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Introduction

Who Else Writes Like ...? was first published under this title in 1993. It is designed to help library users who have read all the books by their favourite authors and are seeking new names to try. Of course, no author writes exactly like another, but the selection of alternatives provided should help to narrow the choices from the hundreds of titles available on the library's shelves. While today's modern technology can produce sophisticated reading lists, the advantage of this guide lies in its simplicity and portability. It can be taken around the shelves by a reader or by a member of the library staff, and for this reason, the editors, advisors and publishers all hope that the guide will be prominently displayed, readily available to encourage maximum use. While this guide is compiled by librarians for librarians, it is of equal value to bookshops and their customers.

The basis for the initial selection of authors continues to be those who are the most borrowed according to the lists compiled by the Registrar of Public Lending Right. These are supplemented with names suggested by a small team of volunteer advisors based in libraries in different parts of the United Kingdom and, in the case of this edition, also in Australia. As a general rule the author should have had three novels published; only in the exceptional circumstance of a first novel becoming a prize-winner or an outstanding publishing success would such an author be included. In total, 1,973 authors are included — including 490 not in previous editions — and they reflect a good cross section of the stock of public libraries across the UK and in Australia.

As always with new editions there are some changes. In general the number of alternative names under each entry has been limited to nine, although there may be up to 12 where an author is extremely popular and in great demand. Many authors now have their own websites; these are included in their entry and were correct at the time of going to press. Details of more general fiction websites, along with further suggested reading material, are to be found at the back of the book. The list of Literary Prizes has been updated with entries included from the year 2000 — earlier winners can be found in previous editions of this guide or online. As social and literary customs constantly change three new genres have been included in this new edition namely: 'Historical Romance'; 'Mature Chick Lit'; and 'Paranormal'. Similarly some minor amendments to subgenre headings have also been made.

A new venture in this edition is aimed at meeting the needs of young adult readers who are in the process of 'crossing-over' from reading books suitable for children to tackling adult novels. To help them, a  has been used to identify potentially suitable authors.

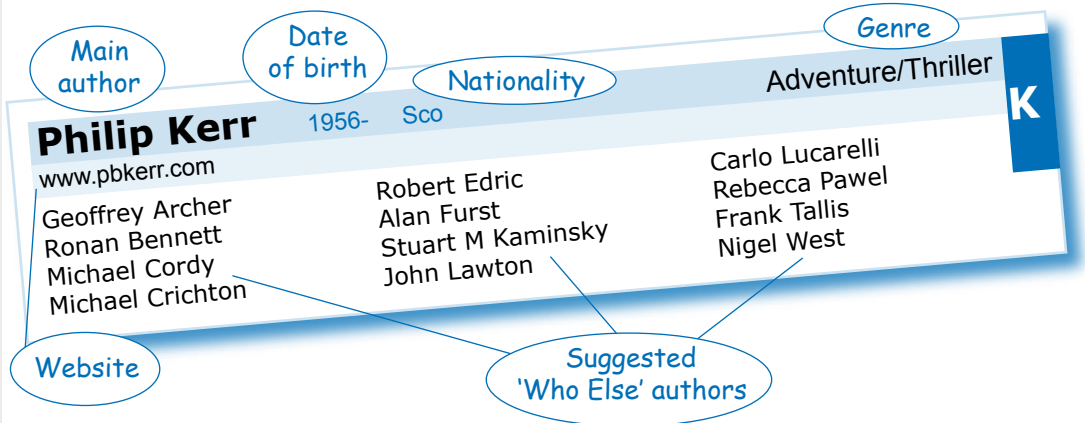
As always the aim of this guide is to encourage readers to try the works of new authors and to open up to them the wealth of good reading that is available in their local public library and bookshop.



How to use this Guide

The Reader's Guide - An Alphabetical List

Authors are listed in alphabetical order, followed by a list of suggested alternatives. So pick out an author whose books you like, and see which other writers are recommended underneath. For instance, if you like **Philip Kerr**, you might also like **Geoffrey Archer**, **Robert Edric** and so on.



Additional information is given, where known:

- Dates of birth and death
- Nationality (or place of birth) of authors who are not English — see page vi for a list of abbreviations used
- Genre and, in some cases, subgenre, or type of novel (unless 'general')
- Own website
- Pseudonyms
- Characters ♀ and/or Environment, Occupation
- Prize winners 🏆
- Crossover (may be suitable for young adults) 📖
- Also writes for children ☺

Genre

For a list of authors who write in a particular category or genre, such as Crime or Saga, go straight to the Genre listings, beginning on page 302. Some of these are further divided into subgenre, e.g. Crime: Historical - Medieval; Fantasy: Humour.

