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Poppy Pym 4: Poppy Pym and the Beastly Blizzard Laura Wood 2017-11-02 When a mysterious runaway van crashes into St Smithen's on the first day of the new school year, Poppy knows it's going to be an action-packed term! With the Christmas holidays looming, secrets lurking in every corner and rumours of a dangerous beast on the loose, Poppy must unravel her biggest mystery yet.

Effie the Rebel Laura Wood 2021-01-07 Dark forces are at work at Highworth Grange school: the student council has been taken over by a tyrannical villain with his own agenda. But Effie Kostas isn't about to stand by and watch democracy crumble! She's leading the resistance - but politics can be a dirty game and Effie will need to keep her wits about her as she faces down the enemy. With the help of her brilliant band of misfit friends, a bad-tempered parrot, and a former nemesis, can Effie save the school she loves before it's too late? Effie is changing the world, one classroom at a time.

Parallel Lives Phyllis Rose 1984 In her study of the married couple as the smallest political unit, Phyllis Rose uses as examples the marriages of five Victorian writers who wrote about their own lives with unusual candor.

The Girls with No Names Serena Burdick 2020-01-07 INSTANT INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER A beautiful tale of hope, courage, and sisterhood—inspired by the real House of Mercy and the girls confined there for daring to break the rules. Growing up in New York City in the 1910s, Luella and Effie Tildon realize that even as wealthy young women, their freedoms come with limits. But when the sisters discover a shocking secret about their father, Luella, the brazen elder sister, becomes emboldened to do as she pleases. Her rebellion comes with consequences, and one morning Luella is mysteriously gone. Effie suspects her father has sent Luella to the House of Mercy and hatches a plan to get herself committed to save her sister. But she made a miscalculation, and with no one to believe her story, Effie's own escape seems impossible—unless she can trust an enigmatic girl named Mable. As their fates entwine, Mable and Effie must rely on their tenuous friendship to survive. Home for Unwanted Girls meets The Dollhouse in this atmospheric, heartwarming story that explores not only the historical House of Mercy, but the lives—and secrets—of the girls who stayed there. “Burdick has spun a cautionary tale of struggle and survival, love and family — and above all, the strength of the heart, no matter how broken.” — New York Times Book Review “Burdick reveals the perils of being a woman in 1913 and exposes the truths of their varying social circles.” — Chicago Tribune

**Dodger for President** Jordan Sonnenblick 2009-06-23 When Dodger, the big blue chimpanzee genie,

magically portrays fifth-grader Willie one day at school, Willie finds himself running for student council president, in the follow-up to *Dodger and Me*.

[Lincoln's Greatest Case: The River, the Bridge, and the Making of America](#) Brian McGinty 2015-02-09 The untold story of how one sensational trial propelled a self-taught lawyer and a future president into the national spotlight. In May of 1856, the steamboat *Effie Afton* barreled into a pillar of the Rock Island Bridge, unalterably changing the course of American transportation history. Within a year, long-simmering tensions between powerful steamboat interests and burgeoning railroads exploded, and the nation's attention, absorbed by the *Dred Scott* case, was riveted by a new civil trial. Dramatically reenacting the *Effie Afton* case—from its unlikely inception, complete with a young Abraham Lincoln's soaring oratory, to the controversial finale—this “masterful” (*Christian Science Monitor*) account gives us the previously untold story of how one sensational trial propelled a self-taught lawyer and a future president into the national spotlight.

**This Is How We Kiss Goodnight** Samantha Morland 2020-01-30 From cheek-to-cheek teddy bear kisses, to fluttering butterfly kisses, *Effie* and her mummy decide to inspire lots of goodnight kisses before bedtime for everyone to share.

*Deepest Breath* Meg Grehan 2021 Struggling with her feelings for a female classmate, an eleven-year-old Irish girl tries to confide in her mother, the person she trusts most in the world.

