



## **International Rights List, Frankfurt Book Fair 2009**

Adrian Weston – Table D1 International Rights Centre

### **Adult Fiction**

#### **NEW! GLASSHOPPER – Isabel Ashdown**

The captivating debut novel from the winner of the 2008 Mail on Sunday Novel Competition, GLASSHOPPER is set in the suburban disorder of 1980s England where 13 year old Jake ponders the question of his paternity. Whilst he outwardly shrugs off his mother's drunken ramblings, the question hangs over him like an invisible spectre. Jake's personal odyssey takes him from the terraced streets of Portsmouth to the French Dordogne where he unwittingly stumbles across the long-held secrets of another generation. As the narrative alternates between Jake and his mother's youth in the 1960s, GLASSHOPPER reflects on the powerlessness of childhood whilst celebrating the enduring optimism of youth, even in the face of tragedy.

Isabel left her job in senior management in the cosmetics industry to write, she has completed an MA in creative writing, and has started work on her second novel.

**UK/Commonwealth – Myriad Editions**

#### **SADOMASOCHISM FOR ACCOUNTANTS – Rosy Barnes**

The Marquis de Sade meets... *The Office*... When Paula's mother suggests she should find a new hobby to take her mind off being dumped, joining a fetish club was not quite what she had in mind... but still smarting from her ex-fiancé's accusation that she is boring, that is exactly what Paula does. Part satire of corporate lifestyle and part exploration of the roles people play between the sheets or the spreadsheets: this is a funny, feel-good comedy.



Rosy Barnes lives in Edinburgh. A successful playwright, this is her first novel. She is working on a new novel

**World Rights - Marion Boyars Publishers (excluding Germany, Netherlands, Israel, Russia, Poland and Hungary)**

#### **BLACK DUST DANCING – Tracy Crisp**

Set in a working-class Australian industrial town, BLACK DUST DANCING is a contemporary novel of duty versus family. Heidi knows that there is something wrong with her son, but she is young and inexperienced and doesn't know how to get him help. Caro, the new doctor in town wants to put the world to rights. Together they discover that the industry that is the town's lifeblood is also poisoning a generation of kids. With spare and insightful prose, Crisp creates a compelling picture of a myopic community and the stark choices its residents face.

Tracy Crisp is a writer and stand-up comedian. This manuscript won the unpublished manuscript category for Adelaide's *Festival Award for Literature*.

**ANZ – Wakefield Press**

### **FURTHER ADVENTURES – Jon S Fink**

From 1938 to 1946 he was the voice of the radio superhero the Green Ray, but behind the special effects he was only scrawny little Reuven Agranovsky. Four decades later, a freak accident causing an all-night blackout in the little town of Mason, New Mexico, forces the Green Ray out of retirement once more. But maybe Reuven should have stayed in the shadows; after all, sixty-six is no time to start thinking you're the only good man in a wicked world. This is a poignantly funny, hilariously tragic narrative of one man's half-blind but whole-hearted stumble against the forces of greed, perversion and reality.



Jon S. Fink was born in Philadelphia, raised in Los Angeles and now lives in England. He has just completed **NEW!** THE RETURN OF THE GREEN RAY, a direct sequel to FURTHER ADVENTURES

**USA - HarperPerennial**

### **A STORM IN THE BLOOD - Jon S. Fink**

The killing of three unarmed London policemen in 1910 by a group of Latvian anarchists became one of the most infamous and sensational crimes of the era. The three men and the mysterious 'woman in a shawl' whose jewellery store heist the police had intercepted, led to an unprecedented manhunt and ultimately the so-called *Siege of Sidney Street* by hundreds of armed soldiers called in by the then home-secretary, Winston Churchill. But two of the 'criminals' were not found in the property where the siege took place – they had simply vanished. A STORM IN THE BLOOD is their story - it is a strong and sweeping narrative filled with strange echoes of the world to come, of cities plagued by the fear of terrorism and poisoned by suspicion of foreigners, immigrants and refugees.

