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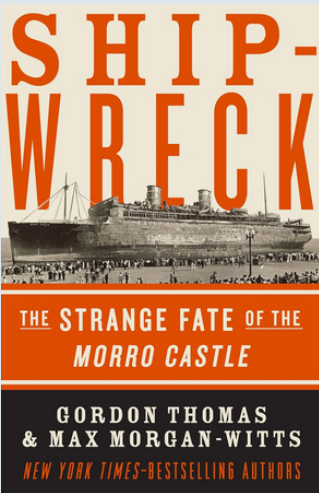
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Gordon Thomas

FRA represents the estate of the highly popular investigative journalist and non-fiction author Gordon Thomas, as well as his frequent collaborator Max Morgan-Witts. A New York Times bestselling author, Thomas has sold over 45 million books across his expansive body of work. Below are some prominent examples from the author's repertoire. A complete list of the 50+ works with rights available can be provided upon request.

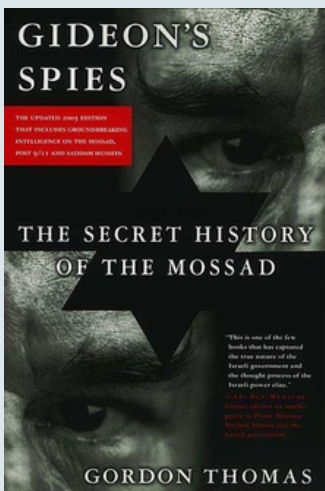


Open Road Media, 1972

Shipwreck: The Strange Fate of The Morro Castle

Gordon Thomas & Max Morgan-Witts

Shipwreck is a spellbinding moment-by-moment account of the Morro Castle's last voyage, and one of the most spectacular disasters to stir the Atlantic Ocean. Through interviews with survivors, rescuers, and investigators, the authors detail a desperate investigation and the search for a mass murderer. Against the backdrop of the Great Depression and the buildup of World War II, Shipwreck is a sweeping tale of personal heroism, tragedy, and murder.



Aurum, 1999

Gideon's Spies: The Secret History of the Mossad

Gordon Thomas

Created in 1951 to ensure an embattled Israel's future, the Mossad has been responsible for some of the most audacious feats of espionage, counterterrorism and assassination ever ventured. Gideon's Spies has been created from closed-door interviews with Mossad agents, informants and spymasters, and drawing from classified documents and top-secret sources, revealing previously untold truths about the Israeli intelligence agency.

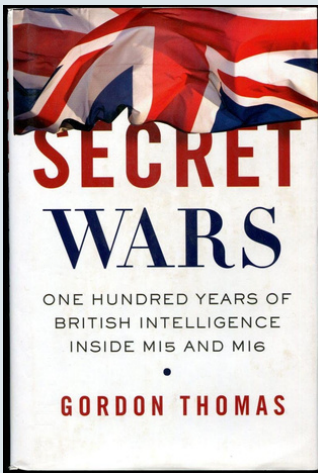


Open Road Media, 1977

Enola Gay: Mission to Hiroshima

Gordon Thomas & Max Morgan-Witts

Painstakingly researched, the story behind the decision to send the Enola Gay to bomb Hiroshima is told through firsthand sources. From diplomatic moves behind the scenes to Japanese actions and the US Army Air Force's call to action, no detail is left untold. Touching on the early days of the Manhattan Project and the first inkling of an atomic bomb, Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan-Witts take the reader through the training of the crew of the Enola Gay and the challenges faced by pilot Paul Tibbets.

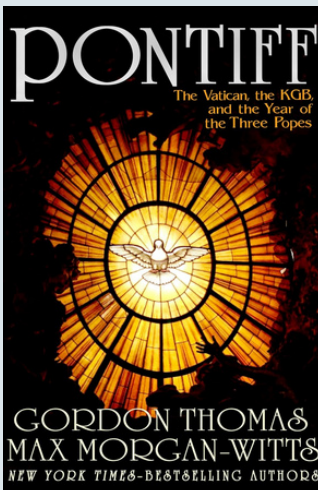


Thomas Dunne Books, 2009

Secret Wars: One Hundred Years of British Intelligence Inside MI5 and MI6

Gordon Thomas

Based on prodigious research and interviews with significant players from inside the British intelligence community, Thomas' wide-sweeping history chronicles a century of both triumphs and failures. He recounts the roles that British intelligence played in the Allied victory in World War II; the postwar treachery of Great Britain's own agents; the defection of Soviet agents and the intricate process of "handling" them; and the ways in which MI5 and MI6 have fought biological warfare, espionage and space terrorism.

