

## Chris Rea Driving Home For Christmas Sheet Music For

Using both poetry and prose, author Joachim Matschoss exposes truths that turn tiny moments into revelations. He finds appreciation as he uncovers profound insights in common life experiences. Meet the variety of people that he encounters as he treks through Europe and Australia, and the discoveries he makes as a result. This literary journal is no ordinary account of the author's travels. Poetry and snippets of prose stand next to short stories about the everyday moments, the little idiosyncrasies, the people you meet on the road. Matschoss writes with the meditative attention that is needed when visiting places that seem foreign, but were once home, and in a way still are. - Lukas Drihy, poet/writer The most distinctive feature in Matschoss' new poems are their beautiful clarity and the sense of stillness. - Campbell Connors, poet/writer Joachim Matschoss is an accomplished teacher of theatre, and also writes plays and poetry.

Driving Home for Christmas  
A feel-good read to warm your heart this Christmas  
Headline

ABOUT THIS BOOK For those of you adult readers who have ever wondered about what it would be like to aspire to become a gynaecologist, well now is your

chance to find out! Desmond Parunia, in writing 'Caught in a Flap', tells a story seen through the eyes of a young schoolboy, Mikey Jones. Mikey who emigrated to sunny Rhodesia in the late sixties, becomes fascinated by the mystery of female anatomy after spending most of his free time frolicking in swimming pools surrounded by bikini-clad beauties. Having only two brothers and no sisters only added to the intrigue! Nothing like this ever happened at Epsom Baths! Desmond takes us through the frustration and excitement of a young man growing up in a world where there appeared to be an endless supply of new experiences. A world where one was about to discover rude films, pop music, stereo Hi Fi, candy-coloured super fast Japanese motorcycles, driving cars, drinking beer and of course.....girls! Mikey has a reasonable shot at most of the material things, but the girls remain elusive, particularly from the point of revealing their dark secret! In desperation, Mikey tries to impress them with his ambition to become a gynaecologist. The story then goes on to unravel a disjointed and sometimes hilarious escapade of life sketches capturing mainly the highs but sometimes the lows of what it was really like fulfilling that ambition. Please note that the author does not recommend you reading this book to your children at bed time! An honest, positive and personal journey through the angst of adulting, showing the difference Jesus makes

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Log fires, long walks through the snow... Escape to Huntersbrook House this Christmas in this bestselling winter warmer from Emma Hannigan. 'A wonderful, magical storyteller' Cathy Kelly Christmas at Huntersbrook House has always been a family tradition - log fires, long walks through the snowy fields and evenings spent in the local pub. And this year the three grown-up Craig children are looking forward to the holidays more than ever. Pippa to escape her partying lifestyle and mounting debts in Dublin; Joey the demands of his gorgeous girlfriend who seems intent on coming between him and his family; and Lainey to forget about her controlling ex and his recent engagement to another woman. But with the family livery yard in financial trouble, this Christmas could be the Craig family's last at Huntersbrook as they face the prospect of selling the ancestral house. As the holiday season gets underway, the family need to come up with a way to save their home, and face the problems they've been running away from in Dublin. And what better place to figure things out than around the fire at Huntersbrook House? Readers loved snuggling up with the winter treat DRIVING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS... 'A lovely Christmas read perfect to snuggle up with!' Between the Pages 'I could almost feel the snow falling around me. A wonderful festive read' Megan ReadingintheSunshine 'A great feel-good book which I just couldn't put down!' Chicklit Club 'A lovely warm read... full of Christmas spirit'

Sylwia's Bookshelf 'The perfect Christmas book' Novelle Novels

'IT'S A CRIME STORY WOUND UP IN SUPERNATURAL, NERVE-JANGLING CREEPINESS. BE WARNED, YOU'LL BE PEERING UNDER THE BED BEFORE YOU SWITCH OUT THE LIGHT!' PETERBOROUGH TELEGRAPH

Fifteen years ago, 29 Barley Street in Menham, south London became notorious as the scene of alleged poltergeist activity and then as a crime scene with the death of young Holly Wasson. The shadow cast by this episode is still felt in the town, and among the gang of friends who were caught up in the tragic events. That shadow looms larger than ever when one of the group dies in horrific and strange circumstances. Matt Hunter, former church minister and now university professor, is called in to advise the police on the possible ritualistic elements of the death. And he is forced to ask himself, are forces beyond the grave at work or is a flesh-and-blood killer at large?

