When a young Ayrshire band unexpectedly hits the big time with the smash hit record of 1984, everything looks rosy, despite their delusional young manager and a thwarted plot to kidnap Boy George. What could possibly go wrong? The riotously funny, heartwarming, and deeply poignant second book in the bestselling Disco Days Trilogy. ***Now adapted for the stage by Scotland's Borderline Theatre Co. and the Ayr Gaiety theatre*** ‘This band would definitely bring on Stockholm Syndrome’ Boy George ‘An astonishing tour de force’ John Niven ‘A great white-knuckle read set in the world of hope, dreams and DIY pop’ Stuart Cosgrove ———— The Rise and Fall of the Miraculous Vespas is the timeless story of the quest for pop immortality. When a young Ayrshire band miraculously hits the big time with the smash hit record of 1984, international stardom beckons. That's despite having a delusional teenage manager propelled by a dark, malign voice in his head... Can Max Mojo's band of talented social misfits repeat the success and pay back the mounting debts accrued from an increasingly agitated cartel of local gangsters? Or will they have to kidnap Boy George and hope for the best? Featuring much-loved characters from the international bestseller, The Last Days of Disco, this is an absurdly funny, riotously ambitious and deeply human story of small-town rivalries, music, confused adolescence and, above all, hope, from one of Scotland's finest new voices. ———— Praise for David F. Ross 'This is a book that might just make you cry like nobody's watching' Iain MacLeod, Sunday Mail 'Warm, funny and evocative' Chris Brookmyre 'Crucially Ross's novel succeeds in balancing light and dark, in that it can leap smoothly from brutal social realism to laugh-out-loud humour within a few sentences' Press & Journal 'More than just a nostalgic recreation of the author's youth, it's a compassionate, affecting story of a family in crisis at a time of upheaval and transformation, when disco wasn't the only thing whose days were numbered' Herald Scotland 'Ross creates beautifully rounded characters full of humanity and perhaps most of all, hope. It will make you laugh. It will make you cry. It s rude, keenly observed and candidly down to earth' Liam Ruddon, Scotsman 'There's a bittersweet poignancy to David F. Ross's debut novel, The Last Days of Disco' Edinburgh Evening News 'Full of comedy, pathos and great tunes' Hardeep Singh Kohli 'Dark, hilarious and heartbreaking' Muriel Gray 'If I saw that in a store I would buy it without even looking at what was inside' Irvine Welsh 'Like the vinyl that crackles off every page ... as warm and authentic as Roddy Doyle at his very best' Nick Quantrill 'A solid-gold hit of a book! The closest you'll ever get to being on Top of the Pops' Colin McCredie
First century private detective Jake Jezreel is drawn into a mysterious case involving a rare black jewel. The case begins rather simply with a request by James, the head of the Jerusalem church, to locate a missing fellow minister in the church. This puzzling disappearance has the entire Christian church in Jerusalem concerned and praying for their missing pastor. Soon, the investigation for the missing person diverts Jake into a more elaborate course, that of trailing after a jewel known as The Black Diamond. Detective Jake Jezreel had never heard of The Black Diamond. And yet this mysterious object will plunge him and his wife, Hannah, into an adventurous investigation like he had never experienced before. What kind of power did this lustrous, gorgeous diamond have over men? How could it make men hate and attack each other to own it? Will Jake be drawn into the powerful, magnetic influence this black beauty possesses? Only a nerve-racking climax at the Hippodrome in Caesarea can bring the answers Jake is searching for.

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" One of the cool things about this story is that it is told by two different narrators. Both are very interesting and well-written characters. Readers will love their interconnected stories." Janelle Fila, for Readers' Favorite Fall in love with the series readers say is, "Full of excitement, adventure, and romance. This series will capture your attention from beginning to end." Book 1 - Dive into Everblue, Book #1 in Mer Tales, winner of Best I've Read She wanted her life to change he wanted his to stay the same. Seventeen-year-old Ashlyn Lanski is tired of her boring, single life. Swimming and spending time with Tatiana, her best friend, are her only sanctuary. The girls plan to leave their drab lakeside town far behind for college, and Ash hopes to finally ditch her longtime crush for Finley, Tatiana's twin brother. But when Tatiana and her family fail to return home after a family emergency, Ashlyn chooses to do something drastic to cope with losing them. Finley Helton and his family are good at blending in as they run their sailing charter business in Lake Tahoe. But together, they guard an ancient secret. When a not so routine meeting forces Finley, Tatiana and their mother to return to Natatoria and Fin's father on a dangerous mission, Fin can't stay caged up for long. Book 2 - Evergreen, winner of BEST I'VE READ: Books Complete Me and Once Upon a Twilight. ----- A kingdom on the brink of war. A king on the fringes of insanity. A family running for their lives. Book 3 - EVERLOST Mer Tales is a Clean Sci-Fi Romance

