

Miss Moonshines Emporium Of Happy Endings A Feel Good Collection Of Heartwarming Stories

Love-cynic Bridie Morgan is holding a last hurrah to the 'dating' stage of her life; she's going on twenty dates in twenty days. An enemies-to-lovers romantic comedy, *Love at First Fight* is a modern retelling of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

After losing her job in England, Amy Carter uses her redundancy payment to start a new life in France, turning Bellefontaine, an overgrown Provençal farmhouse, into a successful hotel. Though she has big plans for her new home, none of them involves falling in love ? least of all with Fabien Coste, the handsome but arrogant owner of the nearby château. As romance blossoms in the beautiful Provençal countryside, disturbing events at the farmhouse hint at a dark mystery ? a destructive, centuries-old attachment between the ladies of Bellefontaine and the ducs de Coste. As Amy struggles to unravel the mystery, she begins to wonder if it may not just be her heart at risk, but her life too.

A suspenseful journey through France leads an ambitious art historian and an adventurous journalist to team up—in more ways than one . . .

Workaholic art historian Aurora Black doesn't have time for fairy tales or Prince Charmings, even in the most romantic city in the world.

She's recently been hired by a Parisian auction house for a job that could make or break her career. Unfortunately, daredevil journalist Cédric Castel seems intent on disrupting Aurora's routine. As Aurora and Cédric embark on a journey across France, they get more than they bargained for as they find themselves battling rogue antiques dealers, intrigue and danger, personal demons—and a growing attraction to each other. But with the help of a fairy godmother or two, they may both find their happily ever afters . . .

'Sophie's novels are perfect for cosy escapism' - Heidi Swain _____ Liberty has never been a risk-taker. She loves the routine of her quiet life in the charming village of Willowbrook, with her Labrador, Charlie. But the arrival of a mysterious gift prompts Liberty to make some changes: starting with a daily challenge to say yes to everything for the month of December... Fearless and independent, Alex could hardly be a less obvious fit for peaceful village life. But after an accident cuts short his promising motorcycling career, he finds himself in Willowbrook in search of new direction. When the pair become unlikely housemates, sparks fly at Damselmy Cottage. Will living together prove impossible - especially when the first snow falls? Or, cut off from the outside world, can they help each other find what it takes to be brave this Christmas? ***** Readers love Sophie Claire! 'This was a wonderful festive story full of intrigue, drama and romance.' Five stars 'A lovely heart warming story. Loved it.' Five stars 'This is definitely a book to curl up with of an evening, a book to make you smile and feel happy. The characters are so lovely, the writing so warm.' Five stars 'I loved this book, and read it in one sitting.' Five stars 'A lovely heart-warming book that I could not put down. I really strongly recommend and can't wait to see what's next from this author!' Five stars

Winner of the RNA Romantic Comedy of the Year Award. Two best friends. Eight pub quizzes. One shot at love... There are some people who seem like they have all the answers in life. Clarrie Midwinter isn't one of them. At the age of 26, tomboy Clarrie is still struggling to become a 'proper' grown-up. She's eternally strapped for cash, she hasn't had a date in nearly a year and her attempts to quit smoking tend to take a nosedive after the second pint. Most annoyingly of all, her ladykiller best friend Simon just won't stop asking her out. The only thing keeping her sane is her pub quiz team, the Mighty Morphin Flower Arrangers. But when Simon bets her a date their team will win the quiz league, Clarrie is forced to confront what she really wants out of life – and love. Is it finally time for her to grow up? Gloriously irreverent, badly

behaved romantic comedy from the author of Meet Me at the Lighthouse.

The best Christmas gifts—family, friendship and second chances—are all waiting to be unwrapped in this sparkling new novel from USA TODAY bestselling author Sheila Roberts. Single mom Lexie Bell hopes to make this first Christmas in their new home special for her six-year-old son, Brock. Festive lights and homemade fudge, check. Friendly neighbors? Uh, no. The reclusive widower next door is more grinchy than nice. But maybe he just needs a reminder of what matters most. At least sharing some holiday cheer with him will distract her from her own lack of romance... Stanley Mann lost his Christmas spirit when he lost his wife and he sees no point in looking for it. Until she shows up in his dreams and informs him it's time to ditch his scroogey attitude. Stanley digs in his heels, but she's determined to haunt him until he wakes up and rediscovers the joys of the season. He can start by being a little more neighborly to the single mom next door. In spite of his protests, he's soon making snowmen and decorating Christmas trees. How will it all end? Merrily, of course. A certain Christmas ghost is going to make sure of that!

