

Daves Christmas Cracker

'Five festive, fun stars from me' Netgalley reviewer 'The first Christmas book I read this year is a . . . cracker!' Netgalley reviewer 'Funny and heart warming all at once' Netgalley reviewer

Karen King's heart-warming

Christmas romance is perfect for fans of Sarah Morgan, Mandy Baggot and Milly Johnson, and will get every reader in the festive spirit! Lexi Forde adores Christmas. She's especially looking forward to it this year as it's the first Christmas with her boyfriend Ben and her older brother is visiting from Canada with his family. They'll all be spending Christmas at her parents' house in Devon. But when Lexi surprises Ben at work, she sees him kissing someone else and discovers he's been having an affair. Devastated, she travels to Devon alone. She's determined not to let her break-up spoil her family Christmas. But when she arrives, Lexi discovers the council won't allow the Christmas tree on the green to be decorated this year; it's too dangerous and has to come down. Lexi is desperate to save their favourite family tradition and make this Christmas extra special. Can she save the tree and mend her broken heart in time for Christmas? **Karen's new novel THE SPANISH WEDDING DISASTER is available to pre-order now!*

Praise for The Best Christmas Ever! 'Hooked from the start!' Netgalley reviewer 'A big hug in book form' Netgalley reviewer 'Cute, well written and [will] put you in the holiday spirit' Netgalley reviewer 'This book was definitely a winner' Netgalley reviewer **Karen's new novel THE SPANISH WEDDING DISASTER is available to pre-order now!*

Created by award-winning, bestselling duo Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, Snowball is a brilliantly funny picture book, with wonderfully comical images illustrating the hilarious rhyming story - perfect for Christmas! A lonely young snowball, stuck at the top of a mountain, decides to visit the local town for a bit of fun – but on his way he trips, falls, and starts to roll . . . and when a snowball rolls through snow, we all know what happens! This snowball picks up not only snow, but a myriad of other odd things on his way down – a sheep, a line of washing, a bicycling bear, ending up in the Zoo.

This work covers ninety years of animation from James Stuart Blackton's 1906 short Humorous Phases of Funny Faces, in which astonished viewers saw a hand draw faces that moved and changed, to Anastasia, Don Bluth's 1997 feature-length challenge to the Walt Disney animation empire. Readers will come across such characters as the Animaniacs, Woody Woodpecker, Will Vinton's inventive Claymation figures (including Mark Twain as well as the California Raisins), and the Beatles trying to save the happy kingdom of Pepperland from the Blue Meanies in Yellow Submarine (1968). Part One covers 180 animated feature films. Part Two identifies feature films that have animation sequences and provides details thereof. Part Three covers over 1,500 animated shorts. All entries offer basic data, credits, brief synopsis, production information, and notes where available. An appendix covers the major animation studios.

A Guide to British television programmes shown at Christmas time, throughout the years. A strange young man, on a random afternoon, at her café, anonymous letters guiding her somewhere within, unusual rains on Christmas evenings, conflicts of a past romance and stars and lights reminding her of her father—Jenny's surprise knows no bounds this festive season. She is persuaded to make an intriguing journey of self-discovery. Can Jenny find the person behind the letters? Can she unlock the mysteries hidden in her own life?

'Fleur McDonald has a wonderful way with telling rural stories in a special way ... A great summer read.' Samstillreading on Suddenly One Summer Ten years ago, thirty-year-old Chelsea Taylor left the small country town of Barker and her family's property to rise to the top as a concert pianist. With talent, ambition and a determination to show them all at home, Chelsea thought she had it made. Yet here she was, back in Barker, with her four-year-old

daughter, Aria, readying herself to face her father, Tom. The father who'd shouted down the phone ten years ago never to come home again. With an uneasy truce developing, Chelsea and Aria settle into the rhythm of life on the land with Tom and Cal, the farmhand, who seems already to have judged Chelsea badly. Until a shocking discovery is made on the riverbed and Detective Dave Burrows, the local copper, has to tear back generations of family stories to reveal the secrets of the past. Chelsea just wants a relationship with her dad but will he ever want that too? Or will his memory lapses mean they'll never get that opportunity? Praise for Fleur McDonald 'Drawing on her own experiences with rural Australia, Fleur has used these skills to weave a moving tale.' Highlife Magazine 'A rural novel of courage, family and survival ... McDonald weaves the varying threads together strongly.' Aussie Reviews

