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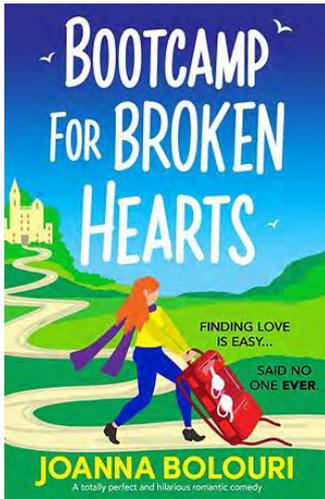
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Women's Fiction



Bootcamp for Broken Hearts Joanna Bolouri

Previous Translation Publishers
Vigmostad & Bjarke (Norwegian)

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Sorry Not Sorry and Marian Keyes

Editor's Note

Joanna Bolouri's romantic comedies have sold in 19 languages to date, and it's no wonder – she's one of the funniest writers I've ever worked with. Her books are relatable, silly, sweet, warm and keep you turning the pages. It's a total delight to now be publishing her for Bookouture, I can't express how excited I am for this new book!

Retail Description

Nora Brown is totally happy single. The men in her life have all been selfish, cheating liars and being alone is far easier than risking a broken heart again – for her and for her daughter. She's only going to Romance Reboot – a posh 'singles' bootcamp' at a castle in the Scottish Highlands – to keep her sister quiet.

But surrounded by tumbling waterfalls and sweet birdsong, Nora can't deny she's starting to relax. Even better, she finds another guest with no intention of finding love. Will Thomson has dark tousled hair, a sly grin, and a shocking sense of humour. Everybody else hears their laughter and thinks they're falling for one another, but Nora knows she's safe – he's just here on a research trip.

Determined to ignore the spark between them, Nora agrees to be Will's cover, fending off other suitors with private sniggers over wine and quite convincing public displays of affection. Just when she starts to question if she might be missing something important, she starts to suspect Will might be hiding something from her.

Will is just another cheater-in-the-making like all the others, isn't he? Nora will go home to her daughter happy and single, just like she always intended. Even if she could find out the truth about him, she isn't interested... is she?

Reviews for Joanna Bolouri

'Wow, can I give 7 stars out of 5? Six aren't enough! I LOVED this book!... I laughed out loud, cried, and I couldn't put the book down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Funny, romantic and surprisingly insightful... I legit laughed out loud.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Joanna Bolouri is a bestselling romcom author. Her cat reluctantly allows her and her daughter to live with him in Glasgow.



Stuck with Him Danielle Owen-Jones

For fans of *The Hating Game* and *The Spanish Love Deception*

Editor's Note

A great rom-com should leave you with a huge, glowing, enormous grin on your face and Oh My Word does this book deliver. Danielle's fun, relatable, sassy humour had me laughing out loud the whole way through and it is cut through with such delicious sexual tension between the two leads that I had no choice but to read the entire thing in one sitting. I could not be more excited to publish this book!

Retail Description

Lucy Clark has just bought a house with her worst enemy.

Some might say she's crazy, that her sanity cracked the night she lost her business, her best friend and her house in one great margarita-themed disaster. But not Lucy, she knows that the final straw was when Zack – Mr 'I'm your infuriatingly laidback yet impossibly ripped new yoga teacher' – decided to put in a competing offer to buy her childhood home. Which, as it turns out, neither of them can actually afford.

But Lucy isn't a type-A perfectionist for nothing: there is no way she's backing down without those front door keys in her hand. No price is too high, and if Zack thinks they should become housemates to afford the mortgage together... well, he'd better be prepared. But when Zack moves in – with his weird health food in the fridge and non-existent sleepwear – Lucy realises that maybe she's the one with no clue what's coming...

Reviews for Danielle Owen-Jones

'Had me in stitches from start to finish... The romance left my heart full and my spirits lifted.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'I laughed from the very first line... A joy to read. Quick witted, sharp and fun... Perfect.' Bobs and Books ★★★★★

Author Biography

Danielle Owen-Jones grew up in Merseyside and has worked in the media industry for more than a decade. She is an avid reader and especially adores women's fiction and psychological thrillers. When she isn't writing (or reading) she loves dog walks, music, food, travel, and anything to do with Italy.





Great Sexpectations Kristen Bailey

Previous Translation Publishers

Potink Kitap (Turkish), Eksmo (Russian), Bastei Luebbe (German), Dobrovsky (Czech)

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Lindsey Kelk and Emily Henry

From the author of top 10 Amazon bestseller, *Has Anyone Seen My Sex Life?* Over 100,000 copies sold

Editor's Note

I'm not exaggerating when I say that Kristen Bailey is the funniest author I have ever worked with – and this book is her best yet. This romantic comedy combines her outstanding humour – the kind that makes you properly cackle and gives your abs a workout (not safe for reading in public!) – with tender emotion, and a completely unique hook. Trust me; you haven't read a book with a concept like this before, yet it is completely and utterly relatable – and this makes for such an intoxicating combination. You will see yourself in these characters, and you will bond with them and root for them, and feel a gut-punch when you have to say goodbye. Plus, there's a love story that's truly swoon-worthy; prepare to get the warm and fuzzies! It's the rom-com of dreams. It has totally captured my heart – and my cheeks ache from smiling so much!

Retail Description

What's wrong with a little bit of faking it?

After Josie Jewell got dumped by her ex through a note on the fridge, she hasn't let herself get close to anyone. But when she meets Cameron at a Halloween party, who turns up in the same Ghostbusters costume as her, it's virtually impossible to stay away.

Cameron, a curly haired video-games designer with dazzling blue eyes, the sexiest dimples and the same encyclopaedic knowledge of movies as Josie, seems too good to be true.

And maybe he is... Because there's one teeny tiny problem as Josie falls madly in love. Cameron has no idea that Josie lives at home with her ex-porn star parents and their dog Dave, or about the minor detail that she works for their sex toy empire. After her ex broke up with her because of the family business, Josie decides to tell a little white lie.

But it's just a matter of time until the truth comes out. When it does, will Cameron end things, leaving Josie with only Dave the dog for company? And what if she's not the only one who's keeping secrets?

Reviews for Kristen Bailey

'Absolutely hilarious!! Seriously, I haven't been able to put this one down!... I have not stopped laughing... One of those books which is perfect after a stressful day because you are guaranteed to laugh out loud... Loved it... Devoured this book in just a few hours... Impossible to put down.' Little Miss Book Lover 87, ★★★★★

'One of the funniest books I have read. Ever!... I absolutely LOVED this.' Star Crossed Reviews, ★★★★★

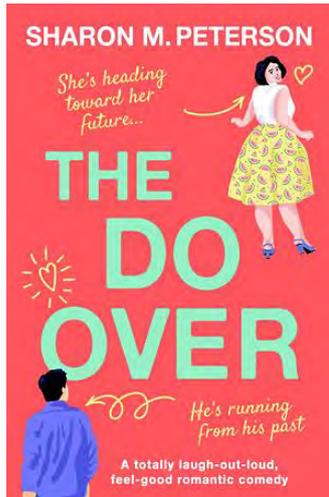
Author Biography

Mother-of-four, gin-drinker, binge-watcher, receipt hoarder, enthusiastic but terrible cook. Kristen also writes. She has had short fiction published in several publications including Mslexia & Riptide. Her first two novels, *Souper Mum* and *Second Helpings* were published in 2016. In 2019, she was long listed in the Comedy Women in Print Prize and has since joined the Bookouture family. She writes women's fiction and she hopes her novels have fresh and funny things to say about modern life, love and family.



Chick Lit

302 pages | Pub Date 28/7/2022 | 9781803144771 | Unagented



The Do-Over Sharon M. Peterson

For fans of TikTok sensations *The Love Hypothesis*, *The Unhoneymooners*, and Sarah Adams

Editor's Note

Sharon is an incredibly talented author whose humour shines through on every page. It is an absolute joy to be able to bring her debut novel to publication where we follow Perci as she learns to love life, love herself and how to fall in love along the way.

Retail Description

It took the most humiliating break-up for me to see that my life is in serious need of a do-over. Cue my anti New Year's resolutions that even I can't fail at:

1. Stop dating. (Men are the worst.)
2. Stop trying to lose weight. (I'm never giving up chocolate.)
3. Stop working so hard. (Selling mortgages is not my dream career.)
4. Stop trying to live up to unrealistic expectations. (Start living my best life.)
5. Stop trying to please my mother. (It's not possible.)

But it turns out number five is harder than I thought, as she begins her campaign to get me back with my ex. So, what's the perfect solution to keep her out of my love life? An imaginary boyfriend—at least he was supposed to be imaginary until I blurted out my neighbor's name...

Nate, the bad boy next door with gorgeous hazel eyes, a razor-sharp jawline and a mysterious scar, might be hot, but he's definitely not my boyfriend. Now all I need to do is stick to my resolutions while also keeping my interfering family away from my non-existent lover who has no idea that we're fake dating. What could possibly go wrong?

Reviews for Sharon M. Peterson

'OMG!!!! I CANNOT REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I LAUGHED SO MUCH AND FELT SO GOOD BECAUSE OF A BOOK!!!!... I absolutely LOVE, LOVE, LOVED this!!!!... I absolutely devoured it in one reading and was completely absorbed throughout!!!!... The most hilarious book I have read this year... An absolutely epic page turner!!!!...' @bookworm86 ★★★★★

'I loved this one so much... This book was everything... I related to Perci SO much and I was rooting for her from the get-go!... Had me SQUEALING. My romance loving heart was DYING!' @pageswithpayten ★★★★★

Author Biography

Sharon M. Peterson is a former middle school teacher and has the personality to prove it. She strives to tackle life that way and create characters who do the same. She lives in Washington with her husband and four children, including two autistic sons. She has one cat, two dogs, one tattoo, and an intense fear of poodles (don't ask). She can usually be found hunched over her computer, creating characters and stories she hopes you'll love as much as she does.





Take a Chance on Greece Sue Roberts

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), Goldmann Verlag (German), Dressler Dublin (Polish), RAO Distributie (Romanian), Ciela Norma (Bulgarian), Kossuth (Hungary), Eesti Raamat (Estonian), Orman Kitap (Turkish)

**For fans of of Carole Matthews, Jenny Colgan and My Mamma Mia
Summer**

**Sue's titles have sold over 230,000 copies and have 2.8M KU pages
read. She is an Amazon UK Top 20 author.**

Editor's Note

Every single Sue Roberts novel leaves me with the biggest grin on my face and an overwhelming urge to go on holiday! In her latest masterpiece, Sue continues to delight and it's going to be such a thrill seeing readers escape into her vibrant and sunny Greek island world!

Retail Description

For Orla, moving in with her dad at twenty-nine after a health scare wasn't exactly her plan. Neither was finding out he's been keeping a huge family secret...

Ready to put the entire Mediterranean Sea between herself and her dysfunctional family, she packs her bags and checks in to a charming B&B on a sun-drenched Greek island. But the vines climbing the beautiful yellow front and the glittering blue sea aren't the only gorgeous things in view. Her neighbour, sexy writer Georgios, is in search of inspiration, and Orla's caught his eye... if only he would lighten up!

It's a big fat Greek clash of wills as Orla encourages Georgios to put down his pen and start having fun. Who wouldn't love a cruise on a pirate ship, complete with rum and fake swords? Her heart melts as she catches a glimmer of a smile... but over Greek wine and freshly made mezze by candlelight, he gets far too serious, urging Orla to talk about her past. However, as soon as Orla shares her secrets, Georgios abruptly ends the evening...

The next day, confused and angry, Orla heads to the harbour to leave the island. But something makes her hesitate. Should she get on the boat and keep running from her problems, or break free from her past and let her glorious Greek summer last forever?

Reviews for Sue Roberts

'Simply wonderful and makes you really feel like you are there... Truly magical and just what I needed... A perfect summer read to devour whilst sipping on cocktails.' Lucysbooks26, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... Gorgeous read about making the most of your chances... It truly is a delightful, heart-warming read.' Splashes into Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

I live in Lancashire with my long-term partner Derek and have had a lifelong love of writing, encouraged by winning a school writing competition at the age of 11. I always assumed that 'one day' I would write a book, always having a busy household and a job, the idea remained firmly on the back-burner but never forgotten. The inspiration for my first novel came to me on a holiday to a Greek village. My daughters had left home and suddenly the time had come to write that book!



Chick Lit

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My Big Fake Wedding Jessica Hatch

For fans of Ali Hazelwood's *The Love Hypothesis*, Christina Lauren's *The Unhoneymooners*, and Emily Henry's *Beach Read*

Editor's Note

A laugh-out-loud, uplifting romance that will make you weep with laughter, Jessica Hatch's novel follows Bea who, having won her perfect wedding, now needs to find the man of her dreams.

Retail Description

When I entered a lottery to win a free wedding, I had no idea that I was about to be cheated on, and unceremoniously dumped, by my ex-boyfriend. So when I win, there's just one teeny tiny problem... I have no one to walk down the aisle with. All I need to do now is find a husband. Simple, right?

My closest friend Oliver, an old-fashioned romantic, thinks I'm crazy. He snorts when I show him my colour-coded binder, packed with step-by-step instructions for my Husband Hunt. And when he reads my to-do list, he laughs so much his green eyes fill with tears.

Step 1: Figure out what men want

Step 2: Research the best bars for romantic first dates

Step 3: FIND A HUSBAND

Despite following my list to the letter, something happens that the binder could never have predicted. After months of fantasising about this exact moment, I have a tequila-fuelled kiss with my long-term office crush Andrew. But just when I think I've found my soon-to-be husband, my ex-boyfriend declares his undying love for me, and Oliver stops returning my calls when I need him the most...

Reviews for Jessica Hatch

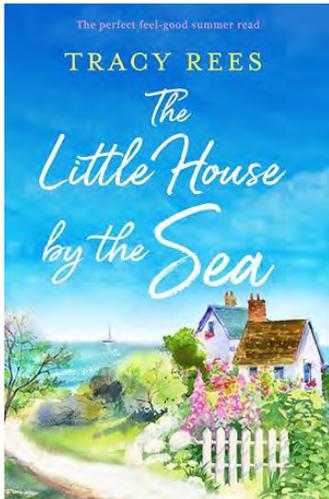
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"I absolutely ADORED this book. I devoured it in less than a day and simply did not want to put it down!" reads.withgab



Author Biography

Jessica Hatch has a passion for writing humorous women's fiction with a strong-beating heart. She loves to develop quirky, high-concept "what if" scenarios and then drop her characters into them, escape room-style, to see what happens. Her work spotlights characters and locales the reader can fall in love with, and aims to explore real-world issues that women and nonbinary people face.



The Little House by the Sea Tracy Rees

Previous Translation Publishers
Cappelen Damm (Norwegian), Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Jenny Colgan, Heidi Swain and Carole Matthews

Tracy's previous novels have been published in 16 languages and she has sold over 450,000 copies worldwide.

Editor's Note

Tracy Rees gets the best reader reviews of any author I have ever worked on – and it's not surprising because her writing is consistently beautiful, engaging and warm. Reading one of her books is like stretching out in a field of wildflowers on a sunny spring day – a heavenly vacation from the stresses of everyday life.

Retail Description

The cottage gate swings open to reveal the inky-blue sea and the sandy cove beyond. It's exactly how Kitty imagined it, except she didn't expect to be standing here alone...

Thirty-year-old Kitty Roberts spends her days searching for the perfect home for two... until her boyfriend, the only man she's ever loved, dumps her. Devastated to lose not only her first love but her best friend too, she flees to the tiny seaside village where she spent carefree summers as a child, before her family fell apart.

At first, Kitty's escape proves to be exactly what she needs – golden sunsets over warm, sandy beaches, lovably eccentric new neighbours and even a blush-inducing run-in with Cory Hudson, a handsome, professional surfer with a heart-stopping smile.

But just as Kitty feels herself beginning to heal and allows herself to open up to Cory, he reveals that his time in the seaside village is nearly up. What's more, some surprising reactions to Kitty in town make her wonder if her connection to this place might go deeper than she thought.

It seems there's a secret in her family's past that is about to turn Kitty's life on its head once more... Is she ready for the truth? And will it bring her and Cory closer together, or drive them apart?

Reviews for Tracy Rees

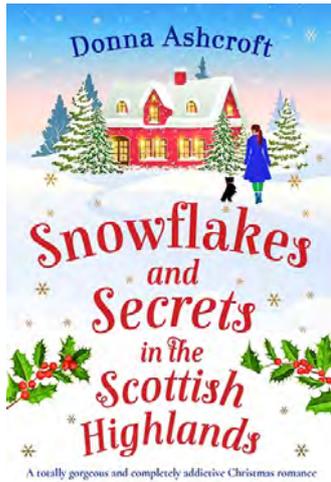
'Loved Loved Loved!!!... Puts a smile on your face and warms your heart!... A wonderful treat to read in the sunshine... I just loved how the story evolved and didn't want it to end!' Books and Me!, ★★★★★

'Delightful... I loved every second of it!... I devoured... I fell in love with Pennystrand... I'd move there in a heartbeat!... A heartwarming, cosy and emotional page-turner.' @ealenya, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Tracy Rees was the winner of the Richard and Judy 'Search for a Bestseller' Competition and her books are paperback, ebook and audio bestsellers. A Cambridge graduate, she had a successful eight-year career in nonfiction publishing and a second career practising and teaching humanistic counselling before becoming a writer. She lives in Wales.





Snowflakes and Secrets in the Scottish Highlands

Donna Ashcroft

Previous Translation Publishers
Heyne (German), Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Nicola May, Trisha Ashley and Debbie Macomber

Donna's titles have sold over 150,000 copies and her previous Christmas title, *Christmas in the Scottish Highlands*, was a Top 10 Kindle Bestseller

Editor's Note

This is bestselling author Donna Ashcroft's fifth Christmas book with Bookouture and she reviews incredibly well – there's no one better at creating a cosy, inviting world that readers just want to step inside. You'll want to wander down the snowy streets of the picturesque Scottish village of Christmas, sing carols and enjoy a mug of hot chocolate whilst reading this novel.

Donna is fantastic at building a cast of loveable and quirky characters and weaving involving romances that will have you racing through the pages to find your happy ending. This Christmas book has everything you could ask for from a cosy, festive read. We're so delighted to see Donna's publishing go from strength to strength with each novel.

Retail Description

Thirty-one-year-old Merry has vowed never to have her heart broken again. When her Aunt Ava asks her to house-sit Chestnut Cottage to look after her menagerie of animals, Merry jumps at the opportunity. Perhaps spending Christmas in the snowy Scottish Highlands will be just the escape she needs...

But on her first night in the little cottage everything goes wrong. The lights don't work. It's freezing cold. She has to call out the local vet, Theo Ellis-Lee, to help her calm down her aunt's over-excited pet turkey. Merry realises she's completely out of her comfort zone and it doesn't help that Theo is both infuriatingly cheerful and insanely attractive. It gets worse when Theo begins stopping by the cottage every day to check on the unruly animals. Merry wanted to prove that she doesn't need a man holding her hand all the way. And Theo wasn't part of her plans to be home alone for Christmas. Except Merry can't deny the handsome vet sets her pulse racing...

Merry tries to keep up her Scrooge-like persona, but gradually Theo begins to melt her heart with his cheeky sense of humour and smouldering looks. As the two of them share cosy evenings drinking wine and eating cookies, Merry lets down her guard for the first time in a very long time. But when Merry discovers Theo has been keeping a secret from her, it makes her wonder if she can really trust him. Can Theo convince Merry to give him a second chance? Or will Merry leave Christmas Village and return home heartbroken?

Reviews for Donna Ashcroft

'I absolutely loved this. This Christmas story was an absolute delight and I'd recommend it to fans of Jenny Colgan. It was simply lovely and a must-read.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'What a gem of a book!... Escape to a world of romance and traditional Christmas spirit. I loved every page of this brilliantly written book.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

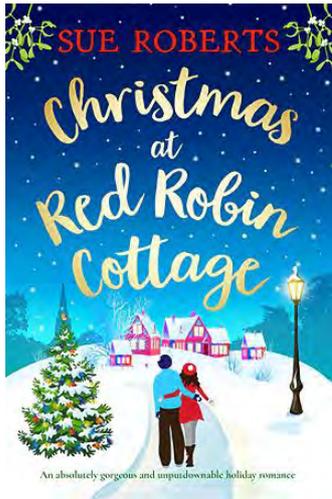
Donna spent a couple of decades writing bad horror stories and worse poetry until she gave up and accidentally fell into publishing. After many years of working on other people's books, she began to write her own romantic comedies and hasn't looked back. When Donna isn't lost in her latest love affair, she works for a website where she indulges her other passion – buying moisturiser. Donna lives in Hertfordshire with her own romantic hero, two gorgeous teenagers and a couple of cantankerous cats.



Chick Lit

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Christmas Village series 2



Christmas at Red Robin Cottage Sue Roberts

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), Goldmann Verlag (German), Dressler Dublin (Polish), RAO Distributie (Romanian), Ciela Norma (Bulgarian), Kossuth (Hungary), Eesti Raamat (Estonian), Orman Kitap (Turkish)

For fans of Cathy Bramley, Tracy Rees and Heidi Swain

Sue's titles have sold over 230,000 copies and have 2.8M KU pages read. She is an Amazon UK Top 20 author.

Editor's Note

Sue is bringing her usual gorgeous escapist style to a different holiday this time! In her first Christmas book, Sue has captured everything we love about her Greek reads - wonderful characters, excellent humour and bags of charm - and added a dash of Christmas spirit, a dusting of snow and the twinkle of fairy lights. With an ex as an unexpected guest on the big day, what could possibly go wrong?

Retail Description

Snow is falling, decorations are being hung and joy is in the air. But Sarah is feeling far from merry and bright...

With Christmas right around the corner, thirty-nine-year-old Sarah is holding on for dear life. After her divorce, she'd love nothing more than a bit of peace and quiet, curled up by the fire. But her teenage daughter Lucy has other ideas... she's invited her dad – Sarah's cheating ex-husband – to stay for the holidays.

To escape the ex now haunting her home, Sarah follows the sound of carols and heads into the snow-covered village for some festive cheer. Lost in the beauty of the Christmas lights, she walks straight into Stephen, her childhood sweetheart.

He moved half a world away nineteen years ago, but time hasn't changed Stephen's effortless charm. It soon seems like it's not just the mulled wine warming Sarah's heart – but she doesn't have time for romance right now, does she?

Keeping her jealous ex from finding out about her new man isn't Sarah's biggest challenge over the festive season. Her daughter is acting out and is hiding more than just presents this year. So, when Lucy comes asking for help, could this be Sarah's chance to save Christmas for her dysfunctional family? Or will the mood around the dinner table be as cold as the winter chill?

Reviews for Sue Roberts

'I absolutely LOVED, no make that ADORED reading it... I was hooked... I stayed up reading the book until the early hours of the morning.' Ginger Book Geek, ★★★★★

'Fantastic! Stayed up late to finish it. Great summer read.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

I live in Lancashire with my long-term partner Derek and have had a lifelong love of writing, encouraged by winning a school writing competition at the age of 11. I always assumed that 'one day' I would write a book, always having a busy household and a job, the idea remained firmly on the back-burner but never forgotten. The inspiration for my first novel came to me on a holiday to a Greek village. My daughters had left home and suddenly the time had come to write that book!





Holiday Romance Catherine Walsh

Previous Translation Publishers
Soysal (Turkish)

For fans of Emily Henry, Sophie Kinsella, Sally Thorne

The author's previous books have sold over 70,000 copies to date
and reached top 10 in the Amazon Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

I started reading this manuscript on a plane - so imagine my dismay when I realised there was no sign of a single scorching hot Irishman sitting anywhere near me. Even so, it was JUST what I needed to get me home! I laughed, I cried, I shipped the friends-to-lovers romance so hard that I almost forgot the characters were fictional. It's THE romcom of the season. You heard it here first!

Retail Description

She's meant to be catching flights, not catching feelings...

Molly and Andrew are just trying to get home to Ireland for the holidays, when a freak snowstorm grounds their flight. Nothing romantic has ever happened between them: they're friends and that's all. But once a year, for the last ten years, Molly has spent seven hours and fifteen minutes, sitting next to Andrew on the last flight before Christmas from Chicago to Dublin, drinking terrible airplane wine and catching up on each other's lives. In spite of all the ways the two friends are different, it's the holiday tradition neither of them has ever wanted to give up.

Molly isn't that bothered by Christmas, but—in yet another way they're total opposites—Andrew is a full-on fanatic for the festive season and she knows how much getting back to Ireland means to him. So, instead of doing the sane thing and just celebrating the holidays together in America, she does the stupid thing. The irrational thing. She vows to get him home. And in time for his mam's famous Christmas dinner.

The clock is ticking. But Molly always has a plan. And—as long as the highly-specific combination of taxis, planes, boats, and trains all run on time—it can't possibly go wrong. What she doesn't know is that, as the snow falls over the city and over the heads of two friends who are sure they're not meant to be together, the universe might just have a plan of its own...

Reviews for Catherine Walsh

'OMG this book was just what I needed... Kept me turning the pages and reading late into the night... It was like drinking a great big warm mug of hot chocolate, I just loved it.' Reading Time at the Zoo ★★★★★

'I am so not ready for this book to be over!!! I absolutely loved it. As soon as I started reading, I was drawn into it... I couldn't help myself from staying up late just to read another chapter... AAHHH I JUST LOVED IT!' That Blonde Bookworm ★★★★★

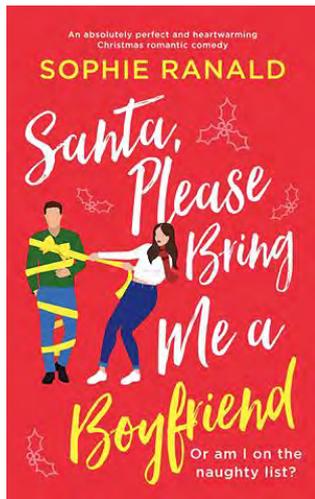
Author Biography

Catherine Walsh was born and raised in Ireland. She lived in London for a few years where she worked in Publishing and the non-profit sector before returning to Dublin where she now lives between the mountains and the sea. When not writing she is trying and failing to not kill her houseplants.



Chick Lit

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Santa, Please Bring Me a Boyfriend Sophie Ranald

Previous Translation Publishers
Albatross (Czech), HarperCollins France (French), AST (Russian)

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Shari Low and Mhairi McFarlane

Sophie Ranald's *Sorry Not Sorry* has sold over 275,000 copies

Editor's Note

Christmas is all about love, and this novel – romantic comedy queen Sophie Ranald's first ever festive book – is about love in all its forms. We have the love story between the central characters, which crackles and fizzles, but we also have the love between girlfriends – friends who are ride or die, and who go above and beyond to pick you up when you're down. We have the complicated yet unconditional love between mother and daughter; especially fractious through the teenage years! We even have the messy love between exes and co-parents, all blurred lines and crossed boundaries. This makes for such a multi-layered narrative, that's relatable in so many ways. A perfect slice of Christmas joy!

Retail Description

This Christmas, Rowan has a long list for Santa:

- To get her sex life out of the Sahara
- To stop being the lonely singleton in her friendship group (aka the prime target for blind dates that go horribly wrong)
- To find out where her confidence went (note to self: check under sofa)
- To have someone to curl up with this Christmas, other than a tin of Quality Street

But having had more than her fair share of heartbreak thanks to her ex – with more off-agains and on-agains than Rachel and Ross – she's starting to think that real love is just wishful thinking...

But Rowan's friends aren't so quick to give up, arranging an advent calendar to help get her spark back. And while the gifts make Rowan feel festive – glittery bubble bath, anyone? – what she really wants to unwrap is the guy who delivers them, Alex. With his soft Scottish accent, infectious grin and blue eyes as twinkly as fairy lights, Rowan wouldn't mind finding him in her stocking this Christmas...

This totally addictive, fabulous and feel-good romance will give you ALL the Christmas feels this festive season!

Reviews for Sophie Ranald

'This is the absolute very best Christmas novel I've ever read!... Truly a magical read... The most perfect Christmas book yet!'
@mrsflannyreads ★★★★★

'Amazing... this story is one that will be making me smile right until next Christmas and beyond.' Netgalley reviewer
★★★★★

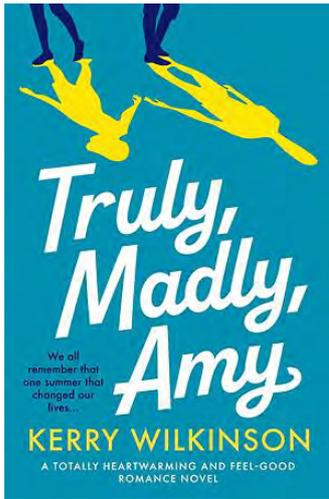
Author Biography

Sophie Ranald is the youngest of five sisters. She was born in Zimbabwe and lived in South Africa until an acute case of itchy feet brought her to London in her mid-20s. As an editor for a customer publishing agency, Sophie developed her fiction-writing skills describing holidays to places she'd never visited. In 2011, she decided to write full-time. She became part of the Bookouture family in 2018. Sophie also writes for magazines and online about food, fashion, finance and fitness.



Chick Lit

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Truly, Madly, Amy Kerry Wilkinson

Previous Translation Publishers
Mati (Greek), Newton Compton (Italian), Publish and More (Hungarian), Nemesis Kitap (Turkey)

For fans of David Nicholls and Mike Gayle

Winner of the Romantic Novelists' Association 2018 Young Adult Romantic Novel of the Year. Kerry's thrillers reached the Top 5 on the Kindle charts. Previous title *The Child in the Photo* has sold 50,000

Editor's Note

Truly, Madly, Amy is an incredibly exciting departure from Kerry Wilkinson's usual crime thriller form. This gorgeous coming-of-age romcom has deep roots in the author's own teenage years, and is one of the most special and personal books I've ever worked on as an editor. In the summer of 1999, sixteen-year-old Joe falls for Amy when they're both working at a summer camp. As he navigates grief, family illness and huge life decisions all whilst consumed by his feelings of first love, the only thing that's certain is that when summer ends, nothing will ever be the same. A beautiful, funny, poignant, bittersweet read that will totally immerse readers in 90s vibes, and will make every single reader nostalgic for their own teenage summers.

Retail Description

We all remember one magical summer that changed our lives.

For Joe, it's summer, 1999. School is over for good, and with zero idea what he's meant to do for the rest of his life, he's reluctantly accepted a job at the local summer camp. Getting screamed at by hyperactive ten-year-olds, all whilst trying to drown out the sharp grief of missing his dad, forget how his mother never smiles any more, and move on from what school called 'anger problems' is enough to make him quit on day one... until he meets beautiful black-haired Amy Ashworth, and learns that nothing hits harder than first love.

She's the only person he's ever met who reads for fun – but there's another side to her, and soon she's the only person he's been to a wild house party with, or been right up close to on a dancefloor, or kissed under the twinkling summer stars. But then the terrible day comes when he realises he's been so caught up in Amy's whirlwind, he didn't notice his mother circling closer to breaking point.

Now, Joe doesn't know if his dad would have wanted him to fight for the girl he loves; or protect his family no matter what; or if he could ever do both. Only one thing is certain: this is the summer Joe will grow up. But when he looks back decades later, will he be ashamed of his choices? And will Amy still be by his side?

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'My heart. My poor heart. This book should be called: how to kill a girl in ten birthdays. I LOVED IT ... This story was truly beautiful. Sweet, bittersweet, tragic and oh so real ... I read it in one sitting, and now I'm at work, wondering what the hell to do with myself. I feel like this book broke me and put me back together.' ★★★★★ – Books are Here for You

'Wow! Such a stunning book! Every word perfect and there for a reason. So beautiful. Five stars are not enough for this brilliant masterpiece. One of my favourite reads this year!' Renita D'Silva

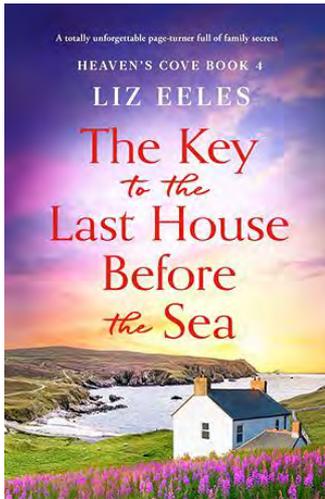
Author Biography

Kerry Wilkinson is from the English county of Somerset but has spent far too long living in the north. It's there that he's picked up possibly made-up regional words like 'barm' and 'ginnel'. He pretends to know what they mean. He's also been busy since turning thirty: his Jessica Daniel crime series has sold more than a million copies in the UK; he has written a fantasy-adventure trilogy for young adults; a second crime series featuring private investigator Andrew Hunter and the standalone thriller, *Down Among The Dead Men*.



Women's Fiction

346 pages | Pub Date 21/7/2022 | 9781803142722 | Unagented



The Key to the Last House Before the Sea Liz Eeles

Previous Translation Publishers
Rowohlt (German), Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Debbie Macomber and Barbara O'Neal

The Heavens Cove series has sold over 100,000 copies

Editor's Note

Heaven's Cove is a beautiful Devon seaside village, where the cobbled streets wind down to the shore – and where single mother Nessa and her adorable little girl have nowhere to live. An inheritance could solve all their problems but it comes with a big catch, throwing Nessa into the path of charming but troubled property developer Gabriel. Liz's fans adore her ability to weave a heart-wrenching story full of complex family dynamics, secrets stretching back generations and a gorgeous helping of romance. *The Key to the Last House Before the Sea* delivers all this and more – the final revelation involving the true meaning behind a beautiful family heirloom blew me away!

Retail Description

With her back to the sparkling sea, single mum Nessa stands in the doorway of the cottage her grandmother left behind. If she can just fix up the crumbling walls, it will be the perfect home for her daughter Lily – and their only option if they want to stay in the village of Heaven's Cove. But a rap on the door soon shatters her plans...

Although Gabriel Gantwich has a smile on his handsome face, the papers he's clutching say his father's company owns the house. They plan to knock it down, destroying Nessa's last link to her family – and Lily's last hope for a home in Heaven's Cove.

Reeling, Nessa is furious that an outsider could take away her child's future. She has just thirty days to renovate the cottage – and prove it's hers. As she and Gabriel clash over every detail, Nessa barely notices that even though they argue, their talks are fuelled by the same passion. And beneath his tough exterior, Gabriel appreciates the beauty of the sunset bathing the clifftop cottage in soft pink light as much as she does...

But one stormy night, Nessa gets a desperate phone call about Lily. Forced to choose between her family's past and her daughter's future, will she end up losing everything? Or will Gabriel finally realise what truly matters, and help Nessa make this place a home?

Reviews for Liz Eeles

'Wow, wow, wow!!!! I absolutely loved this book!!!!... I was captivated... The tears began flowing before I got to the end of the first chapter... my heart literally broke... wonderful... stunning... kept me hooked until the very last word... Loved, loved, loved it!!!!' Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'This book is AMAZING!... Omggggggggg!!!!... I genuinely could not, and did not want to put it down at all... I would advise that you switch your phone to silent... ignore EVERYONE around you while you binge read.' The Writing Garnet, ★★★★★

Author Biography

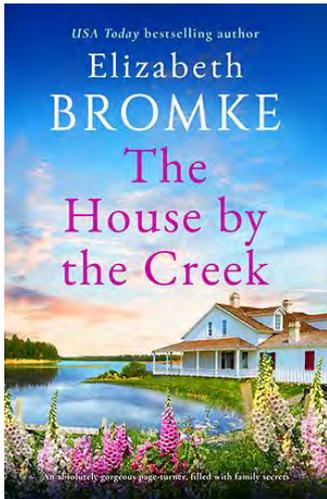
Liz began her writing career as a journalist for newspapers and magazines before moving into the health sector as a communications manager and press officer. The low point of her career was abandoning an interview with Cliff Richard after two questions because she was about to faint – her excuse is that she was newly pregnant at the time. Liz lives by the sea in West Sussex with her husband and grown-up daughter. She spends a lot of time meaning to meditate, avoiding exercise, and missing her son who lives in London.



Women's Fiction

298 pages | Pub Date 19/8/2022 | 9781803147024 | Unagented

Heaven's Cove 4



The House by the Creek Elizabeth Bromke

For fans of RaeAnne Thayne, Elin Hilderbrand and Susan Mallery

A USA Today Bestselling author, this is Elizabeth's first book with Bookouture

Editor's Note

Elizabeth Bromke is a USA Today Bestseller and Brambleberry Creek is her first series with Bookouture. This has a gorgeous setting, strong romance and an intriguing multi-generational family set up – with lots of twists and secrets to be revealed to the reader.

Retail Description

Morgan Jo Coyle has been trying to escape her past for the last five years. She's built a successful career for herself in the city but she still longs for the open fields and beautiful skies of Brambleberry Creek, the small town in Kentucky where she grew up. So when she receives a call from her mother, telling her that her Memaw Essie is on her deathbed, Morgan drops everything to go home and face her family—before it's too late.

Stepping through the door of her memaw's farmhouse, Morgan is reminded of all the happy times she spent baking with Essie. And it's not long before her childhood sweetheart, Emmett Dawson comes to find her. It almost starts to feel like old times, but a lot has happened since they last saw each other. Can their relationship really be reignited after all this time?

The sprawling Kentucky countryside also brings memories of the fateful accident that Essie was responsible for: the day that changed Morgan's world forever and drove her away from her family, Emmett and everything she loved. With Essie in the hospital, Morgan tries to forgive her. It's only when she discovers an ink-stained letter written in her memaw's distinctive hand that she finally starts to understand the truth behind the moment that tore the two women apart.

