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Helen Bowden, Publisher

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An evocative, haunting debut novel for teens inspired by the Heath House murders, one of the most notorious 'unsolved' crimes of the last thirty years.

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# The Jesse Tree

Linda Hurcombe

*'Now,' said Summer Locke, 'you stare me in the eye to the count of one hundred, no blinking allowed, and we shall be kin and I will show you magic.'*

Robin Swallow used to live in London, in the heart of a city full of life. Now she's living in the back of beyond in a sleepy rural backwater where nothing happens. Well, apart from the murder at the manor house. Oh, and the mysterious face at the window. And the bikers out for revenge. Robin wants to solve the mystery, and Summer Locke holds the key...

**The Jesse Tree** is a truly captivating read for teenagers, exploring the hidden world of Roma Gypsies, ancient riddles and buried treasure.



## About the author

Linda Hurcombe is a proud American, but when introduced to strangers in the present political climate she's inclined to say she is Canadian. Linda is a teacher, freelance journalist, editor and a mother of two to Sean and Caitlin. Caitlin died in 1998 aged just nineteen and a charity is established in her memory.

**The Jesse Tree** is her first novel. Linda is passionate about young people and the potential of youth, and has remained a spiritual teenager to the present day. Further maturity is highly unlikely.

# Black Dog Sunday

Carly Tinkler

*"Tom? It's me, Samira Khan. I'm sorry if I woke you up. But you said I could call any time."*

*"I did, didn't I?"*

*"Well, any time is now," I say. "I've run away from home. I just need a lift out of here – to the station or something. Will you help me?"*

*There's silence. If he says no, I'll get a bus to the edge of the city and hitchhike from there.*

*"Where are you?" he asks.*

**Black Dog Sunday** is a powerful novel about one young girl's experience, the result of a promise made many years ago when the author was asked to tell someone's story so that it might help others.

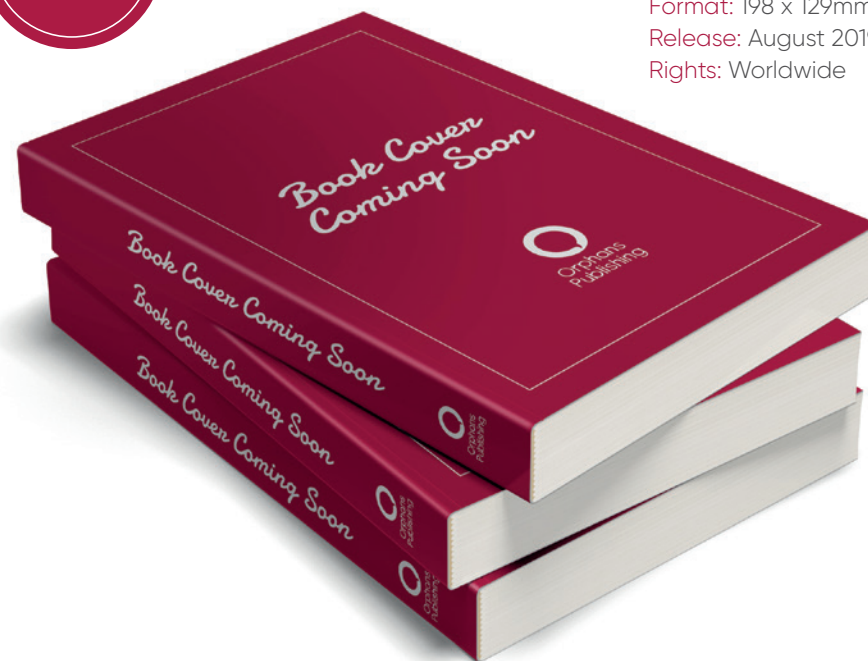


## About the author

Carly Tinkler is a freelance landscape architect and writer, whose work takes her around the world, and the fusion of people, place and culture fascinates her.

An early draft of **Black Dog Sunday** was longlisted for Mslexia's 2013 Novel Competition. Carly has two grown-up sons and a grandson who live in far-flung places, and a batty but adorable 95-year-old mother. She doesn't have any hobbies as she's too busy, and occasionally fantasises about becoming a hermit.