Dave wakes up to find someone else sleeping in his bed! It is orange just like Dave. It is big just like Dave. But it isn't Dave! Who could it be? From the bestselling creators of Barry the Fish with Fingers and How to Babysit a Grandad, comes another hilarious tale that is guaranteed to make young connoisseurs of toilet humour very happy. 'I laughed so much I farted!' Edward, aged 6

A very special, cased board-book edition of this favourite Lynley Dodd story featuring the naughty cat Slinky Malinki, who meddles nonstop with the Christmas tree - the perfect stocking-filler for preschoolers! Sneaky Slinky Malinki is creating mayhem at Christmastime! A special, large-format, board book gift edition of this hilarious story from Lynley Dodd's bestselling Hairy Maclary and Friends series, which is the perfect gift for a young animal-lover. Christmas was coming. Out came the tree, dressed up in finery, splendid to see. Trinkets and tinsel with baubles and bows, a mouse with a hat and a very red nose. It's Christmas in Slinky Malinki's house and the rascal, mischievous cat is most curious about the Christmas tree. With its reindeer, ribbons, baubles and bells, it's too tempting a treat for Slinky not to investigate. So Slinky Malinki, with mischievous glee, creeps out from the shadows to climb up the tree . . . Read all the Hairy Maclary and Friends books by Lynley Dodd! www.hairymaclary.com

The authoritative account of the infamous runaway MP, by his daughter. 'A compelling account of an extraordinary political scandal, written from inside the Stonehouse family'. Martin Bell On 20 November 1974, British Labour MP and Privy Counsellor John Stonehouse faked his death in Miami and, using a forged identity, entered Australia hoping to escape his old life and start anew. One month later his identity was uncovered and he was cautioned; the start of years of legal proceedings. In a tale that involves spies from the communist Czechoslovak secret service, a three-way love affair and the Old Bailey, John's daughter examines previously unseen evidence, telling the dramatic true story for the first time, disputing allegations and upturning common misconceptions which are still in circulation. The story was never far from the front pages of the press in the mid-70s, and yet so much of the truth is still unknown. A close look at the political dynamics of the time; paced like a thriller, it's time for the world to know the real John Stonehouse.

Christmas is an ethical and political minefield. Luckily, this survival guide contains valuable advice on how to navigate the hazards of the holiday season. Learn how to... * launch a scathing dinner table takedown on your woefully unwoke relatives * craft your own sustainable decorations that bring festive cheer without compromising the 2050 Paris Agreement * splurge on Black Friday without propping up the neoliberal capitalist agenda * build a body-positive snowperson that isn't a straight white male for once * skilfully avoid eating meat or dairy without it becoming a whole thing you have to justify for an hour. Whether it's a stocking filler for a left-leaning loved one, or a Secret Santa gift for a painfully earnest colleague, A Snowflake's Guide to Christmas is the perfect gift for anyone with a bleeding heart (and a sense of humour) this holiday season.

Have you EVER seen a fish with fingers? No? Well, neither had the fish at the bottom of the ocean...until they caught sight of Barry! This crazy deep-sea caper is sure to be a hit with all

the kids.

Dave loves Christmas. There are friends, decorations, presents - and, best of all, there is an ENORMOUS Christmas meal, including LOTS of Brussels sprouts! Rumble, rumble goes Dave's tummy. Christmas is going to be EXPLOSIVE! 'I laughed so much I farted!' Edward, aged 6 A fourth brilliantly funny story from Sue Hendra, bestselling author of Barry the Fish With Fingers, and Lee Wildish, winner of the Red House Children's Book Award - laughter is guaranteed!

