart is atomised and exploited. Disturbing and unforgettable, darkly funny and deeply moving, it is written in a charged language that is vernacular, lyrical and hieratic all at once. Broken Ghost is a howl of anguish and a summoning of gods. 'Combines myth, drug culture and iconoclastic political vision in a wild music that's also a call to arms' New Statesman, Books of the Year 'Griffiths has forged a chimerical piece of radical fiction, a Blake-like reverie on the possibility (or not) of spiritual regeneration in our time.' Guardian 'This is a book powered along with ferocious momentum by the raw nervous energy of its characters, whose demotic, alternating narratives seem to muscle bodily off the page.' Daily Mail Nuns' Priests Tales explores the spiritual ideas that motivated priestly service to nuns across Europe and throughout the medieval period, revealing the central role that women played in male spiritual life, and thus moving beyond the reductionist assumption that celibacy defined male spirituality in the age of reform. Partners in Spirit focuses on relations between chaste men and women within religious life in Germany (c. 1100-1500), concentrating on the complex set of negotiations that governed contact between a male priest and his female charge. Although religious women were undeniably reliant on priests for pastoral care (the cura monialium) throughout the medieval period, it does not follow that men saw such care as burdensome or that women were spiritually subordinate in their relations with priests.

Within the context of the cura, ordained men and professed women met regularly, often developing intimate friendships and providing each other with crucial spiritual support, despite prevailing fears that contact between the sexes must result in sexual temptation and sin. Examining the various interactions of priests with religious women, *Partners in Spirit* traces the ways in which both viewed the cura, highlighting the fluidity of gender and authority within the medieval religious life. In so doing, the volume suggests new ways of considering the intersection of gender, religion, and spiritual power within the medieval world. Part of a human leg is discovered in a woman's freezer, bagged up like a joint of pork. Other similarly gruesome discoveries follow in kitchens, garages and sheds throughout Cardiff. And while the police are concluding that they all belong to a teenage girl killed some ten years earlier, parts of another body suddenly start appearing, but this time discarded carelessly around the countryside clearly very shortly after the male victim was killed. Who were the two victims, and what connection could they have shared that would result in this bizarre double-discovery? But that's only half the story. The most gruesome moments are much more about Fiona and her curious mental state. This book is all about writing for publication. How to plan, create and edit work that will sell. How to write a book that you'll be proud of- and which might yet launch you on a new career. Crammed with examples (positive and negative) from successful authors, this essential guide is for writers of every genre: fiction and narrative non-fiction, literary and commercial, adults and children. This guide tells you how to: - Understand your market - Plan your novel or memoir - Develop strong, empathetic characters - Structure and maintain a compelling plot - Ensure that your prose style is strong enough to carry your story - Polish your work until it shines 'I love Fiona Griffiths' Sharon Bolton A crime from the past. A murder from the future. DS Fiona Griffiths is bored. It's been months since she had a good corpse. Then she gets news; not just of a murder, but of a decapitation, and one committed with an antique sword no less. All that, and, a murder scene laid out like a gruesome crossword clue. Gaynor Charteris was an archaeologist excavating a nearby iron-age site. Genial, respected, well-liked, it was hard to see why anyone would want to kill her. But as Fiona starts to investigate, she finds evidence of a crime that seems to have its origins in King Arthur's greatest battle - a crime so bizarre that getting her superiors to take it seriously is going to be her toughest job. Especially since the crime hasn't yet been committed. Praise for the Fiona Griffiths mystery series: 'Compelling and claustrophobic. Without a doubt, Fiona Griffiths is one of crime's most memorable heroines' Sarah Hilary 'Compelling...a new crime talent to treasure' Daily Mail 'In a word - brilliant. One of the most enjoyable crime novels I've read in a while' James Oswald 'Gritty, compelling...a procedural unlike any other you are likely to read this year' USA Today 'Gripping...Fiona Griffiths kept me hooked to the last page and left me hungry for more' Rachel Abbott Fans of Angela Marsons, Peter James and Ann Cleeves will be gripped by the other titles in the Fiona Griffiths mystery series: 1. Talking to the Dead 2. Love Story, With Murders 3. The Strange Death of Fiona Griffiths 4. This Thing of Darkness 5. The Dead House 6. The Deepest Grave (coming soon!) If you're looking for a crime thriller series to keep you hooked, then go no further: you've just found it. ** Each Fiona Griffiths thriller can be read as a standalone or in series order ** S.U.M.O. stands for Shut Up, Move On. It's a phrase to say to ourselves (and sometimes others) when we are acting or thinking in a way that is hindering our ability to succeed. It doesn't necessarily mean 'get over it' or 'pull yourself together' (although there may be occasions when both responses are necessary). 'Shut Up' means stop what you're doing, take time out to reflect, let go of baggage and beliefs that hinder your potential. 'Move On' means tomorrow can be different from today, look for new possibilities, don't just think about it, take action. There are six S.U.M.O. principles that are designed to help you create and enjoy a brilliant life. If you are wrestling with life's challenges, these principles will help you do so more successfully. 1. Change Your T-Shirt - take responsibility for your own life and don't be a victim. 2. Develop Fruity Thinking - change your thinking and change your results. 3. Hippo Time is OK - understand how setbacks affect you and how to recover from them. 4. Remember the Beachball - increase your understanding and awareness of other people's world. 5. Learn Latin - change comes through action not intention. Overcome the tendency to put things off. 6. Ditch Doris Day - create your own future rather than leave it to chance.

