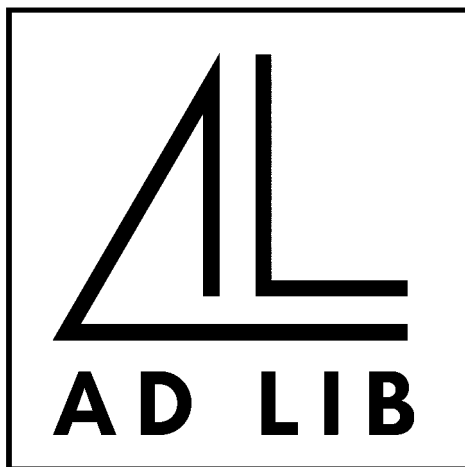




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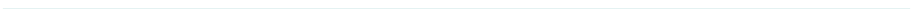
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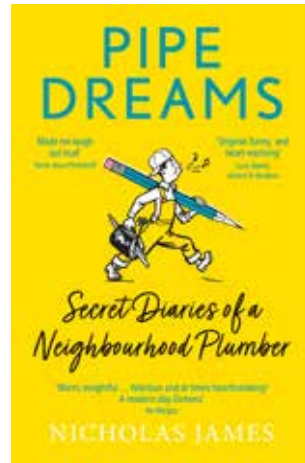
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Nicholas James has a degree in law and politics. Having met his wife while they were both working in marketing, he quit his job with the aim of becoming a writer, doing a crash course in plumbing to earn some money on the side. But the plumbing soon became a thriving, full-time business, so writing had to take a back seat. Over twenty years of working as a plumber, Nick has amassed a wealth of material; the pandemic lockdown finally gave him a chance to write his stories down, and *Pipe Dreams* is the result.



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Anke Richter is a columnist and reporter. She has written three previous books that were published in Germany. She lives in New Zealand.



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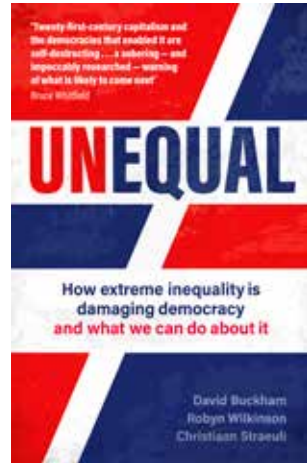
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How has it come to this? And does the unanticipated fightback in Ukraine, with support from the West, show us the way to reclaiming the lost spirit of freedom inherent in liberal democracy?

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Douglas Wight is the *Sunday Times* bestselling author or ghostwriter of sixteen non-fiction books, most recently *India Uniform Nine* (Icon, 2022), *Son of Escobar* (Ad Lib, 2020) and *The Bad Room* (Harper Element, 2020). His books have sold over 100,000 copies. He has been a journalist and writer for over twenty years covering news, features, politics and investigations in London, New York and his native Scotland.



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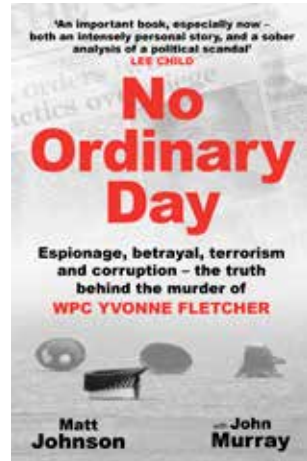
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At 10.17 a.m. automatic gunfire rained down on them. WPC Yvonne Fletcher was hit in the back and later died from her injuries. The gunmen were Libyans, both concealed behind a first-floor window of the Bureau.

Two weeks later, all those present inside the Bureau, including everyone suspected of involvement in the attack, were deported from the UK. Men guilty of terrorism and murder were neither arrested nor prosecuted.

As Yvonne Fletcher lay dying, her colleague and close friend PC John Murray promised her he would not rest until those responsible for her murder had been brought to justice. This is his story.

