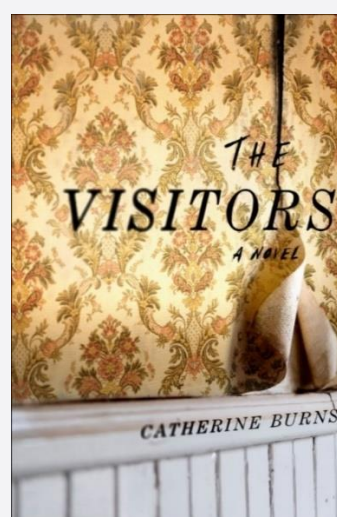


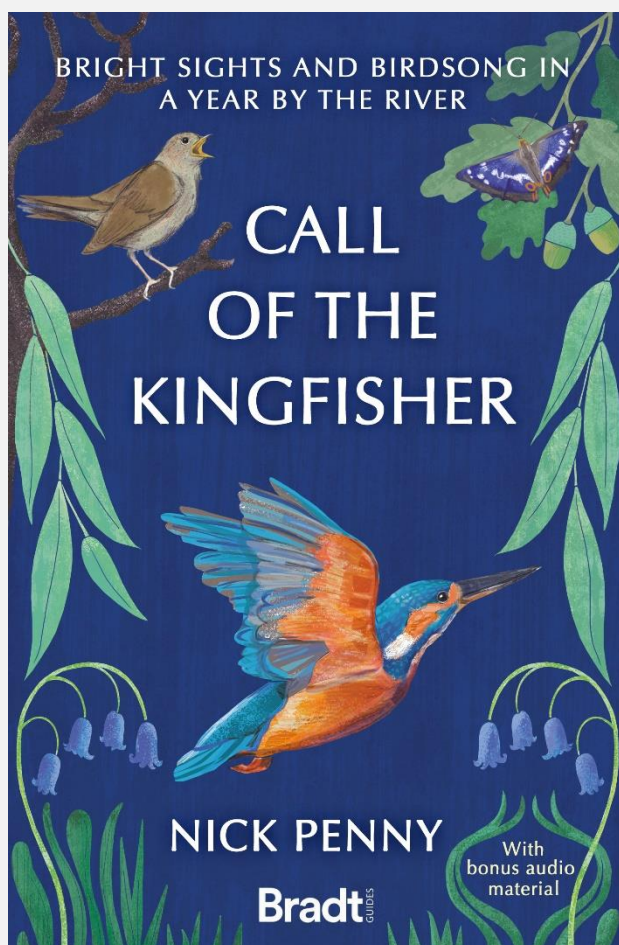
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Jennifer Barclay Books is a boutique literary agency and editorial consultancy launched ten years ago.

In non-fiction, I've worked on *Minarets in the Mountains*, nominated for the Baillie Gifford Prize and named *TLS* Book of the Year; *Always Pack a Candle*, winner of the Lieutenant Governor's Community History Award in Canada; and several books shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Travel Writing awards. I've represented the bestselling guide to *Padding Britain* by Plastic Patrol campaigner and MBE Lizzie Carr, and the internationally successful memoir *Me, My Bike and a Street Dog Called Lucy* by Ishbel Holmes.

In fiction, I've worked on *The Book of Katerina*, a finalist for the EBRD Literature Award. I've also represented best-selling novels including the chilling literary thriller *The Visitors* by Catherine Burns and the World War Two love story *The Note Through the Wire* by Doug Gold.





UK publication: July 2023

Genre: nature writing

World English: Bradt

Translation, audio: available

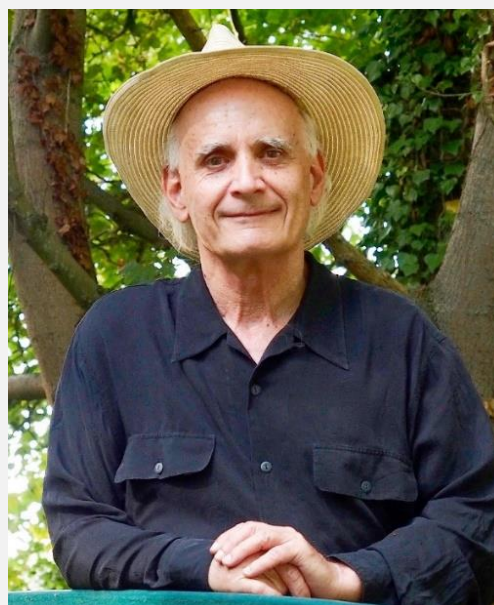
Bonus audio material of the author's birdsong recordings