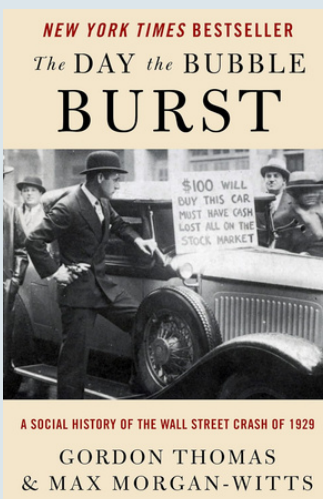


Open Road Media, 1983

Pontiff: The Vatican, the KGB, and the Year of the Three Popes

Gordon Thomas & Max Morgan-Witts

The Vatican remains one of the last great mysteries, its pomp and fanfare hiding dramatic, sometimes sinister realities. Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan-Witts make use of exhaustive research and exclusive sources to unveil its secrets, offering an inside look at the papacy, the 1978 conclaves, and key figures shaping the Church. Pontiff's blazing revelations include John Paul II's role in Solidarity, his secret ties to Lech Walesa and the KGB-linked assassination attempt against him, and the shadowy associations of the man responsible for the Vatican's money.



Doubleday, 1979

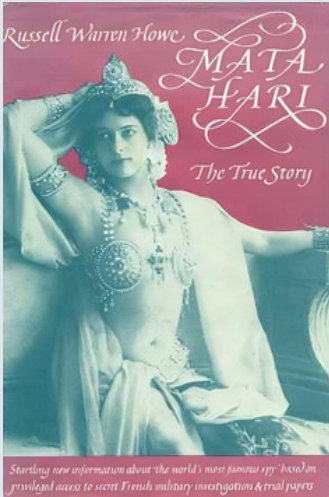
The Day The Bubble Burst

Gordon Thomas & Max Morgan-Witts

The New York Times bestseller that tells the story of an overheated stock market and the financial disaster that led to the Great Depression of the 1930s. The Day The Bubble Burst is more than a riveting living history of Black Tuesday, October 29, 1929. Through extensive interviews and investigation, Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan-Witts capture the era, the intoxicating expectancy, the hope that ruled men's hearts and minds before the bubble burst, and the black despair of the decade that followed.

Russell Warren Howe

FRA represents the estate of Russell Warren Howe. As a journalist, Howe interviewed presidents, terrorists and Nobel Laureates, picking up numerous print and TV awards in the process. He is the author of over 20 books, products of his decades of journalistic experience, wealth of knowledgeable sources, and talent for penetrative investigation. Below are three examples. A complete list of the works with rights available can be provided upon request.



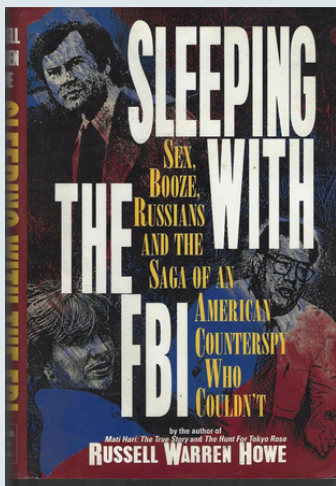
Dodd Mead, 1999

Rights for this work were optioned several times by the American filmmaker Robert Altman, whose plans to adapt the story were cut short by his passing.

Mata Hari: The True Story

Russell Warren Howe

Set against the background of turn-of-the-century Paris and the collapse of the Belle Epoque in World War I, this book offers a complete portrait of the famous courtesan Mata Hari, who launched strip tease dancing, and whose name has become synonymous with the image of a double-crossing femme fatale. Given access to Mata Hari's sealed dossier, Howe proves definitively that she was, in fact, innocent of spying for the Germans, and was instead a victim of collusion between Germany and France, a scapegoat whose sham trial and death sentence served as a cover-up for corruption and high-level espionage.



National Press, 1993

Sleeping with the FBI

Russell Warren Howe

Special Agent Richard William Miller, though considered ludicrously incompetent by his Los Angeles field office, dreamed of becoming the first FBI agent to penetrate the KGB. While Miller failed to inform his superiors of the scheme, the KGB was well aware of his activity, and used it to create damaging evidence that culminated in Miller being arrested and tried for espionage. Based on FBI files, trial testimony, and interviews with the principals, the book is a sometimes hilarious, often poignant account of the FBI's clumsy handling of the case of a foolish man blinded by an affair with an informant, and the prospect of becoming a star in the counterespionage firmament.

