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The House of Footsteps Hachette UK
Originally published in 1931, this is a fictionalized account of author Alison Uttley's childhood experiences at her family farm home in Castletop, near Cromford.

The Christmas Mystery The Christmas Mystery A Novel

A startlingly original presentation of the Nativity story, woven into an enthralling and mysterious novel.

Death and the Dancing Footman

Oxford University Press, USA

In the hours before his brother is born, eight year old Joe has an unusual visitor, Mika, who falls out of a spaceship and lands upside down in an apple tree in Joe's garden. Hens, dinosaurs, an astronaut and a white rabbit all play their part in this magical story in which the encounter between Earth-boy and alien opens up the wonders of the universe. Tender and enchanting as *The Little Prince* and with the same classic quality, *HELLO? IS ANYBODY THERE?* confirms Jostein Gaarder as an

exceptional writer for children. Sally Gardner's lively pencil drawings on almost every page make this a delightful package.

Dickens at Christmas Soho Press

In the spirit of *Max and Ruby*, Rosemary Wells launches a new preschool picture book series starring brother-and-sister twin cat duo Kit and Kaboodle, and the mischievous mouse Spinka! Kit and Kaboodle are twin Siamese cats. The brother and sister are very good kittens—they are always well behaved—but they are always getting into trouble. It's not the kittens who are making mischief. It's a red-capped mouse named Spinka! There are three short stories in this picture book: *Sock Mischief*, *Baseball Mischief*, *Bath Time Mischief*.

The Rebel Daughter Createspace
Independent Publishing Platform

The story of a boy and his father on a car trip through Europe, searching for the boy's mother, who left many years ago to find herself. Structured as a deck of cards -- each chapter is one card in the deck -- *The Solitaire Mystery* subtly weaves together fantasy and reality, fairy tales and family history.

Kit & Kaboodle Phoenix

A picture book with fundamental philosophical questions, posed in a way only Jostein Gaarder is capable of. The illustrator has made an independent visual narrative that underscores the existential aspect of Jostein Gaarder's philosophical questions. *Questions Asked* shows confidence in a child's capacity to think deeply and read between the lines. The book follows a little boy traveling alone in an open landscape. Soon we realize he is on a journey of thoughts and dreams, asking questions about loss, myth, language, magic, and what it means to be a human being. Jostein Gaarder's philosophical questions merge with the beautiful illustrations of Akin Düzakin into a tale of friendship, love, and grief - and about daring to think about life as you live it.

Hello? Is Anybody There? Farrar, Straus and Giroux

'Fascinating' Choice 'This well-researched novel draws you straight into the heart of this engaging story' My Weekly Praise for Joanna Hickson:

'Intriguing... told with confidence' The Times 'Rich and warm' Sunday Express
A Novel Penguin UK

Fired from the police for insubordination, Peter Diamond is reduced to working as a security guard at Harrod's. There he finds an abandoned Japanese girl after the store closes. He must identify her in order to save her life.

Spellwright Weidenfeld & Nicolson

'A fascinating portrait of the women who helped make a dynasty' The Times
'Bewitching' Woman & Home 'Evocative' Woman's Weekly

The Christmas Mystery Farrar, Straus and Giroux

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Elisabet who, fifty years ago, disappeared from Norway and travelled across Europe and back through time to be present at the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. This beautiful, mysterious story has been a huge success, both for the children it was originally written for, and as an enduring Christmas seller on the adult list. It now appears in a new form designed to appeal to a younger age group. Much shorter than the original, it loses nothing of the plot, and is enhanced by delightful halftone illustrations that dance through the text, showing angels, shepherds, children, kings and all the many characters who join Elisabet on her journey to Bethlehem.

The Thirteen Days of Christmas Hachette UK

Two former lovers are brought back together ... but can they really trust their pasts? The new novel from the bestselling author of *SOPHIE'S WORLD*. Through five intense years in the 1970s, Steinn and Solrunn had a happy life together. Then they suddenly parted ways, for reasons that are unclear to both. In the summer of 2007 they meet again on a balcony of an old wooden hotel by a fjord in western Norway. It is a place they both have fond memories from, and their meeting turns out to be fateful. But is it purely coincidental that they meet at that particular spot at that particular time? Over a couple of weeks that summer they write emails to each other, and it becomes clear that they have been living with very different interpretations of their shared past...

Through A Glass, Darkly The Good Book Company

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Diamond Solitaire Orion Publishing Group

Hampered by his inability to spell in a world where magic must be written in order to work, gifted young wizard Nicodemus experiences disturbing dreams in the wake of an ancient demon's murderous campaign that suggests that Nicodemus's spelling problem may be related to a curse.

Maurice Sendak's Christmas Mystery
Hachette UK

Discover this selection of the best of Dickens' Christmas stories and writings in one beautiful gift edition. The ultimate Christmas present. It is said that Charles Dickens invented Christmas, and within these pages you'll certainly find all the elements of a quintessential traditional Christmas brought to vivid life: snowy rooftops, gleaming shop windows, steaming bowls of punch, plum puddings like speckled cannon balls, sage and onion stuffing, miracles, magic, charity and goodwill. This beautifully produced Vintage Classics edition gathers together not only Dickens' Christmas Books ('A Christmas Carol', 'The Chimes', 'The Battle of Life', 'The Cricket on the

Hearth' and 'The Haunted Man') but also stories that Dickens wrote for the special seasonal editions of his periodicals *All the Year Round* and *Household Words*, and a festive tale from *The Pickwick Papers*. A must-have for Christmas, this edition should be as necessary to your festivities as holly, mistletoe and silver bells.

