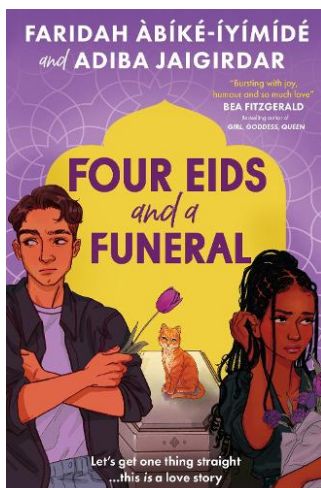


What's New

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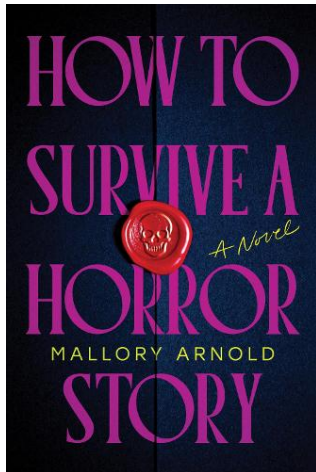
Four Eids and a Funeral by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé and Adiba Jaigirdar [YA Book Prize 2025] [Y9 & above]

A funeral and a dramatic fire at the Islamic Centre brings once-best friends-now-enemies Tiwa and Said together in this breathtaking, brilliantly original YA romcom from the bestselling authors of *Ace of Spades* and *Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating*.



Crookhaven: The Thieves' Revenge by J. J. Arcanjo (Book 5 Crookhaven)

Arcanjo's acclaimed series about a fantastical school for thieves reaches its dramatic conclusion as Gabriel and his friends attempt to lure two of the Underworld's most notorious villains into the open.



How to Survive a Horror Story by Mallory Arnold [BBA Shortlist 2026]

When legendary horror author Mortimer Queen passes, a group of writers find themselves invited to the reading of his last will and testament, expecting a piece of his massive fortune. Each has their own unique connection to the literary icon; some known, some soon to be discovered. And they've been waiting for their chance to step into the author's shoes for some time.



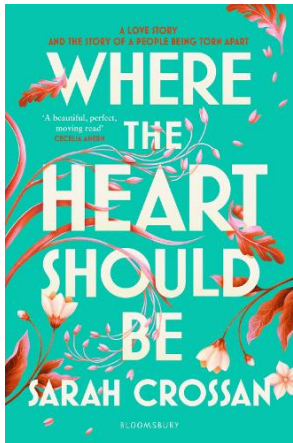
Shadow Thieves by Peter Burns [BBA Shortlist 2026]

13-year-old Tom Morgan and his friends live on the streets of an alternate London, shining shoes and picking pockets – until one day Tom's friends are caught and sent to a brutal workhouse.



The Vulpine by Polly Crosby [BBA 2026]

Enter a darkly dystopian world full of eerie folklore, in which illness and difference have been prohibited. But from deep beneath the earth, a rebellion is rising...



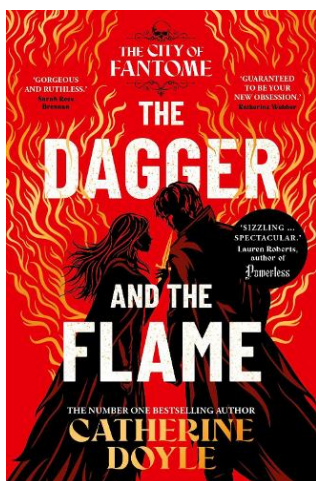
Where the Heart Should Be by Sarah Crossan [YA Book Prize 2025] [Y9 & above]

The award-winning author of *We Come Apart* delivers a breathtaking, moving tale of family, love and survival revolving around an Irish scullery maid working in a big manor during the Great Famine.



Cloud Nine by Sue H. Cunningham

Sixteen-year-old Evangeline has been dead for decades. Her accidentally heroic demise secured her a spot on Cloud Nine, the luxurious top tier of the Afterlife - but it turns out that even paradise can get boring. After a century of terminal niceness, Evvy volunteers to train as a celestial guide. Now it's her job to watch over people during their final hours on earth, ensuring they don't screw up their chances of a decent Afterlife.