Previously under option with Fugitive Media, the rights to this title are now wholly available.



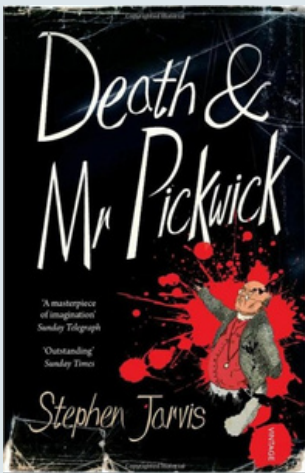
Madison Books, 1989

The Hunt for Tokyo Rose

Russell Warren Howe

"Tokyo Rose" was the name given by GIs to the woman whose radio broadcasts for the Japanese attempted to demoralize American troops in Pacific during World War II . More than two dozen women did the broadcasting. Among them was Iva Toguri, a Japanese-American who, trapped in Japan by the war, remained loyal to the U.S., refusing to renounce her American citizenship. Ironically, as Howe relates in this dramatic, affecting account, that citizenship meant that Toguri was the only Rose who could be charged with treason. While preliminary investigations led to no charges, rabble-rousing by American demagogue Walter Winchel resulted in a trial that would shock the nation, eventually calling for the intervention of the President himself.

HISTORICAL NOVEL



Jonathan Cape (UK)
Farrar Straus and Giroux (US), 2015

Death and Mr Pickwick

Stephen Jarvis

The creation and afterlife of *The Pickwick Papers* is the subject of Stephen Jarvis' novel, *Death and Mr Pickwick*. This vast, intricately constructed, indeed Dickensian work is at once the ultimate homage to a much-loved book, tracing its genesis and subsequent history in fascinating detail, and a damning indictment of how an ambitious young writer named Charles Dickens expropriated another man's ideas and then engaged in an elaborate cover-up of *The Pickwick Papers* true origin.

A masterpiece of imagination supported by a mountain of research. — Christian House, *Sunday Telegraph*

Some may view this book as a remarkable piece of literary detection, others a dazzlingly written and superbly imagined exposition on how art and writing are gestated and born. Or both. — *Daily Mail*

The Geraldine Steel Series

Leigh Russell

Meet Detective Inspector Geraldine Steel: fierce, dependable, and addicted to her job. The series is published by No Exit Press and has sold over a million copies worldwide. *Cut Short* was shortlisted for the Crime Writers Association (CWA) John Creasey New Blood Dagger Award.

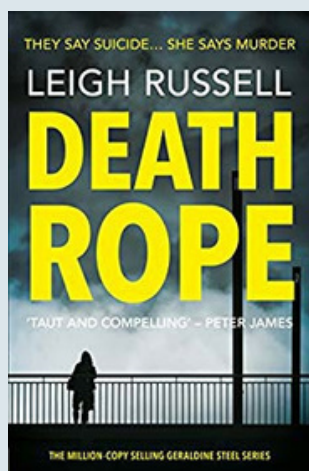


Cut Short

Geraldine Steel Book 1

Relocated to a quiet rural town, DI Geraldine Steel expects respite from the stresses of the city; a space where she can battle her demons in private. But when she finds herself pitted against a twisted killer preying on young women, she quickly discovers how wrong she is...

By day, the local park is a haven for families, dogwalkers, or simply for a breath of fresh air. But in the shadows a predator prowls, hunting for a fresh victim. Locked in a race against time, Geraldine is determined to find the killer before they discover yet another corpse. But can she save the lives of the town's young women – or will Geraldine herself become the killer's ultimate trophy?



Death Rope

Geraldine Steel Book 12

Mark Abbott is dead. His sister refuses to believe it was suicide, but only DS Geraldine Steel will listen.

When other members of Mark's family disappear, Geraldine's suspicions are confirmed. Taking a risk, Geraldine finds herself confronted by an adversary deadlier than any she has faced before . . . Her boss Ian is close, but will he arrive in time to save her, or is this the end for Geraldine Steel?

Books in this series (to date):

Cut Short (2009)

Road Closed (2010)

Dead End (2011)

Death Bed (2012)

Stop Dead (2013)

Fatal Act (2013)

Killer Plan (2014)

Murder Ring (2015)

Deadly Alibi (2016)

Class Murder (2017)

Killer Christmas (2017)

Death Rope (2018)

Rogue Killer (2019)

Deathly Affair (2019)

Deadly Revenge (2020)

Evil Impulse (2021)

Deep Cover (2021)

Guilt Edged (2022)

Fake Alibi (2022)

Final Term (2023)

Without Trace (2023)

Revenge Killing (2024)

Deadly Will (2024)

Cold Justice (2025)

Silent Ties (2026)



Previously under option with Avalon, the rights to this series are now wholly available.

