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GOBSMACKED!

A rebellious dentist bites off more than he can chew in a shambolic NHS practice

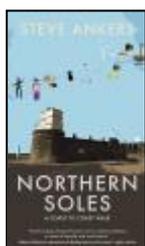
by Michael Hackett

Who knew that a career in dentistry would be like pulling teeth? This riotous novel is based on the true-life experiences of a dentist who ran away to join the circus. Comedian Michael Hackett's book is shocking & very funny.



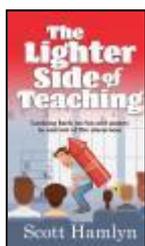
APOSTLE TO MARY MAGDALENE by Julie de Vere Hunt

A controversial and thought provoking appraisal of the legend of Mary Magdalene - the repentant sinner, 'bride' of Jesus, mother, teacher, healer and priestess.



NORTHERN SOLES: A Coast to Coast Walk by Steve Ankers

Steve Ankers sets out on a 200-mile walk from The Mersey to The Humber battling with the weather and the terrain, but relishing the inspirational people he meets along the way - the unsung heroes who work tirelessly for our heritage, our environment and our communities - and, in this centenary year for women's suffrage, those who still campaign today for gender equality and justice for all.

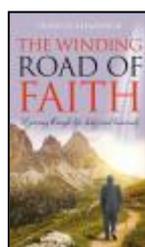


THE LIGHTER SIDE OF TEACHING

Looking back on fun and games in and out of the classroom

by Scott Hamlyn

A newly-retired teacher's humorous memoirs of life in the classroom (and staffroom) from the 1970s to the present day. Funny and fascinating reading for teachers, pupils, parents and anyone wanting a behind-the-scenes glimpse of life in our schools.



THE WINDING ROAD OF FAITH

A Journey through Life, Belief and Humanity

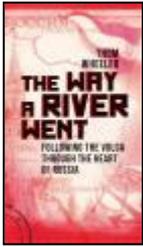
by Francis Chadwick

An Anglican priest looks back on more than 60 years of ministry in the UK and overseas - and considers some of the most challenging issues facing the Christian faith today.



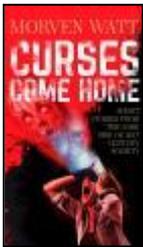
Artist Anthony Wakefield Hill on Life and Painting
'Outsider' artist inspired by The Lake District
by Anthony Wakefield Hill

The artist and author - who was born in Keswick in The Lake District - offers a full and frank interview about his life, his painting and his writing.



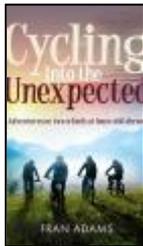
THE WAY A RIVER WENT: *Following the Volga through the Heart of Russia*
Thom Wheeler

Russia beyond the headlines: exciting and thought-provoking travel writing Thom Wheeler's accounts of his two journeys (one following the Volga River, the other across Russia in an old VW camper) introduce us to the people of Russian and offer revealing insights into the history, politics and culture of this controversial nation.



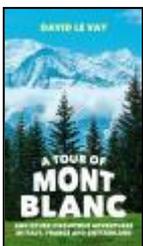
CURSES COME HOME: *Short Stories from the Dark Side of 21st Century Society*
by Morven Watt

Beautifully-crafted, short stories probing the deepest recesses of the human psyche - chilling, thrilling and mind-boggling stories from an exciting, fresh new literary talent. These tales of twisted minds, terrifying technology and tragic human dilemmas will scare and entertain. (NB: Some adult themes and strong language).



CYCLING INTO THE UNEXPECTED
Adventures on Two Wheels at Home and Abroad
by Fran Adams

Cycling and camping, here are Fran Adams' joyful accounts of her family's pedal-powered adventures in England, Wales, France, Majorca, Italy and Dominican Republic. Best-selling novelist, Katie Fforde describes Fran's memoirs as "*Entertaining and inspiring full of courage and comedy.*"



A TOUR OF MONT BLANC
and Other Circuitous Adventures in Italy, France and Switzerland
by David Le Vay

Two wonderful travel books describing mountain walking challenges in France, Italy and Switzerland - the inspiring and humorous adventures of hiking buddies coping with steep gradients, foreign languages and each other.



