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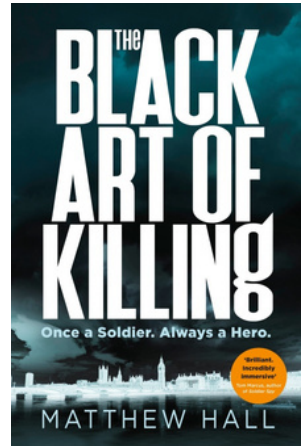
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About the Author

Matthew Hall graduated from Oxford University before serving as a barrister. He then became a screenwriter, and has since has won several awards including a BAFTA Cymru for Keeping Faith. Two of his novels have been shortlisted for the Crime Writers' Association Gold Dagger.

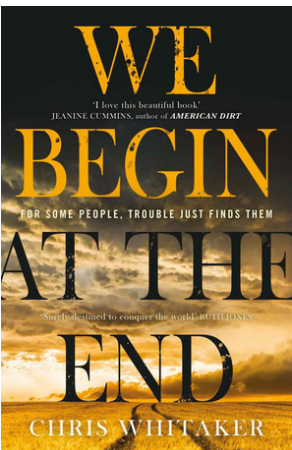
About the Book

Now an adored lecturer destined for tenure among the gleaming Oxford spires, Leo Black served the SAS for twenty years with distinction. When the friend he fought alongside is killed in Paris trying to prevent an abduction, the world Leo has tried to put behind him begins to reel him back in. But as Leo gets closer to the startling truth about his friend's death, he faces a difficult decision - to forget the training, and be the man the university wants him to be... Or remember that not so long ago, he was a truly exceptional soldier..



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About the Author

Chris Whitaker was born in London and spent ten years working as a financial trader in the city. He now lives in Hertfordshire with his wife and two young sons. His debut novel, Tall Oaks, won the CWA John Creasey New Blood Dagger.

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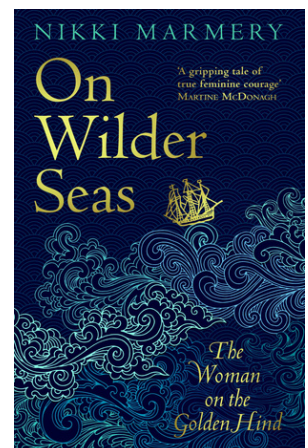
Thirty years ago, Vincent King became a killer. Now, he's been released from prison and is back in California. Not everyone is pleased to see him. Like Star Radley, his ex-girlfriend, and sister of the girl he killed. Duchess Radley, Star's 13-year-old daughter, is part-carer, part-protector to her younger brother, Robin - and to her deeply troubled mother. But in trying to protect Star, Duchess inadvertently sets off a chain of events that will have tragic consequences not only for her family, but also the whole town..

About the Author

Nikki worked as a financial journalist for 15 years. She now lives in the countryside, where she writes historical fiction and watches Gardeners World unironically. Earlier drafts of this book were shortlisted for the Myriad Editions First Drafts Competition 2017 and the Historical Novel Society's New Novel Award 2018.

About the Book

April 1579: When two ships meet off the Pacific coast of New Spain, an enslaved woman seizes the chance to escape. But Maria has unwittingly joined Francis Drake's circumnavigation voyage and he's about to set sail on a secret detour to find the fabled Anian Straits in the far north. Sailing into danger, fog and ice on the Golden Hind, a lone woman among eighty men, Maria will be tested to the very limits of her endurance. Inspired by a true story, this is the tale of one woman's uncharted voyage of survival.



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About the Author

Owen Matthews was born in London and studied Modern History at Oxford University before becoming a freelance journalist in Bosnia. His stories have appeared in the Spectator, Private Eye, The Times and The Telegraph, and he has also worked at The Moscow Times. From 2001 to 2006 he was based in Istanbul, covering the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, and from 2006 – 14 he was Newsweek's Moscow bureau chief.

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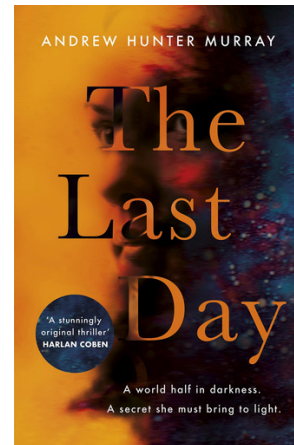
It is the dawn of the 1960s. In order to investigate the gruesome death of a brilliant, young physicist, KGB officer Major Alexander Vasin must leave Moscow for Arzamas-16, a top-secret research city that does not appear on any map. There he comes up against the brightest, most cut-throat brain-trust in Russia who, on the orders of Nikita Khrushchev himself, are building the largest nuclear bomb ever created. RDS-220 is a project of such vital national importance that the scientists of Arzamas-16 are free to think and act, live and love as they wish... as long as they complete the project, and build the most powerful nuclear device ever known..

About the Author

For ten years, Andrew has been one of the writers and researchers behind the BBC show QI. He is one of the co-hosts of QI's spin-off podcast, No Such Thing As A Fish, which since 2014 has released 250 episodes, been downloaded 200 million times, and toured the world. Andrew also writes jokes and journalism for Private Eye magazine, and hosts their podcast. This is his first novel.

About the Book

A world half in darkness. A secret she must bring to light. 2059. The world has stopped turning. One half suffers an endless frozen night; the other, nothing but burning sun. Only in a slim twilight region between them can life survive. In an isolationist Britain, scientist Ellen Hopper receives a letter from a dying man. It contains a powerful and dangerous secret. One that those in power will kill to conceal...



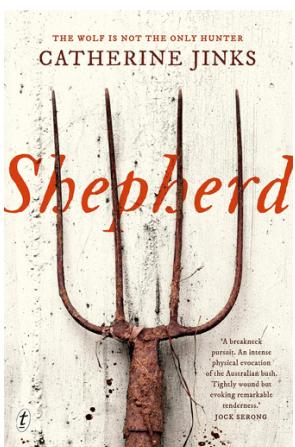
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About the Author

Catherine Jinks was born in Brisbane but grew up in Papua New Guinea. She is a four-time winner of the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year award, and has also won a Victorian Premier's Literature Award, the Adelaide Festival Award for Literature, the Ena Noel Award for Children's Literature and an Aurealis Award for Science Fiction. In 2001 she was presented with a Centenary Medal for her contribution to Australian Children's Literature.

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Tom Clay was a poacher back in Suffolk. He was 12 when he was transported to New South Wales. Now, assigned to a shepherd's hut out west, he is a boy among violent men. The question is: how fast can he learn? Because a vicious killer is coming for him. And if Tom can't outwit them in the bush – and convince his mate Rowdy to keep his stupid mouth shut – their deaths will be swift and cruel.

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