The study of television and music has expanded greatly in recent years, yet to date no book has focused on the genre of comedy television as it relates to music. *Music in Comedy Television: Notes on Laughs* fills that gap, breaking new critical ground. With contributions from an array of established and emerging scholars representing a range of disciplines, the twelve essays included cover a wide variety of topics and television shows, spanning nearly fifty years across

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network, cable, and online structures and capturing the latest research in this growing area of study. From Sesame Street to Saturday Night Live, from Monty Python to Flight of the Conchords, this book offers the perfect introduction for students and scholars in music and media studies seeking to understand the role of music in comedy onscreen and how it relates to the wider culture.

READERS LOVE CHRISTINA JONES' ENCHANTING TALES! 'A fantastic story, with twists and turns both in the air and on the ground. This book will keep you guessing until the very end!' \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'Another excellent book by Christina Jones... I can't get enough of them. Looking forward to reading my next one' \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'I totally and utterly loved this novel, what a fantastic well written wonderful story!' \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'Truly fantastic book there aren't enough stars for how brilliant Christina's books are' \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'Another brilliant book by Christina Jones. Well worth reading' \*\*\*\*\* Reader review

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Billie is sure that the future is going to be rosy... But just how wrong can one girl be? Billie Pascoe is determined to escape from her past mistakes, her present job, and her very uncertain future. Attempting to flee her problems, she opens a warehouse on the edge of a run-down air field - despite not knowing a thing about how to run a business. Her status as the world's biggest areophobe doesn't help either, but the

biggest problem of all takes the form of Jonah Sullivan, the gorgeous pilot and plane-owner who walks into her life at the worst possible moment. Billie soon discovers exactly what Jonah has in mind for her warehouse - and while she's not exactly sold by the idea of becoming a wing-walker, she soon learns how far her courage extends for love...

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Love Christina Jones' entertaining sagas? Then check out the fabulously joyful Summer at Sandcastle Cottage and Christmas at Sandcastle Cottage. You won't be disappointed!

"I didn't always want to be a police officer, but what a life so far." This short story is a true, and sometimes shocking account of Matthew's past decade as a female officer in London's Metropolitan Police Service. Matthews describes the ups and downs, obstacles and challenges faced on the frontline of the streets of London, and also later on in her career as a detective in the hectic and often harsh world of crime.

Richard Osman has been trying to settle the most important issues society faces today. Who would win in a head-to-head between Quavers and Cheesy Wotsits? And What's the ultimate Christmas film (Home Alone, obviously). The World Cup of Everything is an incredibly popular format that began life on twitter where his hilarious polls received 1.5 million votes a go becoming a national talking point, inciting debate amongst twitter

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users at odds over their favourites, celebrities and key figures join in, bookies offer odds on the outcome, papers report on it all as if it is a real sporting event with headlines about how Richard Osman has melted the internet. This autumn we're bringing The World Cup of Everything to the page in a brilliant book perfect for Christmas. With new competitions such as The World Cup of British Sitcoms, Christmas Songs, Animals, British Bands and so on, as well as some of the favourites that have already had the country talking: Chocolate and Crisps among them, Richard will offer commentary, share funny, quirky pieces of trivia and stand-up style entries about each of the contenders. The World Cup of Everything will offer something for everyone making it the perfect gift for pretty much anyone. This is Richard at his best: super smart, quick-witted and writing about the matters that the British public really care about.

YOUR FAVOURITE AUTHORS LOVE CHRISTINA JONES! "Bucolic charm" KATIE FFORDE "Bursting with sparkle and joy . . . Christina Jones is a wonderful writer" JILL MANSELL "Fabulous . . . Engaging" The Times "Magical" Heat READERS LOVE SANDCASTLE COTTAGE! "What an incredibly happy-making story" \*\*\*\*\* "A wonderful but too short seasonal story" \*\*\*\*\* "What a wonderful uplifting tale" \*\*\*\*\* "Perfect . . . Heartily recommended" \*\*\*\*\* As with so many things in Kitty Appleby's life, falling in love with Sandcastle Cottage, in the seaside village of Firefly Common, on a bitterly cold day, was a monumental mistake. Kitty doesn't need to move. Kitty is perfectly happy with her nice home, her dependable boyfriend and her steady job in Reading. Or

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so she thinks . . . But three weeks before Christmas, with the snow forecast to be thundering in from Siberia, Kitty suddenly has none of these things. As Kitty and her increasing band of waifs and strays find themselves desperately seeking somewhere to rent, they can only hope that somewhere, someone might feel moved by the spirit of Christmas . . .