[Lillian's Right to Vote](#) Jonah Winter 2015-07-14 An elderly African American woman, en route to vote, remembers her family's tumultuous voting history in this picture book publishing in time for the fiftieth anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As Lillian, a one-hundred-year-old African American woman, makes a “long haul up a steep hill” to her polling place, she sees more than trees and sky—she sees her family's history. She sees the passage of the Fifteenth Amendment and her great-grandfather voting for the first time. She sees her parents trying to register to vote. And she sees herself marching in a protest from Selma to Montgomery. Veteran bestselling picture-book author Jonah Winter and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Shane W. Evans vividly recall America's battle for civil rights in this lyrical, poignant account of one woman's fierce determination to make it up the hill and make her voice heard. “Moving.... Stirs up a potent mixture of grief, anger, and pride at the history of black people's fight for access to the ballot box.” —*The New York Times* “A much-needed picture book that will enlighten a new generation about battles won and a timely call to uphold these victories in the present.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, Starred “A valuable introduction to and overview of the civil rights movement.” —*Publishers Weekly*, Starred “An important book that will give you goose bumps.” —*Booklist*, Starred

[Mohonk and the Smileys](#) Larry E. Burgess 2019-03 “*Mohonk and the Smileys: A National Historic Landmark and the Family That Created It* chronicles the history and enduring legacy of a unique resort whose aim has always been to create and sustain a peaceful, contemplative environment for the betterment of human relations and for improved relations between people and the world around them. It is a story that includes the creation of the largest privately owned nature preserve in New York State, international arbitration conventions that predated the Hague Conventions, and landmark efforts to improve the plight of American Indians and African Americans--all while dealing day by day with the logistical challenges of operating a complex private enterprise successfully over the span of 150 years of rapid technological and social change. In 1869 twin brothers Albert and Alfred Smiley purchased a rough-and-tumble ten-room inn and 280 acres of surrounding land on the shores of Lake Mohonk in the wild and isolated Shawangunk Mountains. Year by year the Smileys expanded the hotel, bought surrounding farms to feed their guests, built stables and carriage houses, a power plant and blacksmith shop, planted acres

of flower gardens, and created a vast network of roads and hiking trails for guests to access the singular beauty of the Shawangunks--and all was done with the then-unusual business philosophy of careful respect for the environment. Soon the little guest house had become a grand Victorian castle seeming to rise organically from the Shawangunk ridge on which it perched. It was the heyday of the grand hotel era in the Catskills and the "great camps" in the Adirondacks. Then, one by one nearly all of those hotels and camps either went up in flames or were abandoned, left, like the great Catskill Mountain House, to rot in the wind and rain. But not the Smiley's Lake Mohonk Mountain House. Despite two world wars, the Great Depression, the rise of automobile and airplane travel, changing demographics and cultural upheavals, steadily increasing tax burdens--events and factors that finished off most of its competitors--one hundred and fifty years later the little inn on the shores of Lake Mohonk has not only survived, but thrived and grown into a world-famous mountain resort in a spectacular setting with over 260 guest rooms, luxury amenities, and acclaimed dining--and still family-owned and operated, five generations later." -- Provided by publisher

**Catching Fire (Hunger Games, Book Two)** Suzanne Collins 2010-06-01 The second book in Suzanne Collins's phenomenal and worldwide bestselling Hunger Games trilogy.

**Big Hair** Arynnetta Floyzelle 2012-11-30 How big is too big? Effie Monroe wants to know. Her crazy, curly, super-sized hair definitely makes her stand out from the crowd. The verdict? As far as Effie is concerned...WAY TO BIG! Supported by a colorful cast of friends, family, and community members, Effie embarks on a journey of self-discovery and learns the beauty of diversity and to love what makes her different - her Big Hair!

