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One marine squad, led by young upstart Jim Raynor and giant Tychus Findlay, are prepared to battle a corrupt government as it works for interplanetary domination in this action-packed thriller set in the StarCraft universe. For the poor, hardworking citizens of the Confederacy's fringe worlds, the Guild Wars have exacted a huge

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toll. Swayed by the promise of financial rewards, a new batch of recruits joins the fight alongside a slew of mysteriously docile criminals—and a few dubious military leaders. Eighteen-year-old Jim Raynor, full of testosterone and eager to make things right at home, ships off to boot camp, but he soon discovers that the official mission is not what he's really fighting for. For the first time ever,

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StarCraft enthusiasts will learn the origins of the enduring friendship between Jim Raynor and the streetwise soldier Tychus Findlay. Watch as they battle on the front lines of a fierce interplanetary war and bear witness to the Confederacy's rank corruption—corruption so reprehensible that it rains immeasurable death and destruction upon the government's own people. Fastest wins. Your adventure starts now ...

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This is a race. It is not a race against the clock, because that would be a far easier race. Clocks can be fast, but clocks never win races. It's nearly always humans, sometimes horses and occasionally dogs. This is a race against your fellow Taskmaster players. You are competing against everyone else who is reading this book. All you've got to do is find The Taskmaster's Head first. This is a race with many twists and

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turns, that requires very little running, much sideways thinking and quite a lot of patience. Thankfully, there will be a shedload of tasks along the way to distract you. There are tasks to do on your own, tasks to do with your family and friends, and tasks for bigger groups too. Some of these distractions may slow you down, but some may help you get where you need to go. As always, enjoy them, do your best, make good

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*choices. So get going.
Take on the tasks. All
the information you need
is in the book... Alex
Horne, Taskmaster's
Assistant*

****THE SUNDAY TIMES
BESTSELLER**** 'I don't
think I've ever read a
book that has made me
cry with laughter as
much as this one. It was
very difficult reading
it in public as I looked
like a madman' - Richard
Herring 'James Acaster
has a brilliant comic
mind, crackling with
energy every bit as much

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as his corduroy slacks'
- Milton Jones James
Acaster has been
nominated for the
Edinburgh Comedy Award
five times and has
appeared on prime-time
TV shows like **MOCK THE
WEEK, LIVE AT THE APOLLO**
and **RUSSELL HOWARD'S
STAND UP CENTRAL**. But
behind the fame and
critical acclaim is a
man perpetually getting
into trouble. Whether
it's disappointing a
skydiving instructor mid-
flight, hiding from
thugs in a bush wearing

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a bright red dress, or annoying the Kettering Board Games club, a didgeridoo-playing conspiracy theorist and some bemused Christians, James is always finding new ways to embarrass himself. Appearing on Josh Widdicombe's radio show to recount these stories, the feature was christened 'James Acaster's classic scrapes'. Here, in his first book, James recounts these tales (including never-before-heard stories) along

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*with self-penned
drawings, in all their
glorious stupidity.*

*'A beautiful and clever
book about being human'
Russell Brand COMEDY.*

*TRAGEDY. THERAPY. Simon
Amstell did his first
stand-up gig at the age
of thirteen. His parents
had just divorced and
puberty was confusing.*

*Trying to be funny
solved everything. HELP
is the hilarious and
heartbreaking account of
Simon's ongoing
compulsion to reveal his
entire self on stage. To*

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*tell the truth so it
can't hurt him any more.
Loneliness, anxiety,
depression - this book
has it all. And more.
From a complicated
childhood in Essex to an
Ayahuasca-led epiphany
in the Amazon
rainforest, this story
will make you laugh, cry
and then feel happier
than you've ever been.
The Stench of Honolulu
The Audacity*

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Alan Partridge: Nomad

Elis and John Present

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the Holy Vible

Help

The hilarious feminist account of the female body by the award-winning comedian ** PRE-ORDER SARA PASCOE'S NEW BOOK SEX POWER MONEY NOW** 'HILARIOUS' Daily Telegraph 'Brilliant' Frankie Boyle Sometimes Sara Pascoe confuses herself. She gets wildly and pointlessly jealous. She spends too much time hating her bum. And you know what she hates more than her bum? Her preoccupation with her bum. She's had sexual experiences with boys she wasn't really into, but still got a post-coital crush on them. She's ruined brand-new relationships by immediately imagining them going into reverse. There was so much about her behaviour that Pascoe wanted to understand. So she started researching what makes us -

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women - tick. And what she read made her eyes fall out of her face. Reader, here is everything science has to tell us about love, sexuality, infidelity, boobs, periods, pubes, broodiness, and clever old fat.