Matt Johnson served for 25 years, first as a soldier then as an officer in the Met. Forced to retire as a result of PTSD, Matt was encouraged to write as part of his therapy. His 2016 debut novel, *Wicked Game*, was shortlisted for a Crime Writers' Association Dagger Award. *No Ordinary Day* is his first non-fiction book.



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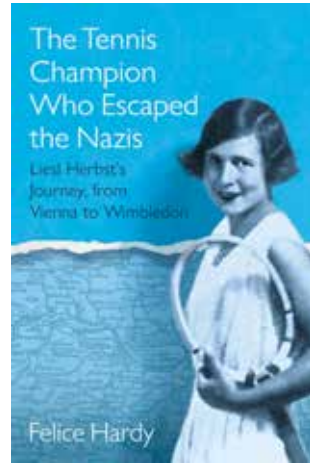
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Illustrated throughout with family photographs and original documents, this is a story of survival against terrible odds, an inspiring tale of resilience and hope.

Felice Hardy is a freelance travel journalist, author and podcast producer. She has written for a wide variety of publications including *Vogue*, *The Guardian*, *The Telegraph*, *Condé Nast Traveller*, *Tatler*, and *BA Highlife* magazine. She has also co-written more than 20 different travel guidebooks. *The Tennis Champion Who Escaped The Nazis* is based on her family history.



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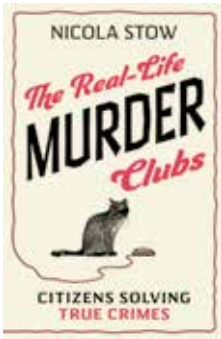
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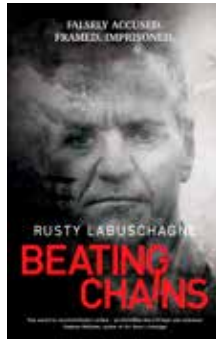
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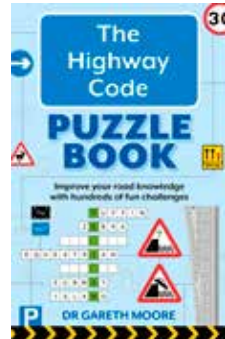
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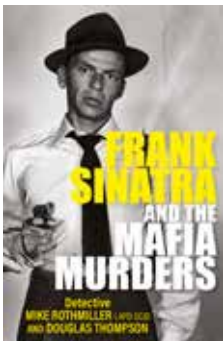
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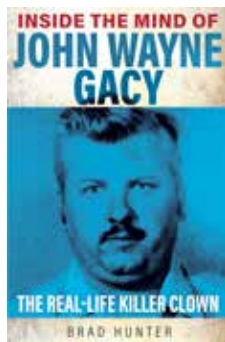
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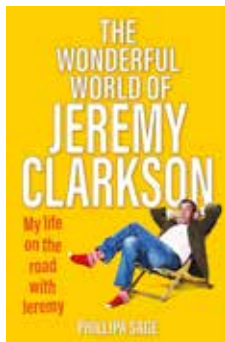


