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Online 2020**

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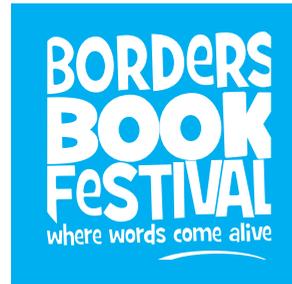


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## Welcome to the (online) Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival

This has been a year like no other. A Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival like no other, too. For all sorts of reasons, we hope never to have to repeat the experience. And yet.



This was the longest festival ever (three epic months), with more than 20,000 viewers under the digital marquee. Forty three authors brought words to life on every subject from the future of the planet and the meaning of life to high fashion and your choice of last supper. We laughed, we cried, we came back for more.

And still you can. Throughout November you can watch any of the shows you missed or re-visit an old favourite – they are all available for free this month. All of this has

been made possible thanks to the creative genius of Paula, Alistair and the team. And the generous support of **Baillie Gifford**, **McInroy & Wood**, **Scottish Borders Council**, **Creative Scotland** and many others, including all who donated to keep the festival spirit alive.

Enjoy – and see you for our next chapter in 2021!

### Michael Moore, Chairman

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## Baillie Gifford

We are delighted to remain Headline Sponsor and supporter of the new online events, where the whole family can enjoy an excellent range of authors from the comfort of home.

Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust continues to support a series of non-fiction events, covering anything from politics and history to memoir and adventure.

We very much missed being able to attend the festival in Melrose, but we are looking forward to tuning into the digital events and we hope to see you all in person at Harmony Garden next year.

James Budden  
Director of Marketing, Baillie Gifford



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The COVID pandemic has created great stresses, strains and misery across the globe. There is a danger in such circumstances that areas like the arts, which provide great pleasure to so many, are deprioritised. However, it is our belief that it is more important than ever that events like the Borders Book Festival remain well supported, acting as a focal point for the communities in which we all live and work.

McInroy & Wood are therefore delighted to continue to be the Key Sponsor of the Borders Book Festival, and look forward to the series of online events in the coming weeks.

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# All the fun of the (virtual) festival

We're sorry we couldn't see you in glorious Harmony Garden and Orchard this year, but we can welcome you to our online bonanza of online author talks and events first broadcast across July to October, where entry to every event has been FREE!



## How to View

All our Online Festival 2020 video events are available to view FREE until 30 November. Simply visit our website: [www.bordersbookfestival.org](http://www.bordersbookfestival.org)



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Our **Saltire Roofing & Building Family Series** offers a wonderful selection of online events and workshops with some of today's best-loved authors for children.



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Browse our **online festival bookshop**, where you can buy copies of all our authors' latest titles. Some signed copies will be available, so check the product pages for details. The bookshop is open 24 hours – plenty time for shopping!



## Donations

The Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival Online 2020 has been free to view so that everyone can explore and enjoy great literature events from home. Please support us if you can by making a donation. Your contribution will help us continue to bring authors and audiences together again in 2021 and beyond.

**If you've missed or want to watch any of our past online events again, they're still all available to view in the PAST EVENTS area.**

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Andrew Marr  
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## The Batch Lady

Suzanne Mulholland

Suzanne Mulholland does nothing by halves. More like quintuples or sextuples. Living and working on a Scottish Borders farm, she has written two books about how to cook – with a vengeance. She wrote *The Batch Lady: Shop once. Cook once. Eat well all week* which became an instant bestseller and has brought her tens of thousands of followers on social media. It has also caught the lockdown zeitgeist perfectly. Now she has written a second book *The Batch Lady Meal Planner*.

Follow the tips in this and you'll never again lose track of what's lurking at the back of your freezer!



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## Rory Bremner

in conversation with  
Alistair Moffat

No-one in the Borders ever asks 'Rory who?'. There's only one Rory. And that's our Rory. Since 2006 and for virtually the whole life of the Borders Book Festival, Rory Bremner has had the marquees rocking with laughter and delight, charming and informing audiences with his mastery of mimicry mixed with acute political and social analysis. Every year his show has been the first to sell out and often he has opened the festival, set a wonderful tone and sent everyone into a joyful weekend with a smile on their face.

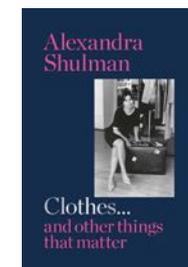
For Borderers, Rory is one of us, an adopted son who is much loved.

## Alexandra Shulman

in conversation with  
Kirsty Wark

When we hear that Kirsty enjoyed this book so much that she read it in one sitting, we know that we're in for a treat when she discusses *Clothes...and other things that matter* with its author, Alexandra Shulman.