Will the unraveling of a shocking family secret help Morgan to reunite her family and find a future with Emmett in Brambleberry Creek? Or will she leave the rolling hills of Kentucky for good?

Reviews for Elizabeth Bromke

'Wonderful beginning to another fantastic series by a very talented author... heartwarming... a family with hidden secrets... It grabs you from the first page and keeps the pages turning to the very end.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Heartwarming... all the feels... wonderful and touching story about the importance of family and forgiveness... full of emotion and heart and pulled me in from the very start.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

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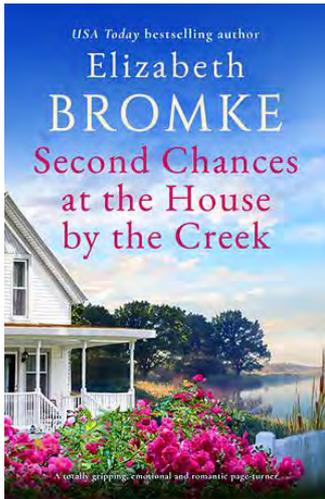
Elizabeth Bromke is a USA Today bestseller who loves to write heartwarming women's fiction and romance. She especially enjoys creating vivid characters and enchanting small towns. Coming from over a decade teaching high school English, Elizabeth knows the impact of great writing and storytelling. Indeed, writing is a dream come true for her. She lives in Arizona with her husband, son, and two golden retrievers. When Elizabeth isn't writing her next bestseller, she can be found reading, working on a puzzle, or relaxing to a movie with her family.



Women's Fiction

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Brambleberry Creek 1



Second Chances at the House by the Creek Elizabeth Bromke

For fans of RaeAnne Thayne, Elin Hilderbrand and Susan Mallery

USA Today Bestselling author

Editor's Note

Elizabeth Bromke is a USA Today Bestseller and Brambleberry Creek is her first series with Bookouture. This has a gorgeous setting, strong romance and an intriguing multi-generational family set up – with lots of twists and secrets to be revealed to the reader.

Retail Description

Amber Lee Taylor has lived in the close-knit town of Brambleberry Creek, Kentucky her whole life. And she thought she had everything figured out. But when Amber discovers her long-term fiancé, Grant, has been cheating, her perfect future shatters into tiny pieces...

Heartbroken, Amber retreats to her family's crumbling farmhouse in the stunning countryside outside her little town. It's her favorite place in the world. She loves the old oak beams and the smell of the fire crackling in the grate. But her family says the farm isn't making enough money and they need to do something to save it...

Determined to forget Grant and save her family home, Amber throws herself into launching a new wine business with her cousins, and stumbles across one of her grandfather's old notebooks. Discovering a family mystery weaving through her grandfather's writing, and everything suddenly seems more complicated. But then, she hasn't thought about Grant in days, and when she bumps into handsome, charming Callum on Main Street, Amber starts to wonder if breaking up with Grant could be the best thing that's happened to her in years.

But will Amber find the strength to make the most of her second chance? Or will crossing paths with Grant change everything again?

Reviews for Elizabeth Bromke

'Captivating read from beginning to end! An exciting storyline that leaves you breathless wanting more!... Emotionally heartfelt, enjoyable and fun!... An amazing must read!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

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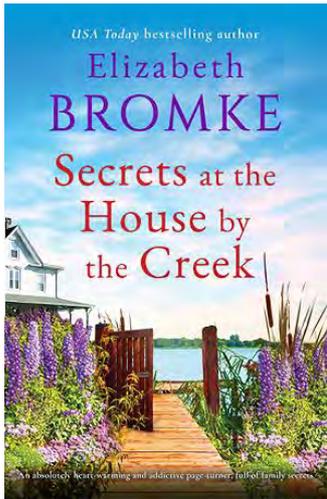
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Women's Fiction

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Brambleberry Creek 2



Secrets at the House by the Creek Elizabeth Bromke

For fans of RaeAnne Thayne, Elin Hilderbrand and Susan Mallery

USA Today Bestselling author

Editor's Note

Elizabeth Bromke is a USA Today Bestseller and Brambleberry Creek is her first series with Bookouture. This has a gorgeous setting, strong romance and an intriguing multi-generational family set up – with lots of twists and secrets to be revealed to the reader.

The third book in the gorgeous, feel-good Brambleberry Creek series, featuring the Coyle family.

A completely heart-warming, emotional page-turner about finding your place in the world, the importance of family and the joy of discovering love when you least expect it. Perfect for fans of RaeAnne Thayne, Elin Hilderbrand and Susan Mallery.

Retail Description

Morgan Jo Coyle grew up in the small town of Brambleberry Creek, running across the green fields of Kentucky. But Morgan's carefree childhood days seem far away, and the pressure is on with the two biggest events of her life just around the corner: the launch of her new family business and her wedding. Will everything go to plan or are Morgan's dreams about to unravel?

Morgan is determined to make a success of the new wine venture with her cousin Amber, to create a future for the beloved farmhouse that means so much to them. As they renovate the creaking old barn, precious memories are unearthed and Morgan finds her mother's old leather-bound diary. Little does she know, she's about to discover a secret that will change everything...

As the past and present collide, Morgan's sense of identity is rocked, and then she is faced with devastating news that could shatter everything's she's dreamed of. Are Morgan and her fiancé a strong enough team to navigate such an emotional rollercoaster ahead of their big day? Or will their relationship be tested to breaking point?

With a business, a wedding and the family home at stake, will Morgan be able to get through the biggest challenges of her life? And can she accept the past in order to move forward with her future?

Reviews for Elizabeth Bromke

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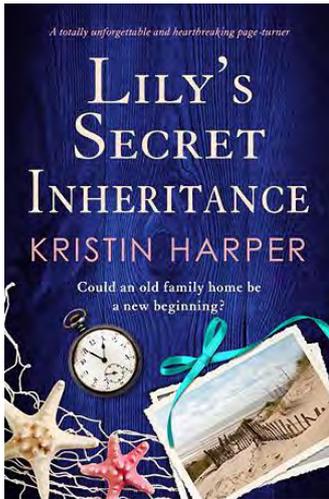
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Women's Fiction

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Brambleberry Creek 3



Lily's Secret Inheritance Kristin Harper

For fans of Sheila O'Flanagan, Mary Alice Monroe and Pamela Kelley

Kristin's titles have sold over 110,000 copies and her previous title 'A Letter from Nana Rose' was a Top 40 Amazon bestseller and has sold over 17,000 copies.

Editor's Note

Lily's Secret Inheritance whisks us away to the beautiful Dune Island, where the waves gently break against the shore and where readers have totally fallen for the emotional family stories Kristin Harper weaves. When the author first sent me her idea for the story I immediately knew it ticked all the boxes: an inheritance of a family legacy, a dollop of romance, and an exploration of multi-generational dynamics. Women's fiction fans are going to adore this heart-warming, heart-breaking and ultimately uplifting read!

Retail Description

Turning off the coastal road and seeing the farmhouse surrounded by cranberry vines ahead, Lily's breath catches in her throat. It's just how she remembers it. But pushing open the front door for the first time in decades, it's clear everything has changed...

When her estranged aunt Dahlia dies, single mother Lily Lindgren is surprised to inherit the family home and cranberry farm. Returning to Dune Island for the first time since Dahlia admitted to a terrible betrayal that shattered Lily's trust in her family, she's ready to sell up and finally create a stable future for her little boy. But her high-school crush and farm manager Jake Benson is determined to stop Lily's plan...

After helping Dahlia turn part of the house into a local produce store, Jake shared her dream of making the cranberry farm a community hub for the island. His stories about Dahlia, and how much she had missed Lily all these years, make Lily question if she was wrong to never forgive her aunt. And when Jake joins her long walks over the sand dunes, there's an undeniable spark... could a move to Dune Island be the key to her and her son's happiness?

But then, clearing out Dahlia's bedroom, Lily finds an old picture of Dahlia that stops her in her tracks. Just when she was making peace with Dahlia's memory and learning to trust again, Lily's heart is shattered to find she was keeping another secret. Can Lily trust Jake to tell her the painful truth—or will she run from Dune Island again for good?

Reviews for Kristin Harper

'I loved this book! I laughed and cried and was full of emotions the whole time I read it... wonderful characters... I highly recommend this book!' It's My Life, ★★★★★

'I have absolutely loved this book and been completely unable to put this one down... This is a perfect summer read... Absolutely gorgeous.' Little Miss Book Lover 87, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ever since she was a young girl, there were few things Kristin liked more than creative writing and spending time on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, with her family. Eventually (after a succession of jobs that bored her to tears), she found a way to combine those two passions by becoming a women's fiction author whose stories occur in oceanside settings. While Kristin doesn't live on the Cape year-round, she escapes to the beach whenever she can.



Women's Fiction

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Dune Island



Our Stolen Child Melissa Wiesner

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Kerry Fisher, Diane Chamberlain and Nicholas Sparks

Melissa's previous title, Her Family Secret, was a Kindle Top 100 Bestseller.

Editor's Note

I have just one piece of advice for anyone picking up *Our Stolen Child*: get your Kleenex ready! Melissa Wiesner presents us with the impossible dilemma of a couple who have been struggling to conceive with IVF for years find out they have lost their last embryo – because it was implanted in another woman by mistake. Now their biological child is a four year old girl who calls another woman 'mommy'. Where does this child truly belong? Melissa explores this deep and complex topic with grace and heart. I cried buckets when I was editing this book and I know readers will be moved beyond measure.

Retail Description

Quinn cries silent tears as she folds a tiny knitted cardigan, bought in a moment of hope, and packs it away. All she's ever wanted is to be a mother. Although her husband James brings her comfort, the knowledge they have no embryos left, and that their child is out there being raised by another family, is tearing them both apart.

When the clinic tell Quinn and James they have the right to spend time with little Emily, at first they hesitate. Of course they would never want to come between Emily and her loving family. But they can't turn down the chance to look into their own child's eyes...

Quinn's heart cracks wide open the second she sees Emily's wild curly hair framing her heart-shaped face, and big brown eyes staring up at her. Her daughter looks just like Quinn. And when a giggling Emily flings her tiny arms around Quinn's waist, it's like she's right where she belongs.

And as the two families reckon with an unimaginable situation, a terrible secret from James' past surfaces: one that forces Quinn to question everything she thought she wanted. Will Emily's family allow their relationship to continue? How will they decide what's right for the little girl they all love so dearly? And where does Emily truly belong?

Reviews for Melissa Wiesner

'So heart-warming and heartbreaking... I was absolutely captivated and absorbed throughout, a beautiful page turner... I was addicted to this gorgeous novel... will take your breath away.' Bookworm 86, ★★★★★

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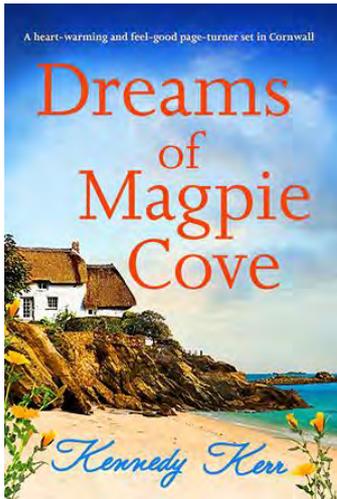
Author Biography

Melissa Wiesner is a night-owl who began writing novels about five years ago when her early-to-bed family retired for the evening. In 2019, she won the Romance Writers of America Golden Heart® Award in the Mainstream Fiction Category for her first novel. Her day job is in Social Work where she often encounters people knocked down by hard times but who pick themselves up and keep going, just like the characters of her novels. Melissa lives in Pittsburgh, PA with her charming husband and two adorable children.



Women's Fiction

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Dreams of Magpie Cove Kennedy Kerr

For fans of Shari Low, Veronica Henry and Heidi Swain

The Magpie Cove series has sold over 56,000 copies. The first in the series reached the top 10 on Amazon US and the top 40 on Amazon UK

Editor's Note

Kennedy Kerr's novels are always the perfect mix of escapist and thoughtful, serious and fun. This is no different – a beautiful, warm-hearted story about one woman's emotional and physical recovery from surgery, against the backdrop of the quirky and loveable little town of Magpie Cove in Cornwall.

Retail Description

The cove itself was small, but beautiful, filled with fine golden sand. Ellie had always heard that Cornwall was romantic, and now she could see why.

Ellie McTavish's world turns upside down when a deadly diagnosis comes out of nowhere. Feeling adrift as she recovers from life-saving surgery at home, she impulsively bids on a vintage caravan, only to discover the next day that she's won it. So she grabs her friend Fee and takes it on an impromptu road trip...well, that's the plan, until it breaks down outside the tiny village of Magpie Cove in Cornwall.

Unexpectedly stranded, the two women don't have much choice but to stay there until it's fixed. At least the local mechanic, Mark, is distractingly handsome. Not that Ellie would ever act on her feelings – after the surgery she's not sure she'll ever feel beautiful again. If only she'd stop running into him everywhere in town...

As Ellie settles into life in the cove – even daring to swim in the icy sea with a group of local women each morning – she can feel herself slowly healing. But just as she begins to let herself grow closer to Mark, a midnight attack on her rented beach house once more puts Ellie's fragile courage to the test. Sometimes the deepest scars are on the inside – will Magpie Cove be able to mend Ellie once and for all?

Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

'Absolutely beautiful and perfect read!!!... Completely swept me away... Compelling and addictive, heart-lifting read that kept me turning the pages until late at night... Absolutely fantastic!' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'I loved this book. Read it in a night. Brilliant... A must-read. You'll want to live in the beach house.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

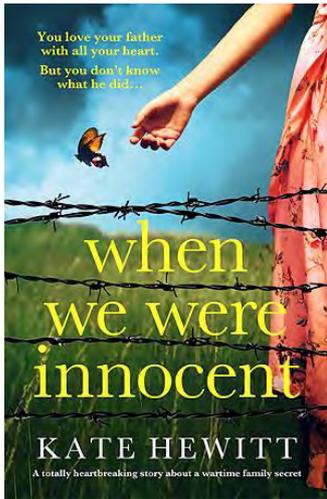
Kennedy Kerr has written and published poetry, children's and adult books. She lives in London and is originally from the West Country, which gave her accent a subtle (yet noticeable) pirate twang as well as a love of cream teas and all things mystical. She is the proud owner of a cuddly black cat called Twinkle, who evidently believes she is a princess. Kennedy also loves cooking and baking all types of food, which is almost as much fun as eating it.



Women's Fiction

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Magpie Cove 4



When We Were Innocent Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

Ikar (Slovak), Publish and More (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), Euromedia (Czech)

Author has sold over 900,000 copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in both the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Just WOW! I would defy any reader not to be blown away by this story. Even having read the synopsis and discussed this at length with the author beforehand, nothing prepared me for my first read of this story. I was emotionally in pieces, and have goosebumps right now even just THINKING about it! Kate's been writing contemporary women's fiction and historical WW2 fiction for Bookouture for some time - this book delivers in both genres - with a modern-day heroine discovering a devastating secret about her elderly father relating to WW2. It's downright incredible. Better than Jodi Picoult at her best, this book deserves to be a massive bestseller.

Retail Description

You love your father with all your heart. But what if he's not who you think he is? What if he's kept an unforgiveable secret from you his whole life?

Libby Trent believes she knows the difference between right and wrong. But everything changes when she finds out about a man named Hans Brenner, a Nazi who escaped Germany after the Second World War. A war criminal who has lived his whole life in hiding.

Because the man suspected of being Brenner is Libby's own beloved father.

The sweetest, gentlest man on earth. Who raised her alone, who lives in their family home. Who babysits Libby's own children.

Libby knows her father keeps a secret box in his bedroom. One which might contain evidence. But does she dare open it, if it could prove her father guilty of the most heinous crimes in history?

Because if she finds evidence, she won't just have to choose between right and wrong, she'll have to choose whether to betray her own father...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

'My goodness... An Emotional Rollercoaster. Heart wrenching. Twists that I didn't see coming, that had me literally yelling nooooooooooooo at my phone as I was reading.' Thoughts and Ramblings from a Crazy Person, ★★★★★

'So thought-provoking! I haven't read any accounts of the Hitler era that have been quite like this. Hannah's bravery is amazing!!! Loved this!' @bookreviewsandfun, ★★★★★

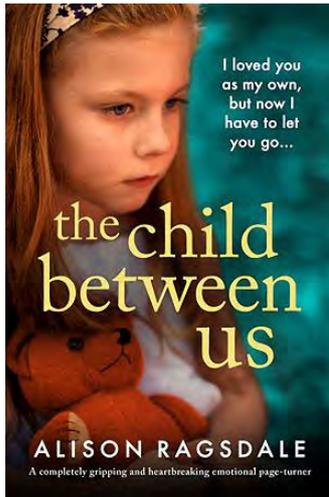
Author Biography

Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American expat, she lives in a small town on the Welsh border with her husband, five children, and their overly affectionate Golden Retriever. Whatever the genre, she enjoys telling stories that tackle real issues and touch people's lives.



Women's Fiction

360 pages | Pub Date 20/9/2022 | 9781803143859 | Unagented



The Child Between Us Alison Ragsdale

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish), Publish and More (Hungarian)

For fans of Kate Hewitt, Jodi Picoult and Diane Chamberlain

Alison's books have sold over 29,000 copies and her title 'Her Last Chance' was an Amazon UK Top 20 bestseller.

Editor's Note

Alison Ragsdale has done it again with this one, I challenge anyone to read this and not shed a tear or two! A totally heartbreaking dilemma paired with Alison's beautiful writing and gorgeous Scottish setting makes *The Child Between Us* a must-read. Cassie must pick up the pieces when her estranged twin sister passes away, but Isla had a secret she never shared: a five-year-old daughter, Marina. Marina becomes the light in Cassie's life, but something is very familiar about the little girl. Her aqua blue eyes and high forehead reminding her of the man who broke her heart six years ago... Is it possible Isla betrayed Cassie in the worst way?

Retail Description

My beautiful girl, you are my missing piece. You came into my life and changed everything, placing your warm little hand in mine, and looking up at me with your sky-blue eyes, so full of hope. Little did we know what lay ahead, but for a while at least, we had each other...

When I first met you, darling Marina, you were just five years old. You took my breath away, with your long, dark waves and pink cheeks. You needed me, and I instantly knew I'd do anything to protect you. When six years ago, my heart was shattered, I was left utterly broken – but I didn't know just how lost I was until you filled that hole in my heart.

You quickly became the centre of my world, your sweet laugh my favourite sound. But then things started to change... I put my pain down to work stress, but when the diagnosis came through it was worse than I could ever have imagined.

Our world is about to come crashing down around us, little one, and I don't know how to stop it. I've finally discovered the truth behind the betrayal that rocked me to my core all those years ago. The pain of my past could be the one thing that saves us – or tears us apart. We're just becoming a family, Marina, should I risk everything to trust the one person who hurt me? They could be your only hope. We only have each other... But if I don't make it, what will happen to you?

Reviews for Alison Ragsdale

★★★★★ 'WOW, WOW, WOW, what an emotional rollercoaster... I was glued to it... Tears pouring and my bin full of tissues... Really knows how to pull at your heartstrings.' @karen_loves_reading

★★★★★ 'Pulled on my heart strings!!!... You will need a box of tissues... It. Will. Give. You. All. The. Feels... I loved it and was instantly hooked from the very beginning... You just can't put it down!... Oh it just broke my heart in two!!' Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews

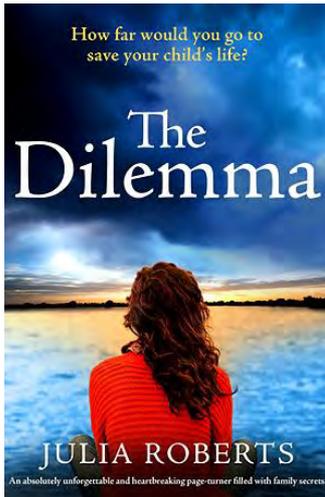
Author Biography

Alison Ragsdale is an Amazon bestselling author, and two-time IPPY Award winner. She writes emotional, contemporary fiction novels with a touch of Scotland. Her books are described as heart-wrenching tales of family dynamics and relationships. Alison lived and worked in eight countries before settling in the USA. She now lives near Washington D.C., with her husband and super-spoiled dog. She loves to read, spend time with family, throw parties with bagpipers involved, watch *So You Think You Can Dance*, and cook comfort food.



Women's Fiction

314 pages | Pub Date 28/9/2022 | 9781803146898 | Unagented



The Dilemma Julia Roberts

Jodi Picoult, Susan Lewis, Amanda Prowse

Julia Roberts has sold over 32,000 units for a revenue of over £32,000 in the last year

Editor's Note

Julia Roberts' two previous emotional women's fiction novels both hit the top 100 charts in the UK and have sold over 30,000 copies. Her writing deals with big, resonant issues - dementia, post-natal depression, all the big and small betrayals between friends, partners, and in families. In her latest novel, two women have to decide whether their family or the truth has a greater claim on them, a question made urgent when it becomes clear that a small child's life is at stake. Julia's books have hugely emotive reactions from readers, as she is dealing with issues many of us have had to face, in a way that combines deep emotional understanding with page-turning suspense. THE DILEMMA will make people cry, think, gasp, and question what they would do if something similar happened to them...

Retail Description

My child means everything to me. But saving his life means destroying my best friend's family...

I didn't plan to fall pregnant, but when I found out, I was overjoyed. Even though I'd be going it alone, I swore I'd give my baby everything they needed.

But I didn't know that the man I met on that sweltering summer night, the father of my child, was my best friend's husband.

I didn't know that my beautiful baby would be born with a rare illness, and desperately need a transplant.

Now, as I gaze into his wide and trusting eyes, I know the choice I have to make: for the sake of my precious little boy, I have to destroy my friend's happiness.

But when the truth comes out, what if saving my son means losing him forever?

Reviews for Julia Roberts

'Fabulous... Brilliant and heartbreaking... The twist was just OMG... I just couldn't read it fast enough. I wanted to finish it quickly but at the same time I never wanted it to end... Just stunning.' Postcard Reviews, ★★★★★

'Emotional, amazing... Phenomenal book!... Just blew me away and had me turning the pages! I couldn't turn fast enough... I can't love this enough and give it all the five stars!!!!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

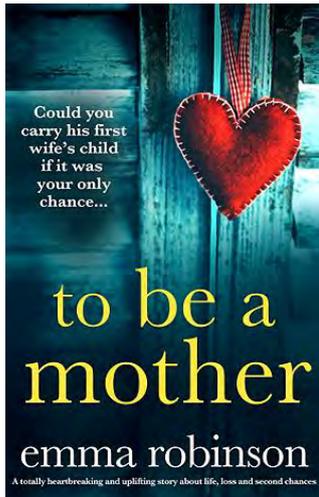
Author Biography

Julia was born in West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire, and began her career as a professional singer/dancer. Following roles as a hostess on The Price is Right and a member of the Beadle's About 'hit squad' in the 1980s, she became a TV Presenter and filmed features for Sky Sports before launching the QVC shopping channel in 1993 where she still presents today. Having always wanted to write, she penned her first book, a memoir sold on QVC, in 2013 and has since written seven full length novels, two novellas and several short stories.



Women's Fiction

272 pages | Pub Date 26/10/2022 | 9781803145280 | Unagented



To Be a Mother Emma Robinson

Previous Translation Publishers
Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), AST (Russian)

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Diane Chamberlain and Jojo Moyes

Author has sold over 250,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

I always have to invest in a box of tissues when Emma sends me her first drafts, because I know I'm going to cry! And this was no exception!!! It's TOTALLY heartbreaking and brilliant - about motherhood, marriage, loss, and the impossible dilemmas normal women might face. You find yourself in each character's shoes, constantly asking yourself what you would do in their situation. Emma is one of our best-reviewed authors, and that is simply because she writes so beautifully, and truly from the heart. This novel is absolutely unforgettable, and one to not miss!

Retail Description

When Hannah met David, it was love at first sight. They were married quickly, but she knew it was the right choice. They were always laughing, the passion was unmatched, and they wanted the same things. Most of all, they wanted a family.

For David, it was doubly important. He'd tragically lost his first wife, Katherine, several years before. He told Hannah that she was the person who saved him from his grief. Though his friends had been worried he was rebounding too fast, Hannah knew she was meant to be his happy-ever-after.

Even so, when Hannah discovers she can't have children, she's worried it will fracture their relationship. Family is so important to both of them. Surely, she reasons, there must be a way.

And then David tells her there is. Because before she died, Katherine had frozen her eggs. And there was a chance they could be used.

But – if it meant you could have the child you've always dreamed of – could you really carry your husband's first wife's baby?

Reviews for Emma Robinson

'OMG. OMG. OMG. The author made me cry. I still had a book hangover when I started writing this review. There was still a lingering lump in my throat all through the day.' Shalini's Books and Reviews, ★★★★★

'Oh my goodness, what a tear-jerker this beautiful book is!... It's very rare that a book will move me to tears, but this one did... Heartbreaking... Gorgeous... I just can't recommend it enough.' Sibzzreads, ★★★★★

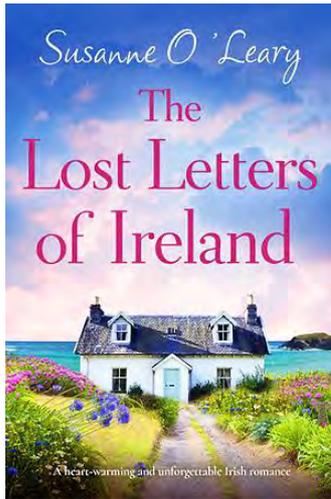
Author Biography

Emma Robinson thinks of herself as one of the 'Bridget Jones generation' – who are now grown up and having children – and writes novels for women who feel the same. She also has a blog, Motherhood for Slackers, which takes a humorous look at parenthood, and includes poems such as 'Dear Teacher' about her son starting school which has been shared around the world. Emma is an English teacher and lives in Essex with a patient husband and two children who are an endless source of material.



Women's Fiction

268 pages | Pub Date 11/10/2022 | 9781803143934 | Unagented



The Lost Letters of Ireland Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Fans of Mary Alice Monroe, Debbie Macomber and Sheila O'Flanagan

The Starlight Cottages series has sold over 145,000 copies, with the first in the series reaching the Amazon Top 40 in the UK and the Top

Editor's Note

This gorgeous story from Susanne O'Leary is full of heartwarming romance, and will sweep its readers away to a beautiful seaside town on the west coast of Ireland. The new novel in the Starlight Cottage series, this story follows Edwina as she looks to find a new start in the small, rural village of Sandy Cove. Susanne has sold over 380,000 copies of her novels with us here at Bookouture, and this is another uplifting romance to satisfy her women's fiction readers. This novel can be enjoyed as a standalone, or as part of a series.

Retail Description

A captivating story about long-lost family secrets that will whisk you away to the village of Sandy Cove on the gorgeous Irish coast.

Edwina is looking for a fresh start. So when a friend suggests she renovates a series of coastguard cottages in the tiny village of Sandy Cove, she wonders if the beautiful Irish seaside town might be her chance for a new beginning.

Soon after she arrives, Edwina meets Shane O'Flaherty, a charming local doctor, with whom she feels an instant connection. As the pair walk the streets of the picturesque village together, Edwina's feelings grow stronger, and she begins to wonder whether Sandy Cove might be the place she can finally call home.

But when Edwina discovers a message in a bottle, written twenty years ago and washed ashore at Wild Rose Bay, she is haunted by its contents. Touched by the heartbreaking letter, Edwina resolves to find the person who wrote it.

As she begins to uncover the identity of the person who wrote the letter all those years ago, everything Edwina thought she knew about Shane changes in an instant. Has she unearthed a secret that should never have come to light? And does her heart still lie in Sandy Cove?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'I felt like I was actually in Ireland, I could feel the coastal breeze from the Irish Sea upon my face. This phenomenal story will touch your heart and make you feel as if are part of Maggie's close circle of friends... I absolutely loved this.' PageTurners



'OMG! OMG!!!... I absolutely fell in love and it genuinely felt like I was packing my bags and being whisked away from my Irish holiday when I read the last page. Absolutely gorgeous!!!' Bookworm86



Author Biography

Susanne O'Leary is the bestselling author of more than twenty novels, mainly in the romantic fiction genre. She has also written three crime novels and two in the historical fiction genre. The wife of a former diplomat, she has also been a fitness teacher and a translator. She now writes full-time from either of two locations, a rambling house in County Tipperary, Ireland or a little cottage overlooking the Atlantic in Dingle, County Kerry. When she is not scaling the mountains of said counties, or doing yoga, she keeps writing, producing a book every six months.

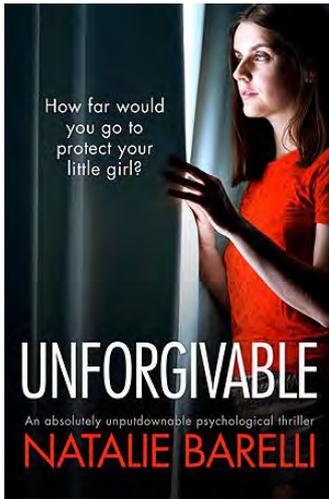


Women's Fiction

254 pages | Pub Date 20/10/2022 | 9781803147338 | Unagented

Starlight Cottages 5

Crime Thriller



Unforgivable Natalie Barelli

For fan of *The Girl on the Train*, *The Wife Between Us* and *The Other Wife*

An Amazon, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author

Editor's Note

In this follow-up to the hugely successful *Unfaithful*, which is still bringing in £300–£400 of revenue daily, 150 days after publication – Natalie delivers on another hooky, surprising and no-frills thriller with a plot that instantly sucks you in... and then spits you out the other side hours later. This is binge-reading at its best! Audio rights were sold for \$70,000 to Dreamscape.

Retail Description

Becoming a stepmother is the best thing that ever happened to me. My favorite part of every day is picking Charlie up from school, watching her little rucksack bounce behind her as she skips over for a hug. I love the feel of those thin freckled arms around my waist. After a few rocky months of panic attacks when her mother deserted her, Charlie is flourishing. But the day Charlie's mother Bronwyn returns without warning—showering Charlie with gifts and making promises she can't keep—fear ripples through me.

When I raise my concerns, no one wants to listen. I know I sound like the jealous new wife, but nothing is more important to me than Charlie's safety.

Me and Bronwyn have history. We both have dark secrets in our past, and I know the dangerous lengths she will go to get what she wants.

But Bronwyn doesn't know me as well as I know her.

She doesn't know just how far I will go to protect that little girl...

Reviews for Natalie Barelli

'OMG, my head has not stopped spinning... amazing... from the first letter until the last full stop. 5 stars!' B for Bookreview, ★★★★★

'Absolutely on the edge of my seat until the last page.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Natalie lives with her family in Australia, where she is forever thinking about new ways of killing people and getting away with it. Before writing full time, Natalie was an IT consultant. Favorite past time? Reading fabulous thrillers, otherwise known as research. And when she's not absorbed in the latest gripping page-turner, Natalie loves to cook, knits very badly and spends far too much time at her computer. Also she'd like to get a dog.





A Perfect Stranger Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

Muvelt Nep (Hungarian), Wydawnictwo Literackie (Polish), Eksmo (Russian) Weltbild, Hope Edizioni (Italian), Euromedia (Czech), Legendary Television (TV and Film), RAO Distributie (Romanian), Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of *Gone Girl*, *The Girl on the Train* and *Big Little Lies*

Over 1.8 million Shalini Boland thrillers sold

Editor's Note

Shalini Boland has sold over a million copies since her first publication with Bookouture in November 2017 and is a USA Today Bestseller several times over. Her books have generated over £2 million in revenue as well as regularly topping ebook bestseller charts.

A Perfect Stranger is an a nail-biting psychological thriller! Shalini reviews incredibly well, all of her novels are brilliantly plotted and readers love her relatable characters and the twists in her stories.

Retail Description

Two marriages. Three little lies. Someone's going to die...

I hold my breath as my handsome husband walks through the door. I've planned the perfect surprise birthday party for him. Our friends are gathered and the champagne is flowing. But when I catch the look in his deep brown eyes, I realise I've got this horribly wrong.

Then I see her. Danielle Baines. She's the sort of ultra-polished woman who demands to be the centre of attention. I've never liked her. And I know the feeling is mutual. So why is she here? All evening my stomach is churning. I'm desperate to smooth things over with Aiden as I can't face another argument. And yet I can't help but notice how careful he is to avoid Danielle...

Now it's the end of the party and the man I love is confessing a secret that shocks me to the core. But it's not what I was afraid of. It's much worse. He says we're in danger. He tells me we have to leave with our son. Turn our backs on the life we've built here and start again.

I thought I knew everything about my husband. But suddenly he feels like a stranger. Should I trust him? And if I don't, how can I protect my family?

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'Wow, just WOW!... brilliant... deliciously twisty and unexpected endings!... just read it, you won't be sorry! I would give it 6 stars if I could!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Oh my gosh so many twist and turns!... great from start to ending! Wow! Amazing!' @tea_pastry_and_pages, ★★★★★

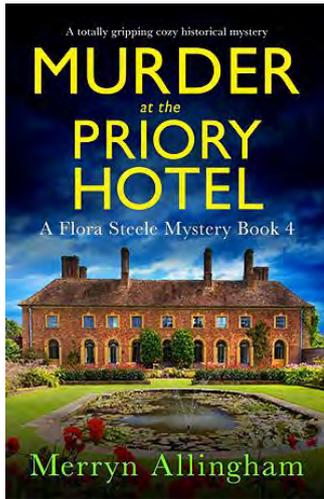
Author Biography

Shalini lives in Dorset, England with her husband, two children and Jess their cheeky terrier cross. Before kids, she was signed to Universal Music Publishing as a singer songwriter, but now she spends her days writing suspense thrillers (in between school runs and hanging out endless baskets of laundry).



Crime Thriller

260 pages | Pub Date 11/7/2022 | 9781803143552 | Unagented



Murder at the Priory Hotel Merryn Allingham

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Joy Ellis

Over 55,000 copies sold, UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

Murder at the Priory Hotel is the third novel in Merryn Allingham's bestselling cosy crime series set in Sussex in the 1950s, featuring book shop owner Flora Steele and crime writer Jack Carrington.

The first book in the series, The Bookshop Murder, hit the US Top 20 Amazon Kindle chart and was also a UK Top 100 bestseller.

Retail Description

Sussex, 1957: When Flora Steele and handsome crime writer Jack Carrington attend the grand re-opening of the Priory Hotel in the beautiful little village of Abbeymead, their day out is cut short when the flame-haired female singer in the band suddenly drops dead before their eyes.

Flora is stunned by the unexpected turn of events and immediately deduces foul play. Beverly Russo was a spirited young woman with a big voice and Flora is determined to get to the bottom of her untimely demise – especially as the detective sergeant leading the investigation is so hopeless. The first clue in the extraordinary case is Beverly's missing ruby ring...

As Flora makes her enquiries, she discovers that Beverly wasn't everyone's cup of tea and there's more than one person in Abbeymead who had reason to dislike her. But who had the biggest motive: Beverly's former beau Tommy May, jealous love rival Sally Jenner, or the local doctor who seems to be up to no good...

Then one of the suspects is found dead in the woods near the Priory Hotel. The murder weapon – a musical instrument. As the investigation reaches a high note, Flora knows she must find the culprit and make them face the music before anyone else is hurt. But will Flora's tenacity put a dangerous spotlight on both her and Jack?

Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Amazing... a top-notch cosy mystery... an engaging, intelligent and intriguing murder mystery that I found totally absorbing.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I absolutely love this book! I was so captivated... I could not put this book down... I read this book in one sitting!... amazing.' @thenerdandherbooks, ★★★★★

Author Biography

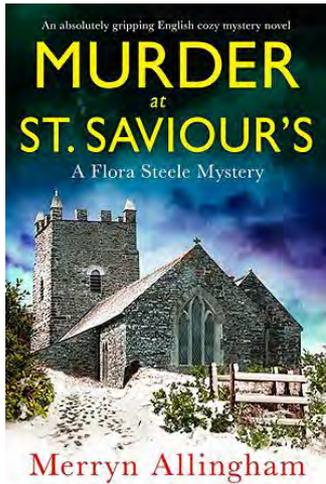
Merryn taught university literature for many years, and it took a while to pluck up the courage to begin writing herself. Bringing the past to life is a passion and her historical fiction includes Regency romances, wartime sagas and timeslip novels, all of which have a mystery at their heart. As the books have grown darker, it was only a matter of time before she plunged into crime with a cosy crime series set in rural Sussex against the fascinating backdrop of the 1950s.



Crime Thriller

256 pages | Pub Date 8/7/2022 | 9781803145129 | Unagented

A Flora Steele Mystery 4



Murder at St Saviour's Merryn Allingham

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Joy Ellis

Over 55,000 copies sold, UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

Murder at St. Saviour's is the fifth novel in Merryn Allingham's bestselling cosy crime series set in the fictional village of Abbeymead in Sussex in the 1950s, featuring book shop owner Flora Steele and crime writer Jack Carrington.

The first book in the series, The Bookshop Murder, hit the US Top 20 Amazon Kindle chart and was also a UK Top 100 bestseller. The series is going from strength to strength and we've received incredible reviews as well as pre-orders of over 2,500 copies on the last book. The titles are performing well in promotions.

Retail Description

Sussex, 1957: When Flora and her partner-in-crime-solving, Jack, arrive at the charming church of St Saviour's the last thing they're expecting to find is the curate, Lyle Beaumont, lifeless on the flagstone floor beneath the belltower, with a mysterious note in his hand.