The Ben Schroeder Series

Peter Murphy

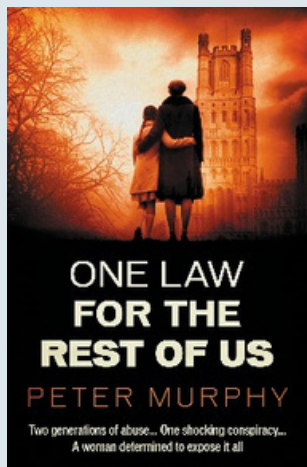
The highly successful Ben Schroeder series of legal thrillers is published by No Exit Press. The series, from former London barrister and Crown Court Judge Peter Murphy, follows the career of Ben Schroeder, a barrister practising in London in the 1960s and 70s, where his East End Jewish background and lack of Oxbridge credentials brand him as an outsider among his peers. Each book deals with a single case that encapsulates its era. Two examples:



And is There Honey Still for Tea?

Third book in the Ben Schroeder series

1965. The British Establishment is reeling after a series of defections and acts of treachery by high-ranking Intelligence Officers. When Sir James Digby QC is accused of being a Soviet spy, he turns to Ben Schroeder. At first, it seems to be a simple case of libel, but as evidence starts to emerge of Digby's association with the Cambridge Spies, and as MI6 becomes involved, Ben can no longer be sure that he can save Digby, or himself, from prosecution and ruin.



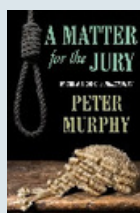
One Law for the Rest of Us

Sixth book in the Ben Schroeder series

Two generations of abuse . . . one shocking conspiracy . . . a woman determined to expose it all.

When Audrey Marshall sends her daughter Emily to the religious boarding school where she herself was educated a generation before, memories return – memories of a culture of child sexual abuse presided over by a highly-regarded priest.

Audrey turns to barrister Ben Schroeder in search of justice for Emily and herself. But there are powerful men involved, men determined to protect themselves at all costs.



Books in this series:

A Higher Duty (2013)

A Matter for the Jury (2014)

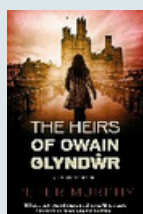
And is There Honey Still for Tea? (2015)

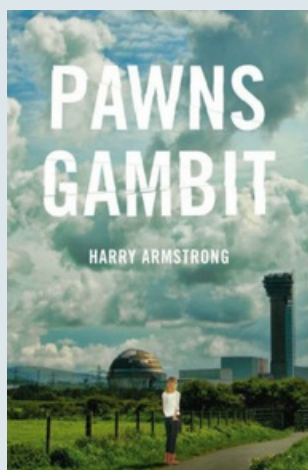
The Heirs of Owain Glyndŵr (2016)

Calling Down the Storm (2017)

One Law for the Rest of Us (2018)

Rights are available to the complete series.





Arena Press, 2012

Pawn's Gambit

Harry Armstrong (Sir Derek Morris)

Kate Kimball returns from a business trip to find that her partner, an Engineering Professor at Oxford University, has mysteriously disappeared. With the police mysteriously obstructive, she's forced to carry out her own inquiries, leading her down a twisted geopolitical rabbit hole that involves the US president's nuclear threats on Iran, a 40-year-old IRA bombing on an atomic facility, and the UK prime minister's paramilitary past. Kate soon finds herself in over her head, a pawn in the biggest international crisis since the end of the Cold War, her only way out a dangerous gambit which will determine the course of world history.



Wild Wolf Publishing, 2012

Myra, Beyond Saddleworth

Jean Rafferty

After multiple unsuccessful appeals, infamous Moors Murderer Myra Hindley died in prison . . . or did she? What if the Moors Murderer didn't die when the authorities said she did? What if they'd had enough of the embarrassment from her constant appeals for release, and Hindley was granted a new secret identity? What sort of person would she have become?

How would she live her life with her newfound freedom?

Myra, Beyond Saddleworth attempts to answer these questions in what is being considered the most controversial book in recent years.



