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First published in 1961, *Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal and Other Stories* is a collection full of light and shade, setting sensitive character studies against Bates's signature vibrant, delicate imagery. A fussy and obsessive golfer encounters a troubled young woman at a wind-swept beach in 'Lost Ball', a retired Colonel, isolated and suffering from dementia, suddenly rejects the friendship of his charming neighbour when she acquires a television in 'Where the Cloud Breaks'. The title story, 'Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal,' takes its name from a Tennyson poem and is a picture of social change in post-war rural England. It draws a portrait of a sheltered and uncultured butcher's wife exposed to a new tenant in the countryside – a flamboyant homosexual who delights in throwing large parties. Of the collection as a whole, the *Times Literary Supplement* says the stories 'all confirm Mr Bates's position in the first rank of contemporary short-story writers.' Also included in this collection is bonus story 'The Grace Note', first published in the *Fortnightly* in 1936. It is a humorous tale of the Chipperfields, a family of brass players devoted to music, but whose jealousy and stubbornness dashes their dreams of a Chipperfield band and tears the family apart. Every human of adult age and sufficient health shall therefore donate, every sixty days, one pint of blood to the blood bank of his or her district, ensuring the survival of the vampire race, the continued safety of humankind, and peace between the species—Edict Fourteen of The Crimson Accord As long as I can remember, I've longed for a different life—one filled with adventure, excitement, and romance. This wasn't exactly what I had in mind... One minute I was riding in a horse-drawn buggy on my way home to my quiet Amish village—the next was torn by the screech of car tires, and twisted metal, and the white hot lance of pain. There was no doubt in my mind my life was over. So when I woke up to the face of a beautiful stranger who promised me the

suffering would end soon, I thought I'd seen an angel. I couldn't have been more wrong. Abigail Byler is caught between two worlds at the worst possible time in human/vampire history. A peace treaty signed fifty-five years ago allowed vampires to come out of hiding and begin participating in the world in a respectable, productive way. Not only did it permanently solve supply chain issues arising from illness, death, and exhaustion for humans (Vampires make phenomenal long-haul truck drivers and night-shift workers) it also provided a much-needed non-violent option for their kind to satisfy their own nutritional needs. As long as every healthy adult human makes regular donations to blood banks and a reasonable percentage of the supply is allotted to vampires, no one will ever be bitten (without their permission) again. But now the anti-vamp movement in America is growing, blood donations are down, and the Accord is in danger of crumbling. Abigail will have to navigate her new place in the world—and in the beautiful but deadly Crimson Court—if she's to have any hope of surviving... and helping the human race do the same. CRIMSON BORN is a romantic and gripping full length YA dystopian vampire fantasy that will transport fans of paranormal romance and young adult urban fantasy to a fascinating supernatural world within our own, filled with suspense, danger, sizzling tension, and desire. \*\*\* If you love dangerous romantic vampire fiction like *Crave*, the *Blood and Ash* series, and *Crescent City*, you'll fall in love with the addictive, heart pounding excitement and suspense of the *Crimson Accord* series! Perfect for fans of Tracy Wolff, Sara J. Maas, Jennifer Armentrout, and Charlaine Harris. Grab your copy today and dive into the *Crimson* world! Sugar, a 19-year-old whore in the brothel of Mrs Castaway, yearns for a better life. Her ascent through the strata of 1870s London society offers the reader a host of characters. At the heart of the story, however, is a young woman's struggle to lift her body and soul out of the gutter. A blackly comic, brutal, and truthful new play that manages to find the dark humor in the loneliness of life. A literary tour de force of a detective's ceaseless hunt for an elusive criminal By Gaslight is a deeply atmospheric, haunting novel about the unending quest that has shaped a man's life. William Pinkerton is already famous, the son of the most notorious detective of all time, when he descends into the underworld of Victorian London in pursuit of a new lead on the fabled con Edward Shade. William's father died without ever finding Shade, but William is determined to drag the thief out of the shadows. Adam Foole is a gentleman without a past, haunted by a love affair ten years gone. When he receives a letter from his lost beloved, he returns to London to find her. What he learns of her fate, and its connection to the man known as Shade, will force him to confront a grief he thought long-buried. A fog-enshrouded hunt through sewers, opium dens, drawing rooms, and séance halls ensues, creating the most unlikely of bonds: between Pinkerton, the great detective, and Foole, the one man