Flora is dismayed to find the poor curate dead. But she can't help being intrigued by the eclectic mix of bell ringers present at the old church – Mr Preece, the local butcher, Dilys Fuller, the busybody postmistress, and Stephen Henshall, a newcomer to the close-knit community. Any one of them could be the culprit – and Flora needs to act fast before someone gets away with murder...

When Flora and Jack begin their sleuthing, they quickly realise all is not what it seems with the victim, and the certainty of the dead man's identity becomes the first twist in the investigation.

Just as they're getting closer to the answer, the death of one of the suspects changes everything. As a series of unexplained accidents unfolds across the village, it seems no-one who was present at the church on the night of the curate's demise is safe.

Has the bell tolled on Flora and Jack's detective days? And will they work out the truth in time to save themselves?

Reviews for Merryn Allingham

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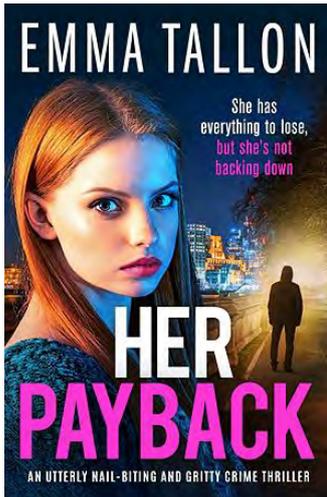
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Crime Thriller

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A Flora Steele Mystery 5



Her Payback Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole and Kimberley Chambers

The Drew Family series has sold over 38,000 copies, and is an Amazon Top 50 UK bestselling series.

Editor's Note

This is the fourth book in the bestselling new series from the Queen of Gangland crime, Emma Tallon. The Drew family are at their most vulnerable -with a rival firm taking over some of their business interests and a mole in the family, Lily and Scarlett prepare for the fight of their lives. The first book in this series, Her Revenge, has sold over 12k copies and went straight into the UK top 100 on publication day. Readers are loyal within this genre and already love the cast in this new series.

Retail Description

Scarlet Drew is sailing dangerously close to the wind with her new police detective boyfriend, John. Not everyone agrees with their illicit relationship, but so far they've managed to keep it a secret from anyone outside the family. If only her nemesis, cousin Ruby, wasn't still hanging around, life would be perfect.

Lily Drew is keeping a watchful eye on the building tension between Ruby and Scarlet – the last thing she needs is a war breaking out inside the family. But when people start going missing from a local boxing ring with close connections to the Drews, it puts the family back on the police's radar and her worst nightmare is realised. With the police now watching their every move, it's only a matter of time before the situation takes a dark turn.

As Lily tries to regain control, another person disappears from the boxing ring, and this time it's a Drew. Ruby finally has a chance to prove her loyalty to the family, but she'll have to get over her rivalry with Scarlet first. Will the bitterness between the two cousins get in the way of saving one of their own? And just how long can Scarlet keep her relationship a secret before their entire world comes crashing down around them?

Reviews for Emma Tallon

'Oh my God... I was gasping, wiping tears away, holding my breath.' B for Bookreview ★★★★★

'Twisty, jet-fuelled thriller that explodes on page one and has you abandoning work, sleep and life as you race to get to the stunning end... I was immediately hooked... Whirlwind of a thriller! I loved it.' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Emma Tallon is a British writer and mother to a young son. She started her writing career several years ago, as a freelance ghostwriter. Behind the scenes she has crafted some of the most adventurous, edgy and heart-wrenching stories you will find in bookshops today. More recently, Emma decided to step out of the literary shadows and launch the first novel under her own name, Life Game. Emma has plans for several more books in the London Underworld series.



Crime Thriller

324 pages | Pub Date 15/7/2022 | 9781803142982 | Unagented

The Drew Family Series 4



Do I Really Know You? Sheryl Browne

Previous Translation Publishers
Euromedia (Czech), Garzanti (Italian), Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal (Polish)

For fans of *The Girl on the Train*, *Gone Girl* and *The Wife*

Sheryl Browne's psychological thrillers have sold over 600,000 copies and reached the top 10 in the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Sheryl Browne is a bestselling psychological thriller author, with consistently high reviews on Amazon. She has 22 top 100 chart rankings across her books, and *The Affair* reached 6 in the US charts. This is a UK-set psychological thriller about a group of adult friends, who have known each other since school. When one of the friends commits suicide, the rest of the group must look amongst them to work out what happened, and indeed if their friend really took her own life - or is there a killer among them?

Retail Description

When the police knock on my door to tell me that my best friend Kiara has taken her life, my world shatters.

Ever since we met at university along with my husband, Nathan and her ex-husband David, the four of us have been inseparable. I can't believe that, suddenly, she's not here. The police say that Kiara fell from the balcony of her small, pristine apartment. But I refuse to accept that she jumped.

I thought I knew Kiara better than anyone. But I soon find out my friend was keeping some big secrets. Talking to her ex-husband, David, I'm shocked. Was she really having an affair, like he claims?

Searching for evidence, I let myself into her apartment. My heart races as I find her diary and I read the name of her last appointment – Nathan. Why would she be meeting with my husband? And why didn't he tell me?

It soon becomes clear that everyone around me has been hiding the truth, and when the police call again and ask me to look at security camera footage from the night Kiara died, fear floods through me as I recognise her final visitor. Can I trust anyone in my life? And if someone did push Kiara that night, could I be next?

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

'Wow! Sheryl Browne knocks it out of the park!... A huge five star read.' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

'Brilliant... I devoured this book... A definite must-read.' Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Sheryl Browne writes psychological thriller and edgy contemporary fiction. A member of the Crime Writers' Association, Romantic Novelists' Association and awarded a Red Ribbon by The Wishing Shelf Book Awards, Sheryl has several books published and two short stories in Birmingham City University anthologies, where she completed her MA in Creative Writing.



Crime Thriller

248 pages | Pub Date 19/7/2022 | 9781803143286 | Unagented



Her First Child Sheryl Browne

Previous Translation Publishers
Euromedia (Czech), Garzanti (Italian), Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal (Polish)

For fans of *The Girl on the Train*, *Gone Girl* and *The Wife*

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Retail Description

Staring at the tiny baby she's just been handed, Eve is in awe of her baby son, and vows in that moment to be the best parent she can be, which means being the total opposite of her own mother.

Eve has tried her whole life to forget her own childhood and her mother, Lydia. Ever since her brother Jacob died from a childhood illness, Lydia has blamed Eve, and neither woman has been able to talk Jacob or what really happened the day he died... When Eve's baby is just a few months old, she answers the phone and the voice at the other end makes her almost drop baby Kai, who is sleeping in her arms.

'Hello Mother', she says to the quiet voice at the other end of the line, her heart pounding in her chest and her grip tightening on her son's tiny frame.

As Lydia becomes more involved in Eve's life, Eve is unsure whether she can trust her mother alone with her son. Is Lydia really there to make amens with her daughter and move on from what happened all those years ago? Or does she have another motive in getting close to Eve's perfect family?

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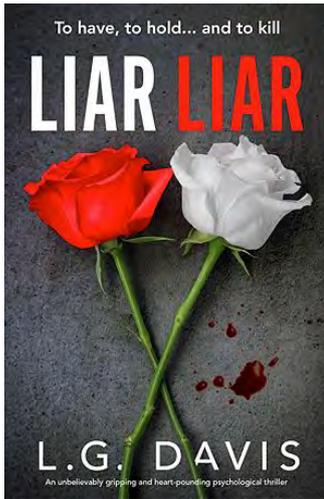
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Crime Thriller

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Liar Liar L.G. Davis

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Samantha Downing, Lisa Jewell, Gillian Flynn and Louise Candlish

L.G. Davis is a chart-topping, bestselling psychological thriller author.

Editor's Note

I could not be more excited to bring L.G. Davis to Bookouture with this spine-tingling, nail-biting novel. Every page is brimming with suspense and readers will be racing to the conclusion, utterly unable to put this down!

Retail Description

He promised to keep my secrets. He never told me his...

My husband and I are the dream couple: deeply in love, the envy of all our friends. He surprises me with roses and a beautiful diamond ring, and I prepare picnics for us to enjoy in the sunshine with our adorable son. It's gestures like this that keep our romance alive.

But nobody knows how frightened I am at night. Oliver promised he'd keep me safe, but strange things have started to happen in my home.

My son is convinced that someone was in his room, watching him while he slept. And the white lantern on our porch has been smashed. One evening I could swear there's a shadowy figure watching me through the window, lurking across the street. As I triple check that the doors are locked and kiss my son goodnight, I'm terrified that someone knows what happened before we moved here, and that soon everything I love will be taken away...

Then Oliver comes home with blood on his hands on the same night our neighbour, one of my closest friends, goes missing. And I realise I am not the only one hiding a terrible secret.

Reviews for L.G. Davis

'HOLY CRAP WOW... This was spectacular. Amazing. Wonderful. Beyond perfection wow. I am completely swept by everything... STUNNING. Wow. Did NOT see the ending coming.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'OMG!!! It was BREATHTAKING... perfection.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

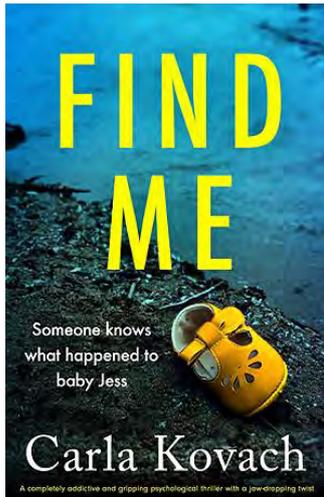
Author Biography

Liz's story began in a refugee camp in Angola, where she spent the first eight years of her life. After that, she spent some years in Namibia (her home country), South Africa, and Germany. She now lives in Vienna, Austria, with her husband and two children. Liz wrote her first full-length novel at eighteen and hid it in a box under her bed. Several others soon followed it. Her passion lies in writing edge-of-the-seat psychological thrillers that give readers the same rush they would get on a rollercoaster.



Crime Thriller

290 pages | Pub Date 22/7/2022 | 9781803146683 | Unagented



Find Me Carla Kovach

Previous Translation Publishers
Boekerij (Dutch), Computer Media (Czech), Virtualo (Polish)

For fans of Gone Girl, The Girl on the Train and The Wife Between Us

Carla Kovach has sold over 500,000 copies sold in the Detective Gina Hart series and is a top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

Carla reviews consistently well, with crime readers engaging with Gina Harte and enjoying Carla's fast paced storytelling. This is Carla's first psychological thriller and it has a great twist! Following the story of Kate and her unrelenting quest to find out what happened to her baby sister when she disappeared on a family holiday by the sea, the book takes a dark turn when history repeats itself and Kate unwittingly takes her family right back to the scene of the crime. This is a gripping book for fans of Mark Edwards, Lisa Jewell and Claire Douglas.

Retail Description

The morning of the anniversary of Jess's disappearance starts like every other for her sister Kate – a rushed school run, a cold cup of coffee and a quick scan of the news for updates. But when her phone beeps with a message from an unknown number, everything changes.

I know what happened to Jess.

Finally, Kate's a step closer to getting answers to the questions that have tormented her for so long. Why was her mother so angry that day? How did her father sleep through his own daughter's abduction? And when the police car came screeching towards the pier, how is it that nobody saw a single thing?

As she drives her young family to the seaside town to meet the mystery messenger, she feels uneasy. Who are they and why did they reach out now? But before Kate finds out, history repeats itself and her world is turned upside down once more.

Then Kate receives one final, terrifying message... will her pursuit of the truth cost the lives of everyone she has ever loved?

Reviews for Carla Kovach

'Wow!!!! Loved!!!! Shocked!!!! Twisted!!!!... You are in for a real treat... I couldn't believe what I was reading. That ending was crazy and I was left speechless.' Blue Moon Blogger ★★★★★

'I could not put this down.' NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

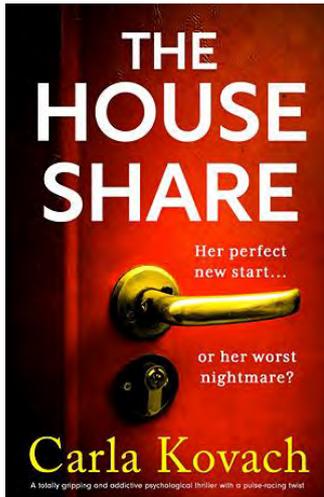
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Crime Thriller

314 pages | Pub Date 14/7/2022 | 9781803143262 | Unagented



The Houseshare Carla Kovach

Previous Translation Publishers
Boekerij (Dutch), Computer Media (Czech), Virtualo (Polish)

For fans of *Gone Girl* and Mark Edwards's *Here to Stay*

Carla Kovach has sold over 500,000 copies sold in the Detective Gina Hart series and is a top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is a knock out UK-set psychological thriller from bestselling crime author Carla Kovach. Libby has moved into a new flat and she's keen for a new start away from her own dark past. But when she meets the other residents in her new apartment block, her life takes a dark turn. Who is the reclusive neighbour who lives downstairs and why does he only ever leave during the night? And can she really trust her overly-friendly new landlord? As she navigates her new life, her old one comes back to haunt her. This is an absolutely unputdownable thriller with a heart-stopping twist - perfect for fans of Mark Edwards, Lisa Jewell and Claire Douglas.

Retail Description

Behind closed doors is a secret someone is willing to kill for.

I walk into the bright, open living room of my new apartment, and I know this is the fresh start I've been dreaming about. As I double lock my pretty red door each night, I feel like I can finally be happy. I can finally be safe.

But when I'm woken one night by the sound of my neighbours arguing through the wall. I swear I hear one of them saying my name. Why would they be talking about me?

Michaela and Kirsty seem so nice, always stopping to chat when we pass in the hallway, and inviting me round for a glass of wine after work.

I know I'm being paranoid, but then my favourite hair clip goes missing and I start to feel like someone's watching me.

Nobody was meant to know where I am. And I was careful. I did everything right. But I can't help but fear my past has caught up with me and this time, I might not escape...

Reviews for Carla Kovach

'Wow... Phenomenal... A brilliant page-turning psychological thriller... I devoured this book in a day.' Goodreads reviewer



'Omg! I love it... Pulls you in and drags you along for the ride... You may lose sleep as it's always just one more chapter!'

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Crime Thriller

294 pages | Pub Date 16/8/2022 | 9781803145488 | Unagented



Her Deadly Promise Carla Kovach

Previous Translation Publishers
Boekerij (Dutch), Computer Media (Czech), Virtualo (Polish)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Carla Kovach has sold over 500,000 copies sold in the Detective Gina Hart series and is a top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is the twelfth book in the Detective Gina Harte series. With over 500,000 copies sold across the series, readers love this dark and thrilling UK-set crime series. The first in the series, *The Next Girl*, has sold over 200k copies and spent five weeks at the top of the UK Apple charts on publication. Carla reviews consistently well, with crime readers engaging with Gina Harte and enjoying Carla's fast paced storytelling.

Retail Description

Church Street is a quiet corner of suburbia where happy families play in the local park and neighbours smile as they pass each other in the street. But behind the door of number 8 lies the body of Billie, a young mum who just took her last breath.

Nathan is Billie's boyfriend. He was last seen leaving her house after a screaming argument. He said he'd make her pay for what she had done...

Shaun is Billie's ex-husband. She walked out on him months ago, taking his son with her in the dead of night. He's been searching for his ex-wife's new home ever since...

Nadia is Billie's best friend. They have been friends since school and she knows her deepest, darkest secret. She said she'd never tell, but after their last fight, she told someone what Billie had done...

When the police find Billie's phone, they uncover an explosive message from an anonymous number. I want you dead and I'm going to kill you tonight. Who sent the message? And who will be next?

Reviews for Carla Kovach

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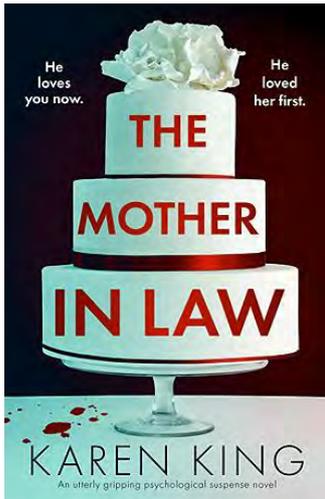
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Crime Thriller

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The Mother-in-Law Karen King

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Shalini Boland, Shari Lapena, and The Woman in the Window

Karen King has sold over 100,000 copies to date and reached the Amazon UK Kindle top 50

Editor's Note

100% one not to miss. In fact, I defy any fan of psychological thrillers not to be TOTALLY gripped right from the opening scene of this novel – where a young bride has her wedding sabotaged, very possibly by her brand new mother-in-law. It's just the most fantastic psychological suspense, about a mother's borderline-obsessive love for her son, a young bride who is fiercer than she looks, and a whole host of family secrets. I am SO excited to be publishing it.

Retail Description

Today is my wedding day. And I don't know if I'll make it out alive...

As I put my beautiful white wedding dress on, I try not to ignore my fears. I look in the mirror and feel more beautiful than I ever have before. I know marrying Sam is the right choice. He's the best thing that's ever happened to me.

I reach for my bright yellow roses, and I force myself to be as cheerful and sunny as those flowers. I won't dwell on everything that's happened recently – ever since we agreed to stay with his parents for the weeks ahead of the wedding.

Glancing down at my sparkling engagement ring, I pretend to myself I can forget about the 'accidents' I keep having, that I can't believe are coincidental. Or about his mother's barbed comments, and the dark looks she gives me.

And, just for today, while I walk down the aisle towards the man of my dreams, while I say 'I do', I'll try to put the secret I know about the family I am marrying into right out of my mind.

Even though that's one secret that – if I was my soon-to-be mother-in-law – I might just kill to keep...

Reviews for Karen King

'HOLY SMOKES! What the heck did I just read? This book is every level of crazy ... in all the right ways... What I loved about this book? Everything... Fantastic.' @Karentalksbooks ★★★★★

'Will have you reading until the early hours of the morning (trust me, I'm speaking from experience)... Without a shadow of doubt, this is one of the best storylines I've read in a very long time... Phenomenal!' @onmybookshelf ★★★★★

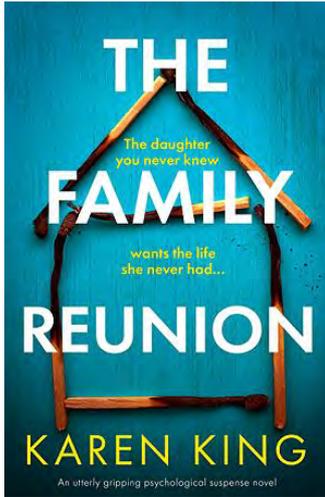
Author Biography

Karen King was born in Birmingham and has always enjoyed reading and writing. A multi-published author of children's books and romantic fiction, her rom-com *The Cornish Hotel by the Sea* became an international Amazon bestseller. She is delighted to now be part of the Bookouture team. She now lives in Spain and intends to spend her time writing romances while her husband, Dave, grows vegetables and tends to the zillions of fruit trees on their land – when she isn't sunbathing or swimming in the pool, that is.



Crime Thriller

266 pages | Pub Date 29/7/2022 | 9781803142197 | Unagented



The Family Reunion Karen King

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Mark Edwards and KL Slater

Karen King has sold over 100,000 copies to date and reached the
Amazon UK Kindle top 50

Editor's Note

Karen King is fast-becoming the QUEEN of the hook! Inspired by the wildly popular stories in the media of adopted children being reunited with their birth families, this imagines a situation where a mother tracks down the daughter she gave up as a baby. But she also finds that no-one is as happy about the situation - including her new daughter - as those sorts of shows would have you believe. It's UTTERLY gripping, page-turning, and jaw-dropping, with a twist you absolutely won't see coming.

Retail Description

The daughter you never knew... wants the life she never had.

There's always been something missing in my perfect family. Someone missing.

Nobody knows about the terrible thing that happened when I was a teenager. Nor about the tiny, fragile baby girl who I couldn't look after, who I left with a scrawled note tucked into her soft, pink babygro, saying her name was Hope.

I've never forgotten my secret daughter though, never escaped the guilt. Even if, until now, my attempts to find her have failed. But now she's made contact. And I'm ready to meet the missing piece of our family.

My family all seem accept her with open arms, their forgiveness a blessing I barely deserve. And I dare to believe that maybe we are all going to have a happy ending after all.

But nothing is as it seems. And little do I know it, but by the time of the big family reunion I've planned for my birthday, my perfect life will come crashing down...

Reviews for Karen King

'WOW! What a thrill ride! I simply devoured this book in a matter of hours not knowing who was lying, who was telling the truth... Holy moly, this is one addictive read!!... I was left breathless throughout... and by the time I read those final words... I was speechless.' Confessions of a Bookaholic, 5 stars

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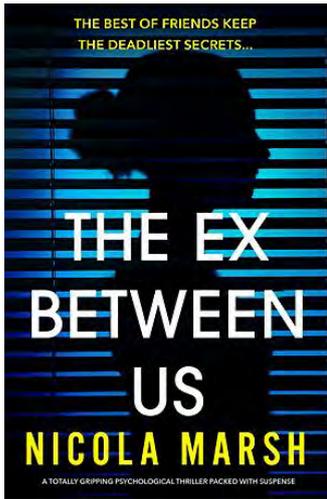
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Crime Thriller

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The Ex Between Us Nicola Marsh

Previous Translation Publishers
Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of KL Slater, *The Wife Between Us* and *Gone Girl*

USA Today bestselling author, Nicola's previous title, *The Liar Next Door*, has sold over 19,000 copies and reached #51 in the UK Kindle bestsellers chart.

Editor's Note

Nicola Marsh is the Queen of the twisty domestic suspense and with her latest thriller *THE EX BETWEEN US*, she delves into the dark world of toxic friendships. When Abi and Jo were teenagers in high school, they were inseparable but when Abi committed the worst betrayal, sleeping with her best friend's high school crush, Jo never forgot it. Nearly twenty years later, the women are still close friends and appear to have put the past firmly behind them. But when it becomes clear that the two friends are both being threatened, it seems that someone from their past wants to be a dangerous part of their present. I read this in one breathless sitting and by the end, I was questioning just how much we know about those that are closest to us. This is the perfect read for fans of Liane Moriarty, Sally Hepworth and T.M. Logan.

Retail Description

For as long as I can remember my best friend Abi has been in love with Cal and I could not have been happier for her. What started as a crush in high school, blossomed into the birth of their son and now, even though they are separated, the chemistry between them is undeniable.

Or so Abi thinks. Because for years I've seen the way Cal's eyes wander, the way our female friends flirt around him, the glint in his eye when he sees me. I know it goes beyond just good friends and deep down I'm filled with guilt.

But as I begin to get a little closer to Cal, the threats land at my door, telling me to stay away from him. It seems I'm not the only one chasing a happily ever after. When Abi comes to me terrified and clutching a note saying "I want your life," I know what I have to do.

Someone wants to take everything I love away from me. But they have no idea how far I'll go to get what I want.

Reviews for Nicola Marsh

'I couldn't put it down... Amazing! Clear your schedule with this book because once the pages start turning you will never want this book to end.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Will keep you awake and keep you at the edge of the seat!... The twisted end made my day!... If you are looking for a thriller that will keep you on the edge, then this book is one for you - worth five stars!' Tropical Girl Reads, ★★★★★

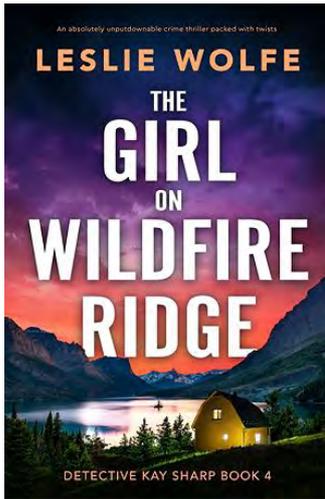
Author Biography

USA TODAY bestseller and multi-award winner Nicola Marsh has published 68 novels and sold over 8 million copies worldwide. She currently writes rural romance for Harper Collins Australia, emotional domestic suspense for Bookouture and contemporary romance for Harlequin Dare. She's also a Waldenbooks, Bookscan, Amazon, and Barnes & Noble bestseller, a RBY (Romantic Book of the Year) and National Readers' Choice Award winner. A physiotherapist for thirteen years, she now writes full time.



Crime Thriller

316 pages | Pub Date 12/8/2022 | 9781803146768 | Unagented



The Girl on Wildfire Ridge Leslie Wolfe

Previous Translation Publishers

Alma Dos Livros (Portuguese), Euromedia (Czech), Orman Kitap (Turkish)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Robert Dugoni and Kendra Elliot

Fourth in the Detective Kay Sharp series which has sold over 69,000 copies to date. The series has over 48M KU pages read.

Editor's Note

Leslie Wolfe is back with another rip-roaring thriller – dare I say it, her best yet! *The Girl on Wildfire Ridge* combines a supremely atmospheric setting, a shocking, jaw-dropping and twist-packed narrative, a perfectly plotted police investigation, and an emotional, psychological insight into a family and all their secrets. This makes for an explosive, taut and utterly gripping read – the true definition of a page-turner!

Retail Description

On a hot summer's day, the sleepy town of Mount Chester is thrown into turmoil when seventeen-year-old local girl Jenna goes missing. Within hours, the case takes an agonizing turn when her body is discovered in the isolated mountains.

Detective Kay Sharp rushes to the scene, hiking to the base of Wildfire Ridge. From markings on the body, it's clear that she was brutally murdered. Near the victim, Kay finds a butterfly-shaped hair clip with a set of fingerprints that could be a vital clue.

In the hunt for the truth, Kay turns the small town upside down. She learns that Jenna changed dramatically over the past months, no longer the popular girl who always wore a smile on her face. Kay is certain whatever happened to Jenna recently must be the key to her death.

When forensics from the butterfly hair clip comes back, the fingerprints don't match Jenna's. Then Kay makes a breakthrough that turns her blood to ice. Jenna was in contact with someone linked to Kay's own past—and the secret she has spent the last sixteen years burying. If the truth comes out, it could destroy her.

With the clock ticking, and every minute critical, Kay is up against the toughest case of her career. Can she risk everything to confront the past she has been running from, and save another innocent girl before it's too late?

Reviews for Leslie Wolfe

'Woah! The pace is relentless... Pretty dang amazing. Another brilliant read in the series... Fantastic... The twists and turns were so gripping I was glued to my Kindle. This book starts with a bang and kept me hooked until the very end... Definitely gave me goosebumps... It really is a nail-biting read... an outstanding story, and my heart was in my mouth.' @rubie_reads ★★★★★

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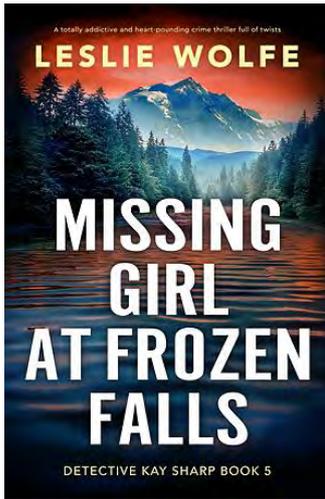
Leslie Wolfe is a bestselling author whose novels break the mold of traditional thrillers. Leslie Wolfe lives in Florida with her husband, 'the Wolfe', and their dog. She enjoys engaging with her readers every day, exchanging emails and Facebook postings.



Crime Thriller

338 pages | Pub Date 3/8/2022 | 9781803147048 | Unagented

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Missing Girl at Frozen Falls Leslie Wolfe

Previous Translation Publishers

Alma Dos Livros (Portuguese), Euromedia (Czech), Orman Kitap (Turkish)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Robert Dugoni and Kendra Elliot

Fifth in the Detective Kay Sharp series which has sold over 130,000 copies to date. The series has over 59 M KU pages read.

Editor's Note

Leslie Wolfe returns with her most complex, knotty and layered novel yet! I was completely glued to this page-turner, and genuinely didn't want to put it down. In this supremely gripping novel, we have two fascinating cases that are seemingly unrelated – two mystifying murders that Leslie brings together beautifully. This double whammy of intricately layered cases comes together for maximum impact – pure genius! It makes for an emotional, poignant and totally addictive read.

Retail Description

On a crisp autumn day in the small town of Mount Chester, Detective Kay Sharp comes face-to-face with the past she has spent the last decade running from. Her ex-husband, Brian, has been accused of murder.

Seeing Brian brings a flood of painful memories—he betrayed her in the worst possible way. Yet despite her heartbreak, Kay is willing to put her career on the line to prove his innocence.

Brian is accused of killing Kay's former best friend, Rachel—the woman he cheated on Kay with, getting her pregnant. The blood drains from Kay's face; she received a voicemail from Rachel two days ago. "I hope you'll forgive me," she'd said, her voice fraught with tears. "I know I have no right, but I need you." Kay's stomach plummets. By the time she called back, Rachel was already dead. Could Brian really be the murderer?

Kay faces pressure from her crime team, who don't want her working on an investigation so close to home. But she's willing to risk everything—she vows to get justice for Rachel.

When Kay visits Rachel's mother, she uncovers a heart-stopping discovery that makes the case even more critical: Rachel's eight-year-old daughter, Holly, is missing. Could the little girl still be alive?

Reviews for Leslie Wolfe

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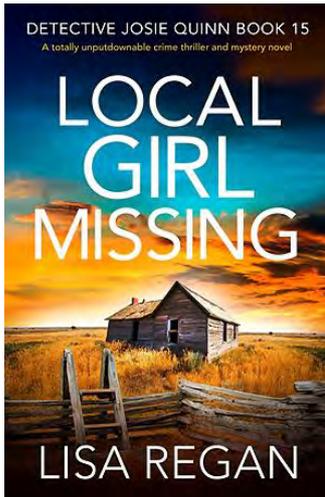
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Crime Thriller

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Local Girl Missing Lisa Regan

Previous Translation Publishers

Weltbild (German), Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), Grada (Czech & Slovakian), Kariera Press (Russian), Publicat (Polish), Sofoklis (Lithuanian), Meulenhoff Boekerij (Dutch)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

The Detective Josie Quinn series has sold over 2.6 million copies. Lisa Regan is a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author.

Editor's Note

Lisa hasn't written a "missing child" thriller since *HER SILENT CRY*, one of the standout performers of the series. After making Josie face some really tough and layered procedural cases in the last few books, Lisa has delivered a totally nail-biting cat and mouse chase as Josie fights to protect a teenage girl in her custody who is the target of a twisted killer. Buckle-up for an absolutely hair-raising rollercoaster ride that you will read in one sitting!

Retail Description

On a winding mountain road into the small town of Denton, Pennsylvania, Detective Josie Quinn finds the body of a local teenage girl, Dina Hale. The sight of plum-colored bruises gathering around the girl's neck pierces Josie's heart, but the discovery of a second girl's empty purse in the dirt nearby gives her a flicker of hope that one person, at least, made a lucky escape.

Dina's parents are grief-stricken as the town rallies together in a desperate search for the second girl, Alison Mills, who waitressed with Dina at a local hotel. The two best friends were on their way to a shift when they were attacked. Josie was too late to save Dina, but she won't rest until Alison is home safe.

Hitting a dead-end with interviews, Josie thinks she's on to something when a photo surfaces suggesting Alison was romantically involved with one of the hotel staff. But when Josie arrives at the man's house to find a bullet in his head, and the house ransacked, the case comes crashing down.

Evidence of frantic searching at both crime scenes has Josie convinced a twisted killer is on a hunt for something very personal and precious. And that they won't stop until they find it. But how many innocent lives will be destroyed before Josie can uncover the missing piece at the heart of this deadly puzzle? And what sacrifices will she have to make to find Alison alive?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

'Loving this series!!! A pulse-pounding, absolutely gripping and totally addictive page-turner that will have you racing through the pages and reeling at the twists. Hold on to your hat, and don't kid yourself that you'll be doing anything other than reading on the day that you start this one... Top marks!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

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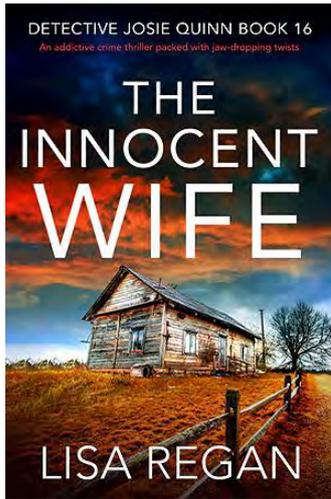
Lisa Regan is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master of Education Degree from Bloomsburg University. She is a member of Sisters In Crime, Mystery Writers of America and International Thriller Writers. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and daughter.



Crime Thriller

408 pages | Pub Date 11/8/2022 | 9781803145396 | Unagented

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The Innocent Wife Lisa Regan

Previous Translation Publishers

Weltbild (German), Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), Grada (Czech), Kariera Press (Russian)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

The Detective Josie Quinn series has sold over 2.6 million copies. Lisa Regan is a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author.

Editor's Note

A playful and devious serial killer is out for revenge in this totally twisted crime thriller from a million copy bestseller. In this instalment, the killer is pulling all the strings and Detective Josie Quinn must get one step ahead to save an innocent life. **OUTSTANDING.**

Retail Description

When Denton's most loved TV presenter returns home to find his wife dead at the dining table, it shatters the close-knit community. Beautiful and absolutely besotted with each other, Beau and Claudia Collins were idolized for being the perfect couple. But the devastating scene Detective Josie Quinn finds in their remote hideaway has her asking what dark secrets lurk beneath the surface of this seemingly flawless marriage?

Beau is grief-stricken by the loss of his kind-hearted wife who gave so much to others as a therapist, but Josie needs to know the significance of the small wooden puzzle box found clutched in Claudia's hand. A prop in a popular game Beau played with his viewers to test the strength of their relationships, is it a twisted calling card, or a challenge from the killer?

The broken body of one of Beau and Claudia's assistants is found next day, a matching little box left in the dirt beside her. It's clear that if Beau doesn't start telling the truth about the flaws in his marriage, those dearest to him will die.

Caught in a cat and mouse chase with disturbing revelations and a mounting body count at every turn, Josie and her team work night and day to keep Beau's loved ones safe. What kind of calculating monster would do this? A faded newspaper article about a tragic accident is the break Josie desperately needs. But she may already be too late, an innocent child is in danger...

Reviews for Lisa Regan

'A pulse-pounding, absolutely gripping and totally addictive page-turner that will have you racing through the pages and reeling at the twists. Hold on to your hat, and don't kid yourself that you'll be doing anything other than reading on the day that you start this one... Top marks!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'And now BREATHE... From the very first page until the very last it had me gripped vice-like in its claws... Literally had me breathless and on the edge of my seat.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

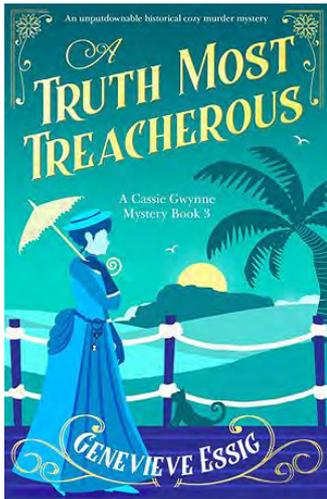
Lisa Regan is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master of Education Degree from Bloomsburg University. She is a member of Sisters In Crime, Mystery Writers of America and International Thriller Writers. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and daughter.



Crime Thriller

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Detective Josie Quinn 16



A Truth Most Treacherous Genevieve Essig

For fans of Deanna Raybourn, Verity Bright and T E Kinsey

Over 270,000 KU pages read.

Editor's Note

This charming, funny and escapist historical cozy crime series will become your next obsession! Genevieve Essig has created the most memorable and simply delightful cast of characters (human and animal) and an island setting that will have you dreaming of palm trees and golden sand. Cassie Gwynne is super smart and way ahead of her time.

Retail Description

Cassie Gwynne—cat lover, bookworm and daring detective—takes on her most challenging case yet...

Florida, 1884. It's a new year and Cassie Gwynne is determined to be done with the unseemly business of murder. She's made her resolution and she's going to stick to it. Unfortunately, fate has other plans... The very next day, she happens upon the body of a newcomer to town—customs collector Chester Pence—floating beneath the boardwalk.

Never one to shy away from a puzzle, Cassie can't resist getting involved in the investigation. It's no secret that Chester made a number of enemies in his short time in Fernandina: confiscating a beleaguered bride's wedding dress and a bossy businessman's cigars among many other mean acts. It's even rumored a well-to-do lady with a pampered dog has been leaving him nasty little parcels on his doorstep, but would she stoop as low as murder?

But Cassie's only just gotten started on her suspect list when a witness comes forward and accuses one of Cassie's close friends, Mr. Hu, of the crime. Much to her surprise, he confesses. She is convinced he is innocent. Is Mr. Hu protecting someone?

Cassie continues to investigate, but when she returns home one day to find her aunt's beautiful house completely ransacked, she knows it's a warning. Can Cassie uncover the truth, or will the killer ensure this is her final case?