"Interesting, vivid and palpable" —National Editor, The Atlantic Two friends with needs that align for a short time, but what will happen after those needs diverge? Powerful, compelling, suspenseful, intelligent, hopeful -----

----- Sometimes you just have to get rid of your best friend to break your own chains. Every night at eleven o'clock, Sonja demands Finja lock her in. Tonight, Sonja even threatens to destroy Finja's new romance if she stops. As girls, they both suffered from unloving fathers. Having given each other sanctuary, they became soulmates. But then Sonja's relentless, life-restricting rules forced them to run from Germany until they got stuck in England, never to return. Their sweet friendship rendered a toxic co-dependency. Now that Sonja wants to trap Finja forever, she has two options: keep bending to Sonja's will and relinquish all control of her own life, or eliminate Sonja... Based on a true story about a dysfunctional family, mind games, blackmail, emotional control and dependency, obsessive compulsive disorder, and a new romance at stake.

Murder comes in all shapes and sizes. It also comes at inconvenient times. Christmas,

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for example. This anthology has all the classic motives: blackmail, revenge, lust, greed, anger... Murder by meat-hook, piano-wire, scarf, knife, hammer, golf-club, bullet, syringe ... It's all here, at your elbow. And there's more! Humour, intrigue, suspense...

The funny thing about love is that just when you think you've got it sorted, it turns round and bites you on the behind. Which is exactly what's happened to Carmen Miller. Her ex husband's girlfriend is pregnant, her career as a comedy agent is going down the pan, she's made a fool of herself with fellow agent Will Hunter, a man she's fancied for ages, and to cap it all she has to move out of her flat. Surely things can't get any worse. Moving down to Brighton to write the TV comedy series that she's always dreamed about, Carmen meets the divine Daniel. A man so gorgeous, she doesn't even mind that he's got long hair. It seems that Carmen's life is on the up again. Until, that is... love bites again. Looks like Carmen's back where she started. But could it be that love isn't the problem? Maybe she's just been choosing the wrong men.

Like many little boys, Michael Emmett idolised his father. Growing up, he knew he wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps and join the family business. At just 16 years old, Michael did just that – and entered the glamorous, dangerous world of organised crime. Under the tutelage of his career criminal father – a contemporary of the infamous Kray twins – Michael's criminal activities funded a reckless lifestyle marked by drugs, sex and violence. But the high couldn't last forever. In 1993, Michael and his father were arrested in a dramatic confrontation with the police during a £13 million smuggling

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operation. Michael was sentenced to twelve years behind bars and would serve his time in the same prison as his father. But behind the walls of HMP Exeter, Michael found something he never expected – answers. After joining an Alpha prayer group in prison, he had an experience that would shake the very foundations of his life. *Sins of Fathers* is the story of Michael's journey through chaos and trauma to the transformation he experienced in prison. It asks what it takes for a broken man to find redemption, and how he can learn to be the father he never had.

As I've got older, I've developed this thing where I mutter stuff under my breath if someone's talking nonsense, probably because I'm getting less tolerant with age. My kids have picked up on it, so they'll say, 'Talking to yourself again, Dad?' And my standard reply is, 'Yes, it's the only way I can have a sensible conversation around here.' \*\*\*\*\* Right. Does anybody else watch Donald Trump as a guilty pleasure? When social distancing is over, can people still keep their distance? And these days, why has everyone got an opinion on everything and insist on sharing it? Oh. Scratch that one. From one of Britain's most-loved national treasures comes a much-needed Bible of straight-talking honesty and sharp observational humour. Fresh from months of staying at home, Freddie is ready to impart his effortless charm and wisdom on a wild array of topics. From the significant: climate change - maybe it's our time to go? To the vital: I'm only doing things I like doing now, not the things I should. From age-old wisdom: getting older is great because it is inversely proportionate to the amount of sh\*ts you have to

give. To modern philosophies: the internet has backfired and is hindering our ability to actually get information. From time-worn questions: what even is political correctness and has the world really gone mad? To our new reality: what are the politics of zoom and is it okay to keep pretending my computer has crashed? Freddie takes you on a whirlwind tour of his brain as he ponders more of life's most unfathomable questions. Like, just what do you get when you receive the coveted Toby Carvery Gold Card? Right, Said Fred is exactly the tonic you need after experiencing all of the highs and many, many lows of one helluva year.