Merry Christmas and Hallelujah!

Suddenly being a woman doesn't look like such a minefield after all. 'Fresh and HONEST' Guardian 'Timely and INTELLIGENT' The Times 'FUNNY, sad, angry, affronted, engaging and ENLIGHTENING' Stylist

A RADIO 4 BOOK OF THE WEEK 'An affectionate and revealing account ...

Funny, sad, real, rueful.' The Times

'Warm, rambling and self-aware'

Guardian The long-awaited, rambling, tender, and very funny memoir from

Adam Buxton

****THE BRILLIANT & IRREVERENT
GUIDE FROM AWARD-WINNING
COMEDIAN HUGO BOSS FORMERLY**

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KNOWN AS JOE LYCETT ** As seen on Joe Lycett's Got Your Back, The Time it Takes, also seen on 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown and Taskmaster. He's seen everywhere in fact. 'Joe is nothing short of hilarious' SARAH MILLICAN 'I Lycett, I Lycett a lot' HARRY HILL 'We were snorting with laughter like a happy pig throughout. Lots more of the same please Joe! 5*s' HEAT MAGAZINE * * * * * Dear Reader, Life is hard. We are a bombarded generation: Facebook, billboards, Twitter, Instagram, taxes, newspapers, watches monitoring our sleep, apps that read our pulse, terrorism. There's such an onslaught to the senses these days it's a marvel any of us manage to get out of bed. I love bed. While we are overwhelmed and confused by the miasmatic cloud of information, there are those that seek to take advantage: there are parking fines, hate Tweets, Nigerian email

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scams and Christmas newsletters from old school friends about their ugly kids. And just as we're getting round to doing something about it, we're distracted again. I, Joe Lycett, comedian, wordsmith, and professional complainer, am here to help. During my short life of doing largely nothing I've discovered solutions to many of life's problems, which I impart to you, dear Reader. Containing a centurion of complaint letters to unsuspecting celebrities, companies and anyone brave enough to clog up my phone, as well as illustrations, one-liners, jokes and life hacks, this little gem offers you a collection of tips and advice* for all manner of modern woe. By the time you have finished reading this book you will have learnt how to: - Reverse a parking fine - Manipulate the tabloid press - Navigate social media - Respond to hate mail - Out-weird internet trolls - Contest a

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so-called ripe avocado - Send the perfect Christmas newsletter - Defeat ISIS - Take down multi-national companies AND MUCH, MUCH MORE! Joe Lycett x * If you are looking for guidance with taxes, quitting smoking, moving house, love, divorce, education, healthcare or anything actually important may I recommend speaking to friends or family members and not consulting a book by a comedian who eats halloumi at least twice a day.

'One of the funniest people in the world. Annoyingly talented at everything he does which includes writing books. As Good As it Gets is hilarious.' - Rob Beckett

Confronted by the realities of adulthood, Romesh Ranganathan must face an uncomfortable truth: this is not quite how he imagined it. Watching his friends descend into middle age, his waist thicken with every meal and his finances dwindle to fund his family's middle class

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aspirations, Romesh reflects on the demands of daily life and the challenges of adulting in the modern world. As he reluctantly concludes that he is indeed a grown man, Rom wrestles with the greater questions that threaten his being: Could I save my family in a crisis? Do I possess the skills to assemble flatpack furniture? Am I too old for streetwear? Is it alright to parent my kids through the medium of Fortnite? Is celibacy the secret to a passionate marriage? From one of the countries most beloved comedians and author of the Sunday Times bestseller **STRAIGHT OUTTA CRAWLEY** comes the hilarious and painfully accurate dissection of what it really means to grow up.

After the Green Withered
A Year in the Life of One Man Trying to
Save the Planet
Ayoade on Top

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Parsnips, Buttered

Are You Dave Gorman?