**Emotionally Weird** Kate Atkinson 2001-07-06 Seeking refuge in the ancient, mouldering home of their ancestors on an island off the coast of Scotland, Effie and her mother, Nora, reveal the secrets of their lives and loves, past and present, to each other, in a hilarious novel about mothers, daughters, and love. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

*The Party Crasher* Sophie Kinsella 2022-07-12 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Love Your Life* comes a humorous and heartwarming novel about family and finding a second chance at love, set against the backdrop of the most fabulous party you've ever snuck into. "Sophie Kinsella keeps her finger on the cultural pulse, while leaving me giddy with laughter."—Jojo Moyes, author of *The Giver of Stars* and *The Last Letter from Your Lover* It's been almost two years since Effie's beloved parents got divorced, destroying the image of the happy, loving childhood she thought she had. Since then, she's become estranged from her father and embarked on a feud with his hot (and much younger) girlfriend, Krista. And now, more earth-shattering news: They've sold Greenoaks, the rambling Victorian country house Effie has always called home. When Krista decides to throw a grand "house-cooling" party, Effie is originally left off the guest list—and then receives a last-minute "anti-invitation" (maybe it's because she called Krista a gold-digger, but Krista totally deserved it, and it was mostly a joke anyway). Effie declines, but then remembers a beloved childhood treasure is still hidden in the house. Her only chance to retrieve it is to break into Greenoaks while everyone is busy celebrating. As Effie sneaks around the house, hiding under tables and peeping through trapdoors, she realizes the secrets Greenoaks holds aren't just in the dusty passageways and hidden attics she grew up exploring. Watching how her sister, brother, and dad behave when they think no one is looking, Effie overhears conversations, makes discoveries, and begins to see her family in a new light. Then she runs into Joe—the love of her life, who long ago broke her heart, and who's still as handsome and funny as ever—and even more truths emerge. But will Effie act on these revelations? Will she stay hidden or step out into the party and take her place with her family? And truthfully, what did she really come back to

Greenoaks for? Over the course of one blowout party, Effie realizes that she must be honest with herself and confront her past before she'll ever be able to face her future.

[A Song Below Water](#) Bethany C. Morrow 2020-06-02 Bethany C. Morrow's *A Song Below Water* is the story for today's readers — a captivating modern fantasy about Black sirens, friendship, and self-discovery set against the challenges of today's racism and sexism. In a society determined to keep her under lock and key, Tavia must hide her siren powers. Meanwhile, Effie is fighting her own family struggles, pitted against literal demons from her past. Together, these best friends must navigate through the perils of high school's junior year. But everything changes in the aftermath of a siren murder trial that rocks the nation, and Tavia accidentally lets out her magical voice at the worst possible moment. Soon, nothing in Portland, Oregon, seems safe. To save themselves from drowning, it's only Tavia and Effie's unbreakable sisterhood that proves to be the strongest magic of all. "It's beautiful and it's brilliant."--Jason Reynolds, #1 New York Times bestselling author and National Ambassador for Young People's Literature "An enthralling tale of Black girl magic and searing social commentary ready to rattle the bones." — Dhonielle Clayton, New York Times bestselling author of *The Belles* At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*Splash* Charli Howard 2018-07-05 "A much-needed book that will strike a chord with so many girls - and help them dare to be different." - Jacqueline Wilson Molly is in her final year of primary school, with secret dreams of becoming an Olympic swimmer. Having always lived in the shadow of her manipulative friend, Chloe, Molly finally has the chance to compete in a regional swimming contest and define herself on her own terms. But with the pressure of fitting in, and the sudden arrival of her mysterious mum, will she give up on her dreams for a shot at popularity? A hugely exciting debut with a classic underdog story, a wonderfully relatable protagonist, and an important message of friendship, body positivity, and celebrating who you are. "I loved the voice in this accomplished debut, which touches on important issues of bullying and body dysmorphia." - Fiona Noble, *The Bookseller*

