

over forty placements, each carer less able to cope with her anger and destruction than the last. Late one night, foster carer Maggie Hartley receives a terrified call from Leanne's current placement, who has barricaded herself in her bathroom to protect herself from Leanne's rage. With the police on standby, Maggie manages to diffuse the situation but Leanne is left without a home once more. Maggie is Leanne's only hope. But this is her last chance. If this placement fails, she will have to be put in a secure unit. Then Leanne threatens Maggie with a knife and makes accusations against her that have to be investigated by Maggie's superiors. Where most others would simply walk away, Maggie refuses to give up on the little girl who's never known love. Can Maggie get through to Leanne and begin to help her heal? Will the girl no one wanted find her forever home?

The Suitcase Baby Tanya Bretherton 2018-01-30 SHORTLISTED FOR THE 2018 NED KELLY AWARD, DANGER PRIZE AND WAVERLEY LIBRARY NIB True history that is both shocking and too real, this unforgettable tale moves at the pace of a great crime novel. In the early hours of Saturday morning, 17 November 1923, a suitcase was found washed up on the shore of a small beach in the Sydney suburb of Mosman. What it contained - and why - would prove to be explosive. The murdered baby in the suitcase was one of many dead infants who were turning up in the harbour, on trains and elsewhere. These innocent victims were a devastating symptom of the clash between public morality, private passion and unrelenting poverty in a fast-growing metropolis. Police tracked down Sarah Boyd, the mother of the suitcase baby, and the complex story and subsequent murder trial of Sarah and her friend Jean Olliver became a media sensation. Sociologist Tanya Bretherton masterfully tells the engrossing and moving story of the crime that put Sarah and her baby at the centre of a social tragedy that still resonates through the decades. **Includes an extract from Tanya's latest fascinating and chilling true crime story, The Killing Streets**

[A Heartbreaking Work Of Staggering Genius](#) Dave Eggers 2013-02-12 "Exhilarating...Profoundly moving, occasionally angry, and often hilarious...A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius is, finally, a finite book of jest, which is why it succeeds so brilliantly" (The New York Times Book Review). A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius is the unique, moving memoir of a college senior who, in the space of five weeks, loses both of his parents to cancer and inherits his eight-year-old brother. In his distinctive style unlike any other memoir, Egger's story is an exhilarating debut that manages to be simultaneously hilarious and wildly inventive, as well as a deeply heartfelt story of the love that holds a family together.

[Terrified: Free sampler](#) Angela Hart 2016-02-25 Terrified can either be read as a full-length eBook or in 3 serialised eBook-only parts. This is PART 1 of 3. You can read Part 1 two weeks ahead of release of the full-length eBook and paperback. 'A no holds barred insight into the reality of looking after someone else's children. A remarkable story from a remarkable woman, it brought back a lot of memories for me' Casey Watson 'A moving story that testifies to the redemptive power of love. I hope Angela Hart inspires many others to foster' Torey Hayden Terrified tells the emotionally devastating but ultimately uplifting story of Vicky, a little girl who arrives on Angela's doorstep unwanted and unloved after suffering years of emotional abuse at the hands of her mother. Desperate never to return home, Vicky is haunted by many demons and waking nightmares. This book tells the moving story of Angela's determination to set Vicky free.

Nowhere to Go: Part 3 of 3: The heartbreaking true story of a boy desperate to be loved Casey Watson 2014-10-23 Bestselling author and foster carer Casey Watson shares the shocking true story of Tyler, an abused eleven-year-old who, after stabbing his step-mother, had nowhere else to go. [Exploited](#) Maggie Hartley 2020-04-16 Fourteen-year-old Hannah comes to live with foster carer Maggie Hartley after her mum pleads with Social Services to take her into care, unable to cope with her daughter anymore. Previously a good student, a loving daughter and sister, Hannah is now playing truant, drinking, and taking drugs. Angry and mistrustful, it seems that nobody can reach this troubled teenager. Maggie is used to difficult teenagers, but Hannah's behaviour brings into question everything Maggie has ever learnt in all her years as a foster carer. Determined to push away everyone around her away, Hannah's life seems to be spiralling out of control. But when Hannah finally breaks down and confides a shocking secret to Maggie, the truth behind her chaotic behaviour is finally revealed. Can Maggie help this vulnerable young girl overcome the trauma of what's happened to her and set her free from the demons that haunt her?