Ayoade on Ayoade

Richard Ayoade - in this foren, perhaps one of the most 'insubstantial' people of our age, takes us on a journey from Peckham to Paris by way of Nevada and other places we don't care about. It's a journey deep within, in a way that's respectful and non-invasive; a journey for which we will all pay a heavy price, even if you've waited for the smaller paperback edition. Ayoade argues for the canonisation of this brutal masterpiece, a film that celebrates capitalism in all its victimless glory; one we

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might imagine Donald Trump himself half-watching on his private jet's gold-plated flat screen while his other puffy eye scans the cabin for fresh, young prey."

As seen on This Time with Alan Partridge on BBC One. THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER Praise for Nomad: 'Funniest book of the year' Sunday Telegraph 'Alan Partridge's Nomad is almost certainly the funniest book ever written' Caitlin Moran 'Sensationally funny. What brilliant writing' Richard Osman 'Sensational' Jenny Colgan 'Hilarious' Jon Ronson 'Brilliantly funny' Marcus Brigstock In ALAN

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PARTRIDGE: NOMAD, Alan dons his boots, windcheater and scarf and embarks on an odyssey through a place he once knew - it's called Britain - intent on completing a journey of immense personal significance. Diarising his ramble in the form of a 'journey journal', Alan details the people and places he encounters, ruminates on matters large and small and, on a final leg fraught with danger, becomes - not a man (because he was one to start off with) - but a better, more inspiring example of a man. This deeply personal book is divided into chapters and has

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a colour photograph on the front cover. It is deeply personal. Through witty vignettes, heavy essays and nod-inducing pieces of wisdom, Alan shines a light on the nooks of the nation and the crannies of himself, making this a biography that biographs the biographer while also biographing bits of Britain.

Award winners Robin Ince and Johnny Mains team up for this second exploration of the relationship between comedy and horror...

Gordy LaSure's passionate about film. He eats film, he drinks film, and sometimes

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he'll even watch a film. But most of all he loves talking to people about film: whether a comely student with low confidence and a father complex, a Studio 'development' exec who doesn't trust his own judgement, or the countless people Gordy LaSure's encountered in his capacity as the web moderator on an Excessive Sweating Discussion Forum. Gordy LaSure's alwaystalking about films and how they'd be a shit ton better if only people would pull their asses out of their ears and listen to Gordy LaSure. The voyage of this book can be

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categorised as an attempt to understand How In Hell Film Works. Why are some films bad, and some films terrible? How come just a handful of films (Titanic, Porky's, Dirty Harry) are any good at all? Gordy'll tell you How and Why, and he'll give you a slug of Wherefore on the side. And he doesn't shoot from the hip; he shoots from the gut.

***How to be Champion
Perfect Sound Whatever
StarCraft II: Heaven's Devils
David Mitchell: Back Story
Crap at the Environment
Gotta Get Theroux This***

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BESTSELLER * *A SUNDAY
TIMES BOOK OF THE YEAR *
'Very funny and very
beautiful, packed with
jokes and genuinely wise
advice' - Chris Evans 'So
good. I've loved every
second of reading it' -
James Corden 'Riveting' -
Daily Mail 'A hilarious
book that will be adored
by Jimmy's fans. Both of
them' - David Walliams 'I
was really annoyed at how
good this book is and
that's the biggest
compliment I can give' -
Romesh Ranganathan 'It's
the first life advice book
from someone whose life

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you would actually want' - Katherine Ryan 'Stand-up comedy raised me. It taught me all the skills I need for life, except tax accounting' - Jimmy Carr Cheaper than Scientology, quicker than therapy and much less boring than church - this is the hugely funny and insightful book about happiness by top comedian Jimmy Carr, and anyone feeling stuck in a rut should devour it. In his mid-twenties, Jimmy was bored, boring, unfulfilled and underachieving. He wasn't exactly depressed,

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but he was very sad. Think of a baby owl whose mum has recently died in a windmill accident. He was that sad. This book tells the story of how Jimmy turned it around and got happy, through the redemptive power of dick jokes. Written to take advantage of the brief window between the end of lockdown and Jimmy getting cancelled for saying something unforgivable to Lorraine Kelly, this book is as timely as it is unnecessary. Because you might be interested in Jimmy's life but he's damn

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sure you're a lot more interested in your own, Before & Laughter is about both of you. But mainly him. It tells the story of Jimmy's life - the transformation from white-collar corporate drone to fake-toothed donkey-laugh plastic-haired comedy mannequin - while also explaining how to turn your own life around and become the you you've always dreamt of being. At just £20, it's cheaper than Scientology, quicker than therapy, and significantly less boring than church. Before &