This new and beautifully made book offers fascinating insights salted with a little insider knowledge – Alexandra was, of course, Editor-in-Chief of Vogue UK for 25 years.



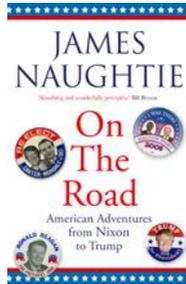
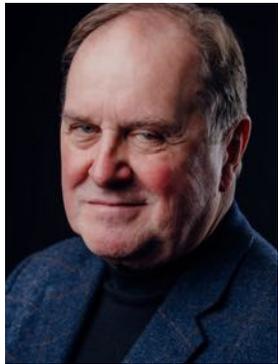
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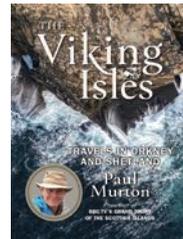
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## Paul Murton

### The Viking Isles

The presenter of BBC Television's Grand Tours has written a beautiful and very personal book. In *The Viking Isles: Travels in Orkney & Shetland*, he explores not only these most Nordic parts of Scotland but also weaves in family connections with Norway and his own travels in Scandinavia as a child and young man.



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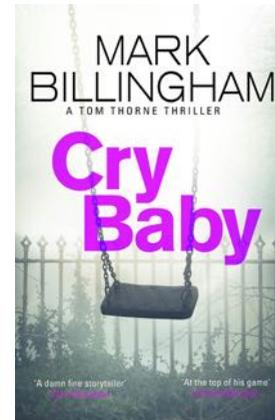
## James Naughtie

### On The Road

One of the stalwarts of the Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival, appearing each year to offer his own unique insights into the political scene, Jim reflects on a key aspect of a glittering journalistic career.

In *On The Road: American Adventures from Nixon to Trump*, James Naughtie explores the country he has known for fifty years – its allure and its contradictions, its strengths and some painful legacies that weigh so heavily on its people.

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## Mark Billingham

### in conversation with Chris Brookmyre

A double act that has delighted Borders Book Festival audiences more than once, Mark and Chris have a particular reason to reprise their amazing rapport in 2020. It is a year of 20s when a milestone for Mark will be passed. It is twenty years since the publication of *Sleepyhead*, his first novel and the debut of Tom Thorne, his quirky, engaging detective. And his twentieth novel will be published in 2020. It is *Cry Baby*, a prequel to *Sleepyhead*.

## Sally Magnusson

### The Ninth Child

After several excellent works of non-fiction, including her memoir of her mother's dementia *Where Memories Go*, Sally turned her hand to fiction. Her debut novel *The Sealwoman's Gift* was a runaway success, shortlisted for several awards and a bestseller to boot.

This year she brings out a triumphant second novel *The Ninth Child*. A completely unexpected tale told from several viewpoints, it moves from the world of 19th century engineering through the realms of Celtic fantasy as it tells the story of the creation of Glasgow's clean water supply, a pipeline from Loch Katrine to the cholera-infested city.

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## David Baldacci

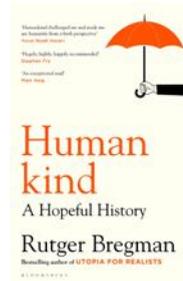
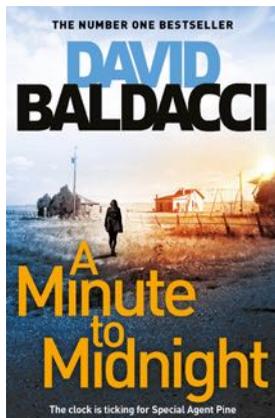
### A Minute to Midnight

In a Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival first, we bring you our first transatlantic session. David will talk to us from his home in the USA about his new novel and its fascinating protagonist, Special Agent Atlee Pine. This is an intensely personal story.

It began with the novel, *Long Road to Mercy*. Atlee's twin sister was abducted from their bedroom more than thirty years before, and she has spent all that long time wondering where she is. This incident is what propelled Atlee into dedicating her life to catching criminals.

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## Rutger Bregman

### Humankind: A Hopeful History

At the 2019 World Economic Summit at Davos, historian Rutger Bregman made headlines across the world when he attacked tax evasion undertaken as a matter of policy by many large corporations. Now with *Humankind*, he upends the conventional wisdom, arguing that humans are by nature co-operative and decent. We are not instinctively adversarial, selfish and constantly acting out of self-interest, he writes, but much more likely to trust each other and to be altruistic.