Massive Attack - True Stories From the Fontline of Tottenham's Staunchest Fans Trevor Tanner 2010-11-25 I think it's pretty well accepted that Spurs are the Guv'nors now!"To my horror I see to my right my pal holding his hand, slumped against a wall and pouring with blood.'From the author of the bestselling Tottenham Massive comes this incendiary follow-up - the most searingly honest and brutal book ever written about football.Trevor Tanner is the man at the head of the Tottenham Massive. In this all new account of life with the firm, he reveals the emotional stress and headache of the year long trial which resulted in him walking out a free man - but not before he'd gone on the run for a month and seen the stress the case put his family and close friends under. He tells how it feels to have left the legacy for what is arguably the best firm the country has seen in more than 20 years.'To be honest, in my mind, Millwall are the only team who could probably give us a bit of a go

Walk in My Combat Boots James Patterson 2021-02-08 'This book will take your breath away, break your heart, and leave you in awe' President Bill Clinton _____ Soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines speak in their own words about real life in today's armed forces. These are the brutally honest stories usually only shared amongst comrades in arms; stories of life-and-death decisions, and learning how to live with the effects of horrific injuries, both physical and mental. In the voices of the men and women who've fought overseas, from Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan, this is a rare eye-opening look into what it's really like to wear the uniform, fight in combat, lose friends and come home. Walk in my Combat Boots is a powerful collection of never-before-told war stories crafted from hundreds of original interviews by James Patterson, the world's most trusted storyteller, and First Sergeant US Army (Ret.) Matt Eversmann, part of the Ranger unit involved in the infamous Battle of Mogadishu portrayed in the movie Black Hawk Down. _____ 'Raw, authentic, and above all, inspiring' Admiral William H. McRaven, US Navy (Ret.) 'Each of these stories of the personal experience of combat is unique, homespun, and honest' Brigadier General Peter Dawkins, US Army (Ret.) 'Painfully raw, improbably funny, and completely human' Stanley A. McChrystal, General, US Army (Ret.) 'A vivid and authentic portrait of life in the modern military . . . Powerful. This edifying collection captures the highs and lows of the military experience' Publishers Weekly 'Urgent and full of suspense . . . In this wide-ranging, consistently absorbing collection, the authors cover the entire spectrum of American military action during the last 50 years' Kirkus 'Extraordinary . . . a deeply intimate insider's look' Richard Engel, NBC News Chief foreign correspondent

Sins of the Mother Irene Kelly 2015-08-13 Sins of the Mother is a powerful and inspiring story of a family whose love was tested but never broken, who finally found the strength to heal the past. Irene Kelly was brought up in poverty and abused by her mammy from an early age. But home life was still better than the time she spent in one of Dublin's industrial orphanages. In that harsh regime she was beaten and sexually assaulted. Set to work in the nursery, she saw the nuns treat the babies with horrifying cruelty. As an adult those experiences haunted Irene. When she fell in love with Matt, who was fighting his own demons, they moved to England for a new start. They wanted their daughter Jennifer to have a better life, but in trying to protect her by hiding their past they only succeeded in pushing her away. Until, one day, Irene had a phone call from Ireland that changed everything . . . 'An epic and stirring story which shows that it is possible to overcome the worst start in life.' Sunday Mirror

True Stories of Heroes: Osborne True Stories Paul Dowswell 2012-08-01 Thirteen thrilling true stories of courage and heroism. From firefighters battling a blazing nuclear reactor, to a helicopter rescue team on board a fast sinking ship and one housewife's brave defiance of the Gestapo, this book contains inspiring tales of extraordinary courage from everyday people. A gripping and engaging collection of amazing real life stories, perfect for readers who prefer fact to fiction.

[Heimkehren](#) Yaa Gyasi 2017-08-22 Obwohl Effia und Esi Schwestern sind, lernen sie sich nie kennen, denn ihre Lebenswege verlaufen von Anfang an getrennt. Im Ghana des 18. Jahrhunderts heiratet Effia einen Engländer, der im Sklavenhandel zu Reichtum und Macht gelangt. Esi dagegen wird als Sklavin nach Amerika verkauft. Während Effias Nachkommen über Jahrhunderte Opfer oder Profiteure des Sklavenhandels werden, kämpfen Esis Kinder

und Kindes Kinder ums Überleben: auf den Plantagen der Südstaaten, während des Amerikanischen Bürgerkrieges, der Großen Migration, in den Kohleminen Alabamas und dann, im 20. Jahrhundert, in den Jazzclubs und Drogenhäusern Harlems. Hat die vorerst letzte Generation schließlich die Chance, einen Platz in der Gesellschaft zu finden, den sie Heimat nennen kann und wo man nicht als Menschen zweiter Klasse angesehen wird? Mit einer enormen erzählerischen Kraft zeichnet Yaa Gyasi die Wege der Frauen und ihrer Nachkommen über Generationen bis in die Gegenwart hinein.