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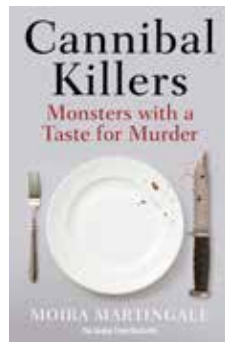
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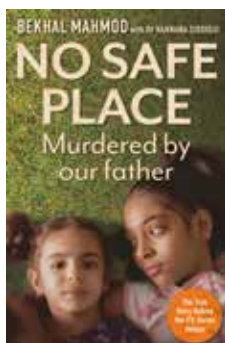
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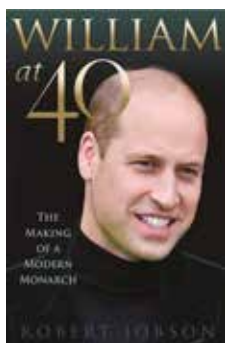
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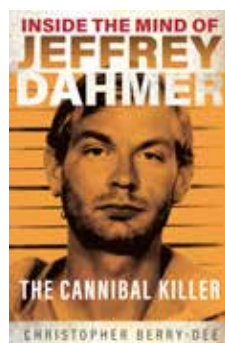
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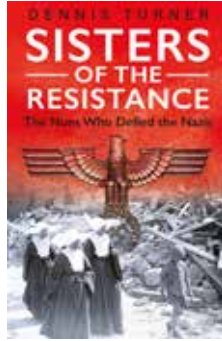
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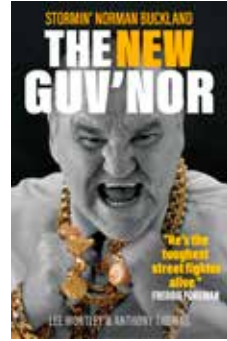
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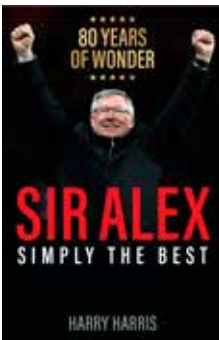
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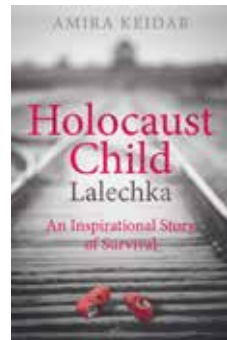
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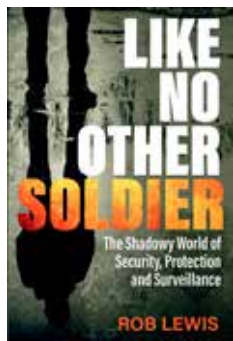
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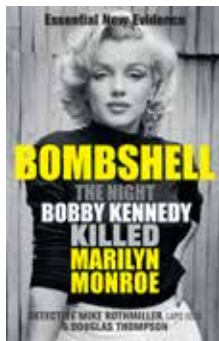


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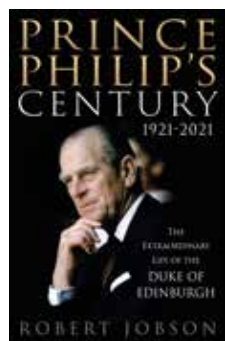
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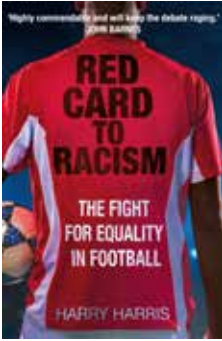
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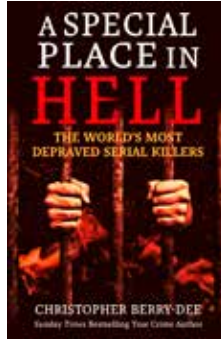
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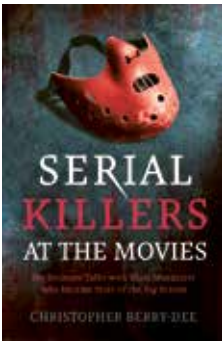
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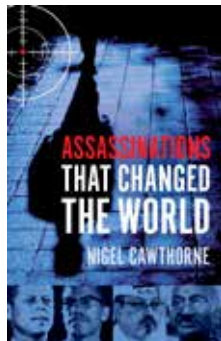
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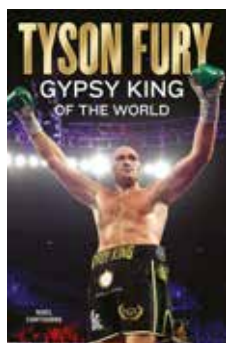
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