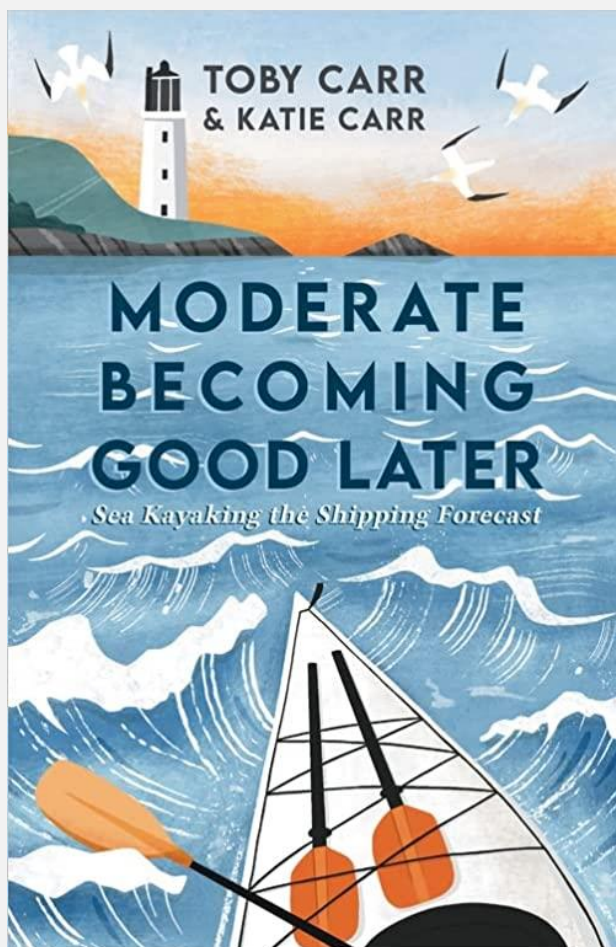
Featured on BBC TV and radio

'All writers want the reader to see through their eyes, but few succeed in making them hear through their ears as successfully as Nick Penny. A musician and maker of musical instruments... he has written a delightful first book that has firmly established his credentials in the Nature-writing genre... Infectious enthusiasm for the natural world around him... great powers of observation and fieldcraft... Very special.' – *Country Life*

This beautifully observed book – with a link to the author's birdsong recordings – reminds us of the magic and importance of approaching nature with patience and curiosity. Composer and musician Nick Penny has walked the riverside path by his home for decades, but for one year he gave it all the time it asked for. A love letter to the wild things that live on a short stretch of river, especially the kingfishers.

**Nick Penny** grew up in different parts of the world before doing an arts degree at Oxford University. He then set up his own workshop making musical instruments. Moving to rural Northamptonshire he became fascinated by the birdsong and started to record it and use the sounds in his own music. An inspiring speaker, he's appeared on BBC Radio 4's *Open Country*, BBC 6 music's *Supernature* feature and local TV and radio, and presented a programme on the science of sound for Channel 4.





**UK publication: June 2023**

**Genre: memoir**

**World rights: Summersdale**

**Audio: Summersdale**

**#1 bestseller on Amazon**

**Featured on BBC Breakfast TV, BBC News, and [more](#)**

In the shadow of a congenital illness that meant he would be unlikely to live longer than 30, Toby felt a desire to push himself further and experience things he never thought possible.

This is the exhilarating and deeply moving account of his attempt to kayak in the areas of the Shipping Forecast – from the southern shores of Iceland to the tip of north Africa, from Denmark to the west coast of Ireland.

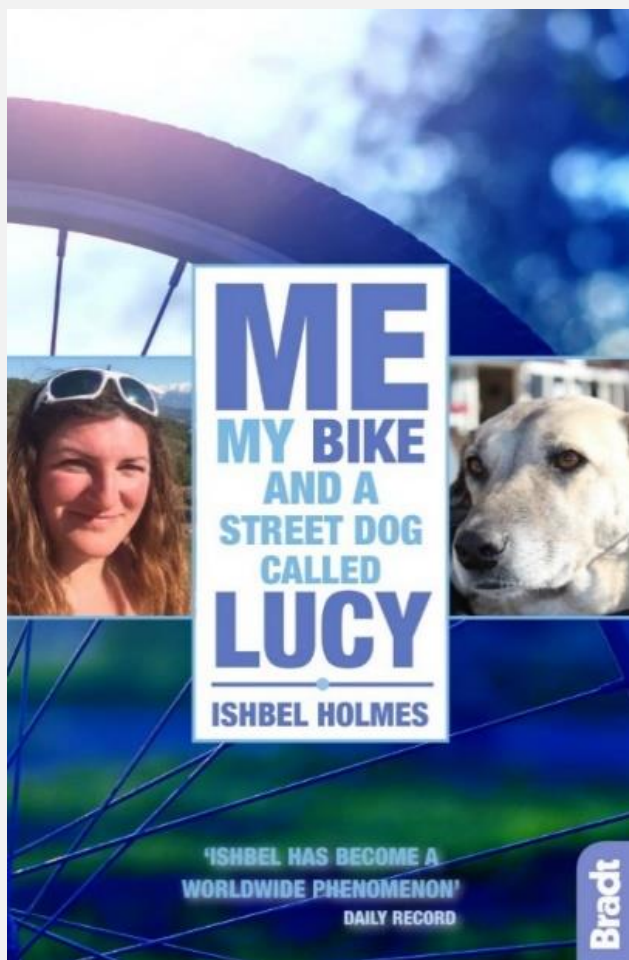
‘One of the most moving and affecting books I’ve read in a long time, it is profound, thoughtful, fascinating and, above all, beautiful.’ Charlie Carroll