Reviews for Genevieve Essig

'Absolutely loved this book!... I was up all night reading and couldn't put the book down! I highly recommend!!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'A thoroughly delightful read!... It was just fun to read... It made me smile, and made me want to read the next one RIGHT NOW. If you're looking for a cozy mystery to take along on vacation or to curl up with on a Saturday afternoon, I highly recommend this.' The Plain-Spoken Pen, ★★★★★

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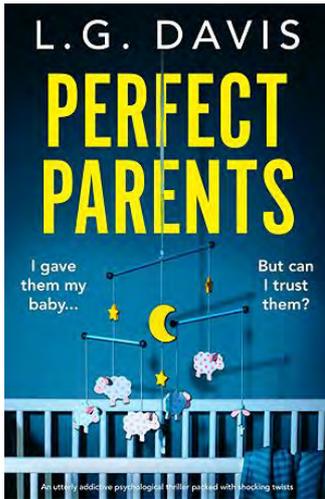
Genevieve Essig was born in Florida but, after many years of school and other shenanigans in the northeast and midwest United States, she now calls New Orleans, Louisiana, home. When she's not writing historical mysteries or getting lost down associated research rabbit holes, she spends her time practicing law, shooting pool, auditioning for musicals, ogling old buildings, and background acting for film and television.



Crime Thriller

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A Cassie Gwynne Mystery 3



Perfect Parents L.G. Davis

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of *The Girl on the Train*, *I Am Watching You* and Shari Lapena.

L.G. Davis is a chart-topping, bestselling psychological thriller author.

Editor's Note

Oh my goodness, another absolutely gripping, twist-filled thriller from L.G. Davis! This one really packs a punch. I could not stop whizzing through the pages with my spine prickling and I was audibly gasping at the twists! Psychological thriller readers are in for a real treat with this one.

Retail Description

I gave them my baby... but can I trust them?

Giving away my child is the hardest decision I have ever had to make. But when I move into the Thorpes' stunning home so they can support me through the pregnancy, it seems like they are everything I could have hoped for. They cook me delicious, healthy meals and make sure I'm getting the best medical care. They never question my background, or why I am giving them my child.

But before long, I begin to wonder if something is very wrong with the Thorpes. I try to ignore how Travis lets his hand linger on mine for a little too long, and how Marcia comes to check on me during the night. I tell myself that when they control and monitor my movements, it's just because they care.

Keeping my baby safe and making sure they are going to the perfect family means everything to me. But when a threatening note turns up outside my door and I begin to unravel the Thorpes' secrets, I realise I may not make it out of here alive.

After everything I've been through, I'm not going to give up without a fight. And I'll do anything to keep my baby safe...

Reviews for L.G. Davis

'I could not put it down... devoured in one sitting... completely neglecting any chores... I live for books that leave me speechless and this book did just that. I actually feel quite sorry for the next book that I read because there is no way it be able to compete!' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'I flew through it in a day... Omg! There was so much that I did not see coming at all... this one is a level above all the rest! It's literally the book that other thrillers aspire to be when they grow up. A must read!! NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

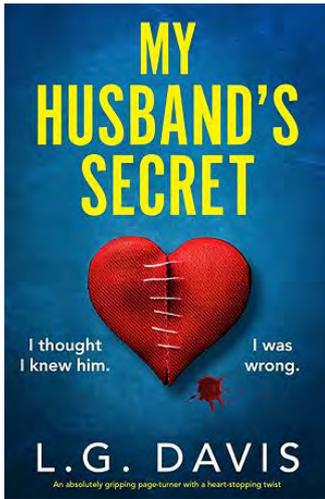
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Crime Thriller

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My Husband's Secret L.G. Davis

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of *The Girl on the Train*, *I Am Watching You* and Shari Lapena.

L.G. Davis is a chart-topping, bestselling psychological thriller author.

Editor's Note

This gripping domestic suspense novel blew me away from the very beginning. It is jam-packed with twists, family secrets and suspense that builds and builds towards a shocking confusion.

L.G. Davis is such a talented author and readers across the world are going to be absolutely addicted to her latest release!

Retail Description

I thought I knew my husband. I was wrong...

I have the perfect life: a loving marriage, and an adorable little daughter, Mia, who is always full of smiles. But when my husband Keith is hit by a car, my whole world is turned upside down. With my heart breaking in his cold white hospital room, I hold his hand and tell him how much I love him. Then just as Keith slips into a coma, I hear him say four words that change everything: I took a life.

Mia and I move into my childhood home with my parents for support, and I spend hours by Keith's hospital bedside, willing him to wake up. I keep his last words to myself; I cannot believe my gentle husband would hurt anyone. But as I search through his belongings, it becomes clear that he was hiding something.

And when I discover a note in my parents' attic, my breath catches in my throat. My husband is not the only one in my family with a dark secret, and I'm beginning to think what happened to him was far from an accident...

But just as I get closer to the truth, my daughter goes missing. I'll do whatever it takes to save my child. But I soon realize I was wrong about everyone I thought I could trust...

Reviews for L.G. Davis

"OMG this is literally a Gasp Out Loud book! I was hooked from the moment I started reading it and had to finish it in one sitting. I tried putting it down, but it kept pulling me back... Mind-blowing!" NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

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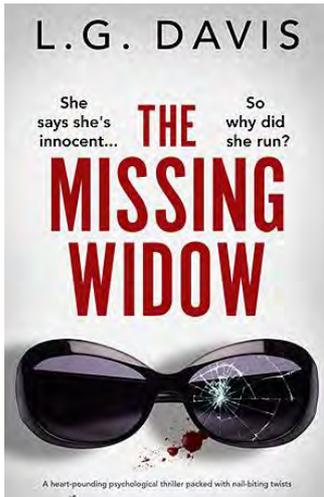
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Crime Thriller

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The Missing Widow L.G. Davis

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Samantha Downing, Lisa Jewell, Gillian Flynn and Louise Candlish

L.G. Davis is a chart-topping, bestselling psychological thriller author.

Editor's Note

A spooky cabin in the woods, a widow on the run with her child, a powerful and dangerous family in hot pursuit... this book is an absolute rollercoaster ride.

Full of nail-biting suspense, the punchiest of twists and a mind-blowing ending, this is unmissable!

Retail Description

I thought we would be safe here. But I was wrong...

My son Clark and I live in a beautiful cabin outside a rural town, somewhere nobody will find us. I could not have found a more perfect place to start over, shielded by the trees and far away from prying eyes. But when I find a newspaper clipping on my porch, it drives fear into my bones. Widow wanted for murder screams the headline. And that's my face in the picture, circled with red marker. I look out into the forest, but I can't see anyone. How did they find me? And what do they want?

I don't know where to run next, or how to make sure my son is safe. And deep down I know the only way I can finally be free is to find out what really happened that night a year ago, when my dear husband Brett died.

I'm sure I didn't kill him... did I? But that night is a blur, and as I try to prove my innocence, the dark secrets I uncover force me to question everything I believed. The people I trusted most are not who I thought they were. And the person who is coming for me is very close to home...

An utterly heart-pounding and twisty psychological thriller that will keep you up all night. Perfect for fans of *Gone Girl*, *Behind Closed Doors* and *The Girl on the Train*.

Reviews for L.G. Davis

'Just when you think you have it solved....bam, twist....bam, turn. One surprise after another... knocked them out of the ballpark each time. Do not miss this.' 5 stars

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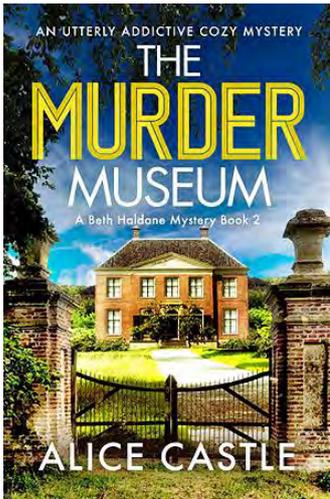
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Crime Thriller

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The Murder Museum Alice Castle

For fans of Agatha Christie, The Thursday Murder Club and Faith Martin

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Retail Description

Caring mother, school historian, and amateur sleuth Beth Haldane loves to while away an afternoon in the Museum of Art. But will she be next in the frame... for murder?

Beth Haldane is gazing at enchanting paintings of the rolling English countryside when her daydream is rudely interrupted: by the discovery of a teenage girl unconscious on a marble bench.

Shocked, Beth realises this is no snoozing schoolchild. Someone dastardly has carefully crossed the girls' hands across her white dress, as if she's in a painting herself. And the girl's discarded red backpack found in a corner of the museum is totally empty. Is someone suspicious hiding evidence? And who would want to harm this innocent soul?

With poor Sophia in hospital, and the parents of Dulwich Village in uproar that their little darlings might be next, Beth pesters police for updates. And with her keen eye for detail and research skills, Beth is perfectly placed to do some sleuthing of her own... but why are Sophia's gaggle of friends so close-lipped? Has some typical teenage drama taken a dark turn?

But her questions are ruffling feathers at every turn. With Sophia's life hanging by a thread, can Beth find her attacker before it's too late – and before the finger points at Beth herself?

Reviews for Alice Castle

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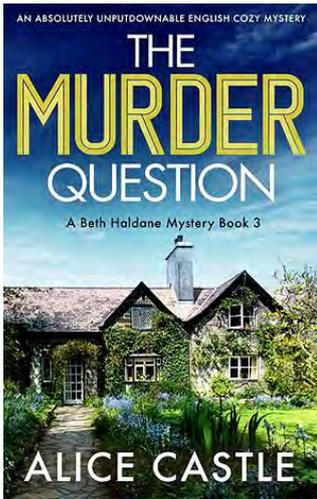
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Crime Thriller

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A Beth Haldane Mystery 2



The Murder Question Alice Castle

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Retail Description

Beth Haldane is worried. First her dear friend and fellow single mother Jen suddenly gets married to a new man who seems too perfect to be true, then moves out of leafy Dulwich Village – and now she seems to have disappeared without a trace.

Beth knows Jen would never leave her little daughter to handle playground predicaments or her sneaky stepmother alone. Heading to Jen's new home for answers, Beth's knocks on the periwinkle-blue front door go unanswered. Police are convinced the lovebirds are on an extended honeymoon: but Beth suspects Jen's new husband is up to no good... why does no-one in Dulwich know where he came from? Are his looks hiding a dark past?

With Jen's unpleasant ex popping up at every turn, and gruff but handsome policeman DI Harry York insisting Beth should leave things to the professionals, it's going to take all her sleuthing skills to track Jen down. But searching Jen's overgrown garden for clues, Beth hears a twig snap... and next thing she knows, she's woken up in a hospital bed.

Someone in normally peaceful Dulwich Village will do anything to stop her reaching the truth. Can Beth get to the bottom of this mystery before she's the next to disappear?

Reviews for Alice Castle

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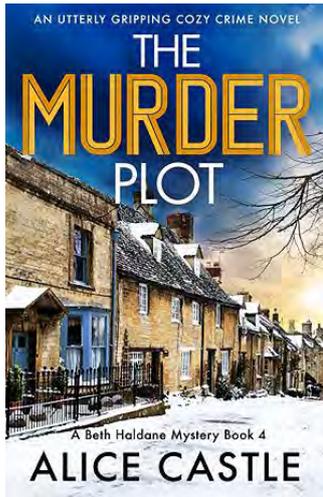
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Crime Thriller

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A Beth Haldane Mystery 3



The Murder Plot Alice Castle

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Retail Description

Beth Haldane is getting ready for a quiet Christmas with her son and their beloved grumpy cat when fellow single mother Nina begs her for help. Something fishy is going on with Mr Potter, the solicitor she works for... business is slow, with the accounts empty. So why does his wife have such an impressive collection of designer dresses?

Unable to resist a puzzle, Beth agrees to cover Nina's job as a receptionist to get a closer look. But just as she finds a mysterious key hidden away in the office, Mrs Potter arrives in floods of tears with terrible news for her husband. Their precious pet, Lancelot the Great Dane, has been found dead in his basket. Mrs Potter suspects a poisoning...

Beth is shocked anyone would harm a beloved family pet, but the Potters are definitely hiding something. When an elderly widow comes to Mr Potter's office pleading for help with her will, Beth starts to suspect foul play... is Mr Potter taking advantage of this sweet old lady? And why is he curiously cool, when his whole family are distraught about Lancelot?

Beth is determined to find what the mysterious key unlocks, discover Mr Potter's secrets and get answers about the local pet-killer before they set their sights on an owner next time. But is Beth getting closer and closer to her own sticky end?

Reviews for Alice Castle

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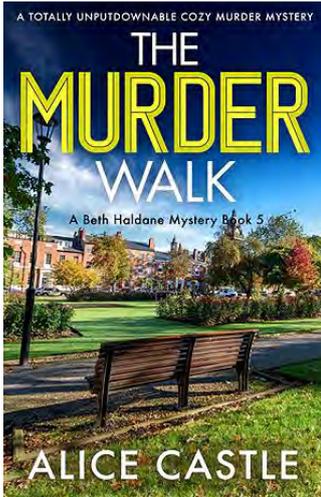
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A Beth Haldane Mystery 4



The Murder Walk Alice Castle

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Retail Description

A pleasant stroll in the park, catch ups over coffee and... a body among the spring bulbs?

Single mum and school historian Beth Haldane has promised her new beau, Detective Harry York, that her sleuthing days are behind her. But when she stumbles over the body of local artist Mark Smeaton while ambling in the park, it's clear a dangerous killer is on the loose in peaceful Dulwich Village. Shocked, Beth can't resist delving into the mystery.

Snooping around the nearby cozy cafes, Beth listens carefully to gossip and soon learns Mark's graffiti-style art was famously controversial. There are plenty who might want him gone. Was it the suspiciously charming gallery owner? A disgruntled resident offended by Mark's art? Or an old school chum with a dark secret about Mark's true inspiration?

A dinner party hosted by a dear friend soon gives Beth the chance to grill all her suspects over wine and nibbles. But following a lead back to the scene of the crime, Beth's search of a hollow tree throws up a mysterious envelope that stops her in her tracks... will her sleuthing get her in hot water before she can find the villain, and before there's another fatal plot in the park?

Reviews for Alice Castle

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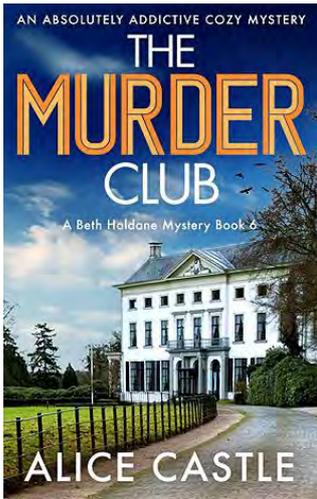
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A Beth Haldane Mystery 5



The Murder Club Alice Castle

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Retail Description

A club of card enthusiasts gather in a magnificent mansion. But someone has been dealt a deadly hand...

In peaceful Dulwich Village, a group of elderly residents meet every week for Bridge Club. Green cloths are laid over square tables, the deck is carefully dealt, and every beady eye is on the lookout for cheating.

Amateur sleuth Beth Haldane has never understood the rules, but she's drawn into the drama when her mother's bridge partner Alfie Poole is found dead. He was last seen heading out for a breath of fresh air after a particularly tricky hand.

Beth knows poor Alfie was a sweet old man, but when she learns he was poisoned it's clear someone wanted him gone... Suspecting skulduggery, Beth questions each member of the club. Did the retired doctor slip Alfie a sedative? Is the ex-English teacher quite as clumsy as she seems? Or was it Alfie's daughter, wanting her inheritance early?

Organising a re-enactment of the day Alfie was killed, and making sure exactly the same cards are dealt, Beth keeps a close eye on who comes up trumps... but then her own mother Wendy starts choking on her cup of tea. Thankfully Wendy is rushed to hospital just in time: but the poisoner is still on the loose. If Beth plays her cards right, can she catch the killer – or is the deck stacked against her?

Reviews for Alice Castle

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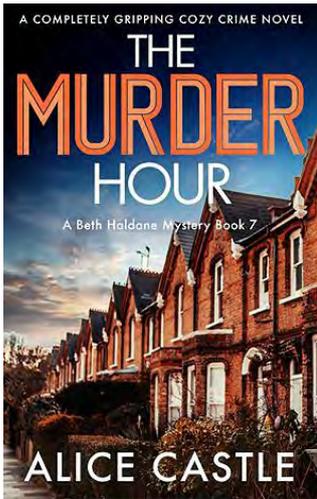
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The Murder Hour Alice Castle

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Retail Description

A ticking clock, a grand Edwardian home... and a countdown to murder?

Beth Haldane stands on a quiet street outside an ornate front door, glances down at her watch and taps her foot impatiently. Since her partner Detective Harry York moved into her little house in Dulwich Village, things are a bit too snug. Now Beth whiles away the hours waiting for house viewings and searching for the perfect new home for them and her little boy.

When the flustered estate agent finally arrives, Beth is looking forward to taking in the exposed red bricks and wooden floorboards of this charming Edwardian property. But when she peeks into a built-in wardrobe, a lifeless body is a greeting she wasn't expecting.

Panicked, the estate agent soon identifies the man as her boss Richard Pettit. With police on the way, Beth takes charge of scouting for clues. Why is the house echoing empty of furniture except for a carefully folded pile of clothes in one room? Was the estate agent late because she was bumping off her boss? And what are the nosy neighbours hiding?

With rumours spreading all over Dulwich that Beth herself was the intended victim, when she is sent an anonymous message warning her off the case she knows she's on the right track. But can she catch a killer before her own time runs out?

Reviews for Alice Castle

"I am crazy about this... the perfect blend of a fun cozy feel and a murder mystery that keeps you turning pages late through the night!... a definite 5+ out of 5 freakin' fantabulous stars!" Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

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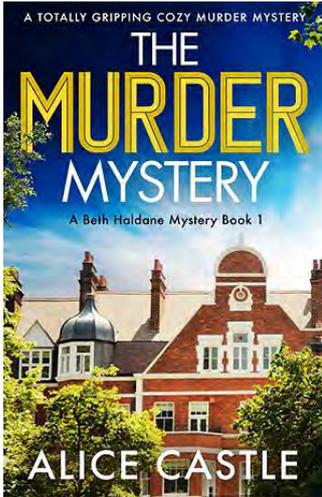
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Crime Thriller

242 pages | Pub Date 22/8/2022 | 9781803144955 | Justin Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

A Beth Haldane Mystery 7



The Murder Mystery Alice Castle

For fans of Agatha Christie, The Thursday Murder Club and Faith Martin

Editor's Note

It was a VERY exciting day indeed when Bookouture received Alice Castle's cozy crime series on submission. After fighting off my fellow editors for the chance to read, I couldn't be more proud to now be repackaging and republishing SEVEN books in this deliciously warm but twisty series. Set in the leafy suburbs of South London, where the yummy mummies jostle for influence and the neighbourhood gossips are never quiet, our amateur sleuth single mother Beth Haldane has always felt a bit of an outsider. And when she finds the dead body of her new boss in the playground of prestigious school Wyatt's Academy, she's totally out of her depth. But Beth will soon realise that once she has the scent of a mystery, she just can't let it go...

Retail Description

Meet Beth Haldane: single mother, cat lover, resident of Dulwich Village and... sleuth extraordinaire?

It's a crisp spring day when Beth arrives at the intricate iron gates of Wyatt's Academy for her new job as the school historian's assistant. But on a lunchtime stroll admiring the pristine grounds, Beth is shocked to stumble over the body of her new boss Alan Jenkins: spectacles askew, his mustard-yellow tweed jacket covered in blood.

Gossip about outsider Beth soon spreads like wildfire. The posh parents in the playground say Beth must have known Alan before her new job... could she have killed him for career advancement? And is this perfect suburb not as peaceful as it seems?

Desperate to clear her name and protect her own little boy, Beth turns her research skills to hunt for the true killer. It's soon clear Alan rubbed his fellow teachers up the wrong way... could the handsome headmaster be involved? Why did Beth see a flash of the school receptionist's bright pink blazer at the murder scene? And what is the groundskeeper hiding?

When Beth returns from her sleuthing to find her office in disarray and documents missing from the archives, it's clear a deadly secret is at the heart of this prestigious school. But with parents and teachers alike panicking that the long-protected reputation of Wyatt's Academy is under threat, will Beth herself be in the murderer's sights before the school bell rings?

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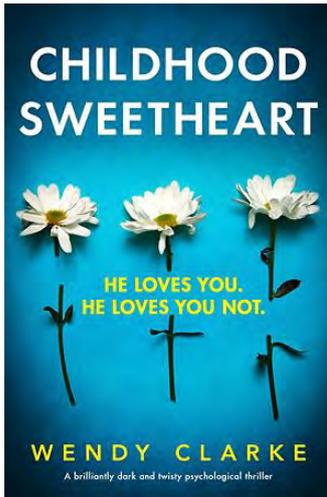
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A Beth Haldane Mystery 1



Childhood Sweetheart Wendy Clarke

For fans of *Gone Girl*, *The Girl on the Train* and Lisa Jewell

Author's previous books have sold over 180,000 copies with Bookouture.

Editor's Note

This is a brilliantly atmospheric and heart-felt psychological thriller, set on a tiny Scottish island. Remote Bray holds no secrets - everyone knows everyone, families are intertwined in more ways than through blood. When Jonah's brother Callum dies in a boating accident, no one blames him for leaving. But they all expect him to return at some point. When he finally turns up 11 years later, everything has changed, and the secrets from the year that Callum died haunt everything and everyone there. Particularly Ailsa, Jonah's first love. And the passing of the years haven't softened what happened that night... Cue twists and turns galore, gasp-inducing moments, and incredible Scottish scenery throughout. It's a brilliant story, worthy of a Netflix series!

Retail Description

He loves you. He loves you not.

We were inseparable as children, Jonah, his brother Callum, and me, growing up on our remote Scottish island. Jonah was the smart, serious, sensitive one, Callum bolder and bigger, and I was their golden girl, the one they almost fought over. But it was always Jonah for me, and Callum knew that. I thought we'd be together forever, sharing our lives and our secrets as we always had. Until that storm-tossed summer night when Callum drowned.

The day after the accident, Jonah left without a word of goodbye. I heard nothing for eleven years. I imagined his return so many times, how he'd look, what we'd say. But now he's really here, and I'm terrified.

Jonah's not the sweet boy I knew. I can hear him after dark, drunk, crashing around his house next door. Why is he here, now? What does he want? Thinking back on those secrets we swore never to reveal, I see them in a much more sinister light. Because after all these years, I'm starting to wonder whether Callum's death was an accident. Some of those secrets were worth killing for. How far Jonah would have gone to protect himself then? And what is he going to do now he's back?

Reviews for Wendy Clarke

'OMG!! WOW!!... OH YES!!... a book that EVERYONE will be talking about!! I can see this being a bestseller... BOY. OH. BOY... Incredible read!!... Clear your schedule for this book!... Will suck you in like never before!... Mind-blowing... LOVED this book!' Heidi Lynn Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'I LOVED THIS PHENOMENAL, GRIPPING BOOK. I raced through it, it consumed me in its pages... A shocking conclusion which left me gobsmacked... HOOKS YOU FROM THE START. LOVED IT! LOVED IT! LOVED IT!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

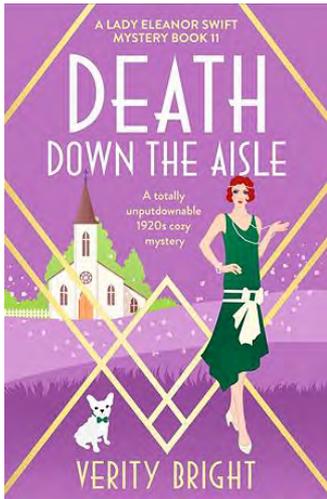
Author Biography

Wendy Clarke was a teacher until the small primary school where she worked closed down. Now she is a writer of psychological suspense but is also well known for her short stories and serials which regularly appear in national women's magazines. Wendy has two children and three step-children and lives with her husband, cat and step-dog in Sussex. When not writing, she is usually indulging in her passion for dancing, singing or watching any programme that involves food!



Crime Thriller

346 pages | Pub Date 23/8/2022 | 9781803145334 | Unagented



Death Down the Aisle Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian), City Editions (French), Albatros Media Slovakia s.r.o. (Slovak), Euromedia Group a.s. (Czech).

For fans of Agatha Christie, T E Kinsey and Lee Strauss

Eleventh in the bestselling A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series (250,000). A Very English Murder reached number 1 in the Amazon UK charts and number 2 in the Amazon US charts.

Editor's Note

Death Down the Aisle is another hugely fun outing for Lady Swift and the gang. Eleanor is due to be a bridesmaid at the glitzy society wedding of her close friend, until the groom is accused of murder! Eleanor has just a week to prove his innocence. There are twists and turns aplenty here, and there is more than one mystery for the the gang to solve. Full of Verity Bright's signature wit, humour and history, readers are sure to delight in the chase this time. Eleanor and Seldon also take some big steps in their relationship, and Eleanor holds a parade for a very worthy cause...

Retail Description

The society wedding of the decade has everything: the blushing bride, beautiful flowers... and the groom arrested before he can walk down the aisle? Thank goodness Lady Swift is on the guest list!

Lady Eleanor Swift isn't normally one for grand social occasions, but who can resist a wedding? Especially when it's her old friend, Constance Grainger, marrying the most eligible bachelor in town, Lord Peregrine Davencourt. Eleanor is taking Gladstone the bulldog as her plus one, with a smart new bowtie to match her bridesmaid's dress.

But the big day is ruined when the groom is arrested for murder before he makes it to the altar. In a baffling twist, it turns out he was already engaged to the lovely Daisy Balforth, who has been found dead at the local inn with Lord Davencourt kneeling over her. The gossip pages will have a field day!

The distraught bride-to-be asks Eleanor to clear her fiancé's name, as she's certain he wouldn't hurt a fly. With help from handsome Detective Seldon, Eleanor examines the evidence. But she's barely had time to write down her suspect list before Constance's father is set upon by a bearded stranger on the golf course. Clearly there is more to this story than Eleanor first thought, but can she catch the real killer before the wedding turns into her wake?

Reviews for Verity Bright

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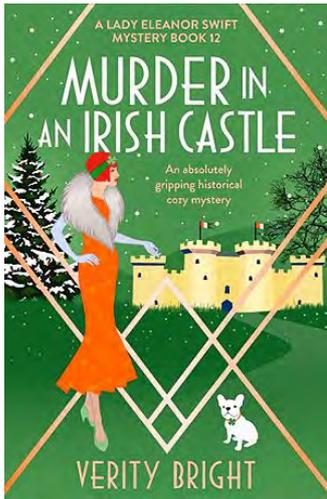
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Crime Thriller

290 pages | Pub Date 31/8/2022 | 9781803146980 | Unagented

A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery 11



Murder in an Irish Castle Verity Bright

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian), City Editions (French), Albatros Media Slovakia s.r.o. (Slovak), Euromedia Group a.s. (Czech).

For fans of T E Kinsey, Agatha Christie and Rhys Bowen.

Twelfth in the bestselling A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series (250,000). A Very English Murder reached number 1 in the Amazon UK charts and number 2 in the Amazon US charts.

Editor's Note

Lady Swift, Clifford and Gladstone are spending Christmas in the west of Ireland in the latest instalment of this hugely fun series. Eleanor was hoping to explore her ancestral roots at her late uncle's Irish estate, but the gang discover a body before they even arrive at the castle! The local constable and priest are immediately tight-lipped about the whole sorry affair, and Eleanor vows she will get justice for the unknown victim. Little does she know this murder is very close to home, and we see the mystery around her late uncle's death finally tied up...

The setting here is totally charming: a tiny, rural village, a drafty castle and a very cozy pub! Eleanor celebrates Christmas the traditional Irish way, and enjoys a lot of traditional Irish food too.

Retail Description

Christmas, 1924. Lady Eleanor Swift has received a rather unexpected invitation to the village Christmas party in the tiny, rural hamlet of Derrydee in the west of Ireland. Eleanor is thrilled about exploring her ancestral roots at her late uncle's estate and spending the festive season in a castle. Packing Gladstone the bulldog's coziest Christmas jumper, they set off to the Emerald Isle with her butler Clifford in tow.

Arriving late at night, Eleanor and Clifford are shocked when they find a body sprawled in the snow on the winding country lane outside the estate. The local constable is immediately suspicious and all but accuses the pair of murder. This isn't the warm Irish welcome Eleanor imagined!

Clifford is certain he recognises the poor fellow from the funeral of Eleanor's uncle – but what was their connection? Undeterred by the villagers' lack of gossip on the matter, Eleanor is determined to get justice for the victim. The man's pockets are suspiciously empty of personal effects, but closer inspection reveals an old key hidden in the heel of his boot. Could this unlock more than one mystery for Eleanor?

But when a fire breaks out at the castle on Christmas Eve, an even bigger question looms: is someone out to ensure the family line dies with Lady Swift? And will Eleanor's first Irish Christmas be her last?

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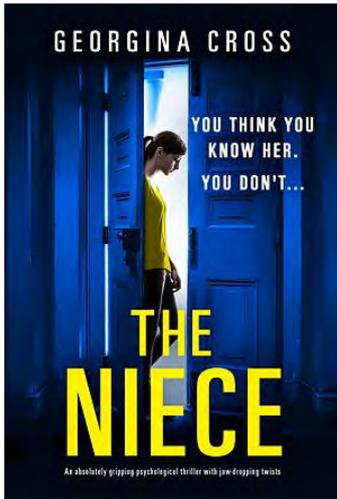
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Crime Thriller

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A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery 12



The Niece Georgina Cross

Previous Translation Publishers

Euromedia (Czech), Ersen (Estonian), Lindbak + Lindbak (Danish), Wydawnictwo FILIA (Polish)

For fans of *The Wife Between Us*, *Big Little Lies* and *Gone Girl*

Top 20 UK bestselling author

Editor's Note

With her first two novels as overnight bestsellers with Bookouture, Georgina Cross is back with another impossible to put down, atmospheric and super twisty psychological thriller perfect for readers of Shalini Boland, Lisa Jewell and it's cleverly plotted, perfectly imagined and will have you questioning your own decisions. How well do you really know the people you love and what would you do in this situation? It's hooky, utterly gripping, super readable fiction at its very best.

Retail Description

I love my family. But can I trust them?

Walking down an airport corridor I see her. My mother's sister. There is no mistaking we're related; we have the same long, black hair and brown eyes. But my aunt is the one person in the world my mother told me never to trust.

Nothing feels real right now. My beloved mother was my whole world – she taught me everything and she said she would always be there for me. My last memory is of her screaming at me to get out. Then the flames took her, and she was gone.

Now I have to live with my aunt and I hope she's changed after all these years. But when I secretly watch her speaking to her friends, she makes it sound like I'm a stranger in her home.

She leaves her bedroom door open and I hear her on the phone to the police late at night. I start to wonder if she had something to do with the terrible fire that ripped my life apart. And my blood turns to ice when the detective asks, what are you hiding?

Is my aunt trying to protect me, or is it time to teach her a lesson?

Reviews for Georgina Cross

'WOW!!!!... Absolutely gripping... I was absolutely hooked from beginning to end... Couldn't put it down until 2am... My heart was absolutely pounding throughout and I was on the edge of my seat... My mind was absolutely blown.' Bookworm86 ★★★★★

'I absolutely loved this! I am still lifting my jaw from the floor, that ending was AMAZING.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

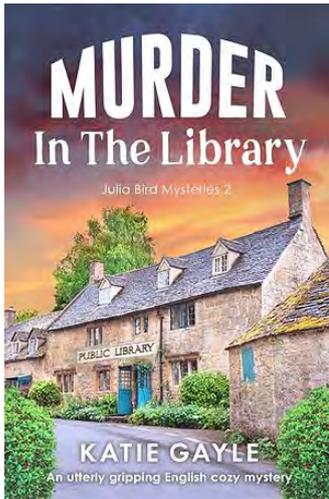
Author Biography

I've been writing since I was a kid, and I have the notebooks and floppy discs to prove it! After graduating from Louisiana State University, I founded a non-profit named Susie's Wish, which sends people with life-threatening illnesses to the beach, and I currently work in workforce development and marketing & communications. My husband David and I live with our combined family of four sons in Alabama. When everyone is sleeping, I get to write: my fingertips hit the keyboard and my imagination can run wild.



Crime Thriller

280 pages | Pub Date 2/9/2022 | 9781800199026 | Rachel Beck, Liza Dawson Associates



Murder in the Library Katie Gayle

For fans of M.C. Beaton, Faith Martin and Betty Rowlands

Over 20,000 Katie Gayle novels sold

Editor's Note

Book two in the Katie Gayle cosy crime series about newly retired Julia Bird and her wayward Labrador puppy Jake is everything you could wish for. Amateur sleuthing, dastardly deeds, suspects galore in a small village where everyone has a secret to hide, and, best of all, a body (of an author, nonetheless!, in a library... This is a glorious, clever read perfect for a fire-side armchair and a read-in-one with a cup of tea.

Retail Description

Julia Bird's picturesque Cotswolds life is everything she'd dreamed of. Until, that is, she discovers a dead body in the library...

Julia Bird imagined a quiet rural life would be soothing after years in the city, but finds she can't sit still. Determined to throw herself into village life, she joins the library just in time to attend a talk by celebrated local author Vincent Andrews. Charming, devilishly handsome and talented, Vincent teases the crowd with a reading from his forthcoming novel. Set in a village bearing strange similarities to Berrywick, with characters the audience start to recognise, Vincent hints of dark secrets to be revealed, to gasps of outrage from the room. The meeting ends in uproar, and, just hours later, Vincent's dead body is discovered...

As one of the last people to see him alive, Julia feels morally bound to help the police investigate. With her trusty Labrador, Jake, at her side, she decides to do her own sleuthing and discovers that Vincent's personal life is messy, his finances are in disarray and his book sales are declining. But most of all, remembering her neighbours' faces at the book reading, Julia wonders if one of them could have lost the plot enough to kill...

As Julia interrogates the suspects, she walks straight into another scene of murder, and realises Vincent's manuscript is now missing. There's someone out there who's deadly serious about keeping their secrets unpublished. Will Julia be able to stop them, before anyone else gets hurt?

Reviews for Katie Gayle

'Katie Gayle never fails to keep me laughing, entertained, and trying to figure out the mystery til the very end. I absolutely adore this book... 10/10... This book is absolutely perfect!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Undoubtedly rollicking good fun. If the need to escape reality for a few hours presents itself, I can highly recommend this hilarious hullabaloo of a read.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

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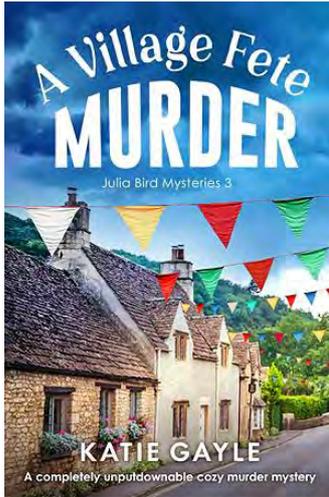
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Crime Thriller

248 pages | Pub Date 7/9/2022 | 9781803141718 | Unagented

Julia Bird Mysteries 2



A Village Fete Murder Katie Gayle

For fans of M.C. Beaton, Faith Martin and Betty Rowlands

Over 20,000 Katie Gayle novels sold

Editor's Note

This is the third in a fantastic series of contemporary cozy crime novels featuring amateur sleuth Julia Bird and her wayward puppy Jake. This adventure features the murder of a bullying teacher, but who in the village of Berrywick could possibly have held a grudge so awful they'd kill for it? And when a second body is found, Julia must fight tooth and nail to prevent any further murders... It's a fantastic, page-turning mystery, one where you never feel scared but always intrigued, where the leading lady makes you laugh as well as hold your breath, and where dogs feature heavily, in many different stages of cuteness.

Retail Description

The annual village celebration at Berrywick House is underway, complete with over-decorated cake stalls, fiercely contested flower competitions, and even a maze for the disappointed losers to hide in. Julia Bird, now a well-known – even notorious – member of the community, with her trusty Labrador Jake, has thrown herself headlong into the festivities. But her reputation for adding drama to any event stands up yet again when she discovers a dead body in the maze...

It seems Ursula Benjamin, village know-it-all and prickly baking competition participant, has been strangled – and the killer has to be someone at the fete. As Julia grapples with finding yet another murder in Berrywick, she starts to wonder, could one of the competitive cake-bakers have taken the contest to deadly new heights? Or is there something darker in Ursula's life that led to her untimely demise?

Embroiled once again in a murder enquiry, Julia isn't about to leave the investigation to the police. Like it or not, she's involved, and she's going to help them solve the mystery. But when there's another death, and it's clear the murders aren't isolated incidents, the stakes become even higher. Can Julia figure out the identity of the killer, and prevent any further dastardly deeds, before the wholesome spirit of the village is ruined forever?

Reviews for Katie Gayle

'There just aren't enough stars for this one, so I can only give it FIVE!! I'm so looking forward to the next book in the series!!'
Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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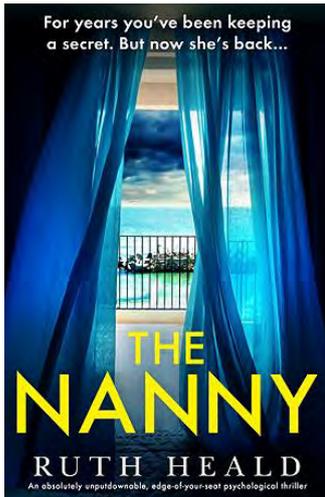
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Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 27/1/2023 | 9781803148977 | Unagented

Julia Bird Mysteries 3



The Nanny Ruth Heald

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, T.M. Logan and Shalini Boland

Ruth has sold over 260,00 copies and reached the top 15 on Amazon
UK

Editor's Note

The Nanny is everything you could want in an unputdownable psychological thriller combining Ruth Heald's incredible skill for creating deeply likeable and relatable heroines with absolutely thrilling domestic situations! Hayley is a normal working mum as well as caring for her young daughter and ageing mother in the family home. She wants nothing more than to keep her family safe. But when a young woman arrives on her doorstep, Hayley is thrown back to a secret she has been running from for years... I read this in one breathless sitting desperate to know just who the girl on the doorstep was and why she had chosen to find Hayley. It is one of the most gripping and twisty psychological thrillers you will read this year and I cannot wait to get it into readers' hands!