An increasing number of authors are writing in alternative genres and have separate entries in the main listing for each.

Authors who usually write in one category may occasionally produce a book in a quite different genre, so if genre is important to you, check the jacket details of a book before you read it.

Where there is no genre given, this is because an author's work is considered to be 'general' rather than in a specific genre.

Lawrence Block 1938- US

also writes as **Chip Harrison**, **Paul Kavanagh**
 www.lawrenceblock.com
 🏆 CWA 2004

⚔️ **Matthew Scudder**, Retired policeman
Bernie Rhodenbarr, Burglar
John Keller, Hit man

Genre: Crime: Hardboiled
subgenre: New York

Occupations: Characters

Prize: Environment

Pseudonym(s) Also writes/wrote as and is/was

Many writers use pseudonyms and some write under several different names. Please go to page 295 for an index of the alternative names used by authors in the main A-Z listing, for which there is no separate entry.

Characters, Series and Families

In the main section these are identified by ⚔️. If you know a character's name but have no idea of the author's name, go to page 317 for an alphabetical list of Characters, Sagas, Series and Families, which gives the relevant author.

Literary Prizes and Awards

Where an author has won a literary prize or award, this is shown by 🏆 followed by an abbreviated form of the prize and the year(s) won — see page vi for a list of abbreviations used. Most are listed in full, with their descriptions, in the list of Literary Prizes and Awards (pages 338–352).

Philip Pullman 1946- Fantasy

www.philip-pullman.com
 🏆 Whitbread 2001

🏠 Crossover
 😊 Also writes for children

Prize

Crossover Authors

Where authors have written books for children these are indicated with a 😊 as they may offer an easy crossover for readers (although in some cases the children's books are written for a much younger age range). Suggestions for authors to introduce older teenagers to adult fiction are indicated by 🏠. More details and a list of authors are provided on pages 353–355.

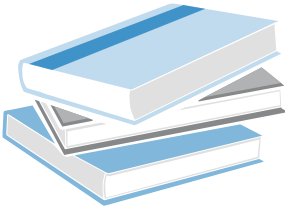
Further Reading

There is an increasing number of guides to novelists and their works. Some information about these can be found on pages 356–358.

Websites

Authors' own websites are included in the main A-Z listing but other useful websites can be found on page 359.





The Readers' Guide

An Alphabetical List

Jeff Abbott 1963- US Adventure/Thriller: Legal/financial
www.jeffabbott.com 🗣️ Whit Mosley, Judge - Texas

Russell Andrews
 Sam Bourne
 Lee Child

Harlan Coben
 Robert Crais
 James Grippando

Elisabeth Hyde
 Simon Kernick
 George P Pelecanos

Joe Abercrombie 1974- Fantasy: Epic
www.joeabercrombie.com

Stephen Donaldson
 Raymond E Feist

Robin Hobb
 Tom Lloyd

Scott Lynch
 Karen Miller

Dan Abnett 1965- Science Fiction: Space opera
www.danabnett.com

Lois McMaster Bujold
 Ben Counter

David A Drake
 Tanith Lee

Chinua Achebe 🏠 1930- Nigeria

🏆 Man Booker Int 2007

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
 Thalassa Ali
 Nadeem Aslam

Khaled Hosseini
 Yasmina Khadra

Ben Okri
 Markus Zusak

Peter Ackroyd 🏠 1949-

🏆 S Maugham 1984 Guardian 1985 Whitbread 1985

Martin Amis
 John Banville
 Julian Barnes
 Sebastian Barry

Christopher Fowler
 John Fowles
 Maggie Gee
 James Meek

Robert Nye
 Iain Sinclair
 Colm Toibin
 Jill Paton Walsh

Go to back for lists of
 Pseudonyms • Authors by Genre • Characters and Series
 Prize Winners • Crossover Authors • Further Reading • Websites



Jane Smiley 1949- US

🏆 Pulitzer 1992

Thomas Eidson
Kate Grenville
Jane Hamilton

Peter Hoeg
Marge Piercy
Anna Quindlen

Robert James Waller
Meg Wolitzer
Banana Yoshimoto

Alexander McCall Smith 1948- Sco Crime: PI

www.alexandermccallsmith.co.uk

👤 Precious Ramotswe - Botswana
Isabel Dalhousie } Edinburgh
44 Scotland Street Series }
Prof Dr Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld - Regensburg, Germany