A wonderful new character from the bestselling creators of Barry the Fish with Fingers and the illustrator of Goodnight Digger. Simon is an odd, stripey sock. He lives in the drawers with all the other socks. Every day two socks get picked to go on an adventure. The sparklies go to parties. The woolies go the park. The smarts go to school. Everyone has a pair... except Simon. Will he ever find his perfect match? A hilarious story celebrating friendship and difference from an exciting new picture book partnership. Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet's hilarious books have sold over 1 million copies!

Hand-make your perfect Christmas with Kirstie Nothing shows how much you love someone more than a handmade gift, card or decoration. And the pleasure is just as much in the planning and making as it is in giving and receiving. In this ultimate celebration of Christmas, Kirstie has brought together over 50 of her favourite festive projects to make, bake and create. Meet Christopher Pumpkin - the Halloween pumpkin who doesn't want to be scary! A funny rhyming story from the authors of Supertato and the creators of Simon Sock. Christopher Pumpkin is delighted to be magicked to life by a witch - until he discovers she wants him and the other pumpkins to get her creepy castle ready for the spookiest party ever! Chris just can't bring himself to hang cobwebs and cook curried slugs - he's much more into bunting and fairy cakes! A delightful story about blazing your own trail, perfect for reading aloud! Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet's hilarious books have sold over 1 million copies!

Bristol in the 60s and 70s was a different world. There were no phones, certainly no mobiles, and television was something you watched at a well-off neighbour's. This is the world that Angela Skelley remembers growing up in and recounts in her nostalgia-steeped memoir *It's Wake-Up Time*. Following Angela's childhood until she emigrated to Canada, in present-tense, clearly laid out chapters of her life, the memoir will appeal both to readers who remember the post-war years and those who enjoy seeing a fragment of history from someone else's eyes. Life could be hard, Angela and her three other siblings squashed in a tiny prefab which froze on the inside every winter. But she recalls that, in many ways, childhood for her still shares similarities with now: music, (front row seats at the Colston Hall to see the Beatles, for less than a pound), dancing (more bopping than rave, but still...), weekly visits to the cinema (lovely long sessions on a Saturday morning), boys (the good, the bad and the ugly), and family (to inspire, love, get frustrated with, lean on and push away from, take for granted and, eventually, to miss). From the first forays of the grown-up world of paid work to leaving for a new home, Angela shares her experiences in an honest, chatty account that will alternatively have you glued to the page or chuckling with delight.

It is the year 2000, a new millenium and Ireland has been in the Eurozone for a

year. By the end of May, Ireland must have a single currency, the Euro. All remaining Punts must be collected and destroyed. Meet the counterfeiters out to make millions of Euros. Meet the 2 British cops tracking their every move. Meet the 2 Irish cops tracking the mad Martha D'Arcy, a violent animal rights campaigner. Meet the team from Liverpool, 4 brilliant fishermen who hope to win 'The Irish Match'. Meet Bernadette, their landlady, who is a ticking sexual time bomb about to explode! Follow the shenanigans down to the cataclysmic finale on Loch Derg. If you don't laugh out loud, you're dead!

Presents an introduction to dragonology that includes spells for catching dragons, their natural history, and descriptions of legendary dragons and dragonslayers. From award-winning tv correspondent Catherine Jacob, and bestselling illustrator of *Sproutzilla vs Christmas Mike* Byrne, comes this super spooky and super fun picture book. In a spooky house, at the top of a hill, something funny's going on... A PARTY! So grab your witch's hat, watch out for the icky sticky green slime, and get ready for a frightfully good time. Because this is one haunted house that you will love exploring.

A debut collection of provocative, energetic and experimental poems from a prizewinning author who has already made a considerable reputation through publications and readings.

With words both wise and droll — along with his inimitable line drawings — Sloane re-creates the flavor of the country store in all its delightful moods: as a meetinghouse, a public forum, and an entertainment center. Sage opinions on everything from the American necktie, almanacs, and capitalism to "the good old days." 55 illustrations.