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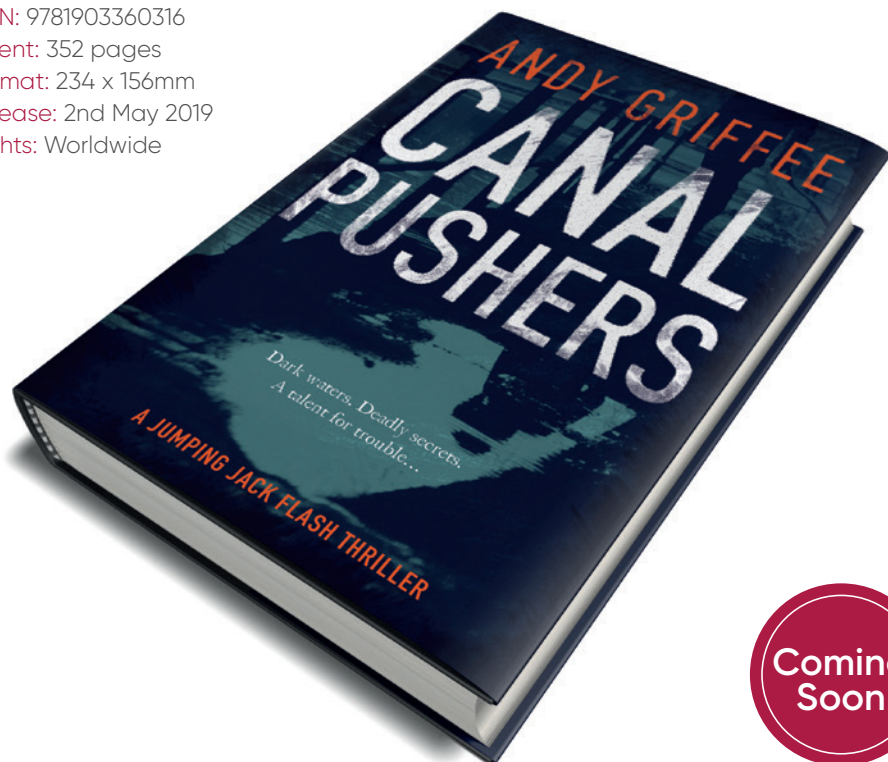
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For fans of 'The hate  
u give' and 'I am Thunder',  
a debut novel with heart  
and compassion

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Perfect for fans of classic  
crime thrillers in the style of  
Dick Francis, but set on the  
waterways and inside the  
canal boat community

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# Canal Pushers

Andy Griffiee

*Dark waters. Deadly secrets. A talent for trouble.*

*Jack Johnson is newly divorced, recently made redundant from his job as a journalist and in search of a fresh start. But when a young boy he meets on the canals turns up drowned, trouble seems determined to follow him.*

With the encouragement of Jack's unlikely companion, Nina, who's come aboard his narrowboat, Jumping Jack Flash, to help him navigate the waterways of the Midlands, Jack is soon tangled up in a police investigation that doesn't quite add up. Is there a serial killer stalking the towpaths? Jack's got more pressing problems too: can a canal boat outrun an organised crime syndicate and a media manhunt?

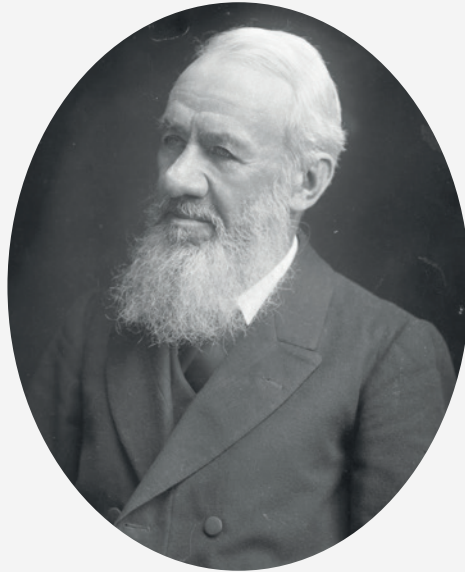
Inspired by the real-life story of Manchester's 'Canal Pusher', the widely reported theory that a spike in deaths by drowning is no accident, this debut novel is the first in a new series featuring Jack Johnson and Nina Wilde that explores hidden communities on the canals and waterways.



## About the author

Andy Griffiee is a former BBC journalist and media consultant with a fascination for stories. He began his journalism career at the Bath Evening Chronicle, and then spent twenty-five years at the BBC, culminating in his role as Editorial Director of the redevelopment of Broadcasting House. Andy lives in Worcestershire and, when he isn't writing, rears rare breed pigs, struggles to keep a 1964 Triumph Spitfire on the road and enjoys hiring narrowboats and dreaming up new plot twists as the towpath rolls past.