[Demonic Desires](#) Mandy M. Roth 2013-11-19 Reform isn't in every bad boy's future...or past... Ava Fenaly knows a thing or two about magik, and she knows exactly what she's doing when she summons a demon in her bedroom. Well, almost. Ava is convinced the exhilarating night of passion that follows is all a dream. It has to be, because she's dead set against revisiting her past—and the horrors she left behind long ago. For the last three hundred plus years, Donatus Manlian has been living a peaceful life. Lonely, but peaceful. When the demon he has kept carefully locked within for centuries finally breaks free and responds to Ava's call, the peace—and the loneliness—are gone. Now Donatus is forced to revisit tragedies long buried as he protects Ava from the evil that pursues her. But another evil lies within him—and now that it's been awakened, the demon wants free. Genre: Paranormal romance, demon, shifter, vampire, valkyrie, myths, legends, alpha-male, redemption

[Poppy Pym 3: Poppy Pym and the Smuggler's Secret](#) Laura Wood 2017-06 Winner of the Scholastic Montegrappa Prize for New Children's Writing Poppy is thrilled that they're spending the summer at Smuggler's Cove. It might even take her mind off the mystery of her past. But Poppy is about to make some amazing discoveries - and solve more than one mystery...

*Poppy Pym and the Double Jinx* Laura Wood 2016-09 From the Winner of the Scholastic Montegrappa Prize for New Children's Writing It's Halloween at Saint Smithen's. When the Brimwell town hall burns down, the amateur production of *Macbeth* is moved to the school and it's all hands on deck. But when the play is struck by a series of mysterious attacks, it's up to Poppy, her friends and her circus family to save the play and unmask the culprit.

**Mockingjay (Hunger Games, Book Three)** Suzanne Collins 2010-08-24 The greatly anticipated final book in the New York Times bestselling Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

*The Deliverers of Their Country* Edith Nesbit 1996 Effie and her brother Harry find a way to save Britain from a plague of dragons.

**A Single Thread of Moonlight** Laura Wood 2021 Iris Grey's childhood was idyllic... until her father remarried. Far too spirited to be forced into a life of servitude, she runs away to London, where she crosses paths with handsome, clever and cold Nicholas Wynter. Will their spark burn brighter will it be extinguished in the flames of their ambition?

The Animals of Madame Malone's Music Hall Laura Wood 2020-06 A cast of creative creatures take centre stage in this theatrical Barrington Stoke debut from Blue Peter Book Award shortlisted author Laura Wood.

*Dead Popular* Sue Wallman 2019-08-01 A new chilling read from the author of LYING ABOUT LAST SUMMER. The ultimate queen bee, Kate knows that you don't become the most powerful girl at Mount Vernon by playing nice. But when strange, chilling messages start appearing all over the school, she realizes someone is playing a much more dangerous game - and they know too much about Kate's past. If she doesn't figure out who's behind this, her final year at Mount Vernon could be exactly that: her final year.

**A Sky Painted Gold** Laura Wood 2021-06-08 In 1929 in a sleepy Cornish village, aspiring writer Lou Trevelyan, age seventeen, is introduced to the glamour and secrets of high society by summer neighbors Caitlin and Robert Cardew.