Forget the attitude 'que sera, sera, whatever will be, will be.' "A superb book. It combines honesty, humour and inspiration to help people move ahead in life." —Allan and Barbara Pease, authors of *Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps* "Powerful, simple and effective. A highly engaging and thought provoking book. Anyone who reads it is sure to look at themselves and the world differently as a result." —Octavius Black and Sebastian Bailey, *The Mind Gym* The S.U.M.O. guy is Paul McGee, an international speaker and author. He has been developing the S.U.M.O. principles over the last five years. A great romance and a life with horses form the lynchpins around which Imtiaz Fiona Griffiths' nostalgic memoir revolves. Coming along for the ride, we have guest appearances by dodgy bookmakers, fast racehorses, slow tortoises, gregarious Jesuits, and a host of other fascinating characters. Griffiths' story takes us on a journey through pre and post-independence India: from her childhood spent in railway "hill stations"; to adventures in the horse-racing world of Calcutta in the 1950's and 1960's; to building her dream racehorse stud farm with her husband Mike in the hills of rural Bihar. A final transition to life in Canada forms the bookend to a joyous and poignant read. THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER, AND RICHARD AND JUDY BOOK CLUB PICK 'Clever and compelling. You'll love THE CHILD' Clare Mackintosh, author of LET ME LIE ***** When a paragraph in an evening newspaper reveals a decades-old tragedy, most readers barely give it a glance. But for three strangers it's impossible to ignore. For one woman, it's a reminder of the worst thing that ever happened to her. For another, it reveals the dangerous possibility that her darkest secret is about to be discovered. And for the third, a journalist, it's the first clue in a hunt to uncover the truth. The Child's story will be told. ***** 'An engrossing, irresistible story about the coming to light of a long-buried secret. An absolutely fabulous read - I loved it!' Shari Lapena, author of THE COUPLE NEXT DOOR 'Tense, tantalising and ultimately very satisfying . . . definitely one of the year's must-reads' Lee Child Read Fiona Barton's other tantalising thrillers: THE WIDOW and THE SUSPECT - out now. New for 2022: tense, compelling standout thriller LOCAL GONE MISSING ***Available to pre-order*** A woman reports a crime to the police, with unexpected results The grieving widow who finds that she's about to lose more than just her husband When a man attempts the perfect murder, it's not quite as easy as he thinks Two men in prison play a deadly game of Scrabble A young woman tries to trick an old man and gets more than she bargained for Sometimes crimes are solved in ways you can't explain A murderer about to be hanged finds that's not the worst thing that can happen You never know who's going to turn up at your door Original stories from Mark Billingham, Clare Mackintosh, James Oswald, Jane Casey, Angela Marsons, Harry Bingham, Antonia Hodgson and CL Taylor - specially written for Quick Reads. "Examines the visual traditions in a lost late twelfth-century manuscript, the Hortus deliciarum, compiled by Abbess Herrad for the sisters of Hohenbourg Abbey in Alsace. Argues that the topic of time, in the context of history, astronomy, and the calendar, was of central importance to the women's education"--Provided by publisher. "On a wild October night, the body of a young woman is found in a remote country churchyard. She's wearing nothing but a thin, white dress. There are no marks of violence and no obvious cause of death. Who is the victim? Why is she here? But another young woman went missing from the area a few years back, and DC Fiona Griffiths soon suspects a crime even more chilling than she first imagined."--Amazon.com. A mesmerizing and thrilling novel—perfect for fans of Tana French and Stieg Larsson—that introduces a modern, unforgettable rookie cop whose past is as fascinating and as deadly as the crimes she investigates. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Boston Globe • The Seattle Times SHE KNOWS WHAT IT'S LIKE. . . . At first, the murder scene appears sad, but not unusual: a young woman undone by drugs and prostitution, her six-year-old daughter dead alongside her. But then detectives find a strange piece of evidence in the squalid house: the platinum credit card of a very wealthy—and long dead—steel tycoon. What is a heroin-addicted hooker doing with the credit card of a well-known and powerful man who died months ago? This is the question that the most junior member of the investigative team, Detective Constable Fiona Griffiths, is assigned to answer. But D.C. Griffiths is no ordinary cop. She's earned a reputation at police headquarters in Cardiff, Wales, for being odd, for not picking up on social cues, for being a little overintense. And there's that gap in