When Savannah Moore comes to Eternity Springs, determined to put her troubled past behind her, sheriff Zach Turner is initially unwilling to trust her, but when her past catches up to her, he will do anything to defend her.

Previously published as Her Forget-Me-Not Ex The cosy and charming second novel from Sophie Claire, author of The Christmas Holiday. A perfect read for fans of Trisha Ashley and Cathy Bramley! It's taken years, but Natasha Brown's life is finally on track. Running a florists in the quaint village of Willowbrook, she's put her short-lived marriage to Luc Duval far behind her. That is, until he unexpectedly walks through her shop door, three years after their divorce. Luc reveals that he never told his family about their split, and now his father is desperately ill and demanding to meet Natasha. Luc needs her to come to France and pretend they're still happily married. Natasha is horrified, but when Luc makes her an offer she can't refuse, reluctantly packs her bags. The deal is two weeks on a vineyard with his family, but will Luc and Natasha be able to play the perfect couple after years apart? And in the glorious Provence sun, will the old spark between them be impossible to ignore?

Wondering if the One who created rest in the first place has anything to teach you about it? Surrendered Sleep approaches insomnia from a biblical perspective and exposes several heart attitudes you may experience in your journey for rest. These attitudes may not only affect the way you sleep but also the way you relate to God. Dr. Page will challenge you to wrap your mind around the concept of God who is just as active during your sleep--or sleeplessness as during your wakeful hours.

When the magic of Christmas is just what you're looking for... There's something magical about Miss Moonshine's Wonderful Emporium, and at Christmas she brings an added sparkle to the inhabitants of the pretty Yorkshire town of Haven Bridge. Customers who step over her threshold find an eccentric collection of gifts, but Miss Moonshine has a rare knack for providing exactly what they need: a strange Advent calendar whose doors give a glimpse of a happy ending; a vintage typewriter that types a ghostly message from Christmas past; a mirror in a silver case that reflects the person you'd like to be. Step inside Miss Moonshine's quirky shop, and the thing you need most for Christmas will be right there, waiting for you... Nine romantic novelists from Yorkshire and Lancashire, including best-selling and award-winning authors, have joined together to create this collection of uplifting festive stories guaranteed to warm your heart. This intriguing mix of historical and contemporary romances will make you

laugh, cry, and believe in the magic of Christmas.

You've probably heard of cryptocurrencies like bitcoin and Ethereum but have you visited Coinophia? A parallel world that closely resembles our own but where magic exists. Especially the magic of cryptocurrency, discover what happens when an evil slime goblin decides to steal silver from people in return for magic coins. How he's thwarted and why, you should always be careful when buying magic coins (or beans for that matter) especially if the offer seems too good to be true.

Come and spend the summer in a charming village by the sea. Breathe in the crisp, salty air, slip off your shoes and feel the golden sand beneath your feet... Claudia has never regretted leaving her corporate city life behind and escaping to this piece of coastal paradise. With her cheeky cat Pudding by her side, she has built a community of loyal friends who feel more like family. Her shop at the end of the beach road is full of things that bring joy to locals and visitors alike. Life has finally settled into a perfect, comfortable rhythm. That is until widower Jason moves to town with his teenage daughter Millie, looking for a new start for both of them. Millie is instantly drawn to the delights of Claudia's shop and her free-spirited way of life. However, practical architect Jason is less than thrilled about his daughter's new interests. He doesn't shy away from telling Claudia exactly what he thinks and sparks fly every time they meet. But Jason and Millie aren't the only newcomers this summer and life in the harbour, especially Claudia's, is about to change in more ways than one. As circumstances throw Claudia into Jason's path in increasingly unexpected ways, she begins to glimpse what lies beneath his fiery temper and sharp tongue. Claudia was sure her life was complete, but could something have been missing after all? The only book you need in your beach bag this summer. Fans of Sarah Morgan, Cathy Bramley and Phillipa Ashley will be charmed by this seaside romance filled with warmth, humour and heart. Why readers love Helen Pollard: 'Oh wow! I absolutely loved, lived, laughed and cried with this brilliant, addictive tale... A beautiful, fun tale, set in stunning surroundings, with characters that you don't want to leave behind. Highly recommended!' Renita D'Silva 'Like sunshine on a cloudy day this is a book to warm your heart. I loved it.' Shellyback Books 'Oh, how joyous it was... I did enjoy every single minute... I was distraught when the story was finished... A perfect summer book.' Lilac Diaries 'Helen Pollard can do NO wrong... This really is a wonderfully feel good read.' Best Crime Books and More 'Fabulous... I loved all the characters... Transports you to a world that you don't want to leave.' Rachel's Random Reads 'Wow what a book... Easy, enjoyable and a book that you won't want to put down. Brilliant.' Goodreads Reviewer 'The absolute best vacation read... Amazing, genuine and unforgettable.' Chocolate 'n' Waffles 'I was completely spellbound... I highly recommend you to take a fictional holiday by reading this book.' With Love for Books 'A perfect summer sunshine read.' My Chestnut Reading Tree 'What a lovely gem of a book... Gentle and warm with some lovely characters and a good bit of eye candy... Perfect for a pick-me-up summer read where you just want to lose yourself in the story.' The Met Line Reader 'I loved every single page of this book and didn't want the story to end. It had me hooked from start to finish, had me giggling on the bus (rather embarrassing). It is one of those warm, cosy books that needs coffee and croissants.' The Reading Shed 'Brilliant... I chuckled often and there were even a couple of belly laughs... One night, being unable to sleep, I decided to read just a few more pages and ended up reading until 3 am!... Now that is what I call a