‘A manifesto for living, loving and laughing full-heartedly, whatever life’s storms and forecasts bring. A guide and companion for us all, whether we are embarking on voyages of our choosing or dealing with waves and storms dealt to us.’ Sarah Outen

‘The sort of adventure I’ve often dreamed of late at night, with additional layers of poignancy and love.’ Alastair Humphreys

**Toby**, a kayaker, university lecturer and architect, lived in a fishing cottage on the Cornish coast of England. **Katie**, his sister, decided on Toby’s death to take on the challenge of completing his book and learning to kayak. She lives in Barcelona.





**Genre: memoir**  
**UK: Bradt 2019**  
**US and Canada: Velo Press (Saving Lucy) 2019**  
**Audio: Tantor Media**  
**German: DuMont Reise 2020 (lead title winter)**  
**Norwegian: Mangschou 2021**  
**Spanish: Planeta Mexico 2022**  
**Chinese: China ICA Press 2023**

‘A journey of tears, laughter and hope... Beyond inspiring’ – Dion Leonard, author of *Finding Gobi*

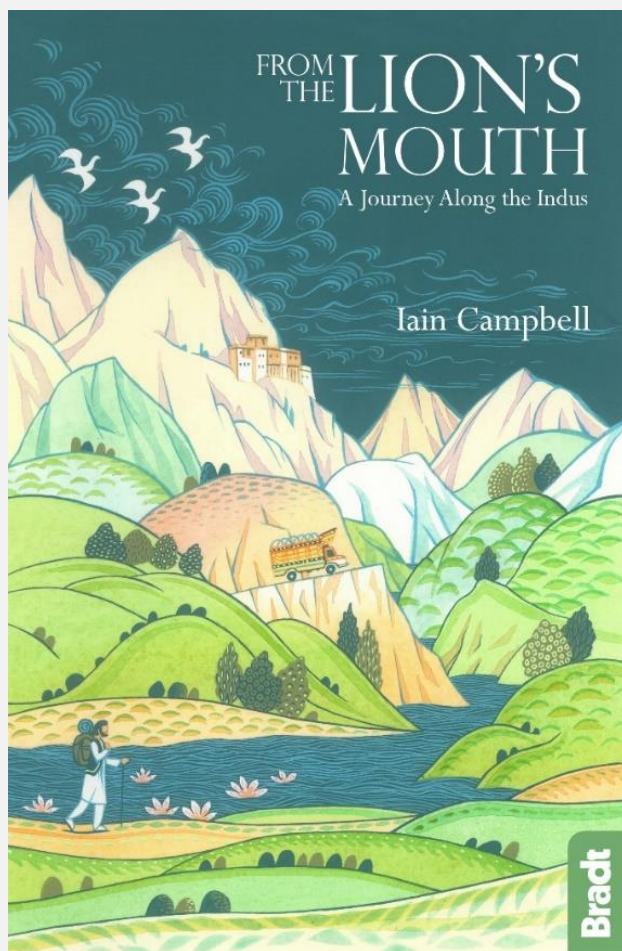
‘Hooked by page 2. Tears by page 5.’ – Jason Lewis, author and adventurer

Scottish-Iranian ‘World Bike Girl’ Ishbel was cycling through western Turkey when a lame street dog became determined to follow. The abused dog reminded her of herself as a homeless teenager, unwanted, vulnerable. She would give the dog, Lucy, the love and the home she never had.

Seeking out medical treatment for Lucy, Ishbel began an extraordinary journey with Lucy in a trailer, camping in fields when no hotel would take them, climbing pine-covered mountains sub-zero temperatures, and teaching children not to harm dogs. Lucy received an Adana University diploma for being a good dog, and they continued into Hatay, crossing into Syria and learning about refugees’ lives. Lucy was finally out of quarantine and able to travel to the safe home she had found – but too late.

- Shortlisted for the Lonely Planet/Stanfords Adventure Travel Award
- Featured in [The Herald Scotland](#), [Daily Record](#), [Lonely Planet](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The National Student](#), [The Big Issue](#)
- Reached #12 in all books on Amazon UK after her interview on BBC Radio 4’s Saturday Live show
- #1 in Cycling/Dog Care/Middle Eastern travel
- ‘Ishbel is awesome.’ – Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister for Scotland