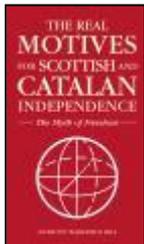
EIGHT EXCITING TRAVEL TALES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED
Adventures in the UK, Europe and beyond

Journeys on foot, by bicycle, by VW Camper van, by boat, by car and by camel. Wonderful travel writing books for adventurous readers.



Sleeping with the Rabbits
A story of family life and personal survival
by Susanne Defoe

A true-life account of an escape from domestic abuse, cruelty and ignorance - one woman's courageous struggle to survive and to build a decent life for her and her daughters.



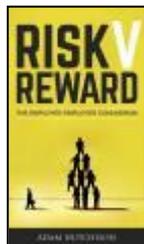
The Real Motives for Scottish and Catalan Independence
The Myth of Freedom
by Anthony Wakefield Hill

A timely dissertation on the Scottish and Catalan Independence debates and the nature of human yearnings for 'freedom'.



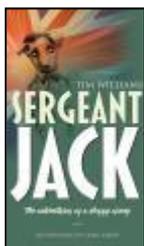
KITTY'S STORY
The third novel in The Voyagers trilogy - out 26 June 2017
by Fenella Forster

Set during WW2, this new Voyagers novel is a compelling tale of true-love versus duty. A headstrong young woman carries out a dangerous mission knowing that it will break her heart and shatter her dreams.



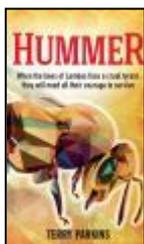
RISK V REWARD: THE EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER CONUNDRUM
by Adam Hutchison

A practical, how-to business guide, written by an experienced senior executive, this book offers innovative techniques and down-to-earth advice to help new and experienced managers get the most from their team while also helping employees to feel motivated and valued.



Sergeant Jack
The Adventures of a Doggy Army
by Tim Williams

A doggy 'Dad's Army' goes into action in this amusing adventure for kids (aged 7-11) - meet the courageous canines of the *Terriertorials* guarding precious food supplies in post-war England.



HUMMER: When the bees of Lambas face a cruel tyrant they will need all their courage to survive
by Terry Parkins

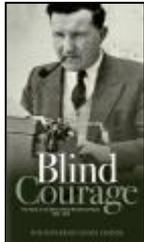
A timely fantasy story of life, love and conflict in a bee colony; this is an enthralling novel for older children, teenagers and adults. 50% of profits from sales of this book are being donated to charities helping to protect bees.



Authors who found a great publisher

Interesting for any writer hoping to publish a book soon

We meet four authors who worked in partnership with the team at Memoirs Publishing (and the new Memoirs imprint, Mere) to get their work out to the public.

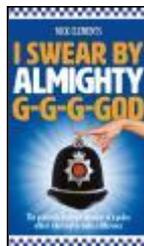


BLIND COURAGE

The story of my father, David Ronald Johnston 1924 – 1976

by The Reverend Linda Dodds

Being released on 5th June 2017, this book tells the inspirational true story of the remarkable David Johnston who overcame blindness to become one of the driving forces behind the charity Oxfam.



I SWEAR BY ALMIGHTY G-G-G-GOD

The politically incorrect memoirs of a police officer who tried to make a difference by Nick Clements

With some adult-only content, this is the true-life story of the son of a criminal who overcame a debilitating stutter to become a police officer. This entertaining memoir contains humour and horror, danger and excitement, passion and illicit sex, marital joy and strife as well as triumphs and set-backs.



Sussex Heart Charity Annual Sponsored Walk

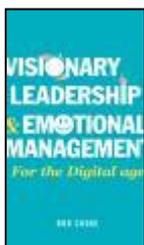
raises thousands to support heart patients & their families On 14th May 2017 more than 160 people - many of them heart patients themselves - took part in a sponsored walk on the seafront in Brighton & Hove to raise money to support heart disease patients and their families across East & West Sussex.



SECOND SIGHT

Can John Steadman find the Links between a Trail of Bizarre and Macabre Murders? by Jake Buchan

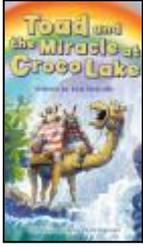
The Blind Detective returns to unravel the mystery surrounding three sadistic murders - but this time John Steadman has the help of a new colleague - his guide dog, Robbie. Here's the latest thrilling detective novel from the pen of medical-doctor, Jake Buchan.