who may hold the key to finding Edward Shade. Steven Price's dazzling, riveting *By Gaslight* moves from the diamond mines of South Africa to the battlefields of the Civil War, on a journey into a cityscape of grief, trust, and its breaking, where what we share can bind us even against our darker selves. One of the most talked-about novels of the year, this international bestseller gives new meaning to the term "unputdownable." Reviewers and readers everywhere have been eagerly abandoning their everyday lives for days and even weeks on end, refusing to leave Michel Faber's vividly realized fictional world. They are captivated by *Sugar*, an enigmatic nineteen-year-old prostitute whose story begins in a hellish nineteenth-century London brothel. Struggling to lift her body and soul out of the gutter, *Sugar* claws her way up the social ladder to gain refuge in the wealthy family of her besotted lover, William Rackham, unwilling heir to a perfumery. Now in the popular Perennial format, *The Crimson Petal and the White* is a gripping tale, extraordinarily rich, intricate and intoxicating to the final page. "Based upon *Star trek* and *Star trek: the next generation* created by Gene Roddenberry and *Star trek: Deep Space Nine* created by Rick Berman & Michael Piller." The bestselling author of "*The Crimson Petal and the White*" presents this collection of 16 stories that move from unspeakable sadness to moments of exquisitely distilled happiness. "[Six] years ago, terrorists hijacked a plane in Vienna. Somehow, a rescue attempt staged from the inside went terribly wrong and everyone on board was killed. Members of the CIA stationed in Vienna during that time were witness to this terrible tragedy, gathering intel from their sources during those tense hours, assimilating facts from the ground with a series of texts coming from one of their agents inside the plane. So when it all went wrong, the question had to be asked: had their agent been compromised, and how?"-- How can you say goodbye to the love of your life? In *Undying* Michel Faber honours the memory of his wife, who died after a six-year battle with cancer. Bright, tragic and candid, these poems are an exceptional chronicle of what it means to find the love of your life. And what it is like to have to say goodbye. All I can do, in what remains of my brief time, is mention, to whoever cares to listen, that a woman once existed, who was kind and beautiful and brave, and I will not forget how the world was altered, beyond recognition, when we met. Sian, tired of nightmares in which she meets a grisly end, decides she needs to get out more, so she joins an archaeological dig at Whitby Abbey. What she finds is a mystery involving a long-hidden murder, a man with big hands, a fragile manuscript in a bottle, and a rather attractive dog called Hadrian. Faber's dazzling novella takes us up the 199 steps in Whitby that link the 21st century with the ruins of the past. Equal and indissoluble parts thriller, romance, historical/ghost story and meditation on the nature of sincerity, this is an ingenious literary page-turner. Atmospheric photographs complement the text

beautifully. This book, like Henry James's *The Turn of the Screw*, deploys a masterful sense of ambiguity, outstanding narrative power, works on many levels and, as always with Faber's writing, is elegant, thought-provoking, distinctive and compelling. The "masterfully chilling" novel that inspired the hit AMC series (Entertainment Weekly). The men on board the HMS Terror — part of the 1845 Franklin Expedition, the first steam-powered vessels ever to search for the legendary Northwest Passage — are entering a second summer in the Arctic Circle without a thaw, stranded in a nightmarish landscape of encroaching ice and darkness. Endlessly cold, they struggle to survive with poisonous rations, a dwindling coal supply, and ships buckling in the grip of crushing ice. But their real enemy is even more terrifying. There is something out there in the frigid darkness: an unseen predator stalking their ship, a monstrous terror clawing to get in. "The best and most unusual historical novel I have read in years." —Katherine A. Powers, *Boston Globe* In the vein of *Wicked*, *The Woodcutter*, and *Boy, Snow, Bird*, a luminous reimagining of a classic tale, told from the perspective of Agnes, Cinderella's "evil" stepmother. We all know the story of Cinderella. Or do we? As rumors about the cruel upbringing of beautiful newlywed Princess Cinderella roil the kingdom, her stepmother, Agnes, who knows all too well about hardship, privately records the true story. . . . A peasant born into serfdom, Agnes is separated from her family and forced into servitude as a laundress's apprentice when she is only ten years old. Using her wits and ingenuity, she escapes her tyrannical matron and makes her way toward a hopeful future. When teenaged Agnes is seduced by an