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Laughter contains the answers to all the big questions in life, questions like: • What's the secret to happiness? • Is Jimmy wearing a wig? • What happened with that tax thing? • What's the meaning of life? • Is Jimmy's laugh real? • Can those teeth bite through vibranium? And for readers in the West Country: yes, there are pictures (actually, sorry, there are no pictures, but there's a book about a hungry caterpillar you'll love). Because it's Jimmy Carr - recently

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scientifically proved to be the funniest comedian in the UK - there are jokes, jokes and more jokes throughout. If laughter really was the best medicine, the NHS would be handing out this book in Nightingale Hospitals. Fascinating, thoughtful and insightful - are all words that appear in the book.

****THE SUNDAY TIMES
BESTSELLER**** 'I don't think I've ever read a book that has made me cry with laughter as much as this one. It was very difficult reading it in

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public as I looked like a madman' - Richard Herring

James Acaster has been nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy Award five times and has appeared on prime-time TV shows like TASKMASTER, MOCK THE WEEK, LIVE AT THE APOLLO and WOULD I LIE TO YOU? But behind the fame and critical acclaim is a man perpetually getting into trouble. Whether it's disappointing a skydiving instructor mid-flight, hiding from thugs in a bush wearing a bright red dress, or annoying the Kettering Board Games

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club, a didgeridoo-playing conspiracy theorist and some bemused Christians, James is always finding new ways to embarrass himself. Appearing on Josh Widdicombe's radio show to recount these stories, the feature was christened 'James Acaster's classic scrapes'. Here, in his first book, James recounts these tales (including never-before-heard stories) along with self-penned drawings, in all their glorious stupidity. I loved Jon's book. It's even better than the real thing because you can't

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hear his voice.' Michael
McIntyre
David Mitchell, who you
may know for his
inappropriate anger on
every TV panel show except
Never Mind the Buzzcocks,
his look of permanent
discomfort on C4 sex
comedy Peep Show, his
online commenter-baiting
in The Observer or just
for wearing a stick-on
moustache in That Mitchell
and Webb Look, has written
a book about his life.
Al Murray the Pub Landlord
Says Think Yourself
British
Taskmaster

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And Other Lessons from
Modern Life
Before & Laughter
Or, You Can't Survive on
Ideas Alone
Egghead

*Hilarious, heartwarming
and inspirational, this is
the number 1 Sunday Times
bestselling autobiography
by comedian Sarah*

*Millican. The funniest
book of the year! ******

*'The naughtiest, helpiest,
laughieoutloudiest and
goodest book I've ever
done reading on. Give that
girl a banana!'* DAWN

*FRENCH SARAH MILLICAN'S
AUTOBIOGRAPHY WILL MAKE*

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YOU LAUGH, FEEL NORMAL AND PROBABLY SNIFF YOUR LEGGINGS. Part autobiography, part self help, part confession, part celebration of being a common-or-garden woman, part collection of synonyms for nunny, Sarah Millican's debut book delves into her super normal life with daft stories, funny tales and proper advice on how to get past life's blips - like being good at school but not good at friends, the excitement of IBS and how to blossom post divorce. If you've ever

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worn glasses at the age of six, worn an off-the-shoulder gown with no confidence, been contacted by an old school bully, lived in your childhood bedroom in your thirties, been gloriously dumped in a Frankie and Benny's, cried so much you felt great, been for a romantic walk with a dog, worn leggings two days in a row even though they smelt of wee from a distance, then this is YOUR BOOK. If you haven't done those things but wish you had, THIS IS YOUR BOOK. If you just want to laugh on a

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train/sofa/toilet or under your desk at work, THIS IS YOUR BOOK. 'Of course Sarah Millican's book will make you laugh out loud, but there are moments where she will touch you deeply. The dirty bitch.'
KATHY BURKE

As well as giving a specific account of every single time he's scored some smack, this disgusting memoir also details: the singular, pitbull-infested charm of the FRP ('Flat Roofed Pub') the curious French habit of injecting everyone in the arse

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*rather than the arm why,
by the time he got to
Cambridge, he really,
really needed a drink the
pain of being denied a
childhood birthday party
at McDonalds the
satisfaction of writing
jokes about suicide how
doing quite a lot of
walking around London
helps with his sciatica
trying to pretend he isn't
a total **** at Robert
Webb's wedding that he has
fallen in love at LOT, but
rarely done anything about
it why it would be worse
to bump into Michael Palin
than Hitler on holiday*

