



# New revelation

➤ Stephenie Meyer has started writing the next novel in the saga

**S**TEPHENIE MEYER has said that she plans to write at least two more books in her hit *Twilight* vampire series.

The revelation arrives as the latest entry, *Midnight Sun*, has topped the bestsellers charts in both sides of the Atlantic.

During an online event for US books chain Books-A-Million, the author said (per *USA Today*): "There are two more books I think in the world that I want to write. I have got them outlined and a chapter written, I think of the first one, so I know it's there."

However, it could be a while before fans will be able to get their hands on the next *Twilight* installments. Meyer added: "I am not ready to do that right now - I want to do something brand new."

The *Twilight* saga was also adapted into a hit film

franchise, which starred Robert Pattinson as the sullen vampire Edward and Kristen Stewart as the love-struck mortal Bella.

*Midnight Sun* has sold more than a million copies in the US in a week.

In the UK, 62,460 hardback copies were sold in the three-day window between the novel's launch and the cut-off date for sales monitor Nielsen BookScan's charts, which was enough to launch Meyer into the number one spot.

In a two-star review for *The Independent*,

Annie Lord wrote that *Midnight Sun* is "a frustrating reminder of how much of popular culture focuses on a helpless woman being saved by a troubled, yet ultimately forgivable man". - Agencies



Meyer and her new book, *Midnight Sun*.

## IN A CAPSULE

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### Sex and Vanity

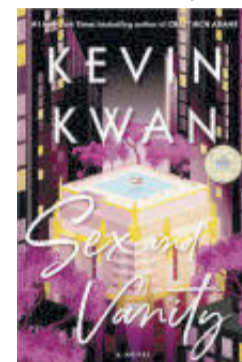
➤ **Author:** Kevin Kwan  
➤ **Publisher:** Doubleday

**AFTER** the stupendous success of his *Crazy Rich Asian* series, Kwan gives us more of the shenanigans of the fiendishly wealthy Asians in this standalone book.

*Sex and Vanity* begins with the wedding of the son of an Italian count and a Taiwanese heiress. Mixed race protagonist Lucie Churchill is there with her cousin Charlotte, who also happens to be her chaperon. Lucy is instantly drawn and put off by wedding guest, George Zao, and they end up causing a bit of scandal by the end of the reception.

Five years later, Lucie is now engaged to Cecil Pike, a self-made billionaire who is often at odds with Lucie's old money world. George appears, and old feelings return. This time, Lucie goes out of her way to make sure history does not repeat itself.

The book is both entertaining and outlandish, something Kwan has become a master in.



## Stopping a dead killer

**STEPHEN KING** will release a new novel in 2021 - a crime story involving a boy with an supernatural ability.

The author made the announcement recently, sharing a photo of the upcoming book's cover.

*Later* will be unveiled in March 2021 by Hard Case Crime, the publishing house that released two of King's previous novels: the 2013 *Joyland* and the 2005 *The Colorado Kid*.

With a tagline that reads "Only the dead have no secrets", the book explores themes that will sound familiar to fans of King's

work, such as coming of age, standing up to evil forces, and the loss of innocence.

The novel's protagonist, Jamie Conklin, is a boy with "unusual abilities", which enables him to "see what no one else can see and learn what no one else can learn".

Jamie is enlisted by an NYPD detective to help in the pursuit of a dead killer threatening to strike from beyond the grave - but can only use his special power at "terrible cost".

"*Later* is a beautiful story about growing up and facing your demons - whether they're metaphorical or

(as sometimes happens when you're in a Stephen King novel) the real thing," Charles Arda, the Edgar Award-winning editor of *Hard Case Crime*, said.

"It's terrifying, tender, heartbreaking and honest, and we're so excited to bring it to readers."

A brief excerpt is available to read on the publisher's website. - *The Independent*



King's new novel involves a boy with an unnatural ability to see what no one else can see and learn what no one else can learn.

## Us Three

➤ **Author:** Ruth Jones  
➤ **Publisher:** Bantam Press

**THIS** is a novel about three friends Lana, Judith and Catrin, who have been best friends since primary school when they swore an oath that they would always be there for each other no matter what.

However, a trip together and an unexpected turn of events stirs plenty of heartache, and causes a huge rift in their friendship.

With so much baggage, their innocent childhood promise now seems like something impossible to keep.

Jones somehow manages to weave this premise into something warm and uplifting, as the three women come to terms with what happened and must learn to move forward.