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## A Friend Indeed

The Life of Henry Stanley Newman

Maggie Waldman

*"Henry Stanley Newman was, in many ways, an ordinary man, coping with the usual challenges of family, work and community life. What distinguished him from his peers was his vision, his sense of mission and his refusal to give up the good fight. His was a life that deserves to be remembered."*

Henry Stanley Newman was a man with a mission. A Victorian philanthropist and prominent Quaker, he was one of the founders of the Friends Foreign Mission Association, and its secretary for forty years, and editor of The Friend for almost twenty years. He played a significant role in the Society's affairs during a turbulent and potentially divisive time in its history. But it was his passion for education and young people that really set him apart, and he worked tirelessly both locally and abroad to promote these values throughout his life.

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The first biography of this  
fascinating Victorian Quaker  
will be published on the 150th  
anniversary of the opening  
of the Orphan Homes  
he founded

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### About the author

Maggie Waldman worked in social services and the voluntary sector for twenty years, before establishing a successful second career in the film and television industry. A former head of development and acquisitions at Majestic Films and the Little Bird Company, she also worked as a freelance script editor, producer and development consultant before retiring in 2010. Now she pursues her passions for social and local history, arts and gardening, and is the recipient of the 2017 Margaret Bennett Small Research Award in recognition of her work in researching a life of Henry Stanley Newman.

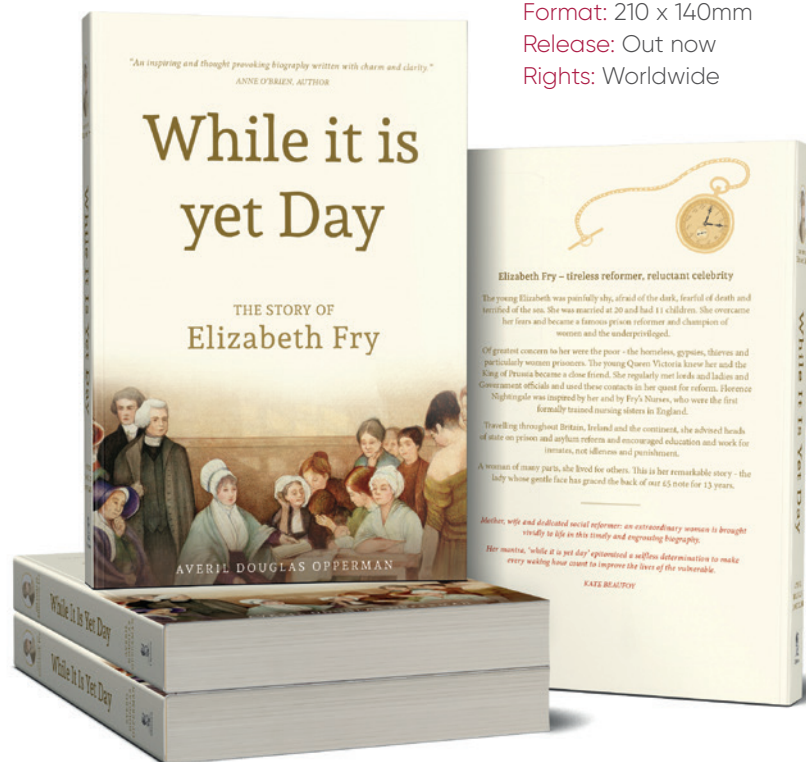
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This thought-provoking and beautifully written book celebrates Fry's selfless life

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Rebecca Wallersteiner, The Lady Magazine

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## While It Is Yet Day

The Story of Elizabeth Fry

Averil Douglas Opperman

*Born the daughter of a Quaker banker, Fry was eighteen when she commandeered a laundry room to begin her own school. At twenty, she wed Joseph Fry and, over their marriage, they had eleven children.*

But a charitable visit to Newgate Prison would change the course of her life, and of history, forever. Unable to ignore the plight of the female convicts before her, she determined to do everything in her power to right the injustices they faced...



### About the author

Averil Douglas Opperman grew up in Dublin in a Quaker family and started her career as a journalist at the Irish Times. Since then she has travelled extensively, reporting on everything from parliament to equestrian events for newspapers, magazines and Ireland's radio station, RTE.

A childhood fascination with Elizabeth Fry inspired Opperman to bring Elizabeth's incredible story to a twenty-first century readership. This is her first biography.