Maya Arrow

Ten-year-old Goose is lost. It's Christmas, his parents are dead, he's turned to petty thievery to support his increasingly addled Nan, and now his dog Mutt has gone missing. As Goose searches the streets of Manchester on Christmas Eve for any sign of his dog, he encounters a strange man named Anthony, who seems to know an awful lot about everyone he meets but almost nothing at all about himself. Anthony's special skill is to help people who have lost something-and everyone's lost something, according to Anthony. As they roam the streets together, they meet a wide variety of people, all of whom are searching desperately for something missing from their lives. As the mysterious Anthony proves again and again to have the power to reunite the seekers with the sought-after, Goose begins to wonder if Anthony may be able to help him find one of the precious things he's lost.

A Novel About Family & Destiny

Vintage Crime/Black Lizard

A playful and inventive work from the bestselling author of *SOPHIE'S WORLD*. A box of Latin manuscripts comes to light in an Argentine flea market. An apocryphal invention by some 17th or 18th century scholar, or a transcript of what it appears to be - a hitherto unheard of letter to St Augustine to a woman he renounced for chastity? *VITA BREVIS* is both an entrancing human

document and a fascinating insight into the life and philosophy of St. Augustine. Gaarder's interpretation of Floria's letter is as playful, inventive and questioning as SOPHIE'S WORLD.

Festive Tales for a Nordic Noël Hachette UK

A Charles Dickens short story that was actually the inspiration for "A Christmas Carol." In this story, a gravedigger that hates Christmas gets kidnapped by goblins while digging a grave and then they help him get into the Christmas spirit. The beginning of this version has a biography of the author.

A Christmas Story HarperCollins

'Superbly researched and vividly told' Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury 'Utterly convincing' S.G.

Maclean 'Affecting, action-packed'

Carolyn Kirby 'Beautifully articulated ... a joy to read!' Michael Scott A country torn apart by war. A woman fighting for her future... Ely, 1643. England is convulsed by Civil War, setting King against Parliament and neighbour against neighbour. As the turmoil reaches her family home in Ely, 19-year-old Bridget Cromwell finds herself at the heart of the conflict. With her father's star on the rise as a cavalry commander for the rebellious Parliament, Bridget has her own ambitions for a life beyond marriage and motherhood. And as fractures appear in her own family with the wilful, beautiful younger sister Betty, Bridget faces a choice: to follow her heart, or to marry for power and influence, and fight for a revolution that will change history...

A gripping evocation of the Civil War, and the hidden stories of women at the heart of power... Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Anne O'Brien ***

Praise for *The Rebel Daughter* 'A dramatic story of love, loss and duty, set against the backdrop of the turmoil of

the Civil Wars' Linda Porter 'Miranda Malins is a real and fresh new talent. This is beautifully written, exciting fiction.' Suzannah Lipscomb 'Such familiar historical characters brought so colourfully and convincingly to new life; and the writing itself is of the finest' Ronald Hutton 'This affecting, action-packed novel brings a momentous but often overlooked period of history vividly to life' Carolyn Kirby 'Brilliantly captures ... a nuanced picture of a divided world' Leonora Nattrass Praise for *The Puritan Princess* 'There is much to enjoy in this evocation of a family whose lives are so upended by the convulsions of history' Antonia Senior, *The Times* 'Totally gripping... grab it now. There's a new Cromwell on the shelves!' Mino Dinshaw, author of *Outlandish Knight* 'The Puritan Princess is a genuinely moving portrait of the tragedy of the Cromwells at the height of their power, and Miranda Malins handles the tumultuous drama of the last days of the Protectorate with incredible aplomb' S G MacLean, author of the *Damian Seeker* series 'A beautifully written and captivating true story of personal love and loss enacted against the backdrop of an England dominated by Frances' father, Oliver Cromwell. Deeply knowledgeable about the politics and desires and ideals of the time, Malins nevertheless inhabits her characters and brings them convincingly to life' James Evans, author of *EMIGRANTS* 'The extraordinary, revealing and moving relationship between Oliver Cromwell and his daughter Frances is brought to vivid life in this masterly historical novel' Paul Lay, author of *Providence Lost* 'Miranda Malins is a real and fresh new talent. This is beautifully written, exciting fiction from a writer in full command of the history' Suzannah

Lipscomb 'This engaging novel brings one of the most momentous but least well known periods of English history vividly to life.' Carolyn Kirby, author of *THE CONVICTION OF CORA BURNS* Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

This is the heart-warming story of how three of the Kitson children help the wealthy merchant woo their older sister Annapple with a different gift for each of the twelve days of Christmas - with hilarious results! But as the house groans at the seams with partridges, calling birds, swans, maids-a-milking, etc., will Annapple really succumb to the romance of it all, or will she just want the house returned to its normal, tidy state! *The Solitaire Mystery* Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Conversations about life and death, between a girl and an angel. It's almost Christmas. Cecilia lies sick in bed as her family bustle around her to make her last Christmas as special as possible. Cecilia has cancer. An angel steps through her window. So begins a spirited and engaging series of conversations between Cecilia and her angel. As the sick girl thinks about her life and prepares for her death, she changes subtly, in herself and in her relationships with her family. Jostein Gaarder is a profoundly optimistic writer, who writes about death with wisdom, compassion and an enquiring mind. *THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY* will not only bring comfort to the bereaved. It will move and amaze everyone who reads it.