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that he's not David Mitchell the novelist. Despite what David Miliband might think 'A wonderful blend of nostalgia, hilarity and personal anecdotes that only Josh Widdicombe could deliver' James Acaster 'If you read only one book by Josh Widdicombe this year, make it this one' Jack Dee 'Beautifully written, cleverly crafted and charmingly funny' Adam Hills 'This is a book about growing up in the '90s told through the thing that mattered most to me, the television

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programmes I watched. For my generation television was the one thing that united everyone. There were kids at my school who liked bands, kids who liked football and one weird kid who liked the French sport of petanque, however, we all loved Gladiators, Neighbours and Pebble Mill with Alan Titchmarsh (possibly not the third of these).' In his first memoir, Josh Widdicombe tells the story of a strange rural childhood, the kind of childhood he only realised was weird when he left

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home and started telling people about it. From only having four people in his year at school, to living in a family home where they didn't just not bother to lock the front door, they didn't even have a key. Using a different television show of the time as its starting point for each chapter Watching Neighbours Twice a Day... is part-childhood memoir, part-comic history of '90s television and culture. It will discuss everything from the BBC convincing him that Michael Parkinson

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had been possessed by a ghost, to Josh's belief that Mr Blobby is one of the great comic characters, to what it's like being the only vegetarian child west of Bristol. It tells the story of the end of an era, the last time when watching television was a shared experience for the family and the nation, before the internet meant everyone watched different things at different times on different devices, headphones on to make absolutely sure no one else could watch it with

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them.

A Comedian's Prayer Book.

*The title is a worry,
isn't it?... God is a
tough audience as far as
audible response is
concerned, but at least
you don't have to explain
the references. In this
collection of prayers,
much-loved comedian,
broadcaster and radio host
Frank Skinner has tried to
retain the bare candour of
the rehearsal-room
improvisation - to show
what faith feels like,
from the inside - but
infused it with all the
production values required*

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to make it a passable public entertainment. In it are his convictions, his questions, his fears, his doubts, his elations - all presented in an eavesdropper-friendly form. Hell, Judgement, atheism, money, faith and the X-Men all feature: it's a bit like reading the Bible, except you only get one side of the conversation, and all the jokes are left in. Watching Neighbours Twice a Day...

Ramble Book: Musings on Childhood, Friendship, Family and 80s Pop Culture

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*And Other Rules to Live By
The Book The Bible Could
Have Been*

*It's Not Me, It's You!
Animal*

Enora Byrnes lives in the aftermath of global drought. Her life, dominated by a powerful entity that controls everything from water credits to borders, is defined by regulation and sacrifice. When she becomes part of the very fabric of this power, Enora quickly discovers that not all is, as it seems. From the confines of her small town to the bowels of a hidden city, she will confront startling realities that force her to question who she is and what role she will play. In the end, she must decide how far she will go to retain her humanity.

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Christmas.

The legendary Deep Thoughts and New Yorker humorist Jack Handey is back with his very first novel—a hilarious, absurd, far-flung adventure tale. **THE STENCH OF HONOLULU**

Are you a fan of books in which famous tourist destinations are repurposed as unlivable hellholes for no particular reason? Read on! Jack Handey's exotic tale is full of laugh-out-loud twists and unforgettable characters whose names escape me right now. A reliably unreliable narrator and his friend, who is some other guy, need to get out of town. They have a taste for adventure, so they pay a visit to a relic of bygone days—a travel agent—and discover an old treasure map. She might have been a

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witch, by the way. Our heroes soon embark on a quest for the Golden Monkey, which takes them into the mysterious and stinky foreign land of Honolulu. There, they meet untold dangers, confront strange natives, kill and eat Turtle People, kill some other things and people, eat another thing, and discover the ruins of ancient civilizations. As our narrator says, "The ruins were impressive. But like so many civilizations, they forgot the rule that might have saved them: Don't let vines grow all over you."

'A magnificent tale of obsession and adventure' The Independent After a heavy night of tequila, flatmates Dave and Danny set off on what turns out to be a 24,000-mile journey to meet all the other Dave Gormans in the world.