Retail Description

When I accepted a job working as a nanny for David and Julie and their young children, I couldn't believe my luck. I bonded with baby Chloe instantly and would have done anything for her. She had David's thick, dark hair and smiling eyes. I fell in love with her and was excited about the future.

But when a terrible mistake led to Chloe disappearing, I was instantly blamed. With no evidence, I was let go and I returned home to try and rebuild my life.

Twenty years later and I am still haunted by what happened. I have a family of my own now and I've worked hard to be the best wife and mother I can be, but I've never forgotten the child who stole my heart.

Then a young woman arrives on my doorstep and the past secret that I have kept from my family comes hurtling into my present.

I try to tell myself that I am overreacting. But the woman in front of me looks so much like David. Who is she and why is she here? And if I welcome her in, will she want to be a part of my life, or destroy it?

Reviews for Ruth Heald

'WOW!!! What an absolutely page turning domestic and psychological thriller!!!!... I started this in the morning and I couldn't put it down until I finished at 2am!!! Clear your schedules before you pick this up!!' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

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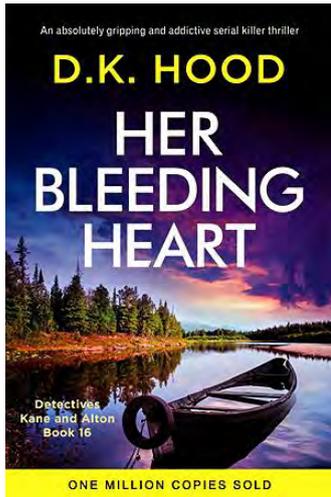
Author Biography

Ruth Heald is a psychological thriller writer from a suburban Buckinghamshire town. She studied Economics at Oxford and then worked in an eclectic mix of sectors from nuclear decommissioning to management consulting. Seeking a more creative environment, she found a role at the BBC and worked there for nine years before leaving to write full time. She's married with one daughter and her novels explore our greatest fears in otherwise ordinary, domestic lives.



Crime Thriller

330 pages | Pub Date 8/9/2022 | 9781803145082 | Unagented



Her Bleeding Heart D.K. Hood

Previous Translation Publishers
Computer Media (Czech), Chambre Noire (French)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

The Detectives Kane and Alton series has sold over one million copies so far. D.K. Hood is a Top 40 Amazon US bestseller

Editor's Note

This is the sixteenth book in the Kane and Alton series, which has sold over 1 million copies. D.K. Hood is a bestselling author who always delivers fast-paced, thrilling crime books. The series has made the top 100 charts 20 times as well as the USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller lists. Set in the fictional town of Black Rock Falls in Montana, this series is perfect for fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh. D.K. Hood is known for her dark, twisted killers, her brilliant Montana setting and her strong female protagonist in Jenna Alton.

Retail Description

The rain had been falling for weeks when Black Rock Falls Sheriff, Jenna Alton, receives a panicked phone call from a local forest ranger. The lifeless body of a woman has washed up on the banks of a swollen river.

Rushing to the scene, Jenna and her deputy, David Kane, find the young girl laying face up in the dirt, her long brown hair spilling out around her, her perfect pale skin showing no signs of struggle. Leaning in for a closer look, she finds a jack of hearts playing card tucked into the girl's underwear. This was no accident—someone killed this innocent soul, and left a twisted calling card...

Days later, another young woman is found slumped in the back of car at a local truck stop on the outskirts of town, angry red marks around her neck. Jenna's head spins when she finds a second playing card in her clothing. Is this killer escalating? And does he have a next victim already in his sights?

As a landslide shuts the town off from the outside world, Jenna and her team battle raging storms in their search for answers. Jenna is convinced the playing cards link these victims to a twisted serial killer the FBI have been hunting for over a decade. If she's right, she's chasing America's most dangerous and elusive killer. Can she catch him before Black Rock Falls loses another innocent young life?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

'Another binge-worthy page-turner... A wild ride that keeps you guessing right until the very end.' @mandylovestoread,
★★★★★

'Cancel everything and tuck into another heart-stopping, fast-paced crime thriller... Just read it!!!!' NetGalley Reviewer,
★★★★★

Author Biography

Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could top the thrill of receiving a proposal for her first submission, Don't Tell a Soul from commissioning editor Helen Jenner at Bookouture. D.K. looks forward to sharing her spine tingling stories with you.



Crime Thriller

278 pages | Pub Date 12/9/2022 | 9781803143248 | Unagented

Detectives Kane and Alton 16



Chase Her Shadow D.K. Hood

Previous Translation Publishers
Computer Media (Czech), Chambre Noire (French)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

The Detectives Kane and Alton series has sold over one million copies so far. D.K. Hood is a Top 40 Amazon US bestseller

Editor's Note

This is the seventeenth book in the Kane and Alton series, which has sold over 1 million copies. D.K. Hood is a bestselling author who always delivers fast-paced, thrilling crime books. The series has made the top 100 charts 20 times as well as the USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller lists. Set in the fictional town of Black Rock Falls in Montana, this series is perfect for fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh. D.K. Hood is known for her dark, twisted killers, her brilliant Montana setting and her strong female protagonist in Jenna Alton.

Retail Description

Widows of military men killed in combat are dying at an alarming rate from apparent suicide. Each body is found with their husband's medal on their body. Detective Jenna Alton discovers the women believed they were being haunted by their dead husbands. After she proves they've been murdered, Jenna is convinced they have a new type of psychopath in town, one who feeds on stalking and terrifying women before he lures them to their deaths. After chasing shadows, Jenna decides they have maybe one chance of catching him and a member of Jenna's team volunteers to take the place of a recently widowed woman believing she can outsmart the killer. In a terrifying climax, Jenna comes face to face with the killer but is she prepared for such evil?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

'Oh my, oh my God... This is another cracking story!!!!... This author really deserves the title of Queen of Suspense... She had chills running down my spine and I just couldn't stop reading. Incredibly, mind-blowingly brilliant!' B for Bookreview, ★★★★★

'What a fantastic book it is. Totally addictive. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

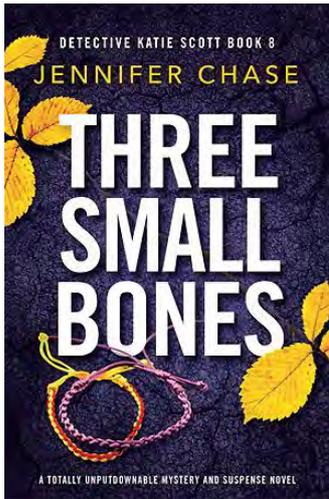
Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could top the thrill of receiving a proposal for her first submission, Don't Tell a Soul from commissioning editor Helen Jenner at Bookouture. D.K. looks forward to sharing her spine tingling stories with you.



Crime Thriller

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Detectives Kane and Alton 17



Three Small Bones Jennifer Chase

For fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh

The Detective Katie Scott series has sold over half a million copies to date. The first title in the series, *Little Girls Sleeping* reached #1 in the UK and US Kindle chart

Editor's Note

Red herrings galore in this totally unputdownable crime thriller! Jennifer piles on twist after twist in this layered and devilishly plotted murder mystery. Impossible to put down, *Three Small Bones* will suck you in from the first page and leave you breathless by the last. One of our highest performing crime thriller series with a truly loyal fanbase who keep coming back for more.

Retail Description

When firefighters tackling a blazing house in a quiet suburb of Pine Valley, California discover human remains, Detective Katie Scott races to 717 Maple Street. She calls a halt to the excavations the moment she sees the full number and size of the bones; someone has buried a whole family down here.

Working night and day, it's up to Katie to prove her theory that the fire was no accident, that someone wanted to expose the secret in the basement. Tiny traces of explosives residue found at the scene is all the proof she needs. But the Cross family have been missing for months—leaving friends and loved ones in agonizing pain—what twisted soul would do this now? And why?

The case takes another heart-shattering turn when Katie's suspicions over recent renovation work on the house leads to the discovery of more bodies in the back yard: two little girls, buried years apart. What other devastating secrets are hidden in this perfect family home?

It's a dead end at every turn as Katie tracks down anyone who knew the family. Just when it looks like all hope is lost, reports of the Cross's landlord harassing the family before they went missing gives Katie a crucial lead. With a menacing grey sedan following her every move, how many more innocent lives will be lost before Katie can dig up the truth?

Reviews for Jennifer Chase

'I still have goosebumps! Omg... amazing I flew through the pages with Olympic speed. I was hooked from the very first page.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'One hell of an unpredictable rollercoaster ride with several twists and turns along the way... I almost had to read through my fingers... A brilliant, and highly recommended read.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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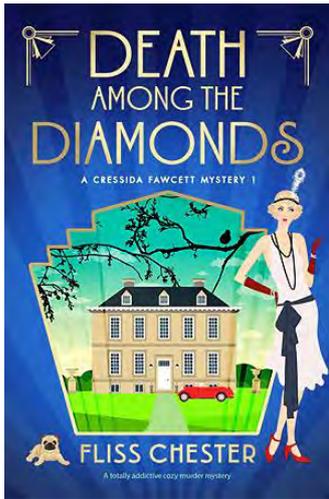
Jennifer Chase is a multi award-winning and best-selling crime fiction author, as well as a consulting criminologist. Jennifer holds a bachelor degree in police forensics and a master's degree in criminology & criminal justice. These academic pursuits developed out of her curiosity about the criminal mind as well as from her own experience with a violent psychopath, providing Jennifer with deep personal investment in every story she tells. She is an affiliate member of the International Association of Forensic Criminologists, and member of the International Thriller Writers.



Crime Thriller

356 pages | Pub Date 16/9/2022 | 9781803145938 | Unagented

Detective Katie Scott 8



Death Among the Diamonds Fliss Chester

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Downton Abbey

The Fen Church Mystery series has sold over 34,000 copies. *Night Train to Paris*, reached number 1 on the Amazon AU charts. *Death Among the Diamonds* has already sold over 1000 copies to date.

Editor's Note

I am absolutely thrilled to share this wonderful, glorious start to a brand new Golden Age cozy crime series!

This book is just delightful on every page: full of glamour and intrigue, humour and mystery, with a brilliant female lead readers around the world are going to absolutely love, and of course her sweet little pug!

Retail Description

Everyone in 1920s London knows the Honourable Cressida Fawcett: fiercely independent (though never apart from her little pug Ruby), lover of martinis and interior designer extraordinaire. She's solved many crimes of fashion... so how about murder?

Cressida Fawcett is heading to the English countryside for a weekend of cocktails and partying at her friend's glamorous mansion, the location of a recent diamond heist. But just hours after her arrival, Cressida is woken by an almighty scream. Rushing to the landing, she looks down into the great hall to find a trembling maid standing next to the body of Harry, the friendly young chandelier cleaner.

Everyone believes Harry's death was an accident. But as Cressida examines the opulent hall and the beautiful grounds, she thinks something darker is afoot. Why clean a chandelier in the early hours of the morning? And who overheard Harry boasting about coming into unexpected wealth? A small piece of torn silk found near the body has Cressida looking at the guests' elegant clothes with fresh eyes...

The short-tempered Detective insists that she keeps her curious nose out of the investigation, but it's Cressida who realises the stolen diamonds were hidden in the sparkling chandelier. Convinced there is a connection between the theft and the murder, the case takes a sinister turn when a guest is killed in his sleep after a brandy-fuelled night of cards.

Reviews for Fliss Chester

'Absolutely amazing... I devoured this book; it kept my attention from the first page to the last... I was so engrossed in this story... and then wham the ending totally blindsides you. Wow, I absolutely did not see that coming... Fantastic.' Page Turners



'I almost yelled out loud near the end; I most definitely did not see that twist coming!' Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

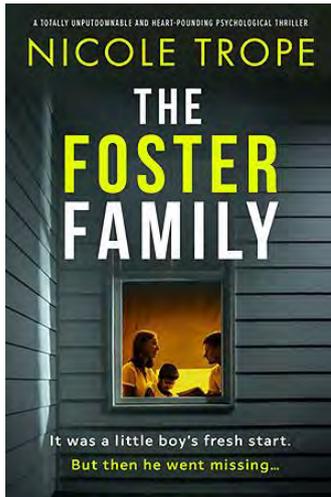
Fliss Chester spent ten years as a journalist, writing about lifestyle and interiors, sampling the offerings in London's bars and restaurants, press junkets and parties. Now she is co-owner of an independent wine merchant, based in the Surrey Hills. Never one to let a holiday get in the way of a wine tasting, Fliss adores combining her love of wine with her passion for writing – and has tasted her way around France, Spain and even Georgia while writing her novels.



Crime Thriller

296 pages | Pub Date 21/9/2022 | 9781803146447 | Emily Sweet, Emily Sweet Associates

A Cressida Fawcett Mystery 1



The Foster Family Nicole Trope

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Filia (Polish), Marcador Editora (Portuguese), Parola (Turkish), Publish and More Álomgyár Kiadó Kft (Hungarian), Euromedia Group a.s. (Czech)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Liane Moriarty and Freida McFadden.

From the author of *The Boy in the Photo* (over 250,000 copies sold)
and Amazon US bestseller (#2)

Editor's Note

The Foster Family is a pitch-perfect psychological thriller – it's faultless. It's beautifully written without compromising on pace or suspense or mind-blowing twists. It's an emotional execution of a family at a crisis point – a mother powered by love and desperation, a father on the very edge, a little boy who is scared and just wants a safe place to call home. It's a domestic drama about the secrets a family is capable of hiding when they are afraid to lose it all, and how the past doesn't take very long to catch up with you. And, quite brilliantly, it's an examination of the flawed foster system, and how easily children fall between the cracks. It's a thrilling, utterly gripping triumph!

Retail Description

Elizabeth is Joe's foster mother, but she loves him like her own. The five-year-old is the child she has dreamed of. As she looks into the garden, where he was playing just moments ago, her heart feels like it has been ripped from her chest.

She was meant to save Joe from his birth mother who almost harmed his chances at life. The woman who has been trying to desperately get him back.

She was meant to protect Joe from her husband. The man who, right now, lies to the police, saying he was making breakfast when Joe disappeared. Who squeezes her shoulder, ordering her to be quiet.

She was meant to look after Joe. They are just footsteps from the ocean, and little Joe can't swim.

Then Joe's tiny sandal is found in the water. If the worst has happened – the unimaginable – Elizabeth will never forgive herself.

Because what if the secret she has been keeping for years, the guilt eating her alive, has somehow hurt her little boy?

It's time to tell the truth – even if it means losing the child who is her whole world. Even if it could be the death of her.

Reviews for Nicole Trope

'Wow!!! Wow!!! Wow!!! This book is a total page-turner and will keep you guessing with every page.' Goodreads reviewer,
★★★★★

'OMG!!!!... WHAT HAVE I JUST READ!?!?!?... Truly unputdownable... I did absolutely NOT expect that humongous bombshell at all. What an absolute twist!!! I can hand on my heart say that I cannot remember when I was so gobsmacked.' Bookworm86,
★★★★★

Author Biography

Nicole Trope went to university to study Law but realised the error of her ways when she did very badly on her first law essay because, as her professor pointed out, 'It's not meant to be a story.' She studied teaching instead and used her holidays to work on her writing career and complete a Masters' degree. In between raising three children, working for her husband and renovating houses, she has published six novels. She lives in Sydney, Australia.



Crime Thriller

262 pages | Pub Date 21/9/2022 | 9781803144795 | Unagented



The Stay-at-Home Mother Nicole Trope

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), Folia (Polish), Marcador Editora (Portuguese), Parola (Turkish), Publish and More Álomgyár Kiadó Kft (Hungarian), Euromedia Group a.s. (Czech)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Liane Moriarty and Freida McFadden.

From the author of *The Boy in the Photo* (over 250,000 copies sold)
and Amazon US bestseller (#2)

Editor's Note

Have you ever looked through the windows of the house across the street? Have you ever had a conversation with a neighbour, and they gave a little too much away? Have you ever trusted them with your children, or your secrets, or your own home? This supremely gripping novel explores our fascination with the people who live next door, and what really goes on behind closed doors. I cannot tell you how much I LOVE this book! Honestly, I was utterly glued to the pages; I gobbled it up like an addict. It's slick, smart and a total triumph. It is so very clever – it has a fantastically ominous atmosphere to it, a beyond-compelling plot, more twists and turns than a rollercoaster, and characters that get well and truly under your skin.

Retail Description

What will she do if Jack never comes home? If her blue-eyed baby boy is never sitting at the breakfast table again, singing a song he made up that morning about dinosaurs? What then?

Her gaze drops to the grey carpet, away from her husband beside her and the police officer opposite her. She clenches her fists, tears spilling and falling onto her chest.

She cannot believe she is living this surreal nightmare.

Her phone beeps with a voice message, and she reaches for it. 'Listen to it on speaker,' says the detective.

She presses play, and a woman's voice fills the air.

'I'm assuming that this is the Andrea Gately listed as a contact on the Missing Children of the World website. I'm calling to let you know that I've given your details to the police. Why are using a picture of my son on a missing children's website? Why are you using it and where did you get it?'

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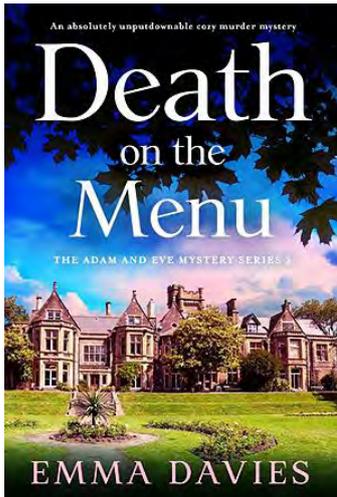
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Crime Thriller

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Death on the Menu Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

Fortuna (Slovak & Czech), Newton Compton (Italian), Bastei Lübbe, Luebbe (German), Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Clare Chase, M.C. Beaton and The Thursday Murder Club

Previous series, The Little Cottage series, has sold over 120,000 copies

Editor's Note

Another fantastic instalment in the Adam and Eve mystery series, this cozy crime caper takes place at a funeral... When an elderly millionaire game designer dies, he leaves behind a series of clues in the form of a game for his nearest and dearest to solve in order to inherit everything. But someone has more reason than most to want the money, and is willing to kill for it... Along with the reader, the heroine Fran and her trusty sidekick Adam must uncover the clues, reveal the solutions and stop a murderer! Packed with twists and turns and a puzzle for readers to solve along with our amateur sleuths, this is a page-turning, thrilling and amusing read.

Retail Description

Francesca Eve has planned a showstopping funeral supper to say goodbye in style, but the last thing she expects is a murder on the menu...

When elderly millionaire and eccentric entrepreneur Clarence Lightman dies, his nearest and dearest gather one final time at Justice House, Clarence's beautiful country estate, for the reading of his will. But the day ends in uproar when it is revealed that whoever solves a series of complex clues will inherit everything. Will one of Clarence's disagreeable children outwit everyone else for the fortune, or could his devoted housekeeper or even Francesca herself win the day?

Francesca knows she should stick to the kitchen and stay out of this lethal game, but she is unwillingly drawn into the mystery when she finds one of Clarence's sons, blood pooling from a deadly thwack to the head, shoved into the larder. Somebody is clearly not playing fair, and Francesca feels sure that they won't stop until all of the competition has been eliminated.

Trapped in the game until all the riddles are solved, Francesca must solve the clues and find the ruthless killer to protect herself and her fellow innocent guests. But she can't trust anyone. Fran must use all her wits, not only to hunt down the truth, but to stay alive...

Reviews for Emma Davies

'Oh my giddy aunt... I was addicted to reading this book... I binge read the book over the course of a couple of days... I just wanted the book to continue... a very well deserved 5*.' Ginger Book Geek, ★★★★★

'Had me hooked and left me wanting more!... Fabulous!' Hidden.with.books, ★★★★★

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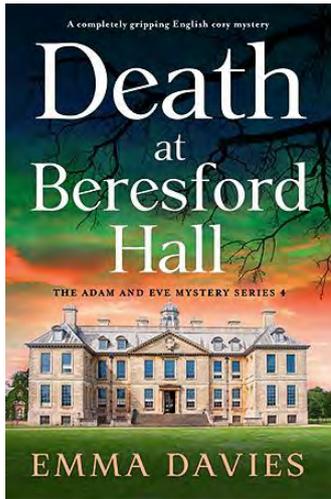
Emma once worked for a design studio where she was asked to provide a fun, humorous, and not necessarily true anecdote about herself for their website. She wrote the following: 'I am a bestselling novelist currently masquerading as a thirty-something mother of three.' Well the job didn't work out but she's now a forty-something mother of three and happy to report the rest of her dream came true. She now lives in rural Shropshire with her husband, three children, and two guinea pigs where she writes full time from a shed in the garden.



Crime Thriller

284 pages | Pub Date 22/9/2022 | 9781803144351 | Unagented

The Adam and Eve Mystery Series 3



Death at Beresford Hall Emma Davies

Previous Translation Publishers

Fortuna (Slovak & Czech), Newton Compton (Italian), Bastei Lübbe, Luebbe (German), Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of Faith Martin, M.C. Beaton and The Thursday Murder Club

Previous series, The Little Cottage series, has sold over 120,000 copies

Editor's Note

The fourth in Emma Davies' modern-day cosy crime series, this novel centres around the murder of a celebrity chef - during the middle of a Bake-Off style televised competition. With everyone accounted for, but no way any outsider could have got on set to do the killing, who on earth bumped off Miranda? Who turns out, of course, to have had a lot of secrets, and many, many enemies... This is a fantastic mystery with a brilliant setting, and we revisit characters the readers will have come to love. It's the last in the series, of 4 books in total, and everything is rounded off well to present a fully finished quartet.

Retail Description

When Francesca Eve arrives for the Christmas special of the country's most popular baking competition, she knows she's out of her depth. For not only is she there undercover, reluctantly investigating strange threats to Miranda Appleby, the famous presenter-come-chef, but she swiftly gets roped into competing herself when another contestant can't cut the mustard and quits. Cooking may be bread and butter to Fran, but under the bright lights her cranberry sauce won't set and her mince pies burn. And when the real reason she's there ends in total failure, when Miranda is found with a cake slice to the heart - 'lights, camera, cook' becomes 'lights, camera, murder...'

Miranda may have looked like butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, but looks can be deceiving... From her harassed PA to the rakish producer and even the disappointed contestants, everyone on set seemingly had reason enough to want to bump her off. But who would be nuts enough to cook Miranda's goose in such an obvious way?

As the police arrive to take over the investigation, Fran can't help but continue her own lines of enquiry. She's come to know the crew and contestants and can't believe that any one of them would be guilty. But when another body is found, done to death by the Christmas tree, Fran must harden her heart to her new friends and focus her mind.

Can Fran uncover the truth before another death occurs, and before the spirit of Christmas (cake) is ruined forever?

Reviews for Emma Davies

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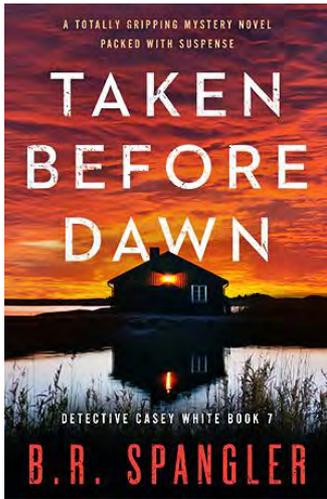
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Crime Thriller

292 pages | Pub Date 7/12/2022 | 9781803144214 | Unagented

The Adam and Eve Mystery Series 4



Taken Before Dawn B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Rachel Caine and Robert Dugoni

Seventh in the Detective Casey White series (130,000), Where Lost Girls Go (50,000), reached the Top 15 on the Kindle US chart.

Editor's Note

In this absolutely addictive, heart-in-mouth read, B.R. Spangler takes Detective Casey White on her next adventure. This series has BIG fans who are drawn back time and again for the complex relationships between Casey, her partner and her team, the atmospheric ocean-side setting of the Outer Banks, and B.R. Spangler's incredible ability to deliver twist after twist! In Taken Before Dawn Casey is in more danger than ever before. As I was editing I couldn't turn the pages fast enough and I can't wait to share the adrenalin with readers!

Retail Description

When Detective Casey White is called to a murder scene on a coastal road, her whole team is in a panic. Could the body be their missing colleague Samantha? The investigator was last seen two days ago, going home after dancing with friends.

Casey's relief is short-lived when she sees the dark hair of another woman. Pauline Rydel has been missing for a week. Devastated that anyone would take this innocent life, and terrified Samantha will be next, the tear-shaped cuts on the victim's face make Casey's heart stop. She's seen these marks before...

On one of her very first cases a murderer known as the Midnight Killer stole young women in the darkest hours, kept them alive for seven days, and abandoned their bodies at dawn. Casey was seconds away from catching him when she made a deadly mistake that's haunted her ever since. After all these years, is he back?

Knowing every second counts, Casey is pouring over forensics when another body is found. This time, markings on the back of the victim's neck spell out Casey's name.

With everyone in this small community scared for their daughters' lives, Casey must face up to the past in her most personal case yet. But even if she sacrifices herself, will it be too late to save one of her own?

Reviews for B.R. Spangler

'OMG WHAT A BOOK!!!!... A real page-turner and rollercoaster... Hooked from the first page... I literally devoured this book in one sitting. Cancel everything and curl up with this fantastic five star read... I LOVED IT!!!!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'An explosive, exciting, twisty, riveting read that will have you gasping for air... once you start, you won't want to stop until you reach its shocking conclusion. A propulsive thriller with a fantastic female protagonist you'll connect with immediately!' Lisa Regan, USA Today bestselling author of the Detective Josie Quinn series

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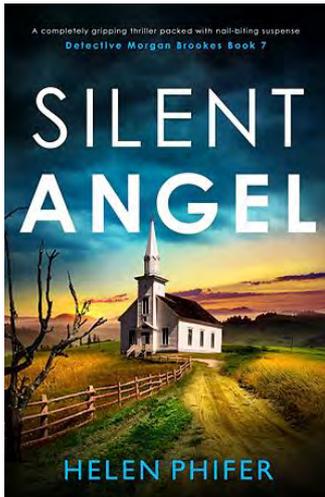
By day, B.R. Spangler pushes pixels, typing lines of code. When he's not developing software, or elbows deep in hardware, he is writing stories, plotting thrillers, or reading. B.R. Spangler lives in Virginia with his wife and kids, as well as five cats, a parrot, a finch, a lizard.



Crime Thriller

254 pages | Pub Date 23/9/2022 | 9781803147741 | Unagented

Detective Casey White 7



Silent Angel Helen Phifer

Previous Translation Publishers
Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian), Computer Media (Czech)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Lisa Regan and Rachel Abbott

85,000 copies sold of *One Left Alive*, the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. Top 30 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

Un.Put.Downable. I don't know where Helen gets her ideas from but once again she has thrown Morgan into a twisty, tense and high-stakes murder investigation. My heart was in my throat with this book as one of the core cast of characters gets entangled with the murderer, with fatal results! The drama is pitch-perfect, and the eventual unmasking of the killer will satisfy every crime-junkie out there!

Retail Description

When the body of a teenage girl is found in Rydal Falls' churchyard, Detective Morgan Brookes abandons her own birthday to attend the scene. In the dim evening light, Morgan can just make out the girl wrapped in a pristine white sheet and is certain she's been left here for them to find.

The autopsy identifies the girl as sixteen-year-old Shea Wilkinson, and Morgan's heart cracks with sorrow. The beautiful teenager has been missing for weeks, could she have been suffering all this time? When she learns the sand on Shea's feet is from a nearby island, Morgan leaves immediately, determined to find the killer's hiding place and stop them in their tracks.

But scouring the windswept beach, Morgan can't find any sign that Shea was ever there. And then her phone rings with devastating news. Another girl has gone missing, a young nurse called Milly with the same blonde hair and blue eyes as Shea.

Morgan won't rest until she has returned the kind, cheerful girl to her distraught parents. But Milly was last seen chatting to one of Morgan's colleagues on the force... Refusing to think the worst, can she trace the clues and get inside the mind of the most cunning killer of her career, before another innocent life is lost?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'My heart is still pounding hours after the last page. Oh my god what a heart-stopping read... I had chills... Easily in my top 10 for this year.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I read this book in one sitting... I was hooked from the first page... OMG what a case... a real rollercoaster of a read... will get your heart pumping. I absolutely loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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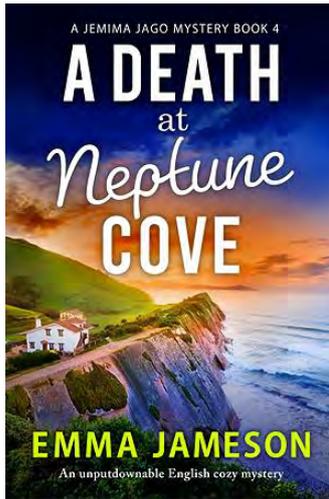
Helen Phifer's love of reading began with Enid Blyton, before progressing on to Laura Ingalls Wilder and scaring herself with Steven King. If she can't write for any particular reason she finds herself getting itchy fingers and really irritable. She loves reading as much as writing.



Crime Thriller

294 pages | Pub Date 28/9/2022 | 9781803144023 | Unagented

Detective Morgan Brookes 7



A Death at Neptune Cove Emma Jameson

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and M.C. Beaton

Emma is a New York Times and USA Today bestseller. Her previous novels have sold over half a million copies to date.

Editor's Note

Emma's writing is so witty and full of warm humour it's impossible not to enjoy this book once you've started it. Her settings are totally delightful and the mystery is always creative. This time we have a case of mistaken identity, a buried box of stolen jewels and a mysterious ghost ship... Pure cozy hijinks set in paradise!

Retail Description

A birthday beach party gone wrong, buried treasure and... a dead body? This might be Jemima Jago's most baffling case yet!

When Jem knocked on the door of an isolated cottage overlooking the beautiful Neptune Cove, she was hoping for help fixing a birthday cake baking disaster. She was not expecting to find the tenant dead on the tiled floor, specs of blood on the collar of his navy and red satin pajamas...

The victim is Arthur Ajax, a handsome and wealthy American businessman who arrived in the Isles of Scilly as a tourist ten months ago and never left. There have been rumors about him in town – he was known for his extravagant lifestyle – perhaps he'd gone overboard, could his death be connected to an unpaid debt?

Later that same evening, Jem stumbles across a hoard of buried jewelry, dug up from the dunes by little dog Buck, and she immediately wonders if they could be connected to the rich man's murder. It's not every day you find expensive—and very real looking—sapphire earrings stashed away in an antique biscuit tin!

Jem seeks help from local jewelry expert to identify the gems. But when he suddenly goes missing, Jem knows someone is trying to cover their tracks. Can she catch the killer before he makes her walk the plank too?

Reviews for Emma Jameson

"Wow. I love it... so fabulous that I stayed up half the night finishing it! Joy!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"AMAZING story! I just loved the humorous banter." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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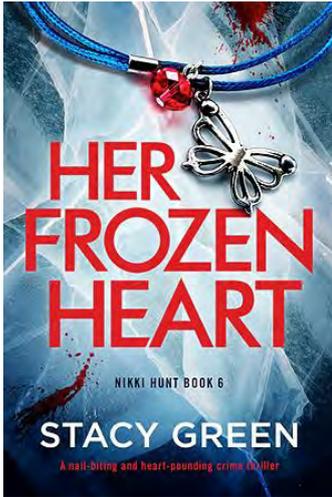
Emma Jameson writes mysteries that readers call witty, romantic, and full of surprises. A compulsive reader and information hoarder, Emma is always searching for that fascinating nugget or startling fact that will spark another novel. A lifelong Anglophile, she resides in the United States, where she enjoys swimming, yoga, and serving the needs of not one, not two, not three, but four cats.



Crime Thriller

274 pages | Pub Date 29/9/2022 | 9781803147260 | Unagented

A Jemima Jago Mystery 4



Her Frozen Heart Stacy Green

For fans of Lisa Regan, Kendra Elliot and Robert Dugoni

The first book in the Nikki Hunt series reached **11** in the Amazon US charts

Editor's Note

The next instalment in Stacy Green's bestselling and acclaimed Nikki Hunt series. When the body of a young woman is found in a frozen lake, Nikki fears that a feared local serial killer might be active once more...

Retail Description

The girl's pretty face was relaxed, snowflakes settling on her cheeks as they began to fall more thickly over the quiet frozen lake where she'd been found. She could have been sleeping... but her empty eyes and the blooming bruises around her neck told a different story...

When Special Agent Nikki Hunt receives a call on Christmas Day, she knows it can't be good news. Seventeen-year-old missing person Kesha Williams has at last been found... her body floating in an icy forest lake, miles from her hometown. As Nikki rushes to the scene, she's chilled to see the past repeating itself. Kesha disappeared a month ago from the mall where Nikki's own little girl was targeted last year. With Kesha's grieving parents desperate for answers and the media out for blood, Nikki promises she'll find Kesha's killer no matter what it takes.

Local police are convinced it was Kesha's boyfriend Dion, who was spotted disappearing off security cameras that day at the mall, but Nikki isn't so sure. The dense marshes and unstable ground around the crime scene mean it's nearly inaccessible from the road. Whoever took Kesha is a local and this probably isn't his first kill. Nikki's worst fears are confirmed when the team find another grave on the shore – a second teenage girl, her body wound in a brightly coloured beach towel. Suddenly on the hunt for a serial killer, Nikki knows that an early break is the key to solving this case. But as the body count rises, will Nikki be able to find Kesha's killer... or will he find her first?

Reviews for Stacy Green

"One sensational read! Wow, this one just completely blew me away. If you are looking for a brand new series to sink your teeth into, then look no further. A must read!" Once Upon A Time Book Blog, ★★★★★

"I love Nikki Hunt!!! Stacy Green has written such a fantastic, yet realistic, heroine... will keep you up well past bedtime." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Stacy Green is the bestselling author of more than 10 award-winning novels and nonfiction short stories. The Erin Prince series has been optioned for television by a major production team. All Good Deeds (Lucy Kendall #1) won a bronze medal for mystery and thriller at the 2015 IPPY Awards. Tin God (Delta Crossroads #1) was runner-up for best mystery/thriller at the 2013 Kindle Book Awards. Stacy started her career in journalism before becoming a stay at home mother and rediscovering her love of writing.



Crime Thriller

254 pages | Pub Date 13/10/2022 | 9781803146959 | Unagented

Nikki Hunt 6

The Girl in the Pink Shoes Stacy Green

COVER ART
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For fans of Lisa Regan, Robert Dugoni and Kendra Elliot

The first book in the Nikki Hunt series reached 11 in the Amazon US charts

Editor's Note

With almost 200,000 copies sold of her Detective Nikki Hunt series, THE GIRL IN THE PINK SHOES is the first in the explosive Lucy Kendall series introducing maverick private investigator Lucy Kendall. Lucy tracks down killers to deliver vigilante justice. But a missing child will pull her into a case that's darker and more complicated than anything she's ever faced.

This book was previously published by the author as ALL GOOD DEEDS.

Retail Description

My baby girl. This morning she was so excited for school. I bought her new shoes last night. Pink, sparkly shoes. She loved them so much. She wore them for the first time today. And now she is gone...

It is every mother's worst nightmare. Eight-year-old Kailey Richardson skips out of the school gates in her brand-new pink shoes and never makes it home. Between the school and the safety of her shiny red front door, someone has taken her.

Private Investigator Lucy Kendall sees the fliers of a smiling gap-toothed Kailey and knows she won't be able to sleep until the little girl is found. Having lost her own sister to the darkest evil, she is determined to help find Kailey before it is too late.

As Lucy talks to Kailey's friends, desperate to find out who has taken the happy little girl, she begins to form a worrying picture of the days before Kailey's disappearance. The blue car idling in the street outside the school. The friendly man across the road. And Kailey's mother, Jenna, hollow-eyed and jumpy, clutching Kailey's teddy bear and not telling Lucy everything.

Lucy has promised Jenna she will do everything to find her daughter. But then she discovers Jenna has a connection to the prime suspect in Kailey's disappearance... and one which brings Lucy's past rushing back to haunt her. Time is running out to find Kailey, but will Lucy be able to save this innocent little girl before her own demons destroy her?

Reviews for Stacy Green

"I devoured this... I loved this book! Fast paced, non-stop from woe to go. Well written – perfect. This is what you want your reading to be. Gritty, edge of your seat." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"An excellent psychological thriller with enough twists and turns to keep you riveted to your seat and frantically turning the pages; I have absolutely no hesitation in recommending this one highly." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

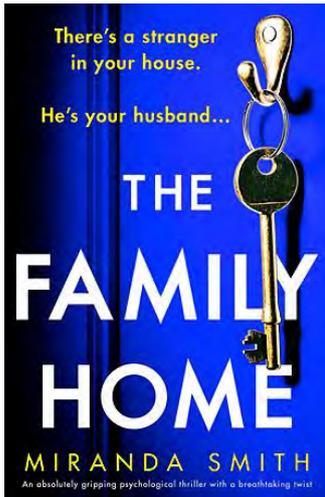
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Crime Thriller

304 pages | Pub Date 30/1/2023 | 9781803149288 | Unagented



The Family Home Miranda Smith

Previous Translation Publishers
Filia (Polish)

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Ruth Ware and Karin Slaughter

Miranda sold over 140,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

Miranda Smith writes about ordinary people in extraordinary situations: she is fantastic at finding interesting parts of modern life... and making them darker. In *THE FAMILY HOME*, Matthew and Lillian are nesting - post-divorce, they have kept the family home. It's meant to be good for the children - but it means their lives are more enmeshed than they should be. And when Lillian wakes one day to find a dead body in the apartment, she's forced to question how well she knows her husband, the only other person with a key. It's a fascinating take on today's society, and a page-turning thriller. The twisty surprises and rich characterisation marks Miranda out as a truly exceptional author in this genre, who's now sold 40k units for just shy of £200k.