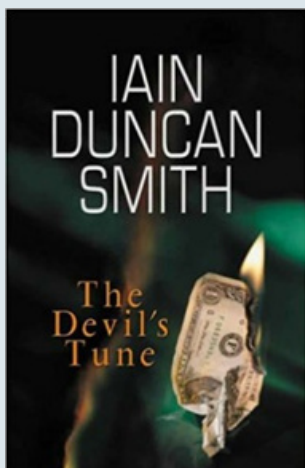
Wild Wolf Publishing, 2014

Dubai PI

Peter Anthony

Dubai is a transient place where the ultra rich live in close proximity to abject poverty, where East meets West, where people come to find a dream or escape a nightmare.

Ruben Duke is a private detective who works illegally in the city and he has been tasked with finding a disappeared Ukrainian model. His investigations take him into a world of seedy entitlement where money buys anything and anyone, a world of heinous violence and murder.

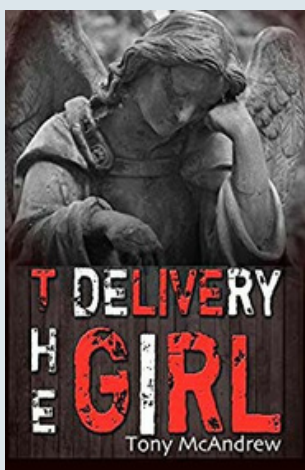


Robson Books, 2003

The Devil's Tune

Iain Duncan Smith

John Grande, a struggling London art dealer, is thrown what he thinks is a lifeline when he is given the opportunity of handling a collection of rare masters, housed in a villa above the cliffs of Positano in Italy. There, he encounters American TV producer Laura Buckley, neither one knowing that their lives are about to become linked in a terrifying web of intrigue and deceit. Set on both sides of the Atlantic, Iain Duncan Smith's debut novel is an ingenious fast-paced thriller with an intriguing cast of characters reaching the highest level of office and a plot involving art thefts, possible Nazi collaboration and murder.



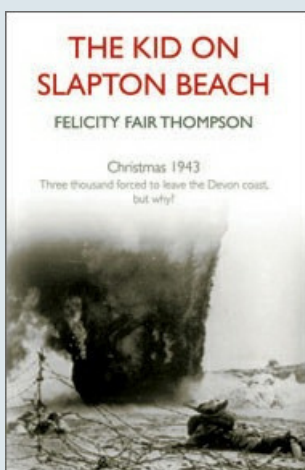
Wild Wolf Publishing, 2015

The Delivery Girl

Tony McAndrew

In a run-down, burnt-out city, if you need drugs, money, a gun, nine year-old Anna Ramanova is The Delivery Girl. Foreign, precociously bright, abused by all around her, she is the one all the other children hate. Hers is a world of casual brutality, gangsters and goons, drugs and booze, prostitutes and paedophiles, where the ugly sisters of self-harm and suicide wait to show her the only road out of a miserable existence. That is, until a grotesque but strangely endearing old hunchback enters her life. As impeccably gracious as he is ruthlessly violent, deliverance, it seems, comes in many forms.

WW2



Wight Diamond Press, 2013

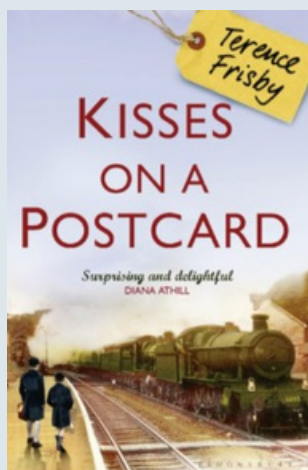
The Kid on Slapton Beach

Felicity Fair Thompson

War is hard enough when your dad is missing in action, and even harder when you have to leave everything you know and love.

Twelve-year-old Harry is one of three thousand people leaving the coast in Devon during the Second World War as US troops move into the area for a set of secretive exercises. But when Harry's most treasured item is left behind, he must return to Slapton Beach, where disaster awaits.

Felicity Fair Thompson's Novel brings vividly to life the uncertainty of living through war, in a stirring account of a real, catastrophic military disaster suppressed and concealed from the wartime public.



Bloomsbury, 2009

Kisses on a Postcard

Terence Frisby

13 June, 1940. Carefully labelled, and each clutching little brown suitcases, Terry, aged seven, and his elder brother Jack, eleven, stand amid the throng of children which crowds the narrow platform at Welling Station awaiting the steam engine which will pull them and their fellow evacuees across the country towards their unknown destination - and their new lives...

Warm-hearted and moving, "Kisses on a Postcard" is a vivid and intimate portrait of our wartime history; a compelling and uplifting memoir of growing up in an extraordinary time, from the author of Stage and Screen hit *There's a Girl in My Soup*.