**Ishbel Holmes** lives in Scotland with her daughter and her rescue dog.



**Genre:** travel

**World English:** Bradt (2019)

**Translation rights:** available

**Audio:** available

**Shortlisted for the Stanfords Adventure Travel Book of the Year Award**

**Multiple-page features in: *The Scotsman, The Daily Record, Sunday Mail***

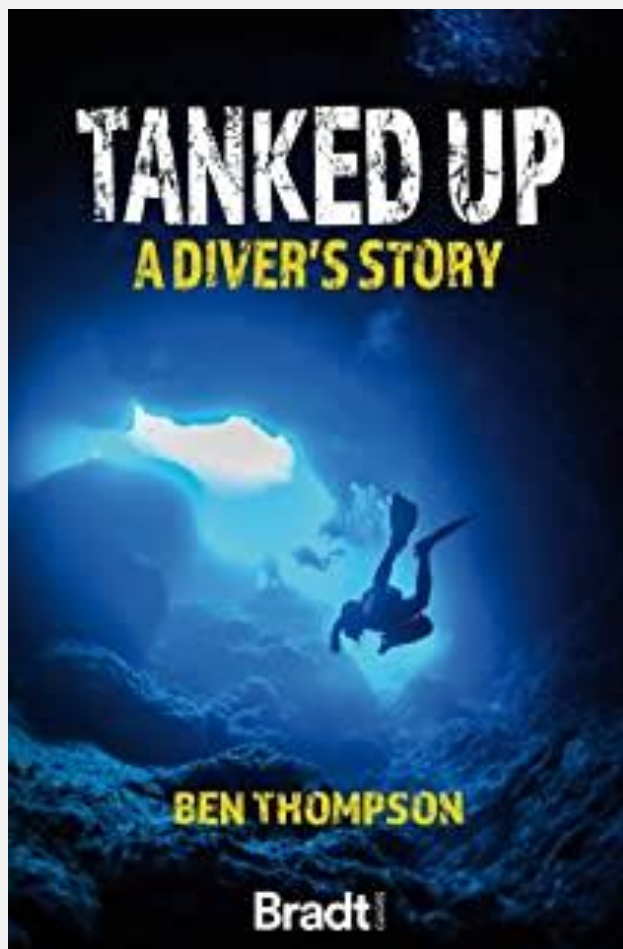
*We rolled up our trousers and slithered across the tidal mudflats towards the narrow wooden fishing boats...*

Iain Campbell followed the Indus River from the muddy delta to its source in Tibet, where they call it – ‘the river from the lion’s mouth’. He journeyed on bus roofs and trains, making lung-crushing mountain ascents, through a world defined by water.

His book reveals the secrets of a river that both gives life and destroys lives as it twists through Pakistan and The Punjab, Kashmir and Ladakh. This is also a story about stories, with first-hand accounts from Alexander the Great’s armies to European mountaineers, and the characters he encounters on his way – Sufi ascetics, Pakistani spell-makers, toddler Buddhist abbots and mischievous mountain fairies.

**Iain Campbell** has travelled widely in the mountains of his home country of Scotland and further afield. He studied history at Oxford University where he specialised in medieval religious history. He lives in Edinburgh.





**Genre:** travel/adventure/sport

**World English:** Bradt (2021)

**Translation rights:** available

**Rest of world, audio:** Bradt

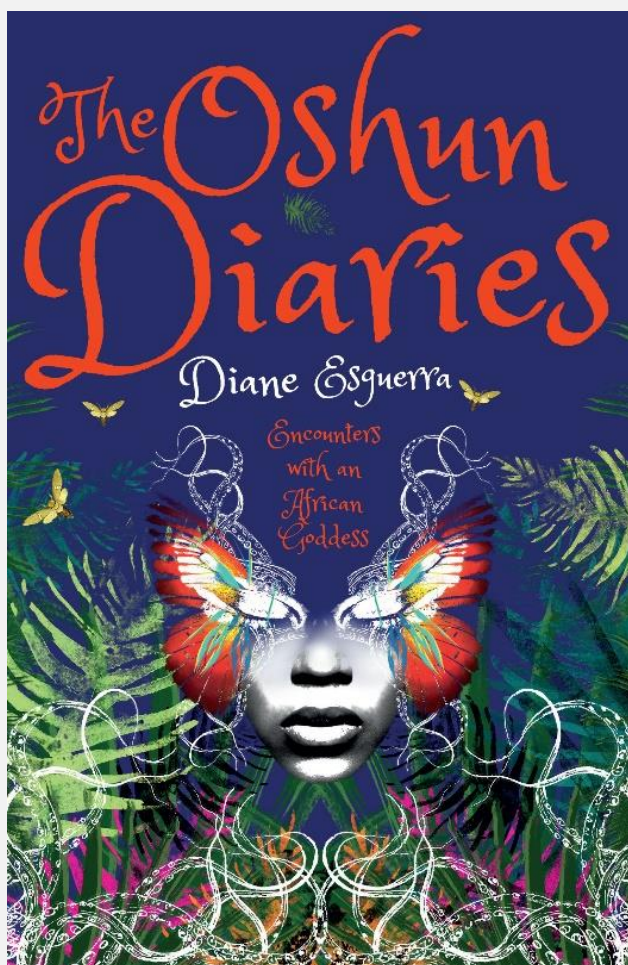
By the age of twenty-five, Ben was getting paid to dive the world's most exquisite coral reefs in Indonesia and the Caribbean.

He reveals the wonders of the underwater world, the dramas of a dive instructor's life, and the challenge of finding an undamaged marine environment, which eventually leads him to a remote corner of Mozambique.

