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of popular fiction**



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We are Hobart Books and we bring accessible, topical fiction to your bookshelves from new authors that have never been published. After our first year in business, we're proud to bring you our new and current titles.



Hobart Books was founded by two old friends, David Roy and Adam Gardner. David had been writing books for 26 years without a publishing deal. Adam had been working in commercial publishing companies for almost 20 years. What neither of them understand is why it took them so long to realise they could help each other. In late 2020 the penny dropped and Hobart was born – an independent press aimed at publishing quality books from authors who had not been signed up by a commercial publisher.

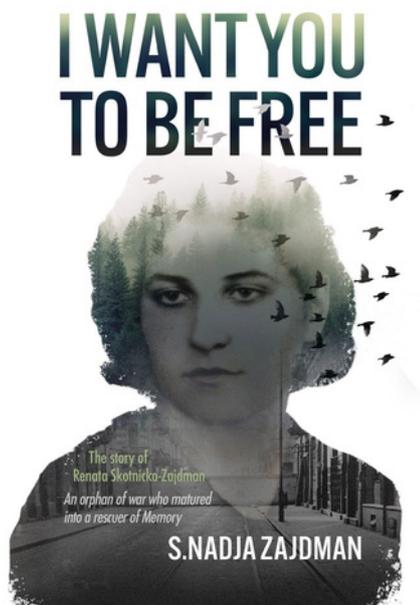
Hobart publishes adult fiction across all genres that is accessible, fast paced and topical, with a focus on crime, espionage and military thrillers. Our aim is to offer traditional publishing services to independent authors on untraditionally agreeable terms.

Starting a new press from nothing is challenging: attracting new authors takes time, and publishing their books takes longer. But 12 months later we have 10 books from seven authors, and we're on a roll.

Our latest releases feature in the next two pages and give a flavour of our publishing programme: two crime thrillers, a stunning work of literary fiction, and a shocking memoir of a life destroyed in Poland and rebuilt in Canada. Join us as we greet a new dawn!



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I Want You To Be Free

S. Nadja Zajdman

The true story of one woman's escape from hell in the Warsaw Ghetto to her eventual migration to a new life in Montreal.

Not just another Holocaust story, this is a family saga that encompasses the Holocaust. Often shocking, sometimes challenging, always compelling, this is a story that shows the strength of human spirit in the face of inhumanity.

Memoirs, The Holocaust
978-1-914322-09-9
Paperback, 400 pp, 10 illustrations
Published 14 January 2022

