

## Why Mummy Swears

Steve "Sneeze" Wyatt attempts to thwart his parents' plan to have him skip eighth grade, but he has bigger problems when his friends disapprove of his new list and Mrs. "Fierce" Pierce threatens to keep him from the Invention Convention.

What should have been a fun-filled, carefree day takes a tragic turn for the worse for one mother when her best friend's child goes missing in this "seriously page-turning" (Lisa Jewell, New York Times bestselling author), suspenseful, and darkly twisted psychological thriller. Charlotte was supposed to be looking after the children, and she swears she was. But while her three kids are all safe and sound at the school fair, Alice, her best friend Harriet's daughter, is nowhere to be found. Frantically searching everywhere, Charlotte knows she'll find the courage to tell Harriet that her beloved only child is missing—and admit that she's solely to blame. Harriet, devastated by this unbearable loss, can no longer bring herself to speak to Charlotte again, much less trust her. Now, more isolated than ever and struggling to keep her marriage afloat, Harriet believes nothing and no one. But as the police bear down on both women, trying to piece together the puzzle of what happened to this little girl, dark secrets begin to surface—and Harriet discovers that trusting Charlotte again may be the only thing that will reunite her with her daughter.... This breathless and fast-paced novel—perfect for fans of Big Little Lies and The Couple Next Door—takes you on a chilling journey that will keep you guessing until the very last page.

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

"It's a funny old house. They have this ceremony every summer. . . . There's an old chapel, in the grounds of the house. It's half-derelict. The Hunters keep bees in there. Every year, on the same day, the family processes to the chapel. They open the combs, taste the honey. Take it back to the house. Half for them - " my father winced, as though he had bitten down on a sore tooth. "And half for us." Catherine, a successful barrister, vanishes from a train station on the eve of her anniversary. Is it because she saw a figure - someone she believed long dead? Or was it a shadow cast by her troubled, fractured mind? The answer lies buried in the past. It lies in the events of the hot, seismic summer of 1989, at Vanes - a mysterious West Country manor house - where a young girl, Jane LeStrange, arrives to stay with the blinded, grand Hunter family, and where a devastating tragedy will unfold. Over the summer, as an ancient family ritual looms closer, Janey falls for each member of the family in turn. She and Kitty, the eldest daughter of the house, will forge a bond that decades later, is still shaping the present. . . . "We need the gods to survive, and they need us to survive. Once you understand that, you understand the history of Vanes, you understand our family."

One Hundred and One Ways to Bug Your Teacher
The Love Hypothesis
The Twins
Out of My Mind
Irrefutable Proof That You Are Indeed a Fantastic Parent
Zombillenium
Geekyfangit Heidi, 15, has a great fantasy life thanks to her TV and her laptop - and no wonder, when she's stuck at the boarding school for crazy drop-outs where her parents teach, with only a cake-shop Saturday job to escape to. At least she's got her best mates - but when they all start coupling up, Heidi needs a boyfriend - and fast. Enter Gingerbread Ed, a sexy lovmuppet with a motorbike. He'd be perfect - if he actually existed. Heidi's mad online life collides hysterically with her real one in a laugh-out-loud, 16 bit-cool teen novel.

Why Mummy Swears is the much anticipated new novel from Gill Sims, author of the hilarious Why Mommy Drinks and online sensation Peter and Jane.

The heartwarming and hilarious new novel by the author of cherished bestsellers, The Single Ladies of Jacaranda Retirement Village and The Great Escape from Woodlands Nursing Home The Marjorie Marshall Memorial Cafeteria has been serving refreshments and raising money at the hospital for over fifty years, long after anyone can remember who Marjorie Marshall actually was. Staffed by successive generations of dedicated volunteers, the beloved cafeteria is known as much for offering a kind word and sympathetic ear (and often unsolicited life advice) as for its tea and buns. Staffed by Hilary has worked her way up through the ranks to Manageser; Joy has nursed late every day since she started as the cafeteria's newest recruit. She doesn't take her role as "the intern" quite as seriously as Hilary would like but there's no doubt she brings a welcome pop of personality. Seventeen-year-old Chloe, the daughter of two successful surgeons, is volunteering during the school holidays because her mother thinks it will look good on her CV. Chloe is at first bewildered by the two older women but soon realises they have a lot in common, not least that each bears a secret pain. When they discover the cafeteria is under threat of closure, this unlikely trio must band together to save it. "The Tea Ladies is a delight. Warm characters and observations and great pace" AMANDA HAMPSON Praise for the novels of Joanna Nell: "Tender and funny" Woman's Weekly "Whip-smart dialogue, instant humor"