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## Sebastian Barry

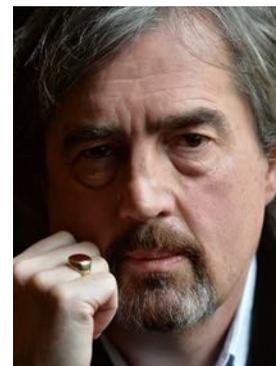
### A Thousand Moons

Current holder of the Laureateship for Irish Fiction and twice winner of the Walter Scott Prize for historical fiction with *On Canaan's Side* and *Days Without End*, Sebastian Barry has written a stunning new novel. *A Thousand Moons*, a sequel to *Days Without End*, is told by Winona, a young Lakota orphan adopted by former soldiers Thomas McNulty and John Cole.

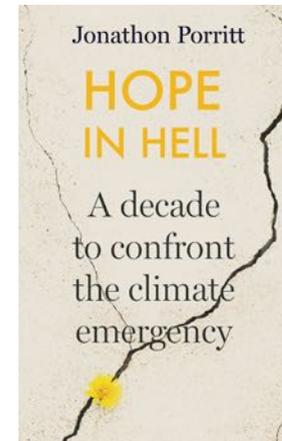
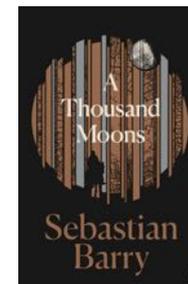
Told in Sebastian Barry's rare and masterly prose, *A Thousand Moons* is a powerful, moving study of one woman's journey, of her determination to write her own future, and of the enduring human capacity for love.

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## Jonathon Porritt

### Hope in Hell: A Decade to Confront the Climate Emergency

Set aside Brexit, Covid, Trump and all of the daily diet of news stories. In his new book, Jonathon Porritt persuasively argues that there is only one political issue that really matters. Unless we change our attitudes and engage comprehensively with the Climate Emergency, our world will become unsustainable and begin to die. As President Emmanuel Macron of France said to the American Congress in April, 2018, 'There is no Planet B'.

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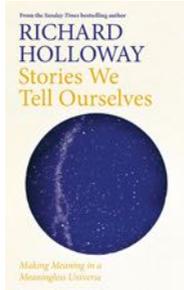
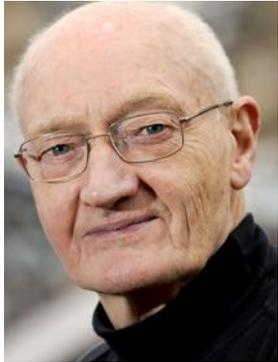
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## Richard Holloway

Stories We Tell Ourselves: Making Meaning in a Meaningless Universe

With his *Waiting for the Last Bus*, Richard Holloway meditated on what has become close to a taboo subject. Now in his ninth decade, he used his own impending death, the last bus, as a brilliantly effective context for a superbly written, highly readable and even funny book. And mercifully, he has survived to produce another piece of excellent non-fiction!

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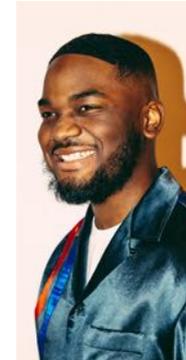
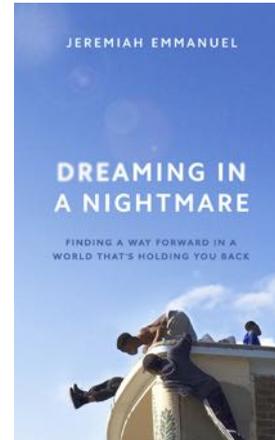
## Sara Pascoe

Sex Power Money

After the great success of *Animal: The Autobiography of a Female Body*, Sara returns to the Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival with a hilarious confrontation – with the male libido. With characteristic directness, spiced with a riotous, completely irreverent sense of humour, Sara wonders about modern masculinity in some detail, some of it eye-watering. When they masturbate, why is the well-being of the people they look at while doing it of no concern to them? Why are sex workers the perennial subject of such stigma? These and other conundra prompt responses from Sara that will make the reader laugh out loud.

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## Jeremiah Emmanuel

Dreaming in a Nightmare: Finding a Way Forward in a World That's Holding You Back

This is an extraordinary account of what is possible. Jeremiah is twenty-one, a former youth mayor of Lambeth and a member of the UK Youth Parliament. He is also an entrepreneur and a young man with vision.

Raised in South London in a tough environment dominated by poverty and crime, he slowly realised that his life did not have to follow the familiar pattern of law-breaking followed by spells in prison. Instead he broke out into the world of possibility and grasped it with both hands.

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## Val McDermid

Still Life

The Queen of Crime returns to the Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival. Surely one of the most versatile and fertile creative minds in Britain, Val has created a string of detectives and investigators around whom she weaves startling stories that keep readers on the edge of their seats.

Cold case investigator, Karen Pirie, finds that her name is associated with the finding of a body at sea and a mysterious disappearance ten years before that.