A book about diving and dreaming, serendipity and vocation, a journey from restlessness to a place of peace.

**Ben Thompson** has worked in the dive and yachting industry for almost thirty years. He built and ran his own dive centre in Mozambique, which he chronicled in a series of articles for UK-based *Dive* magazine. A keen environmentalist, he has a BA honours degree in Marine Environmental Management and has been involved with many campaigns to help save our seas.





**Genre:** travel/spirituality  
**World English:** Eye Books (2019)  
**Translation rights:** available  
**Audio:** available

**Excerpted in Watkins *Mind Body Spirit* magazine 2020**

‘profoundly moving and enlightening...  
 A stunning memoir.’ - Cal Turner  
 Reviews

‘pushed me completely out of my  
 comfort zone’ – Bookbound

*Memory is visceral. All I can recall, about the drive into the southern Nigerian town of Oshogbo that November afternoon in 1986, is the screech of worn tyres on khaki-coloured roads, the all-pervading dust, the torrid heat and the rivulets of sweat trickling down the back of the albino driver’s neck.*

When Diane heard of a mysterious Austrian high priestess to Ifa goddess Oshun in Nigeria, a love goddess of female empowerment, her curiosity was aroused. It was the start of an extraordinary friendship leading to a quest to take part in Oshun rituals.

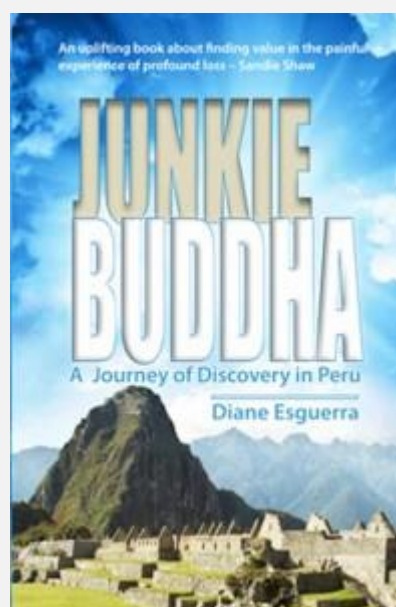
Decades later, fulfilling a promise, she found herself travelling with her sister to Ifa shrines in Florida amid vultures, snakes, goats’ heads, machetes, torrential rain and a cigar-smoking god.

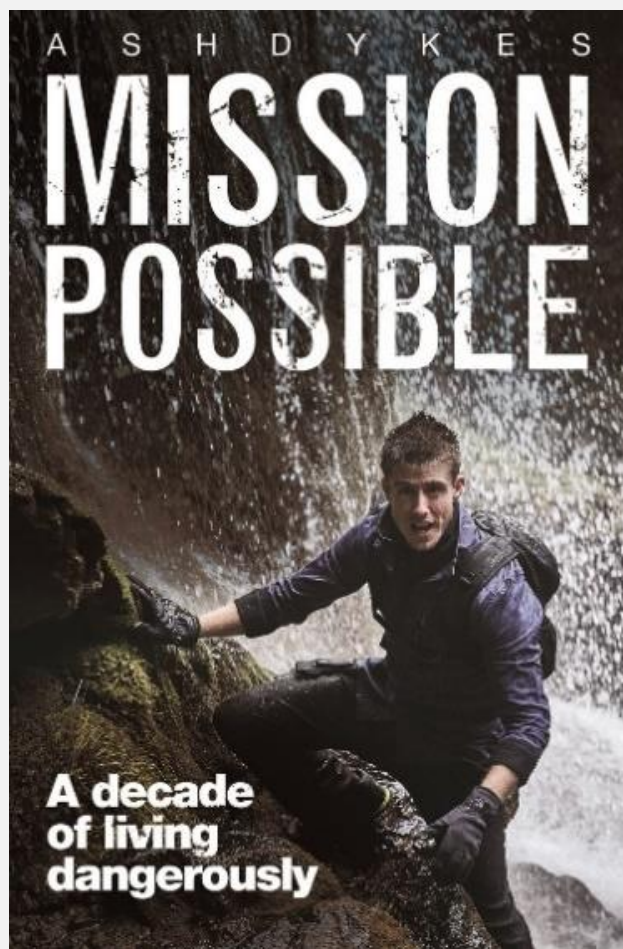
Praise for *Junkie Buddha*:

‘This is an inspiring and uplifting book about finding infinite value in the most intense and painful experience of profound loss’ – Sandie Shaw, singer

‘I could not put this gripping travel memoir down’ – Julia Stephenson, author and journalist

‘Diane Esquerra is a very fine writer’ – Eddy Canfor-Dumas, screenwriter and novelist





**Genre:** adventure/travel  
**World English:** Eye Books (2017)  
**Translation rights:** available  
**China:** Shanghai Joint Publishing (rights reverted – now available)  
**Vietnam:** Saigon Books

- In 2022, Ash walked the length of the Great Wall of China.
- Walking the Yangtze documentary broadcast by National Geographic across Asia, Middle East and Africa
- Media appearances including Sky News, ITV's Good Morning Britain, BBC's The One Show, Fox News, the BBC, *The Guardian*, *The Times*, Joe Rogan podcast