**USA - HarperCollins**

### **THE CRAIC – P J Farrell**

This fast-paced, addictive tale of business and political intrigue develops into an extraordinarily gripping romp taking the reader from a seemingly mundane house burglary in suburban Manchester to the boardrooms of strangely well-connected businessmen in Malaysia - and to the very seats of power in the US and the UK. Barrie Llewellyn, a former international rugby player, now businessman and inventor holds the patent to a new "green fuel" modification to the internal combustion engine - but does the patent also disguise an invention with appalling military potential? THE CRAIC is a story of betrayal, coincidence and revenge. It is pure entertainment with a joyful combination of sharp writing, taut plotting and good, old-fashioned fun.

P J Farrell lives in the South of France and is the holder of several international patents.

### **DEAD LOVELY - Helen FitzGerald**

This debut novel from Helen FitzGerald turns both Chick Lit and crime genres on their heads. Krissie's camping holiday in Scotland with her best friend Sarah and Sarah's husband Kyle rapidly descends into a tightly plotted, fast-paced crime thriller laced with dark humour. Krissie's fling with Kyle leads to Sarah's apparent death at Krissie's hands. Only Sarah is not dead and is out for revenge. Krissie ends up in a struggle to keep her child, her life and any hope of happiness.

Helen Fitzgerald lives in Glasgow and worked as a parole officer at Barlinnie prison.



**UK/Commonwealth - Faber & Faber**

**Netherlands - Ambo|Anthos** (as *Kleine Meisjes*)

**France - Calmann-Levy** (as *À La Vie, À La Mort*)

**Italy – Piemme** (as *Cattivi Pensieri*)

**Germany – Galiani**

**Film & TV – Synchronicity Films Ltd.**

### **MY LAST CONFESSION - Helen FitzGerald**

In this sequel, parole officer Krissie's new case involves Jeremy who is on remand for a brutal murder. He has a history of violence, which begins with the "accidental death" of his baby sister. Before long, Krissie becomes convinced of Jeremy's innocence. She feels Jeremy is caring, gentle, and guilt-ridden – misjudged because of a terrible childhood accident. Krissie helps get his charges dropped. But Krissie's happiness is short-lived when she realises that she was wrong. Jeremy is guilty, not only of murdering his baby sister and his mother-in-law, but of killing anything that gets in between him and the girl in his life. His new girl is Krissie.....



**UK/Commonwealth – Faber & Faber**

**Netherlands - Ambo|Anthos**

**France - Calmann-Levy**

**Italy - Piemme**

### **THE DEVIL'S STAIRCASE – Helen FitzGerald and BLOODY WOMEN – Helen FitzGerald**

Two outstanding and suspenseful psychological thrillers shot through with FitzGerald's trademark dark humour are also available. World rights to both books are held by her UK publisher.

**World Rights – Polygon**

### ***NEW!* THE DONOR – Helen FitzGerald**

World Rights for Helen's next adult fiction title THE DONOR has been bought by Faber & Faber. All enquiries to the Faber rights department.

### **THE TULIP VIRUS – Daniëlle Hermans**

A major new literary thriller, THE TULIP VIRUS by Daniëlle Hermans, is set between the present and the major economic collapse caused by the crash of the tulip trade in the 17th Century. The action hinges around two murders, one in contemporary London and one in 17th Century Holland. As Alec tries to unravel the truth behind his financier uncle's murder, he is drawn into a fast-paced and dangerous drama. Already a major best-seller in Holland.



Daniëlle Hermans lives and works in the Netherlands.