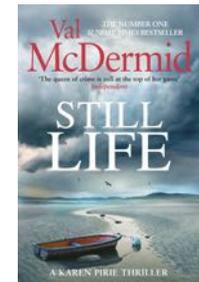
*Still Life* is vintage McDermid, one for the connoisseurs, but it is also wonderfully well-written – as ever – and many surprises and reverses wait along the way.

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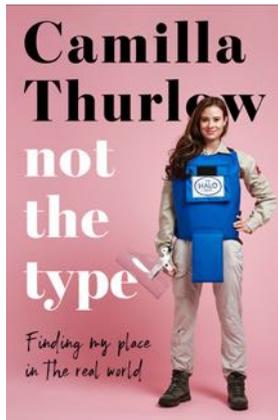
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# Camilla Thurlow

## Not The Type: Finding my place in the Real World

This could not be a more apt title. Camilla competed in Love Island in 2017, coming second, and now she has set up home with Jamie Jewitt, whom she met on the show.

One of the last things one might associate with this lifestyle is an ability to find and blow up landmines in the conflict zones of the world. But that is exactly what Camilla has done – amongst much else that goes against type. Her new book combines memoir and meditation, advice and example on how to survive in a world where women are often categorised and marginalised.



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## Dr Amir Khan

### The Doctor Will See You Now: The Highs and Lows of My Life as an NHS GP

When we all stood outside our front doors to clap for the NHS on lockdown Thursday nights, our rounds of grateful applause were for the sort of selfless, grinding, day-in, day-out work done in doctors' surgeries as well as hospitals, care homes and the ambulance service.

Amir Khan's fascinating, moving new book tells us how he helped lead one of the busiest GP surgeries in the country through the unprecedented trials of the Covid pandemic.

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# Jay Rayner

## My Last Supper: One Meal, a Lifetime in the Making

A firm Borders Book Festival favourite, Jay pays us an online visit to talk about a book that asks an age-old question. You are about to die. What would your final meal be?

Unwilling to wait for his own moment of expiry to answer this, Jay embarks on a foodie safari to discover the answer. From oysters in Louisiana to pastries in Tokyo, his research is both exhaustive and onerous, but he does finally arrive at what would be an unforgettable meal.



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# Professor Sue Black & Dr Richard Shepherd

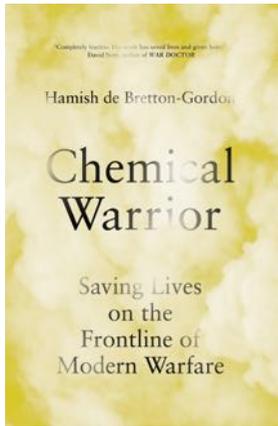
## Forensic Stories: Written in Blood and Bone

A forensic anthropologist and a forensic pathologist – both eminent and highly articulate – discuss their books. Author of the bestseller *All That Remains*, Sue Black, unpacks the secrets hidden in our skeletons in her new book *Written in Bone*. We used to think that memory was stored only in our brains, but it turns out that our bones have hidden stories to tell, many of them very surprising. Richard Shepherd's *Unnatural Causes: The Life and Many Deaths of Britain's Top Forensic Pathologist* recounts the gory details of dealing with death for 25 years. He has remarkable tales to tell, some moving, some amusing, all of them fascinating.

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## Douglas Stuart

### Shuggie Bain

Set in 80s Glasgow, Booker Prize shortlisted *Shuggie Bain* is the tender story of the love between a young boy and his alcoholic mother, of addiction, poverty and sexuality, and in its telling, debut novelist Douglas Stuart has created something of such power and authenticity that it knocks you sideways.

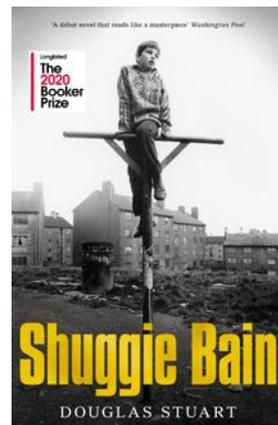
Join Douglas as he talks to Kirsty Wark about what drove him to write his bestselling and deeply personal debut novel.



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## Hamish de Bretton-Gordon

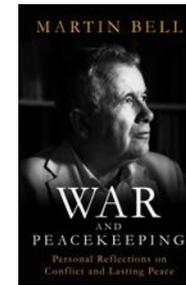
### Chemical Warrior: Saving Lives on the Frontline of Modern Warfare

A former soldier and co-founder and director of *Doctors Under Fire* with former festival guest, David Nott, Hamish spent twenty-three years in the army. As Commanding Officer of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence Regiment, he did all he could to help those suffering the impact of these sorts of weapons – from civilians in Syria to the citizens of Salisbury who were affected by the Novichok poisoning.



