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Hawk Quest Independently Published
London 1893: Two former Royal Artillery officers are offered a small fortune to go to Morocco to help the Sultan quell a rebel uprising in the south. Purely an advisory role, they are told. Harry Delhaze is on a lonely path to self-destruction; George Marriott has promises to keep. It seems to them like the easiest money they'll ever make. They couldn't be more wrong. They are forced to battle frostbite in the Atlas Mountains and endure the baking deserts of the sub-Saharan; they are traded, kidnapped, and used as pawns in high-stakes political rivalries; they encounter women who worship cannons for fertility and magician-warlords who talk to the dead and play bloody games of chess with living slaves; and the three muzzle-loading cannon the Sultan has hired them to command are antiques that could explode in their faces at any moment. Then there is the Lord of the Atlas himself, Amastan el-Karim, who harbors a shocking secret that could cost them both their lives - or give one of them a reason to live again. An epic historical adventure evoking the beautiful and the barbaric of nineteenth-century Morocco, transporting the reader to a now-lost world. From the grimy streets of Victorian London to the high Atlas Mountains and sub-Saharan deserts of Morocco, this is adventure on a breath-taking scale.

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The popular image of Scotland is dominated by widely recognized elements of Celtic culture. But a significant non-Celtic influence on Scotland's history has been largely ignored for centuries? This book argues that much of Scotland's history and culture from 1100 forward is Jewish. The authors provide evidence that many of the national heroes, villains, rulers, nobles, traders, merchants, bishops, guild members, burgesses, and ministers of Scotland were of

Jewish descent, their ancestors originating in France and Spain. Much of the traditional historical account of Scotland, it is proposed, rests on fundamental interpretive errors, perpetuated in order to affirm Scotland's identity as a Celtic, Christian society. A more accurate and profound understanding of Scottish history has thus been buried. The authors' wide-ranging research includes examination of census records, archaeological artifacts, castle carvings, cemetery inscriptions, religious seals, coinage, burgess and guild member rolls, noble genealogies, family crests, portraiture, and geographic place names.

Silk Road Atlantic Books
'I've never read Colin Falconer before so I had no idea what to expect! Wow!' - Booknerd
Amsterdam, 1628 The Utrecht leaves Holland on an eight-month voyage to the other side of the world. The ship is tiny and overcrowded and navigation around the Horn to the East Indies is down to the skipper's dead reckoning - guesswork. Below decks, Michiel van Texel is a sergeant on the company's coin, on his way to Batavia to fight the Mataram. It's a hard life but the only one he knows. He sees a fine lady standing on the high deck with the captain, but does not give her a second glance. A fine lady like Cornelia Noorstrandt is far above the likes of him. Their destinies intertwine near the Great Southland, just as a mutiny is fomenting below decks. When the ship founders on the jagged reefs of the Houtman Rocks surviving the wreck is the least of their worries. As the noble gentlemen around

them reveal themselves for what they really are, Michiel proves to be the only man with the honour and courage to save Cornelia and the rest of the Utrecht's passengers from the nightmare that follows. He makes her one promise: 'Even if God forsakes you, I will find you.' 'This is a consuming read, utterly unforgettable.' - Unshelish This 2020 edition corrects previous transcription issues in the Kindle version More Colin Falconer Epic History: Book 1: Silk Road Book 2: Harem Book 3: Colossus Book 4: Cleopatra: When We Were Gods Book 5: Aztec Book 6: Stigmata Book 7: East India
Stigmata Simon and Schuster

The year is 1072. The Normans have captured England. The Turks have captured a Norman knight. And in order to free him, a soldier named Vallon must capture four rare hawks. On a heart-stopping journey to the far ends of the earth, braving Arctic seas, Viking warlords, and the blood-drenched battlefields, Vallon and his comrades must track down their quarry one by one in a relentless race against time. The scale is huge. The journey is incredible. The history is real. This is Hawk Quest.