›Heimkehren‹ ist ein bewegendes Stück Literatur von beeindruckender politischer Aktualität. New-York-Times-Bestseller [Nowhere to Go](#) Casey Watson 2014-10-23 Bestselling author and foster carer Casey Watson shares the shocking true story of Tyler, an abused eleven-year-old who, after stabbing his step-mother, had nowhere else to go. Knowing a little of Tyler's past his biological mother, a heroin addict, died of an overdose when he was three Casey feels bound to do her best for him. It isn't easy; Tyler continuously lashes out, even trying to attack Casey herself. Investigation into his earlier childhood reveals why: forced to watch his mother die he was found emaciated and traumatised two days later, then delivered to a father who didn't want him and a step-mother who beat him. With the horrific events of his past now vividly affecting the course of his present, Casey and her husband Mike are determined to veer him away from the violence and drugs they fear he will come to depend on. Heartbreaking and profoundly moving, Nowhere to Go tells the story of a child forsaken by his family but fought for by his foster carers."

From Victim to Victor: A Survivor's True Story of Her Experiences with School Bullying. How She Overcame, Won Back Her Confidence and Found Peace and Happiness Cherie White 2017-03-17 Cherie White shares her own story of what were the worst six years of her life, during which she was relentlessly bullied after moving to a small Tennessee town. She describes the heartache, loneliness and despair she felt as a victim of school bullying and how her cries for help went ignored. She is brutally honest about how she viewed her bullies and the bystanders who watched but did nothing to help. She is also candid about how she too became a bully and the torment she inflicted on her own victims, whom she herself viewed as inferior, as a means to preserve what little self-esteem she had left and feel better about herself. Finally, she tells of how she was able to escape her tormentors by changing schools, make several new friends out of her new classmates, and go from victim to victor! "From Victim to Victor" is a story of survival, trial, heartache, self-discovery, reflection, growth and the eventual escape and triumph.

[Life and Survival as a Destitute: My Own True Story](#) Sarah Harper 2011-11-04 My book is about my life from childhood to now. It looks at the difficulties and traumatic experiences i went through in my childhood - sexual and physical abuse,and not being protected by those who were supposed to look after me and love me. I try to give comfort to those who may have been in a similar situation to mine.I'm writing this book, telling the whole world of my suffering and pain i experienced as a child - sexual abuse, physical abuse, pain that i have locked up inside for years. Revisiting my past whilst writing this book has been extremely painful and has filled me with tears in some chapters. It has always been my desire to tell my story so that people know that despite all the pain i experienced and although i may still be damaged psychologically, i managed to overcome this and have a balanced life. As a child, i had no one to tell about my suffering. I was that child that no one wanted to know or to speak to.There may be people out there who are suffering in silence like i did and may be scared to talk to someone. I hope that this book will inspire and counsel them and encourage them to do something about it. I hope that my book will help those affected to move on with their lives like i did.

Entanglement: a True Story Claire Thomas 2014-01-21 If you think having the devil snapping at your heels is scary, it's nothing compared to finding God's calm presence at your back every time you stop to draw breath in your race to escapeparticularly for a determined agnostic like Claire. Indeed, His presence is so unnerving and unwelcome that it's not until her world crumbles to ashes that she finds the courage to stop running and turn toward Him. Moderately psychic and a most earthbound mystic, Claire has heard the voice of Thomas from the days of earliest childhood, but has worked tirelessly for most of her adult life to shut it out or shout it downuntil she made that fateful decision. Entanglement is the result of that choice. It describes the pain of surviving the traumatic deaths of four beloved people, finding the courage to walk away from abuse and oppression, and facing the fear of being utterly alone in the world. It also explains how confronting fear, accepting loss, and embracing the unknown and the mystical can create a life of enormous joy and enrichment. It focuses on how having the courage to stay in the not-knowing can be gloriously life-affirming and on how human life on earth is vastly more mysterious than most of us dare to imagine.