🏆 Saga for Wit 2003

Kate Atkinson
Colin Cotterill
Cora Harrison

Veronica Heley
Tony Hillerman
Catriona McPherson

Ian Sansom
Célestine Hitiura Vaite
Valerie Wilson Wesley

Ali Smith 1962- Sco

🏆 Encore 2002 Whitbread 2005

Kate Atkinson
Ron Butlin
Janice Galloway

Alasdair Gray
Jackie Kay
Helen Oyeyemi

Gwendoline Riley
Zoë Strachan

Carol Smith

Crime: Psychological

www.carolsmithbooks.com

Anna Blundy
Sarah Diamond
Babs Horton

Gabrielle Lord
Elizabeth McGregor
Chris Simms

Tony Strong
Laura Wilson

Martin Cruz Smith 1942- US

also writes as [Martin Quinn](#), [Simon Quinn](#)

Crime: Police work - Russia

👤 [Insp Arkady Renko - USSR](#)

🏆 CWA 1981

Ronan Bennett
John Burdett
Stephen J Cannell
Thomas H Cook

Charles Cumming
Garry Disher
José Latour
Charles McCarry

Peter May
Eliot Pattison
Peter Spiegelman
Joseph Wambaugh

Michael Marshall Smith 1965- Science Fiction: Near future

also writes as [Michael Marshall](#)

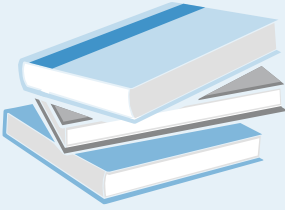
www.michaelmarshallsmith.com

🏆 British Fantasy 1995

Christopher Fowler
William Gibson
James Lovegrove

China Miéville
Jeff Noon
Neal Stephenson

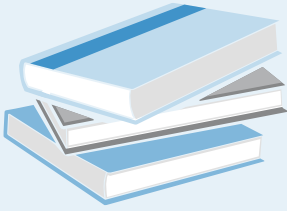
Tad Williams
John Wyndham



Pseudonyms

Many writers use pseudonyms, and some write under several different names. This section provides an index to some of the alternative names used by authors included in the main A-Z listing which do not have a separate entry.

A	Susan Wittig Albert and Bill Albert	Robin Paige	
	Peter Alding	Roderic Jeffries	
	Vanessa Alexander	Michael Clynes; Paul Doherty	
	Rupert Allason	Nigel West	
	Francis Amery	Brian Stableford	
	Alex Andrews	Mary Mackie	
	Johnny Angelo	Mark Timlin	
	Anna Apostolou	Michael Clynes; Paul Doherty	
	F W Armstrong	T M Wright	
	Andrew Arncliffe	Nicholas Rhea	
	Stephanie Ash	Chris Manby	
	William Ashbless	Tim Powers (with James P Blaylock)	
	Jeffrey Ashford	Roderic Jeffries	
	Robert Lynn Asprin	Robert Asprin	
	Margaret Astbury	Meg Hutchinson	
	Jonathan Aycliffe	Daniel Easterman	
	Catherine Aydy	Emma Tennant	
	B	Donna Baker	Lilian Harry
		Alex Baldwin	W E B Griffin
		Jim Ballantyne	Mark Timlin
David Bannerman		David Hagberg	
Bernard Bastable		Robert Barnard	
Ken Begg		Ken McClure	
Morgan Benedict		Fidelis Morgan	
Elizabeth Bennett		Cynthia Harrod-Eagles	
Pauline Bentley		Kate Tremayne	
Jane Bidder		Sophie King	
Jessica Bird		J R Ward	
Cleo Birdwell		Don DeLillo	
Robert Black		Robert Holdstock	
Veronica Black		Maureen Peters	
Alan Blackwood		Graham Masterton	
Ken Blake		Robert Holdstock	
Patrick Blake		Clive Egleton	
Sally Blake		Jean Saunders	
Sterling Blake		Gregory Benford	
Reginald Bliss		H G Wells	
Judith Bordill		Marjorie Eccles	
Jean Bowden		Tessa Barclay	
Edgar Box		Gore Vidal	



Authors listed by Genre

Genre

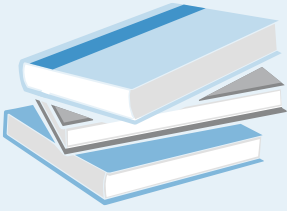
It is almost impossible to identify accurately individual authors with one particular section of genre fiction; often there is no 'cut off' point between, for instance, **War** and **Adventure**; between **Fantasy**, **Science Fiction** and **Horror**; or between **Historical** and **Saga**. So, although in the main sequence this Guide indicates under the names of each author the genre in which they usually write, and these names are repeated again in the lists that follow, it is suggested that readers also refer to linking genres — and in particular to the main list — to discover new names that could become firm favourites.