Harem St. Martin's Press

It began like a page from the Kama Sutra; a beautiful French girl and her Indian lover locked in the white heat of illicit passion. But Michel, the child of this illicit union is not wanted by anyone. Thrown out into the dangerous streets, he grows into a ferocious manhood in the alleys of wartime Saigon. He remembers every beating, and every betrayal. Possessed of a raw sexuality and the flair of a master criminal, he learns not only to survive, but to thrive in his pitiless world. And the past is never forgotten. Twenty years later, in a quiet French suburb, a young French girl makes her way home to her apartment unaware of the eyes that are watching her, or the terrible secrets her parents have brought with them from a dark, colonial past. Meanwhile, in Interpol headquarters, Captain Rene Budjinski tries to make sense of the stream of telexes that reach his desk in St Cloud from all over the world, a trail of blood that stretches from the backstreets of Bombay even to the boulevards of Paris. Driven by an agenda of his own, he follows the serpentine trail from the neon streets of Bangkok to the ancient banks of the Ganges. He cannot imagine where that search will lead him, or the young woman who promises to help him. And

when the judge's gavel cracks across a Delhi courtroom and the world waits for justice, Michel's destiny will hang on one last ironic twist of fate ... **When We Were Gods** Lake Union Publishing

The daughter of a prophet and the child slave of Spanish adventurer Hernan Cortes, the life of the Aztec princess Malinali is one of the most enduring legends of Mexico. Her role in history divides opinion even today. Reviled by some as a traitor responsible for the destruction of the Indians, worshiped by others as a heroine and symbolic mother of the nation, hers is the most extraordinary story in the history of the Americas. The legendary Aztec civilization is here brought to life in blazing colour, as the author traces the story of the enigmatic Malinali who held for a moment the future of an entire country in her hands. Contradictory, sensuous and fiercely intelligent, Malinali became the key to Cortes' conquest of Mexico. It is a story of impossible odds, unimaginable cruelty, extraordinary courage and craven betrayal. Who were the heroes and who the villains? Today the Aztecs are a distant memory. But Malinali's name lives on. This book spent four months on the best seller lists in Mexico, re-igniting debate yet again about the true heritage of a people and the very nature of western colonisation of the natural world.

Fury Constable

'The truth was he had made the biggest mistake of his life. He had come here with nothing; he was sailing away with much less. If only he could take back that afternoon on Bitter Moon Lane ...' Broome, 1913. Cameron McKenzie has come halfway around the world to find the pearl that will make his fortune. Instead, his destiny leads him to Kate Flynn, older than her years and out of her time, dreaming of horizons broader than this Chinatown in the middle of nowhere. Fiery and passionate, they are fated to collide. But the man who brings them together is the same man Cameron has sworn to tear apart - but he's Kate's father. There are pearls that lie in the Deeps for every man. Some he never finds; some he loses through no fault of his own. But there are some he never knows he has until the moment he tosses them away... Pearls is a timeless story of dreams, ambition and star-crossed lovers. '... a rollicking historical tale of love and revenge rendered in rich detail by a master of the genre.' - Booklover

Prominent Families of New York

Penguin UK

'I really loved this . . . the beginning of an excellent series' 5 stars, Netgalley reader A killer stalks the streets of London . . . When a priest is found crucified in a derelict North London chapel, it makes a dramatic change for DI Charlie George and his squad at Essex Road. The brutal murder could not be further from their routine of domestic violence and stabbings on the estates. And that's only the beginning . . . On Christmas Eve, a police officer goes missing and his colleagues can't help but anticipate the worst. It turns out they're

right to when eventually the body is found and they discover he's been stoned to death. As tensions rise, it's up to Charlie and his team to venture into the city's cold underbelly to try and find an answer to the madness . . . before anyone else dies a martyr's death. Praise for Colin Falconer: 'This one doesn't disappoint!' 5 stars, Netgalley reader 'Once you read [a] Colin Falconer [book], you'll want to read everything he's ever written' Crystal Book Reviews 'Falconer's grasp of period and places is almost flawless ... He's my kind of writer' Peter Corris, The Australian 'It held my attention from start to finish . . . I have no hesitation in recommending' 4 stars, Netgalley reader 'Falconer demonstrates exceptional characterisation' Bookgeeks 'A compelling piece of crime fiction . . . An entertaining and gritty read' 4 stars, Netgalley reader

Books by Horseback Three Rivers Press

Suleiman has the world at his feet; he has an Empire to rival that of any Caesar, and now his Vizier even wants to take his armies against the great infidel, the Pope, in...

