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Biteback Publicity Director to retire in 2026 (/announcements/publicity-director-retires)

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Biteback Publicity Director Suzanne Sangster is set to retire in January 2026 after more than ten years with the company. She started her career at Blackwell Central Marketing and has worked for a number of other publishers including Reed Children's Books, DK and Head of Zeus, as well as spending a few years at Midas PR. She first joined Biteback in 2010 for four years and then returned in 2018.

Described by Charles Moore as Britain's leading political publisher, Biteback publish across current affairs, sport, history, politics, social and economic issues and beyond, achieving a series of *Sunday Times* bestsellers in recent years.

Sangster said: 'I have been privileged to have enjoyed such an interesting career over the past forty years. I have loved my time working at Biteback with so many fascinating authors, and I have been very lucky to work with a small but wonderful and dedicated team of colleagues, who have made the job so much fun. I am looking forward to starting a new chapter next year.'

Olivia Beattie, editorial director at Biteback, said: 'Suzanne has made an invaluable contribution to Biteback's growth, leading standout campaigns that helped us consistently punch above our weight in securing coverage for our authors. Along the way, she's juggled everything from the mammoth undertaking of running the Political Book Awards to shielding in-demand authors from the paparazzi. We'll miss her enormously – not least her warmth, her sense of humour and her support for the whole team – but we look forward to seeing her enjoy a very well-deserved retirement.'

Suzanne's last day with Biteback will be 14 January 2026. Until then, she will be available on suzanne.sangster@bitebackpublishing.com (mailto:suzanne.sangster@bitebackpublishing.com) or 07818 810173. After retirement, she can be contacted on suzannesangster29@gmail.com (mailto:suzannesangster29@gmail.com).

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BITEBACK TO PUBLISH INSIDERS' GUIDE TO MONEY LAUNDERING AND HOW TO DEFEAT IT (/announcements/how-to-laundry-money)

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Biteback Publishing has acquired a unique insiders' guide to money laundering, addressing the failure of current regulations to tackle the problem, by George Cottrell and Lawrence Burke Files.

Money laundering is as old as money itself – and yet the laws designed to prevent it are as ineffective as they ever have been.

Today's anti-money laundering (AML) regulations were designed to eliminate profits from drug trafficking and combat tax evasion, terrorism and the spread of weapons of mass destruction. However, the modern laws have done little to stop crime and have instead significantly increased the regulatory burden on legitimate businesses and consumers. As one banker at an AML conference quipped, 'This does not stop money laundering; it just enables those in the know to charge more.'

Indeed, AML laws have laid the foundations for massive and sophisticated criminal enterprise support services that help criminals evade detection.

How to Launder Money: A guide for law enforcement, prosecutors and policymakers

(<https://www.bitebackpublishing.com/books/how-to-laundry-money>) offers a peek behind the veil to see the bent levers of finance and how they are pulled. It also examines how many who have pulled them, including one of the authors, have ended up behind bars. While acknowledging the challenges faced by law enforcement in a borderless world, it also provides concrete recommendations on how to reduce the crime associated with money laundering.

The criminals already know how to launder money; this is, in part, their inside story. This book is for the rest of us, who want to know how the laws that are supposed to protect us from crime are in reality doing more damage than ever before.

George Cottrell is a British financier and political strategist. In 2016, at the Republican National Convention, he was arrested on allegations of a money-laundering conspiracy. He now runs Geostrategy.com, advising political parties and governments globally. All his proceeds from the book will be donated to charitable causes.

Lawrence Burke Files is an international financial investigator, due diligence expert and instructor who has handled cases in over 130 countries. He brings his practical investigative and problem-solving experience to his lectures on due diligence, AML, finance, risk management and anti-corruption. Prior to founding FE&E, Inc., he served as the director of corporate finance for investment bank American National. He is the author of the award-winning book *Due Diligence For The Financial Professional, 2nd Edition*.