*Cape May* Chip Cheek 2019-04-30 "Inside this mesmerizing tale of sexual desire and discovery, naive newlyweds Henry and Effie are honeymooning in Cape May, N.J., in 1957, tentatively navigating intimacy. Then they meet Clara and Max, hard-partying lovers who dazzle the innocent pair until they've lost more than their virginity. Cheek's sensual first novel leaves you wanting more." - PEOPLE "Henry and Effie's honeymoon is meant to be their introduction to the pleasures of the body, but in the company of Clara and her promiscuous cohort they lose all track of boundaries. A dozy, luxurious sense of enchantment comes over the story, until the rude awakening at its finale.... Cape May does something better than critique or satirize: It seduces." - The Wall Street Journal Cape May is a raw, provocative portrayal of a young 1950s couple on the cusp of a sexual awakening, and the temptations that upturn their honeymoon and reshape their marriage. In this erotic and intimate debut novel, a naïve southern couple is exposed to a group of raucous, debauched urbanites. Arriving for their honeymoon in Cape May, New Jersey, during the off season, Henry and Effie are startled to find the beach town deserted. The abandoned homes and desolate beaches make them shy of each other, and, isolated in their new marriage, they decide to cut their trip short. But before they leave, they encounter their glamorous, sensual neighbors and become swept up by their drama. Clara, a beautiful socialite who feels her youth slipping away; Max, a wealthy playboy and Clara's lover; and Alma, Max's aloof, mysterious, and evocative half-sister, to whom Henry is irresistibly drawn. Slowly, agonizingly, these deeply-flawed, profoundly human characters pull Henry and Effie out of themselves and expose them to a side of desire they never expected. While they discover new truths in each other and in their marriage, the empty beach town becomes their playground. And as they sneak into the vacant summer homes, go sailing, walk naked under the stars, make love, and drink an enormous amount of gin, Henry and Effie slip from innocence into betrayal, with irrevocable consequences. Seductive and moving, this is a novel about

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marriage, love, raw sexuality, and the ways in which desire and betrayal can reverberate endlessly throughout our lives.

[A Darkness of Dragons](#) S.A. Patrick 2018-09-06 In a world of dragons, song spells, pipers and battles... Patch Brightwater is a boy in disgrace. Thrown in jail for playing a forbidden spell, he is no one's idea of a hero. But then he discovers a deadly truth - the evil Piper of Hamelyn is on the loose. With the help of Wren, a girl cursed to live as a rat, and Barver, a fire-breathing dracogriff, Patch must stop the Piper sparking the biggest battle of them all. Three accidental heroes versus one legendary villain... an epic adventure is born.

*Effie* Suzanne Fagence Cooper 2011-06-21 Effie Gray, a beautiful and intelligent young socialite, rattled the foundations of England's Victorian age. Married at nineteen to John Ruskin, the leading art critic of the time, she found herself trapped in a loveless, unconsummated union after Ruskin rejected her on their wedding night. On a trip to Scotland she met John Everett Millais, Ruskin's protégé, and fell passionately in love with him. In a daring act, Effie left Ruskin, had their marriage annulled and entered into a long, happy marriage with Millais. Suzanne Fagence Cooper has gained exclusive access to Effie's previously unseen letters and diaries to tell the complete story of this scandalous love triangle. In Cooper's hands, this passionate love story also becomes an important new look at the work of both Ruskin and Millais with Effie emerging as a key figure in their artistic development. Effie is a heartbreakingly beautiful book about three lives passionately entwined with some of the greatest paintings of the pre-Raphaelite period.

*Poppy Pym 1: Poppy Pym and the Pharaoh's Curse* Laura Wood 2015-09-03 Winner of the Scholastic Montegrappa Prize for New Children's Writing Poppy Pym has grown up in the circus...but when her family decides she needs a more traditional education she is sent to boarding school. When dangerous accidents start occurring at St Smithen's, it's up to Poppy to solve the mystery of the Pharaoh's curse!

**Under a Dancing Star** Laura Wood 2021-06-29 Steal away to Italy for a hot summer, a sexy dare, and a romance that was never supposed to happen. For fans of *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* and *Love and Gelato* -- this is the escapist read you've been looking for! Bea is an outspoken English girl determined to break with family tradition and pave her own path. After embarrassing her parents at a dinner party designed to find her a husband, Bea is invited to spend an eye-opening summer in Italy with her uncle's artistic bohemian friends. There, she meets Ben, a brilliant artist -- and a brilliant flirt. When sparks fly between them, a challenge is set: can they create the perfect summer romance? There's just one rule: they absolutely, positively cannot fall in love. "Richly drawn and painfully relevant. A delightful and fresh retelling of *Much Ado About Nothing*." ---Katharine McGee, NYT bestselling author of *American Royals*