The Dagger and the Flame by Catherine Doyle (Book 1 the City of Fantome) [YA Book Prize 2025] [Y9 & above]

In the dark underbelly of a beautiful city, two rival assassins are pitted against each other in a deadly game of revenge, where the most dangerous mistake of all is falling in love.



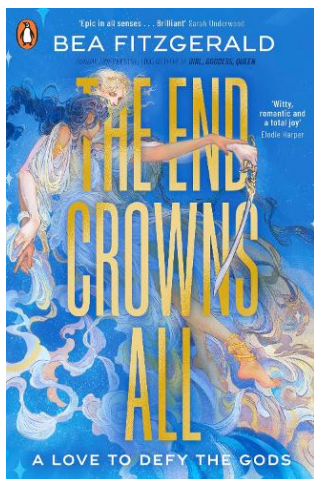
Escape Room: Game Zero by Christopher Edge [Book 1 Escape Room]

[BBA Shortlist 2026] A new player enters the puzzle-filled world of the Escape Room in this electrifying adventure from Christopher Edge, as Eden attempts to outwit the game that is playing her.



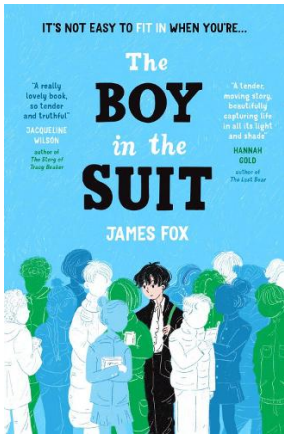
Lover Birds by Leanne Egan [YA Book Prize 2025] [Y9 & above]

When Isabel Williams moves to Liverpool, she criticises seemingly everything in Eloise Byrne's life – her city, her accent, her trademark boldness – so if, when she catches Isabel staring, Eloise feels her pulse race, it must be because they hate each other. It surely couldn't be for any other reason, could it?



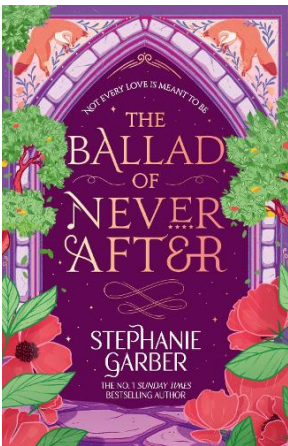
The End Crowns All by Bea Fitzgerald

The author of *Girl, Goddess, Queen* delivers another exquisitely swoon some Greek myth retelling as Helen navigates the politics of the Trojan court and Cassandra struggles to make anyone believe her dramatic visions.



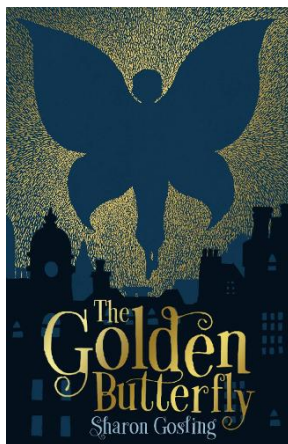
The Boy in the Suit by James Fox [BBA Shortlist 2026]

Timely, powerful and incredibly moving, *The Boy in the Suit* follows ten-year-old Solo's search for security, community and connection as his family struggles under the cost of living crisis.



The Ballad of Never After by Stephanie Garber (Book 2 Once Upon a Broken Heart)

Another sumptuous adventure full of passion, intrigue and forbidden magic awaits Evangeline Fox and the Prince of Hearts in the sequel to Stephanie Garber's bestselling *Once Upon A Broken Heart*.



The Golden Butterfly by Sharon Gosling

The Golden Butterfly danced in the air, beautiful and impossible, yet there before their eyes. Then the Magnificent Marko flicked his wand again. There was a shower of sparks, a bang and ... the Golden Butterfly vanished. It's 1897 and since the Magnificent Marko dramatically departed the stage, no magician has come close to performing a trick as spectacular as the Golden Butterfly. With her grandfather gone, Luciana feels that the world has lost its wonder. Then the imposing leader of the Grand Society of Magicians appears, searching for something belonging to Marko, and Luciana is drawn into a world of danger and deception. As she battles to protect her grandfather's greatest legacy, can she distinguish reality from illusion?