This book documents hundreds of customs and traditions practiced in countries outside of the United States, showcasing the diversity of birth, coming-of-age, and death celebrations worldwide. • Examines cultural events in the general categories of birth and childhood events, teen and early adulthood milestones, and aging and death customs • Offers primary and cultural document excerpts that are useful for the purposes of meeting Common Core standards • Includes color inserts that help bring the text to life • Features sidebars that present fun facts, interesting anecdotes, and recipes that are often used to celebrate various life-cycle customs in different countries • Provides information ideal for students studying geography, global studies, anthropology, and world cultures

Plutarch's Parallel Lives were written to compare famous Greeks and Romans. This most obvious aspect of their parallelism is frequently ignored in the drive to mine Plutarch for historical fact. However, the eleven contributors to the present volume, who include most of the world's leading commentators on Plutarch, together bring out many ways in which Plutarch invoked aspects of parallelism. They show how pervasive and how central the whole notion was to his thinking. With new analysis of the synkriseis; with discussion of parallels within and across the Lives and in the Moralia; with an examination of why the basic parallel structure of the Lives lost its importance in the Renaissance, this volume presents fresh ideas on a neglected topic crucial to Plutarch's literary creation.

Summer special 2-in-1 edition of the first two books in the Pony Club Secrets series.

This collection of articles, thoroughly documented, analyses particular aspects of the Spanish 16th and 17th centuries. It discusses a range of topics, including the Catholic reason of state, anti-Machiavellianism, and royal power and its limits, from the point of view of Golden Age authors. This is a work where literature, law theory and political philosophy combine their efforts to offer an unusual portrait of power in Spanish society during a time of deep change.

Human Resource Management presents multifaceted and all-inclusive information that will be useful to students of human resource management as well as practising human resource managers. Using a highly readable style and real-life examples from India.

You cant just reveal something related to the future and then say you cant tell me what it means, Han put to Master Li. Sorry, Li replied. The future is tricky stuff if I tell you I know, Han shot back. Youll upset the natural flow of time. The future doesnt exist. Its made up of probabilities! That doesnt help us. Were in the middle of a crisis! Han is right, Michael added. You must tell us something, Master Li. Our friends lives are at stake. Im not even suppose to be looking at the future when I walk the timeline! Li protested. I only meant to help Then you leave us no choice but to suffer our fate, Han said, resigned. Chance is all we ever have when fate is concerned, Li pointed out. Perhaps not if you can figure things out in time master strategist, Michael suggested. We can only hope, Han said. I have a bad feeling, Michael this time will be different.


Curious about magic, Lucius accidentally transforms himself into an ass, which leads to a long train of events until the goddess Isis, restores him to human form. The tale includes 7 inset stories as well as Lucius' own adventures which begin when he is stolen, set to work as an ass by hard masters, beaten, and sent to die, rescued, and more.

The bestselling videogames annual is back! Bursting with mind-blowing records and tantalizing trivia, the Guinness World Records 2016: Gamer's Edition is a must-have for any gaming fan. Whether you're all about the latest first-person shooter, an app aficionado, an MMO master, or a die-hard retro gamer, you'll find show-stopping records, top 10 roundups, quick-fire facts and stats, and hundreds of amazing new images from all your favorite games. What's more, brand new for this year's book is a dedicated section just for Minecraft fans, with a mega-showcase of the greatest construction records, in-
game tips and lots more blocky goodness. Plus, discover which tech milestones have been smashed in the last year — in both software and hardware, get all the insider secrets from industry experts, and marvel at the players who have leveled up to the very top of the leaderboards. Think you can challenge the current champions? Look inside to see how to break your very own record! Guinness World Records: Gamer’s Editions have sold a whopping 3+ million copies. Find out for yourself why it’s a game-changer!

