

Escaping Has Ceased To Be A Sport A Soldiers Memoir Of Captivity And Escape In Italy And Germany

This thrilling new volume from Martin Bowman focusses on British, Canadian, Australian and German soldiers and airmen who were captured during the First World War. Determined that they wouldnt spend the rest of the conflict incarcerated uselessly behind bars, they endeavored to escape. These are their stories. All aspects of prison life are covered here, and the author examines the various escape tactics that were employed by British soldiers and airmen held in PoW camps all over Germany and Turkey. In order to provide a balanced account, the author has also uncovered stories of German navy and army escapees who attempted to flee from England. Each chapter is preceded by an account which explains the types of camps used in Britain and Germany, the numbers involved, the food, the camp money system for worker prisoners and a general appreciation of the conditions and chronology. Firsthand accounts from the prisoners themselves are then woven into the picture, creating an authentic sense of the PoW experience. The emphasis of this unique book is placed on the human story of the main characters, the unparalleled action on the Western Front and the interaction and camaraderie experienced between soldiers and airmen held in prison camps in England, Germany and Turkey during the Second World War.

'I was gripped, desperate to solve the mystery of Nancy Moon' Sarah Haywood, New York Times bestselling author of THE CACTUS THE USA TODAY BESTSELLER. Set against the glistening backdrop of the Riviera, this is a truly captivating novel about two women whose lives become seamlessly intertwined when they embark on the same journey decades apart. Take a journey and immerse yourself in this year's most irresistible read. Perfect for fans of Kathryn Hughes, Suzanne Goldring and The Paris Seamstress. To unravel that long-lost summer, she had to follow the thread... Florence Connelly is broken hearted. Her marriage has collapsed under the weight of the loss she shares with her husband, and her beloved grandmother has just died. Even the joy she found in dressmaking is gone. But things change when Flo opens a box of vintage 1960s dress patterns found inside her grandmother's wardrobe. Inside each pattern packet is a fabric swatch, a postcard from Europe and a photograph of a mysterious young woman, Nancy Moon, wearing the hand-made dress. Flo discovers that Nancy was a distant relation who took the boat train to Paris in 1962 and never returned. With no one to stay home for, Flo decides to follow Nancy's thread. She unravels an untold story of love and loss in her family's past. And begins to stitch the pieces of her own life back together. ** PRE-ORDER SARAH STEELE'S NEW NOVEL THE SCHOOLTEACHER OF SAINT-MICHEL NOW ** 'Wonderful. This book is a joy' Katie Fforde, Sunday Times bestselling author 'Two captivating stories of love and heartbreak, stitched together by a trail through Europe in 1962' Gill Paul, author of THE SECRET WIFE 'A gorgeous, tender debut' Kate Riordan, author of THE HEATWAVE 'I felt so passionately involved in Flo's journey. A GORGEOUS read' Prima, BOOK OF THE MONTH 'Warm and true... Pays tribute to the heart and backbone of women who support each other when the world turns its back' Stephanie Butland, author of LOST FOR WORDS READERS HAVE FALLEN FORTHE MISSING PIECES OF NANCY MOON: 'If I could give 10 stars I would' 'Heartwarming, uplifting, emotional and immersive, The Missing Pieces of Nancy Moon is a must-read, encapsulating the essence of summer like the sun is shining from the pages' 'OMG WHAT A BOOK. Fabulously, beautifully written book.' 'One of the best books I have read this year. It has it all - love, mystery, deceit and a secret. Five stars all the way' 'This book is AMAZING!... Omgggggggggg!!!! What a SCRUMPTIOUS read!!!... I genuinely

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could not, and did not want to put it down at all... I would advise that you switch your phone to silent, grab a ginormous slice of cake and ignore EVERYONE around you while you binge read...' The Writing Garnet ?????? The Cosy Kettle café is the perfect place to escape this summer, for fans of Cathy Bramley, Jenny Colgan and Debbie Johnson. Guests can tuck in to fruit puddings and strawberry-studded ice cream, but for Flora, the warm summer breeze is blowing in big changes... When Flora finds out about her husband's secret fling, she escapes to the one place she feels safe: her beloved café, the Cosy Kettle, in the charming village of Honeyford. Serving up cream teas to her café regulars is the perfect way to soothe her broken heart, and although she's never lived in the area, the little community welcome her with open arms. She's soon lodging with local eccentric Luna in her remote and beautiful Starlight Cottage, snuggled between rolling green hills. Luna's handsome son Daniel lost his wife several years ago, and as Flora gets to know him, sharing walks through the blossom-scented woods, they both slowly begin to heal... and she realises that behind Daniel's quiet exterior, there's a passionate nature that makes her forget all about her ex-husband. As she settles into her new life, hosting a baking competition for the village's summer celebration seems like a great idea... but with Daniel's mysterious silences leading Flora to believe he's hiding secrets, she can't help but wonder if she can really trust him. And when the race to bake the perfect Victoria sponge stirs up old rivalries between locals, Flora starts to feel like she's bitten off more than she can chew. After her new start, will Flora ever truly belong in Honeyford? And, this summer, can she risk opening up her heart again? Readers are loving A Summer Escape and Strawberry Cake at the Cosy Kettle: 'Love love love this book so much! It's absolutely incredible... anyone who is a fan of a lovely heartwarming book, should definitely read this!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Oh my heart... a must read... I am absolutely blown away with how much I loved and enjoyed it.... A well deserved five stars... Highly recommend. I actually devoured most of this book in a day, I couldn't put it down.' Between the Pages Book Club, 5 stars 'This is bloody fantastic!!... I completely and utterly fell in love with this story... one of those that you can't put down... fantastic... will give you all the feels and will have you laughing out loud... the perfect book to read on a summers evening... Absolutely 100% recommended by me!!' Curled Up with a Good Book, 5 stars 'Funny, heart-warming and totally addictive, I just couldn't put it down... an absolutely smashing book.' Mrs C's Honest Book Reviews, 5 stars 'Loved the book!!... delightful... Definitely recommend.' Goodreads reviewer 'This story was a fabulous feel good read, with a little bit of mystery, some romance and plenty of laughs to keep you going right from the beginning to the end! I loved it and once started, couldn't put it down!!' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars 'I have fallen in love... I adored this book... I rate this book ?????? and highly recommend it to all who are looking for a summer escape.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I loved this book... brilliant characters... a page turner from the start... warm, charming and laugh out loud funny. A thoroughly enjoyable story.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'A fabulous, feel-good book filled with yummy food, fantastic characters, a cafe that I desperately want I visit and a storyline that will leave you smiling from ear to ear.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This is a perfect place to escape on a sunny summers day... so many funny parts, I laughed all the way through... a definite page turner and I loved it. I highly recommend this book.' Goodreads reviewer