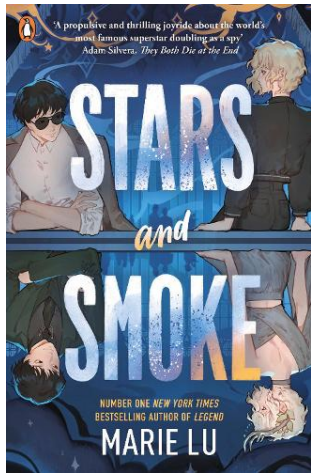
Hunt for the Golden Scarab by M. G. Leonard (Book 1 Time Keys) [BBA Shortlist 2026]

The first page-turning instalment in the Time Keys mystery series from the author of the Adventures on Trains books, *Hunt for the Golden Scarab* finds Sim and friends on an action-packed adventure after his mum's time-travelling capabilities come to light.



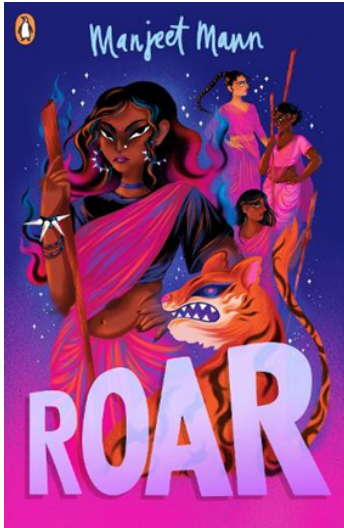
What Happens Online by Nathanael Lessore [BBA 2026]

From the author of *King of Nothing* and *Steady for This* comes the witty and warm-hearted story of an unpopular schoolboy who starts using his notorious online persona to get even.



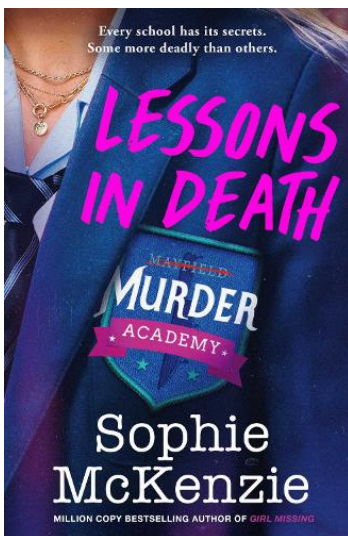
Stars and Smoke by Marie Lu

The most famous person in the world is going undercover . . . Global phenomenon Winter Young is the pop star of a generation. With sell-out tours and smash-hit records, everyone wants him, or wants to be him. That's why a top-secret government organisation think he'll make the perfect spy.



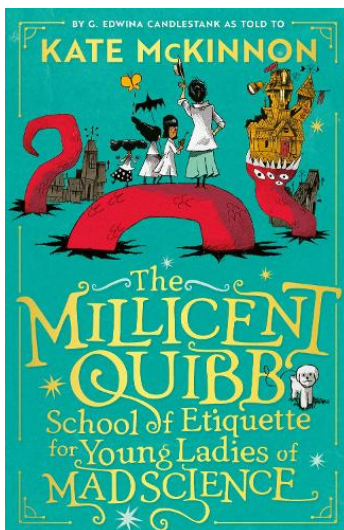
Roar by Manjeet Mann [Y9 & above]

Inspired by the real-life activism of Sampat Pal and the Pink Sari Gang, this dynamic, empowering YA novel from the author of *The Crossing* centres on Rizu, who joins a group of vigilantes determined to seek justice against those who wronged her.



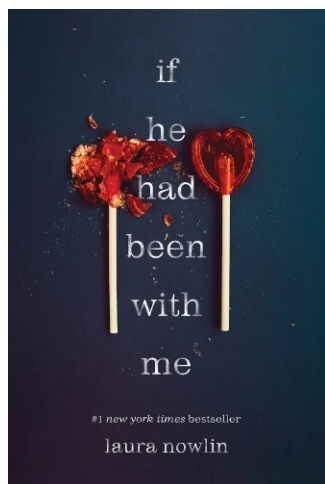
Lessons in Death by Sophie McKenzie (Book 1 Murder Academy)

The first book in a new murder-mystery school series set at Mayfield Academy from Sophie McKenzie, the bestselling author of million-copy-seller, *Girl Missing*. Life at Mayfield Academy seems normal enough – that is until Georgia discovers the drama teacher, dead, in the school library. Then, when she goes back to look for him, having gone for help, his body has vanished...