Biteback acquired world rights direct from the authors.

In a joint statement, the authors said: 'The current AML regime, despite decades of refinement, detects less than 1 per cent of illicit financial flows. This is not just a legal or financial failure; it is a total systemic governance failure. Indeed, most bankers now refer to the all-too-common AML fines as a spank tax. In this

accessible book, we aim to show the general public how it's possible for a few hundred million to go missing without a trace, why the current jungle of overregulation has no impact whatsoever on criminal money laundering, and how it can be replaced with simple, targeted interventions to effectively tackle financial crime.'

How to Launder Money (<https://www.bitebackpublishing.com/books/how-to-launder-money>) will be published in February 2026, supported by a major marketing and publicity campaign.

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Biteback launches search for new Managing Director (</announcements/managing-director-biteback>)

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Biteback Publishing has launched the search for its next Managing Director, as Publisher James Stephens announces his departure later this summer.

Described by Charles Moore as 'Britain's leading political publisher', Biteback has carved out a distinctive position in the publishing world, achieving a series of *Sunday Times* bestsellers in recent years. The company releases 50-60 books a year across current affairs, politics, sport, history, social affairs and beyond. Having joined Biteback at its founding in 2009 as Sales and Marketing Manager, Stephens rose through its ranks to lead the business.

Mark Wallace, Board Director at Biteback Publishing and CEO of parent company Total Politics Group, said:

"We are immensely grateful to James for all he has achieved in a remarkable 16 years at Biteback. Under his leadership, the company has grown to become profitable, discovered new authors and chalked up a series of bestsellers. Driven and imaginative leadership is key to charting a distinctive and productive course as an independent publisher. We're sorry to see James leave but eager to build on his success as we recruit the person who will lead the Biteback team to even greater things."

James Stephens said:

"It has been a pleasure working at Biteback over the years. I can honestly say that no two days have been the same, and I have had the privilege of working with truly fascinating people and their books. I will miss my authors and my wonderful colleagues, but I'm hugely reassured to be leaving behind a group of extremely talented individuals and an ambitious Board of Directors and parent company that are determined to drive Biteback on to greater heights. I'm leaving to take up an exciting new opportunity, which will be announced soon."

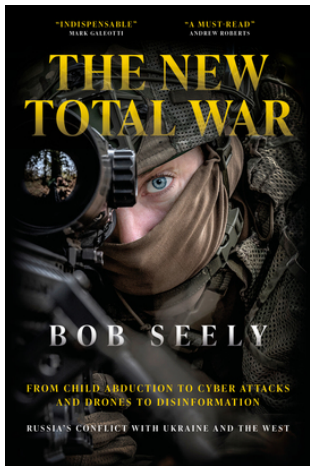
For full details of the Managing Director role, and to apply, click here:

<https://totalpoliticsgroup.bamboohr.com/careers> (<https://totalpoliticsgroup.bamboohr.com/careers>)

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Biteback to publish powerful and timely survey of the Russian way of war (/announcements/the-new-total-war)

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BITEBACK TO PUBLISH POWERFUL AND TIMELY SURVEY OF THE RUSSIAN WAY OF WAR

James Stephens, Publisher at Biteback, has acquired World English Language rights to *The New Total War* (<https://www.bitebackpublishing.com/books/the-new-total-war>) by former foreign correspondent, soldier and MP, Bob Seely, a critical survey of Russia's approach to conflict, both in Ukraine today and throughout modern history.

Russian warfare has become *the* global discussion point in recent years, sparked by the devastating scale of the fighting in Ukraine and the Kremlin's threats of conflict, including nuclear conflict, with the West. *The New Total War* is the essential guide to how Russia fights against not only Ukraine but the West as well. It is for anyone who wants to understand how conflict in our world is evolving.