Some categories — **Adventure/Thriller**, **Crime**, **Fantasy**, **Science Fiction**, **Sea Stories** and **War** — have been sub-divided to help readers find novelists they will enjoy. Do remember that some authors use a different name when they write in another genre, and others will produce an occasional book which is quite different in character to their usual style. Always look at the book jacket and the introduction before you borrow or purchase.

Adventure/Thriller

Stories with fast moving plots, exotic settings and usually larger-than-life main characters and with the action full of thrilling and daring feats. Many of these authors specialised in stories set in the period of the cold war but increasingly now they have a political, financial industrial espionage or terrorist background.

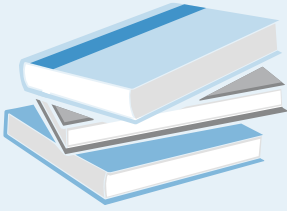
Paul Adam	Tom Bradby	Murray Davies
Ted Allbeury	Dale Brown	Len Deighton
Russell Andrews	Dan Brown	Nelson DeMille
Geoffrey Archer	Robert Gregory Browne	Richard Doetsch
Jeffrey Archer	John Buchan	Brendan Dubois
Campbell Armstrong	Michael Byrnes	Daniel Easterman
Michael Asher	Stephen J Cannell	Clive Egleton
David Baldacci	Lorenzo Carcaterra	Barry Eisler
Carla Banks	John Case	Jon Evans
Alex Barclay	Lee Child	Duncan Falconer
Linwood Barclay	Lincoln Child	Dan Fesperman
James Barrington	Paul Christopher	Joseph Finder
Ronan Bennett	Tom Clancy	Ian Fleming
Raymond Benson	James Clavell	Vince Flynn
Alex Berenson	Frank Coates	James Follett
Steve Berry	Stephen Coonts	Ken Follett
Tim Binding	Michael Cordy	Colin Forbes
Alice Blanchard	Bryce Courtenay	Frederick Forsyth
Anna Blundy	Harold Coyle	Clare Francis
Sam Bourne	Charles Cumming	Brian Freemantle
	Clive Cussler	Scott Frost



Characters and Series

This section lists all the Characters, Series and Family names which appear in the main A-Z sequence of the guide.

A	Bea Abbot	Veronica Heley
	Ben Abbott	Justin Scott
	Abdouf	Jean-Christophe Grangé
	Jack Absolute	C C Humphreys
	Laura Ackroyd	Patricia Hall
	The Hon Barnaby Adair	Stephanie Laurens
	Adams Family	Mary Jane Staples
	Commissaire Adamsberg	Fred Vargas
	Adelia Aguiler	Ariana Franklin
	Captain Alatrisme	Arturo Pérez-Reverte
	Alexander the Great	Paul Doherty
	Alexander the Great	Valerio Massimo Manfredi
	Alfred the Great	Bernard Cornwell
	DS Khalid Ali	Lesley Horton
	DI Roderick Alleyn	Ngaio Marsh
	Alligator	Massimo Carlotto
	Gabriel Allon	Daniel Silva
	Alpiew	Fidelis Morgan
	DI Enrique Alvarez	Roderic Jeffries
	Amerotke	Paul Doherty
	Simon Ames	Patricia Finney
	Robert Amiss	Ruth Dudley Edwards
	Fitzroy Maclean Angel	Mike Ripley
	DI Michael Angel	Roger Silverwood
	Anno Dracula Series	Kim Newman
	Father Anselm	William Brodrick
	Callie Anson	Kate Charles
	DI John Appleby	Michael Innes
	April Grove Series	Lilian Harry
	Lew Archer	Ross Macdonald
	Owen Archer	Candace Robb
	Kate Ardleigh	Robin Paige
	Comm Jan Argand	Julian Rathbone
	Jonathan Argyll	Iain Pears
	Aristotle	Margaret Doody
	Israel Armstrong	Ian Sansom
	Sheriff Spenser Arrowood	Sharyn McCrumb
	King Arthur	Bernard Cornwell
	Arthurian Trilogy	Helen Hollick
	Countess Ashby-de-la-Zouche	Fidelis Morgan
	DI Carol Ashton	Claire McNab
Peter Ashton	Clive Egleton	



Literary Prizes and Awards

There are over 250 literary prizes and awards available in the United Kingdom of which some 30 relate to fiction. These are listed in this section with a brief description of each award followed by the names of the winning authors and titles, generally from 2000 or when the award commenced. Earlier winners and discontinued prizes can be found in previous editions of this guide.