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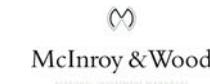
## Martin Bell

### War and Peacekeeping In conversation with Allan Little

Martin Bell's experience of war is peerless. As a reporter, he has covered conflicts in no fewer than eighteen war zones.

In 1992 television viewers saw exactly how dangerous his work could be. While recording a piece to camera in Sarajevo, Martin was seriously wounded by shrapnel, some of which he still carries around. He is uniquely qualified to meditate on the cycle of war across the world as conflicts flare in an apparently ceaseless cycle. What can be done? How can this cycle be broken? This book reflects on these questions.

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## Neil Oliver

### Wisdom of the Ancients: Life Lessons from our Distant Past

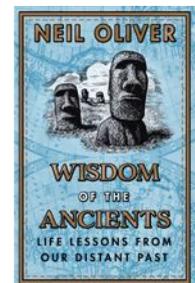
Neil possesses far too many talents than is decent for one man; archaeologist, historian, gifted speaker and television presenter and a writer, all mixed with a self-deprecating sense of humour. But a philosopher? Who knew? Neil obviously, because in this superb account, packed with insights triggered by the likes of stone circles, cave paintings, rituals in Southern India, the footprints of some of our earliest ancestors found preserved in Tanzania and much else, he weaves a remarkable narrative.



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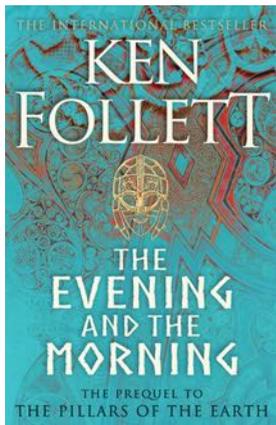
# Ken Follett

## The Evening and the Morning

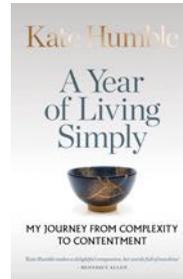
*The Pillars of the Earth*, the story of the building of a medieval cathedral, is simply a magnificent historical novel. Filled with fascinating detail but animated by brilliant characters and a riveting plot, it is nothing less than a masterpiece.

*The Evening and the Morning* is a prequel. Set in 997, it prepares the ground for and ends when *The Pillars of the Earth* begins.

Only twenty-seven when he had his first bestseller, *The Eye of the Needle*, Ken is now one of the world's most successful novelists and has sold 170 million copies of his books worldwide.



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# Kate Humble

## A Year of Living Simply: My Journey from Complexity to Contentment

The achievement of happiness does not lie in finding the latest thing, the newest gadget or what other people say is the best yet. As with her writing, simplicity is the key and in *A Year of Living Simply*, she relates how she decluttered her life and found a clear path to contentment.

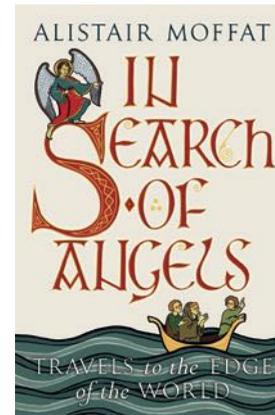
Her days, much less crowded, are not about the ceaseless acquisition of stuff, but are about rediscovering a sense of achievement, what makes a person happy and what gets you genuinely excited.

# Alistair Moffat

## In Search of Angels: Travels to the Edge of the World

In the summer of 2019, Alistair Moffat set off on a long journey back into the past.

Once the marquees from the Baillie Gifford Borders Book Festival had come down in the shadow of Melrose Abbey, he drove across Scotland into a sacred landscape of a very different sort. It turned out to be a voyage of discovery in every sense.



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# Kirsty Wark

After the stunning success of her debut *The Legacy of Elizabeth Pringle*, Kirsty Wark has pulled off one of the most difficult challenges in literature; how to follow up a terrific first novel with an even better second.

With *The House by the Loch*, she has succeeded brilliantly. It is a love story, a family story, a tale salted with an intense sense of place – but most of all, the novel is a page-turner. Desperate to know what happens next, the reader is kept perched on the edge of their seat as a story of mystery, loss and complexity unfolds, twisting and turning in unexpected directions.

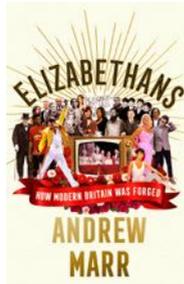


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## Janey Godley

in conversation with  
Val McDermid

One of the UK's most popular comedic talents and voiceover genius (aka the unofficial voice of Nicola Sturgeon) comes together with the Queen of Crime for this wickedly entertaining and very special online festival finale.