good book.' Janni B's Book Reviews

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Blue skies, new love, and a glass of Bordeaux . . . what could possibly go wrong? When Emmy Jamieson leaves her life behind and moves to La Cour des Roses, a gorgeous guesthouse amidst vineyards in France, everything is resting on her success as the new guesthouse manager. Looming in the calendar is the biggest booking ever, when the entire eccentric, demanding Thomson family will descend for a golden wedding anniversary. With airbeds on the floor and caravans in the garden, La Cour des Roses will be bursting at the seams. Emmy knows she's up to the challenge, especially with the support of the gorgeous Alain, the half-French, half-English, caramel-eyed accountant. But she hadn't counted on a naked, sleepwalking travel blogger, or the return of owner Rupert's venomous ex-wife Gloria. Gloria has a few things to say about Emmy's new role, Rupert's finances, and the unsuspecting Alain, which send everybody reeling. Just when Emmy can see a future for herself of endless sunshine, true love and laughter, are her dreams about to be ripped at the seams? Fans of Jenny Colgan, Lucy Diamond and Nick Alexander will want to join Emmy for a glass of wine as the sun sets on the terrace at La Cour des Roses. What readers are saying about The Little French Guesthouse: 'I loved every single page of this book and didn't want the story to end. It had me hooked from start to finish, had me giggling on the bus (rather embarrassing). It is one of those warm, cosy books that needs coffee and croissants.' The Reading Shed 'Like sunshine on a cloudy day this is a book to warm your heart. I loved it.' Shellyback Books 'Utterly delicious, I loved escaping into this delightful French community, definitely a feel good book that had me with a smile on my face and laughing out loud. You've just got to love Rupert ... With the sexy gardener providing a great distraction from Nathan's desertion, new friends and new possibilities this is a real page turner that I thoroughly enjoyed. a truly wonderfully crafted novel that I highly recommend for its amazing characters, plot and storytelling that make it a brilliant story to escape into. I can't wait for the next book in the series to be available, I definitely want to read it, please!' Splashes into Books 'From the very beginning to the very end, I absolutely adored this book. If I ever found myself in a jam I would want a Rupert in my life for sure (even with his persistence and tendency to butt-in)! The emotional journey that ended up being The Little French Guesthouse is sometimes sad, sometimes infuriating and sometimes hilarious, and abso-freaking-lutely worthy of a comfy chair, a cozy blanket and a nice cuppa.' Well Read Pirate Queen 'Could not put down this fabulous book, peppered with humour and characters you can relate to. A wonderful, laugh out loud summer read. One to share with friends and recommend to strangers.' Renita D'Silva 'La Cour des Roses is the name of the guesthouse that is central to the story and with its warmth of character, picturesque gardens and eccentric owner, its a place I would love to spend more time. I am already looking forward to book two .' Rachel's Random Reads

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Finalist for the RNA Jackie Collins Award for Romantic Suspense Will Amy's dreams of a Provençal escape come true? There are many reasons Amy Carter is determined to make Bellefontaine, her farmhouse hotel in the French countryside, a success. Of course, there's the time and money she's put in to making it beautiful, but she also has something to prove – particularly to people like Fabien Coste. Fabien is the owner of the nearby château, and he might just be the most arrogant, patronising man Amy has ever met ... unfortunately, he's also the most handsome. But as rumours circulate in the local community and secrets about the old farmhouse begin to reveal themselves, Amy quickly sees the less idyllic side of life at Bellefontaine. Could Fabien be the man to help prevent her Provençal dream from turning into a nightmare? This was previously published as *A Spell in Provence* by Accent Press in 2015. This is a revised, substantially edited and updated version. Published October 2020 by Choc Lit.