The Millicent Quibb School of Etiquette for Young Ladies of Madscience by Kate McKinnon

From beloved Saturday Night Live alum Kate McKinnon comes a madcap new adventure about three sisters, a ravenous worm, and a mysterious mad scientist.



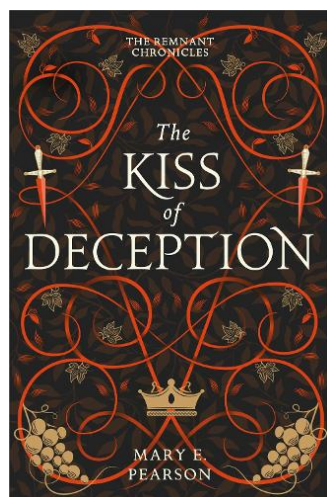
If he had been with me by Laura Nowlin [Y9 & above]

A heart-rendingly romantic story of lost love and second chances that has taken TikTok by storm, *If He Had Been With Me* charts the ebb and flow of Autumn and Finn's feelings for each other.



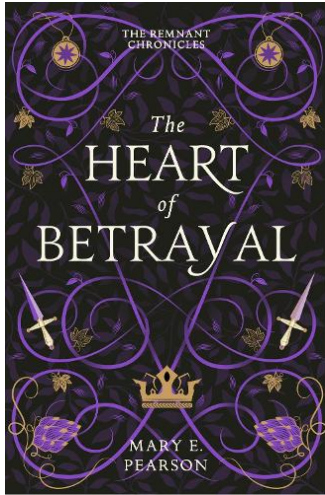
Fake Skating by Lynn Painter

A fake-dating romcom set in the world of small-town ice hockey, Painter's sweet-natured page-turner finds Dani reunited with her nerdy childhood friend who is now the local sporting hero.



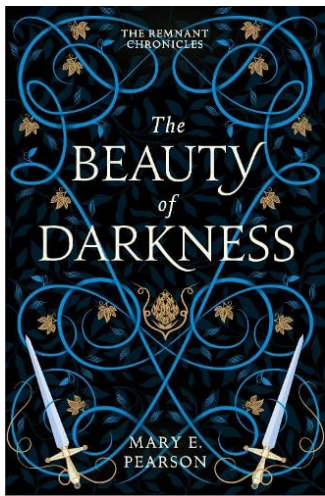
The Kiss of Deception by Mary E. Pearson (Book 1 Remnant Chronicles)

The Kingdom of Morrighan is steeped in tradition and the stories of a bygone world, but some traditions Lia can't abide. Like having to marry someone she's never met to secure a political alliance.



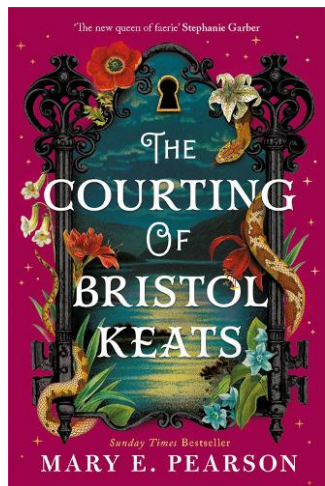
The Heart of Betrayal by Mary E. Pearson (Book 2 Remnant Chronicles)

Held captive in the barbarian kingdom of Venda, Lia and Rafe have little chance of escape. Desperate to save her life, Lia's erstwhile assassin, Kaden, has told the Vendan Komizar that she has the gift, and the Komizar's interest in Lia is greater than anyone could have foreseen.



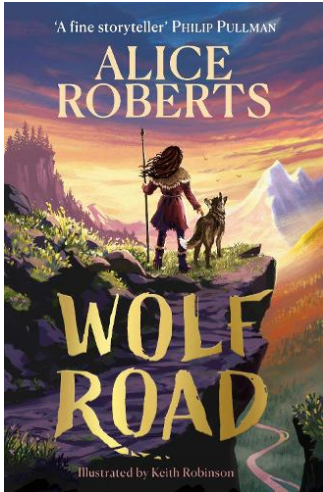
The Beauty of Darkness by Mary E. Pearson (Book 2 Remnant Chronicles)

Lia has survived Venda - but so has a great evil bent on the destruction of Morrighan. And only Lia can stop it.