HERMAN YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "A lively and whimsical Sydney Morning Herald " "A highly entertaining and can't-gu... Bava, Ruth Ware. I dresay even Henry James would be impressed. " —Maureen Corrigan, author of So We Read On. "This is appropriately twisty Turn of the Screw update finds the Women in Cabin 10 author in her most menacing mode, unfolding a shocking saga of murder and deception. " —Entertainment Weekly From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Lying Game and The Death of Mrs. Westaway comes this thrilling novel that explores the dark side of technology. When she stumbles across the ad, she 's looking for something else completely. But it seems like too good an opportunity to miss—a live-in nanny/po... And when Rowan Caine arrives at Heatherbrae House, she is smitten—by the luxurious " smart " home fitted out with all modern conveniences, by the beautiful Scottish Highlands, and by this picture-perfect family. What she doesn ' t know is that she ' s stepping into a nightmare—one that will end with a child dead and herself in prison awaiting trial for murder. Writing to her lawyer from prison, she struggles to explain the events that led to her incarceration. It wasn ' t just the constant surveillance from the home ' s cameras, or the malfunctioning technology that woke the household with booming music, or turned the lights off at the worst possible time. It wasn ' t just the girls, who turned out to be a far cry from the immaculately behaved model children she met at her interview. It wasn ' t even the way she was left alone for weeks at a time, with no adults around apart from the enigmatic handyman. It was everything. She knows the ' s made mistakes. She admits that she lied to obtain the post, and that her behavior toward the children wasn ' t always ideal. She ' s not innocent, by any means. But, she maintains, she ' s not guilty—at least not of murder—but somebody is. Full of spellbinding menace and told in Ruth Ware ' s signature suspenseful style, The Turn of the Key is an unputdownable thriller from the Agatha Christie of our time.

Mummy Needs a Break

It
Call Me Mummy
A Novel
Manos

Why Mummy Swears

A MISSED CHILD RETURNS. BUT WHO TOOK HIM? \* BBC RADIO 2 BOOK CLUB CHOICE\* \* SUNDAY TIMES CRIME CLUB PICK \* "Brilliant, utterly compelling, heart-wrenching...I was gripped and loved it." PETER JAMES 'An unputdownable thriller.' ELLY GRIFFITHS 'Sensitive and moving...but with a core of pure tension' SUNDAY TIMES When 11 year old Evan vanishes without trace, his parents are plunged into their worst nightmare. Especially as the police, under massive pressure, have no answers. But months later Evan is unexpectedly found, frightened and refusing to speak. His loving family realise life will never be the same again. DI Naylor knows that unless those who took Evan are caught, other children are in danger. And with Evan silent, the real race against time to find those responsible... A gripping, heart-wrenching thriller with the emotional power of series like BROADCHURCH and THE MISSING, this is the perfect read for fans of Cara Hunter, Heidi Pitlor, Heidi Pitlor, Claire Douglas, Fiona Barton, Susan Lewis and Nuala Elbowood. 'Critics have hailed FOUND the most read crime thriller' THE SUN 'One of those rare finds - a page turner that is equally remarkable for the beauty of the writing. It will suck you in and take you on a journey' JO SPAIN 'Gripping...once started, impossible to put down!' MINETTE WALTERS 'FOUND took me on the kind of twisting journey that kept me turning the pages until the early hours.' CHRIS WHITAKER \*\*\* Readers and book bloggers are completely gripped and moved by FOUND: 'If you read one book this year make sure it's Found!' \*\*\*\*\* Goodreads Reviewer 'Not often I finish a book in one day but I couldn't put it down.' \*\*\*\*\* Goodreads Reviewer 'Heartfelt, traumatic, terrifying...just an amazing read. An easy five stars' \*\*\*\*\* Goodreads reviewer 'An amazing read...every single parent's worse nightmare but written in a truly beautiful way' \*\*\*\*\* Goodreads reviewer 'It's a perfect book in every way...highly recommended'Short Book & Scribes 'I don't think a thriller has ever brought me to tears like this has...a stunning, compelling read.' The Bookwormery

A rhyming illustrated humor book for moms who feel they're not doing a good job (and that's all moms, right?). Packed with scientifically fun examples of terrible parents in the animal kingdom, to remind and reassure any mother that there are way worse moms out there.