older man and becomes pregnant, she is transformed by love for her child. Once again left penniless, Agnes has no choice but to return to servitude at the manor she thought she had left behind. Her new position is nursemaid to Ella, an otherworldly infant. She struggles to love the child who in time becomes her stepdaughter and, eventually, the celebrated princess who embodies everyone's unattainable fantasies. The story of their relationship reveals that nothing is what it seems, that beauty is not always desirable, and that love can take on many guises. Lyrically told, emotionally evocative, and brilliantly perceptive, *All the Ever Afters* explores the hidden complexities that lie beneath classic tales of good and evil, all the while showing us that how we confront adversity reveals a more profound, and ultimately more important, truth than the ideal of "happily ever after." One of the most original and daring writers in English letters, Michel Faber shows his incredible mastery of wildly diverse literary forms with this, his long-awaited second collection of stories. Faber's characters in these 17 fictions are often dislocated—fragile beings confronting moments of fracture—in worlds that are both real and surreal. From the achingly sad lives of "The Safehouse" to the moments of exquisite happiness in "Vanilla-right Like Eminem" to the futuristic savagery of "The Fahrenheit Twins," these are fearless stories that crack our humanity wide open. With his brilliant characterization and pitch-perfect prose, Michel Faber has produced a short story collection that will seal his reputation as one of our most arresting and gifted writers. A monumental, genre-defying novel that David Mitchell calls "Michel

Faber's second masterpiece," *The Book of Strange New Things* is a masterwork from a writer in full command of his many talents. It begins with Peter, a devoted man of faith, as he is called to the mission of a lifetime, one that takes him galaxies away from his wife, Bea. Peter becomes immersed in the mysteries of an astonishing new environment, overseen by an enigmatic corporation known only as USIC. His work introduces him to a seemingly friendly native population struggling with a dangerous illness and hungry for Peter's teachings—his Bible is their "book of strange new things." But Peter is rattled when Bea's letters from home become increasingly desperate: typhoons and earthquakes are devastating whole countries, and governments are crumbling. Bea's faith, once the guiding light of their lives, begins to falter. Suddenly, a separation measured by an otherworldly distance, and defined both by one newly discovered world and another in a state of collapse, is threatened by an ever-widening gulf that is much less quantifiable. While Peter is reconciling the needs of his congregation with the desires of his strange employer, Bea is struggling for survival. Their trials lay bare a profound meditation on faith, love tested beyond endurance, and our responsibility to those closest to us. Marked by the same bravura storytelling and precise language that made *The Crimson Petal* and *The White* such an international success, *The Book of Strange New Things* is extraordinary, mesmerizing, and replete with emotional complexity and genuine pathos. Yearning to escape her life of prostitution in 1870s London, Sugar finds her fate entangled in the complicated family life of patron William, an egotistical perfume magnate. "Originally published in hardcover in Great Britain as *The Dying Season* by Quercus Publishing PLC, London, in 2015." NEIL GAIMAN: 'Glorious. A story that will be found and enjoyed and dreamed about for years to come' A celebration of friendship, courage and imagination inspired by *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* and *The Wizard of Oz*. \_\_\_\_\_ It all starts on the morning the letter D disappears from the language. First, it vanishes from her parents' conversation at breakfast, then from the road signs outside. Soon the local dentist and the neighbour's Dalmatian are missing, and even the Donkey Derby has been called off. Though she doesn't know why, Dhikilo is summoned to the home of her old history teacher Professor Dodderfield and his faithful Labrador, Nelly Robinson. And this is where our story really begins. Set between England and the wintry land of Liminus, a world enslaved by the monstrous Gamp and populated by fearsome, enchanting creatures, *D (Tale of Two Worlds)* is a mesmerising tale of friendship and bravery in an uncertain world. Told with simple beauty and warmth, its celebration of moral courage and freethinking is a powerful reminder of our human capacity for strength, hope and justice. 'Dhikilo is a splendid heroine for our time: She stands for kindness, honesty and humanity' DIANE SETTERFIELD 'Young adult readers will love it, but Faber's brio and bubbly ingenuity will delight adult readers too.' *Daily Mail* In the 1880s, fashionable Londoners left their elegant homes and clubs in Mayfair and Belgravia and crowded into omnibuses bound for midnight tours of the slums of East London.