A collection of seventeen wonderful short stories showing that two-time Oscar winner Tom Hanks is as talented a writer as he is an actor. A gentle Eastern European immigrant arrives in New York City after his family and his life have been torn apart by his country's civil war. A man who loves to bowl rolls a perfect game--and then another and then another and then many more in a row until he winds up ESPN's newest celebrity, and he must decide if the combination of perfection and celebrity has ruined the thing he loves. An eccentric billionaire and his faithful executive assistant venture into America looking for acquisitions and discover a down and out motel, romance, and a bit of real life. These are just some of the tales Tom Hanks tells in this first collection of his short stories. They are surprising, intelligent, heartwarming, and, for the millions and millions of Tom Hanks fans, an absolute must-have!

A magical story about a gifted but vulnerable girl who is both saved and damned by an angel who falls in love with her music and claims it as his own in a Faustian pact. With Mary in his thrall, he ruthlessly kills those who threaten his plan to bring Mary to Carnegie Hall where her talent will be hailed supreme. Sunday Express, March 2017: 'Catch the Moon, Mary is one of my six favourite books' - Amanda Redman, actress/director/arts patron/head of ATS, New Tricks, The Good Karma Hospital, Sexy Beast

'Beyond beautiful' - Simon Egerton, singer-songwriter, composer, lyricist 'Original and scintillating, tantalising and thought-provoking. A novel about the transformative powers of music and beauty' - Hazel Philips OAM, Gold Logie winner, author of Black River, Bright Star 'Weaves a singular spell mesmerising the reader on several levels like a fugue. Wendy Waters and her characters believe deeply in the power of music, which pours lyrically from her sentences' - Joshua Rosenblum, composer, conductor, music critic 'A rare and ingenious glimpse into the real and the surreal. Waters interfaces these twin realities with ease and dexterity, reminding us of the profound yet often neglected depth of imagination. A brave and unique journey' - Gerry Taylor-Wood, international lecturer on Esoteric Sciences and author of The Journey to the Sacred Well

The trap is set – but which one of them is the bait?

So you want to make a film? It's the only way to get into the film industry. No one's going to let you play with the kind of money it takes to make a feature film until you've already proven yourself by making a great short film. You can do that at film school - if you can afford to go to film school. If you can't, then you're going to have to make your films without money. You're going to have to film on a microbudget - like Shane Meadows, who made Where's The Money, Ronnie? before TwentyFourSeven, and Guy Ritchie, who made The Hard Case before Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels. With the technology available today, it's easier than ever to make a short film without the benefits of funding, but digital cameras and editing systems are only part of the story. The most important thing is you, the film-maker. This Pocket Essential gives you all the information you need to put together a short film production - from first ideas and script, through planning, casting and location scouting, to shooting, editing and distributing. Robyn Bloom thought Ash Barnes was the love of her life – until one day he announced he was leaving her to fly halfway across the world. Months later, Robyn is struggling to move on – but then she has a brainwave: The Never Have I Ever Club. Her handsome next-door neighbour Will helps her bring their fellow Yorkshire villagers together for some carpe-diem-inspired fun. From burlesque dancing to Swedish massages, everyone has plenty of bucket-list activities to try, but it doesn't take long for Robyn to realise what – or who – her heart truly desires: Will. There's just one problem: he's Ash's twin brother. Make that two problems: Ash is moving home... and he wants Robyn back. Mary Jayne Baker is the recipient of the RNA Romantic Comedy Award for A Question of Us.