**Poppy Pym and the Beastly Blizzard** Laura Wood 2017-11-02 When a mysterious runaway van crashes into St Smithen's on the first day of the new school year, Poppy knows it's going to be an action-packed term! But when accidents continue to happen at St Smithen's, Poppy can't shake the feeling that her every move is being watched. With the Christmas holidays looming, secrets lurking in every corner and rumours of a dangerous beast on the loose, Poppy must unravel her biggest mystery yet. Can Poppy unmask the hidden spy before someone gets hurt?

**River People** Margaret Lukas 2019-02-01 *River People* is a powerful novel with unforgettable characters. In Nebraska in the late 1890s, seventeen-year-old Effie and eleven-year-old Bridget must struggle to endure at a time when women and children have few rights and society looks upon domestic abuse as a

private, family matter. The story is told through the eyes of the girls as they learn to survive under grueling circumstances. *River People* is a novel of inspiration, love, loss, and renewal.

*The Countess* Gregory Murphy 2000 THE STORY: Based on one of the most notorious scandals of the Victorian Age, THE COUNTESS is a true account of madness, cruelty and obsession, and perhaps one of the greatest love stories of its time. In 1853, preeminent art critic John Ruskin, his

Dragon's Green Scarlett Thomas 2017-05-30 "This middle grade series starter is tailor-made for Harry Potter's fans." —Kirkus Reviews For fans of the Land of Stories and the Wings of Fire Series, this first enchanting adventure from acclaimed novelist Scarlett Thomas is set in a wondrous realm where magic most decidedly exists, a growing evil lurks, and a group of children is destined to save the world. Effie Truelove believes in magic, as does her grandfather Griffin (although he refuses to do any magic, let alone teach Effie how to use it). After a mysterious incident leaves Griffin close to death, Effie is given an unusual silver ring and told she must look after her grandfather's library of rare and powerful books. But then the books fall into the hands of shady scholar Leonard Levar, and Effie is propelled into the most dangerous adventure of her life. Now, Effie and her friends—nerdy Maximilian, rugby-mad Wolf, helpful Lexy, and eccentric Raven—must discover their true powers if they are to get the books back. And Effie alone will have to travel to the Otherworld, where she will uncover the true meaning of the strange old book called Dragon's Green...

*Emotionally Weird* Kate Atkinson 2010-07-27 From the NUMBER 1 bestselling author of BIG SKY and TRANSCRIPTION On a peat and heather island off the west coast of Scotland, Effie and her mother Nora take refuge in the large mouldering house of their ancestors and tell each other stories. Nora, at first, recounts nothing that Effie really wants to hear, like who her father was - variously Jimmy, Jack, or Ernie. Effie tells of her life at college in Dundee, where she lives in a lethargic relationship with Bob, a student who never goes to lectures, seldom gets out of bed, and to whom the Klingons are as real as the French and the Germans (more real than the Luxemburgers). But strange things are happening. Why is Effie being followed? Why is everyone writing novels? Is someone killing the old people? And where is the mysterious yellow dog? 'Sends jolts of pleasure off the page...Kate Atkinson's funniest foray yet...it is a work of Dickensian or even Shakespearean plenty' SCOTSMAN 'A brilliant and profoundly original writer' DAILY TELEGRAPH

*A Snowfall of Silver* Laura Wood 2020-10-01 A snow-dusted love story. In the Autumn of 1931, impetuous Freya leaves her family in Cornwall to follow her dream of becoming an actress. She joins a theatrical company and, amidst all the enchantment and bustle of stage life, falls in love with the handsome, glamorous leading man. Neither being an actress nor having a love affair lives up to Freya's grand expectations - which is when she realises her true calling, and also her chance at real romance, has been under her nose all along. An enchanting coming of age romance about following your dreams - even when they aren't quite what you expected. Praise for A SKY PAINTED GOLD: 'The perfect comfort read' Ella Risbridger 'Pure escapism ... a wildly romantic, delicious indulgence' OBSERVER 'A brilliant, beautiful book' Louise O'Neill 'Perfect for glamour-soaked summer escapism' MAIL ON SUNDAY