A new word burst into popular usage to describe these descents into the precincts of poverty to see how the poor lived: slumming. In this captivating book, Seth Koven paints a vivid portrait of the practitioners of slumming and their world: who they were, why they went, what they claimed to have found, how it changed them, and how slumming, in turn, powerfully shaped both Victorian and twentieth-century understandings of poverty and social welfare, gender relations, and sexuality. The slums of late-Victorian London became synonymous with all that was wrong with industrial capitalist society. But for philanthropic men and women eager to free themselves from the starched conventions of bourgeois respectability and domesticity, slums were also places of personal liberation and experimentation. Slumming allowed them to act on their irresistible "attraction of repulsion" for the poor and permitted them, with society's approval, to get dirty and express their own "dirty" desires for intimacy with slum dwellers and, sometimes, with one another. Slumming elucidates the histories of a wide range of preoccupations about poverty and urban life, altruism and sexuality that remain central in Anglo-American culture, including the ethics of undercover investigative reporting, the connections between cross-class sympathy and same-sex desire, and the intermingling of the wish to rescue the poor with the impulse to eroticize and sexually exploit them. By revealing the extent to which politics and erotics, social and sexual categories overflowed their boundaries and transformed one another, Koven recaptures the ethical dilemmas that men and women confronted—and continue to confront—in trying to "love thy neighbor as thyself." London, 1853. Annie Stride is a beautiful, flame-haired young woman from the East End of London. She is also a whore. On a bleak January night Annie stands on Waterloo Bridge, watching the icy waters of the Thames writhe beneath her as she contemplates throwing herself in. At the last minute she's rescued by a handsome young man. Her saviour, Francis Maybrick Gill, is a talented artist. He takes Annie as his muse, painting her again and again and transforming her from a fallen woman into society's darling, taking her far away from her old life. But there is darkness underpinning Annie's lavish new lifestyle. In London and in Florence, prostitutes are being murdered. There's someone out there who knows who Annie really is - and they won't let her forget where she came from... Faulks's first novel since the extraordinary success of *Birdsong* is written with the same passion, power and breadth of vision. Set in England and France during the darkest days of World War II, *Charlotte Gray*, like *Birdsong*, depicts a complex love affair that is both shaped and thwarted by war. It is 1942. London is blacked out, but France is under a greater darkness, as the occupying Nazi forces encroach ever closer in a tense waiting game. *Charlotte Gray*, a volatile but determined young woman, travels south from Edinburgh. Working in London, she has a brief but intense love affair with an RAF pilot. When his plane is lost over France, she contrives to go there herself to work in the Resistance and to search for him—but then is unwilling to leave as she finds that the struggle for the country's fate is intimately linked to her own battle to take control of her life. Faulks's novel is an examination of lost paradises, politics without

belief, the limits of memory, the redemptive power of art and the existence of hope beyond reason. It is also a brilliant evocation of life in Occupied France and, more significantly, a revelation of the appalling price many Frenchmen paid to survive in unoccupied, so-called Free France. As the men, women and children of Charlotte's small town prepare to meet their terrible destiny, the truth of what took place in wartime France is finally exposed. When private lives and public events fatally collide, the roots of the characters' lives are torn up and exposed. These harrowing scenes are presented with the passion and narrative force that readers will recall from *Birdsong*. Charlotte Gray will attract even more readers to Faulks's remarkable fiction. PRE-ORDER PRECIPICE, THE THRILLING NEW NOVEL FROM ROBERT HARRIS, NOW - PUBLISHING AUGUST 2024 'Masterful' Sunday Times 'Gripping and accomplished' Guardian 'Truly gifted, razor-sharp' Daily Telegraph Ancient Rome teems with ambitious and ruthless men. None is more brilliant than Marcus Cicero. A rising young lawyer, backed by a shrewd wife, he decides to gamble everything on one of the most dramatic courtroom battles of all time. Win it, and he could win control of Rome itself. Lose it, and he is finished forever. *Imperium* is an epic account of the timeless struggle for power and the sudden disintegration of a society. 