A heart-warming account – *The Telegraph*

Surprising and delightful... a book that leaves one feeling grateful and happy – *Diana Athill*

MEMOIR



Robson Books, 2001

In the Hands of the Taliban

Yvonne Ridley

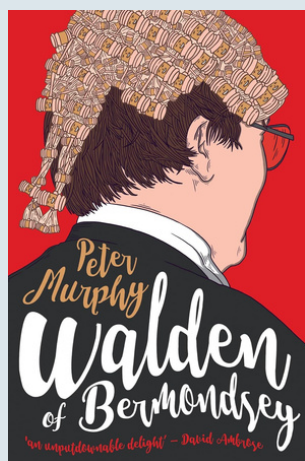
Captured by the Taliban as she attempted to cross the Afghan border to report on the outbreak of war for the Sunday Express, Yvonne Ridley found her life hanging in the balance in the hands of the most reviled regime in the world.

An unexpected survival instinct kicked in that saw her face her captors not with fear, but with anger. Her courage and gutsiness, and that of her family, prompted the Taliban to release her, glad to be rid of such a 'difficult' woman. This is Yvonne's full, true story. From her capture, to the ordeal she endured at the hands of the Taliban and her eventual release, she offers a unique perspective into a way of life that remains a mystery to many.

The Walden of Bermondsey Series

Peter Murphy

Another popular work from former Crown Court Judge Peter Murphy. Each book consists of a number of short stories and novelettes in which Charlie Walden, resident Judge of Bermondsey Criminal Court, navigates eccentric cases, pernicious civil servants and intransigent colleagues with his signature blend of humour and humanity.



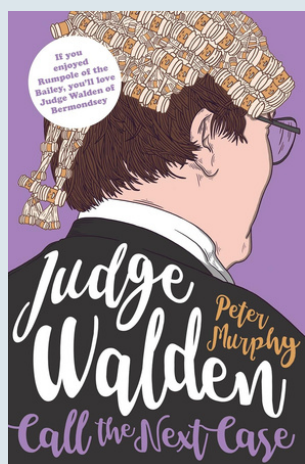
Walden of Bermondsey

First book in the Walden of Bermondsey series

When Charlie Walden took on the job of Resident Judge of the Bermondsey Crown Court, he was hoping for a quiet life.

Instead, he finds himself struggling to keep the peace between three feisty fellow judges who have very different views about how to do their job, and about how Charlie should do his.

And as if that's not enough, there's the endless battle against the humourless grey-suited civil servants who seem determined to drown Charlie in paperwork and strip the court of its last vestiges of civilisation. There are times when his real job - trying the challenging criminal cases that come before him - actually seems like light relief.



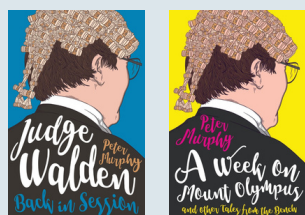
Judge Walden: Call the Next Case

Third book in the Walden of Bermondsey series

Charlie Walden, the irrepressible Resident Judge (RJ) of Bermondsey Crown Court is back to preside over five new cases, including the church-going carer who steals from the old lady under her care, the man with a penchant for 'marrying' multiple women, and the astrological guru accused of fraud. Not to mention the shock-horror when colleagues get into trouble - Judge Hubert Drake for writing an angry letter to the press, and Judge Marjorie Jenkins for storing suspected pornography on her judicial computer.

Books in this series:

- Walden of Bermondsey (2017)
- Judge Walden: Back on Session (2018)
- Judge Walden: Call the Next Case (2019)
- A Week on Mount Olympus and Other Tales from the Bench (2023)



Rights are available to the complete series

'No one writes with more wit, warmth and insight about the law and its practitioners than Peter Murphy. He has no equal since the great John 'Rumpole' Mortimer' – *David Ambrose*

Paul A. Mendelson

Paul A. Mendelson made his name as the BAFTA-nominated screenwriter of several much-loved BBC comedies, including *May to December* and *My Hero*. His critically acclaimed fiction wields the same sharp eye for concepts, character and humour that made him a television hitmaker. A complete list of the works with rights available can be provided upon request.



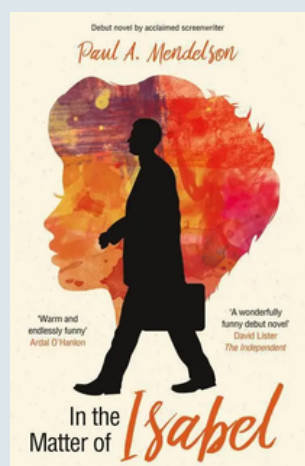
The Book Guild, 2025

Seville

Paul A. Mendelson

A middle-aged couple on the brink of divorce return to Seville for a second honeymoon, and mysteriously encounter their younger selves on their first one 30 years earlier. As past and present intertwine, they face a choice—can altering old memories save their future, or will it unravel everything? A magical, bittersweet romantic comedy of love and time.