For as long as he can remember, fourteen-year-old Joshua Blevins has wanted to be a superhero. He has the brains, the passion, and the heart. There’s only one problem: he doesn’t have any superpowers. But Josh isn’t about to let that stop him. Determined not to give up on his dream, Josh enlists the aid of his mentor, Captain Fearless, a retired costumed adventurer, to gain entrance to the Burlington Academy for the Superhuman under the false identity of Chance Fortune—a superhuman with the power of having unnaturally good luck. Masquerading as Chance, Josh rises among the ranks of his fellow students at the Academy, eventually becoming the leader of his own combat team, the Outlaws. Together, Chance and his teammates Psy-Chick, Shocker, Gothika, Space Cadet, Iron Maiden, and Private Justice make new friends, battle new enemies, and ultimately find themselves caught up in a struggle for the fate of the universe. Can Chance and the Outlaws save the universe—AND survive their freshman year? At the Publisher’s request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

This collection of poems from turn of the century North Carolina are written in local dialectic, and describes the post-bellum Southern perspective, particularly focusing on the African American experience as seen by a white author.

Rediscover the classic magical adventure of the Little Wooden Horse, brought to life with the original inside illustrations from the author of Milly-Molly-Mandy, Joyce Lankester Brisley. When Uncle Peder the toymaker falls on hard times, his little wooden horse must go out into the world to seek his fortune. But whether he’s working in a coal mine, sailing the seven seas with a band of pirates, or walking the tightrope in a circus, the loyal little horse only has one wish: to return to his beloved master. Originally published in 1938, Ursula Moray-Williams’ The Adventures of the Little Wooden Horse is her most famous story and continues to be one of the most-loved classic stories of children's literature.

Now in its eighth edition, Guinness World Records Gamer’s Edition 2015 Ebook is the ultimate guide for videogame lovers, perfect for reading on smart devices on the go. Whether you’re an avid fan of platformers, shooters, MMOs or racing games, there’s something for everyone, including interviews with industry experts, handy in-game tips and, of course, hundreds of amazing new records. In this year’s Gamer’s Edition, the book features a countdown of the top 50 videogames of all time, based on our readers’ poll. Be sure to check out where your favourite games rank. Also get the lowdown on all the latest hardware developments, from next-gen virtual-reality peripherals like Oculus Rift and Project Morpheus to who’s the reigning champion in the battle of the eighth-gen consoles: PlayStation 4 or Xbox One — place your bets now! But the Gamer’s Edition isn’t all about the games and consoles – it’s also a showcase of the most dedicated gamers in the world. Meet the chart-topping players who have completed games the quickest, earned the most points or collected the most memorabilia. Maybe they’ll inspire you to break a gaming record of your own…

The seventh gripping adventure in this exciting pony-club series. With gymkhanas to win, rivals to defeat, mysteries to solve and ponies in danger to save — these books are perfect for all readers who love ponies.

Prinzessin Haya ist drei Jahre alt, als ihre Mutter bei einem Hubschrauberabsturz ums Leben kommt.

‘the Wacky Misadventures of Warble McGorkle’ is a picaresque satire that traces its literary lineage back to 'Don Quixote', 'Huckleberry Finn', and 'A Confederacy of Dunces'. Through the protagonist's zany antics, it pokes fun at the 'get rich quick' and 'get rich by any means possible' philosophies prevalent in today's society. Warble McGorkle, the protagonist, considers himself a genius. In reality, he is a jumble-headed, paranoid megalomaniac. My novel is the (somewhat darkly) humorous account of his meteoric rise from drifter to President of the United States. Warble and his wife Mary crisscross the U.S.A. at breakneck speed, as Warble endeavors to stay one step ahead of pursuers (most of them imaginary). Everywhere he and Mary go, Warble concocts a cockamamie scheme to get fabulously rich and to propel himself to the pinnacle of society, where his fame—so he reasons, anyway—will make him safe from the forces supposedly arrayed against him. Among several other ventures, Warble: Forms a polka punk band in St. Augustine, Florida; Creates a reality-TV show named 'Bad Boyz Behind Barz', which makes use of webcams in federal penitentiaries; Markets himself as a super-hero, 'The Color-Blind Chameleon', using his manufactured fame to land lucrative endorsement contracts; and founds a biotech firm that produces and sells a pill which transforms the pill ingester's personality. Finally, after serving a term as governor of the state of Wisconsin, Warble, along with his wife Mary as his Vice Presidential running mate, is elected President of the United States.