her past, the two-year hiatus that everyone assumes was a breakdown. But Fiona is a crack investigator, quick and intuitive. She is immediately drawn to the crime scene, and to the tragic face of the six-year-old girl, who she is certain has something to tell her . . . something that will break the case wide open. Ignoring orders and protocol, Fiona begins to explore far beyond the rich man's credit card and into the secrets of her seaside city. And when she uncovers another dead prostitute, Fiona knows that she's only begun to scratch the surface of a dark world of crime and murder. But the deeper she digs, the more danger she risks—not just from criminals and killers but from her own past . . . and the abyss that threatens to pull her back at any time. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from Harry Bingham's *Love Story, with Murders*. Praise for *Talking to the Dead* "Gritty, compelling . . . a procedural unlike any other you are likely to read this year."—USA Today "With Detective Constable Fiona 'Fi' Griffiths, Harry Bingham . . . finds a sweet spot in crime fiction . . . think Stieg Larsson's *Lisbeth Salander* . . . Denise Mina's 'Paddy' Meehan [or] Lee Child's *Jack Reacher*. . . The writing is terrific."—The Boston Globe "The mystery-thriller genre is already so staffed with masterminds that it's hard to make room for another. But along comes a book like *Talking to the Dead*, and suddenly an unadvertised opening is filled. . . [This] has the feel of something fresh and compelling."—New York Daily News "A stunner with precision plotting, an unusual setting, and a deeply complex protagonist . . . We have the welcome promise of more books to come about Griffiths."—The Seattle Times "Recommended highly . . . [a] riveting procedural thriller."—Library Journal (starred review)

Jodi Picoult meets Liane Moriarty in this tensely negotiated story of family ties, betrayal and sacrifice. Every family has its secrets... Alice Hunter is smarting from the raw deal life has thrown her way: suddenly single, jobless and forced to move home to her parents' tiny seaside town. And now she faces an uncomfortable truth. She wants her twin sister Libby's enviable life. Libby's closest friend Jess Dekic has been around the Hunter family for so long she might as well be blood. She's always considered herself a sister closer to Libby than Alice ever could be ... Libby Hunter has all of life's boxes ticked: prominent small-town doctor, gorgeous husband and two young daughters. But when she is betrayed by those she loves most, it reveals how tenuous her world is... For Karen Hunter, her children are a double-edged sword of pain and pride. She's always tried to guide her girls through life's pitfalls, but how do you protect your children when they're adults? As the family implodes, the fallout for these four women will be inescapable... Bestselling Australian author Fiona Lowe wields a deft hand in creating utterly addictive storytelling that will have you questioning your own perceptions of what family is. The first novel in a powerfully original new crime series featuring a young policewoman haunted by her own dark past. It's DC Fiona Griffiths' first murder case - and she's in at the deep end. A woman and her six-year-old daughter killed with chilling brutality in a dingy flat. The only clue: the platinum bank card of a long-dead tycoon, found amidst the squalor. DC Griffiths has already proved herself dedicated to the job, but there's another side to her she is less keen to reveal. Something to do with a mysterious two-year gap in her CV, her strange inability to cry - and a disconcerting familiarity with corpses. Fiona is desperate to put the past behind her but as more gruesome killings follow, the case leads her inexorably back into those dark places in her own mind where another dead girl is waiting to be found... Greetings citizens! Can you spot Boris? In an array of crowded scenes, from zip wires and bikes to Beijing and the Bullingdon Club, search for Boris amongst the masses. Anyone for wiff-waff? With oodles of in-jokes and bonus material to find, plus cameo appearances from some old chums, this book provides hours of fun for both the lovers and loathers of the blonde-mop-topped phenomenon that is... BoJo. A classic and fun gift book, tracking Boris down around the world will be endless amusement for all the family. If we really wanted to sell you this book, we'd tell you that it's packed full of useful advice on writing, editing, getting published and marketing your books. Which is true, admittedly, except that 52 LETTERS also tells you all about the world's oldest book. And how to swear in Orcadian (which is a genuine Scottish dialect, unless you prefer to think of it as degenerate Norse, but either way it's not the world's most useful language, for swearing or anything else.) And the book talks about the story you've left, and the story you love, and how you have to fall forwards into the book you're writing now. And it tells you about mindset mathematics and how to