'In Harris' hands, the great game becomes a beautiful one' The Times 'A further step forward by this brilliant man who excels in everything he writes' Sunday Telegraph This Enhanced Edition contains exclusive content including the first chapter of the unabridged audiobook and eight videos. These videos include footage from 'Jean M. Auel in conversation with Chris Stringer' a sell-out event which took place on the 28th February 2011 at London's Natural History Museum, as well as videos about the eighteen lucky competition winners who influenced the making of the limited edition Augmented Reality hardback. Please note this a large file that will take time to download over slower connections. Europe is in the grip of the Ice Age. Its harsh but spectacularly beautiful terrain supports many varieties of animals but few people. They are Cro-Magnons - the first anatomically modern people - and Neanderthals, the other race with whom we shared that cold, ancient land. Ayla is a Cro-Magnon child who lost her parents in an earthquake and was adopted by a tribe of Neanderthal, the Clan. The Clan's wary suspicion was gradually transformed into acceptance of this girl, so different from them, under the guidance of its medicine woman Iza and its wise holy man Creb. But Broud, the Clan's future leader, becomes an implacable enemy, and causes her exile. Forced into dangerous isolation, she eventually finds her soul mate and fellow Cro-Magnon, Jondalar. Their epic journey across Europe is complete and Ayla and Jondalar join his people in the region now known as south-west France. Settling into the rhythm of life in the Ninth Cave, the couple find much pleasure in their baby daughter and in being reunited with friends and family. Ayla plays a vital role in the area of healing: her knowledge of plants and herbs, gleaned from her days with the Clan, strike awe in her new tribe. They are also both impressed by and wary of her uncanny affinity with long-time companions, the mare Whinney and Wolf. But, torn between her desire

to concentrate on her new child and the rigours of her training as a Zelandoni acolyte, Ayla finds her relationship with Jondalar moving into stormy waters. Can she manage to balance her sense of destiny with her heart? In this collection, Michel Faber revisits the world of his bestselling novel 'The Crimson Petal and the White', briefly opening doors onto the lives of its characters to give us tantalising glimpses of where they sprang from and what happened to them. Abigail Byler is a resolute pacifist. And a vampire. Believing she can never be with the guy she loves and knowing she doesn't fit in at the Crimson Court, Abbi has left the hills and caverns of Virginia for California. Working now for the Vampire-Human Coalition, she hopes to make the best of the unexpected turn her life has taken. That's easier said than done when her heart still longs for her first love, Reece—and when tensions between humans and vampires in America are rapidly increasing. The last thing Abbi intends to do is return to the Bastion—it's too dangerous for her there—in every way. But when her life takes another shocking twist, she may have no other choice than to make the perilous cross-country journey and face the vampire who turned her—and the one she still loves. This time, though, she won't be alone. And the vampire queen of the Crimson Court is not going to like it when she finds out who's coming to dinner. CRIMSON STORM is the second book of the Crimson Accord series, an exciting new young adult dystopian vampire series that will appeal to readers of dangerous romantic vampire fiction like *Crave*, the *Blood and Ash* series, and *Crescent City*. Perfect for fans of Tracy Wolff, Sara J. Maas, Jennifer Armentrout, and Charlaine Harris. Grab your copy today and go deeper into the Crimson world, a vampire series like none you've ever read before. Enjoy more *Sugar* . . . Take a saunter down Silver Street once more for an early Christmas encounter with the determined heroine of *The Crimson Petal and the White*, and find out more of what became of her. In this collection, Michel Faber revisits the world of his bestselling novel, briefly opening doors onto the lives of its characters to give us tantalising glimpses of where they sprang from and what happened to them. All of us can vividly remember *The Crimson Petal and the White*, Michel Faber's compelling historical novel released in 2002. In it we came to know *Sugar*, the alluring nineteen-year-old in Mrs Castaway's brothel, and followed her rise through 1870s London society. *The Crimson Petal* was not only a wonderful story, it created an entire, extraordinary world. Now, with the wonderful new stories in *The Apple*, Michel Faber has opened the door once again onto that world, and takes us into the lives of the characters we came to love. A New York Times Notable Book from the author of *A Stolen Tongue: A tale of crime and survival in nineteenth-century England* "as unsettling as it is brilliant" (*The Washington Post Book World*). In Sunderland, England, a city quarantined by the cholera epidemic of 1831, a defiant, fifteen-year-old beauty in an elegant blue dress sells her body to feed her only love: a fragile baby boy. When the surgeon Henry Chiver offers Gustine a different kind of work, she hopes to finally change her terrible circumstances. But Chiver was recently implicated in the famous case of Burke and Hare, who murdered beggars and sold their corpses for medical research.