£10.50

My Name Is Rebecca

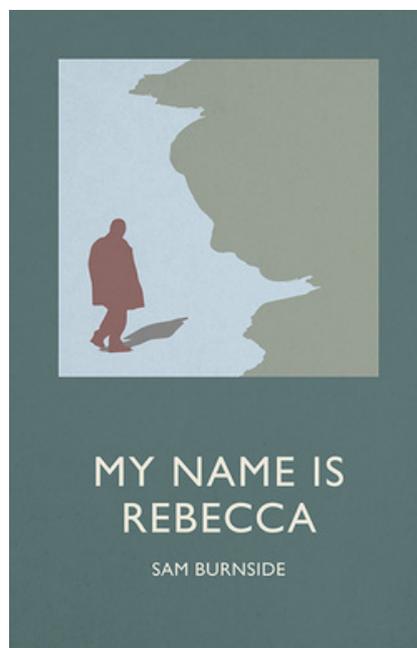
Sam Burnside

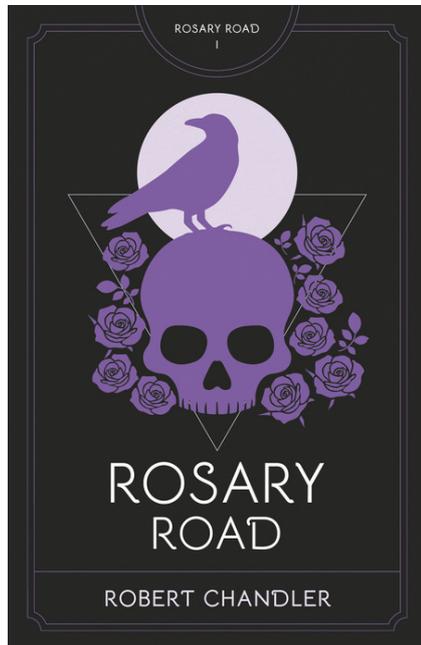
'I cannot forget. That memory is always present: it is like a red-hot coal, resting among the blackened cinders of the past. It is a day in September. The year is 1983. I am walking along a Belfast street with my sister, Ruth.'

A heart-breaking exploration of loss, grief, guilt and forgiveness, set in Northern Ireland at the height of The Troubles, as Rebecca prepares to confront the man who killed her sister.

Modern & contemporary fiction
978-1-914322-06-8
Paperback, 416 pp
Published 20 December 2021

£10.75





Rosary Road

Robert Chandler

A whodunnit with extras...

When a prostitute is found murdered in a Norwich park, Kezia Lee becomes a suspect, although soon all the evidence points elsewhere. DI David Ross doubts the accused man's guilt, and he's not going to be allowed to investigate further. Corruption, sleaze, a gangster-turned-good and a few bent coppers - what's at the root of the mystery?

Crime and mystery: police
procedural
978-1-914322-08-2
Paperback, 400 pp
Published 15 November 2021

£9.99

Out Of The Frying Pan

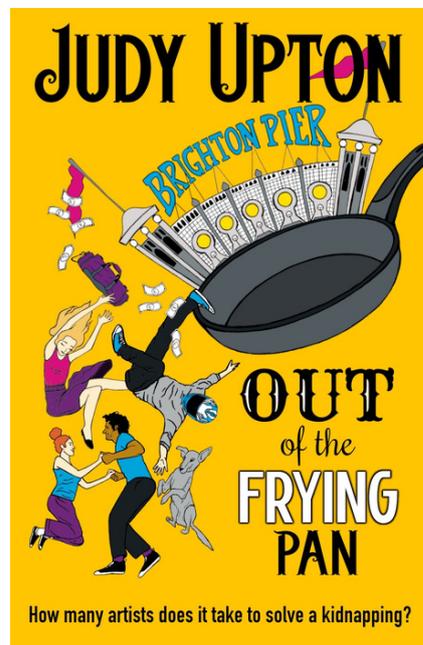
Judy Upton

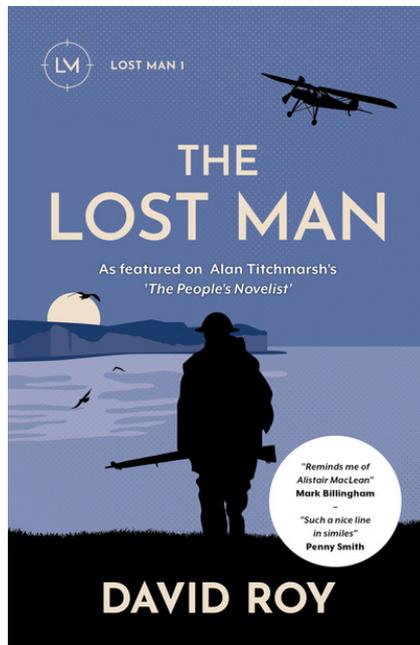
*How many artists **does** it take to solve a kidnapping?*

The life of Brighton sculptor Vonnie is thrown into disarray when her flatmate Gina is kidnapped. Her solution? Track Gina down herself. With a singer, an actor and a busker on her team, she half-wonders if she could've got Arts Council funding for her search.

Crime and mystery: private
investigator / amateur detectives
978-1-914322-07-5
Paperback, 280 pp
Published 9 September 2021

£8.99





David Roy

Separated from his unit, one man heads for the coast to join the evacuation and get home. But it's a troubled road: on the way he picks up a downed RAF pilot and a lone soldier who's survived the massacre of his platoon. They reach Dunkirk a day late. Everyone has gone.