alter your perceptions of what is possible as a writer. And it tells you why the new management of Barnes & Noble actually means something quite challenging for traditional publishing. And it talks about all the ways that the publishing industry can treat writers crappily and it offers some helpful advice on how to avoid that kind of treatment yourself. And it talks about the power of detail and actually gives you some examples which make you think, 'Yes, I really understand something there and I want to go away right now to put that good advice into practice.' And just when you think the book is going to stay really grown up and useful and good for you, it'll unwrap a parcel of darlings and share them with you. Then ask you for darlings of your own and spend time with those too. Then it'll talk about the origins of the novel and be puzzled about agents who have set their hearts against speculative fiction. So by this time, you'll be thinking that the book is definitely entertaining but it can't really call itself useful, except then you read something about the simplest technique in fiction (and one that always works), so you decide, dammit, that the book must be entertaining and useful, which sounds like one heck of a combination - and quite possibly something that you need right now this minute. And, sure, you could look at our Incredibly Meagre Price and decide that your writing career doesn't deserve even that amount of love, but realistically, you're not going to do that, so you're going to click that lovely golden BUY button and be very pleased you did. Bestselling author, Harry Bingham, has been published all over the world by the biggest publishers in the business. His work has been adapted for TV and is currently the subject of a major Hollywood option. He's also the boss of Jericho Writers, a company which helps writers like you write better and get published.

Advanced Review: 'Harry Bingham is both the most entertaining and the most informing writer on the craft in evidence these days; not since Stephen King's 'On Writing' have I so valued a writer's writing on writing! These aren't just 52 Letters --they're love letters, to and for writers of all stripes and stages of accomplishment' - John David Mann, New York Times bestselling author

*Magic, murder and a mystery rooted in a murky wartime past. Meet DI Stephens and Max Mephisto Brighton, 1950. When the body of a girl is found, cut into three, Detective Inspector Edgar Stephens is reminded of a magic trick, the Zig Zag Girl. The inventor of the trick, Max Mephisto, is an old friend of Edgar's. They served together in the war as part of a shadowy unit called the Magic Men. Max is still on the circuit, touring seaside towns in the company of ventriloquists, sword-swallowers and dancing girls. Changing times mean that variety is not what it once was, yet Max is reluctant to leave this world to help Edgar investigate. But when the dead girl turns out to be known to him, Max changes his mind. Another death, another magic trick: Edgar and Max become convinced that the answer to the murders lies in their army days. When Edgar receives a letter warning of another 'trick', the Wolf Trap, he knows that they are all in the killer's sights... This volume draws on emerging scholarship at the intersection of two already vibrant fields: medieval material culture and medieval sensory experience. The rich potential of medieval matter (most obviously manuscripts and visual imagery, but also liturgical objects, coins, textiles, architecture, graves, etc.) to complement and even transcend purely textual sources is by now well established in medieval scholarship across the disciplines. So, too, attention to medieval sensory experiences—most prominently emotion—has transformed our understanding of medieval religious life and spirituality, violence, power, and authority, friendship, and constructions of both the self and the other. Our purpose in this volume is to draw the two approaches together, plumbing medieval material sources for traces of sensory experience - above all ephemeral and physical experiences that, unlike emotion, are rarely fully described or articulated in texts. Discover one of the most popular crime series in Britain, from the bestselling author of *The Stranger Diaries*. A child's bones are discovered on the windswept Norfolk marshes. Believing them to be ancient, the police call in Dr Ruth Galloway, forensic archaeologist. But this is no prehistoric grave. A cold missing person case has now become a murder investigation. 'I've never before read a crime novel in which [archaeology and detection] blend as successfully as in *The Crossing Places*' Shots Dr Ruth Galloway is called in when a child's bones are discovered near the site of a prehistoric henge on the north Norfolk salt marshes. Are they the remains of a local girl who disappeared ten years earlier - or are the bones much older? DCI Harry Nelson refuses to give up the hunt for the missing girl. Since she vanished, someone has been sending him bizarre*

anonymous notes about ritual sacrifice, quoting Shakespeare and the Bible. He knows that Ruth's expertise and experience could help him finally to put this case to rest. But when a second child goes missing, Ruth finds herself in danger from a killer who knows she's getting ever closer to the truth...