And soon, Gustine's own efforts to secure cadavers for Chiver's anatomy school will threaten the very things she's working so hard to protect . . . "Reminiscent of *Wuthering Heights* . . . or the novels of Dickens . . . An even better book than Holman's first, with prose that's more limber and vivid—and with, appropriately, even more heart." —*The New York Times Book Review* "As unsettling as it is brilliant. Holman attempts Herculean feats of plot and character, and the resulting novel is seamlessly crafted." —*The Washington Post Book World* "Holman seduces you. Her prose, tart, racy and somber, will sing in your soul a long while." —Frank McCourt, author of *Angela's Ashes* "Holman's style is risky and direct . . . with unflinching emotional precision. This dazzlingly researched epic is an uncommon read." —*Publisher Weekly*, starred review "I felt I was eavesdropping on genuine 19th-century grave robbers . . . the author's skilled prose . . . convinced me. I felt I was there in the rough and tumble streets of 1830s London. Grotesque, pathetic, yet with poignant moments of calm and welcome humour." - Tracy Chevalier *1829* is a tough year to be a body snatcher. Burke and Hare have just been convicted of killing people to sell their bodies, to widespread outrage-but despite the bad press, doctors still need fresh corpses for medical research. Sammy and Facey are a couple of so-called 'resurrection men', making a living among society's fringe-dwellers by hoisting the newly departed from the churchyards of London whilst masquerading as late-night bakers. Operating on tip-offs and rumours in the capital's drinking dens and fighting pits, the pair find themselves in receipt of some valuable intelligence: an unusual cadaver has popped up on the market, that of a hermaphrodite. For any medic worth his salt it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity-a medical curiosity and rara avis-and famous anatomist Joshua Brookes commissions the two men to obtain the body, at any cost. But some corpses hold secrets, and before long the enterprise becomes a deadlier and more complex undertaking than either man could ever have imagined. Some *Rise by Sin* is a rich, authentic and absorbing historical narrative with a darker edge, a story of surviving on the outskirts of respectability. With echoes of Michel Faber's *The Crimson Petal and the White*, it is meticulously researched and suffused with the dark and grimy atmosphere of Regency London, and explores what ambition can mean for poor people in a society that conspires to grind them down at every turn. The signature creation of cartoonist Roger Langridge, *Fred the Clown* is the thinking man's idiot. Fred has an eye for the ladies, as well as several other organs, but the only part of themselves they're willing to share with him is a carefully placed kneecap. *Fred the Clown's* misadventures are a curious balance of bleakness and joyful absurdism; the universe may dump on Fred from a great height, but he never gives up. More often than not, they involve the pursuit of a lady—any lady will do, it seems, but bearded ladies are at the top of the list. Disappointment seems inevitable, and it usually is; yet, almost despite himself, Langridge will occasionally give Fred a happy ending out of nowhere... p.p1 {margin: 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px 0.0px; font: 13.9px Arial; color: #424242} The dynamo team behind *Llama Destroys the World* continue their delightful and hilarious ghostly hijinks in their early reader graphic

novel series, perfect for fans of Elephant & Piggie and Narwhal & Jelly. Fitz and Cleo are: - Siblings (the closest) - Ghosts (the friendliest) - Best friends (the tightest) - Cat owners (Mister Boo approves..of Cleo) - And now bandmates (only the gnarliest!), writers (watch out Hemingway!), filmmakers (auteurs), artists (the list goes on?!)... These two know how to keep spirits high and the good times rolling! In their first-ever second book, join the most adorable apparitions this way of the afterlife through ten gut-busting creative farces, including flexing their storytelling muscles with ghost stories, songwriting, and directing their first film. In 1888 London was the capital of the most powerful empire the world had ever known, and the largest city in Europe. In the west a new city was growing, populated by the middle classes, the epitome of 'Victorian values'. Across the city the situation was very different. The East End of London had long been considered a nether world, a dark and dangerous region outside the symbolic 'walls' of the original City. Using the Whitechapel murders of Jack the Ripper as a focal point, this book explores prostitution, poverty, revolutionary