Retail Description

I can't trust him. I can't live with him. I can't let him go.

At my daughter Mabel's sixth birthday party, there's a cake with candles, sausages on the barbecue, and the sound of her friends' excited voices as we open her gifts. But at the end of the day, I hug my daughter tightly, drop a kiss into her shiny brown hair... and leave her with my ex-husband, who won't even meet my eyes.

After our divorce, Matthew and I wanted to do the best thing for Mabel. We agreed to share the family home, despite living separate lives. Now one of us stays with her, and one of us stays at the apartment across town.

The night of the party, I fall asleep on the sofa, tired and a little sad. When I wake up and stumble into my bedroom, I know immediately something is wrong.

There's a body in my bed. A man I dated. In an apartment where only Matthew and I have the key. Would Matthew go this far to be rid of me? I thought I could trust him... but now I can't be sure.

Or has someone learned the terrible secret that both tore us apart, and tied us together forever?

Reviews for Miranda Smith

"I STAYED UP UNTIL 1AM FINISHING THIS BOOK. I tried going to sleep, I really did. But every time I closed my eyes, I just kept thinking about this book, and I needdedddeddd to know how it finished." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"I was hooked... I devoured this book in one sitting. Got my heart racing, atmospheric, chilling and utterly gripping... Fantastic read, nail-biting and one of the best books I have read this year. A MUST READ!!!!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

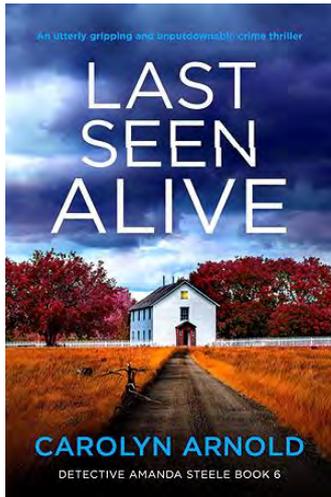
Author Biography

Miranda Smith writes psychological and domestic suspense. She is drawn to stories about ordinary people in extraordinary situations. Before completing her first novel, she worked as a newspaper staff writer and a secondary English teacher. She lives in East Tennessee with her husband and three young children.



Crime Thriller

292 pages | Pub Date 3/10/2022 | 9781803144696 | Unagented



Last Seen Alive Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

Carolyn Arnold is an international bestselling and award-winning author

Editor's Note

From the moment I picked this book up I could not put it down. Carolyn has absolutely outdone herself - a twisted murder is just the start of Amanda's problems in this twisty roller-coaster of a novel and I know that her fans are going to adore this book!

Retail Description

The woman lies so still as her blood soaks into the soft bedcovers beneath her. A tear runs down her face as she looks at the wedding band on her finger. She had loved her husband so much...

When Detective Amanda Steele unexpectedly reconnects with an old boyfriend, the last thing she expects to see lying on his bed is the dead body of his wife, Claire, who walked out on him four years ago.

Logan begs Amanda to believe he's innocent. But she doesn't miss the gun on a nearby table, and she's torn when forensics reveal that not only was this the murder weapon, but Logan's fingerprints are all over it... Could he have been framed? Or is he using his connection to Amanda to get away with murder?

Determined to uncover the truth, Amanda retraces Claire's last steps and finds that she visited her best friend the day before her death. But Amanda is devastated to discover that the friend died in a car accident just hours after meeting with Claire. What deadly secret connected them, and could more women be in danger?

But the killer is closer than Amanda realises, and when her beloved daughter, Zoe, is threatened, she's suddenly in a race to find the final clue before the person she loves most pays the price...

Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

"OMG YES. This was an amazing book... I couldn't put it down... Best book I read this year." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"My heart is still beating fast! Wow!! By far, one of the best thrillers I've read in a long time!" Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

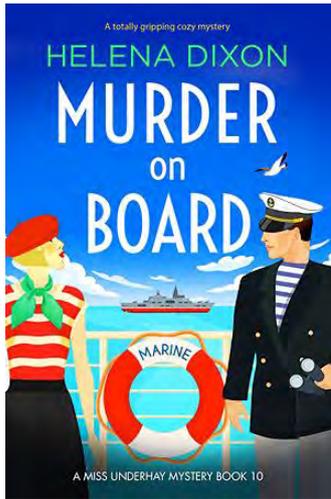
Carolyn Arnold was born in a small Canadian town and enjoys spending time outdoors, but she also loves the lights of a big city. Grounded by her roots and lifted by her dreams, her overactive imagination insists that she tell her stories. Her intention is to touch the hearts of millions with her books, to entertain, inspire, and empower. She currently lives north of London, Ontario, with her husband and two beagles.



Crime Thriller

300 pages | Pub Date 6/10/2022 | 9781803142128 | Unagented

Detective Amanda Steele 6



Murder on Board Helena Dixon

Previous Translation Publishers
Vintage Editore (Italian), Softpress (Bulgarian)

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Lee Strauss

A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. Murder at Elm House amassed over 1000 preorders in the first two weeks.

Editor's Note

Helena sent me the manuscript for this book one morning, and I returned it to her the following day. I literally could not put it down. Murder on Board has everything you could ever wish for in a cosy crime novel - a devilish mystery with a thoroughly satisfying twist, the return of fan-favourite characters, and Helena's witty, hilarious writing. It's perfect!

Retail Description

Kitty Underhay is drowning... in murder.

Kitty Underhay hopes for plain sailing as she caters a 21st birthday party for the Chief Constable's daughter aboard a luxury paddle steamer. So her heart sinks when she learns that the man her fiancé Matthew has been tailing on orders from Whitehall, Gunther Freiburg, is aboard. And she's even more horrified when she steps below deck to discover Gunther, dead in the engine room. One of the Chief Constable's party must be responsible for his demise, but who, and why?

And the evening is on course for further disaster. As the lights go out around the candlelit cake, a terrible scream rings out over the merry hubbub. A priceless diamond necklace has been snatched from around the birthday girl's neck... Something fishy is going on, but is this the work of the same sailing assassin, or is it a red herring?

With the local inspector in deep water having to investigate his own boss, Kitty and Matt dive in to help. But when Kitty's eavesdropping puts her in mortal danger, will everything turn out shipshape, or will it be her turn to go swimming with the fishes...?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

'Five stars are not enough.' Netgalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'This was excellent and I read it in one sitting, a page-turner I couldn't put down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

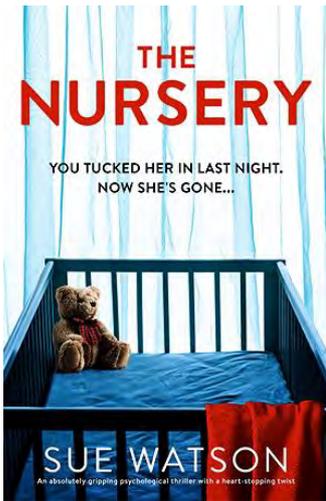
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

256 pages | Pub Date 19/10/2022 | 9781803143026 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

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The Nursery Sue Watson

Previous Translation Publishers

Heyne (German), Fanucci (Italian), Editora Pangora (Brazilian), Filia (Polish), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of *Gone Girl*, *The Wife Between Us* and *The Woman in the Window*

Over 1.1 million copies sold. *The Sister-in-Law*, sold over 175,000 ebooks and was #2 in Amazon UK

Editor's Note

Sue Watson is the Queen of Psychological Suspense! She has sold over 1 million copies across her entire list and her last book, *The New Wife* reached number 5 in the UK Amazon charts and stayed in the top 100 for a month. We have had Italian and Polish deals for *Our Little Lies* and *The Sister in Law* and Polish deals for *First Date* and *The Woman Next Door*. This book sees Sue at her best – twisting a tale about mothers, daughters and deep family secrets. When Emily's adopted daughter Ruby begins to keep secrets and sneak out of the house at night, she fears the worst thing has happened – Ruby has been talking to her biological mother and it's only a matter of time before Ruby uncovers Emily's biggest secret. Emily will do anything to keep her secret and protect her daughter...

Retail Description

A girl who needs a mother. A woman desperate to have a family. And a decision that will change their lives forever.

Emily always wanted to be the perfect mother. So when she struggled to get pregnant, she vowed to do whatever it took to become a mother. And when the adoption agency finally gave her a little girl, she did everything to make sure life was perfect, even if it meant hiding her most guilty secret from everyone in her life.

Ruby had been all over the news. Pictures of her wandering along a street at night, dirty and malnourished, and stories of her mother's wilful neglect, made Emily even more convinced she could give the little girl a good home. And the moment Emily saw her shock of red hair, which was just like her own, she knew she'd made the right decision.

Emily hoped Ruby wouldn't remember anything about her past, but when Ruby begins to talk about her nursery, describing every detail of the mobile hanging above her cot, Emily realises that her daughter remembers more than she had hoped for, and it sends a shudder down her spine. How much does Ruby know? And when she begins to piece together the fragments of her early years of life, will Emily's biggest secret be revealed?

Reviews for Sue Watson

'Fantastic... I absolutely raced through this extremely gripping and addictive page-turner... I was truly stunned.' @rubie_reads



'Pre-order this book right now!! IT IS SO GOOD... HOOKED... I am still in SHOCK AND AWE at the ending.' @readwhiteandrose,



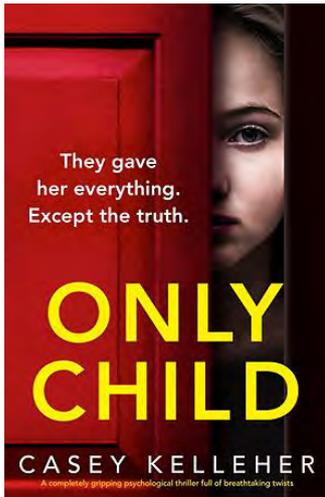
Author Biography

Sue Watson was a journalist on women's magazines and national newspapers before leaving it all behind for a career in TV. As a producer with the BBC she worked on garden makeovers, kitchen takeovers and daytime sofas – all the time making copious notes so that one day she might escape to the country and turn it all into a book. After much deliberation and copious consumption of cake, Sue eventually left her life in TV to write. After a very successful debut novel, *Fat Girls and Fairy Cakes* Sue signed a deal with Bookouture.



Crime Thriller

302 pages | Pub Date 20/10/2022 | 9781803145648 | Unagented



Only Child Casey Kelleher

For fans of Lisa Jewell, K.L. Slater and T.M. Logan

Casey's previous books sold over 300,000 copies and have reached the top 30 in Amazon UK. I'll Never Tell is a UK Kindle top 100 bestseller

Editor's Note

This is a dark and twisting gritty psychological thriller that tests everything a reader thought they knew about the genre. From missing girls to dangerous families, this fantastic, gripping story will knock your socks off! I was drawn immediately to the three main women in the story - Casey writes them so brilliantly, with amazing detail, and a knack for getting to the heart of their emotions.

Retail Description

Fifteen-year-old Kelly is the apple of her parents' eyes, their beautiful little girl, longed-for and cherished. So when she goes out with friends one evening, they give her a hug and wave her off with a tug of the heartstrings. They'll miss her, but they know she'll be home later. Instead, the police turn up, and their world collapses.

Someone has taken their daughter. Someone who has been watching their family. Someone, it seems, who knows that Kelly is their pride and joy, and who is determined to tear their happiness to shreds. Because there's a terrible secret at the heart of Kelly's family.

And the worst of it? Her parents should have known it was coming. They've been living a lie for years. A lie so huge, so shocking, that it could destroy everything they hold dear. And the person who's taken Kelly is going to make sure that their family will never be the same again...

Reviews for Casey Kelleher

"Wow!... I was blown away!... Gripping... Just when you think you have figured everything out the author surprises you with another twist and keeps you guessing till the very end... I was hooked and just had to finish it in one sitting!" Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wow, wow, wow!!!! My mind is blown. This has to be one of the best books I've read... Once I got started... I could not stop. I read well into the night until I finally couldn't see the words anymore. It was just that good.' Blue Moon Blogger, ★★★★★ "

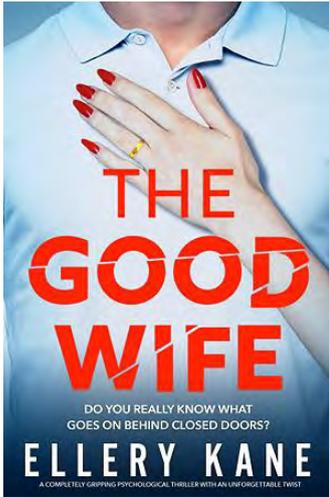
Author Biography

Born in Cuckfield, West Sussex, Casey Kelleher grew up as an avid reader and a huge fan of author Martina Cole. Whilst working as a beauty therapist and bringing up her three children together with her Husband, Casey penned her debut novel Rotten to the Core. Its success meant that she could give up her day job and concentrate on writing full time.



Crime Thriller

294 pages | Pub Date 7/10/2022 | 9781803144238 | Unagented



The Good Wife Ellery Kane

For fans of *Gone Girl*, *The Girl on the Train* and *The Housemaid*

Ellery Kane's previous series sold over 30,000 copies

Editor's Note

Gripping, heart-stopping and with a twist you'll never see coming – that's how readers describe Ellery Kane's writing. This is her second psychological thriller and it's another unputdownable read. Set in San Francisco, it tells the story of a wife whose husband is charged with the murder of their next door neighbour – the woman he was having an affair with. Just when you think you know what happened, you'll be amazed at what happens next. This is perfect for fans of *Gone Girl*, *The Girl on the Train* and *The Wife Between Us*.

Retail Description

When the cops pull up outside our modest family home and walk up our lawn strewn with our daughter's toys, I turn to see the look on my husband's face, and I know he's done something wrong. In that moment, I have no idea how bad it is, or that I will end up doing something much, much worse...

All marriages have their challenges, right? But as I watch my husband being put into the back of a cop car, I find myself wondering if I ever knew him at all. Could handsome, easy-going Theo really have killed a girl on our block? Could I have got the sweet, loving father, who makes up lullabies to sing my baby to sleep, so wrong?

Most women would leave him—take their child and run for the hills. But not me. Theo and I have been together a long time. I know his secrets. And he knows all of mine. Well, most of them. I'm the best lawyer in this town and I'm his only chance. So I choose to defend him, whatever the cost.

When I learn more about the young woman found dead in a dumpster outside of my husband's music studio, I feel my heart pound in my chest. I know her, and I know how close she was to my husband. As a local nanny, they often bumped into each other at the children's playground, and he even invited her over for dinner once. Was I wrong to be so trusting? And why did he lie about where he was the night she was killed?

Reviews for Ellery Kane

'The twists and turns in this book gave me whiplash... Such a page-turner.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'I swore to myself that I was only going to read a few pages because my kitchen was a mess and I needed to clean it. Yeah... my partner came home with our daughter a few hours later and there I was... curled up on the sofa with a dirty kitchen. I just couldn't put it down!' Thebutterflyreader ★★★★★

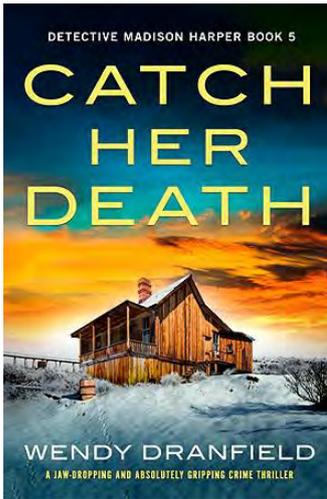
Author Biography

Forensic psychologist by day, novelist by night, Ellery Kane has been writing – professionally and creatively – for as long as she can remember. She was selected as one of ten semifinalists in the MasterClass James Patterson Co-Author Competition and lives in the San Francisco Bay Area of California, a picturesque setting that provides the backdrop for many of her novels.



Crime Thriller

378 pages | Pub Date 25/10/2022 | 9781803148489 | Unagented



Catch Her Death Wendy Dranfield

Previous Translation Publishers
Albatros Media a.s. (Czech)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot.

The Detective Madison Harper series has sold over 50,000 copies

Editor's Note

Another blistering crime thriller from one of our best reviewing crime series. *Catch Her Death* truly sucks you in and spits you out the other side as a serial killer picks up speed in the days leading up to Christmas. Readers adore the tumultuous relationship between Madison and PI Nate Monroe, not to mention the dark and twisted crimes that plague the small town of Lost Creek.

Retail Description

As snow falls on the small town of Lost Creek, Colorado, a three-year-old boy is found playing quietly in his car seat, his mother, cold as ice, slumped against the steering wheel in front. Tearing herself away from reconnecting with her special agent father who abandoned her for his career, Detective Madison Harper is haunted by the fear in the boy's sky-blue eyes, and vows to find justice for this innocent child, left motherless just days before Christmas.

Madison works around the clock on her only clue: a perfect circle of clean glass found on the car's rear window. But she's stopped in her tracks the moment another mother is found dead outside a church during Midnight Mass, her young boy left sucking his thumb on the frozen ground beside her. It can't be a coincidence.

The need to spare the children might hint to the suspect being a woman, but the deeper Madison digs, the closer she gets to a serial killer her own father spent a lifetime chasing. Has the killer followed her father here? Could Madison, single mother to a son herself, be next?

As a blizzard closes in, wreaking havoc on the investigation, Madison hits the same dead ends her father did all those years ago. But when her closest friend goes missing, Madison must dive into the mind of this twisted soul and risk it all to stop another heart-shattering tragedy. But will she make it in time?

Reviews for Wendy Dranfield

'A mind-blowing, spine-numbing, completely engrossing mystery with a jaw-dropping twist! I ab-so-lutely loved... MIND-BLOWING. JAW-DROPPING. The identity of the killer - shocking! I was like, wait... who?' The Book Decoder, ★★★★★

'A nail-biting thriller that will put you on the edge... completely unexpected twists and turns!... A rollercoaster ride... this book will keep you up all night... five stars!' Tropical Girl Reads, ★★★★★

Author Biography

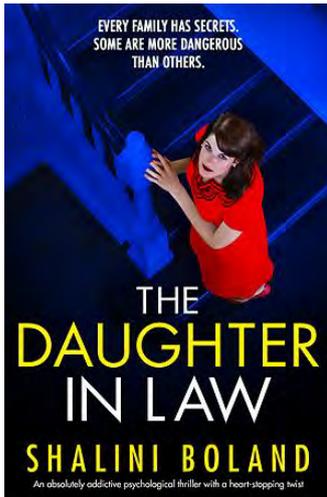
Wendy is a former coroner's assistant turned crime writer who lives in the UK with her husband. She is the author of several crime novels and has numerous short stories published in various UK and US anthologies. She has also been shortlisted and longlisted for various competitions, including the Mslxia Novel Competition.



Crime Thriller

338 pages | Pub Date 9/9/2022 | 9781803146546 | Unagented

Detective Madison Harper 5



The Daughter-in-Law Shalini Boland

Previous Translation Publishers

Muvelt Nep (Hungarian), Wydawnictwo Literackie (Polish), Eksmo (Russian) Weltbild, Hope Edizioni (Italian), Euromedia (Czech), Legendary Television (TV and Film), RAO Distributie (Romanian), Ersen (Estonian)

For fans of *The Girl on the Train*, *Gone Girl* and *The Wife Between Us*

Over 1.8 million Shalini Boland thrillers sold

Editor's Note

Shalini Boland has sold over a million copies since her first publication with Bookouture in November 2017 and is a USA Today Bestseller several times over. Her books have generated over £2 million in revenue as well as regularly topping ebook bestseller charts.

A Perfect Stranger is an a nail-biting psychological thriller! Shalini reviews incredibly well, all of her novels are brilliantly plotted and readers love her relatable characters and the twists in her stories.

Retail Description

Your new husband has a shocking secret. Would your mother-in-law kill to protect it?

From the moment I meet my new mother-in-law in her beautiful country house, she makes it clear I'm not welcome. Lilian Fletcher hates me for marrying her precious boy on a golden beach far away from her.

Starting our marriage living in the Fletchers' family home is a nightmare. Then I discover Seb was married before and his first wife is dead. I wonder why the man I love didn't tell me the truth. And I wonder what happened to her: the woman who came before me. How did she die?

Lilian's steely blue gaze follows me everywhere. Then the accidents start to happen, and I know she is behind them. It starts with small things, like a dropped birthday cake, a spilt glass of wine. But then my mother-in-law accuses me of something terrible. This woman is determined to get me out of her son's life.

Now I wish I'd never met my handsome, clever husband. Or come to this luxurious house that feels more like a prison.

But I have secrets too. And no-one knows who I really am...

Reviews for Shalini Boland

'I gasped out loud... my jaw definitely dropped firmly to the floor... tremendous and tense... so binge-worthy... This fast-paced and shockingly addictive page turner held my attention perfectly, keeping me guessing until that final twist was laid bare and giving me chills. Absolutely loved it!' Rubie Reads, ★★★★★

'Wow, just WOW!... brilliant... deliciously twisty and unexpected endings!... just read it, you won't be sorry! I would give it 6 stars if I could!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

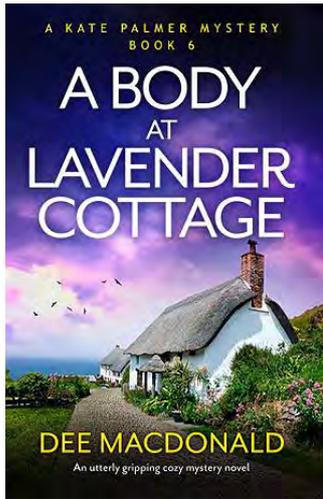
Author Biography

Shalini lives in Dorset, England with her husband, two children and Jess their cheeky terrier cross. Before kids, she was signed to Universal Music Publishing as a singer songwriter, but now she spends her days writing suspense thrillers (in between school runs and hanging out endless baskets of laundry).



Crime Thriller

272 pages | Pub Date 4/11/2022 | 9781838881535 | Unagented



A Body at Lavender Cottage Dee MacDonald

Previous Translation Publishers
Alpress (Czech)

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Joy Ellis

Dee MacDonald has sold over 200,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018

Editor's Note

Amateur sleuth Kate Palmer returns in the addictive sixth book in Dee MacDonald's Cornish-set cosy crime series. There's a stellar cast of suspects and plenty of twists to keep you guessing. Fans will be delighted to be reunited with Kate and her gin-loving sister Angie, not to mention the handsome ex-DI Woody Forrest.

Atmospheric, twisty and character-led, this is the perfect series for readers to curl up with. Fans of Agatha Christie, Joy Ellis and Faith Martin will love this series.

Retail Description

Kate Palmer is stunned when she wakes up one morning to discover the body of a man in the beautiful garden of Lavender Cottage. She's spent the last few years renovating her cosy, clifftop cottage with its gorgeous views of the sparkling Cornish sea. And a death right under her nose is more than a little unsettling...

When Woody Forrest, Kate's new husband and the village's retired detective inspector, takes a closer look he realises the victim is none other than Frank Ford – Woody's old nemesis. Now, Frank is lying dead amongst the daisies... strangled with Woody's blue police tie.

Kate is certain the man she loves is not a murderer and is determined to prove his innocence. But who would want to kill Frank and frame Woody? As Kate investigates, Frank's family seem to be the obvious suspects. When another member of the Ford family bites the dust while Woody is tending his allotment, it's clear the killer is determined to bury Woody's reputation. But when a chance conversation on Bluebell Road provides Kate with a clue, she must find a woman named Rose, who could hold the answers Kate is looking for.

But Kate needs to dig up the truth – and fast! – before poor Woody is thrown behind bars. Can she solve the case and save her husband before it's too late?

Reviews for Dee MacDonald

'Addictive... fabulous Cornish-set cosy mystery series... brilliantly plotted... full of clever twists and turns and surprises that keep readers guessing... a terrific British cosy mystery I read in a single sitting... top-notch British mystery!' Bookish Jottings,



'Delightful cosy mystery... I read it in one sitting when I went to bed... and didn't stop until I finished it just after 1am... perfect for fans of cosy reads and Agatha Christie.' Confessions of a Bookaholic,

Author Biography

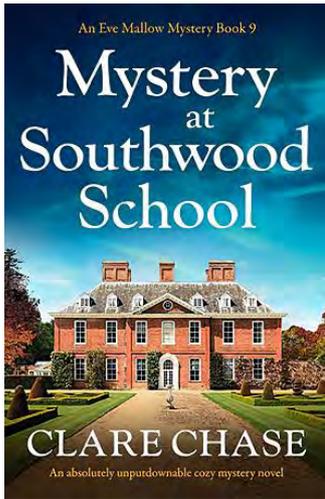
Aged 18, Dee arrived in London from Scotland and typed her way round the West End for a couple of years before joining BOAC (forerunner of British Airways) in Passenger Services for 2 years and then as a stewardess for 8 years. She has worked in Market Research, Sales and at the Thames TV Studios when they had the franchise. Dee has since relocated to Cornwall, where she spent 10 years running B&Bs, and only began writing when she was over 70! Married twice, she has one son and two grandsons.



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 7/11/2022 | 9781803148526 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates

A Kate Palmer Mystery 6



Mystery at Southwood School Clare Chase

Previous Translation Publishers
Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian), Luebbe (German)

For fans of M.C. Beaton, Agatha Christie and Betty Rowlands.

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 230,000 copies to date, top 15 Amazon US and CA author

Editor's Note

The ninth novel in the charming Eve Mallow cozy series, which has now sold over 160,000 copies for £400k revenue, with thousands of pre-orders for every book. Cozy is having a resurgence as people seek to escape dark times, and Clare Chase delivers a brilliant read every time, with a high star review rating. The series features all the things that work in this genre: a determined, smart, female amateur detective, beautiful locations, cake to die for, and a delightful dachshund sidekick. Each book also features a fascinating setting: in this novel it's an elite girls' boarding school with a large cast of suspects who wanted to teach the murder victim a lesson. In any market where cozy crime is of interest, this series is worth taking seriously. It's one of our top, consistent sellers. German rights are now sold to Luebbe.

Retail Description

Eve Mallow is delighted when she and her best friend Viv are asked to cater Founders' Day at Southwood School. It has a reputation as the best – and most secretive – school for miles around, and Viv has shared many dramatic stories about her time there. Eve can't wait to see what it's really like.

But when they arrive, Eve realises that the atmosphere is far from scholarly. Natalie Somerson, ex-pupil and infamous talk-show host, is the guest of honour, but nobody seems to want her there... especially when her speech stirs up old gossip. So why was she invited?

To make matters worse, Natalie won't leave Eve's boyfriend Robin alone... and when she's found dead, he becomes the police's prime suspect. Determined to prove his innocence, Eve starts to investigate everyone with a stake in the school. Is it the prudish principal, worried about Natalie's influence? Her bitter former teacher, whose life Natalie made miserable? Or the head girl, who seemed to hate Natalie on sight?

With time running out to save Robin's good name, Eve had better study her suspects and unmask the real killer... before they give her a fatal mark!

Reviews for Clare Chase

"Stunning... Loved the story and the pacing and just everything about it... A great story that I couldn't put down.' Crossroad Reviews

'I loved this book... Everything an old-fashioned sleuthing ought to be... I flew through the pages' Shalini's Books & Reviews, ★★★★★ "

Author Biography

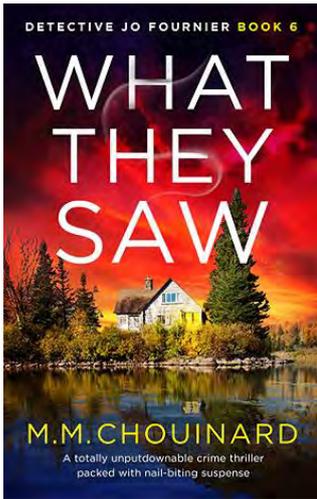
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As well as writing, Clare loves family time, art and architecture, cooking, and of course, reading other people's books. She lives with her husband and teenage children, and currently works at the Royal Society of Chemistry.



Crime Thriller

298 pages | Pub Date 10/11/2022 | 9781803144085 | Unagented

An Eve Mallow Mystery 9



What They Saw M.M. Chouinard

Previous Translation Publishers
Golden Time (Korean), AST (Russian)

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Gregg Olsen

M.M. Chouinard has sold over 400,000 copies to date, has hit #15 on Amazon Canada and was a US top 100 bestseller

Editor's Note

This gripping crime novel is one I will never forget. It goes to the very heart of complex issues in the criminal justice system in a nail-biting case that is painfully close to home for the lead Detective. With a ticking clock as the team work to prevent the next morning's murder, this will have readers staying up until the wee hours.

Retail Description

Next to the lake's dappled water, a woman lies on her yoga mat, her limbs twisted as if she is trying to crawl away. Her mug of tea steams into the cool air and her lips, still warm, are parted mid-sentence. But she will never speak or see again...

When Sandra Ashville is found murdered in a sleepy town near Oakhurst, Detective Jo Fournier is first at the scene. Jo is shaken by the similarities between herself and the dead assistant District Attorney, a dedicated woman with a heart for justice. And as she examines Sandra's body, Jo discovers something that chills her to the bone: the bullet hole is covered by an intact blindfold. Why was Sandra only blindfolded after her death?

The very next morning Jo receives a shocking call. A judge has been brutally killed, before she too was blindfolded. Soon it becomes clear that the twisted serial killer is working with a deadly countdown: every morning, another body will be found. Working around the clock, Jo makes an important break-through: all the victims are connected to the same murder trial. And Jo's dear friend and partner Bob Arnett could be next...

With the next morning rapidly approaching, Jo and her team pull out all the stops to catch the killer. But when she uncovers a stain of corruption that includes Bob, Jo faces an impossible choice. Can she trust her partner, when the evidence suggests he turned a blind eye to a grave miscarriage of justice?

Reviews for M.M. Chouinard

"WHAT did I just read!!!! WOW!!! I mean seriously Wow!!!... MASSIVE WELL DONE... had me hook line and sinker!!!!... Clear your schedules as you will not be able to put it down!!!!... an absolutely page turning must read that will leave you wanting more!!!"
Bookworm86 ★★★★★

"MY HEART IS RACING ... beyond brilliant... simply astounding." KKEC Reads ★★★★★

Author Biography

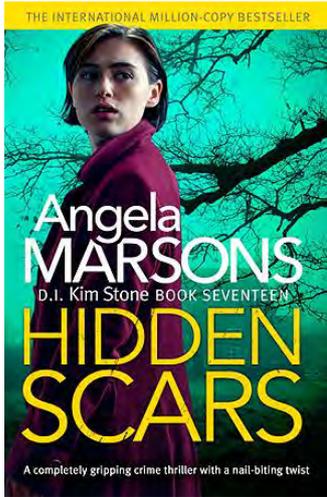
M.M. Chouinard's first fiction story was published in her local paper when she was eight, and she fell in love with Agatha Christie novels not long after. While pursuing a Ph.D in psychology and helping to found the first U.S. research university of the new millennium, the stories kept rattling around inside her skull, demanding to come out. For sanity's sake, she released them. She's currently at work on her seventh novel.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 16/11/2022 | 9781803147185 | Lynnette Novak, The Seymour Agency

Detective Jo Fournier 6



Hidden Scars Angela Marsons

Previous Translation Publishers

Eksmo, Euromedia, Jumeirah, General Press, Newton Compton, Ikar, Jotema, N29, Jentas, Kuzey, Autêntica, Meulenhoff, Mozaik, Pegasus, Cappelen Damm, Piper, Burda, Leya, Co Nguyet Books, Lind&Co, Klidarithmos, China South Booky, Ednorog, Belfond, Poomstory, Mozaik knjiga, Poomstory, Planeta, Hiyakawa, Amarin, GLM, Spring Intl

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Val McDermid and Robert Dugoni

Angela Marsons has sold over 5 million Detective Kim Stone books and has been translated in 28 languages.

Editor's Note

Seventeen books in, and the series continues to be brilliantly addictive. As one reviewer put it 'I absolutely love Angela Marsons and have read all the Kim Stone books. I feel like I'm part of the team, working alongside them all to catch the killer. All other books are abandoned when AM has a new release.' Angela always explores dark and fascinating topics in every one of her books and Hidden Scars is no exception with Angela tackling the theme of conversion therapy and the prejudices that exist within families that can drive loved ones apart. This is an outstanding instalment in the series from an author who has now sold over 5 million copies worldwide and had her books translated into 28 languages.

Retail Description

When a nineteen-year-old boy, Jamie Mills, is found hanging from a tree in a local park, his death is ruled a suicide. Detective Kim Stone's instincts tell her something isn't right – but it's not her investigation. Why would a seemingly healthy boy choose to end his life? Why does his mother show no sign of emotional distress at the loss of her son?

Still mending her broken mind and body from her last harrowing case, Kim is supposed to be easing back into work gently. But then she finds a crucial, overlooked detail: Jamie had a recent injury that would have made it impossible for him to climb the tree. He must have been murdered. Quickly taking back charge of her team and the case, Kim visits Jamie's parents and is shocked to hear that they had sent him to a clinic to 'cure' him of his sexuality. The clues to smashing open this disturbing case lie behind the old Victorian walls of the clinic, run by the Gardner family. They claim that patients come of their own accord and are free to leave at any time. But why are those that attended the clinic so afraid to speak of what happens there? And where did the faded restraint marks identified on Jamie's wrists come from?

Then the body of a young woman is found dead by suffocation and Kim makes two chilling discoveries. The victim spent time at the clinic too, and her death was also staged to look like a suicide. Scarred from an ordeal that nearly took her life, is Kim strong enough to stop a terrifying killer from silencing the clinic's previous patients one by one?

Reviews for Angela Marsons

'OMG! OMG! OMG! Angela Marsons what on earth have you done to me?!... Just OMG! Wow! Speechless!... utterly amazing... had me on tenterhooks.' Rachel's Random Reads, ★★★★★

'If you haven't read any of her books yet then you are seriously crazy! What are you waiting for!' Chapterinmylife, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Angela lives in the heart of the Black Country with her long-term partner, Julie, two bouncy Golden Retrievers and a potty-mouthed African Grey parrot. It has taken many novels to find that one character who just refused to go away. And so D.I. Kim Stone was born. The Detective Kim Stone series has now sold 4.3 million copies, repeatedly hitting the #1 spot on the Kindle bestseller charts and has been translated into 28 languages.



Crime Thriller

374 pages | Pub Date 9/11/2022 | 9781803147710 | Unagented

Detective Kim Stone 17



Her Fight Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole, Kimberley Chambers and Jacqui Rose

The Drew Family series has sold over 38,000 copies, and is an Amazon Top 50 UK bestselling series.

Editor's Note

This is the fifth book in the bestselling new series from the Queen of Gangland crime, Emma Tallon. After one of their own almost brought the family firm down in the last book, there is a war brewing within the family, and whilst they're distracted, a new firm from Manchester threatens to take over everything the Drews have worked for. The first book in this series, Her Revenge, has sold over 12k copies and went straight into the UK top 100 on publication day. Readers are loyal within this genre and already love the cast in this new series, and Emma gets consistently high levels of five star reviews.

Retail Description

Scarlet Drew has revenge on her mind. She never did see eye to eye with her jealous cousin Ruby, but now Ruby has shopped Scarlet's boyfriend to the police and gone on the run, so it's war between the two women. Scarlet is going to stop at nothing to make Ruby pay for what she did.

With tempers running high in the family business, Scarlet's aunt, Lily Drew, is focused on their new venture – a boxing ring in East London – and she has her hands full when a match fixing scam goes wrong and she ends up seriously out of pocket. She fears someone set the whole thing up and she's worried what they have planned next.

As Scarlet and Lily are distracted, they fail to see the biggest threat they've ever faced. There's a new gang moving in on their turf and they are more dangerous than anyone they've come across before. And with a mole implanted within the Drew family business, they're already one step ahead. Can the Drews come together again to save themselves? And when Ruby and Scarlet finally come face to face, which one will be left standing?

Reviews for Emma Tallon

'What a fantastic, gripping read... You will find yourself addicted to reading this... Exceptional.' Goodreads reviewer,



'369 pages of pure gold adorned with diamonds! My heart sopped a few times. My heart broke a few times.' B for Book Review,



Author Biography

Emma Tallon is a British writer and mother to a young son. She started her writing career several years ago, as a freelance ghostwriter. Behind the scenes she has crafted some of the most adventurous, edgy and heart-wrenching stories you will find in bookshops today. More recently, Emma decided to step out of the literary shadows and launch the first novel under her own name, Life Game. Emma has plans for several more books in the London Underworld series.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 13/12/2022 | 9781803143651 | Unagented

The Drew Family Series 5

The Engagement Samantha Hayes

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Shari Lapena and Claire Douglas

Samantha Hayes has sold over 640,000 copies to date.

Editor's Note

Back with another sizzling one line hook, this psych thriller taps into every parent's worst nightmare. And watch-out for not one, but TWO MASSIVE TWISTS that will have you picking up your jaw from the floor and wanting to read the book all over again to see how you could have been so easily fooled. NOT TO BE MISSED.