\*\*\*Unimpossible, hilarious and kind, this is the first novel from Kathryn Wallace, who blogs as I Know, I Need to Stop Talking\*\*\* "SAM AVA! Get downstairs, NOW. Have you done your TEETH? HAIR? SHOES?" Come on, come on, we're going to be beautiful! late again. No, I haven't seen Lego Optimus Prime, and nor do I give a shit about his whereabouts. Sam, will you stop winding your sister up and take this model of the Shard that I painstakingly sat up for you last night so that I wouldn't be in trouble with your teacher. I mean, so that you wouldn't be in trouble with your teacher. No, it doesn't smell of 'dirty wine'. Well, maybe it does a little bit. Look, Sam, I haven't got time to argue. Just hold your nose and get in the car, okay? AVA! TEETH! HAIR! SHOES!" Gemma is only just holding it together - she's a single parent, she's turning 40 and her seven-year-old daughter has drawn a cruelly accurate picture which creates Gemma's boss's whereabouts around her knees. So when her new next-door neighbour, Becky, suggests that Gemma should start dating again, it takes a lot of self-control not to laugh in her face. But Becky is very persuasive and before long Gemma finds herself juggling a full-time job, the increasingly insane demands of the school mums' Facebook group and the tricky etiquette of a new dating world. Not only that, but Gemma has to manage her attraction to her daughter's teacher, Tom, who has swapped his life in the City for teaching thirty six to seven year olds spelling, grammar, basic fractions - and why it's not ok to call your classmate a stinky poo-bum... It's going to be a long year - and one in which Gemma and Becky will learn a really crucial lesson: that in the end, being a good parent is just about being good enough. Readers love this hilarious, fast paced slice of family life. \*\*\*\*\* Utterly hysterical - NetGalley Reader \*\*\*\*\* "Brilliant... Funny, touching and modern... just amazing - NetGalley Reader \*\*\*\*\* I have been a mum at the school gates and the observations in this book are spot on. I shall be recommending it to all the school mums I know - NetGalley Reader \*\*\*\*\* A perfect read to snort with laughter over whilst lying in a bath with a glass of bubbles (if you can get the kids to stay out of the bathroom for long enough)! - NetGalley Reader \*\*\*\*\* Kathryn Wallace has Absolutely Smashed it with this novel. I loved it and couldn't put it down... had me properly laughing out loud several times - NetGalley Reader \*\*\*\*\* This will make you giggle about life as a parent where we are all spinning plates of different sizes and at different speeds. I would recommend wholeheartedly to fellow friends who are also spinning their own plates! - NetGalley Reader \*\*\*\*\* A hilariously, honest, open, recognisable and highly relatable story - NetGalley Reader \*\*\*\*\* "A light hearted but knows look at mummies, young mummies and can't quite manage everything mummies." -NetGalley Reader

From the creator of viral TikTok sensation, @MummyBanter, comes a hilarious warts-and-all novel about modern motherhood – and how having it all sometimes isn't what you think it might be.

There Are Moms Way Worse Than You
Swearing Is Good for You: The Amazing Science of Bad Language
Scream All Night
The Beloved Girls
Pages & Co.: The Lost Fairy Tales

History

For fans of Go the F\*ck to Sleep, Mommy Cusses is a hilarious novelty parenting book full of tell-it-like-it-is quotes, snarky lists, and too-true anecdotes that will resonate with new moms everywhere. For new-ish mothers who need to laugh at the absurdity of parenting so they don't cry, who are looking for a we're-in-this-together sense of solidarity, and who don't have time to read a "real" book, here is a hilarious and highly relatable collection of mom malarky. Here are real-talk quotes, helpful lists (such as "How to Look Like You Have Your Act Together!"), "mom-tivities," and quizzes, all delivered with a healthy dose of sarcasm. Packaged in a handy trim size with colorful illustrations throughout, Mommy Cusses is the perfect gift for moms and moms-to-be who need some comic relief. • GREAT GIFT: Mommy Cusses is super relatable and laugh-out-loud funny, making it an easy gift for Mother's Day or a baby shower, or an anytime gift for a parent. • PERENNIAL TOPIC: It doesn't take long to experience all the ups and downs of parenting. Mommy Cusses features timeless mommy humor that won't go out of style and a fresh look and feel that speaks to young parents. Perfect for: • Expectant parents and parents of children under 5 • Shoppers looking for a baby shower or Mother's Day gift for a friend, spouse, or daughter • Followers of the Mommy Cusses blog or Instagram account