*All the Things That Could Go Wrong* Stewart Foster 2018-09-04 A moving and beautifully written story about what can happen when two completely different boys are forced to put aside their differences, for fans of Wonder. There are two sides to every story. Alex's OCD is so severe that it's difficult for him to even leave his house some days. His classmate Dan is so angry that he lashes out at the easiest target he can find at school: Alex. When their moms arrange for Alex and Dan to spend time together over winter break, it seems like a recipe for certain disaster...until it isn't. Once forced together, these two

sworn enemies discover that there is much more to each other than they ever knew.

A Day in the Life of a Poo, a Gnu, and You Mike Barfield 2021-03-16 Packed with comics, diagrams, and “secret diaries,” this book is a wondrous, encyclopedic glance at a dizzying host of different things—from hearts to farts to coconuts—and makes a hilarious and informative guide for curious young readers. Join the hilarious exploration of “a day in the life” of nearly 100 things on Earth. Find out what exactly your tongue does all day long, how a Japanese knotweed destroys everything in its path, and why no two snowflakes are ever the same. From the gross and smelly to the beautiful and fascinating, this book is a treasure trove of entertaining information.

Carved in Ebony Jasmine L. Holmes 2021-11-02 Elizabeth Freeman, Nannie Helen Burroughs, Maria Fearing, Charlotte Forten Grimké, Sarah Mapps Douglass, Sara Griffith Stanley, Amanda Berry Smith, Lucy Craft Laney, Maria Stewart, and Frances Ellen Watkins Harper These names may not be familiar, but each one of these women was a shining beacon of devotion in a world that did not value their lives. They worked to change laws, built schools, spoke to thousands, shared the Gospel around the world. And while history books may have forgotten them, their stories can teach us so much about what it means to be modern women of faith. Through the research and reflections of author Jasmine Holmes, you will be inspired by what each of these exceptional women can teach us about the intersections of faith and education, birth, privilege, opportunity, and so much more. Carved in Ebony will take you past the predominantly white, male contributions that seemingly dominate history books and church history to discover how Black women have been some of the main figures in defining the landscape of American history and faith. Join Jasmine on this journey of illuminating these women--God's image-bearers, carved in ebony.

**The Night I Met Father Christmas** Ben Miller 2018-11-01 'A gorgeous tale brimming with the magic of Christmas. A sheer delight for all kids both big AND small.' Ruth Jones, award-winning writer and comedian 'Enchanting, funny and intriguing in equal measure' Philip Ardagh, bestselling author 'You can always tell when a children's book has been written by a brilliant father because there's a particular intimacy, warmth and mischievous humour that bubbles through it ... irresistible' Alexander Armstrong, presenter, comedian and writer Jackson knows all about the flying reindeer, he knows about the elves and the secret North Pole workshop, he knows about the magic that allows Father Christmas to deliver presents around the world in just one night, but there's one thing he doesn't know ... how did Father Christmas become Father Christmas? That all changes when, one Christmas Eve, Jackson meets Father Christmas and hears his incredible story. So begins an enchanting fairy-tale into a magical snowy landscape, where Torvil, a mean-spirited and miserly elf, is about to discover the true meaning of Christmas. This might not have been the story Jackson was expecting but, as Father Christmas tells him, no good story ever is... Get ready for a Christmas classic in the making from actor and comedian Ben Miller with beautiful illustrations throughout from emerging talent Daniela Jaglenka Terrazzini, that will remind everyone of the true spirit of Christmas and prove once and for all that Father Christmas really does exist!