'one of the world's most fearless outdoor men' – *FHM*

'an inspiring man' – Bear Grylls

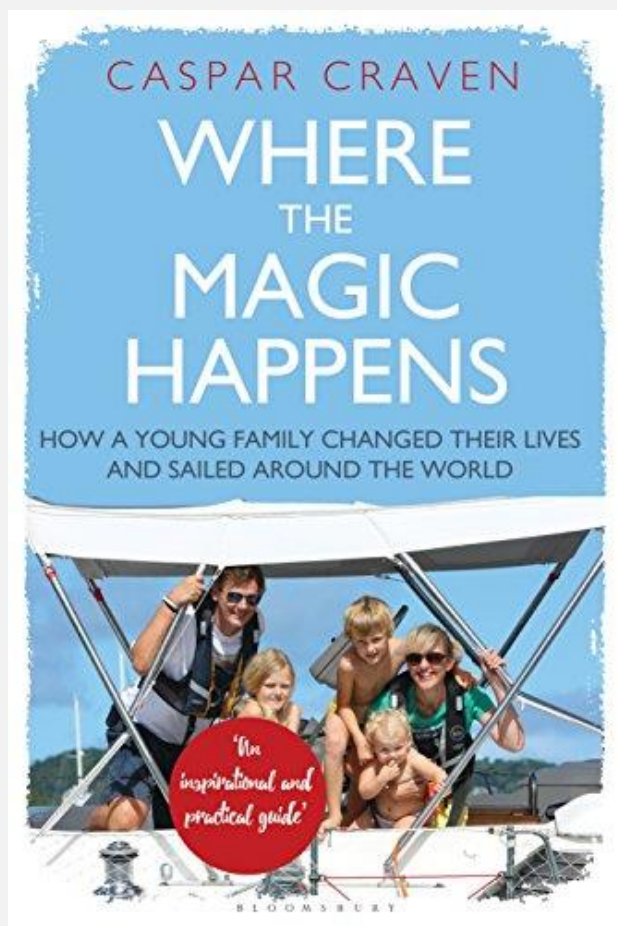
'great determination... remarkable achievement' - *Sir Ranulph Fiennes*

Ash Dykes at 23 became the first person to walk solo and unsupported across Mongolia, trekking over the Altai Mountains, the Gobi Desert and the Steppe. It was an expedition filled with danger and extreme conditions and he almost died of dehydration. A year later, he traversed the length of Madagascar via its eight highest peaks, contracting a deadly strain of malaria but achieving another world first.

Ash reveals the spirit, planning, training and sheer determination that went into these feats: an inspiring story of a young man from small-town Wales who worked boring jobs to get himself to Asia, where he became a master scuba diver and Muay Thai fighter. Ash's down-to-earth, honest voice and positive approach are irresistible.

**Ash Dykes** was born in North Wales in 1990. He gives talks in schools and colleges and is an inspiration to his many thousands of followers from all over the world. In 2019, he became the first person on record to walk the entire length of the Yangtze River, a 12-month, 4,000-mile journey, from its true, scientific source on the Tibetan plateau as far as its mouth where it pours into the East China Sea, through wild terrain rarely seen. Affiliated with major brands and organisations, Ash has a global reach of over 1 million people per month through his social media channels.





**Genre: memoir, travel**  
**World English: Adlard Coles/  
Bloomsbury (2018)**  
**Translation rights: available**  
**Audio: Audible**

**Amazon UK bestseller**  
**Shortlisted for Mountbatten  
Award**

**Featured on BBC Radio 2, ITV  
News, *The Daily Express*, *The  
Times*, CNN.com, WGN News  
Chicago (TV)**

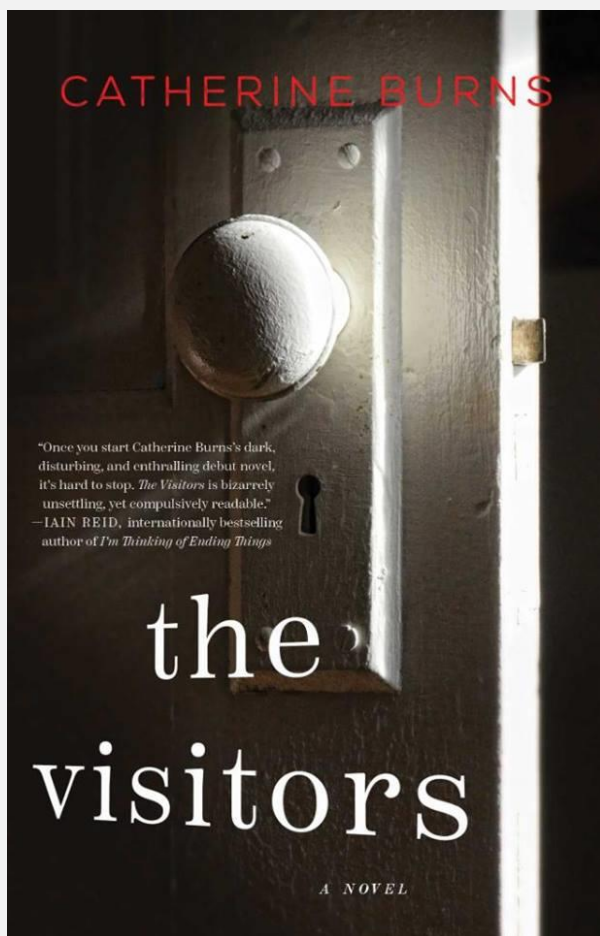
‘Caspar's message is incredibly  
motivating’ - Sir Ranulph Fiennes