Colossus Getty Publications

Explores the terrifying and lasting effects on a middle class Argentinian family of a single night during the summer of 1976, when some of them disappeared under the brutal regime of the military junta. Spanning two decades, this is a cocktail of love, betrayal, politics and revenge.

Silk Road Constable

A USA TODAY BESTSELLER! A historical novel inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant and atmospheric debut is a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing and the power of our own stories. The smallest items can hold centuries of secrets... Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt's island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara's life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core—and force her to make an impossible choice. A touching and tender book for fans of Marie Benedict, Susanna Kearsley, and Duncan Jepson.

Chengli and the Silk Road Caravan

Scholastic Inc.

Re-creates the life and loves of the storied queen as she ascends the throne of Egypt, embarks on passionate love affairs with Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, and struggles with the intrigues of the Roman

Empire.

The Silk Merchant's Daughter Atlantic Books

On a moonlit night in 1903, a mysterious young woman flees alone across the Canadian wilderness, one quick step ahead of her pursuers. Mary Boulton is nineteen years old, half mad, and widowed - by her own hand. Tearing through the forest with dogs howling in the distance, she is desperate, her nerves burning, and she is certain of one thing only - that her every move is being traced. Two red-headed brothers, rifles across their backs, lurch close behind her: monstrous figures, identical in every way, with the predatory look of hyenas. She has murdered their brother, and their cold lust for vengeance is unswerving. As the widow scrambles to stay ahead of them, the burden of her existence disintegrates into a battle in which the dangers of her own mind become more menacing than the dangers of the night. Along the way, the steely outlaw encounters a changing cast of misfits and eccentrics. Some, like the recluse known as 'The Ridgerunner', provide a brief respite from her solitude; others, like the Reverend Bonnycastle, offer support only to reveal that they too have their own demons raging inside. As she is plunged further away from civilisation, her path from retribution to redemption slowly unfurls. A startling transformation of the classic western narrative, *The Outlander* is the haunting tale of one young woman's deliberate journey deep into the wild.

Cry Justice little bee books

Discover the secret missions behind America's greatest conflicts. Danny Manion has been fighting his entire life. Sometimes with his fists. Sometimes with his words. But when his actions finally land him in real trouble, he can't fight the judge who offers him a choice: jail... or the army. Turns out there's a perfect place for him in the US military: the Studies and Observation Group (SOG), an elite volunteer-only task force comprised of US Air Force Commandos, Army Green Berets, Navy SEALs, and even a CIA agent or two. With the SOG's focus on covert action and psychological warfare, Danny is guaranteed an unusual tour of duty, and a hugely dangerous one. Fortunately, the very same qualities that got him in trouble at home make him a natural-born commando in a secret war. Even if almost nobody knows he's there. National Book Award finalist Chris Lynch begins a new, explosive fiction series based on the real-life, top-secret history of US black ops.

The Certainty of Doing Evil A&C Black 1260 AD: Jossaran Sarrazini is a Templar Knight, trained for war. But as the Christian garrisons in the Holy Land begin to fall to the Saracen, he must embark upon a mission of peace: to the golden palaces at Xanadu, to seek an alliance with Kubilai Khan, ruler of the greatest empire in history and commander of the invincible Mongol horde. Jossaran's task is formidable. To ride the treacherous Silk Road to the edge of the known world. To cheat hunger, thirst, and death. And to forge a crucial allegiance with a people who do not honor his cause, or his God. Blazing with adventure, epic in scope, and utterly compulsive, *Silk Road* weaves a spellbinding story of war, honor,

and desire onto the vast tapestry of the medieval East.