Fascinating and inspirational...  
A warm, affectionate and very human biography

Lancashire Evening Post



An inspiring and thought-provoking biography written with charm and clarity

Norwich Evening News

# The Galanthophiles

## 160 Years of Snowdrop Devotees

Jane Kilpatrick and Jennifer Harmer

*The Galanthophiles is a fascinating discovery of gardeners of the past whose passion, knowledge and skill contributed to the preservation and development of the delicate snowdrop.*

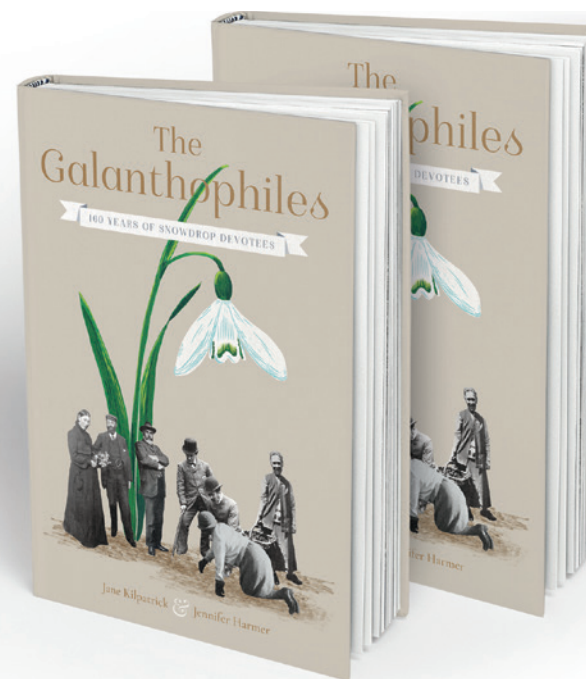
**The Galanthophiles** tells the stories of the most important individuals whose fascination with every aspect of the genus *Galanthus* ensured the survival of so many historic snowdrops. The narrative is interwoven with accounts of the introduction of new snowdrop species and new snowdrop variants and provides a history of *Galanthus* cultivation in Britain.



### About the authors

Jane Kilpatrick is a gardening historian and author. Once her Gloucestershire garden began to fill up with snowdrops she became fascinated by the stories of galanthophiles and began researching their lives.

Jennifer Harmer is the historian of the Hardy Plant Society, a founder member of Hampshire Plant Heritage and has lectured on plant history for more than 20 years. When she discovered how quickly even the best-known gardeners are forgotten, she began immortalising them in her lectures.



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**Through meticulous  
detective work, Kilpatrick  
and Harmer have unearthed  
a wealth of new material**  
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**Comprehensively researched and  
illustrated history of our obsession  
with the white flowers**

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Chris Brickell, horticultural botanist  
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**Gorgeous infographics...a fun,  
 well laid out look at the data  
 behind some of the catchiest  
 and most influential songs  
 ever written**

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Gizmodo

# Visualising The Beatles

John Pring and Rob Thomas

*Discover the story of the Beatles through the stunning world of infographics. Visualising the Beatles takes you on a visual journey through the electrifying days of Beatlemania. Examining everything from favourite lyrics to songwriting splits, exotic instruments to iconic album covers and psychedelic outfits – the book offers a fascinating and revealing new way to see one of the world's greatest bands.*



## About the authors

John and Rob met in Brighton when John was performing in the city's thriving live music scene and Rob was working as a designer and photographer. The pair went on to set up their own design agency, creating renowned infographics for companies including Google, the Guardian, The Hard Rock Cafe and Saatchi & Saatchi. Self-confessed Beatles geeks, they decided to visualise the Beatles' music and story through a series of infographics. One successful kickstarter campaign and a publishing deal later, this book is the result.