It was five o'clock on a raw, gusty February afternoon. All that day and all the night before it had been snowing hard. New York lay buried beneath over two feet of its cold white mantle, and with the gathering dusk a fierce hurricane set in, proclaiming the approach of the terrible blizzard which had been predicted. On this afternoon, which was destined to be so memorable, two young men were breasting the sleet and hail, which tore down Broadway with demoniac glee, as though amused that the cable cars were stalled fully a mile along the line, and the people were obliged to get out and walk, facing the full fury of the elements, if they hoped to arrive at their destinations that night. It could easily be ascertained by the gray, waning light that both young men were tall, broad-shouldered and handsome of face, bearing a striking resemblance to one another. They were seldom in each other's company, but those who saw them thus jumped naturally to the conclusion that they were twin brothers; but this was a great

mistake; they were only cousins. One was Clinton Kendale, whom everybody was speaking of as "the rage of New York," the handsomest actor who had ever trod the metropolitan boards, the idol of the matinee girls, and the greatest attraction the delighted managers had gotten hold of for years. His companion was of not much consequence, only Lester Armstrong, assistant cashier in the great dry goods house of Marsh & Co., on upper Broadway. He had entered their employ as a cashboy; had grown to manhood in their service, and he had no further hope for the future, save to remain in his present position by strict application, proving himself worthy of a greater opportunity if the head cashier ever chose to retire.

When Kitty Clayton flees her wedding with no money, no bank card and no phone, her life seems worryingly futureless. All she knows is, she'd rather sleep on the streets than go back home to cheating Ethan. But perhaps she will eventually find her happily ever after?

In *The Little Bookroom*, Eleanor Farjeon mischievously tilts our workaday world to reveal its wonders and follies. Her selection of her favorite stories describes powerful—and sometimes exceedingly silly—monarchs, and commoners who are every bit their match; musicians and dancers who live for art rather than earthly reward; and a goldfish who wishes to “marry the Moon, surpass the Sun, and possess the World.”

Sun, croissants and fine wine. Nothing can spoil the perfect holiday. Or can it? When Emmy Jamieson arrives at La Cour des Roses, a beautiful guesthouse in the French countryside, she can't wait to spend two weeks relaxing with boyfriend Nathan. Their relationship needs a little TLC and Emmy is certain this holiday will do the trick. But they've barely unpacked before he scarpers with Gloria, the guesthouse owner's cougar wife. Rupert, the ailing guesthouse owner, is shell-shocked. Feeling somewhat responsible, and rather generous after a bottle (or so) of wine, heartbroken Emmy offers to help. Changing sheets in the gîtes will help keep her mind off her misery. Thrust into the heart of the local community, Emmy suddenly finds herself surrounded by new friends. And with sizzling hot gardener Ryan and the infuriating (if gorgeous) accountant Alain providing welcome distractions, Nathan is fast becoming a distant memory. Fresh coffee and croissants for breakfast, feeding the hens in the warm evening light; Emmy starts to feel quite at home. But it would be madness to walk away from her friends, family, and everything she's ever worked for, to take a chance on a place she fell for on holiday wouldn't it? Fans of Jenny Colgan, Lucy Diamond and Nick Alexander will want to join Emmy for a glass of wine as the sun sets on the terrace at La Cour des Roses. Praise for *The Little French Guesthouse*: 'Like sunshine on a cloudy day this is a book to warm your heart. I loved it.' Shellyback Books 'I loved every single page of this book and didn't want the story to end. It had me hooked from start to finish, had me giggling on the bus (rather embarrassing). It is one of those warm, cosy books that needs coffee and croissants.' The Reading Shed 'Utterly delicious, I loved escaping into this delightful French community, definitely a feel good book that had me with a smile on my face and laughing out loud. You've just got to love Rupert ... With the sexy gardener providing a great distraction from Nathan's desertion, new friends and new possibilities this is a real page turner that I thoroughly enjoyed Å a truly wonderfully crafted novel that I highly recommend for its amazing characters, plot and storytelling that make it a brilliant story to escape into. I can't wait for the next book in the series to be available, I definitely want to read it, please!' Splashes into Books 'From the very beginning to the very end, I absolutely adored this book If I ever found myself in a jam I would want a Rupert in my life for sure (even with his persistence and tendency to butt-in)! The emotional journey that ended up being *The Little*

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Sacrificing his job in investigation following an incident in Paris, Jacques Fort has only a matter of weeks to solve a series of mysterious disappearances as a Gendarme in the rural French village of Messandrierre. But, as the number of missing persons rises, his difficult and hectoring boss puts obstacles in his way. Steely and determined, Jacques won't give up and, when a new Investigating Magistrate is appointed, he becomes the go-to local policeman for all the work on the case. Will he find the perpetrators before his lover, Beth, becomes a victim? Messandrierre - the first in a new crime series featuring investigator, Jacques Fort.