[Befreit](#) Tara Westover 2018-09-07 Von den Bergen Idahos nach Cambridge – der unwahrscheinliche »Bildungsweg« der Tara Westover. Tara Westover ist 17 Jahre alt, als sie zum ersten Mal eine Schulklasse betritt. Zehn Jahre später kann sie eine beeindruckende akademische Laufbahn vorweisen. Aufgewachsen im ländlichen Amerika, befreit sie sich aus einer ärmlichen, archaischen und von Paranoia und Gewalt geprägten Welt durch – Bildung, durch die Aneignung von Wissen, das ihr so lange vorenthalten worden war. Die Berge Idahos sind Taras Heimat, sie lebt als Kind im Einklang mit der grandiosen Natur, mit dem Wechsel der Jahreszeiten – und mit den Gesetzen, die ihr Vater aufstellt. Er ist ein fundamentalistischer Mormone, vom baldigen Ende der Welt überzeugt und voller Misstrauen gegenüber dem Staat, von dem er sich verfolgt sieht. Tara und ihre Geschwister gehen nicht zur Schule, sie haben keine Geburtsurkunden, und ein Arzt wird selbst bei fürchterlichsten Verletzungen nicht gerufen. Und die kommen häufig vor, denn die Kinder müssen bei der schweren Arbeit auf Vaters Schrottplatz helfen, um über die Runden zu kommen. Taras Mutter, die einzige Hebamme in der Gegend, heilt die Wunden mit ihren Kräutern. Nichts ist dieser Welt ferner als Bildung. Und doch findet Tara die Kraft, sich über die Aufnahmeprüfung fürs College vorzubereiten, auch wenn sie quasi bei null anfangen muss ... Wie Tara Westover sich aus dieser Welt befreit, überhaupt erst einmal ein Bewusstsein von sich selbst entwickelt, um den schmerzhaften Abnabelungsprozess von ihrer Familie bewältigen zu können, das beschreibt sie in diesem ergreifenden und wunderbar poetischen Buch. » Befreit wirft ein Licht auf einen Teil unseres Landes, den wir zu oft übersehen. Tara Westovers eindringliche Erzählung — davon, einen Platz für sich selbst in der Welt zu finden, ohne die Verbindung zu ihrer Familie und ihrer geliebten Heimat zu verlieren — verdient es, weithin gelesen zu werden.« J.D. Vance Autor der »Hillbilly-Elegie«

The Lost Girls of Willowbrook Ellen Marie Wiseman 2022-08-30 In this powerful novel of survival and resilience, New York Times bestselling author Ellen Marie Wiseman takes readers on a gripping, emotional journey as one brave young woman's search for the truth about her sister leads her to an infamous institution called Willowbrook . . . Sage Winters always knew her sister was a little different even though they were identical twins. They loved the same things and shared a deep understanding, but Rosemary—awake to every emotion, easily moved to joy or tears—seemed to need more protection from the world. Six years after Rosemary's death from pneumonia, Sage, now sixteen, still misses her deeply. Their mother perished in a car crash, and Sage's stepfather, Alan, resents being burdened by a responsibility he never wanted. Yet despite living as near strangers in their Staten Island apartment, Sage is stunned to discover that Alan has kept a shocking secret: Rosemary didn't die. She was committed to Willowbrook State School and has lingered there until just a few days ago, when she went missing. Sage knows little about Willowbrook. It's always been a place shrouded by rumor and mystery. A place local parents threaten to send misbehaving kids. With no idea what to expect, Sage secretly sets out for Willowbrook, determined to find Rosemary. What she learns, once she steps through its doors and is mistakenly believed to be her sister, will change her life in ways she never could imagined . . .

Meine dunkle Vanessa Kate Elizabeth Russell 2020-07-01 Brilliant und verstörend! Ein brandaktueller Roman, der mitten ins Herz der #MeToo-Debatte trifft Vanessa ist gerade fünfzehn, als sie das erste Mal mit ihrem Englisch-Lehrer schläft. Jacob Strane ist der einzige Mensch, der sie wirklich versteht. Und Vanessa ist sich sicher: Es ist Liebe. Alles geschieht mit ihrem Einverständnis. Fast zwanzig Jahre später wird Strane von einer anderen ehemaligen Schülerin wegen sexuellen Missbrauchs angezeigt. Taylor kontaktiert Vanessa und bittet sie um Unterstützung. Das zwingt Vanessa zu einer erbarmungslosen Entscheidung: Stillschweigen bewahren oder ihrer Beziehung zu Strane auf den Grund gehen. Doch kann es ihr wirklich gelingen, ihre eigene Geschichte umzudeuten – war auch sie nur Stranes Opfer? »Meine dunkle Vanessa« ist ein brillanter Roman über all die Widersprüche, die unsere Beziehungen prägen, ein Roman, der alle Gewissheiten erschüttert und uns spüren lässt, wie schwierig es ist, klare Grenzen zu ziehen. Verstörend und unvergesslich!