**NL – Bruna**

**ANZ – Allen & Unwin**

**USA – St Martin's Press**

**Spain – Rocca**

**Germany – Piper/Pendo**

**Italy – Piemme**

### ***NEW!* ONE HUNDRED MONTHS - John Hicklenton**

Last year John began to work on a graphic memoir called HERE'S JOHNNY, telling the story of his pitched battle with Multiple Sclerosis, the illness that is sapping his life away. But John, famed for his work on Judge Dredd and AD2000, decided that a straight memoir was not the way to go. Instead he has produced the mesmerising and shocking graphic novel ONE HUNDRED MONTHS which is a lyrical and unsettling narrative, redolent of an epic poem, symbolising his battle with MS. The novel is set in Megiddo, the biblical land of the apocalypse. There the main character of the novel, Mara, fights an epic battle with the Longpig, an evil demiurge who has infected the planet with his children. Mara, incensed by the death of her son - a Messianic figure - sets out to exact a brutal revenge on the wasted world which has sacrificed him. Written at a point when John has seen the end of his own life approaching imminently, this is a graphic novel which casts deep and disturbing shadows as well as raising current issues about medical care of the terminally ill and euthanasia.

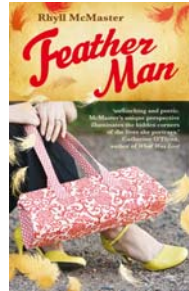
### **NEW! LONDON TRIPTYCH – Jonathan Kemp**

Rent boys and models, aristocrats, artists and gangsters populate Jonathan Kemp's debut novel LONDON TRIPTYCH. Three men, three lives and three eras – the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the mid 1950s and the end of the 1990s – sinuously entwine in a dark, startling and unsettling narrative of sex, exploitation and dependence set against London's strangely constant gay underworld. Kemp's prose is pin-point precise and brings each of the three panels of the triptych to life with its own inner light.

Jonathan Kemp is a playwright, writer, DJ and lecturer in creative writing and literature. He lives and works in London.

### **FEATHER MAN – Rhyll McMaster**

Set in Brisbane during the stultifying 1950s and moving to the grubby London of the 1970s, FEATHER MAN is about Sooky who, ignored by her parents, is always encouraged to make herself scarce with devastating personal consequences. The novel follows Sooky from her neglected childhood to womanhood and her entry into the art world, the book combines comedy with emotional intensity.



Rhyll McMaster is one of Australia's most highly regarded poets. Her collection WASHING THE MONEY won the Victorian Premier's Prize and the Grace Leven Prize.

**ANZ - Brandl & Schlesinger**

**UK & North America - Marion Boyars**

### **NEW! THE RIVER WIFE – Heather Rose**

Australian Author Heather Rose, whose two previous novels were shortlisted for the Nita B Kibble Award and long listed for the IMPAC Award as well as winning the Davitt Award, has delivered an extraordinary and moving new book. THE RIVER WIFE is a simple and subtle story of love. Completely captivating, this literary novel has the quality of a fable, patterned with the age-old rhythms of the river as the young river wife finds her growing love for a man intervening and diverting her from her duty to tend the river. It is a story of desire and love, mothers and daughters, kinship and care, sacrifice and wisdom.

**ANZ – Allen & Unwin**

### **NEW! BLOOD ON THE SAND – Wendy Salisbury**

Set in the vividly evoked and heady atmosphere of 1960s Spain, BLOOD ON THE SAND takes the reader on a highly entertaining, raunchy and fast-paced journey as young Cassie Gordon sets out on an epic emotional journey from swinging London into the arms of the leading bull-fighter of the day. This semi-autobiographical romp is based on Wendy's own romantic involvement with the legendary matador El Cordobés. Wendy came to be part of his circle when she was acting as the Spanish interpreter for Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins then working on the biography of El Cordobés: *Or Shall I Dress You in Mourning?* BLOOD ON THE SAND is a fictional imagining of what would have been if she had stayed in Spain and become the wife of the legend.

Wendy Salisbury is the author of the best-selling non-fiction title THE TOYBOY DIARIES and THE TOYBOY DIARIES 2

**Spain – Ediciones B**

**NEW! LOVE IN THE YEARS OF LUNACY – Mandy Sayer**

LOVE IN THE YEARS OF LUNACY is set in Sydney and Papua New Guinea during the second world war. It tells the tale of illicit love between a young Sydney girl and an African American soldier. Both are saxophonists and their passion for music brings this unlikely pair together. When he is posted to New Guinea by his commander, she implements an audacious plan to follow him. The novel contains wonderful writing on music, especially when set against the backdrop of the PNG highlands.