Discover who will be crowned the world's most record-breaking family in the book that's perfect for fans of The Guinness Book of World Records! The rivalry between the Whipples and the Goldwins escalates to an all-out war as the World Record World Championships draw near. When sinister clowns Overkill and Undercut cause a regulation game of hide-and-seek to go horrifically wrong, recordless Arthur Whipple and his unlikely ally, Ruby Goldwin, set out to catch the clowns’ mysterious boss, known only as “the Treasurer.” The young detectives follow the clues through darkened alleyways, dingy nightclubs, and the gothic halls of the World Record Archives, where they unravel the mystery of the Lyon's Curse and the secrets of their fathers’ shared past. In the end, Arthur must fight to save his family as he struggles to earn his first world record and prove himself worthy of the Whipple name.

Katie O'Dwyer flees the constraints of her rural Irish upbringing for the excitement of London. Here she meets and falls in love with William Melville: the imposing head of the Melville fashion dynasty. Elusive, charismatic; married. Their affair is brief but passionate. Katie conceives a child. Fifteen years later she succumbs to cancer; and her beautiful daughter Caitlin finds that she must go to live in England, with the father she has never met. Her half-sisters - cold, high-achieving Elizabeth, and spoilt princess Amber - react to her with hostility; while their elegant mother is too high on valium to notice what goes on. Reeling from her mother's death, unable to fit into this alien world, Caitlin is sent away to boarding school. It is here that something happens which is so awful, so brutalizing, it will change Caitlin forever . . . Over the next fifteen years the sisters’ lives will take them in very different directions. Golden girl Elizabeth will enter the family business, hoping to fulfil her destiny of taking the helm; longing above all for her father's approval. But Caitlin remains William's favourite; even though she has rejected his love and his money. In fact, Caitlin's success as a high-fashion designer has been achieved entirely on her own terms. Amber, meanwhile, is too beautiful for her own good. Spoilt but unloved, she craves attention: this makes her easy pickings for predatory men. But the sisters' paths will continue to cross. Because the simple truth is that, no matter how far you go, you cannot escape the claims of family.

A richly textured account of what it means to be poor in America Baltimore was once a vibrant manufacturing town, but today, with factory closings and steady job loss since the 1970s, it is home to some of the most impoverished neighborhoods in America. The Hero's Fight provides an intimate look
at the effects of deindustrialization on the lives of Baltimore’s urban poor, and sheds critical light on the unintended consequences of welfare policy on our most vulnerable communities. Drawing on her own uniquely immersive brand of fieldwork, conducted over the course of a decade in the neighborhoods of West Baltimore, Patricia Fernández-Kelly tells the stories of people like D. B. Wilson, Big Floyd, Towanda, and others whom the American welfare state treats with a mixture of contempt and pity—what Fernández-Kelly calls "ambivalent benevolence." She shows how growing up poor in the richest nation in the world involves daily interactions with agents of the state, an experience that differs significantly from that of more affluent populations. While ordinary Americans are treated as citizens and consumers, deprived and racially segregated populations are seen as objects of surveillance, containment, and punishment. Fernández-Kelly provides new insights into such topics as globalization and its effects on industrial decline and employment, the changing meanings of masculinity and femininity among the poor, social and cultural capital in poor neighborhoods, and the unique roles played by religion and entrepreneurship in destitute communities. Blending compelling portraits with in-depth scholarly analysis, The Hero’s Fight explores how the welfare state contributes to the perpetuation of urban poverty in America.

"Playing Through" features informed and insightful pieces on pro golf from the early 1980s to the present from one of the game’s most respected writers--

Maps of the universe and technologies of the future absorbed in the minds of creation. The ancient astronauts called magicians trying to rebuild earth with a constant flow of agony Art Maximus being in charge of this focus on a better world. Foe's of madness interfere a mercenary by the name of Quintas turns through the tides of knowledge and builds his army to reshape the earth into his own name. Disasters of the soul Fraser Voltaire now the king of York is being influenced by pressures from his unknown past the ancient world that he has forgotten. After of the murder of his wife Lady Venice a timetable of a scientific war begins. The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World are rebuilt in the 1600's after being destroyed hundreds of years ago. The mysteries of the world are announced through this rebirth this hidden history of the world. The unseen magicians interact with world events changing the course of time setting the world back this earth being distorted brings only more grief when Quintas entertains the idea of being an inventor ignoring the complexities of Leonardo da Vinci.

Many people make significant contributions to society outside of the spotlight. Patrick Yearly profiles over 300 people whose names are not well known, but life’s work has made a lasting impact. From the fields of business, medicine, science and sports to the arts, education and many more, he covers a wide range of accomplishments that have made a profound impact on everyday life.