Disappeared HarperCollins

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BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE TEA

PLANTER'S WIFE Dinah Jefferies' stunning new novel is a gripping, unforgettable tale of a woman torn between two worlds... 1952, French Indochina. Since her mother's death, eighteen-year-old half-French, half-Vietnamese Nicole has been living in the shadow of her beautiful older sister, Sylvie. When Sylvie is handed control of the family silk business, Nicole is given an abandoned silk shop in the Vietnamese quarter of Hanoi. But the area is teeming with militant rebels who want to end French rule, by any means possible. For the first time, Nicole is awakened to the corruption of colonial rule - and her own family's involvement shocks her to the core... Tran, a notorious Vietnamese insurgent, seems to offer the perfect escape from her troubles, while Mark, a charming American trader, is the man she's always dreamed of. But who can she trust in this world where no one is what they seem? The Silk Merchant's Daughter is a captivating tale of dark secrets, sisterly rivalry and love against the odds, enchantingly set in colonial era Vietnam.

When Scotland Was Jewish Sourcebooks, Inc.

You don't have to kill him. You just have to let him die. Saigon 1970. Magdalena Fuentes has come a long way from the spoiled little rich girl of her Havana days. She is a wife now, and her husband is a seasoned journalist, who has come to Saigon following the biggest story of his career. It's a story some very powerful and very dangerous people don't want him to tell. But Reyes Garcia is in Saigon, too. He's the only man she ever really loved - and now he's the only man who can save her husband from the trouble he's in. Or ... he and Magdalena can finally be together. All he has to do - is do nothing. All he has to do is let him die. In the final days of the war-torn city, two lovers are forced to search deep inside themselves and find out who they really are. The last novel in the Havana Girl trilogy, it is a novel about love, and about the choices it can force us to make.

Unconventional Warfare (Special Forces, Book 1) Redhook

A sweeping tale of courage, honor, and betrayal in the army of Alexander the Great Babylon, 323 BC. Alexander the Great has survived every effort to kill him. Restless, ruthless, he wonders which world to conquer next. He has a powerful new weapon—the war elephants he brought back from India. He also has a conquest in mind—the fabulous empire of Carthage. As Alexander plots, a war elephant named Colossus violently lashes out against the soldiers who are tormenting him, and only

one trainer has the courage to calm the massive beast. When Alexander notices the young man's bravery, Gajendra begins a meteoric climb through the ranks of the Macedonian army, protected by the fierce but devoted Colossus. As captain of the elephants, Gajendra is deeply loyal to Alexander, the great General who plucked him from obscurity. But as he sees how luxury and power have corrupted his champion, he faces a terrible choice: Just as Gajendra glimpses the ultimate prize, he realizes that in order to become the heir to Alexander's throne and gain all he's dreamed of, he must betray everything he loves... Colin Falconer's *Colossus* is an epic tale of immense evil, pitiless gods and burning cities, of dwarves, priestesses and kings, and of the profound friendship between animal and master. It is the story of two men—one with boundless ambition, and one who reaches for undreamed-of power, all set against the warp of history as Alexander's army approaches the gates of Rome.

Anastasia Constable

World War II drama set on a South Pacific island taken over by the Japanese in 1941, prior to the battle for Guadalcanal. By the author of 'Venom'.

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"Nick Davis first saw Daniela Simonici in the American Bar of the Athenee Palace Hotel in Bucharest in June of 1940. He couldn't take his eyes off her. The city was full of beautiful women, penniless countesses and fox-furred demi-mondaines looking to be rescued, and until that moment he had spared them only an appreciative glance. But this woman was different ... "When war overtakes Europe, Nick Davis is far away in Bucharest, posted to the British Embassy. But Nick Davis is not a diplomat; he is a spy. When he rescues the beautiful but mysterious Daniela Simonici, the mistress of a German businessman, his life is changed forever. They fall for each other, hard. When the Nazis march into Bucharest, they meet again in neutral Istanbul, and she agrees to spy for him. But who is Daniela Simonici? And who is she really spying for? In the tradition of Alan Furst and CJ Sansom, *My Beautiful Spy* is a searing love story of byzantine intrigue, where two lovers play out the final moves in a deadly game, masterminded in Berlin, Moscow and London.