Retail Description

He wants to marry your daughter. But he knows your darkest secret.

'Oh, but there's someone I want you and Dad to meet first,' Belle waves a hand in the air in a beckoning movement, peering above the heads of everyone around her – something she's able to do with ease in her heels.

'Mum, Dad, I want you to meet Jack,' Belle still has a grin on her face. Rob's looking at Belle, waiting for her to explain who Jack is – a teacher, the father of one of her friends perhaps, maybe someone from her weekend job.

Though I know he's none of those things.

It's as though I'm underwater – everything blurry and surreal around me. I don't take my eyes off the man. I'm stone cold frozen. Can't even lift up my hand or speak a word.

'Jack is my fiancé,' Belle says, snuggling up against him. She rests her head on his shoulder.

I have to stop this.

If I don't, I'll lose everything.

Reviews for Samantha Hayes

'Holy moly... twist after twist after twist. Wooooooow sooooooo good!!!!... I can't even describe it until I pick my mouth up off the floor. If this isn't on your reading list I ask you why not?!!!!!!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

'Wow, just wow!!!!!! I'm speechless!!!!!!... I absolutely loved this dark and twisted book. I kept thinking what would I do if I was in this woman's shoes... had me guessing the whole way though. I had no idea what was going to happen from one minute to the next... so many twists and turns' Blue Moon Blogger, 5 stars

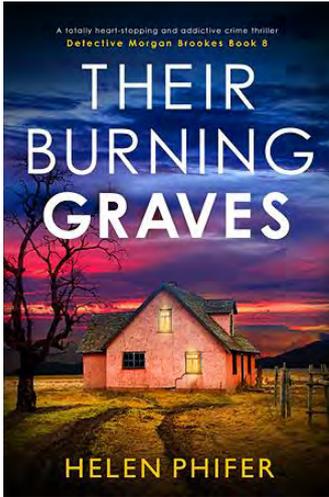
Author Biography

Samantha Hayes grew up in a creative family where her love of writing began as a child. Samantha has written eight thrillers in total, including the bestselling *Until You're Mine*. *The Independent* said "fantastically written and very tense" while *Good Housekeeping* said "Her believable psychological thrillers are completely gripping." Samantha's books are published in 22 languages at the last count. She is also studying for a degree in psychotherapy. She has three grown-up children and lives in Warwickshire.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 10/1/2023 | 9781803148816 | Oli Munson, A.M. Heath



Their Burning Graves Helen Phifer

Previous Translation Publishers
Bladkompaniet AS (Norwegian), Computer Media (Czech)

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

85,000 copies sold of One Left Alive, the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. Top 30 Amazon US and UK author

Editor's Note

WHAT an opening! The body count racks up to 6(!) in the first two chapters, and then it's up to Morgan to stop a completely twisted killer before it climbs any higher! An incredible new addition to Helen's bestselling series!

Retail Description

They are picture perfect. A young, happy family sat around the kitchen table. But no one moves as wisps of smoke filter into the room and the house becomes a burning grave around them...

When reports come in of a family trapped in a burning house, Detective Morgan Brookes rushes to the scene. But as soon as she enters the ruined home, she is devastated by what she finds. Tied to the kitchen table, Sally and David Lawson, and their young son, had no chance of escaping the flames and the smoke...

Neighbours all agree the Lawsons were the perfect family, and CCTV shows nothing suspicious. Morgan's only clue is the silver crucifix necklace around Sally's neck. Because according to friends, she wasn't religious. Was someone passing divine judgement on this mother and her family Focusing on Sally's last steps, Morgan gets the breakthrough she needs – just days ago Sally had confided in a friend that she felt someone was watching her. And when Morgan finds photos of Sally on her neighbour Luke's phone, all the pieces slot together.

Only then another local woman reports feeling watched. Nothing seems to link her to Luke, but Morgan can't ignore it. Could the killer still be out there? Going deeper into Sally's past and uncovering the killer's motivations is her only chance to save more innocent lives, but can she solve the twisted puzzle in time?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'One of those rare books that really is unputdownable.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'WOW WOW WOW!! What a hair-raising rollercoaster of a read this is! WOW!... just sensational!!!... My stomach felt as if it were tied in a knot throughout and at one point my jaw dropped onto my chest and it took me quite a few seconds to pull it back in place! OMG!! What the...?? The ending couldn't be more breathtaking and surprising... A terrific crime thriller and I highly recommend it.' Relax and Read Book Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

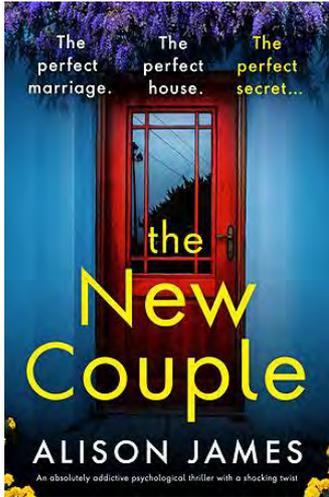
Helen Phifer's love of reading began with Enid Blyton, before progressing on to Laura Ingalls Wilder and scaring herself with Steven King. If she can't write for any particular reason she finds herself getting itchy fingers and really irritable. She loves reading as much as writing.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 19/12/2022 | 9781803147284 | Unagented

Detective Morgan Brookes 8



The New Couple Alison James

Previous Translation Publishers
Profil Kitap (Turkish), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of *Behind Closed Doors*, *My Lovely Wife* and *The Perfect Couple*

Alison's books have sold over 600,000 copies since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018.

Editor's Note

The twist-filled new psychological thriller by bestselling author Alison James is sure to delight fans of her bestselling psychological fiction novel *HE MAN SHE MARRIED* and anyone who loves gripping, twisty suspense. As always, Alison's writing is super-slick and highly addictive, hooking the reader with a firecracker of an opening and keeping them in her thrall until the last page.

Alison is also the bestselling author of the Detective Rachel Prince series and her second novel, *NOW SHE'S GONE*, was long-listed for the prestigious McIlvanney Prize.

Retail Description

The perfect marriage. The perfect house. The perfect secret...

As I step through the cherry-red door of my new home, I know I should feel like the luckiest woman alive. I have a handsome husband, a beautiful daughter and now the house of my dreams. And to everyone else my life looks perfect...

When the neighbours stop by to welcome us, I tell them my name is Stephanie Hamlin and, under the watchful gaze of my husband Richard, I introduce him and our curly haired little girl Poppy. I smile as wide as I can and desperately hope I can fit in to this exclusive place with its pretty communal gardens. Because I've risked everything to be here.

Behind closed doors I try to relax, to unwind in the huge clawfoot bath and forget about my complicated past. It's hard being the new couple on the street when you've got secrets.

Because the truth is, my charming husband isn't really my husband.

And I'm not Stephanie Hamlin...

Reviews for Alison James

'Cracking read... utterly fabulous! Entertaining, fast paced and very gripping!... I would 100% recommend for pure unadulterated entertainment!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Kept me gripped until the end... plenty of twists and turns along the way this book had me gripped from the first page to the last, a great five star read for me.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Alison James was born in the Cotswolds but spent most of her formative years abroad. She studied languages at Oxford, then became a journalist and author, returning to university after her two children to take a law degree. After a three-year stint as a criminal paralegal, she worked as a commercial copywriter and then a TV storyliner, before coming full circle to write fiction again.



Crime Thriller

296 pages | Pub Date 27/9/2022 | 9781803147826 | Unagented



Best Friends Forever Shannon Hollinger

For fans of Karin Slaughter, Paula Hawkins and Freida McFadden

Editor's Note

This is an almost outrageously twisty and dark psychological thriller. It combines the best of intricate friendships, teenage drama and family secrets with a hot, Florida setting and an unsolved murder from years ago. A strong, hooky psychological thriller, it has crime elements too, but the main draw is the claustrophobia that you feel when reading it - the town, where everyone knows each others' secrets, is in the middle of a heatwave that seems to never end, lies upon lies are destroying families and friendships, and the unsolved murder seems more and more likely to be one of a series of murders, by one of the main characters. It's a fantastic, plot-twist a minute tale, and one that I have really high hopes for!

Retail Description

I emerge from the trees, drenched in sweat, my voice lost as I take in the scene in front of me. The blood. The body. Emma's eyes meet mine for a second. "It was an accident," she whispers.

Emma and I were childhood best friends. We did everything together. Until that terrible night in the woods. I couldn't tell anyone what I'd seen. We never discussed it, but our bond was too strong; I could never betray my best friend. Even if she had killed someone. But I also couldn't stay in town and watch her live a normal life, knowing what she'd done. So I left.

Now, ten years later, I'm back. The guilt and the fear have stayed with me. And I have realized I need to reveal the truth if I'm ever going to move on.

But I never get the chance. Because the day I turn up, Emma is found dead, and the way she died means I start to doubt everything I thought I knew about that night all those years ago.

As my grief turns to anger at all those lost years of friendship, I realise with horror that Emma might not have been the only killer. Someone else is out there. Someone who was close to us both, someone who knew the smallest details of what had happened back then. Who from our small town could have murdered not once, but twice? And who's next...?

Reviews for Shannon Hollinger

Author Biography

With degrees in Crime Scene Technology & Physical Anthropology, Florida author Shannon Hollinger hasn't just seen the dark side of humanity - she's been elbow deep inside of it! She finds writing to be a much cleaner way to spend her time than the autopsy suite. Most days it smells better, too.

Her short fiction has appeared in Suspense Magazine, Mystery Weekly, and The Saturday Evening Post, among a number of other magazines and anthologies. When she's not writing, you can find her gardening, hiking with the

Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 12/1/2023 | 9781803148939 | Unaged

Only Girl Alive Holly S. Roberts

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Melinda Leigh, Kendra Elliott and Lisa Regan

A USA Today bestselling author

Editor's Note

Holly S. Roberts is a USA Today bestselling author and I'm thrilled to be publishing her first crime series. Set in Utah, this series delves into the world of Mormon communities and the secrets that happen behind closed doors. The series is headed by Eve Bennet, a detective who grew up within a Mormon family and was kidnapped by her own mother to break her free from the restrictions of her faith. Eve is still coming to terms with her own past in the first book and her nemesis, her non-biological brother Aaron, who is now a town elder, is her constant antagonist. As she investigates the murders of four members of one family, Eve is haunted by her own past but she must put all of that aside to find the killer before anyone else is murdered.

Retail Description

When Detective Eve Bennet is called to the tight-knit town of Hildale, Utah, she knows that the locals will be watching her every move. Walking into the Tanner's modest house, she takes a deep breath as she enters the master bedroom. Mrs Tanner's pink, high-collared nightgown and her long plaited blonde hair are soaked in blood. Next to her, Mr Tanner's hands are clasped together in a final prayer.

Eve pushes back tears as she enters a twin bedroom knowing she's about to find more bodies, but instead of two children, she only finds one. Where is the Tanner's youngest daughter, Hannah? And why are there long scratches across the walls?

Raised in a similarly secretive community, she's no stranger to the kind of evil that lurks within Hildale. Cast out of her family at a young age for disobeying her strict father and kidnapped by her own mother, Eve has spent a lifetime trying to get justice for the children and wives of these small towns. As Eve leaves the house, she finds herself face to face with someone she has spent a lifetime trying to forget. Her brother Aaron is now a very powerful man, and he tells her he'll stop at nothing to shut the case and run her out of town.

Can she save Hannah and bring the town's killer to justice? Or will her brother finally get the chance to punish her and take another innocent life?

Reviews for Holly S. Roberts

Author Biography

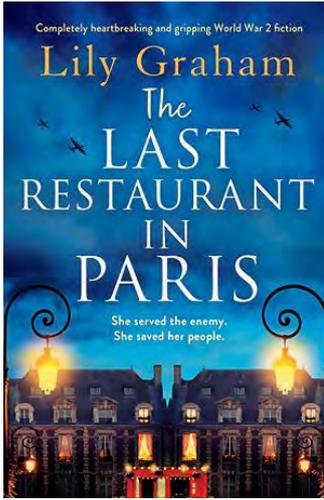
Holly Roberts began writing to alleviate stress in her day job, that of a homicide and sex crimes detective. Romance was her go to genre because she required a happy ending. She also touched on cozy mysteries. Now that she's retired and her mind at peace, she decided to delve into crime thrillers using her background and thirst for research to write the Eve Bennet series. Holly has two movie/television options under her belt for her amazing life story. Part of the reason is Holly became a police officer at age 45 and led two high profile cases, one involving a serial killer.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 13/1/2023 | 9781837901876 |

Historical



The Last Restaurant in Paris Lily Graham

Previous Translation Publishers

Editora Autentica (Brazilian), Heyne/Diana (German), Könyvmolyképző (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), 20/20 Editora (Portuguese), Foksal (Polish), Arkadya (Turkish), Minoas (Greek), City Editions (French), JP Politikens (Danish/Swedish)

For fans of The Nightingale, The Paris Library and The Alice Network

Since joining Bookouture Lily has sold over 350,000 ebooks and has had six kindle top ten bestsellers.

Editor's Note

THE LAST RESTAURANT IN PARIS is set in enemy-occupied France, where a little restaurant has closed its doors for the last time. Scratched on the window are the words 'traitor and murderer'. The owner, Marianne, has disappeared without a trace... Years later, Sabine must discover what happened to her grandmother Marianne and if she was a traitor or in fact a heroine...

Retail Description

Paris 1944. To save her people, she served the enemy.

In enemy-occupied Paris, as the locals go to bed starving and defeated by the war, music and laughter spills through the door of a little restaurant, crowded with German soldiers. The owner Marianne moves on weary feet between its packed tables. Her smile is bright and sparkling, her welcome cordial. Nobody would guess the hatred she hides in her heart. That night, the restaurant closes its doors for the final time. In the morning, the windows are scratched with the words 'traitor and murderer'. And Marianne has disappeared without a trace...

Years later, Marianne's granddaughter Sabine stands under the faded green awning, a heavy brass key in her hand, staring at the restaurant left to her by the grandmother she never met. Sabine has so many questions about herself. Perhaps here she can find answers, but she knows she isn't welcome. Marianne was hated by the locals and when Sabine discovers they blamed her for the terrible tragedy that haunts the pretty restaurant, she is ready to abandon her dark legacy.

But when she finds a passport with a picture of a woman who looks like her grandmother but has a different name, she knows there must be more to Marianne's story. As she digs into the past, she starts to wonder: was her grandmother a heroine, not a traitor? What happened to her after the night when she fled? And will the answer change her own life forever?

Reviews for Lily Graham

'I absolutely loved this... heartbreaking and heart-warming... I was completely hooked... an absolutely amazing book, one which I was completely captivated by... will stay with you for such a long time after you've finished reading it.' Starburst Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'Keep the tissues handy... By far the absolute best book I've read this year!... I devoured it in one sitting... a historical fiction masterpiece... Please keep writing, Lily Graham, the world needs more of your books!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

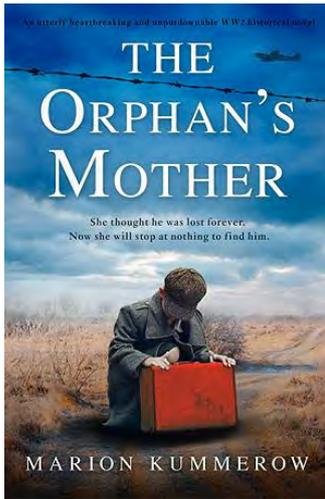
Author Biography

Lily has been telling stories since she was a child, starting with her imaginary rabbit, Stephanus, and their adventures in the enchanted peach tree in her garden, which she envisioned as a magical portal to Enid Blyton's Faraway Tree. She's never really got out of the habit of making things up, and still thinks of Stephanus rather fondly. She lives with her husband and her English bulldog, Fudge, and brings her love for the sea and country-living to her fiction.



Historical

330 pages | Pub Date 18/7/2022 | 9781803140759 | Unagented



The Orphan's Mother Marion Kummerow

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), Fortuna Libri, (Slovakian and Czech), RAO Distributie (Romanian), JK Wydawnictwo Anna Rogala Spolka Jawna (Polish)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *My Name is Eva* and *Sold on a Monday*

Author has sold over 135,000 copies to date and her previous title *From The Dark We Rise* amassed over 6,000 preorders

Editor's Note

I completely ADORED this truly outstanding new standalone novel from Marion Kummerow. Marion is a German author writing in English, who uniquely understands the experience of real Germans in the Second World War, and who has an extraordinary ability to shine a light on a lesser-known part of war in a unique and beautiful way. With this incredible novel, she captures a mother's total desperation, her love for her son, and his own experience as a refugee child in this time. I think it is also a story that resonates right up to the modern day, with powerful themes of displacement, motherhood, love and loss. An absolute MUST READ for historical fiction fans!

Retail Description

1945, the German-Polish border: With Nazis approaching from one side and Soviet forces on the other, a mother and her little boy are separated, and so begins a powerful tale of courage, heartbreak and motherhood in wartime.

As snow begins to fall, and word reaches their town that the Soviet forces are approaching, German-born mother-of-two Emma knows she has no choice: she must pack their meagre belongings and leave their home, in search of safety. Even if safety is within Nazi Germany.

But as the icy grip of winter tightens around them her son—her blue-eyed angel—four-year-old Jacob becomes ill. Desperate for him to get well enough to continue their journey, she takes him to a hospital, where she hands him to a kind nurse. But then their lives change forever as a terrible attack separates mother and son. And when she finally gets back to the hospital, she finds it deserted, her son gone. Though her heart tells her to risk her life to locate him, she can't possibly leave her daughter to search for him. So all she can do pray that he survived and that he is out there being cared for. Because she knows, as soon as she has found safety for her little girl, she will have no choice but to go in search of her beloved son, who she can never believe died that day. Because even in wartime, there is nothing more powerful than a mother's love...

Reviews for Marion Kummerow

"I was so consumed... that I read it in a day (and believe me, as I'm not the quickest reader, that is something I don't think I have ever done before)... Heart-wrenching... I really couldn't put it down... Unforgettable." Novel Delights ★★★★★

"My heart broke and I could deeply feel the agony both the children and mothers were experiencing. Grab tissues before you read... Spectacular... A unique slice of WW2 history." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

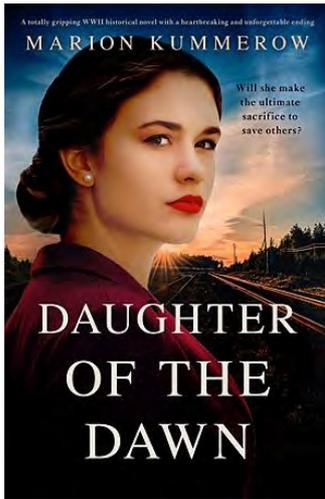
Author Biography

Marion Kummerow was born and raised in Germany, before she set out to "discover the world" and lived in various countries. In 1999 she returned to Germany and settled down in Munich where she's now living with her family. Her books are filled with raw emotions, fierce loyalty and resilience. And she never forgets to include humor and undying love in her books, because ultimately love is what makes the world go round.



Historical

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Daughter of the Dawn Marion Kummerow

Previous Translation Publishers
Newton Compton (Italian), Fortuna (Slovak & Czech)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* and *All the Light We Cannot See*

Author has sold over 135,000 copies to date and her previous title *From The Dark We Rise* amassed over 6,000 preorders

Editor's Note

The fourth and final book in Marion's amazingly powerful 'Margarete's Journey' series sees our heroine doing everything in her power to save the lives of those in her care, but ultimately having her secret identity finally uncovered, and getting sent to Auschwitz. I literally had my heart in my mouth reading the climax of the novel. It's a story of love, of hope, of courage against impossible odds. And like everything Marion writes, is totally unmissable!

Retail Description

1944, Germany: The war is still raging, as a young woman named Margarete hides from the Nazis in plain sight. With each day that passes, she takes more risks. But will one of those risks ultimately take her to the most evil place on earth?

After a bombing led to her identity being mistaken, Margarete Rosenbaum has been living disguised as one of the Nazis themselves, for almost the entire war.

But secretly—aided by Stefan, a resistance fighter she's becoming impossibly drawn to—she is trying to liberate the Jewish workers sent to work on the land she's inherited, and to sabotage the work of the factory she's meant to be in charge of.

She knows that every day she is risking her life. But she also knows what she has to do. Because it could be her on the other side of the barbed wire fence. And for every person she saves from the Nazis, it's worth it.

Until she is discovered. And to protect the people she had been helping, she knows she must accept her fate. Even when they send her to the very place she's hoped to save her prisoners from: Auschwitz... Where no one comes out alive. As the war moves towards its brutal end, will she survive to see Stefan again?

Reviews for Marion Kummerow

'Awesome!!!... WOW... Completely and utterly amazing... I cannot explain how much I enjoyed reading this... I highly highly recommend this story!!!... Simply amazing!!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

'It made me weep... a roller coaster of emotions.' Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

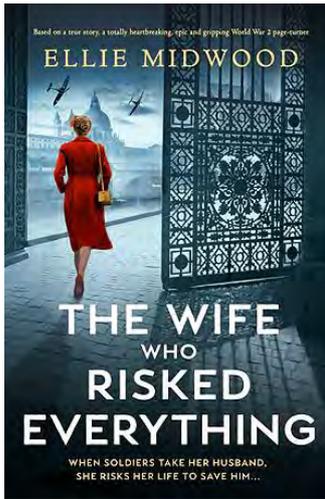
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Historical

260 pages | Pub Date 13/10/2022 | 9781803143873 | Unagented

Margarete's Journey 4



The Wife Who Risked Everything Ellie Midwood

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), 20/20 Editora (Portuguese), Ciranda Cultural (Brazilian), Publish and More (Álomgyár) (Hungarian), Geste (French), Akapit Press (Polish), JP Politikens (Swedish & Danish), Motyl (Slovak), Grup Media Litera (Romanian), Sofoklis (Lithuanian), Jota (Czech), Meulenhoff (Dutch), Piper (German), Roca (Spanish),

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Choice*, and *The Orphan Train*

Ellie's current titles have sold over 250,000 copies, with over 14 million pages read on Kindle Unlimited.

Editor's Note

Ellie Midwood returns with another heartbreaker, this time bringing to life the atrocities that the Jewish faced in Berlin. It's beautifully written, with stunning prose that takes your breath away, and characters that you care deeply about. This is historical fiction at its finest.

Retail Description

Berlin, 1943: "We're not moving until you release our men!" Margot shouts, her heart racing. In the snow, the Berlin streets dusted with white, she shifts from foot to foot with the small crowd of wives by the iron gates. She has lived in terror that this moment would come: Nazis have arrested her beloved husband.

Margot, a German seamstress, and Jochen, a Jewish artist, were madly in love. But this became a forbidden act in Hitler's Germany. The days of Jochen filling their sixth-floor apartment with roses to surprise her vanished. Their friends started crossing the street to avoid them. They lost their jobs. And then they found themselves scrabbling for breadcrumbs on the cold cobbles outside the home that was once their own.

Yet even as their world came crashing down, they had each other. Until now.

Now, Margot risks her life to protest outside Gestapo headquarters. As days pass, hundreds are gathered. They refuse to move, even when enemy planes cross the clouds and bombs fall to the ground. Yet defying the Nazis is a death sentence...

Will this evil war ever end? Will she and Jochen survive? What will it take for Margot to see the love of her life again?

Reviews for Ellie Midwood

'Phenomenal! Absolutely brilliant! This book requires a standing ovation for sure!... Crushingly heart-breaking yet beautiful.'
Battle of the Books, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ellie Midwood is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning historical fiction author. Ellie is continuously enriching her library with new research material and feeds her passion for WWII and Holocaust history by collecting rare memorabilia and documents. In her free time, Ellie is a health-obsessed yoga enthusiast, neat freak, adventurer, Nazi Germany history expert, polyglot, philosopher, a proud Jew, and a doggie mama. Ellie lives in New York with her fiancé and their Chihuahua named Shark Bait.



Historical

246 pages | Pub Date 23/8/2022 | 9781803144733 | Unagented



A Royal Visit to Victory Street Pam Howes

Previous Translation Publishers
Mati (Greek)

For fans of Dilly Court, Diney Costeloe and Nancy Revell

Pam has been in the Amazon Top 30 in both the UK and CA

Editor's Note

The bestselling story of the Bryant Sisters continues with another heartbreaking but ultimately uplifting historical saga from Australian number one Pam Howes! Bella Rogers's feels that life in Liverpool is settling down at last. Her son Levi has a university place, the first in their family, but he insists he is going to turn it down – all of his friends are buying guitars and getting involved with the burgeoning Liverpool music scene. They fall out over his decision, leaving Bella utterly heartbroken. Will they ever find a way to reconcile? Packed full of historical details that saga readers will adore, this is sure to be another hit for Pam!

Retail Description

1956, Liverpool. With the shadow of the war looming over them and bomb craters littering the surrounding streets, hope feels far away for the residents of Victory Street. When they learn that the Queen has chosen to visit them on a tour of Liverpool, the delighted neighbours bring back the wartime spirit. Can they possibly get the street ready in time?

Even a royal visit cannot take away Bella Harrison's worries. Her son, fourteen-year-old Levi, has just told her he wants to move to America to join the rest of his father's family. The news has so shocked Bella that she's not sure she'll be able to sing for the Queen, jeopardising all their plans for the big day.

Life has been hard for Levi, growing up as a mixed-race boy in Liverpool, but he's the light of Bella's life. The thought of losing him brings back the terrible memories of losing her father and sister during the war. If everyone pulls together make the Queen's visit an unforgettable celebration, perhaps she can persuade Levi that Victory Street is where he belongs.

But when Levi receives heartbreaking news from America and his move becomes uncertain, Bella starts to wonder if all her efforts to keep him in Liverpool have been for the right reasons. Can Bella find it in herself to sing for the big celebration, and make the right choice for her beloved son?

Reviews for Pam Howes

'Utterly impossible for me to put down. A heartbreaking story... I really haven't been able to put this one down and found I had devoured the entire book in just one sitting... I have loved this book so much, I wish I could give it five hundred stars.' Little Miss Book Lover 87 ★★★★★

'I was hooked... I wiped tears away tears... If you love a really good wartime saga, then this is definitely the book for you!' Stardust Book Reviews ★★★★★

Author Biography

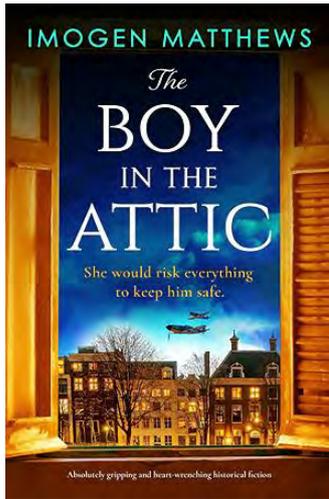
Pam is a retired interior designer, mum to three daughters, grandma to seven assorted grandchildren and roadie to her musician partner. The inspiration for Pam's first novel came from her teenage years, working in a record store, and hanging around with musicians who frequented the business. The first novel evolved into a series about a fictional band The Raiders. She is a fan of sixties music and it's this love that compelled her to begin writing.



Historical

234 pages | Pub Date 8/11/2022 | 9781800197930 | Unagented

The Bryant Sisters 5



The Boy in the Attic Imogen Matthews

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovský (Czech), Uitgeverij De Fontein (Dutch), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz, The Nightingale and Fiona Valpy.

Imogen's books have sold into 3 languages and she is a Kindle bestselling author

Editor's Note

This is a heartbreaking WW2 story of one woman's struggle to keep her Jewish lover alive in Nazi-occupied Holland. In a dual-timeslip story, the granddaughter she never knew she had is searching for her, to try and piece together her father's history - he was given up for adopted after the war. What follows is a beautifully compelling story of one woman's fight to survive the German occupation, starvation, privation and a secret liaison that will change her life forever.

Retail Description

Nazi-occupied Holland, 1944. As soldiers patrol the streets, nursing student Ilse is only just surviving the terrible famine and increasingly violent German occupation. Though exhausted by her demanding work at a hospital far from home, she can't help but notice Levi, the young man with the dark eyes watching the world silently from the abandoned house next door.

Then, early one morning, she finds him terrified and trembling with cold on the back doorstep. Levi's Jewish family have been arrested and sent to a concentration camp, their likely fate all too clear. And now he needs her help.

So Ilse makes the most dangerous decision of her life, and takes Levi in. Hiding him away in her tiny attic room, he must remain concealed or risk almost certain death. But as the war worsens, keeping Levi a secret becomes ever more difficult, even as their mutual affection grows. And when a local German soldier becomes obsessed with Ilse, they fear their time – and luck – has run out...

London, present day. When Anna's father dies, he leaves her a ticket to Amsterdam, a bent silver sixpence on a delicate silver chain, and a note begging her to complete the journey he was never able to. To the town where he was born, to find out once and for all who his parents were, and to discover their wartime fate.

Reviews for Imogen Matthews

'Literally gave me shivers... Absolutely heartbreaking... Gripping... This one really got to me, I was in tears... Will stay with me for a very long time.' Echoes in an Empty Room, ★★★★★

'Unbelievable... Drop everything as you will not want to put this down.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Imogen Matthews is an Oxford-based, award-winning author and journalist with an interest in forgotten stories from WW2 Holland. Imogen was born in Rijswijk, Holland, to a Dutch mother and English father who moved the family to England when Imogen was very young. All her life, she listened to her mother's stories about her life in Holland, in particular the hardships she faced during the Hunger Winter in 1944-5, which has had a profound impact on her writing.



Historical

296 pages | Pub Date 30/8/2022 | 9781803146348 | Unagented

Wartime Holland 3

The Girl from Summerhayes Merryn Allingham

COVER ART
PENDING

For fans of Tracy Rees, Kate Morton and Elizabeth Jane Howard

Over 55,000 copies sold, UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

Merryn is a best-selling author with her Flora Steele cosy crime series, and we're so excited to also now be re-launching her Summerhayes series (previously published by HQ), a sweeping and evocative family historical saga set on a beautiful Sussex estate. The first in the series – The Girl from Summerhayes – is set in the June of 1914, where against the backdrop of a looming war, old resentments, new love and family secrets boil over and change everything for Elizabeth Summer and her family.

Retail Description

May, 1914. War is on the horizon, and old resentments, new love, and family secrets are about to change everything for Elizabeth Summer and her family...

The Summerhayes Estate, nestled in the beautiful Sussex countryside is a true hidden gem. Smooth stretches of neat green lawns give way to ancient woodlands, flag-stoned terraces, twisting paths, buzzing kitchen gardens, and gorgeous formal flower beds, blazing with flowers. But for nineteen-year-old Elizabeth Summer, the beauty of her surroundings does little to ease the crushing weight of her father's expectations. A season of boring parties, potential suitors and family duties is stretching ahead of her, but all she wants to do is spend time in her tiny attic hideaway, losing herself in her painting.

A chance meeting with green-eyed Aiden Kellaway, the handsome young architect's apprentice brought in by her father to help improve his prized gardens, changes everything for Elizabeth. For the first time, she can image a future for herself different to the one her father has laid out for her, and she is determined to take hold of it.

But war is looming, and closer to home, a series of unsettling accidents on the Summerhayes Estate threatening the life of her beloved little brother also casts a long shadow. Elizabeth realises that taking hold of that future will come at a price, and in a summer of great change and great secrets, must decide whether that price is worth paying.

Reviews for Merryn Allingham

Author Biography

Merryn taught university literature for many years, and it took a while to pluck up the courage to begin writing herself. Bringing the past to life is a passion and her historical fiction includes Regency romances, wartime sagas and timeslip novels, all of which have a mystery at their heart. As the books have grown darker, it was only a matter of time before she plunged into crime with a cosy crime series set in rural Sussex against the fascinating backdrop of the 1950s.



Historical

332 pages | Pub Date 11/1/2023 | 9781803147444 | Unagented



My Name Is Ona Judge Suzette D. Harrison

For fans of *Before We Were Yours*, *Marie Benedict* and *America's First Daughter*

Suzette's first Bookouture novel, *The Girl at the Back of the Bus* has sold over 20,000 copies.

Editor's Note

Suzette Harrison knows exactly how to make me sob. I am struggling to find the words to describe this haunting and powerful novel which blends the true historical story of Ona Judge, the enslaved maid of George and Martha Washington who escaped to freedom, with the pacy, emotional and compelling contemporary story of a woman who finds Ona's journal... Every page is literally unputdownable, and I cannot wait for readers to be gripped and moved by Ona's tale!

Retail Description

New Hampshire, 1796. "My name is Ona Judge, and I escaped from the household of the President of the United States. I was the favored maid of George and Martha Washington, but they deemed me a slave and thought me property, and I hear ten dollars is offered as reward for my capture. Now I must write the truth that I have lived, and tell my story..."

Chincoteague, Virginia, present day. Rain soaks Tessa Scott as she runs from her car to the old, vine-covered property she has been called to survey. She's too busy to accept a new job, but doing this favor for the grandmother of her childhood sweetheart delays a painful decision she must make about a future with her controlling boyfriend.

But when Tessa finds a tattered journal carefully hidden inside the house's ancient fireplace, the tragic story of how Ona was ripped from her mother's arms to live and work in the palatial Mount Vernon, and the heart-shattering betrayal that led her to risk her life and run, has Tessa spellbound. Could discovering this forgotten scandal at the heart of her nation's history force her to confront her own story? As she races to reach the final page, will anything prepare her for the desperate moment when Ona's captors find her again? Will it inspire Tessa to take ownership of her own life and set herself free?

Reviews for Suzette D. Harrison

"My, My, My and Wow, just Wow!!... What an excellent and amazing story!... From the first word until the last, I was so enthralled and riveted... Whew!!... Hallelujah!! This is an awesome book!! A definite must-read!!" Geri's Things, ★★★★★

"If I could increase the ratings on this I would... I was literally blown away by this story... I can't see anything surpassing this. I need more books like this." Read Along with Sue, ★★★★★

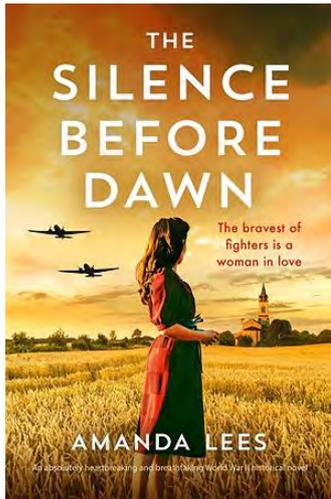
Author Biography

Suzette D. Harrison, a native Californian and the middle of three daughters, grew up in a home where reading was required, not requested. Her literary career began in junior high school with the publishing of her poetry. The award-winning author of *Taffy is a Wife* and mother of two teens, and she holds a culinary degree in pastry and baking. Mrs. Harrison is currently cooking up her next novel... in between batches of cupcakes.



Historical

320 pages | Pub Date 6/9/2022 | 9781803140766 | Unagented



The Silence Before Dawn Amanda Lees

For fans of *The Nightingale*, *All the Light We Cannot See* and *Ellie Midwood*

Fantastic reviews, 3 books publishing in quick succession, and covers that hit the genre markers perfectly.

Editor's Note

This is the first in a series of 7 books set during WW2, about a group of plucky women undercover agents who have to risk everything to save the men they love. Set against the backdrop of the fiercest fighting of the war, this book features Marianne, an English spy who has been sent into Nazi-occupied France to run a network of resistance fighters. But when her fiancé Jack is taken prisoner, she must rescue him before the Nazis realise they've captured the only man in the whole of France who knows the names of every undercover agent on the ground there, and torture the names out of him. Enlisting the help of fellow women agents, she must undertake the mission of her life...

Retail Description

Nazi-occupied France, 1944: I tear open the envelope, extracting a sheet of folded paper. I read it, my heart cracking with every word. There is no mistaking the name of the man who betrayed us. Jack. My beloved fiancé – and now, a traitor.

For months, Marianne's resistance network has carried out courageous missions from a remote farmhouse in southern Provence, aiding the Nazis' downfall. But one fateful night, they are viciously ambushed as German soldiers storm in, scattering, capturing or killing every last person there.

Mourning the loss of her friends, Marianne will need every ounce of courage to survive. Not only has her life as a secret agent been critically compromised, but her heart has been shattered. Because Jack, her darling fiancé and fellow spy, fled in the chaos – and is accused of being the traitor who betrayed them. Desperate to believe Jack's innocence and that their love was true, to her horror Marianne discovers he has been seized by the Butcher of Lyon. Now it is more imperative than ever that Marianne finds Jack – before he reveals the names of every undercover agent in France, or before he is murdered for remaining loyal.

So Marianne sets out on the most dangerous and personal mission of her life. With her tight-knit group of fellow agents by her side, she risks everything to rescue Jack. Can she save her fiancé before it's too late – and change the fate of the war in the process? Or is she blind to the heart-breaking truth, and simply sacrificing her own life?

Reviews for Amanda Lees

'If you love strong female protagonists, then look no further... exceptional... heart stopping... a real page turner. You don't want to miss this one!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'This is an excellent first in a series novel... I loved it!' Celtic Connexions, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Amanda Lees is an author, broadcaster and an actress. She has written for, or contributed to, the Evening Standard, The Times, US Cosmopolitan and Company Magazine, as well as numerous online publications. Amanda appears regularly on BBC radio and LBC and was a contracted writer to the hit series *Weekending* on Radio 4. As well as her new World War Two romantic thriller series, she has published two bestselling satirical fiction novels, a YA thriller trilogy and a number of non-fiction titles including *The Dictionary of Crime*.



