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StoryTerrace's Head of Global Publishing launches own novel as series enters Book Two

Jon Malysiak commissions real life stories by day, writes fictional ones by night — and is taking the self-published route to market

Jon Malysiak, Head of Global Publishing at StoryTerrace, will publish the second novel in his Templeton Family Chronicles series, **Trash**, on 9 July 2026, alongside the relaunch of the first book in the series, **Posh**, with a new cover. Malysiak gives everyday people the tools to share their life stories at StoryTerrace by day; he writes fictional ones by night.

StoryTerrace's proposition is that everyone has a story worth preserving. The Templeton Family Chronicles began as a personal project between Malysiak and his late brother Colin, with whom he co-authored *Posh*, and now launches as a full commercial series. The thematic resonance — between StoryTerrace's mission to preserve real lives and Malysiak's own fiction about constructed ones — is one Malysiak is actively interested in discussing.

The launch is a two-book event. Book One, *Posh*, relaunches on 9 July with a new cover by designer Beth Tunnicliffe, unifying the series aesthetic. Book Two, *Trash*, publishes the same day. Malysiak is publishing the series himself, a route he has chosen openly. "These books are self-published and I feel no shame in saying that," he says. "I didn't even bother pitching them to commercial houses. But I'm approaching the launch as if they were published by one. Self-publishing is a viable and respectable option for more and more writers, especially as commercial publishing becomes increasingly limited in terms of what gets through the door."

The commercial moment is a strong one. Disney+'s adaptation of Jilly Cooper's *Rivals* returned for a second season in May 2026; Cooper's death in October 2025 has left the upmarket-bonkbuster genre with the most active commercial appetite it has had in twenty years. Plum Sykes's *Wives Like Us*, Emma Rosenblum's *Bad Summer People* and *Very Bad Company*, and Kevin Kwan's *Lies and Weddings* have all benefited. The Templeton Family Chronicles, transatlantic in scope (*Posh* is set in London and Dorset; *Trash* in Beverly Hills), is positioned to take its place in that conversation.

"The past nearly five years at StoryTerrace have taught me what the best life stories actually do," Malysiak says, "which is reveal the gap between how people present themselves and who they really are. That's the driving energy behind the Templeton books too. The day job and the night job are a lot closer than they look."

“Everything we do at StoryTerrace is built on the belief that everyone has a story worth preserving,” says Rutger Bruining, Founder and CEO of StoryTerrace. “Jon has spent the last five years helping us deliver on that mission for hundreds of authors, and he’s done it while quietly writing his own. The Templeton Family Chronicles is the proof that the instincts which make him an extraordinary publisher also make him a writer worth reading.”

Trash publishes on 9 July 2026 in paperback (\$12.99 / £9.99, ISBN 978-1-7393818-3-7), hardcover (\$23.99 / £16.99, ISBN 978-1-7393818-4-4) and ebook (\$0.99 / £0.99, ISBN 978-1-7393818-5-1). 500 pages. Distributed via IngramSpark to Amazon, Waterstones, Bookshop.org and online retailers worldwide. Cover design by Beth Tunnicliffe (batdesign.co.uk). Posh, Book One in the series, relaunches the same day with a new cover.

About the Templeton Family Chronicles

The Templeton Family Chronicles is a sweeping satirical saga of wealth, secrets and self-destruction across the Atlantic. Posh (Book One) is set in London and Dorset; Trash (Book Two) is set in Beverly Hills. Posh and Trash both publish on 9 July 2026 — Posh relaunching with a new cover, Trash launching as the second book in the series. For more, visit thetempletonchronicles.com and jonmalysiak.com.

About StoryTerrace

Founded in 2014 and based in London, StoryTerrace is one of the world’s leading publishers of memoirs, having created more than 4,000 books with the support of a global network of over 600 ghostwriters, alongside top editors and designers across the UK, US and UAE. The company has published a wide range of acclaimed and bestselling titles, including *Shaggy’s Cheeseburgers* by restaurateur Ron Ladner, founder of the Shaggy’s restaurant chain across the Gulf States of the US, and *White Coat, Blue Gown* by Barbara Tatham, a number one bestselling memoir on Amazon Canada following its publication in 2025. For more, visit storyterrace.com.

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