VISIONARY LEADERSHIP & EMOTIONAL MANAGEMENT

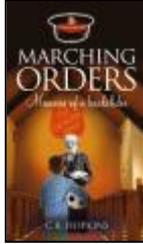
For the Digital Age by Rod Cooke

A well-regarded business adviser (with 50 years' experience) advocates new business approaches to revive Britain's industrial prospects for the post-Brexit era in this provocative and politically-outspoken new book.



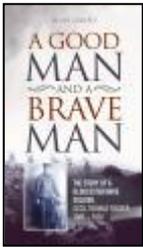
Toad and the Miracle at Croco Lake
by Ken Metcalfe

Toad returns in a brand new adventure! Being published in April 2017, this second illustrated book in Ken Metcalfe's delightful series set in 1930s Africa will amuse children (and their parents).



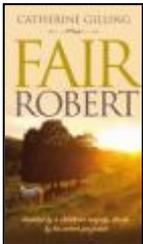
MARCHING ORDERS: Memoirs of a Backslider
by C.R. Hopkins

A humorous, moving and surprising account of growing up in The Salvation Army in the 1950s & 60s - explores themes of adolescence, faith, doctrine, mental illness and forbidden sexuality.



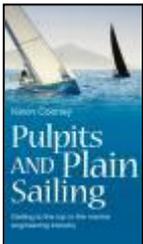
A GOOD MAN AND A BRAVE MAN
The Story of a Gloucestershire Soldier, Cecil Thomas Packer, 1885 – 1916
by Alan Gaunt

This book is the moving account of a humble man who fought for King and Country in World War I and never returned home. Cecil Packer survived Gallipoli and The Somme only to die in mysterious circumstances in December 1916. This book tells Cecil's story and solves the mystery of his untimely death.



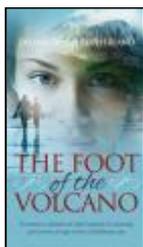
FAIR ROBERT
Haunted by a childhood tragedy, driven by his search for justice
by Catherine Gilling

An intricately-woven tale of suspense, intrigue and love set in rural Georgian England. Download the press release for further information about this and other romantic, historical novels from the pen of Catherine Gilling - and discover her collection of short stories too.



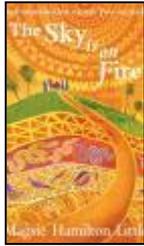
PULPITS AND PLAIN SAILING
Getting to the top in the marine engineering industry
by Kevin Cooney

An insider's view of the connected worlds of yachting and marine engineering - this entertaining memoir will appeal to sailing enthusiasts, engineers, business people and anyone who would like to know what it is *really* like to set up and run a successful company.



THE FOOT OF THE VOLCANO
Romance, adventure and tragedy as a young girl comes of age in the Caribbean sun
by Deiana Denise Sutherland

Contemporary romantic fiction exploring the loss of innocence; loyalty and betrayal; forgiveness; parenthood; bereavement; and the enduring nature of true love - set against the backdrop of St Vincent and the Grenadines, where the author was born and brought up.



THE SKY IS ON FIRE: One woman. One camel. Two nomads.

by Magsie Hamilton Little

A British woman, two Tuareg tribesmen and an ailing camel named Fleabag share a journey in the treacherous Sahara. What they learn about each other will remain with them for ever. This book challenges many Western perceptions about North Africa, Islam, terrorist organisations - and about the tragic plight of refugee families fleeing for their lives.



TOAD'S GETTING MARRIED

A delightful, heart-warming adventure for younger readers by Ken Metcalfe

Toad is about to get married but his plans are thrown into disarray when he is snatched from the lake where he lives and taken far away. Can Toad survive encounters with hungry snakes and crocodiles to make it back to his lake in time to say 'I do'? With charming illustrations by Neil Chapman, Toad's adventures with thrill and amuse readers in equal measure.



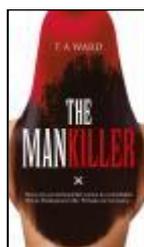
Because writing the book is just the beginning ...

Helen Hart of SilverWood Books discusses options available for independent authors and offers advice on how they can find the right publishing partner for themselves and their work.



Hazel Rochez prepares for the 100km South Coast Challenge 2016 raising funds for Alzheimer's Society

Chichester Mum-of-four, Hazel Rochez (57) is taking on her biggest challenge so far: running 100km (just over 62 miles) from Eastbourne to Arundel in just two days (27 & 28 August 2016) to raise money for Alzheimer's Society in memory of her mother.