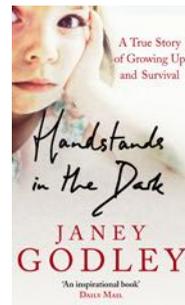
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## Andrew Marr

Elizabethans: How Modern Britain Was Forged

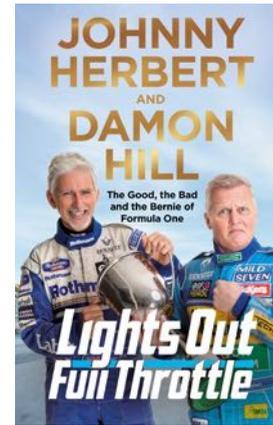
Taking the long span of the reign of Elizabeth II of England (and I of Scotland) as its time frame, Andrew's new book tells a spellbinding story. Making the familiar appear novel, seeing the recent past in fresh perspectives, he tells the tale of the nation through the people who animated it, from David Attenborough to Dusty Springfield, Sylvia Plath to Elvis Costello, Frank Critchlow to Bob Geldof and Zaha Hadid to James Dyson.



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## Johnny Herbert & Damon Hill

Lights Out, Full Throttle: The Good, the Bad and the Bernie of Formula One

These two could not be better qualified to lift the lid on Formula One racing. Between them, they have competed all over the world in 261 Grands Prix – they've won a few, broken some bones and are now seasoned and highly knowledgeable pundits and commentators.

Their new book is essential reading for petrolheads everywhere, and it is a delight to welcome them, albeit virtually, to the land of Jim Clark.

Damon and Johnny are interviewed by Alastair Stewart, formerly of ITN and a big fan of F1.



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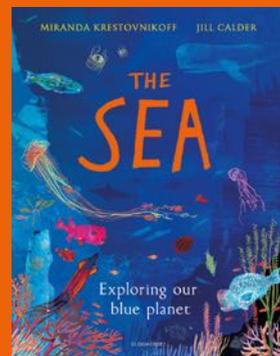


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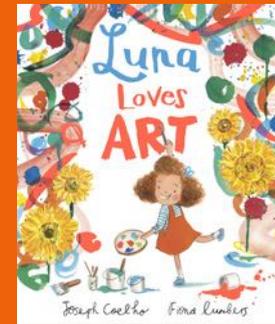
## Make Your Own Rockpool Book with Jill Calder

Celebrating the rockpool pages in her popular children's book *The Sea*, illustrator Jill Calder will take you on a creative journey into the colourful, miniature world of the tidal rock pool. Grab your bucket and net and go for a virtual guddle with Jill, who will inspire you to draw amazing creatures and tiny predators, then teach you to illustrate and make your very own picture book!

Jill will read and show illustrations from *The Sea*. She'll then demonstrate how to draw a rockpool scene and convert that into a unique folded picture book, using simple materials that viewers will have on hand at home - A4 or A3 paper, scissors, drawing materials and pencil. This workshop event is suitable for all ages and great fun for the whole family.



Suitable for all Ages  
First shown 12 July, 2020



Suitable for Age 4+  
First shown 19 July, 2020

## Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers

### Luna Loves Art

Join Joseph Coelho and Fiona Lumbers as they share their latest Luna adventure *Luna Loves Art*. Luna goes on a school trip to a gallery and is amazed by the incredible art on display but Finn, a boy in Luna's class, is not having a lot of fun. Maybe Luna can help and perhaps the art in the gallery can help them both express what they are feeling. Join author Joseph Coelho and illustrator Fiona Lumbers for this special event where you will not only get to hear the story but also get to join in with a special drawing activity.

No special materials are needed – just a sheet of A4 paper and a pen or pencil to draw with.

## Humanimal: Incredible Ways Animals are Just Like Us!

## Christopher Lloyd

Join world history author and storyteller Christopher Lloyd on an amazing journey to discover the interconnections of the human and animal worlds in ways you never imagined. . . how slime moulds can help navigate a maze, how rats tickle and laugh out loud, how bees vote in elections to decide where to put their nests, and lots more!

For years scientists have assumed that people are the pinnacle of evolution. After all, what other creatures could put a person on the moon? But, increasingly, evidence is showing how similar humans are to other creatures not just in terms of their biology but also in the ways we behave – from working in teams to farming and from using tools to language.