'Surely only the deranged actively imagine the brutal maiming of those closest to them...' Pete Roberts was a boy just like any other. Except for the fact that he kept thinking about murdering his family with household implements...Terrified by his own thoughts, Pete joined the RAF in the hopes that he could escape his urges and apply himself to something structured. While he didn't entirely avoid his intrusive thoughts, he defied his dyslexia to flourish in a teaching role and vowed to continue helping others to learn their craft. It wasn't until much later that Pete found the answer to his torment: he had OCD.

One magical Christmas Eve... Caught in a blizzard, Georgia Beckett is forced down a narrow lane she'd hoped to avoid...and not just because of the snow! The road takes her past the beautiful abandoned house of her youth—the new

residence of her childhood sweetheart. Sebastian Corder's shocked to hear the doorbell ring—he never expected to see Georgia again. Nine years ago, both chasing different dreams, they went their separate ways. Now Sebastian's hand hesitates. Is he ready to open the door to the past? But the snow's getting heavier...and there's only one way to find out!

In 1993, Andrew Brunson was asked to travel to Turkey, the largest unevangelized country in the world, to serve as a missionary. Though hesitant because of the daunting and dangerous task that lay ahead, Andrew and his wife, Norine, believed this was God's plan for them. What followed was a string of threats and attacks, but also successes in starting new churches in a place where many people had never met a Christian. As their work with refugees from Syria, including Kurds, gained attention and suspicion, Andrew and Norine acknowledged the threat but accepted the risk, determining to stay unless God told them to leave. In 2016, they were arrested. Though the State eventually released Norine, who remained in Turkey, Andrew was imprisoned. Accused of being a spy and being among the plotters of the attempted coup, he became a political pawn whose story soon became known around the world. *God's Hostage* is the incredible true story of his imprisonment, his brokenness, and his eventual freedom. Anyone with a heart for missions, especially to the Muslim world, will

love this tension-laden and faith-laced book.

Succeeding Ronald Blythe's *Word From Warmingford*, one of the most beloved columns in contemporary journalism, was always going to be a formidable challenge for any writer. Yet the new occupier of the back page slot of the *Church Times*, the priest-poet Malcolm Guite, immediately gained the affections and loyalty of a discerning audience accustomed to literary excellence. His lucid, perceptive and imaginative musings follow a similar pattern to the sonnets for which he is so renowned. In his own words, he treats these 500 word essays 'a little in the spirit of the sonnet, with a sense of development, of a 'turn' or volta part way through, and a sense that the end revisits and re-reads the opening'. These draw together everyday events and encounters, landscape, journeys, poetry, stories, memory and a sense of the sacred, and fuses them to create richly satisfying portraits of the familiar that at the same time opens a doorway in to a new and enchanted world.

Christmas characters and food, Christmas-linked holidays and music, Santa Claus and traditions. Related to Annunciation, Incarnation; Crucifixion; Advent, the four weeks preceding Christmas; and the period between the day after Thanksgiving and the Sunday after New Year's Day, the American holiday season. Christmas or Christmas Day is a holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus,

the central figure of Christianity. Aspects of celebration may include gift-giving, Christmas trees, display of Nativity sets, church attendance, the Father Christmas/Santa Claus myth, and family gatherings. Users of the Gregorian calendar observe the holiday on December 25. Some Eastern Orthodox Churches celebrate on December 25 by the Julian calendar, which currently corresponds to January 7 on the Gregorian calendar. These dates are merely traditional; the great majority of scholars agree that the actual birthdate of Jesus is unknown. In Western culture, the holiday is characterized by the exchange of gifts among friends and family members, some of the gifts being attributed to Santa Claus (also known as Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Saint Basil and Father Frost). However, various local and regional Christmas traditions are still practiced, despite the widespread influence of American, British and Australian Christmas motifs disseminated by film, popular literature, television, and other media.

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Jessica is having the worst Christmas ever, when her parents announce that they are getting a divorce two days before the holidays. Stuck on her own with no home to go to, Jessica heads for the mall to buy a Christmas tree for herself. Here she meets Matt, who sells Christmas trees and is having a really awful Christmas himself. Matt and Jessica bond over their shared pain and also manage to make each other laugh. So maybe, this won't be the worst Christmas ever after all... This is a short and sweet holiday romance of 12000 words or approximately 40 print pages.