He was young, handsome, highly educated in the best English schools, a respected professional and a first-class amateur athlete. He was also a serial killer, the Victorian equivalent of the modern-day Ted Bundy. His name was Montague Druitt--also known as "Jack the Ripper." His handiwork included the slaughter of at least five women of ill repute in the East End of London--an urban hell where women sold themselves for a stale crust of bread. His likely motivation for the location of his murders was to call attention to the atrocious conditions in

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which East Enders lived, just blocks from upper-class London's wealth and opulence. This book, compiled from years of meticulous research, presents the thinking behind the murders, the man behind the moniker, and the circumstances behind his demise. In *The Escape of Jack the Ripper*, readers will learn: How a blood-stained Dr. Jekyll was arrested yet bluffed his way to freedom by pretending to be a medical student helping the poor How Dr. Jekyll confessed to his cousin, an Anglican priest How Dr. Jekyll's family placed him in a private, expensive asylum in France, only for him to flee when a nurse blew the whistle How Dr. Jekyll's identity was concealed by his well-connected friends and family, thus hatching the mystery of Jack the Ripper This fascinating story is revealed fully for the first time with many never-before-published photographs, including the newly discovered, last-known image of Dr. Jekyll. The serial killer of 1888 was not poor, not foreign, not unknown. He was M.J. Dr. Jekyll--the best of Britain.

Nature-Inspired Algorithms have been gaining much popularity in recent years due to the fact that many real-world optimisation problems have become increasingly large, complex and dynamic. The size and complexity of the problems nowadays require the development of methods and solutions whose efficiency is measured by their ability to find acceptable results within a reasonable amount of time, rather than an ability to guarantee the optimal solution. This volume 'Nature-Inspired Algorithms for Optimisation' is a collection of the latest state-of-the-art algorithms and important studies for tackling various kinds of optimisation problems. It comprises 18 chapters, including two introductory chapters which address the fundamental issues that have made optimisation problems difficult to solve and explain the rationale for seeking inspiration from nature. The contributions stand out through their novelty and clarity of the algorithmic descriptions and analyses, and lead the way to interesting and varied new applications.

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has been tracking down and interviewing alligator wrestlers, race car drivers, giant octopus hunters, animal trackers, and treasure hunters. What drives these escape artists to make job choices that are extraordinary, dangerous, or just plain wacky? They don't "drop out"; they embrace self-fulfillment and personal freedom as they craft a life on the road less traveled-and show all of us how to pursue our own dreams...if we dare. By following their journeys, you'll learn how you might be able to become an escape artist yourself-and leave the cubicle behind. You'll see how these intrepid adventurers avoided the trap of a job they hated; navigated the issues of money, security, and safety nets; and knew when to make the crucial leap to a better and more enjoyable career.

This is the story of John Searancke's parents, told mostly from the side of his father, Eddie Searancke, from the time of his calling up in early 1940 to his release from a prisoner of war camp in Germany in 1945, thence his return to England to try to pick up the pieces of his old life. Nothing could ever be quite the same afterwards.

This title discusses how World War II ended for a quarter of a million men held in 55 prisoner of war camps and how, in the last months of the war, most of them became caught up in a desperate endgame as they made their way across a Europe in chaos.

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Essays on nationalism, revolution, and other relevant topics from the author of The Origins of Scottish Nationhood. Prize-winning scholar and author Neil Davidson explores classic themes of nation, state, and revolution in this collection of essays. Ranging from the extent to which nationalism can be a component of left-wing politics to the difference between bourgeois and socialist revolutions, the book concludes with an extended discussion of the different meanings history has for conservatives, radicals, and Marxists.

A collection of the author's favorite twenty adventure stories from the last eleven years

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