Mandy Sayer won the Vogel Award at 26, with her first novel, MOOD INDIGO. Since then she has been named one of Australia's Best Young Novelists by the Sydney Morning Herald and her THE NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES won the 2008 Davitt Award for YA Fiction.

We are also offering OTHELLO IN THE MIDWEST: Sayer's proposed third memoir. It tells the story of her literary apprenticeship and of her first marriage, to another writer, the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa. It follows on from the acclaimed memoirs: DREAMTIME ALICE and VELOCITY.

**THE ALTERNATIVE HERO – Tim Thornton**

In this tight, lively and blackly comic novel, Clive is approaching 30 without having achieved his ambition to become a music journalist or in fact anything. Lance - Clive's former idol - is the ex-frontman of a band which flared, burnt and crashed spectacularly before vanishing after a humiliating on-stage meltdown before a festival audience in 1996. The novel is set between the final summer of Clive's youth and today when Clive finds his former hero in the queue at his local dry cleaner. He shadows Lance back to his home and thereafter their lives collide spectacularly.



Tim Thornton is the drummer for the successful band FINK.

**UK - Jonathan Cape**

**US - Knopf**

**Italy - il Saggiatore/ISBN**

**NEW! DEATH OF AN UNSIGNED BAND – Tim Thornton**

What do you do when, after years of struggling around the fringes of the music scene with your wannabe band you finally meet that Svengali who offers to change your band's future? Everything will be wonderful. There's only one catch... that front man, your oldest buddy, the band's founder? He really should be replaced... so what do you do? Stick with your friend and your past, or take the money and run for the future? This funny and fast-paced novel is a universal story of friendship and betrayal and a fantastic follow-up to THE ALTERNATIVE HERO.

**UK - Jonathan Cape**

## **Adult Non-Fiction**

### **NEW! THE SEX DIARIES - Bettina Arndt**

THE SEX DIARIES is an astonishing exposé showing how ordinary couples cope with the tensions of managing their sex lives, by a leading and internationally recognised commentator on sex and sexuality. Ninety eight couples spent up to a year keeping diaries recording the intimate details of their negotiations over their sexual encounters. The result is a challenging, thought-provoking analysis of desire, showing how men and women cope with their distinctly different libidos.

Bettina Arndt is Australia's Dr. Ruth and one of the world's most widely acclaimed experts on sexuality.

**ANZ – Melbourne University Press**

**World English (excl ANZ) – Hamlyn Octopus**

**Spanish Language – Editora Best Seller**

### **NEW! WHAT MEN WANT – Bettina Arndt**

Following on from the enormous success of THE SEX DIARIES, Bettina Arndt delves into the tricky territory of male sexuality and the core issue of what it is that men actually want. This is the ultimate (if unsettling) book for women who hope to understand the clockwork that makes the male sexual psyche tick. The finished manuscript will be delivered at the end of 2009.

**ANZ – Melbourne University Press**

### **BEYOND THE CRISIS *The Future of Capitalism* – Adjiedj Bakas**

Adjiedj Bakas is without a doubt Europe's leading expert in future trends. Plotting the social, cultural, political and economic future for governments, companies and the media, he has a deep and unique vision of the shape of our lives in the coming decades. At a point when the world-wide news agenda is dominated by economic uncertainty and turmoil, Adjiedj Bakas's brings his attention to the crucial question of what the nature of finance will be. He looks at the likely impact of his predictions on businesses, governments and the lives of individuals. This is a major book which will have huge and global influence.