THE MANKILLER

There are several beautiful women in his life - Perhaps one too many a new novel by T A Ward

An adults-only gripping thriller about sex, deception and betrayal - this new novel is fast-paced, entertaining and darkly witty.



Explore the latest opportunities for today's independent authors

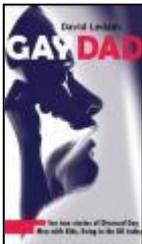
Professional self-publishing services from SilverWood

What can an independent author expect from SilverWood Books? We learn more about this friendly and professional Bristol-based company who have been helping authors to self-publish for almost ten years.



**KING'S CHAMPION: British Democracy is on the ropes. Two men risk everything: A ruthless assassin - and the King of England
by Martin Doktor**

A gripping thriller - set in Britain ten years from now - the new King faces a deadly assassin while his realm is in political turmoil and threatened by crime and terrorism. This fast-paced novel will appeal to all those who love political thrillers and spy stories.



GAY DAD

**Ten True Stories of Divorced Gay Men with Kids Living in the UK Today
by David Ledain (Foreword by Charlie Condou from 'Coronation Street')**

Controversial, heart-breaking and ultimately inspiring, this book offers the true life stories of ten homosexual men who married women and had children before 'coming out' as gay. Why did these gay men marry women? What impact has it has on their children? What has happened to their ex-wives?



MEET THE AUTHOR

Carole McCall will be appearing at

7pm on Wednesday 1st June 2016 at Waterstones, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2TD

Carole will be giving a talk and signing copies of her books: *The Communication Generation; The Boomer Generation; The Lotus Generation* and *The Fourth Generation*. Tickets from Waterstones, Tunbridge Wells tel: 01892 535446



**Meet The SilverWood team & their authors
at The London Book Fair - Stand 1G45**

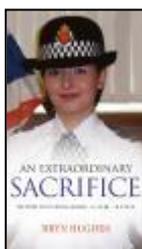
You are invited to three events 12 - 14 April, Olympia

Considering self-publishing? Need advice? Want to meet authors who have done it too? SilverWood are holding an event *every day* on their stand at The London Book Fair where you can chat to the SilverWood team and meet their authors. Don't miss out!



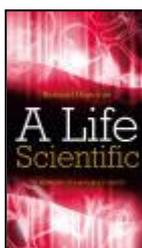
**MEET SILVERWOOD BOOKS at The London Book Fair - Stand 1G45
12 - 14 April 2016, Olympia, London**

Meet the SilverWood Books publishing team and their authors at #LBF16 - attend drinks receptions and explore the latest opportunities for today's self-publishing authors. Click the press release link below to take a sneak preview at the downloadable press pack - and do make a note of the event dates for your diary. We hope to see you there.



An Extraordinary Sacrifice: The Story of PC Nicola Hughes: 16.10.88 - 18.9.2012 by her father, Bryn Hughes

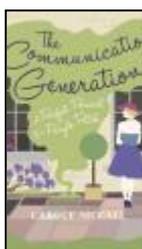
In 2012 the nation was shocked by the pre-meditated murders of two police officers, PC Nicola Hughes (aged 23) and PC Fiona Bone (32). Now Nicola's father gives his own personal account of his daughter's life and the aftermath of her violent, tragic death. Profits from this book are being donated to the PC Nicola Hughes Memorial Fund to help young people who have been bereaved by violence crime.



**A LIFE SCIENTIFIC: Memoirs of a Natural Scientist
By Professor Bernard Donovan**

The autobiography of a world-renown scientist whose career spanned six decades of the most astounding advances in medicine - life-saving and life-enhancing advances (to which he contributed) and which would change society but also lead to some tricky ethical dilemmas for scientists and doctors. A fascinating read for anyone interested in the development and history

biomedical sciences and for those who are considering a career in science.



The Communication Generation by Carole McCall

These inspirational memoirs celebrate the role played by all women in the lives of our children and grandchildren. The author also examines the impacts of all forms of communication (old and new) and how we use them in our relationships. A perfect gift for Mums and Grannies everywhere.



**JULIET'S STORY
by Fenella Forster**

The second novel in *THE VOYAGERS* series offers tantalising mysteries and plenty of passion. As this family-saga reaches the 21st century, the characters continue to navigate their perilous route through the dark secrets of the past.