Previously under option with Whistling Thorn, the rights to this title are now wholly available.



The Book Guild, 2017

In The Matter of Isabel

Paul A. Mendelson

Rick, a wannabe corporate whiz-kid from Hackney, is transfixed when the exotic Isabel Velazco walks into his Edgware Road law office. Five long months ago, her son Sebastian got on a plane to England to visit his dad for Christmas, and never returned. Now, she has raised the money to try and bring him back home from his rich father's clutches. Cocky Rick believes he holds all the cards as he takes on Isabel's case. But who exactly is playing whom? Is the 'helpless' Isabel all that she seems?

Previously under option with the producers Elizabeth Fowler and Hannah Leader, the rights to this title are now wholly available.



The Book Guild, 2023

The Forever Moment

Paul A. Mendelson

When an acclaimed Scottish author, on a book tour to the US to promote his latest romantic novel, *The Forever Moment*, meets a young woman who looks strikingly similar to a long-lost love from a high-school exchange to Kentucky, he wonders if he left behind more than memories twenty-two years ago. But as he digs deeper, he discovers that life isn't quite like the plot of a trashy novel. And some memories can hold you back as well as spur you on.

Compelling. A real page-turner. Full of romance, comedy and great one-liners. – David Lister, The Independent

Must Have GSOH

Paul A. Mendelson

To get the girl of his dreams, he needs a good sense of humour. To get a good sense of humour, he needs a miracle.

Stephen Gibson is a gifted young horticulturist. But surprisingly, this isn't the quality most women look for in a mate. According to all the 'personals', it's GSOH. A good sense of humour. Was Stephen born without a funny bone, or can a stand-up comedy course help Stephen find one, in time for his dream date?

Must Have GSOH was selected as a finalist in 2023 Screencraft Cinematic Books contest.

Previously under option with Fred Films, the rights to this title are now wholly available.



The Book Guild, 2021

Henry the Half-Time Hero

Paul A. Mendelson

Henry Jaffa has a problem. His mum teaches English at his school and his dad is head of PE. But this isn't the half of it.

Dad is secretly Orangeman, the most powerful superhero in the universe. Unfortunately, and to Dad's disappointment, Henry is merely half a hero. He has superpowers but they only turn up spasmodically.

But when Orangeman's nemesis, mad scientist Dr Arnold Cramp, figures out who Dad really is – and discovers a way to rob him of all his powers...

The only person in the world who can stop the evil, reboot Orangeman and make our world safe again is half-time Henry.

Can Henry win the day – or will his unpredictable powers fail him?



The Book Guild, 2024

Other novels available by Paul A. Mendelson:

Their Exits and Entrances (2022) (Humour)

Losing Arthur (2017) (Middle Grade Children's)

The Funnies (2020) (Middle Grade Children's)

Henry Jaffa and the League of Not Really Very Super Heroes - Second book in the Henry Jaffa series (2025) (Middle Grade Children's)



Story collections by Paul A Mendelson:

Any Lengths to Please (2024)

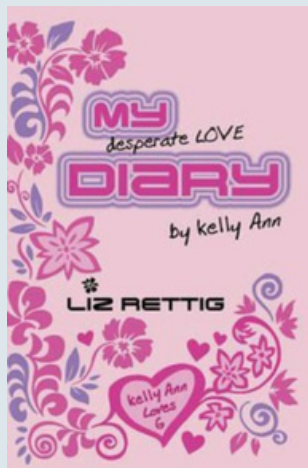
The Makings of Emily Jensen (2025)

The Art of Listening (2019)

The Kelly Ann's Diary Series

Liz Rettig

This teenage comedy series featuring the hapless Kelly Ann is published by Penguin Random House imprint Corgi Children's Books. It is available internationally and has been translated into several languages.

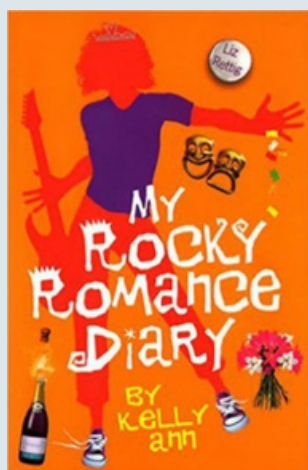


My Desperate Love Diary

First book in the Kelly Ann's Diary series

Kelly Ann is fifteen and desperately in love with G – the biggest idiot in school. Her best friends Liz and Stephanie can see how awful G is – and also that Kelly Ann's quietly gorgeous friend Chris is madly in love with her. But Kelly Ann stumbles along blindly, unable to see what's right in front of her eyes.