‘... freedom from the pressures of  
modern life saved his marriage, and  
transformed his relationship with his  
kids’ - *The New York Post*

When Caspar and Nichola created a plan to sail around the world with their children aged 9, 7 and 2, they didn't even own a boat. People thought they were mad. But magic happens when you step outside your comfort zone, when you dare to imagine. An inspirational story of their vision and family teamwork to create life-changing adventure.

**Caspar Craven** is a respected keynote speaker on leadership, team building and dealing with adversity, and inspires and motivates teams to create change. He and his wife Nichola run Thrive workshops to help people achieve more from life. See Speaker Showreel and press: [www.casparcraven.com](http://www.casparcraven.com)





**Genre: fiction**  
**UK: Legend (2017)**  
**US: Scout Press/Simon & Schuster (hb 2018, mmpb 2020)**  
**ANZ: Hachette**  
**Audio: Oakhill**  
**Croatia: Znanje (2019)**  
**Czech: Alpress (2019)**  
**Spanish: Panamericana (2020)**  
**Other translation rights available**

‘Once you start Catherine Burns’ dark, disturbing, and enthralling debut novel, it’s hard to stop. *The Visitors* is bizarrely unsettling, yet compulsively readable.’ – Iain Reid, internationally bestselling author of *I’m Thinking of Ending Things*

‘thrilling debut novel: disturbing, gripping, and hugely impressive’ – The Bookbag

‘Burns blurs the line between crime

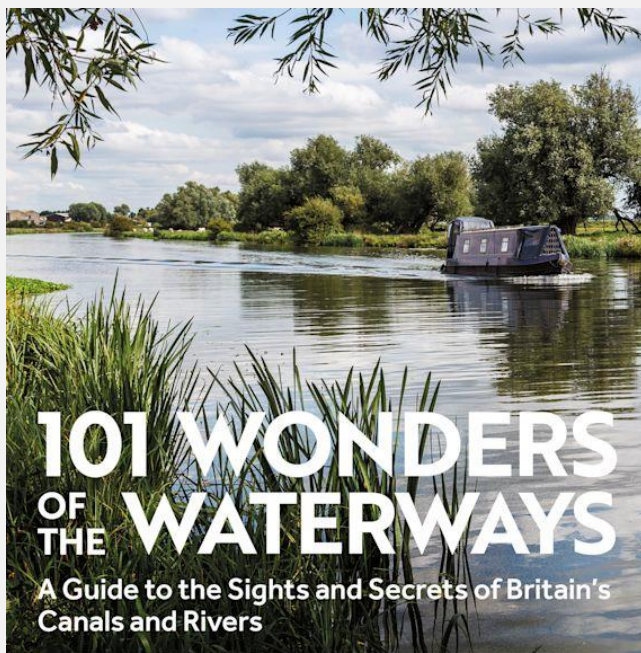
fiction and horror’ – *Publishers Weekly*

- Reached #1 on Kindle on Amazon UK for Crime/Suspense/Horror
- ‘This week’s must-read books’ – *New York Post*
- Books Etc’s October Book of the Month
- A ‘Crime must-read’ - LitHub
- A ‘Book to read in one sitting’ – MediaBookBub

Marion lives with her domineering older brother John in a crumbling house on the edge of a northern seaside town. A timid woman in her fifties, she turns a blind eye to the noises she hears coming from the cellar... and the laundry in the hamper that isn’t hers. When John has a heart attack, the truth begins to unravel. You can lock them in... But secrets find a way out.

**Catherine Burns** was born in Manchester, graduated from Cambridge, worked as a bond trader in the City of London before studying at the Moscow Institute of Film and teaching film theory at Salford University. *The Visitors* is her first novel.