Thrust into the seedy underworld of hack reporters and Soho drinking dens, young Richard Hermes is skidding down a cocaine slope of self-destruction in pursuit of the impossibly beautiful socialite-cum-columnist Ursula Bentley. But between Richard and his object of desire stands his omnipresent nemesis, the lubricious Bell, doyen of late night radio shows, provider of drugs and gossip, and ringmaster of the Sealink Club. Erudite and witty as ever, this hilarious novella is vintage *Self* at his acerbic, incisive best, brilliantly illustrated by Martin Rowson's sharp, dark, satirical pen.

A reissue of this hilarious picture book with a stunning glittery cover. Written by Sue Hendra, the creator of the bestselling *Barry the Fish with Fingers* (88,000 copies sold in the UK alone) and *Norman the Slug with a Silly Shell* (83,000 copies sold in the UK alone), and illustrated by Liz Pichon, the creator of the *Tom Gates* series. Dave is a great big ol' greedy guts. He loves his dinners. One unfortunate day, after eating a bit too much, he gets stuck in his cat flap. How will he escape? The answer will have you rolling around the floor with laughter. 'A simple story brilliantly told, with a hilarious conclusion.' *The Bookbag* 'I laughed so much I farted!' Edward, aged 6

The hilarious sequel to a modern classic. Written by Sue Hendra, the creator of the bestselling *Barry the Fish with Fingers*, and illustrated by Lee Wildish, the winner of the Overall Red House Children's Book Award 2013. Dave is a big ol' greedy guts. But oh no! His bowl is empty. The animals in the garden help him find other meals - but what will happen when he eats the dog's food? The answer will have you rolling around the

floor with laughter. 'I laughed so much I farted!' Edward, aged 6

"In his diaries, the American philosopher and psychologist William James, for whom the personal and the philosophical were never far apart, recounted how in his late twenties he was confronted with existential despair regarding the issue of free will: do humans have the capacity to act freely and meaningfully? James famously decided that his "first act of free will is to believe in free will," and declared that, "if you can change your mind, you can change your life." This belief in the efficacy of ideas on our practical beliefs and actions would lead to James becoming one of the founders of the first truly distinctively American philosophy, Pragmatism. In this book philosopher John Kaag offers an account of the life, thought, and relevance of James's philosophy for today. He argues that his brand of pragmatism was first and foremost a philosophy geared towards saving a life; namely, James's own, but with important resources and lessons for saving ours as well. James believed that philosophy was meant to articulate, and help answer, a single existential question, one which lent itself to the title of one of his most famous essays: "Is life worth living?" Through examination of an array of existentially loaded topics covered in his works-truth, God, evil, suffering, death, and the meaning of life-James concluded that it is up to us to make life worth living. He said that our beliefs, the truths that guide our lives, matter-their value and veracity turn on the way they play out practically for ourselves and our communities. For James, philosophy was about making life meaningful, and for some of us, liveable. This is the core of his "pragmatic maxim," that truth should be judged on the bases of its practical consequences. Kaag shows how James put this maxim into use in his philosophy and his life and how we can do so in our own. In his perhaps most famous and enduring work, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*, James devoted two chapters to exploring what he saw as two distinct types of personality, "the sick-souled" and "the healthy-minded." James himself, as Kaag shows, tended more toward the sick-souled side of the spectrum. But both types fascinated James and he thought both provided important sources for understanding not just religious experience, but for how we can think about our own orientation to the world and perhaps reorient ourselves in the process"--

Question: Who got the most solos in ID's first Album? Answer: Harry Out of 53:14 minutes, Harry got 7:18minutes of solo, followed by Liam, 7:08min and Zayn, 5:38min. Louis and Niall had the least time with 1:29 and 1:24 respectively. Question What did Harry sell on eBay for charity? Answer: A wristband Harry sold a wristband for a whopping €9010 on eBay in May 2012 just to raise for a charity for children who are seriously ill. He signed this wristband. He also wore this wristband for a while. Question How did Harry celebrate when "Up All Night" reached #1 in America? Answer: He bought a mattress! He thought that he should buy something for himself, and he reckoned that he was in need of a mattress. So, he bought one. What do you know about One Direction? Diddly SQUAT, that's what! I have one quest in mind. To challenge and break you with the hardest question you will ever face! These questions are for the brave-hearted and the strong. So, ONLY buy if you're up to the challenge! Only enter if you dare...