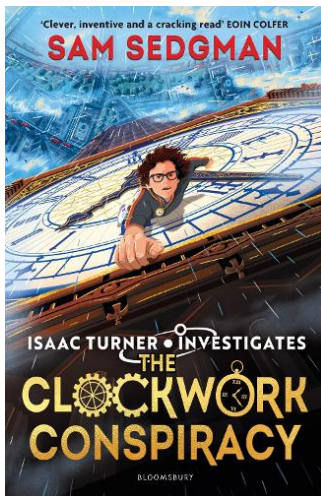
The Courting of Bristol Keats by Mary E. Pearson

After losing both their parents, Bristol Keats and her sisters struggle to stay afloat in their small, quiet town of Bowskeep. When Bristol begins to receive letters from an 'aunt' she has never heard of, who promises to help, Bristol reluctantly agrees to meet her – and discovers that everything she thought she knew about her family is a lie.



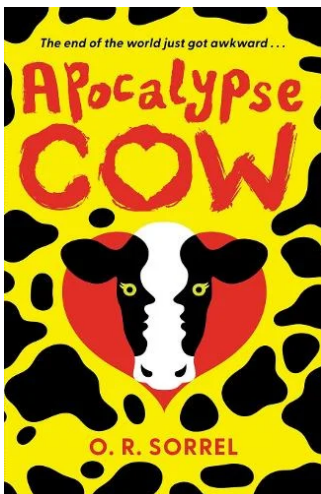
Wolf Road by Alice Roberts

The debut children's novel from the historian, broadcaster and author of *Ancestors* weaves an irresistible story about a prehistoric girl and neanderthal boy embarking on an adventure that changes the course of human history.



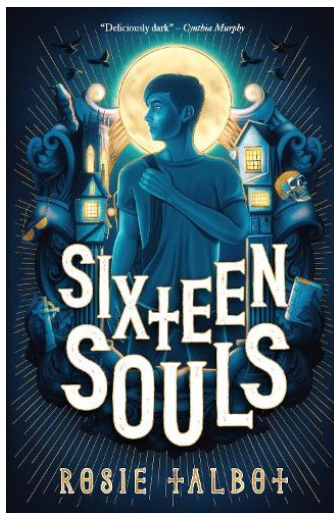
The Clockwork Conspiracy by Sam Sedgman

The co-writer of the Adventures on Trains series spins a thrilling, brilliantly clever mystery through the streets of London, as the Chief Horologist in charge of Big Ben disappears and his son must solve a multitude of clues and codes to find him.



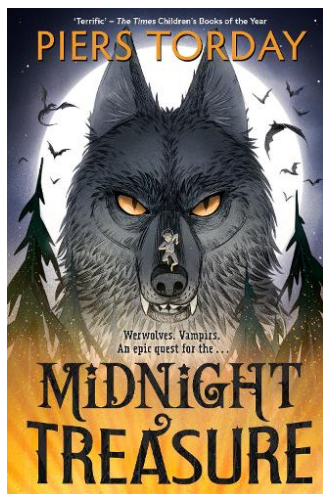
Apocalypse Cow by O.R. Sorrel **[YA Book Prize 2025]** **[Y9 & above]**

Mel loves Sasha and dreams of a day that Sasha might reciprocate her feelings (even though she's straight) - so the fact that it's thirty degrees outside in January and hasn't rained for a year simply passes her by.



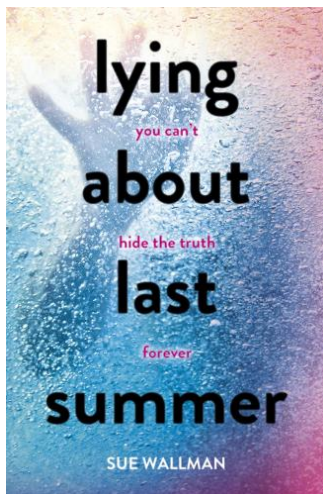
Sixteen Souls by Rosie Talbot [Y9 & above]

A scintillating BookTok smash that threads queer romance through the gripping story of a European city being stripped of its spirits, *Sixteen Souls* is atmospheric, page-turning reading of the highest order.