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Could love be the biggest adventure of all? Filmmaker Lily's life is all about work and adventure. So when she suffers an accident on her travels and finds herself recuperating in the quiet French seaside village where she spent her childhood, she can't wait to escape. Not least because Olivier - Lily's childhood friend and former crush, who she has spent the last thirteen years avoiding - is staying next door . . . Strong-minded masterbaker Olivier is happily settled in St Pierre, preparing to marry and put down roots. But Lily's return to the village risks turning his carefully-laid plans upsidedown, and as the pair rediscover their familiar rivalry and fun, sparks fly. Is Lily really as fearless and independent as she seems on the surface - or is she just running from the past? And what if Olivier is the only one who can teach her what it really means to be brave?

PICKED FOR WORLD BOOK NIGHT 2020 THE PERFECT READ TO CALM YOUR MIND IN TIMES OF STRESS **** As recommended by RED magazine **** 'Dreamy' STYLIST 'Calm and restore an anxious mind before sleep... the most beautiful book that will, without a doubt, put you in the mood for some zzzzzs.' the SUN 'Hurrah for a book that draws us away from the cold blue light of the smart phone and into the soothing glow of poems, short stories and extracts' THE SIMPLE THINGS Introduced by Lucy Mangan * * * Tales to soothe tired souls. A night time companion for frazzled adults, including calming stories and poems for a good night's sleep. * * * This cheering book of best loved short tales, extracts and poems will calm and restore an anxious mind before sleep. A good night's sleep is essential for our well being and our health, but in our busy lives sleep is often poor and overlooked. Now is the time to stop a while and find consolation and wonder in other worlds where all is well and sleep just a page or two away. From classic stories by Oscar Wilde, Guy de Maupassant and Katherine Mansfield, to friendly tales of our childhoods, to poetry that reminds us of the simple joys of life, this lovingly curated book will soothe a tired mind and gently carry you to the peaceful land of sleep. So switch off, snuggle down and allow yourself to escape into new worlds and old; magical, mysterious and tender realms that will accompany you to your own sweet dreams.

'A sumptuous Christmas romance' Woman & Home magazine 'A cosy and heart-warming Christmas read - the perfect festive treat' Heidi Swain 'A fun and festive read' Trisha Ashley *** Can a trip away lead you home? After a bad break-up, eternal optimist Evie Miller has moved

to the small village of Willowbrook to finally pursue her dream of opening a craft shop. Unfortunately, with money worries and an ex-boyfriend determined to track her down, her fresh start isn't going entirely to plan. Jake Hartwood is also looking to escape his past. Haunted by the loss of his wife, he's determined not to get close to anyone again - and the last thing he wants is to be celebrating this December. Hoping to avoid the festivities, Evie and Jake arrange to escape Christmas together as friends in Provence. But will the magic of the season change things between them? And what happens if one of them starts to feel something more? ***** Readers are loving The Christmas Holiday! 'This was a wonderful festive story full of intrigue, drama and romance.' Five stars 'A lovely heart warming story. Loved it.' Five stars 'This is definitely a book to curl up with of an evening, a book to make you smile and feel happy. The characters are so lovely, the writing so warm.' Five stars 'I loved this book, and read it in one sitting.' Five stars 'A lovely heart-warming book that I could not put down. I really strongly recommend and can't wait to see what's next from this author!' Five stars

There are few more precious routines than that of the bedtime story. So why do we discard this invaluable ritual as grown-ups to the detriment of our well-being and good health? In this groundbreaking anthology, Ben Holden, editor of the bestselling Poems That Make Grown Men Cry, challenges how we think about life, a third of which is spent asleep. He deftly explores not only the science of sleep but also why we endlessly tell stories – even to ourselves, as we dream. Holden combines his own illuminating storytelling with a treasure trove of timeless classics and contemporary gems. Poems and short stories, fairy tales and fables, reveries and nocturnes – from William Shakespeare to Haruki Murakami, Charles Dickens to Roald Dahl, Rabindranath Tagore to Nora Ephron, Vladimir Nabokov to Neil Gaiman – are all woven together to replicate the journey of a single night's sleep. Some of today's greatest storytellers reveal their choice of the ideal grown-up bedtime story: writers such as Margaret Drabble, Ken Follett, Tessa Hadley, Robert Macfarlane, Patrick Ness, Tony Robinson and Warsan Shire. Fold away your laptop and shut down your mobile phone. Curl up and crash out with the ultimate bedside book, one you'll return to again and again. Full of laughter and tears, moonlight and magic, Bedtime Stories for Grown-ups joyfully provides the dream way to end the day – and begin the night . . .