★★★★★

**The evolution of the Fab 4 has never before been documented  
 in such a concise, exciting and beautiful way**

Damian Keyes, Founder of Brighton Institute of Modern Music

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**A magical history tour**

The Guardian

# Maximum Volume and Sound Pictures

## The Life of Beatles Producer George Martin

Kenneth Womack

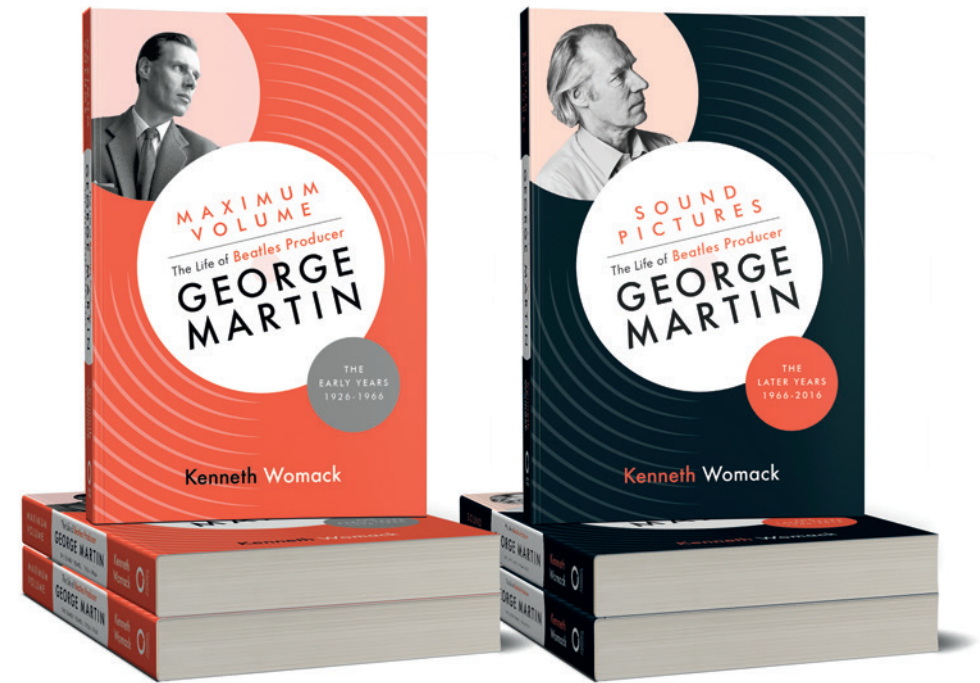
*George Martin – the man, the mind, the music. Martin's work with the four-piece beat band was so instrumental in the band's success that he is often, and deservedly so, referred to as the 'fifth Beatle'.*

The first two-part biography of this fascinating man. **Maximum Volume** explores Martin's early life, and **Sound Pictures** continues the story from 1966, tracing the story of George Martin and the Beatles' incredible artistic trajectory. As Martin and the Beatles create one landmark album after another, including such masterworks as Revolver, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, The Beatles (The White Album), and Abbey Road, the internal stakes and interpersonal challenges become ever greater.



### About the author

Kenneth Womack is an award-winning music writer and one of the foremost experts on the Beatles. He is Dean of the Wayne D. McMurray School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Monmouth University. Kenneth delivers Beatles talks to audiences around the world and is regularly invited to share his insights with global media, from Huffington Post to the BBC.



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**Wise, gentle and  
empowering**

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Olivia Colman

# A Helpful Guide To A Happy Baby

**Fiona Cooke**

*Practical wisdom from a maternity nurse for 0–3 months*

An essential resource for the early days of parenthood from an experienced and sought-after maternity nurse. The perfect book for the new parent who wants a respectful routine not rigid rules. From practical advice for the first few days to gentle reassurance for the sleepless nights and upheaval of the first few months, this book is written to empower new parents. Her happy clients often ask themselves 'What would Fiona do?' This book brings her special advice to as many people as possible.

- Step-by-step photographic instructions on bathing, swaddling & more
- Easy-to-follow routines to adapt to different lifestyles



## About the author

Fiona Cooke trained as a midwife but soon realised that caring for babies post-birth, and helping their families, was her calling. A mother of two, she is now a maternity nurse with years of experience with families of all shapes, sizes, cultures and backgrounds, and a roster of glowing client recommendations. Fiona is absolutely passionate about supporting new parents to find their own way to care for their individual babies.

★★★★★

**A warmly written and hugely  
helpful book**

Abi Elphinstone, author of *Sky Song*

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**There seems to be nothing about  
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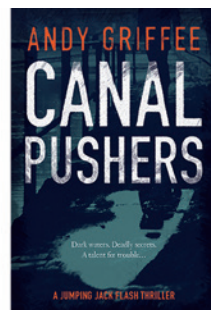
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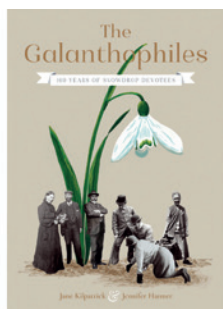
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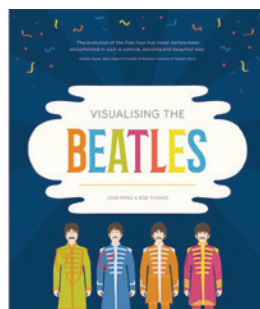
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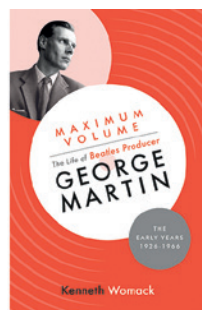
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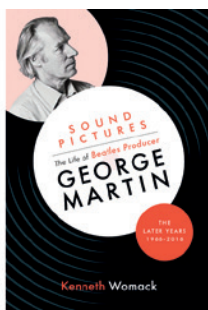
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