STEVE HAYWOOD AND MOIRA HAYNES

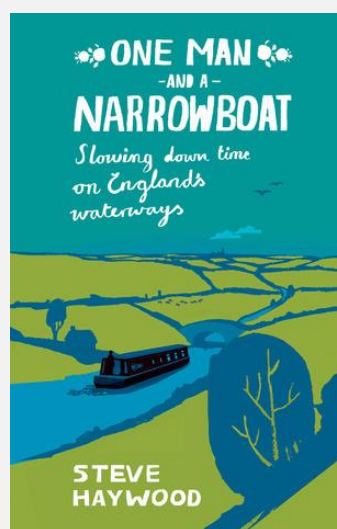
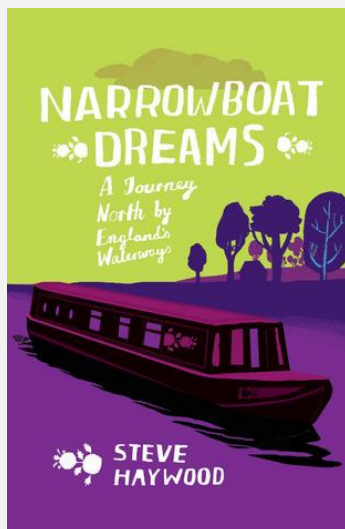
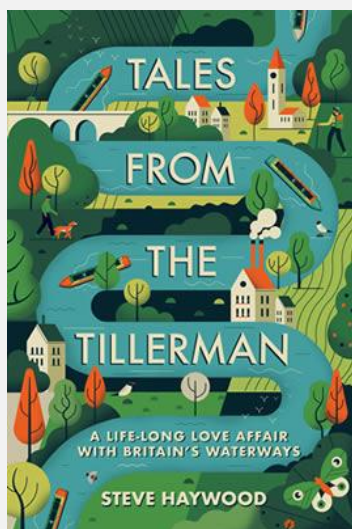


**Genre: guidebook, gift**  
**World rights: Adlard Coles/Bloomsbury (Feb 2023)**  
**Fully illustrated with photographs**

**From roving bridges to roaming theatre groups, experts Steve and Moira reveal 101 wonders of Britain's canals and rivers – a charming guidebook to the 3,000-mile-long network, in witty and elegant prose.**

Steve Hayward is the author of *Tales from the Tillerman* (Adlard Coles 2021), his entertaining story of a life-long love affair with the waterways, and five previous waterways memoirs as well as a HarperCollins Crime Club novel. Previously a producer on BBC's *Newsnight* and *Panorama*, he also produced programmes for Channel Four and was awarded a Royal

Television Society award for his contribution to specialist journalism.

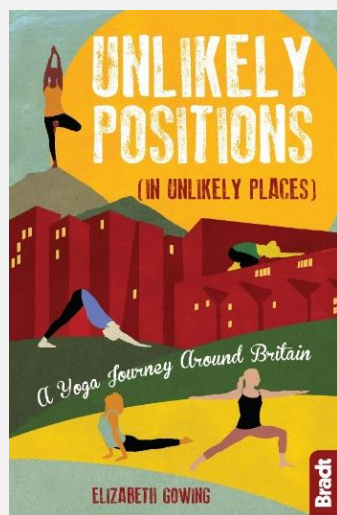




**World English: Bradt (2018)**

**Amazon #1 bestseller in its categories almost continuously since publication**

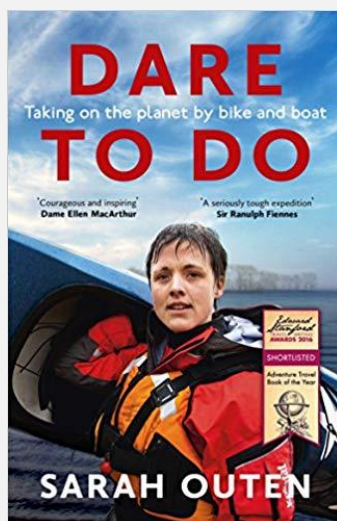
Lizzie Carr, a.k.a. Lizzie Outside, is an adventurer and environmentalist. She was the first person to paddleboard the length of England's waterways solo and unsupported, and was the first woman to cross the English Channel alone on a stand-up paddleboard. In this practical book she shares 50 of her favourite paddles around Britain.



**World English: Bradt (2019)**

**Audio: WF Howes**

Elizabeth Gowing follows yoga around Britain, discovering new positions and philosophies. She is the author of *Travels in Blood and Honey; becoming a beekeeper in Kosovo* (2011); *Edith and I; on the trail of an Edwardian traveller in Kosovo* (2013), *The Rubbish-Picker's Wife; an unlikely friendship in Kosovo* (2015) and *The Silver Thread; a journey through Balkan craftsmanship* (2017). She is regularly on Radio 4's From Our Own Correspondent.



**World Rights: Nicholas Brealey/Hodder (2016)**

**Shortlisted for the Edward Stanford Adventure Travel Book of the Year**

**An Amazon bestseller**

**'remarkable' – Sunday Times**

Sarah Outen attempted to circumnavigate the planet by human power only: by bike and boat. The documentary film, *HOME: An Outward Journey Inward* (2019), won prizes around the world (Best Film: Exploration and Adventure at Banff; Winner, Female Empowerment of the Year at Nordic Adventure Film Festival; Audience Choice Award, Shextreme Film Festival; Award Winner, Best Sport and Adventure Film in Bilbao)

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She moved to the small Greek island of Tilos in 2011 and works as an independent agent and editor. She is also the author of five travel-related memoirs (published in the UK, the US, Australia, Bulgaria, Latvia and Poland), most recently *Taverna by the Sea*.