politics, immigration, the creation of a criminal underclass and the development of policing. It also considers how the sensationalist 'new journalism' took the news of the Ripper murders to all corners of the Empire and to the United States. This is an important book for those interested in the history of Victorian Britain. Three novellas filled with "gallows humor and a sense of real peril," by the acclaimed author of *The Book of Strange New Things* (The New York Times). The bestselling author of *The Crimson Petal and the White* "draws his characters with assured comic efficiency" (The Guardian), using "evocative language" to offer up "intriguing glimpses of unfamiliar worlds" (Los Angeles Times), in these acclaimed novellas. In "The Courage Consort," an a cappella vocal ensemble is

sequestered in a Belgian château to rehearse a monstrously complicated new piece, but competing artistic temperaments and sexual needs create as much discordance as the avant-garde music. In "The Hundred and Ninety-Nine Steps," a lonely woman joins an archaeological dig at Whitby Abbey and unearths a mystery involving a long-hidden murder. And in "The Fahrenheit Twins," strange children, identical in all but gender, are left alone at the icy zenith of the world by their anthropologist parents to create their own ritual civilization. From a wildly inventive author whose novel *The Book of Strange New Things* was named one of 2014's best reads by everyone from the New Yorker to io9, *The Courage Consort* is an eclectic collection of well-told tales, in which Michel Faber "marches on, establishing himself as one of the most versatile fiction writers working today" (Kirkus Reviews). "Readers will again be immersed in the intense worlds he creates." —Publishers Weekly With an introduction by David Mitchell Isserley spends most of her time driving. But why is she so interested in picking up hitchhikers? And why are they always male, well-built and alone? An utterly unpredictable and macabre mystery, *Under the Skin* is a genre-defying masterpiece. Enter a Victorian England you've never seen: gritty, dark, and unsettling. Based on Michel Faber's international bestseller, this four-part BBC series follows the fortunes of Sugar (Romola Garai, *Atonement*, *Emma*), a notorious prostitute who longs for a better life. Sexually adept, ambitious, and clever, she casts a spell on William Rackham (Chris O'Dowd, *Bridesmaids*, *The IT Crowd*), feckless heir to a perfume business and husband to a wife slipping slowly into insanity. As their lives intertwine, events are set in motion that will change them forever. This provocative psychological thriller boasts a stellar cast and a boldly original look and feel, exposing 1870s London as a place where violence and madness lurked everywhere. Garai is 'electric' (The Telegraph Magazine, U.K.),

O'Dowd 'a revelation' (The Daily Telegraph, U.K.), and Amanda Hale 'brilliant' (The Times, U.K.) as Rackham's wife, Agnes. With Gillian Anderson (Bleak House, The X-Files) as monstrous madam Mrs. Castaway and Richard E. Grant (Gosford Park) as creepy Dr. Curlew, 'this striking Gothic melodrama...[is] lurid in the best sense' (The Scotsman, U.K.). NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY BOOKPAGE AND LIBRARY JOURNAL *The Crimson Petal and the White* meets *Fight Club*: A page-turning novel set in the world of female pugilists and their patrons in late eighteenth-century England. Moving from a filthy brothel to a fine manor house, from the world of street fighters to the world of champions, *The Fair Fight* is a vivid, propulsive historical novel announcing the arrival of a dynamic new talent. Born in a brothel, Ruth doesn't expect much for herself beyond abuse. While her sister's beauty affords a certain degree of comfort, Ruth's harsh looks set her on a path of drudgery. That is until she meets pugilist patron George Dryer and discovers her true calling—fighting bare knuckles in the prize rings of Bristol. Manor-born Charlotte has a different cross to bear. Scarred by smallpox, stifled by her social and romantic options, and trapped in twisted power games with her wastrel brother, she is desperate for an escape. After a disastrous, life-changing fight sidelines Ruth, the two women meet, and it alters the perspectives of both of them. When Charlotte presents Ruth with an extraordinary proposition, Ruth pushes dainty Charlotte to enter the ring herself and learn the power of her own strength. A gripping, page-turning story about people struggling to transcend the circumstances into which they were born and fighting for their own places in society, *The Fair Fight* is a raucous, intoxicating tale of courage, reinvention, and fighting one's way to the top.