Shortlisted for the 2020 Goldsmiths Prize Based on the German composer's own correspondence, this inventive, counterfactual work of historical fiction imagines Beethoven traveling to America to write an oratorio based on the Book of Job. It is a matter of historical record that in 1823 the Handel and Haydn Society of Boston (active to this day) sought to commission Beethoven to write an oratorio. The premise of Paul Griffiths's ingenious novel is that Beethoven accepted the commission and traveled to the United States to oversee its first performance. Griffiths grants the composer a few extra years of life and, starting with his voyage across the Atlantic and entry into Boston Harbor, chronicles his adventures and misadventures in a new world in which, great man though he is, he finds himself a new man. Relying entirely on historically attested possibilities to develop the plot, Griffiths shows Beethoven learning a form of sign language, struggling to rein in the uncertain inspiration of Reverend Ballou (his designated librettist), and finding a kindred spirit in the widowed Mrs. Hill, all the while keeping his hosts guessing as to whether he will come through with his promised composition. (And just what, the reader also wonders, will this new piece by Beethoven turn out to be?) The book that emerges is an improvisation, as virtuosic as it is delicate, on a historical theme. A hanged man. A stolen painting. An impossible crime. A marine engineer is found hanged in a locked apartment. Some artwork is stolen, then mysteriously returned. And a security guard is found dead at the base of a Welsh cliff. When Fiona Griffiths is tasked to look through a stackload of cold cases, her bosses don't expect her to find anything of interest. But then she discovers that an impossible robbery really happened. That the supposed suicide was anything but. That the dead security guard was almost certainly murdered. Before long, Fiona is embroiled in what will become the most terrifying case of her career so far - one that forces her to enter the heart of darkness, and a journey that will test her mental toughness to its very limits. Praise for the Fiona Griffiths mystery series: 'A stunner with precision plotting, an unusual setting, and a deeply complex protagonist' The Seattle Times 'This cleverly plotted police procedural introduces a likeable, maverick detective destined for a bestseller following' Choice 'Compelling...a new crime talent to treasure' Daily Mail 'Gritty, compelling...a procedural unlike any other you are likely to read this year' USA Today 'An original and complex character; a different kind of policewoman. Fiona Griffiths is a truly fascinating character' Shots Fans of Angela Marsons, Peter James and Ann Cleeves will be gripped by the other titles in the Fiona Griffiths mystery series: 1. Talking to the Dead 2. Love Story, With Murders 3. The Strange Death of Fiona Griffiths 4. This Thing of Darkness 5. The Dead House 6. The Deepest Grave (coming soon!) If you're looking for a crime thriller series to keep you hooked, then go no further: you've just found it. ** Each Fiona Griffiths thriller can be read as a standalone or in series order ** This intensely practical and funny guide will take you through everything you need to do write a book to be proud of in 2020. You'll learn to write a novel, children's book, or narrative non-fiction that will remain true to your artistic vision and be strong enough to sell. 'Best book on writing I have ever read' -- Lovely Rita, Amazon reviewer So: you want to write a book. That means you'll need to learn how to find the market you'll be writing for and how to plan your novel. Know what works and what doesn't and identify the 'outstanding' from the 'good' ideas. You'll need to know how to plot like the experts: learn about all the plotting methods open to you, and which one suits you and your writing style. You'll also want to know who your characters are and why they're the way they are. You'll need to know about character arcs and character development, so that you can create dazzling characters that'll leave your readers captivated. But none of that will mean anything, if you haven't developed your prose style. This is what separates 'people who like to write' and 'writers.' So, you'll need to learn how to handle technicalities like point of view, tense, omniscience, writing with clarity, and the art of showing-not-telling. And, because you're a writer whose just created a world filled with evocative characters and excellent descriptions of place, you'll also need to know how to edit. Really edit your manuscript so that it's ready for publication. Oh, and yes, you'll need experience. This book is written by someone who knows what he's talking about.