Witty, heartbreaking, shocking, satirical: the short story can excite or sadden, entice or repulse. The one thing it can never be is dull. Now Victoria Hislop, passionate ambassador for the art of the short story, has collected 100 stories from her favourite women writers into one volume. Here are Man Booker Prize winners and Nobel Laureates, well-known feminists and famous wits, national treasures and rising stars. All handpicked by one of the nation's best-loved novelists, there's a story for every mood, mind-set and moment in life. Featuring an all star cast of authors including Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Angela Carter, Margaret Drabble, Penelope Fitzgerald, Miranda July, Doris Lessing, Katherine Mansfield, Alice Munro, Dorothy Parker and Virginia Woolf, THE STORY is the biggest and most beautiful collection of women's short fiction in print today.

'A brilliantly original and enchanting tale' Sun 'Wonderful characters make this a great read' Good Housekeeping 'Truly unique...unforgettable' Woman's Weekly

Sophie Challoner is a modern-day Cinderella: sensible, hard-working, and a devoted carer of her father. When her grandmother throws a romantic ball for her in Paris, for one wonderful night Sophie forgets her promise to her family and does something reckless she will never forget. Years later, Sophie is reunited with the man she left behind her that evening, and she finds Jean-Luc Olivier is not the glamorous socialite she thought. Jean-Luc is a force to be reckoned with... Praise for The Silk Romance:

"Deliciously different... A good story, a believable and charming romance, and utterly delightful." "Alyssa Lynn Palmer reviews" "Unforgettable, powerfully intense and beautifully written" "Caroline Barker, A Reader's Review" "A beautiful love story that deepens with each turn of the page." "Goodreads reviewer" "One of the most well-crafted books I have read." "Ladybug Lin Reviews" ""A lovely dance of give and take, where Lyon and the old city, famed for silk manufacture, become a character in the story itself.""

She might not have much in this world, but it cost nothing to be kind...

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Daisy is preparing to spend her first Christmas in the only place she's ever really felt at home: beautiful Fox Farm. But when tragedy strikes, she will need all her festive cheer, and all the mulled wine, to keep Christmas from being cancelled... Living at Fox Farm, with its cosy café and charming pottery workshop, is a dream come true for thirty-one-year-old Daisy. The kindly owner, Jean, and the close-knit village feel like the family Daisy has never had. She's been looking forward to finally having people to buy gifts for and to share cookies with in front of the fire after too much Christmas dinner. When Jean suddenly falls ill, Daisy is the first to lend a hand in organising the holiday celebrations. She ropes in Alex – Jean's handsome Scrooge of a nephew – to help her. From the get-go Daisy and Alex cannot agree on anything, butting heads through decorating disasters and tripping over each other at the holiday barn dance. Alex hates Christmas, and Daisy is feeling so festive she might as well be the fairy on top of the ten-foot tree. Can Daisy melt Alex's icy exterior and prove to him just how magical Christmas can be? But then Alex discovers Fox Farm is almost bankrupt, and suddenly its whole future is in jeopardy. They need a plan, and quickly, if Jean is to have a place to come back to this Christmas. Will Daisy be able to save the only real home she's ever had? And might this Christmas be the beginning of something special? Grab a mug of hot chocolate and a mince pie (or two!) and lose yourself in this utterly charming and romantic holiday tale that proves home is where the heart is. Perfect for fans of RaeAnne Thayne, Sarah Morgan and Heidi Swain, this is the book that will make your Christmas! Readers adore Helen Pollard: 'LOVED THIS STORY!!! It was super-cute and I was hooked from the beginning.' Goodreads reviewer, ?????? 'I couldn't turn the pages fast enough... Uplifting, witty, moving and romantic... sure to make you giggle, sigh and keep you hooked.' Bookish Jottings 'I just couldn't put it down. It could warm you even on the coldest day of the year.' Books By My Bedside, ?????? 'I loved every single page of this book and didn't want the story to end... Had me hooked from start to finish, had me giggling on the bus... One of those warm, cosy books.' The Reading

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