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They visit Scotland, Israel, America, France and Ireland. They even hold a party in London where 50 Dave Gormans attend, including two women who have kindly changed their name via deed-poll. Silly, but engrossing, fascinating and addictive - and a touching, funny story of two friends who grow to share a mutual obsession. 'A warm, funny, life-enhancing book' The Guardian The average Dave Gorman is 37, 5'6" and works in the financial sector. Our Dave Gorman is 29, is a Perrier Award-nominated comedian and writer. His TV work has earned him two BAFTAs for The Mrs Merton Show as well as his own BBC2 series. Danny Wallace is a writer, producer and award-winning journalist, whose work has appeared in numerous

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newspapers and magazines including
The Guardian, The Independent and
Melody Maker.

Life Lessons from a Reluctant Adult
Delicacy

This Mitchell and Webb Book

The funniest man in the UK's
genuinely useful guide to life
Before and Laughter

A Comedian's Prayer Book

Al Murray's BOOK OF BRITISH
COMMON SENSE helped Great
Britain get back on her feet
by providing an injection of
Common Sense to counteract
all the balls and waffle
we've been subjected to in
this once great nation of
ours. Now he's back, and
he's turning his attention
to You. The Pub Landlord

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knows that you, like so many others in Broken Britain, need help to Help Yourself. Which is why he has stepped out from behind the taps once again and written (well, dictated, be reasonable) this Help Yourself book, Think Yourself British. The guiding principle of Helping Yourself is this: in order to take one step forward, we must first take two steps backwards. Because you will only truly know that you are moving forwards if you have first seen what it's like to go backwards. And once you have read Think Yourself British you will undoubtedly become one of the most

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backwards people you know. Help Yourself to unlock your brainSpace(tm) and increase your brain'sPace* Help Yourself to Health, Nutrition, Dating, Health, Wealth, Success and Happiness. Help Yourself to make an omelette with a fried egg inside it. Help Yourself to Al Murray The Pub Landlord's Think Yourself British (remember to pay for it, though, don't just help yourself). * (tm) applied for. "Genius" The Sun (on The Pub Landlords Book of British Common Sense)
The Elis James and John Robins' Show has become cult listening, and that cult has

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registered for charitable status, published quarterly accounts and been given a full blessing by the Archbishop of Broadcasting. It's official: Elis and John are a religion, and this book is their Holy Vible. Have you ever failed to Keep It Session? Is your new flatmate a complete coin? Have you ever eaten Space Raiders on the toilet and written 'Grief Is Living' in your journal? Then this book is for you. If not, don't worry, it won't be long before you're making up games, looking at Freddie, or facing your own personal farthing-gate. Our obsessions make us what we

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are, and though you may never have addressed a will to Brian May or cried watching Ronnie O' Sullivan make a 147, you'll have done something similar, and Elis and John are here to tell you that you're not weird, so come on in, and taste the vibe! Or should I say, READ the vibe!

THE SUNDAY TIMES-BESTSELLING
BOOK BY ONE OF BRITAIN'S
BEST-LOVED COMIC WRITERS

There are many aspects of modern life that trouble award-winning comedian David Mitchell, such as: Why is every film or TV programme a sequel or a remake? Why are people so f***ing hung up about swearing? Why do the

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asterisks in that sentence make it ok? Why do so many people want to stop other people doing things, and how can they be stopped from stopping them? Join Mitchell on a tour of the absurdities of our times - from Ryanair to Richard III, Downton Abbey to phone etiquette, UKIP to hotdogs made of cats. Funny, provocative and shot through with refreshing amounts of common sense, *Thinking About It Only Makes It Worse* celebrates and commiserates on the state of things in our not entirely glorious modern world. 'Mitchell is an exceptionally clever, eloquent and spot-on

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commentator . . . We should be grateful for him.' Daily Mail, Books of the Year

In this book Richard Ayoade - actor, writer, director, and amateur dentist - reflects on his cinematic legacy as only he can: in conversation with himself. Over ten brilliantly insightful and often erotic interviews, Ayoade examines himself fully and without mercy, leading a breathless investigation into this once-in-a-generation visionary. Only Ayoade can appreciate Ayoade's unique methodology. Only Ayoade can recognise Ayoade's talent. Only Ayoade can withstand Ayoade's peculiar scent. Only Ayoade

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can truly get inside Ayoade. They have called their book Ayoade on Ayoade: A Cinematic Odyssey. Take the journey, and your life will never be the same again.