Adjiedj Bakas is based in Amsterdam. His four previous titles published in Dutch have cumulatively sold over 600,000 copies in the Netherlands. Two further books are in process: WORLD MEGATRENDS and LIVING WITHOUT OIL

**World English Language – MK PRESS**

**China – Machine China Press**

**Taiwan – Sun Colour Press**

**Vietnam – First News Tri-Viet**

**Portugal – Platano**

**Netherlands – Scriptum**

### **WORLD MEGATRENDS – Adjiedj Bakas**

The current crises in terms of the world's economy, energy, natural environment, fresh water and food are symbolic for the end of one era and the start of another. Many fear the future. Yet renowned trendwatcher Adjiedj Bakas shows in this ambitious new book that we can reinvent ourselves and the world. We can make use of technology, knowledge, social networks and other new resources to create even more fulfilling lives while preserving our environment. Bakas reveals twelve major developments that will influence all our lives and demonstrates how, by understanding these changes, businesses and individuals can look forward to a bright future.

**World English Language – Infinite Ideas**

**Infinite Ideas** are also publishing **LIFE WITHOUT OIL – Adjiedj Bakas in Autumn 2009**, which looks at the likely shape of the future without Oil.

**NEW! THE HIGH HEeled GARDNER** - Debbie Bourne

North London mother and writer Debbie Bourne has never got her hands dirty, never dug a bed and has never, never felt the call of the wild. But somehow she ends up as a mover and shaker in the process of getting a community garden off the ground. This is a book about neighbours, friends, environmentalists, food and, well, how to garden in high heels as she tackles a year of digging dangerously in Hampstead. Oh, and there's plenty of muck to rake too.

Debbie Bourne is a writer based in Hampstead where she is at the heart of a new community garden, and learning fast!

**MURDER IN THE NAME OF HONOUR: *One Woman's Heroic Fight against an Appalling Crime* – Rana Husseini**

Rana Husseini is the award-winning journalist responsible for bringing the true horror of so-called honour crimes to public attention. This book is a chilling first-hand account of Rana's investigations of honour crimes – she looks not only at the Middle East but also at the West's reaction and response, the rise of honour crimes in the West etc. It is a very compelling and timely work by a multi-award-winning journalist. The book begins with Rana's first direct encounter of an honour killing as a young journalist in Jordan and goes on to explore the stories behind the statistics.

Rana Husseini is one of the world's most acclaimed human rights journalists.

**World Rights (excluding NL) – Oneworld  
NL – Artemis**

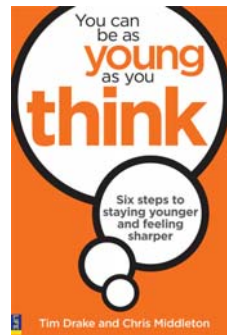
**YOU CAN BE AS YOUNG AS YOU THINK - Tim Drake & Chris Middleton**

This book is built around two new and powerful concepts: The Wisdom of Youth and Brain Age (Young Brain/Old Brain). To make it personally relevant, they invite readers to assess their own Brain Age using a Brain Age Calculator. Once the reader knows his or her Brain Age, the Wisdom of Youth can be injected.

Tim Drake co-founded the sports retail chain Cobra Sports in 1979. He has authored two previous books for CYAN & Orion. Chris Middleton is a freelance writer.

*'Drake builds up your mental energy, so that you can succeed, because without that you're dead in the water ...'* Daily Telegraph.

**UK – Pearson Life  
Netherlands – Spectrum  
Brazil - Ediouro**

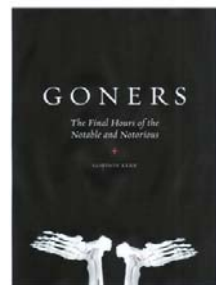


**DEAD FAMOUS: *Last Hours of the Notable & Notorious* - Gordon Kerr**

A book for the trivia lover, the reader of biographies and the morbidly curious, DEAD FAMOUS satisfies the modern appetite for information in easily accessible, bite-size chunks. Dylan Thomas and his famous 'Eighteen straight whiskies'; Mary Queen of Scots dressed entirely in red...How often, when reading a biography, do you skip to the end to find out how the subject died?

Gordon Kerr is a much published non-fiction author. He formerly worked at Bloomsbury and Waterstone's and is a past director of The Poetry Society.