Navigating her way through teenage embarrassments, sick-filled parties, awful love poetry and green condoms, Kelly Ann is a hilariously endearing character and one every female reader, whatever age, will be able to relate to.



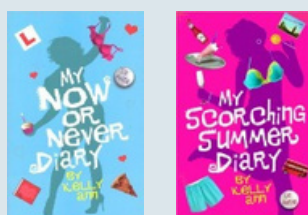
My Rocky Romance Diary

Fifth book in the Kelly Ann's Diary series

Kelly Ann is all loved-up with her gorgeous soulmate, Chris, so there's no way she's going to let her attraction for the dark and dangerous new boy at school go any further. OK, so he rides a cool motorbike, plays in a cool band and has dedicated a song to her. But she's not going to let that rock her relationship with Chris, is she?

Besides, Kelly Ann has other things to worry about. Like being dragged through the mud by a rogue Great Dane and that YouTube video that shows her grappling with a half-naked guy in Pizza Express – 200,000 hits and counting in just twelve hours.

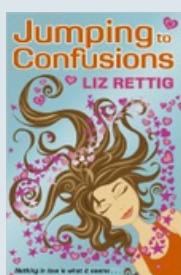
Books in this series (to date):



- My Desperate Love Diary (2005)
- My Now or Never Diary (2006)
- My Dating Disasters Diary (2009)
- My Scorching Summer Diary (2010)
- My Rocky Romance Diary (2012)

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Rights are currently available to the complete series

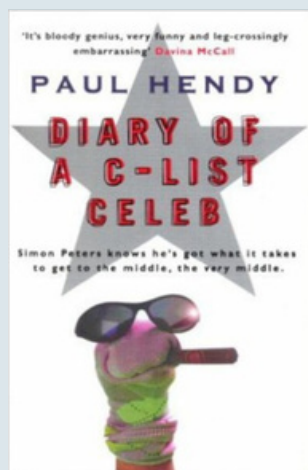


Also available by Liz Rettig:
 Jumping to Confusions (2008)

Simon Peters Series

Paul Hendy

West End playwright and former entertainment presenter Paul Hendy brings his insider knowledge and savage sense of humour to this wickedly funny diptych of showbiz satires published by Penguin Random House subsidiaries, Bantam & Transworld

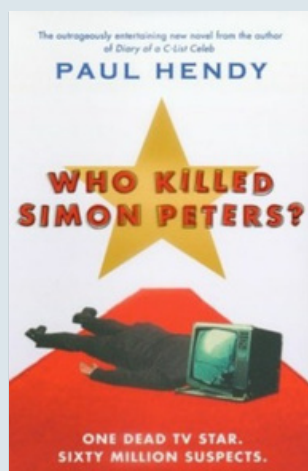


Bantam, 2004

Diary of a C-List Celeb

Simon Peters languishes on the bottom rung of the showbiz celebrity ladder, mired in the tacky world of game shows, daytime TV and home shopping channels. He goes to all the wrong parties, sleeps with all the wrong people and, to make matters worse, stardom beckons for his most-loathed enemy. And just when it seems things couldn't get any worse, the plug is pulled on his TV show . . .

Like most celebrities, Simon is riddled with insecurities, but he's nothing if not resilient, thick-skinned, utterly selfish and a total – if misguided – believer in his own talent. He knows he's got what it takes to get to the middle, the very middle. It's just the getting there that's the problem.



Transworld 2010

Who Killed Simon Peters?

Having clawed his way up from C-list obscurity to the pinnacle of A-list superstardom, media personality and self-proclaimed King of Saturday Night Television, Simon Peters, is found dead under 'suspicious circumstances'.

Deluded, self-obsessed and with an ego the size of Coventry, Simon trod on so many toes, stabbed innumerable backs and slept with a lot of the wrong people in his ever-more desperate search for fame. But who would hate him enough to want to see him dead? Investigative journalist David Mulryan looks back on the career of this light entertainment legend in his search to answer the burning question: Who Killed Simon Peters?

Very funny... – Ant

..and spookily close to the truth! – & Dec

Bloody genius, very funny and leg-crossingly embarrassing – Davina McCall

Previously under option with the BBC, rights to this series are now wholly available.