Ayoade on Ayoade captures the director in his own words: pompous, vain, angry and very, very funny.

A Tropical Adventure

A Memoir about Cake and Death

Dishonesty is the Second-Best Policy

The Autobiography of a Female Body

Thinking About It Only Makes It Worse

A Memoir

The Sunday Times Bestseller

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James Acaster: cult comedian, bestselling author of *Classic Scrapes*, undercover cop, receiver of cabbages. *PERFECT SOUND WHATEVER* is a love letter to the healing power of music, and how one man's obsessive quest saw him defeat the bullshit of one year with the beauty of another.

Because that one man is James Acaster, it also includes tales of befouling himself in a Los Angeles steakhouse, stealing a cookie from Clint Eastwood, and giving drunk, unsolicited pep talks to urinating strangers. January, 2017 James Acaster wakes up heartbroken and alone in New York, his relationship over, a day of disastrous meetings leading him

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to wonder if comedy is really what he wants to be doing any more. A constant comfort in James's life has been music, but he's not listened to anything new for a very long time. Idly browsing 'best of the year' lists, it dawns on him that 2016 may have been a grim year for a lot of reasons, but that it seemed to be an iconic year for music. And so begins a life-changing musical odyssey, as James finds himself desperately seeking solace in the music of 2016, setting himself the task of only listening to music released that year, ending up with 500 albums in his collection. Looking back on this year-long obsession, parallels begin to grow between

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the music and James's own life: his relationship history, the highs and lows of human connection, residual Christian guilt, and mental health issues that have been bubbling under the surface for years. Some albums are life-changing masterpieces, others are 'Howdilly Doodilly' by Okilly Dokilly, a metalcore album devoted to The Simpsons' character Ned Flanders, but all of them play a part the year that helped James Acaster get his life back on track.

**** THE NEW BOOK FROM THE AWARD-WINNING COMEDIAN AND WRITER**** 'Mitchell is an exceptionally clever, eloquent and spot-on commentator. We should

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be grateful for him.' Daily Mail
David Mitchell's 2014 bestseller
Thinking About It Only Makes It
Worse must really have made
people think - because
everything's got worse. We've
gone from UKIP surge to Brexit
shambles, from horsemeat in
lasagne to Donald Trump in the
White House, from Woolworths
going under to all the other shops
going under. It's probably socially
irresponsible even to try to cheer
up. But if you're determined to
give it a go, you might enjoy this
eclectic collection (or eclection) of
David Mitchell's attempts to make
light of all that darkness. Scampi,
politics, the Olympics, terrorism,
exercise, rude street names,

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inheritance tax, salad cream, proportional representation and farts are all touched upon by Mitchell's unremitting laser of chit-chat, as he negotiates a path between the commercialisation of Christmas and the true spirit of Halloween. Read this book and slightly change your life! 'Mitchell combines breathtaking general knowledge with withering wit.'
Guardian

What the environmental movement has been waiting for is a plane-frequenting, blissfully ignorant comedian with no green credibility whatsoever to tackle one of the most important issues of our time. When non-expert Mark Watson announced his

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intention to spend the year becoming less Crap At The Environment, within 24 hours, 500 mates and fans had joined him. He lived for (almost) a week without plastic. He ransacked libraries in order to read frightening books on climate change. He lured audiences outside to plant trees, confronted his morbid fear of bike-riding, even started eating vegetables. And a man who began 2007 as a blight on the planet ended up coming to the attention of the most famous almost-president in the world, Al Gore . . .

*A memoir and self-help manual by one of the country's most treasured comedians - for anyone

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who feels stuck in a rut but doesn't have the tools or self-belief to shake things up*In his mid-twenties, Jimmy was bored, boring, unfulfilled and underachieving. He wasn't exactly depressed, but he was very sad. Think of a baby owl whose mum has recently died in a windmill accident. He was that sad. This book tells the story of how Jimmy turned it around and got happy, through the redemptive power of dick jokes.Written to take advantage of the brief window between the end of lockdown and Jimmy getting cancelled for saying something unforgivable to Lorraine Kelly, this book is as timely as it is unnecessary.