Authors' Club First Novel Award

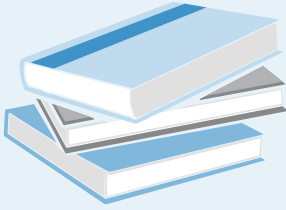
This is awarded to the most promising First Novel written by a British author and published in the UK during the calendar year preceding the year in which the award is presented.

2000	Ann Harries	<i>Manly Pursuits</i>
2001	Brian Clarke	<i>The Stream</i>
2002	Carl Tighe	<i>Burning Worm</i>
2003	Dan Rhodes	<i>Timoleon Vieta Come Home</i>
2004	Susan Fletcher	<i>Eve Green</i>
2005	Henry Shukman	<i>Sandstorm</i>
2006	Neil Griffiths	<i>Betrayal in Naples</i>
2007	Nicola Monaghan	<i>The Killing Jar</i>
2008	Segun Afolabi	<i>Goodbye Lucille</i>

James Tait Black Memorial Prizes

The James Tait Black Memorial Prizes, founded in memory of a partner in the publishing house A & C Black Ltd, were instituted in 1919. Two prizes are awarded annually; one for the best biography or work of that type and the other for the best work of fiction published during the calendar year. The prizes are the UK's oldest continuous book awards.

2000	Zadie Smith	<i>White Teeth</i>
2001	Sid Smith	<i>Something Like a House</i>
2002	Jonathan Franzen	<i>The Corrections</i>
2003	Andrew O'Hagan	<i>Personality</i>
2004	David Peace	<i>GB 84</i>
2005	Ian McEwan	<i>Saturday</i>
2006	Cormac McCarthy	<i>The Road</i>
2007	Rosalind Belben	<i>Our Horses in Egypt</i>



Crossover Authors

Selecting suitable books for Young Adults, i.e. the 16+ age group is not easy. The right book for the right person at this stage can vary enormously. One author may write just one title which appeals or maybe every book by that author will be devoured. Where authors have written books for children these are indicated with a 😊 as the children's books are written for a much younger age range. The list is certainly not exhaustive for several other authors in *Who Else Writes Like ...?* will be enjoyed by young adults. The suggestions here are subjective but, in our opinion, offer a reliable selection of authors to introduce older teenagers to adult fiction.

Recommended authors are indicated by 📖 in the main listing.

Viv Warren and Mary Yardley

Chinua Achebe
Peter Ackroyd
Douglas Adams
Cecelia Ahern
Brian W Aldiss
Monica Ali
Isabel Allende
Kingsley Amis
Martin Amis
James Anderson
Virginia Andrews
Jeffrey Archer
Sherry Ashworth 😊
Isaac Asimov
Kate Atkinson
Margaret Atwood
Jean M Auel
Jane Austen
Beryl Bainbridge
David Baldacci
J G Ballard
Iain Banks
Iain M Banks
Clive Barker
Pat Barker
Raffaella Barker 😊
Colin Bateman
Greg Bear

Alan Bennett
Maeve Binchy
Sam Bourne
William Boyd
Malcolm Bradbury
Ray Bradbury
Marion Zimmer Bradley
Anita Brookner
Terry Brooks
Dan Brown
John Buchan
Candace Bushnell
A S Byatt
Meg Cabot 😊
Trudi Canavan 😊
Orson Scott Card
Peter Carey
Raymond Chandler
Tracy Chevalier
Lee Child 😊
Agatha Christie
Tom Clancy
Mary Higgins Clark
Arthur C Clarke
Susanna Clarke
Harlan Coben
Jonathan Coe
Paulo Coelho

J M Coetzee
Martina Cole
Eoin Colfer 😊
Jenny Colgan
Max Allan Collins
Michael Connelly
Joseph Conrad
Jilly Cooper
Louise Cooper 😊
Bernard Cornwell
Patricia D Cornwell
Douglas Coupland
Michael Crichton
Michael Cunningham
Clive Cussler
Mary Janice Davidson
Lindsey Davis
Louis de Bernières
Jeffery Deaver
Len Deighton
Anita Desai
Colin Dexter
Philip K Dick
Charles Dickens
Garry Disher
Stephen Donaldson
Jennifer Donnelly 😊
Sara Douglass