The first book of the saga of The Runelords' Young Prince Gaborn Val Orden of Mysteria is traveling in disguise on a journey to ask for the hand of the lovely Princess Lome of Sylvarresta. Armed with his gifts of strength and perception, Prince Gaborn and his warrior bodyguard stop in a local tavern along the way. Immediately, they spot a pair of assassins who have their sights set on Princess Lome's father. As the prince and his bodyguard race to warn the king of this impending danger, they realize that more than the royal family is at risk, the very fate of the Earth is in jeopardy. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

A Vanity Fair Best Book of 2014. A Kirkus Reviews Best Fiction Book of 2014. When three dunting dolls intersect with one hapless heroine and a hard-boiled private eye, deception, betrayal, and murder stalk every mean street in...Kill My Mother. Adding to a legendary career that includes a Pulitzer Prize, an Academy Award, Obie Awards, and Lifetime Achievement Awards from the National Cartoonist Society and the Writers Guild of America, Jules Feiffer now presents his first noir graphic novel. Kill My Mother is a loving homage to the pulp-inspired films and comic strips of his youth. Channeling Eisner's The Spirit, along with the likes of Hammett, Chandler, Cain, John Huston, and Billy Wilder, and spiced with the deft humor for which Feiffer is renowned, Kill My Mother centers on five formidable women from two unrelated families, linked fatefully and fatally by a has-been, hard-drinking private detective. As our story begins, we meet Annie Hannigan, an out-of-control teenager, juggling in between in the 1930s. Annie dreams of offing her mother, Elsie, whom she blames for abandoning her for a job soon after her husband, a cop, is shot and killed. Now, employed by her husband's best friend—an over-the-hill and perpetually soused private eye—Elsie finds herself covering up his missteps as she is drawn into a case of a mysterious killer, who leads her into a decade-long drama of deception and dual identities sprawling from the Depression era to World War II Hollywood and the jungles of the South Pacific. Along with three femme fatales, an obsessed daughter, and a loner heroine, Kill My Mother features a fighter turned tap dancer, a small-time thug who dreams of being a hit man, a name-dropping cab driver, a communist liquor store owner, and a hunky movie star with a mind-boggling secret. Culminating in a U.S.O. tour on a war-torn Pacific island, this disparate band of old enemies congregate to settle scores. In a drawing style derived from Steve Canyon and The Spirit, Feiffer combines his long-honed skills as cartoonist, playwright, and screenwriter to draw us into this seductively menacing world where streets are black with soot and rain, and base motives and betrayal are served on the rocks in bars unsafe to enter. Bluesy, fast-moving, and funny, Kill My Mother is a trip to Hammett-Chandler-Cain Land. • A noir-graphic novel like the movies they don't make anymore.

A satirical, tragicomic story about a man on the edge from actor and comedian Miles Jupp. For readers of Jonathan Coe, Mark Watson, Michael Frayn and David Nicholls. Clive Haggood is feeling stuck. The private school he teaches at is consuming his life, no thanks to wretched headteacher Julian Crouch. The gentle country life Clive envisaged has stifled him and left his marriage on the brink. What he needs is a holiday - something to remind him and Helen what life used to be like. But when things don't go to plan, and an incident at school begins to weigh heavy on his head, Clive's life starts to unravel in front of him. Has he got it in him to turn things around, whatever the cost? After all, it's his own time he's wasting...