A guide for music: compositions, events, forms, genres, groups, history, industry, instruments, language, live music, musicians, songs, musicology, techniques, terminology , theory, music video. Music is a human activity which involves structured and audible sounds, which is used for artistic or aesthetic, entertainment, or ceremonial purposes. The traditional or classical European aspects of music often listed are those elements given primacy in European-influenced classical music: melody, harmony, rhythm, tone color/timbre, and form. A more comprehensive list is given by stating the aspects of sound: pitch, timbre, loudness, and duration. Common terms used to discuss particular pieces include melody, which is a succession of notes heard as some sort of unit; chord,

which is a simultaneity of notes heard as some sort of unit; chord progression, which is a succession of chords (simultaneity succession); harmony, which is the relationship between two or more pitches; counterpoint, which is the simultaneity and organization of different melodies; and rhythm, which is the organization of the durational aspects of music.

In *Christmas as Religion*, Christopher Deacy explores the premise that religion plays an elementary role in our understanding of the Christmas festival, but takes issue with much of the existing literature which is inclined to limit the contours and parameters of 'religion' to particular representations and manifestations of institutional forms of Christianity. 'Religion' is often tacitly identified as having an ecclesiastical frame of reference, so that if the Church is not deemed to play a central role in the practice of Christmas for many people today then it can legitimately be side-lined and relegated to the periphery of any discussion relating to what Christmas 'means'. Deacy argues that such approaches fail to take adequate stock of the manifold ways in which people's beliefs and values take shape in modern society. For example, Christmas films or radio programmes may comprise a non-specifically Christian, but nonetheless religiously rich, repository of beliefs, values, sentiments and aspirations. Therefore, this book makes the case for laying to rest the secularization thesis, with its simplistic assumption that religion in Western society is undergoing a period of escalating and irrevocable erosion, and to see instead that the secular may itself be a repository of the religious. Rather

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than see Christmas as comprising alternative or analogous forms of religious expression, or dependent on any causal relationship to the Christian tradition, Deacy maintains that it is religious per se, and, moreover, it is its very secularity that makes Christmas such a compelling, and even transcendent, religious holiday.

The perfect Christmas romance for fans of Karen Swan. As the snowflakes start to fall, Holly Cove welcomes a new tenant to the beautiful old cottage on the beach... For lifestyle magazine journalist Tia Armstrong, relationships, as well as Christmas, have lost all their magic. Yet Tia is up against a Christmas deadline for her latest article 'Love is, actually, all around...' So, Tia heads to Holly Cove where the restorative sea air and rugged stranger, Nic, slowly but surely start mending her broken heart. Tia didn't expect a white Christmas, and she certainly never dared dream that all her Christmas wishes might just come true... Set in Caswell Bay on the stunningly beautiful Gower Coast, the cottage nestles amid the limestone cliffs and the woodlands, where the emotions run as turbulently as the wind-swept sea. As cosy as a marshmallow-topped mug of cocoa, fall in love with a heart-warming festive story from the bestselling author of *The French Adventure*. What readers are saying about Lucy Coleman... 'I adored this book. A wonderful escapist read ... For me, it's a 5 star read!' Katherine, *Katherine's Book Universe*. 'I adored this beautifully written tale. The score is a well deserved and easy 5\* out of 5\*' Ginger Book Geek. 'This book gives you all the feels. It'll make you want to move to France and start a new life ... Lucy Coleman has a way of writing where it feels

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like you're actually there standing beside Anna and you mentally really feel involved in the story' Stacey, The Cosiest Corner.