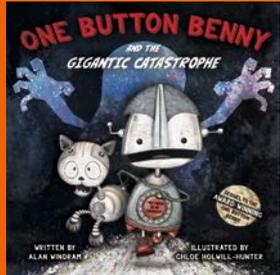


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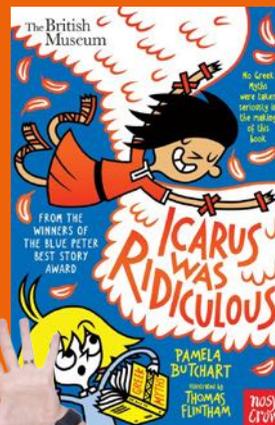
# Pamela Butchart

## Adventures with Izzy

Join Pamela Butchart for some laugh-out-loud fun. Hear all about Izzy and her friends and their latest adventures in *Icarus Was Ridiculous*. Izzy loves the Greek myths and she just can't wait to tell them all about silly Icarus who flew too close to the sun. Giggle at all of Blue Peter prize-winning author Pamela's hilarious stories and you might even get to help her create a brand new one on the day.



Suitable for Age 7 -11  
First shown 9 Aug, 2020



# Alan Windram

## Benny's Back!

Join award-winning author, Alan Windram, for this special online picture book launch event. There will be singing, robot dancing, the first Benny story AND the worldwide, exclusive, first ever reading of Benny's brand new adventure, *One Button Benny and the Gigantic Catastrophe*. With robots, cats, cake, aliens and adventure, what's not to like?

Find out what happens when Benny has to press his big red button again. Lots of fun for three to six year-olds. This workshop event is suitable for all ages and great fun for the whole family.



Suitable for Age 3-6  
First shown 2 Aug, 2020



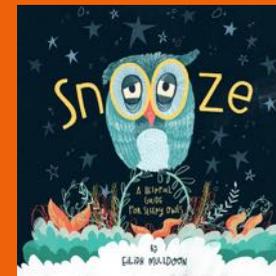
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# Eilidh Muldoon

## Snooze – A Helpful Guide for Sleepy Owls

Do you sometimes find it a little bit difficult to fall asleep? If the answer is yes, then you'll know how the little owl in this brand new picture book by illustrator Eilidh Muldoon feels. All he wants is a good sleep, but there are some very noisy animals keeping him awake!

You will hear some helpful tips on how to get to sleep...and learn how to draw your own animal characters! Grab some pens and paper and tune into this interactive event.



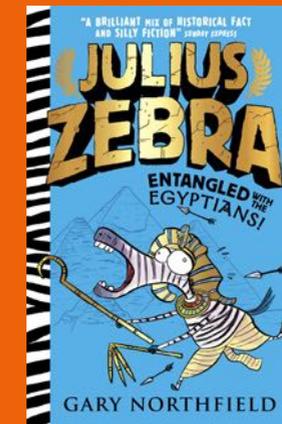
Suitable for Age 3-6  
First shown 16 Aug, 2020



# Gary Northfield

## Comic Drawing Fun with

Join master cartoonist Gary Northfield (*The Beano*, *The Dandy*) for some comic capers! Packed with fun comic-drawing tips and lots of great facts from his hilarious *Julius Zebra* series, this event is a must for budding cartoonists, both young and old.



Suitable for Age 7-11  
First shown 23 Aug, 2020

# Kristina Stephenson

## Sir Charlie Stinky Socks

Join bestselling author and illustrator Kristina Stephenson in her home as she welcomes you to the wonderful world of Sir Charlie Stinky Socks - the bold, brave, little knight with a heart of gold.

Help Sir Charlie on his quest for not one but two pieces of hidden treasure as you follow the clues and see if you can solve the riddles on a mystical map in this magical, musical retelling of *The Tale of Two Treasures*, complete with puppets, props, songs, action, adventure and all the silliness of a pair of stinky socks.

Then learn how to make an oldie-worldy parchment treasure map, a pot of magical green bean gloop and your very own Sir Charlie Stinky Socks puppet theatre. Oh, and don't forget to join in with Sir Charlie's famous Green Bean Soup song.

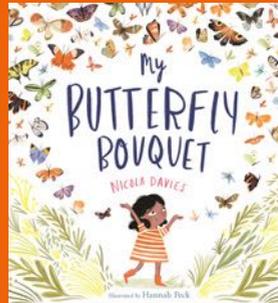


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Suitable for Age 5-7  
First shown 6 Sept, 2020

# Nicola Davies

## My Butterfly Bouquet

Who isn't cheered up at the sight of a butterfly? Join author Nicola Davies to hear how one little girl in need of a lot of cheering up met a whole bouquet of butterflies.

Nicola will explore all the stages of a butterfly's life, tell you how very important they are to our ecosystems and explain how easy it is to invite butterflies into your garden or school.

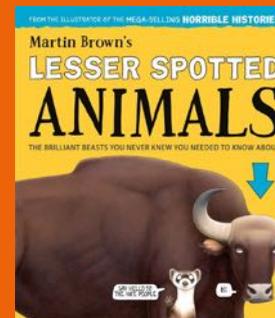
# Martin Brown

## Lesser Spotted Animals

Do you like animals? Do you like drawing? Then join mega-selling Horrible Histories illustrator Martin Brown for a fun-filled look at his book *Lesser Spotted Animals*. Why is it always the famous animals that get all the attention? The lions and tigers, pandas and polar bears. It's time to hear about some of the other wow wildlife out there.