The Mummy who Wouldn't Die
the most gripping, emotional thriller of the year (a BBC Radio 2 Book Club pick)
And Other Classic Mummy Stories
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Life of P. T. Barnum
The Hands of Fate

The perfect gift, this book is not a how-to guide. It won't tell you how to get your baby to sleep, how to deal with toddler tantrums, how to be a good parent, a cool parent, or even a renegade parent. It's a book about parenting that contains absolutely no useful advice whatsoever. Instead, Hurrah for Gin shares beautifully honest anecdotes and illustrations from the parenting front line that demonstrate it is perfectly possible to love your children with the whole of your heart while finding them incredibly irritating at the same time. From pregnancy to starting school, Hurrah for Gin takes you through the exciting, frustrating, infuriating, and wonderful whirlwind of parenthood, offering solidarity and a friendly hug after a tough day. Best served with gin.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "A witty novel with the twists of a soap and the laughs of a rom-com." —InTouch Sophie Kinsella returns to her beloved Shopaholic series with Becky Brando (née Bloomwood) newly arrived in Hollywood and starry-eyed. She and her two-year-old daughter, Mimie, have relocated to L.A. to join Becky's husband, Luke, who is there to handle PR for famous actress Seymour. Becky can't wait to start living the A-list life, complete with celebrity sightings, yoo retreats, and shopping trips to Rodeo Drive. But she really hopes to become a personal stylist—Sage's personal stylist—if only Luke would set up an introduction. Then, unexpectedly, Becky is offered the chance to dress Sage's archival, and though things become a bit more complicated, it's a dream come true! Red carpet premieres, velvet ropes, paparazzi clamoring for attention—suddenly Becky has everything she's ever wanted. Or does she? Praise for Shopaholic to the Stars "Shopaholic Becky is funnier than ever as she tries to make it in Hollywood as a celeb stylist." —People "Our beloved heroine hilariously juggles motherhood and a new career. . . . Sophie Kinsella is such a genius." —Repubek "It's impossible not to fall in love with Becky and her antics, and this latest offering doesn't disappoint. With appeal for fans of Kinsella's prior Shopaholic books, this one will draw in new fans as well. Like her first six in the series, [Shopaholic to the Stars] is screamingly funny and lots of fun." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Take the caustic wit of Gillian Flynn and the comedy of manners of Edith Wharton, add a British accent—that's Sophie Kinsella." —The Globe and Mail "Fans of the series who love Becky just as she is (and has always been) will enjoy this seventh series entry. . . . Kinsella expertly plots this story and deftly drops in some unexpected twists." —Library Journal "Becky is a truly engaging narrator. She may be self-centered, a shopping addict and a bit flighty, but she's also good-natured and genuinely funny. It's a joy to accompany her on her journey, no matter how tangled it seems at times. A light, enjoyable read that's pure escapism." —Kirkus Reviews "Winsome Becky's romp through Hollywood will thoroughly entertain readers, and the novel's conclusion neatly paves the way for Becky's next adventure." —Booklist

A hilarious story of the ups and downs of unexpected single motherhood, the perfect laugh-out-loud romance for fans of Why Mummy Drinks, The Unmumsy Mum and The Not So Perfect Mum.

Welcome to the jungle... When you've grown up thinking your twenties are all about working hard, playing hard and trying not to get pregnant, life comes at you fast when you go from hump to bump. So you thought adulthood would mean a high-flying career and a luxury lifestyle, but instead have ended up with a Lycra-based wardrobe and a deep fear of what lies at the bottom of the ball-pit in soft play? Join comedian Sophie McCartney as she voyages deep into the uncharted territories of mating, birthing, feral offspring, mums overdoing it at the watering hole, and the perilous viper's nest of the school WhatsApp group. With laugh out loud humour and eye-watering honesty, Sophie shows how whether you've had a day full of whining or a night full of wine, there's joy to be had in the perfectly imperfect wild ride into parenthood.

Why Mummy Drinks: the Journal

WHY MUMMY SWEARS

The Runelords

Inspiring Profanity and Stimulating Sarcasm for Mamas Who've Seen It All

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Mummy Banter: The Secret Life of an Uncool Mum

The smash hit Sunday Times bestseller.

Why Mummy Drinks is the brilliant novel from Gill Sims, the author of the online sensation Peter and Jane.

The reader's decisions control the course of an adventure in which a sacred amulet must be returned to a museum mummy before the mummy notices that it is missing.