**UK - Oneworld  
USA - Abrams Image (published as GONERS)**



### **NEW! FOOD FOR FRIENDS – Jane & Ramin Mostowfi**

FOOD FOR FRIENDS is an exciting, cookbook from one of Britain's landmark meat-free restaurants – FOOD FOR FRIENDS in Brighton. Bringing together a brand with over 25 years' history, a huge customer base and an innovative and refreshing approach to both everyday and 'occasion' dining, this is a very significant addition to the cookery shelf. Based on the restaurant's seasonal menus and daily specials FOOD FOR FRIENDS is an inspiring and practical approach to cooking for meat-free and special dietary requirements.

Ramin & Jane Mostowfi are husband and wife co-owners of FOOD FOR FRIENDS restaurant and bring an eclectic family mix of culinary traditions from Middle Eastern and Asian through to traditional British together in their fresh and exciting take on meat-free food.

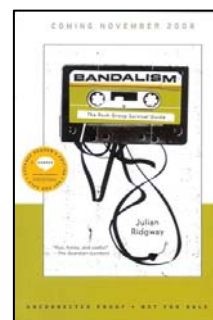
### ***BANDalism: Do Not Destroy Your Group* - Julian Ridgway**

Bands are formed in garages, schools and pubs with no thought about whether members are remotely suited to the roles they are supposed to fill in the band (let alone the instruments they are meant to play!). Julian Ridgway's hilarious new manual is for anyone and everyone who has ever had, been in or has aspired to be in a band. This is the perfect book for the era of MySpace Music.

Despite his youth, Julian is a veteran of at least a dozen bands (and counting).

**UK - SAF Publishing**

**USA/Canada - HarperPerennial**



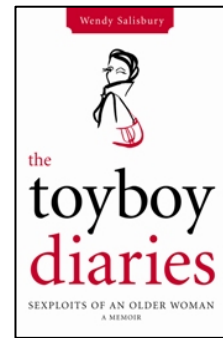
### **New! THE SEARCH - Jan Rocha**

The story of Ester, an Argentinean grandmother', and her quest to find out the fate of her daughter, son-in-law and most importantly baby granddaughter in the aftermath of the military coups which upended Argentinean society in the late 1970s. Ester found her granddaughter alive but being raised by the military intelligence officer who had abducted and interrogated her parents - and in total denial of her real family. The emotional shock waves which flowed out from this point are considerable and Jan Rocha (an award-winning journalist, resident in South America for over 30 years) skillfully looks at the risks involved in setting out to find out the truth as well as looking at what makes a journalist step out of their distanced-observer role and become involved in the news. The story is moving and full of sadness but now, at last, in 2009 Ester's granddaughter has finally taken the step of acknowledging her own birth family and the truth of what happened to her.

### ***The Toyboy Diaries* - Wendy Salisbury**

Wendy's own words are probably the best introduction to the book... already described by one editor as "publicity dynamite"

*"My toyboy adventures began when I was forty-two, one New Year's Eve high in the Swiss Alps. Alcohol processes quickly at altitude, which is probably why, as the clock struck midnight, I inadvertently found myself writhing naked underneath a nineteen-year-old. As an attractive, twice-divorced mother of two, I returned to my respectable life, running my business, dating suitable suitors and fighting my darker passions. I gave up the fight whenever a handsome young man crossed my path."*



Wendy Salisbury is an antique dealer and writer. Her first book, MOVE OVER, MRS ROBINSON was published by Robson..

**Australia/NZ - HarperCollins**

**UK - Old Street Publishing**

**Germany - Goldmann Verlag**

### ***NEW! The Toyboy Diaries 2* – Wendy Salisbury**

A direct sequel to her bestselling first book.

**World Rights – Old Street Publishing**

### **HONOUR ENFORCED: *How One Woman Paid the Ultimate Price for Breaking with Tradition* - Rhea Wessel**

A Kurdish German who lived in Berlin, Aynur was gunned down by her youngest brother Ayhan on a cold February night in 2005. Before he pulled the trigger, he confronted his sister one last time about her lifestyle, and then Ayhan shot his sister three times point blank in the face. Rhea Wessel, an American journalist based in Germany, became fascinated by this story as it received more and more media coverage and sought out Aynur's family. In this book, Wessel puts a human face to the suffering of a family so publicly vilified. She writes about Aynur, Ayhan and the unbearable weight of the challenge Mama Sürücü will face when her son is released: How to live with the man who killed her daughter.