Number One for Fiendish Fun! This book contains a school play, some stolen sweets, a visit from Father Christmas and a HELLISH dinner! Four utterly hilarious and totally brilliant Horrid Henry stories by Francesca Simon, with illustrations by Tony Ross. An irresistible introduction to reading for pleasure.

Dave "The Devilfish" Ulliott has taken the poker world by storm since beginning to play at the age of 16. A world-class player, he is one of the most feared players on the ever-burgeoning global poker circuit. The Devilfish is a working-class man from Hull who was a petty criminal at 16, a safe-breaker who spent his 21st birthday in prison, and then a pawnbroker in Hull who's turned his gambling hobby into a hugely lucrative career. Dave Ulliott was the first British player to win a \$500,000 poker event in the US, won the first Late Night Poker series on Channel 4, and is the face of Ultimatebet.com, one of the biggest online poker sites. This powerful and revealing book uncovers the amazing world of professional poker in Britain, and for the first time tells the extraordinary stories of the country's top poker professionals. It is a must-read for anyone who is part of, or fascinated by, the growth of professional poker from yesterday's illegal back-street card games to the cyberspace and television phenomenon of today.

'The perfect winter treat: a beautifully illustrated book of Christmas stories and recipes from the Booker prize longlisted author of Frankissstein 'Packed with charm and beautifully illustrated, it's a book that will solve your gift dilemmas and let you escape the less salubrious aspects of Christmas for a literary wonderland' Stylist Everybody loves a Christmas story. The tradition of the Twelve Days of Christmas is a tradition of celebration, sharing and giving. And what better way to do that than with a story? Read these stories by the fire, in the snow, travelling home for the holidays. Give them to friends, wrap them up for someone you love, read them aloud, read them alone, read them together. Enjoy the season of peace and goodwill, mystery, and a little bit of magic. There are ghosts here and jovial spirits. Chances at love and tricks with time. There is frost and icicles, mistletoe and sledges. There's a cat and a dog and a solid silver frog. There's a Christmas cracker with a surprising gift inside. There's a haunted house and a SnowMama. There are Yuletides and holly wreaths. Three Kings. And a merry little Christmas time. And for the icing on the Christmas cake, there are twelve festive recipes from Yuletides past and present. Red cabbage, gravlax, turkey biryani, sherry trifle, Mrs Winterson's mince pies and more.

In this evocative work of what the author in his Afterword calls 'autofiction' or 'a kind of novelised memoir', Jay Parini takes us back fifty years, when he fled the United States for Scotland. He was in frantic flight from the Vietnam War and desperately in search of his adult life. There, through unlikely circumstances, he met famed Argentinian author Jorge Luis Borges. Borges was in his seventies, blind and frail. Parini was asked to look after him while his translator was unexpectedly called away. When Borges heard that Parini owned a 1957 Morris Minor, he declared a long-held wish to visit the Scottish Highlands, where he hoped to meet a man in Inverness who was interested in Anglo-Saxon riddles. As they travelled, the charmingly garrulous Borges took Parini on a grand tour of western literature and ideas while promising to teach him about love and poetry. As Borges's world of labyrinths, mirrors and doubles shimmered into being, their escapades took a surreal turn. *Borges and Me* is a classic road novel, based on true events. It's also a magical tour of an era – like our own – in which uncertainties abound, and when – as ever – it's the young and the old who hear voices and dream dreams.

A brilliantly funny Christmas picture book, from the bestselling author of *Supertato*. Dave loves Christmas. There are friends, presents and, best of all, an ENORMOUS

Christmas meal. Including LOTS of Brussel sprouts... Rumble, rumble goes Dave's tummy. Christmas is going to be EXPLOSIVE! Giggles are guaranteed with this fart-filled festive frolic! Perfect for fans of The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas and Barry the Fish with Fingers.