WINNER 2016 SCRIBE AWARD - BEST ADAPTED NOVEL! New Adaptation of the Cult Horror-Comedy Classic! I've enjoyed reading this really fun version of my "family movie," and I know you will too." - Jackey Neyman Jones (Debbie from Manos) "The worst movie ever made." - Entertainment Weekly Mike, Margaret, their young daughter Debbie, and toy poodle Pepe drive into the West Texas countryside looking forward to a relaxing family vacation. Instead, they discover an evil cult of undead polygamists led by The Master and his half-human servant, Torgo. Can the family make it out of the desert alive with both the cultists and the Hands of Fate against them? Based on the "so-bad-it's-good" cult horror classic, Manos: The Hands of Fate is the first of two Manos novelizations by award-winning author Stephen D. Sullivan. In this laugh-a-minute adaptation, Sullivan has captured all the zaniness of the "classic" low-budget feature - including every word of the original dialogue. Fans of MST3K, RiffTrax, or bad movies in general are in for a real treat! (Sullivan swears that the second Manos book -- due for fall-winter 2015 release -- will be a "serious horror" novel.)

The Sunday Times Number One Bestseller

The hilarious, unmissable novel from the brilliant Miles Jupp

Mommy Cusses

Her One Mistake

Gretchen

The Sunday Times Number One Bestselling Author

The second magical bookwandering adventure in the nationally bestselling Pages & Co. series, featuring Tilly Pages as she journeys to France to wander inside a peculiar book of fairytales. Perfect for fans of Inkheart and The Land of Stories. Tilly and her best friend Oskar are bookwanderers: a remarkable group of people who, using the magical power of books, can travel inside any story they choose. But on a wintry visit to Paris, the friends wander inside a book of fairy tales to find that peculiar things are happening: characters are getting lost, stories are all mixed up, and mysterious plot holes are opening without warning. . . . It's up to Tilly and Oskar to figure out what—or who—is behind the chaos. And after the friends come face-to-face with an old foe, they realize that villains can exist outside the pages of books. . . . and that sometimes, you don't get to live happily ever after. Praise for the Pages & Co. series: "Lemoncello would love to go bookwandering at Pages and Co. If you love books, you're going to LOVE this book!"—Chris Grabenstein, #1 New York Times best-selling author of the Mr. Lemoncello series "Highly recommended for readers young and old. An important reminder of the centrality of stories in shaping our lives."—School Library Journal, starred review "Winsomely harking back to the oldest children's classics, this has special appeal for romantic bibliophiles."—Kirkus Reviews "This series is made for book-lovers and attests to the power and importance of stories."—School Library Journal

Young Cassie Logan endures humiliation and witnesses the racism of the KKK as they embark on a cross-burning rampage, before she fully understands the importance her family attributes to having land of their own.

Winner of Young Adult Library Services Association's 2014 Great Graphic Novel for Teens Francis von Blood, a vampire and good family man, operates the one-of-a-kind theme park Zombiellenium. But this unique amusement park doesn't just hire anyone: mere mortals need not apply—only genuine werewolves, vampires, zombies, and other citizens from the undead community are employed. A stunningly beautiful, fully painted graphic novel, this work presents a witty humorous and lighthearted take on the traditional horror genre.

A darkly hilarious contemporary realistic young adult novel about growing up and finding your place in the world, perfect for fans of Me and Earl and the Dying Girl and Running with Scissors. Goodreads Hottest YA Books of Summer • B&N Teen Blog Most Anticipated YA Debuts of 2018 • Buzzfeed 27 YA Books You'll Want to Devour by the Pool This Summer DARIO HEYWARD KNOWS ONE THING: He's never going back to Moldavia Studios, the iconic castle that served as the set, studio, and home to the cast and crew of dozens of cult classic B-horror movies. It's been three years since Dario's even seen the place, after getting legally emancipated from his father, the infamous director of Moldavia's creature features. But then Dario's brother invites him home to a mysterious ceremony involving his father and a tribute to his first film—The Curse of the Mummy's Tongue. Dario swears his homecoming will be a one-time visit. A way for him to get closure on his past—and reunite with Hayley, his first love and costar of Zombie Children of the Harvest Sun, a production fraught with real-life tragedy—and say good-bye for good. But the unthinkable happens—Dario gets sucked back into the undead world of Hellia and the horrors, both real and imagined, he's left there. With only months to rescue the sinking studio and everyone who has built their lives there, Dario must confront the demons of his past—and the uncertainties of his future. But can he escape the place that's haunted him his whole life?