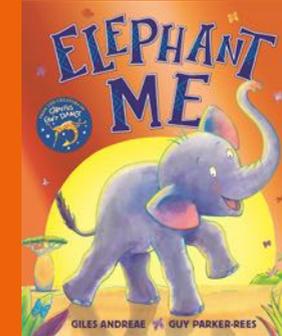
Find out about the solenodon, a venomous mammal that isn't immune from its own poison. Or the daggertoothed flower bat that's not quite as tough as it sounds. Or maybe the gaur or the numbat or the southern right whale dolphin. Discover more about some of the brilliant beasts you never knew you needed to know about.

Then - draw them!



**WATCH**

Suitable for Age 7-11  
First shown 13 Sept, 2020



**WATCH**

Suitable for Age 3-6  
First shown 20 Sept, 2020

# Guy Parker-Rees

## Elephant Me

A brand new picture book from the creators of international bestseller and much-loved classic *Giraffes Can't Dance*. *Elephant Me* tells the empowering story of little elephant Num-Num, who discovers the importance of simply being YOU! Join illustrator Guy Parker-Rees for this brilliant storytelling event and learn how to draw Num-Num the Elephant. He'll be revealing what it's like to be an illustrator and what inspires his drawings.



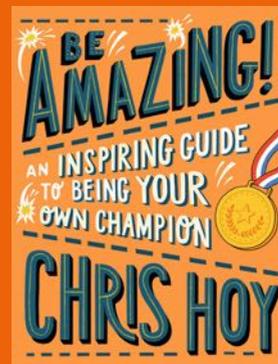
## Sir Chris Hoy

Be Amazing!

Join Great Britain's most successful Olympian ever, the six-time gold medal winning Sir Chris Hoy, for an inspiring event about achieving your dreams. As a boy, Sir Chris never would have believed that he could have achieved his dream of becoming an Olympic Champion cyclist but with positivity, confidence, resilience and self-belief – anything is possible! Be inspired by his incredible personal journey and learn to always DREAM BIG.



Suitable for Age 9+  
First shown 4 Oct, 2020



## Space Explorers with Libby Jackson

Humans have always been fascinated by the universe, but only a few have been daring enough to travel beyond the Earth. From venturing into space for the first time to building the International Space Station in orbit, the history of space exploration is filled with peril, bravery and strokes of genius.

Join spaceflight expert Libby Jackson as she reveals the very best true stories of humankind's thrilling journey to the stars. Grab your space suit and jump aboard - it's time for an astronomical adventure!



Suitable for Age 9-12  
First shown 27 Sept, 2020



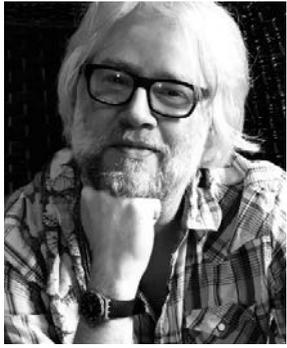
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# Festival Art

Each year we commission an artist or illustrator to produce a series of works to interpret the book festival as they see it. This year, illustrator and satirist Tom Morgan-Jones produced five individual artworks under the theme of 'a different way of looking' which you will see across all our marketing and social media postings to promote our Festival Online 2020 programme.

## Tom Morgan Jones

Tom Morgan-Jones is a dip-pen artist, illustrator and satirist born in Sussex and now living by the sea in Edinburgh. He has been drawing since he could hold a felt-tip pen and studied illustration at Cambridge School of Art. He has won an Association of Illustrators' Medal and a British Design and Art Direction Yellow Pencil. He is one third of satirical boardgame company Terror Bull Games, whose international cult hit War on Terror: The Boardgame was exhibited in the Berlin Academy of Arts and featured on TV's The IT Crowd, and is held in the collections of GOMA, the V&A, the Nobel Peace Centre and the Imperial War Museum. It was also classified as a

dangerous weapon by the police. After testing, the Ministry of Defence said it had no value as a terrorist training tool, but is 'a damn fine game'.

Tom illustrates for books, magazines and newspapers, working extensively in children's books where his 70+ publications include his own picture book *The Red Dread*. His work has appeared on the sides of buses, milk cartons and projected 10 feet high as a backdrop for poets, bands and other performers in 'live-draw' performances across Scotland and further afield. Last year a notable outing was with the National Theatre of Scotland in their Dear Europe production.

You can find out more about Tom here: [@tommorganjones](http://www.inkymess.com)



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