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Because you might be interested in Jimmy's life but he's damn sure you're a lot more interested in your own, *Before & Laughter* is about both of you. But mainly him. It tells the story of Jimmy's life - the transformation from white-collar corporate drone to fake-toothed donkey-laugh plastic-haired comedy mannequin - while also explaining how to turn your own life around and become the you you've always dreamt of being. At just 20, it's cheaper than Scientology, quicker than therapy, and significantly less boring than church. *Before & Laughter* contains the answers to all the big questions in life, questions like: What's the secret to

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happiness? Is Jimmy wearing a wig? What happened with that tax thing? What's the meaning of life? Is Jimmy's laugh real? Can those teeth bite through vibranium? And for readers in the West Country: yes, there are pictures (actually, sorry, there are no pictures, but there's a book about a hungry caterpillar you'll love). Because it's Jimmy Carr - recently scientifically proved to be the funniest comedian in the UK - there are jokes, jokes and more jokes throughout. If laughter really was the best medicine, the NHS would be handing out this book in Nightingale Hospitals. Fascinating, thoughtful and insightful - are all words that

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appear in the book.

The Grip of Film

Laugh-out-loud lockdown reading

As Good As It Gets

Mayfield Crossing

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The Hilarious Sunday Times

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BESTSELLER** 'I don't

think I've ever read a

book that has made me

cry with laughter as

much as this one. It was

very difficult reading

it in public as I looked

like a madman' - Richard

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Herring James Acaster has been nominated for the Edinburgh Comedy Award five times and has appeared on prime-time TV shows like TASKMASTER, MOCK THE WEEK, LIVE AT THE APOLLO and WOULD I LIE TO YOU? But behind the fame and critical acclaim is a man perpetually getting into trouble. Whether it's disappointing a skydiving instructor mid-flight, hiding from thugs in a bush wearing a bright red dress, or annoying the Kettering

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Board Games club, a didgeridoo-playing conspiracy theorist and some bemused Christians, James is always finding new ways to embarrass himself. Appearing on Josh Widdicombe's radio show to recount these stories, the feature was christened 'James Acaster's classic scrapes'. Here, in his first book, James recounts these tales (including never-before-heard stories) along with self-penned drawings, in all their

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*glorious stupidity.
A strange and charming
collection of
hilariously absurd
poetry, writing, and
illustration from one of
today's most popular
young comedians...*

*EGGHEAD: Or, You Can't
Survive on Ideas Alone*
*Bo Burnham was a
precocious teenager
living in his parents'
attic when he started
posting material on
YouTube. 100 million
people viewed those
videos, turning Bo into
an online sensation with*

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a huge and dedicated following. Bo taped his first of two Comedy Central specials four days after his 18th birthday, making him the youngest to do so in the channel's history. Now Bo is a rising star in the comedy world, revered for his utterly original and intelligent voice. And, he can SIIIIIIIIING! In EGGHEAD, Bo brings his brand of brainy, emotional comedy to the page in the form of off-kilter poems, thoughts,

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and more. Teaming up with his longtime friend, artist, and illustrator Chance Bone, Bo takes on everything from death to farts in this weird book that will make you think, laugh and think, "why did I just laugh?"

Rob Beckett never seems to fit in. At work, in the middle-class world of television and comedy, he's the laddie, cockney geezer, but to his mates down the pub in south-east London, he's the theatrical one,

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a media luvvie. Even at home, his wife and kids are posher than him. Build yourself a box and think outside of it. Your time starts now ... Taskmaster is Dave's flagship game show with a difference. As the Taskmaster, Greg Davies sets a series of ridiculous tasks to a group of comedians with Alex Horne assisting as his right-hand man, coaxing the hopeful champions to think creatively while completing various

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living room. From making the most artistic tea-stain on the page to creating a self-portrait while blindfolded, this book requires you to think - and draw - outside of the box.

Rivalry is encouraged, dodgy tactics rewarded and bribes accepted.

Expect cheating. Expect arguments. Expect both cheating AND arguments.

Dead Funny: Encore

How '90s TV (Almost)

Prepared Me For Life:

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*My Life and Strange
Times in Television
Back Story*

A Class Act

*Bring Me The Head Of The
Taskmaster*

From the star of The Duchess and the host of 'Telling Everybody Everything', the debut book from superstar comedian Katherine Ryan.

When the school in Mayfield Crossing is closed, the students are sent to larger schools, where the African-American children encounter racial prejudice for the first time, and only baseball seems a possibility for drawing people together. Reissue.

101 next-level tasks (and clues) that will lead one ordinary person to

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***some extraordinary Taskmaster
treasure***