Absolutely Smashing It!

The Land of Stories: An Author's Odyssey

Lost in a Pyramid

Kill My Mother: A Graphic Novel

Why Mummy Swears

Why Mummy Drinks

Why reverent and impeccably researched defense of our dirtiest words. We're often told that swearing is outrageous or even offensive, that it's a sign of a stunted vocabulary or a limited intellect. Dictionaries have traditionally omitted it and parents forbid it. But the latest research by neuroscientists, psychologists, sociologists, and others has revealed that swear words, curses, and oaths—when used judiciously—can have surprising benefits. In this sparkling debut work of popular science, Emma Byrne examines the latest research to show how swearing can be good for you. With humor and colorful language, she explores every angle of swearing—why we do it, how we do it, and what it tells us about ourselves. Not only has some form of swearing existed since the earliest humans began to communicate, but it has been shown to reduce physical pain, to lower anxiety, to prevent physical violence, to help trauma victims recover language, and to promote human cooperation. Taking readers on a whirlwind tour through scientific experiments, historical case studies, and cutting-edge research on language in both humans and other primates, Byrne defends cursing and demonstrates how much it can reveal about different cultures, their taboos and their values. Packed with the results of unlikely and often hilarious scientific studies—from the "ice-bucket test" for coping with pain, to the connection between Tourette's and swearing, to a chimpanzee that curses at her handler in sign language—Swearing Is Good for You presents a lighthearted but convincing case for the foulmouthed.

"As he rushed madly and wildly through the night, he could hear a swirl, dry pattering behind him, and could see that this horror was bounding at his heels, with blazing eyes and one skinny arm out-thrown." A mummy disappears from its sarcophagus in the dead of night; a crazed Egyptologist entombs a beautiful young woman; a student at Oxford reveals the terrible secrets of an ancient papyrus. These are among the 12 tales from the golden age of the mummy story collected here—stories that still cast a spell with their different versions of the mummy's curse, some chilling, others darkly romantic and even comic. This enthralling collection is introduced by Andrew Smith, a leading expert on ghost stories and Victorian gothic.

They were inseparable until an innocent mistake tore them apart. Growing up, Viola and Issy clung to each other in the wake of their mother's eccentricity, as she dragged them from a commune to a tiny Welsh village. They thought the three of them would be together forever. But an innocent mistake one summer set them on drastically different paths. Now in their twenties, Issy is trying to hold together a life as a magazine art director, while Viola is slowly destroying herself, consumed with guilt over the events they unknowingly set into motion as children. When it seems that Viola might never recover, Issy returns to the town they haven't seen in a decade, to face her own demons and see what answers, if any, she can find. A deeply moving, gripping debut, this is a novel about the secrets we carry, and the bonds between twins.

It began -- and ended -- in 1958 when seven children searched in the drains beneath Derry for an evil creature, but in 1985, Mike, once one of those children, makes six phone calls and disinters an unremembered promise that sets off the ultimate terror.

Shopaholic to the Stars

The Wild Ride Into Parenthood
The Tea Ladies of St Jude's Hospital

Hurrah for Gin

When #fml means family

The Turn of the Key

The hilarious second novel, and Sunday Times No 1 Bestseller, from author of the smash hit Why Mummy Drinks.Monday, 25 July The first day of the holidays. I suppose it could've been worse. I brightly announced that perhaps it might be a lovely idea to go to a stately home and learn about some history. As soon as we got there I remembered why I don't use the flipping National Trust membership - because National Trust properties are full of very precious and breakable items, and very precious and breakable items don't really mix with children, especially not small boys.Where I had envisaged childish faces glowing with wonder as they took in the treasures of our nation's illustrious past, we instead had me shouting 'Don't touch, DON'T TOUCH, FFS DON'T TOUCH!' while stoutly shod pensioners tutted disapprovingly and drafted angry letters to the Daily Mail in their heads.How many more days of the holiday are there?Welcome to Mummy's world...The Boy Child Peter is connected to his Dad by an umbilical cord. The Girl Child Jane is desperate to make her fortune as an Instagram lifestyle influencer, while Daddy is constantly off on exotic business trips...Mummy's marriage is feeling the strain, her kids are running wild and the house is steadily developing a forest of mould. Only Judy, the Proud and Noble Terrier, remains loyal as always.Mummy has also found herself a new challenge, working for a hot new tech start-up. But not only is she worrying it, at forty-two, she could actually get up off a bean bag with dignity, she's also somehow (accidentally) rebranded herself as a single party girl who works hard, plays hard and doesn't have to run out when the nanny calls in sick.Can Mummy keep the facade while keeping her family afloat? Can she really get away with wearing 'comly trousers' to work? And, more importantly, can she find the time to pour herself a large G-T?Probably effing not.