This book lists every record that reached the top 100 of the singles chart and the top 100 of the albums chart of the United Kingdom between 5 January 2013 and 28 December 2013. The charts are (c) The Official UK Charts Company Limited and taken from <http://www.officialcharts.com>. The chart dates are the Saturday of each week and the charts are published on Sunday, 6 days before

'Compelling and claustrophobic, Nina is an exciting new voice and definitely one to watch' Phoebe Morgan No one is good enough for her son... As a single mother, Annie has an especially close relationship with her son, Ben. They have always been together. Just the two of them. So, when Ben brings home his mysterious beautiful new wife, Daisy, immediately Annie doesn't trust her. Who is this woman who has taken her son away from her? And what is she hiding? She'll protect him with her life...When Ben disappears, suddenly Annie and Daisy are all the other one has. Alone in Annie's big, remote house, just the two of them, the tension is rising. And like any protective mother, Annie will stop at nothing to expose her new daughter in law, and the secrets she is hiding... A gripping, psychological page-turner, perfect for fans of Sally Hepworth's The Mother In Law, Lisa Jewell and K.L. Slater. 'A claustrophobic, nail-biting thriller that draws you in and doesn't let go.' Naomi Joy, author of The Liars What readers are saying about The Daughter In Law: 'I give this book 5 Wows!' 'Absolutely fantastic had

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me gripped!!! Loved it! Can't wait for more from this author.' '5 stars! What a great book!' 'This did not disappoint. Lots of twists and turns and I loved the ending. Cannot wait to read more from this author.' 'There is quite a few twists in this story but the biggest twist is the one at the end and I didn't have a clue.' 'A ridiculously good book. I loved every single page and couldn't put it down.' 'Fantastic, creepy, dark and chilling.' 'This book was excellent!' 'Fast paced, with twists and some turns you can see coming this is the perfect beach read.' 'A page turner that I couldn't put down!!!' 'I couldn't put it down'

Before 2012, the idea of Rangers ever playing in the SFL Third Division would have been a joke. But it's a funny old game, and after a tumultuous few months, gone were visits to Celtic Park, Pittodrie, Tynecastle and Easter Road and in came a whole new world with trips to Annan, Elgin, Berwick and Peterhead. But with some of the most loyal fans in the world, it was always going to be an incredible journey. Packed with interviews from players like club captain Lee McCulloch, Andy Little, David Templeton and manager Ally McCoist himself, *Rangers FC: We Don't Do Walking Away* captures the humour, the emotion and, of course, the football as the club set out on a unique season. Author Lisa Gray went to every game, home and away, following the club and their supporters through a challenging but rewarding year, from being granted a licence to play just forty-eight hours before the start of the season to finally lifting the Championship trophy. This is the inside story of both the team and the supporters as

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they adjusted to a season in the Third Division with new players, new opposition and, of course, new pies. And what a rollercoaster year it has been.

How do we understand Christmas? What does it mean? This book is a lively introduction to the study of popular culture through one central case study. It explores the cultural, social and historical contexts of Christmas in the UK, USA and Australia, covering such topics as fiction, film, television, art, newspapers and magazines, war, popular music and carols. Chapters explore the ways in which the production of meaning is mediated by the social and cultural activities surrounding Christmas (watching Christmas films, television, listening or engaging with popular music and carols), its relationship to a set of basic values (the idealised construct of the family), social relationships (community), and the ways in which ideological discourses are used and mobilised, not least in times of conflict, terrorism and war.

Prepare to fall in love this Christmas with the ultimate festive romance . . . 'A perfect Christmas treat' MIRANDA DICKINSON 'Sprinkled with humour, warmth and, of course, Christmas magic' CATHY BRAMLEY \*WINNER OF THE NOVELICIOUS DEBUT OF THE YEAR AWARD\* Claudia is thirty and fearing her romance with long-term love Seth has lost its spark. Determined to rediscover the magic they once had, Claudia and Seth go on their first date in a very long time. But when the night ends in disaster, Claudia suddenly finds herself facing life - and Christmas - alone. But being alone doesn't mean she has to be miserable. Familiarising herself with long-forgotten exercise regimes and

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ill-advised sexy underwear, Claudia decides to fill up her Christmas with dates. And with best friends Penny and Nick at her side, a surplus of festive markets, mulled wine and Christmas tunes, Claudia feels ready to face anything life can throw at her. One thing's for sure, this year Christmas is going to be very different . . . Filled with Christmas sparkle, butterflies-in-your-stomach romance and a LOT of humour, The Twelve Dates of Christmas is the perfect festive romance to settle down with this winter. Perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan, Heidi Swan and Cathy Bramley. PRAISE FOR LISA DICKENSON: 'A very funny and touching tale' HEAT magazine 'A fun and festive sweet treat of a book' ALI MCNAMARA 'You need to read this romcom! Fun, flirty and funny' FABULOUS magazine 'A fun, flirty festive read full of Christmas sparkle and romance' JO THOMAS