Rhea Wessel has been contributing regularly to international publications including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times* since moving to Germany in 2001. Rhea's reporting and writing has been published in the *Time Magazine*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The International Herald Tribune*.

## **Children's and Young Adult Fiction**

### **NEW! *Amelia O'Donohue is SO Not a Virgin* – Helen FitzGerald**

What do you do if you find a new-born baby in the cupboard in the school sick bay? Does it belong to one of the other students, or could it be one of the nuns? Some pretty funny things happen under those habits...

Helen FitzGerald's first Young Adult novel tackles sex, lies and disguised pregnancy head-on in a fast, funny and scary ride through late adolescence.

**USA - Sourcebooks**

### ***I Married a Faery* - Gill Hands**

A funny, sassy, rude and diverting story about Nat. She is a cynical loner, dumped by her boyfriend, too smart for her sister and left hanging around home because she didn't get her act together to go to university with her friends. While walking on the Fells she is tricked into being kissed by a stranger who informs her he is Robin, a Faery King and has come from Faeryland to find a bride. He must marry the first girl who kisses him. But unlike the heroines of fairy stories of the past Nat is damned if she's going to pine away for some weird guy in green.

Gill Hands lives in the North West of England.

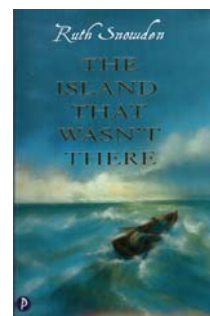
### **NEW *On the Edge of Wild Water* - A.J. Morgan (Y.A. fiction)**

In this powerful and beautifully written debut Bethan, a teenage girl in the grip of a serious eating disorder, is taken by her grieving father to stay in his late mother's Welsh cottage in a last attempt to help her back to health. In Wales she is beset by unsettling visions of a young girl seemingly trying to communicate with her. Bethan finds herself plunged into a 160 year-old tragedy which, as her own health spirals downwards, seems destined to repeat itself. As events unfold towards their tragic climax, Bethan and her family struggle to redeem themselves and the unresolved fates of those long dead.

A J Morgan lives in Wales and has just completed a creative writing M.A.

### ***The Island that Wasn't There* - Ruth Snowden (8-12 yrs fiction)**

Rosie has always wanted to be a pirate and go to sea. She is an associate member of the Harbour Gang - but gang leader Cal says that first of all she has to pass a test, by finding something on the beach *that no man has found before*. When she does find something to fit the bill, nobody will believe her - because that something is a mermaid. Back home at last, she is in despair at ever being able to join the Harbour Gang, because she has no *proof* that she ever found a mermaid on the shore.....or has she? An older teenage fantasy novel THE MOON TREE is also available.



Ruth Snowden is the author of a number of non-fiction titles and is one of the founders of Wild Women Press. She lives and writes in Cumbria and has just completed a sequel to THE ISLAND THAT WASN'T THERE called RETURN TO HILDALAND .

**UK - Piccadilly Press (World Rights)**

## **Represented Lists**

Raft also looks after the UK rights for

### **The Wakefield Press – a leading Australian independent publisher**

Key authors include:

- **Mary Talbot Cross: Fate Knows No Tears** – historical romance
- **Dean Lahn: Beat, Heat, Eat** – cookery, men's gift
- **Teri Louise Kelly: Last Bed on Earth & Sex, Knives & Bouillabaisse** - memoir
- **Stefan Laszczuk: The Goddam Bus of Happiness** – general fiction

### **Sebes & van Gelderen – Holland's top literary agency**

Key authors include:

- **Alex van Galen**
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- **Ricus van de Coevering**

### **The Naher Agency – a new and exciting Australian literary agency**

Key authors include:

- **Bettina Arndt**
- **Heather Rose**
- **Mandy Sayer**