How will he make it back home? And why is Churchill so determined to make him his personal agent?

Thriller/suspense fiction
978-1-914322-05-1
Paperback, 288 pp
Published 19 May 2021

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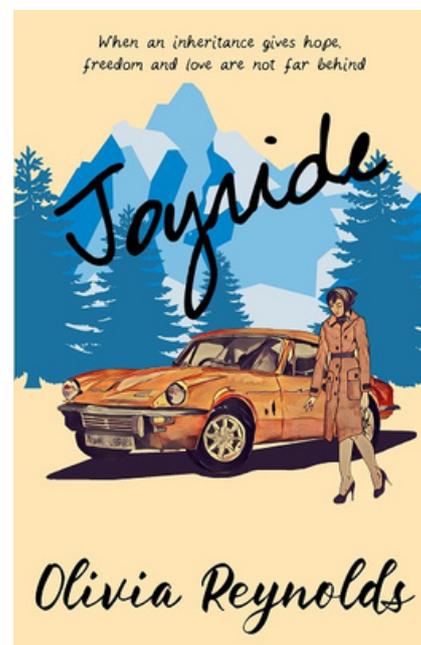
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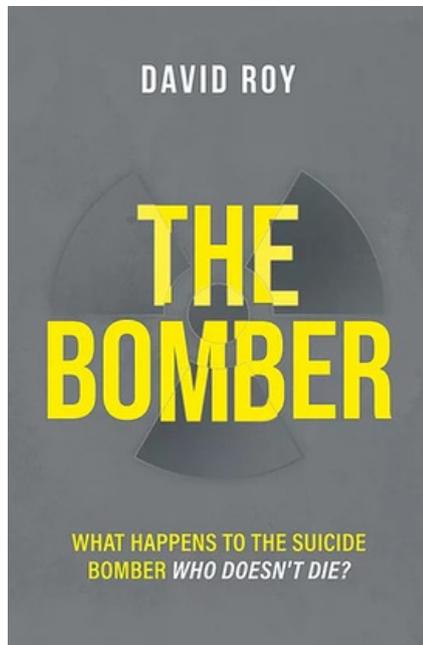
Olivia Reynolds

Marry in haste, repent at leisure...Sophie should have known better, but that's precisely what she did. Trapped into a life of drudgery with an oafish, alcoholic husband, she could see no way out until an unexpected inheritance arrived from a long-forgotten uncle. Despair was replaced by hope, hope by fulfilment. And that was only the beginning...

Contemporary lifestyle fiction
978-1-914322-04-4
Paperback, 336 pp
Published 30 April 2021

£8.99





The Bomber

David Roy

What happens to the suicide bomber who doesn't die?

He becomes a hero amongst his peers, the stuff of legend. But there will be no escape from death in the next mission... the biggest and most elaborate bombing the world has ever seen... and who better to deliver it than the poster boy of IS - the one that got away.

Espionage & Spy Thriller 978-1-978-1-914322-02-0
Paperback, 314 pp
Published 15 March 2021