The fifth book in Chris Colfer's #1 New York Times bestselling series The Land of Stories!The Masked Man has captured all the royal families from the Land of Stories with the help of his army of literature's greatest villains, including the Wicked Witch of the West, the Queen of Hearts, and Captain Hook. With his sinister plan finally in motion, he is eager to destroy the families and take his place as emperor. Alex and Connor know they are no match against the Masked Man's legion of villains, but they realize that they may be in possession of the greatest weapon of all: their own imaginations! So begins the twins' journey into Connor's very own stories to gather an army of pirates, cyborgs, superheroes, and mummies as they band together for the ultimate fight against the Masked Man.

Mrs.Windle, an even more dangerous plan is brewing—one that could change the fates of both the fairy-tale world and the Otherworld forever. Connor's takes come alive in the thrilling fifth adventure in the #1 New York Times bestselling Land of Stories series.

Why Mummy Swears is the much anticipated new novel from Gill Sims, author of the hilarious Why Mummy Drinks and online sensation Peter and Jane. It's every parent's nightmare - the start of the school holidays - and instead of sitting in the sun, reading a book over a cold, crisp glass of Pinot Grigio, Mummy has two bored moppets to attend to. After frantically booking sports camps, child minder slots, not to mention time off work, Mummy is exhausted. But this is only the beginning... After being dragged to join the school's PTA in the new term by an annoyingly kind-spirited neighbour, Mummy is stuck with organising the Christmas Fayre and pleasing all the overly disapproving parents. In combination with getting to know her father's surprise new glamorous (and much younger) wife, and being forced to spend more time with her narcissistic mother, life isn't cutting her much of a break. What more could possibly happen?

"Glamorous, beautiful Mummy has everything a woman could want. Except for a daughter of her very own. So when she sees Kim - heavily pregnant, glued to her phone and ignoring her eldest child in a busy shop - she does what anyone would do. She takes her. But foul-mouthed little Tonya is not the daughter that Mummy was hoping for. As Tonya fiercely resists Mummy's attempts to make her into the perfect child, Kim is demised by the media as a 'cummy mummy', who deserves to have her other children taken too. Haunted by memories of her own childhood and refusing to play by the media's rules, Kim begins to spiral, turning on those who love her. Though they are worlds apart, Mummy and Kim have more in common than they could possibly imagine. But it is five-year-old Tonya who is caught in the middle..."—Publisher.

Tired and Tested

My Invisible Boyfriend

Why Mummy Drinks

An LGBT romantic comedy with a twist from the Comedy Women in Print prize winner Laura Steven, author of The Exact Opposite of Okay. "A brilliant social satire. . . . disarmingly charming and relatable. . . . it was hilarious. Laura Steven is an explosive talent on the page!" - CWIP judges Marian Keyes, Kathy Lette, Katy Brand, Allison Pearson, Shazia Mirza and Jennifer Young "Laura Steven simultaneously destroyed the patriarchy and made me laugh so hard I choked. I will protect Izzy O'Neill with my life." - Becky Albertalli, author of Love, Simon. Physics genius Caro Kerber-Murphy knows she's smart. With straight As and a college scholarship already in the bag, she's meeting her two dads' colossal expectations and then some. But there's one test she's never quite been able to ace: love. And when, in a particularly desperate moment, Caro discovers a (definitely questionable) scientific breakthrough that promises to make you irresistible to everyone around you, she wonders if this could be the key. What happens next will change everything Caro thought she knew about chemistry - in the lab and in love. Is hot guy Haruki with her of his own free will? Are her feelings for her best friend some sort of side-effect? Will her dog, Sirius, ever stop humping her leg? A hilarious LGBTQ love story with a (double) twist, The Love Hypothesis is perfect for fans of Sex Education, Booksmart, Becky Albertalli and Jenny Han.