With 20+ years as a published and bestselling author, Harry has helped thousands of writers on their journey to publication (as boss of Jericho Writers). And look: there are plenty of writing manuals out there, but with this book Harry will be with you from the very first sentence to the last full stop. Offering you actionable advice with real-life examples, all with the aim to help you write a book to be proud of. From one writer to another - good luck.

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Bingham has been published by the three largest trade publishers in the world, has sold in every major market on the planet, has been on bestseller lists, has been prize long- and short-listed, and has had his work adapted for TV. His work has also received a considerable amount of critical acclaim. The stick is a universal toy. Totally natural, all-purpose, free, it offers limitless opportunities for outdoor play and adventure and it provides a starting point for an active imagination and the raw material for transformation into almost anything! As New York's Strong National Museum of Play pointed out when they selected a stick for inclusion in their National Toy Hall of Fame, 'It can be a Wild West horse, a medieval knight's sword, a boat on a stream, or a slingshot with a rubber band . . .' In this book Fiona Danks and Jo Schofield offer masses of suggestions for things to do with a stick, in the way of adventures and bushcraft, creative and imaginative play, games, woodcraft and conservation, music and more. Missing maids, suspicious teachers and a snow storm to die for... For a fearless girl called Justice Jones, super-smart super-sleuth, it's just the start of a spine-tingling first term at Highbury House Boarding School for the Daughters of Gentlefolk. For fans of Robin Stevens, Katherine Woodfine and Enid Blyton. When Justice's mother dies, her father packs her off to Highbury House Boarding School for the Daughters of Gentlefolk. He's a barrister - specialising in murder trials - and he's just too busy to look after her alone. Having previously been home-schooled, the transition is a shock. Can it really be the case that blondes rule the corridors? Are all uniforms such a charming shade of brown? And do schools normally hide dangerous secrets about the murder of a chamber maid? Justice takes it upon herself to uncover the truth. (Mainly about the murder, but perhaps she can figure out her new nemesis - the angelic Rose - at the same time.) But when a storm cuts the school off from the real world, the body count starts to rise and Justice realises she'll need help from her new friends if she's going to find the killer before it's too late ... A woman starved to death. A tech genius with his hands hacked off. The heist of the century. When DC Fiona Griffiths and her colleagues piece together the clues to several grim crimes, they realise they're staring at one of the world's most daring robberies. Fiona is asked to take on her toughest case yet: will she go undercover to penetrate this criminal gang from within? When Fiona says yes, she has to give up her old life entirely. She becomes Fiona Grey, a homeless woman struggling to get her life back together again. When the criminal gang adopt her as one of their own, she's totally alone, vulnerable - and dangerous as hell. Praise for the Fiona Griffiths mystery series: 'With Detective Constable Fiona 'Fi' Griffiths, Harry Bingham...finds a sweet spot in crime fiction...think Stieg Larsson's Lisbeth Salander...[or] Lee Child's Jack Reacher... The writing is terrific' The Boston Globe 'The easiest five stars I've ever awarded a book. Fiona Griffiths is by far the most original detective I've come across' Loretta Milan 'Gritty, compelling...a procedural unlike any other you are likely to read this year' USA Today 'Compelling...a new crime talent to treasure' Daily Mail 'Fiona Griffiths may be the most fascinating protagonist in fiction. She is similar to

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Take the DOOMED TEST: YES/NO Have you ever broken a mirror, walked under a ladder or opened an umbrella inside? Do you often find yourself feeling that everything is about to go horribly, terribly and utterly wrong? Have you ever lost or destroyed a valuable item that didn't.. belong to you? Have you just accidentally enraged a very large and bad-tempered bully? Are you 120 years old or over? SCORE: One point for each ..y..es.. ..answer. 3-5: You are definitely DOOMED! You will love this book. 1-2: You are fairy DOOMED! You will love this book. 0: You are DOOMED, you just don't.. realise it. Just Kidding! is the first book in a hilarious series of short stories about the world's smartest, craziest and most annoying practical joker from the creators of the bestselling Treehouse series, Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Is this the right book for you? Take the JUST KIDDING TEST and find out! 1. Do you ever pretend that you are sick to get out of going to school? 2. Do you leave banana skins in the middle of busy footpaths? 3. Do you wish that every day could be April Fools' Day? SCORE: One point for each yes answer. 3. You are a practical joking genius. You will love this book. 1-2. You are a good practical joker. You will love this book. 0. You are not a practical joker. You will love this book. (Just Kidding! was originally published as Just Tricking!) Sweeping epic of adventure and enduring love, from the revolutionary upheaval in Russia to the chaos of post-

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