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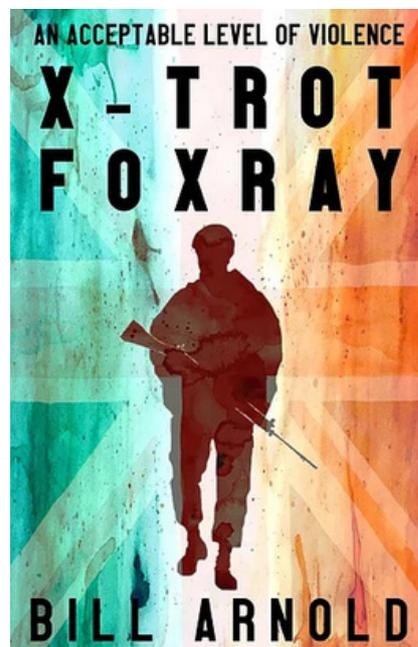
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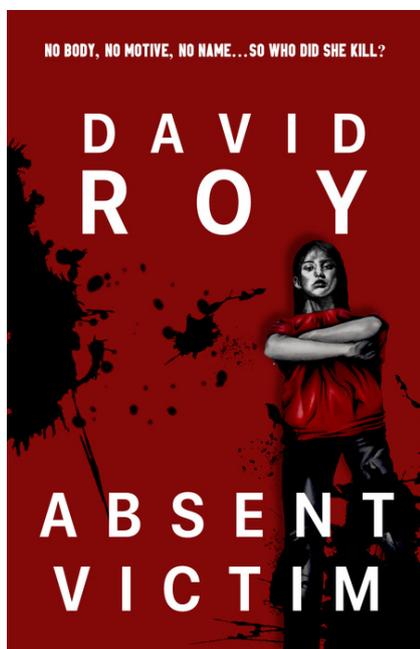
Bill Arnold

By the 1980s the Troubles in Northern Ireland had become a sophisticated conflict between two immovable objects: the security forces and the terrorists. This is the story of one eight-man section during their tour of duty, and afterwards, when one of those eight succumbs to his demons and takes his own life. The author recalls events in the province and its impact on lives – his own, those of his section, and those of the civilians from all sides of the conflict.

Thriller/suspense fiction
978-1-914322-03-7
Paperback, 326 pp
Published 15 March 2021

£8.99





Absent Victim

David Roy

No body, no motive, no name...so who did she kill?

When wealthy divorcee Stephanie Kuler asked a private detective to investigate a murder, he told her to go to the police instead. But when she told the rest of the story, he took the case. There was no body, no motive and no name for her supposed victim, but she knew she was the murderer. Premonition, false memories, déjà vu...the mind playing tricks or reality distorted through time?

Crime, Mystery & Thriller
978-1-914322-01-3
Paperback, 362 pp
Published 19 February 2021

£8.99

Smoke Without Fire

David Roy

A teacher tries to do the right thing but is dismissed for gross misconduct. Determined to destroy him, his employer resorts to lies and subterfuge to make sure he can't win his disciplinary hearing or the appeal that follows. This is the true story of those events and the subsequent fight to clear his name. If you are interested in the state of British education you should read his story. If you are interested in British justice... you should read his story.

Biography & memoirs
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Paperback, 362 pp
Published 19 February 2021

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Forthcoming titles

The Steinberg Diamonds

Marc Brosnan

When a package of diamonds is stolen from a mail train in 1965, a sequence of events spanning six decades and four countries unfolds, drawing in a social worker, a charity shop owner, a small-time gangster, and an ex-Mossad assassin. At stake is the inheritance of the rightful owners and the lives of those that discovered the stones, locked in a family's mausoleum. Who will win the quest for the Steinberg Diamonds?

Publication date: April 2022

Fightback

Tom Williams

In the dying throes of the Second World War, the Nazis develop the atomic bomb but lack a capable bomber to drop it. They pause and hide it underwater, with the help of Republican sympathiser and reservoir engineer Mick Flynn, whilst they recover a British bomber to do the job. But the war ends and the bomb remains hidden, until IRA man Kieran Doyle recovers it. A desperate search ensues, culminating in a firefight, a train accident, and a nuclear explosion.

Publication date: June 2022

Architecture for Beginners

Robert Cohen

Alex Broughton, an architect, is trapped amidst the shards of a broken building. As he waits in fading hope for help to come, he reflects on what he blames above all for this grim situation: the last year spent in unwisely renewed company with longlost schoolfriend Reggie Cullen.

Reggie commissions Alex to build a football stadium on his Hertfordshire estate. Reggie's behaviour grows increasingly strange, and Alex is forced to leave the project in less competent hands. Just after the grand opening the whole thing comes crashing down. As Alex emerges from the debris, he is alarmed by the realisation that his future existence may be for ever haunted by Reggie Cullen.

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