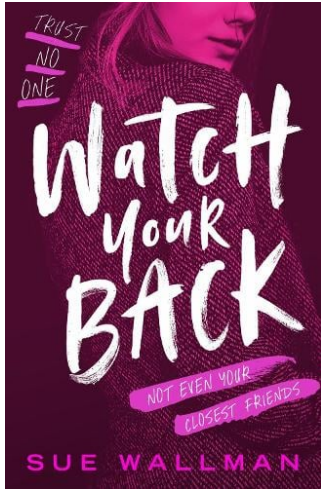
Midnight Treasure by Piers Torday

This irresistibly immersive new fantasy from the acclaimed author of *The Last Wild* finds werewolf Tibor and his friend Rosa on a dangerous and gripping treasure hunt.



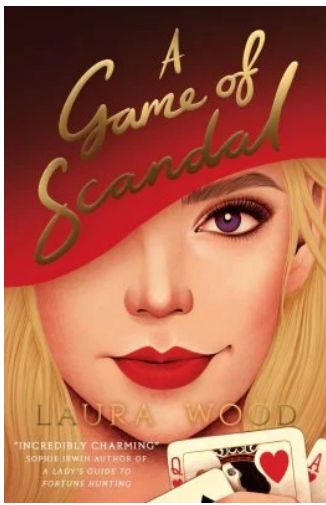
Lying about last summer by Sue Wallman [Y9 & above]

Skye's sister died last year in a tragic accident, so this summer Skye's parents think that a camp for troubled teenagers might help her process her grief. All of the kids at the summer camp have lost someone close, but the last thing Sky wants to do is think about the past. But when Skye starts receiving text messages from someone pretending to be her dead sister, she knows the past can't be avoided.



Watch your Back by Sue Walman [Y9 & above]

Keep your friends close. Keep your enemies closer. Kara has started a new school year without her best friend by her side. Eden has a new boyfriend and doesn't have time for her. Instead, Kara finds herself drawn to a friendship with Romilly, a girl from her year with no friends. The trouble is, the more Kara hangs around with Romilly, the more unsettling things start to happen. There's the break in to her locker... the silent cold calls... and more. But can Kara be sure it's Romilly who is derailing her life?



A Game of Scandal by Laura Wood

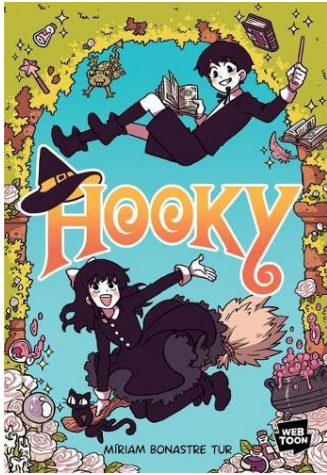
An all-female detective agency righting wrongs at the end of the nineteenth century; infiltrating a scandalous upper-class world straight out of Bridgerton and using their wit and bravery to unmask a villain.

Graphic Novels



Rune: The Tale of a Thousand Faces by Carlos Sanchez

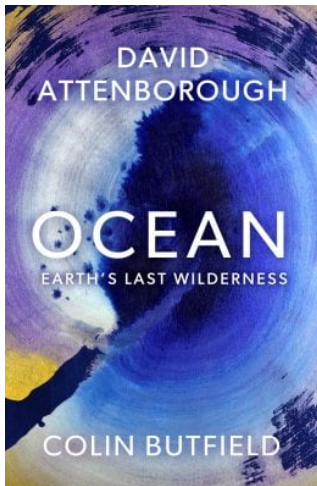
A gorgeously quirky, magical and inclusive graphic novel, *Rune* finds two friends pursued by bullies escape into an untrodden forest and pass through a portal into another realm, where a whole new adventure begins.



Hooky by Miriam Bonastre Tur

Two twins, one prophecy, and a whole lot of hijinks. From WEBTOON, the #1 digital comic platform, comes a fantastical story about twin siblings Dani and Dorian who have missed the bus to magic school and scramble to find a mentor to teach them before their parents find out. Perfect for fans of The Okay Witch and the 5 Worlds series.

Non-Fiction



David Attenborough: Ocean: Earth's Last Wilderness

Through one hundred years, eight unique ocean habitats, countless intriguing species - and through personal stories, history and cutting-edge science - *Ocean* uncovers the mystery, the wonder and the frailty of the most unexplored habitat on our planet. And it shows its remarkable resilience: it is the part of our world that can, and in some cases has, recovered the fastest, and in our lifetimes, we could see a fully restored marine world, even richer