This book is the result of over a decade of research and dozens of interviews. It has been written by a former British soldier and journalist who has travelled extensively throughout Ukraine to get to the truth of Putin's modus operandi. It tells the story of how, under President Putin, Russia has combined two forms of twentieth-century fighting into a single, new way of total war. It shows why the Kremlin has been in conflict with Kyiv since 2005 and explains why it has been so determined to suppress Ukrainian independence in the face of the bravery and defiance of the Ukrainian people.

Due to its extensive tradition of creative thinking about war, Russia's new way of fighting is also a guide to how authoritarian states the world over will challenge the West for global supremacy using both military and non-military methods. This book is, therefore, a warning of the style of conflict that will be waged against the West to undermine our beliefs, our power and our influence.

Dr Robert (Bob) Seely is a former soldier, foreign correspondent and British Member of Parliament. As a young foreign correspondent, he witnessed the collapse of the Soviet Union. He first warned of a revanchist Russia in the mid-1990s and has written and researched it extensively since. As a British soldier, he served on the Iraq, Afghan, Libya and ISIS campaigns, where he witnessed the changing nature of war at first-hand. As a Member of Parliament from 2017 to 2024, he warned of the growing Russian threat to peace. Dr Seely has long been fascinated by the fusion of different forms of conflict, trying to understand them from informational, military and political angles. Additionally, he devoted a decade of academic study to Russian warfare for his Ph.D from King's College, London. *The New Total War* is the result of over thirty years of expertise in Russia, Ukraine and modern warfare.

Stephens acquired World English rights direct from the author.

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Biteback to publish powerful account of the human impact of the war in Ukraine (</announcements/war-in-ukraine-book>)

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BITEBACK TO PUBLISH POWERFUL ACCOUNT OF THE HUMAN IMPACT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE

When Russia invaded Ukraine three years ago, Kateryna hung up her dresses, Oksana and Stanislav put down their lawyers' briefs, and Oksen slammed shut his philosophy textbooks. Alongside thousands of their fellow citizens, they strapped on armour, picked up weapons and chose to risk their lives for the freedom and independence of their homeland. Many would never return. Journalist Tom Mutch woke up in Kyiv on 24 February to a world changed for ever. Making a fateful choice to stay and cover the invasion, he witnessed the forging of an 'iron generation' of young Ukrainians.

In this book, the first in English to cover all three years of the full-scale invasion, he recounts events everywhere from the frontlines of the Battle of Bakhmut to the Metro Station bomb shelters of besieged Kharkiv, to the halls of power in Kyiv, including meeting Ukraine's battle-hardened President Volodymyr Zelensky. Despite being put on a Russian sanctions list and being banned from the country, he sneaked inside Kursk Oblast with Ukrainian troops under the Kremlin's nose. *The Dogs of Mariupol* (<https://www.bitebackpublishing.com/books/the-dogs-of-mariupol>) recounts the war's most infamous encounters, such as the battle of Kyiv and the siege of Mariupol, but also explores lesser-known stories, like the defence of Chernihiv or the last stand of the Territorial Defence in Kherson.

This is not a just triumphalist account of Ukraine's fight. It painstakingly documents the immense human catastrophe wrought on Ukrainian society and the divisions between those who fought and those who fled. It also delves deeper into events to answer important historical questions: could the Russian plan to capture Kyiv have succeeded? Did Ukraine make a fatal error by committing for so long to the defence of Bakhmut? And could this war have ended sooner, without the endless sea of blood that followed?

As we mark the third anniversary of Russia's invasion, and as talks between Trump's United States and Putin's Russia over a potential ceasefire continue, this devastating account reminds us of what is at stake for the people of Ukraine.

Tom Mutch (<https://www.bitebackpublishing.com/authors/thomas-mutch>) is a freelance reporter who has been based in Ukraine since the outbreak of war. He writes for the *Daily Beast* and the *New Zealand Herald* and he is a regular guest on the award-winning *Daily Telegraph* Ukraine: The Latest podcast.

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