An ebook collection of three novels that follow the hilarious misadventures of a woman who takes no prisoners—which is never ideal for a police officer. Mavis Upton tackles everything life can throw at her in this humorous, poignant, and moving series of an everyday girl who one day followed a law enforcement dream . . . Handcuffs, Truncheon and a Polyester Thong Single mom Mavis Upton decides to pursue her lifelong ambition to become a police officer. Using her newly discovered investigative skills, she reluctantly embarks on a search to find her errant dad who was last seen years before, making off with her mum's much needed coupon for a fabulous foam cup bra all the way from America. Whiskey Tango Foxtrot Our hapless heroine Constable

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Mavis Upton is preparing to step down the aisle with her fiancé Joe, but has to deal with her temperamental teen daughter, as well as investigate a serial flasher on a push bike. Throw a diva drag queen into the mix and readers can expect the usual hilarious Mavis mishaps that made the first book such a hit. Blues, Twos and Baby Shoes Mavis and her daughter Ella are both pregnant. But now Mavis has to deal with a mysterious case involving a blackmailer sending poison pen letters. Can Mavis juggle impending motherhood and her career, maintain a loving relationship with her other half Joe and deal with being a grandmother, all while solving the case? Series praise “Laugh out loud brilliance, so witty and cleverly written.” —Samantha Magson “Hilarious! It’s true, everyone needs Mavis in their life.” —Sherrie Hewson “Such a terrific read!” —Lorraine Kelly

Fans of Maeve Binchy will love the NO.1 BESTSELLER Roisin Meaney and this heart-warming story of love, friendship and fate set on Roone, a small island off the west coast of Ireland ... Nell Mulcahy grew up on the island so when the old stone cottage by the edge of the sea went up for sale, the decision to move back from Dublin was easy. But when Nell decides to rent out her cottage for the summer to help raise money her forthcoming wedding to Tim, she's unprepared for what's about to happen ... As she welcomes holiday-makers to her cottage, Nell must face some truths: about her upcoming wedding to Tim, and her

friendship with his brother, James. And, meanwhile, her father delivers some astounding news which leaves Nell, her mother and the island reeling ... But will Nell make it down the aisle? One thing's for sure, it's a summer on the island that nobody will ever forget.

The Oxford Handbook of Christmas provides a comprehensive, interdisciplinary account of all aspects of Christmas across the globe, from the specifically religious to the purely cultural. The contributions are drawn from a distinguished group of international experts from across numerous disciplines, including literary scholars, theologians, historians, biblical scholars, sociologists, anthropologists, art historians, and legal experts. The volume provides authoritative treatments of a range of topics, from the origins of Christmas to the present; decorating trees to eating plum pudding; from the Bible to contemporary worship; from carols to cinema; from the Nativity Story to Santa Claus; from Bethlehem to Japan; from Catholics to Baptists; from secularism to consumerism. Christmas is the biggest celebration on the planet. Every year, a significant percentage of the world's population is drawn to this holiday—from Cape Cod to Cape Town, from South America to South Korea, and on and on across the globe. The Christmas season takes up a significant part of the entire year. For many countries, the holiday is a major force in their national economy. Moreover, Christmas is not just a modern

holiday, but has been an important feast for most Christians since the fourth century and a dominant event in many cultures and countries for over a millennium. The Oxford Handbook of Christmas provides an invaluable reference point for anyone interested in this global phenomenon.

A delightful guide to a stress-free holiday season filled with mindfulness, joy, self-care, and festive magic. What if the month of December were soothing instead of stressful? Now you can celebrate a new kind of holiday season—one where you radiate calm and cultivate delight. *Calm Christmas and a Happy New Year* leads you out of the darkness of winter and back to the enchantment of an authentic and attainable Christmas season filled with merry gatherings, thoughtful gift-giving, and meaningful observations of annual traditions. Covering the time period from late November to early January, this joyful guide embraces all the festive holiday build-up and then welcomes the new year in a holistic, nurturing way. Author Beth Kempton gently encourages you to prioritize your holiday hopes and take a slower, more mindful approach to your celebrations. Kempton also offers helpful suggestions for making the most of winter, and recommends using this quiet time to dream new dreams, set goals, and aspire toward a beautiful year ahead. Filled with personal stories, tips, and advice for staying calm and connecting with others, *Calm Christmas and a Happy New Year*

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