The creative writing courses at Adelaide University have been in place for six years, and this is the third anthology to emerge from the Masters Degree course. Each year the students, many of them established writers, select a theme around which to write poetry and stories. These writers have wrapped up the very essence of Christmas with words.

Slithering from the deep dark underground, award winning anarchist writer D G Jones returns with a trio of mini books filled with his own brand of horror, humour and general piss taking. Often described as a writer who is highly disturbed, dangerously insane and that weird bloke who likes cats, these new collections contain some of his most amusing and disgusting tales. One minute cringing in horror, the next completely bemused or soiling themselves with laughter, the reader is treated to some of the best weird and wonderful fiction around. Recently reviewed as "having someone pulling out your entrails while telling you naff jokes from a Christmas Cracker", this collection is a must for those seeking the strange, unusual and the downright silly. Volume three of The Dave Nonsense Trilogy, this volume contains the strangest stories... Follow Dave on Twitter @theflayedprince if he can figure out how to work it. (Warning please do not buy if easily offended and/or nauseated. These are mini books of short stories only, not full length novels). Collection Three. Poe's Replacement (And Even More Dave Nonsense) Poe's Replacement: Time travelling uncouth lout Morgan accidentally kills one of America's greatest writers and the whole of reality is threatened. Picture This: Very short and disgusting when you think about it. Birdseye: Death it would seem is not the end, but it quickly becomes a real pain in the arse when you are stuck with it... For the Love of Kat Yates: A serial killer is haunting the streets of Drail City, or is it a little more complicated than that? The Trinity of Midnight: a Jolly Boys-esque tale of stupidity and the occult featuring Dave, Uncle Peter and the troublesome Robin Twiddy.

"As good as we humans are at division, we're better still at connection. Ties That Bind shows this again and again." —The New York Times "A testimony to the power of narrative and vision. . . . The collection successfully fulfills its mission: to make readers feel 'more connected, awake, and alive.'" —Publishers Weekly A celebration of the relationships that bring us strength, purpose, and joy Ties That Bind honors the people who nourish and strengthen us. StoryCorps founder Dave Isay draws from ten years of the revolutionary oral history project's rich archives, collecting conversations that celebrate the power of the human bond and capture the moment at which individuals become family. Between blood relations, friends, coworkers, and neighbors, in the most trying circumstances and in the unlikeliest of places, enduring connections are formed and lives are forever changed. The stories shared in Ties That Bind reveal our need to reach out, to support, and to share life's burdens and joys. We meet two brothers, separately cast out by their parents, who reconnect and rebuild a new family around each other. We encounter unexpected joy: A gay woman reveals to her beloved granddaughter that she grew up believing that family was a happiness she would never be able to experience. We witness lifechanging friendship: An Iraq war veteran recalls his wartime bond with two local children and how his relationship with his wife helped

him overcome the trauma of losing them. Against unspeakable odds, at their most desperate moments, the individuals we meet in Ties That Bind find their way to one another, discovering hope and healing. Commemorating ten years of StoryCorps, the conversations collected in Ties That Bind are a testament to the transformational power of listening. Dave Isay's latest book, *Callings*, published in 2016 from Penguin Press. If you're looking for practical information to answer all your "How?" "What?" and "Why?" questions about money, this book is for you. Dave Ramsey's *Complete Guide to Money* covers the A to Z of Dave's money teaching, including how to budget, save, dump debt, and invest. You'll also learn all about insurance, mortgage options, marketing, bargain hunting and the most important element of all?giving. This is the handbook of Financial Peace University. If you've already been through Dave's nine-week class, you won't find much new information in this book. This book collects a lot of what he's been teaching in FPU classes for 20 years, so if you've been through class, you've already heard it! It also covers the Baby Steps Dave wrote about in *The Total Money Makeover*, and trust us?the Baby Steps haven't changed a bit. So if you've already memorized everything Dave's ever said about money, you probably don't need this book. But if you're new to this stuff or just want the all-in-one resource for your bookshelf, this is it!

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