Historical

354 pages | Pub Date 13/9/2022 | 9781803146867 | Lisa Moylett, CMM Agency

WW2 Resistance Series 1



The Italian Daughter Soraya Lane

Previous Translation Publishers

Ocean (Dutch), Albatros (Polish), Editora Sextante (Brazilian), Droemer Knauer (German), Garzanti (Italian), Planeta (Spanish), City Editions (French), Publisher Lindbak + Lindbak (Danish), Euromedia (Czech), Vulkan (Serbian), Otava (Finnish)

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Victoria Hislop and Santa Montefiore

Editor's Note

I have been a huge fan of Soraya Lane's historical fiction for years: she is a master of creating unforgettable characters and gives voice to the forgotten women in history bringing their personal stories back to life. When we first started talking about the idea for this series I was hooked: a group of women summoned to a lawyer's office to discover that everything they thought they knew about their pasts was wrong; that behind their grandmother's seemingly ordinary lives, lay incredible stories of love and resilience which spanned the globe. Book one in the series, THE ITALIAN DAUGHTER centres around a wealthy Italian family and their son who falls in love with a poor but gifted ballet dancer. What follows is a mesmerising and heartbreaking story of childhood sweethearts forced to choose between family and love that will leave you spellbound.

Retail Description

Italy, 1946: Estee always believed that she would spend her life with her childhood sweetheart Felix. But when her incredible gift for dance gave her the opportunity to move to a big city and provide for her mother, she knew she had to sacrifice her happiness for her family's future and a chance at a better life. But years later, in a city of over a million people, Felix finds Estee. Due to marry the daughter of a prominent family, he is prepared to sacrifice everything to be with the love of his life. But Estee knows what is at stake: his family's love and his livelihood could be lost forever if she says yes. Can she really follow her heart if it means him losing everything?

London, present day: Lily clutches a faded piece of paper in her hands, knowing that her life will never be the same again. Whilst grieving for her late father, she is told that her grandmother was born in a home for unmarried mothers, the only clues to her past contained on a handwritten Italian recipe and an old theatre programme. Desperate for answers, Lily accepts a job on an Italian vineyard – a dream her father once shared. Lily receives a warm welcome from the owner's charming son Antonio and as they chat long into the night, Antonio offers to help her discover her family's heritage.

But arriving in Estee and Felix's village, Lily unearths a tragic love story which has the power to change her future. As she unravels the truth of her own legacy, she begins to fall for Italy and for Antonio. Can Lily give up everything she has ever known to rebuild her life or will the risk of heartbreak force her home?

Reviews for Soraya Lane

'Outstanding, I wanted to stay awake to read more and kept finding 5 minutes here and there to pick up the book!... Amazingly written... you felt like you were in Italy.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... I cried buckets, I laughed, and totally loved it.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Soraya Lane graduated with a law degree before realising that law wasn't the career for her and that her future was in writing. She is the author of historical and contemporary women's fiction, including the #1 Kindle bestselling novels *The Last Correspondent* and *The Secrets We Left Behind*.

Historical

294 pages | Pub Date 23/9/2022 | 9781803145068 | Laura Bradford, Bradford Literary Agency

The Lost Daughters 1



The Maid's Secret Shari J. Ryan

Previous Translation Publishers

Dobrovský (Czech), Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French), The House of Books (Dutch), Forlaget Zara ApS (Danish), Nouvion Trade Sociedad Anonima (IPC) (Hungarian), Arkadya (Turkish), Dressler Dublin SP ZO.O (Polish)

For fans of *The Girls of Pearl Harbor*, *The Alice Network* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

From the author of *The Bookseller of Dachau* (15,000). Previously published titles have sold over 100,000 copies, with 8.5M KU pages

Editor's Note

The Maid's Secret is the ultimate story of forbidden love. A Jewish aristocrat and a gypsy maid couldn't be from more different worlds; they were born to despise each other. Yet when Ben and Mila meet, Mila serving Ben's family in their opulent estate, their hearts tell another story. They risk everything for one another – their family, their home, their reputation – and the only thing that can tear them apart is the Nazis. This novel is devastatingly romantic; the kind of romantic that has you ugly crying, believing in fairytales and knowing that if you have love, you can survive anything. It's a book about love conquering hate, prejudice and evil – equal parts heartbreaking and heartwarming. And only to be read with tissues!

Retail Description

Czechoslovakia, 1942: In the mountains of Bohemia, Mila, a Romani, works as a maid for an aristocratic Jewish family. They have no idea that she and their son Ben, with his amber eyes and kind smile, are madly in love—it is expressly forbidden.

In the arms of one another, Mila and Ben try to forget that their village is close to the German borders—and could be invaded at any second. But as they huddle around a crackling radio, ice runs through their veins as news of the war gets grimmer by the day...

Nothing can stop the Nazis from their brutal attack. Nothing can stop soldiers from storming the estate and arresting Ben for no crime other than being Jewish. No amount of Mila's begging can save him as he is shoved into a wagon, bound for a concentration camp.

Her heart shattered, Mila goes into hiding. It is only a matter of time until the enemy comes for her. As the SS hunt her down, she knows that Ben will be fighting for his life. Will she ever see her beloved again?

And when fighter jets soar through the sky, the air raid siren blaring and the ground shaking, will Mila and Ben's love for one another be the thing that saves them—or kills them?

Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

"I couldn't put it down, even when I thought my heart would burst out of my chest and I had tears pouring down my face. I will think about this book for a long time." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Pass me the tissues, wow, what a story. I devoured this book in one sitting... I loved everything about this... Absolutely fantastic." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

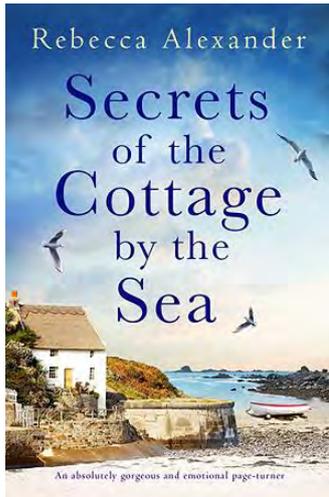
Author Biography

Shari J. Ryan is a USA Today Bestselling Historical Fiction writer. Her desire to write stories revolving Jewish livelihood during World War II stems from being a descendant of two Holocaust survivors. In 2016, Shari began writing her first Historical Fiction novel, *Last Words*, a story about a lifelong journey through the eyes of a Holocaust survivor. With two character related books to follow, Shari quickly found a new passion to share untold World War II stories within a fictional setting.



Historical

388 pages | Pub Date 29/9/2022 | 9781803147512 | Unagented



Secrets of the Cottage by the Sea Rebecca Alexander

For fans of Debbie Macomber, Fiona Valpy and Nancy Thayer

Editor's Note

This atmospheric, dual time-line story of lost family secrets from Rebecca Alexander is packed with heartwarming romance, and will transport readers to the beautiful Scilly Isles. This novel story follows a woman who, having inherited a cottage on the island from a distant family friend on the condition she lives in it for a year, uproots her city life and moves to the rural, isolated community for a fresh start. As she spends more time on the island, she learns more about her past, and her family's history during World War II, than she ever could have imagined.

Retail Description

As Ellie stood on the boat, watching the small island come into view, she wondered what awaited her on shore. What secrets would she uncover in this place?

When Ellie Roberts inherits a cottage on a remote Scilly Isle, she's shocked. She's never heard of the previous owner, Patience Ellis, so why did she leave Ellie her legacy?

Overwhelmed with unanswered questions, Ellie travels to the isolated island. Windswept from the boat, salt spray still on her skin, she searches for Patience's whitewashed cottage, hidden behind overgrown ivy. But when she steps inside, the house feels strangely familiar, and she has a memory of laughing as a child with her beloved mother in the window seat overlooking the sea... The mother she lost when she was only a child.

Determined to find out more, Ellie meets enigmatic local Branok Shore. While at first he seems uninterested, he believes he can help. Charmed by his green eyes, and curious about his past on the island, he and Ellie grow closer, but Ellie knows she needs to understand her own story before she can embrace the future. And when Branok prises open Patience's dresser, filled with letters from the Second World War, Ellie discovers the shocking secret Patience was forced to hide – and the truth that will change her own life forever.

Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

'Oh my goodness... Wish I could give the book more than five stars.' Netgalley reviewer ★★★★★

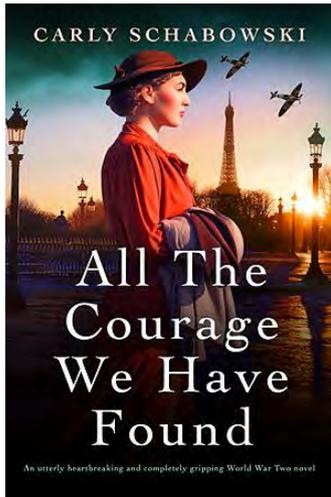
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Author Biography

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Historical

332 pages | Pub Date 30/9/2022 | 9781803146263 | Unagented



All the Courage We Have Found Carly Schabowski

Previous Translation Publishers

JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian), City Editions (French), Dobrovsky (Czech)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *When We Were Yours* and *The Alice Network*.

Carly Schabowski has sold over 60,000 copies of *The Rainbow* and over 45,000 copies of *The Watchmaker of Dachau*

Editor's Note

Carly Schabowski's new novel is another utterly heartbreaking and unforgettable wartime tale. Her latest novel explores the unimaginable choices faced by many during the Second World War, and follows one woman's brave decision to risk everything to save as many people as she can from the Nazis.

Retail Description

She checked her watch – she had just three minutes. Then came the beep of morse code in her headset. With quick fingers she tapped out the message, her heart beating fast in her chest, sweat collecting at the nape of her neck...

France, 1942: When Kasia is told she will be smuggled out of Poland to work as a radio operator with a French Resistance group, she plans to make the dangerous journey across the border alone. But when she meets a mute girl who she names Elodie, in a ghetto in Warsaw on the eve of her departure, she reminds Kasia so strongly of someone she loved – with one brown eye, and one green – that she knows she can't leave her behind, no matter the risk...

Arriving in France, Kasia and Elodie are housed in a farmhouse with Hugo, an unwilling member of the Resistance. But as they share whispered candlelit conversations, Hugo begins to realise how brave and courageous Kasia's work is, and the pair grow closer.

But Kasia's work as a radio operator is becoming more dangerous by the day as the Germans get closer to locating her signal. And as she creeps out of the farmhouse in the dead of night to send an urgent message, she knows the radio might bring the Germans terrifyingly close, perhaps even to the front door of her new home, to Hugo and Elodie...

Reviews for Carly Schabowski

"Wow!! Just wow!!!...This book is brilliant! More than brilliant, amazing!!!!... Absolutely gripping, addictive and captivating... I was absolutely hooked from the first page to the last." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

"Phenomenal... it is truly a must-read. I enjoyed this book from beginning to end, it is an amazing, unputdownable must-read. I wish I could give it more than five stars." Page Turners ★★★★★

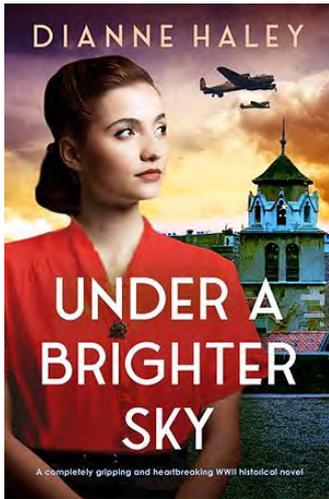
Author Biography

Carly Schabowski worked as a journalist in both North Cyprus and Australia before returning to Oxford, where she studied for an MA and then a PhD in creative writing at Oxford Brookes University. Carly now teaches at Oxford Brookes University as an associate lecturer in Creative Writing for first and second-year English literature students.



Historical

304 pages | Pub Date 18/11/2022 | 9781803146232 | Jo Bell, Bell Lomax Moreton



Under a Brighter Sky Dianne Haley

For fans of *The Alice Network*, *The Nightingale* and *We Were the Lucky Ones*

The author's previous book was longlisted for the Mslexia novel competition and won a prize at the Edinburgh Writers Club

Editor's Note

Resistance fighter Valérie goes on an incredible journey in this gripping and powerful WW2 historical novel. Determined to reunite a Jewish family who were separated at the French border, she puts her life in danger to save them. Full of courage and hope against all the odds, this is an unforgettable book. Readers will be reaching for the tissues and frantically turning the pages, and I can't wait to get it into their hands.

Retail Description

1943, Nazi-occupied France. Clinging to her little girl's hand, a young woman runs through the forest and stumbles in the dark. Behind her there are angry shouts in German and shots ringing through the pine trees. Her heart in her mouth, she prays desperately that her husband and son are safe, and that they will see each other again...

As the mountains come alive with bright alpine flowers, Jewish families flee into Switzerland from Nazi-occupied France. Young Resistance fighter Valérie Hallez has hidden Pierre and his little son in the dusty attic of her mother's bookshop. At night, by flickering candlelight, Pierre tells Valérie of his fear that his precious wife and daughter have been captured. And as they both look to more hopeful days ahead, Valérie writes letters to her soldier fiancé Philippe, dreaming of the day when they can be safely reunited. With the police going door to door hunting refugees, Pierre and his son must go further into Switzerland before they are caught. But Pierre will not leave without his wife and daughter. Desperate to reunite the family, Valérie puts herself in more and more danger. But when Philippe discovers that the Germans have her listed as a key Resistance fighter, he begs her not to go back to the border. If she does, he might never see her again.

Valérie knows the Nazis will kill her if they find her, but she cannot bear to abandon the mother and child. Breaking her promise to Philippe, she crosses over into France to look for them. When Philippe hurries to save her life, will they both survive? And will Valérie's efforts to reunite the family be in vain?

Reviews for Dianne Haley

'My mind is blown... I have a new favourite author... I was hooked... The laundry could wait. Take away instead of cooking was the choice of the day... I didn't stop thinking about the story... had me devouring pages... My heart beat loudly.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'Heart pounding... will have you feeling all of the emotions from happy to sad to fear, with each turn of the page.' Spooky's Maze of Books ★★★★★

Author Biography

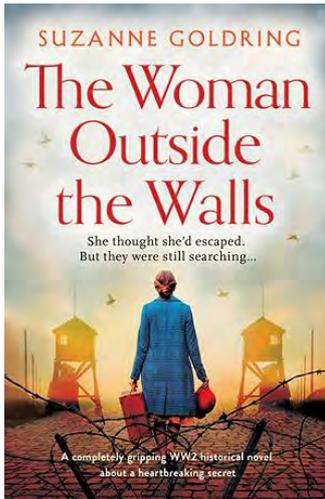
Originally from the north of Scotland, Dianne lives with her husband in Edinburgh and has two grown-up children. Dianne and her family have been visiting the area around Lake Geneva since 1992 and love the Alps in all seasons. The inspiration for her WW2 series came from a drive through Geneva's old town on a rainy October evening, the cobbled lanes a perfect setting for secrets and hiding places.



Historical

262 pages | Pub Date 24/10/2022 | 9781803142456 | Unagented

The Resistance Girl 2



The Woman Outside the Walls Suzanne Goldring

Previous Translation Publishers

AST (Russian), Corint Books (Romanian), Living (Albanian), Meuncher (German), Newton Compton (Italian), JP Politikens (Swedish & Danish)

For fans of The Alice Network, The Nightingale and My Name is Eva

From the author of international bestseller My Name is Eva, a top 20 bestseller in the US and a top 5 bestseller in the UK

Editor's Note

Ever since her runaway bestseller *My Name is Eva* (300,000 copies at time of writing) Suzanne Goldring has created heroines who are brave, memorable and with an edge of darkness.

The Woman Outside the Walls tells the story of a brave woman in World War Two who had to make impossible decisions in order to survive. The narrative jumps from England in the present day, to the darkness of a prison camp in World War two as an extraordinary story unfolds that will stay with the reader for a long time.

Retail Description

Hamburg, 1942

Seventeen-year-old Anna knows she can never tell her proud parents the truth about where she is going. She must hide the fact that she is pregnant, that the father of her unborn child is dead and that she is on her way to a special maternity home, where her baby will be given to a perfect family. She tells herself that this is the best solution. She doesn't expect to feel the rush of love for her beautiful baby boy in the white blanket, or the devastation when he is snatched from her, never to be seen again.

Desperate to forget her grief, she sees an advert for a secretary in a prison, far away in the east. Days later, she leaves Hamburg, travelling eastwards by train, feeling as if a whole new life is about to begin. It is the biggest mistake she will ever make.

London, 2016

Ninety-year-old Anna sits on the edge of her bed, hands trembling, eyes brimming with tears, as she looks at the picture of the soldier in the newspaper. Her friends and neighbours know her as a kindly old lady who bakes cakes and always has time to listen to their troubles. They don't know about the hated green uniform she burned, the memories of the prisoners she tried to help and the bombed and blackened city she once called home. But now the time for a reckoning has come, will revealing the truth free Anna or destroy her?

Reviews for Suzanne Goldring

'I just couldn't put this one down. I loved every page, and I went through an entire box of tissues before I was done. You will keep turning the pages until the very end because you just won't be able to put it down at all.' Crossroad Reviewer, ★★★★★

'I could not put this book down, and heaven help anyone that tried to disturb my reading!! I absolutely loved this book! I laughed, I cried, I cheered... what a fantastic read.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Following an eventful career as a public relations consultant, specialising in business and travel, Suzanne Goldring turned to writing the kind of novels she likes to read, about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. Whether she is working in her thatched cottage in Hampshire or her seaside home in North Cornwall, Suzanne finds inspiration in the secrets hidden by everyday life.



Historical

336 pages | Pub Date 18/10/2022 | 9781803143958 | Heather Holden Brown, HHB Agency Ltd



Paris at First Light Amanda Lees

For fans of *The Alice Network*, *The Nightingale* and *My Name is Eva*

Fantastic reviews, 3 books publishing in quick succession, and covers that hit the genre markers perfectly.

Editor's Note

The second in this fantastic series about undercover women agents in Nazi-occupied France, this story focuses on Juliette, an aristocratic Parisian who has been running a network of thousands of resisters in southern France when she is sent to Paris on an urgent mission to stop an assassination plot of an American general. But when her children are kidnapped, she has to decide what is more important - the future of France or her children's safety. Along with an American agent, Ben Diaz, she has to risk everything to save the day.

Retail Description

Paris, 1944: secret agent Juliette is on her most dangerous mission of the war so far. But then her children are kidnapped, and to get them back she may have to commit the ultimate betrayal – that of France itself...

Four years ago, when France fell to the Nazis, Juliette made the ultimate sacrifice, leaving behind her two precious children to join the Resistance and defend her country. Now a spy in Paris, she must work with Captain Daniel Diaz – an American agent she's taken an instant dislike to – on a dangerous mission to uncover a deadly Nazi plot.

As the pair play their parts, Juliette begins to see another side to Daniel, and their feelings for each other start to grow. But just as love blossoms, Juliette receives a ransom note that changes everything. Someone in Paris knows who she is. And they've kidnapped her little son and daughter. The message is clear: betray your country, or you'll never see your children alive again.

Juliette has sworn a sacred oath to save France at all costs, but she could never sacrifice her children. So, against all the odds, she decides to attempt the impossible: rescue her children and continue her dangerous work fighting the Nazi threat.

But as the mission forces Juliette and Daniel to the very brink, will they succeed on all fronts? And if not, will France pay the ultimate price, or will Juliette?

Reviews for Amanda Lees

'If you love strong female protagonists, then look no further... exceptional... heart stopping... a real page turner. You don't want to miss this one!' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'This is not a book you can put down once started... it is a real page turner... I can't wait for the next book in the series.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

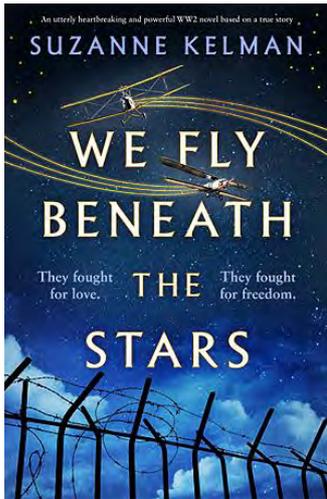
Amanda Lees is an author, broadcaster and an actress. She has written for, or contributed to, the Evening Standard, The Times, US Cosmopolitan and Company Magazine, as well as numerous online publications. Amanda appears regularly on BBC radio and LBC and was a contracted writer to the hit series *Weekending* on Radio 4. As well as her new World War Two romantic thriller series, she has published two bestselling satirical fiction novels, a YA thriller trilogy and a number of non-fiction titles including *The Dictionary of Crime*.



Historical

374 pages | Pub Date 23/11/2022 | 9781803146843 | Lisa Moylett, CMM Agency

WW2 Resistance Series 2



We Fly Beneath the Stars Suzanne Kelman

Previous Translation Publishers
Planeta (Portuguese), IPC Könyvek (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), Moba (Czech), City (French)

**For fans of *All the Light We Cannot See*, *The Ragged Edge of Night*,
and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz***

**Author has sold over 300,000 copies and has been in the Top 50 in
the US Amazon charts and top 10 in the UK Amazon charts**

Editor's Note

Sometimes a novel comes along that sweeps you up and then SOARS so high, you barely have a moment to catch your breath. From the first page reading it, I felt I was flying with these incredible sisters, whose powerful bond and extraordinary courage is a story that feels like it was waiting to be told. The emotions you will feel reading it will blow you away! I can't wait for everyone to read this brilliant story!!!

Retail Description

1942, Europe: Based on the true story of a female-only bomber battalion, this is a totally heartbreaking and unforgettable story about sacrifice, sisterhood and a love that transcends war.

When the love of Tasha's life, Luca, joins the air force to fight against the evil Nazi invaders, she knows she has to follow her heart—and him—into battle. Headstrong, impulsive and a daredevil, she's the perfect recruit. Tasha's sensible older sister Nadia plans only to stop Tasha's madness and bring her home. But a chance encounter puts her in a plane, soaring above the clouds, and she also finds her calling.

Underestimated by their superiors, Nadia and her sister find themselves in airplanes barely fit to fly, being sent on perilous missions with little hope of return. But before long their battalion is being nicknamed 'the Night Witches' by the Nazis, their ownership of the skies second to none. But danger is up in the storm clouds with them, and when both sisters are shot down behind Nazi enemy lines, and taken to a brutal prison camp, they expect to never see their beloved homeland again.

Until Tasha's eyes meet across the wire fence with someone she never expected to see again: the love of her life, Luca.

But with love comes peril... Will one sister have to sacrifice everything to save the other?

Reviews for Suzanne Kelman

'OMG! I felt the fear and the terror within the pages as if I was there living it... Heartbreaking... By the end of the story I was so moved and in tears.' Confessions of a Bookaholic, ★★★★★

'I was truly swept away... Spellbinding!... Powerful and captivating from the first page to the last, and it deserves more stars than can be rated. I could not put it down and missed a lot of sleep!... Even after finishing the story, I have not stopped thinking about it... Totally awe-inspiring... Loved, loved, loved.' Musician's Poet, ★★★★★

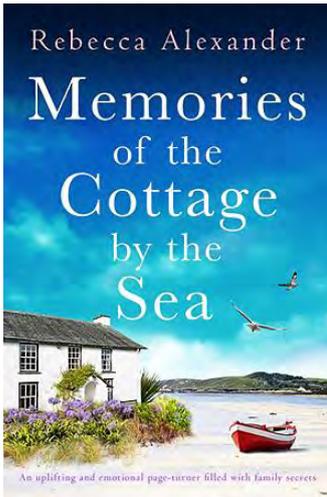
Author Biography

Suzanne Kelman is a 2015 Academy of Motion Pictures Nicholl Finalist, Multi-Award-Winning Screenwriter and a Film Producer. As well as working in film she is also an International Amazon Bestselling Fiction Author of the Southlea Bay Series – The Rejected Writers' Book Club, Rejected Writers Take the Stage and The Rejected Writers' Christmas Wedding. Born in the United Kingdom, she now resides in Washington State.



Historical

374 pages | Pub Date 30/11/2022 | 9781803143811 | Unagented



Memories of the Cottage by the Sea Rebecca Alexander

For fans of Debbie Macomber, Fiona Valpy and Nancy Thayer

Editor's Note

This gorgeous, dual time-line narrative, packed with lost family secrets and set on the stunning Scilly Isles, is full of beautiful, atmospheric descriptions and heartwarming romance. This second novel from Rebecca Alexander, which can be enjoyed as a standalone or as part of the series, follows a young teacher, sent to the tiny island to close the local school. But as she spends more time with the tiny, isolated community, she begins to realise that her own family history is connected to the island, and that there might a local islander with whom she might share her future...

Retail Description

As she inhales the salty sea air, Charlotte glimpses the island on the horizon. Seeing it after all these years still sends a shiver down her spine. Should she be returning to this place?

When teacher Charlotte Kingston is sent to close a school on an isolated Scilly Isle, it is her first time on the island since summer holidays spent there with her grandparents. But with a newly broken heart, she's desperate to travel as far from her life on the mainland as possible.

Not long after she arrives, two visiting children find themselves in need of a place to stay when their grandmother falls ill. When Charlotte agrees to take care of the boys, she suddenly has a reason to keep the school open a little longer. With a renewed sense of purpose, Charlotte begins to connect with the local islanders who tell her more about her family.

Intrigued, Charlotte decides to decode her grandmother's old letters from the Second World War. They reveal a story of a forbidden love that defied the darkness of war, and of a beautiful, brave young man who would risk everything for his country, even if meant losing the woman he loved...

Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

'Oh my goodness... Wish I could give the book more than five stars.' Netgalley reviewer ★★★★★

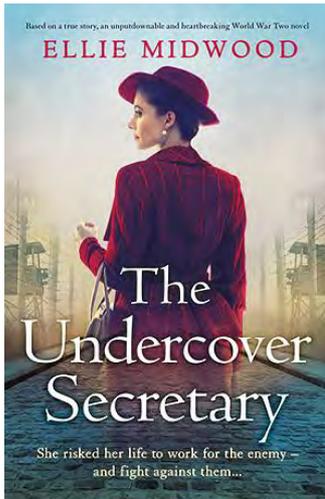
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Historical

330 pages | Pub Date 16/1/2023 | 9781803148625 | Unagented



The Undercover Secretary Ellie Midwood

Previous Translation Publishers

Newton Compton (Italian), 20/20 Editora (Portuguese), Ciranda Cultural (Brazilian), Publish and More (Álomgyár) (Hungarian), Geste (French), Akapit Press (Polish), JP Politikens (Swedish & Danish), Motyl (Slovak), Grup Media Litera (Romanian), Sofoklis (Lithuanian), Jota, (Czech)

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Choice*, and *The Orphan Train*

Ellie's current titles have sold over 250,000 copies, with over 14 million pages read on Kindle Unlimited.

Editor's Note

Ellie Midwood returns with her most thrilling book yet. *The Undercover Secretary* brings to life the true – and utterly incredible – story of Dora Schaul. Dora was none other than a German Jew who escaped her country and worked for the resistance in France. Her most dangerous mission was working for the infamous and cruel Nazi, the Butcher of Lyon. Imagine being a secretary for the man you fear the most, the most evil Nazi you have ever encountered? Imagine having to smile at him, type his letters, and follow his orders. Imagine being locked in a room with him, day in, day out... This was brave Dora's reality – and Ellie brings to life this unforgettable historical heroine with such beauty, grace and honour. (Spoiler alert: she lives – this is often rare in Ellie's books!)

Retail Description

When Hitler comes into power, Dora's life is turned upside down. No longer able to find work and scorned by friends, she escapes to the Netherlands. There, she meets Alfred—a man with a secret life of his own, who instantly steals her heart.

When Alfred's clandestine work takes him to Paris, Dora follows him without a second thought, only to be trapped in the French capital by the occupying troops. Arrested on the spot, she is thrown into a camp in the South of France.

Yet Dora has never been one to give up easily. Escaping, she joins the underground resistance and is soon entrusted with a dangerous mission: to uncover the identities of Lyon's SS Gestapo agents, including Klaus Barbie himself—the man bearing the nickname of The Butcher of Lyon.

Risking her life with every dangerous chance she takes, how long can she survive?

Reviews for Ellie Midwood

'Phenomenal! Absolutely brilliant! This book requires a standing ovation for sure!... Crushingly heart-breaking yet beautiful.'
Battle of the Books, ★★★★★

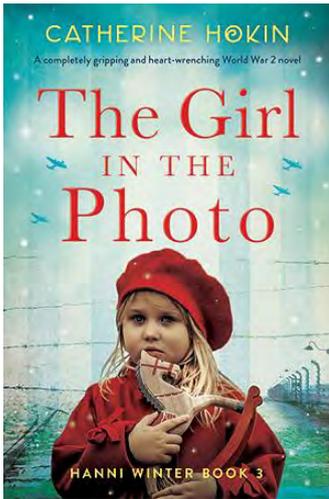
Author Biography

Ellie Midwood is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning historical fiction author. Ellie is continuously enriching her library with new research material and feeds her passion for WWII and Holocaust history by collecting rare memorabilia and documents. In her free time, Ellie is a health-obsessed yoga enthusiast, neat freak, adventurer, Nazi Germany history expert, polyglot, philosopher, a proud Jew, and a doggie mama. Ellie lives in New York with her fiancé and their Chihuahua named Shark Bait.



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 19/1/2023 | 9781837900442 | Unagented



The Girl in the Photo Catherine Hokin

Previous Translation Publishers
Dobrovsky (Czech), JP Politikens (Danish and Swedish), Newton Compton (Italian)

For fans of *The Alice Network*, *The Nightingale* and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

Catherine's books have gone from strength to strength, her previous World War 2 set historical novels have sold over 200,000 copies

Editor's Note

Wow. This book takes us through the absolute wringer! Catherine has created a stunning novel, spanning the chilling final days of the Third Reich to the brutal fallout for the series' star-crossed protagonists. In Theresienstadt, five-year-old Renny is stolen by one of the camp guards' wives as they flee ahead of the Russians' arrival. Four years later, Renny's older brother Freddy discovers she is still alive and set out on a quest to find her. But what does this mean for Freddy's wife, Hanni, still hiding her own past connection to Theresienstadt...? The inevitable fallout is epic, intense, and completely heartbreaking, and I cannot wait for Catherine's readers to sink their teeth into this incredible story!

Retail Description

Czechoslovakia, Theresienstadt Concentration Camp, 1944. 'I have to go away, my darling. Please, be brave, stay alive, for me.' Her mother's voice breaks. The little girl tries to stop the forbidden tears from falling, as the train takes her mother, and she is left alone...

Berlin, six years later. Hanni Winter shows her new husband around her first solo photography exhibition. But Freddy's reaction is unexpected. His face white, he can't take his eyes off the photo of a young girl around four years old. 'That's Renny,' he whispers, 'my sister, she was taken by the Nazis...'

Hanni remembers her perfectly – the child with the wide eyes and bitten lips, who wouldn't let herself cry despite the chaos and cruelty all around them in the camp. Her heart had broken for the little girl as she took her picture, desperate to reveal the truth about the Nazis to the world. If that child is Renny, then they must try to find her. They must return to hell on earth.

But when Hanni arrives at the black and white arch of Theresienstadt, she comes face to face with a man she fears more than any other. Can she find the strength to fight again, or will every hope for the future be lost forever?

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'The best historical fiction book I've read this year! I was awake until the early morning hours finishing it, because I could not put it down!... Heartbreaking.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... I was totally absorbed in the story... 10 stars. One of my best reads this year. I can't begin to say how much I loved this book, I couldn't put it down, absolutely brilliant.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

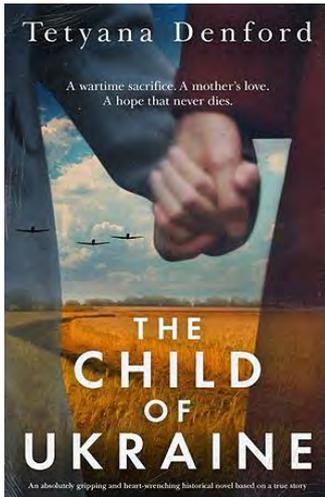
Catherine Hokin is a Glasgow-based author of World War Two inspired novels set in Berlin, her favourite city. Her short stories have been published by iScot, Writers Forum and Myslexia magazines and she was the winner of the 2019 Fiction 500 Short Story Competition. She is a lover of strong female leads, a good quest, and very loud music!



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 27/1/2023 | 9781800197046 | Tina Betts, Andrew Mann Literary Agency

Hanni Winter 3



The Child of Ukraine Tetyana Denford

For fans of *The Four Winds*, *The Last Green Valley*, and *The Nightingale*

Editor's Note

The *Child of Ukraine* stole my heart from the moment I began reading it. This powerful, emotional novel tells the incredible true story of the author's own grandmother, Julia. After Russian forces killed her brothers, Julia was forced to flee Ukraine during World War Two. She was taken to a Nazi labour camp, but she survived the war, found love and travelled across the world, making utterly heart-wrenching choices along the way. It is a joy and a privilege to publish this book, and I know readers across the world are going to be utterly blown away by it. Piercing, heart-wrenching and beautifully written, it amplifies a fierce, stunning Ukrainian voice and sheds light on real immigrant stories from history with profound relevance for us today.

Retail Description

Ukraine, 1940. She cups her daughter's face with her trembling hands, imprinting it on her mind. 'I love you. Be brave.' she whispers through her tears, her heart breaking into a thousand pieces. Sending her child away is the only way to keep her safe. But will she ever see her again?

When war rips their country apart, Julia is sent away by her tearful parents in the dead of night, clutching her mother's necklace and longing for one last embrace. But soon she is captured by Nazi soldiers and forced into a German labour camp, where behind a tall fence topped with cruel barbed wire, she has never felt more alone. Just as she begins to give up on all hope, Julia meets Henry, a young man from her village who shares her heart full of dreams. And when she feels a fluttering in her belly that grows and grows, she longs to escape the camp and begin a new life with their child. But then Julia is forced to make a terrible choice. A choice no mother should have to make.

New York, 2011. With her heart shattered and her life changed forever by the shadows of war, Julia thinks she will never be whole again. For decades she has been carrying a terrible secret with her, her every moment tainted by tragedy and loss since those dark days of the war. But when she receives a phone call in the middle of the night, far away from the home and family she lost in the war, will Julia finally be reunited with the missing piece of her heart? Or is it too late for her wounds to heal?

Reviews for Tetyana Denford

'OH MY GOSH I AM STILL BROKEN FROM THIS BOOK... heart-wrenchingly compelling... left me in tears with nearly every page... a fantastic read.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★

'WOW! I absolutely loved this story... beyond heartbreaking... incredible... I read it in less than 48 hours and was totally hooked from start to finish... a must read.' Amazon Reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Tetyana Denford is a Ukrainian-American historical fiction author and poet. She is a translator for Frontline News documentaries, and has been featured in *The Telegraph*, *The New York Times*, and *The Flock Magazine*. She currently lives in New York with her husband and three children.



The Wife's Promise Kate Hewitt

Previous Translation Publishers

Ikar (Slovak), Publish and More (Hungarian), Newton Compton (Italian), Euromedia (Czech), Filia (Polish)

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Barbara O'Neal and Fiona Valpy

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Editor's Note

When Kate told me about this quartet of novels - set in the same Cumbrian village with modern and historical stories interwoven - I was instantly intrigued; and picking them up to read, I was SWEPT AWAY. She's simply one of our best writers, able to capture emotion, true human experience, and historical detail in a way that is utterly compelling. The first book in the series takes us back from the modern day and a woman who's new to a village, back to WW2 and to another woman who finds herself left behind when her husband goes to war. The two stories weave in and out of one another, each helping the reader understand the experience of loss, love, family, regret and home.

Retail Description

England, 1939: When Alice marries twinkly-eyed, kind-hearted vicar David, it means leaving everything from her old life behind and moving into the draughty vicarage in the beautiful but remote village of Goswell, Cumbria. Though homesick, Alice is determined to make a new life there for herself and her husband.

But soon tragedy strikes, and she is devastated when war breaks out and David chooses to sign up to fight. But everything changes when Alice is asked to take in a child evacuee, and she makes a promise to protect this girl, no matter what it costs her...

Now: When Jane and her family move to the small coastal village of Goswell where her husband grew up, she's afraid she might have made a huge mistake. Their new home – in what had once been the vicarage – feels a million miles from their previous fast-paced life in New York City, and Jane struggles with her empty days that seem lonely and purposeless.

But then she finds a small note, forgotten behind a shelf in the pantry. A note written in the Second World War. By a woman named Alice, whose incredible story has the power to change everything...

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

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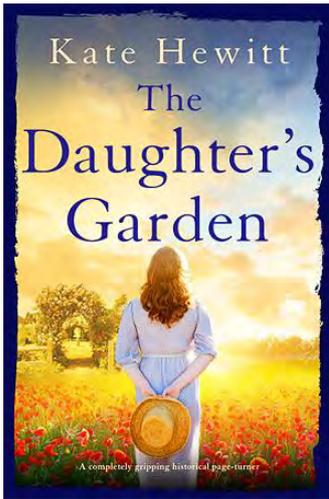
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The Goswell Quartet 1



The Daughter's Garden Kate Hewitt

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Editor's Note

The second in Kate Hewitt's quartet of novels - set in the same Cumbrian village as *THE WIFE'S REGRET* with modern and historical stories interwoven is as intriguing as the first. This story takes us from the modern day and a woman who finds herself looking after her orphaned half-sister, back to WW1 and to another woman who loses her love to war, and a secret garden that unites both stories. It's about family, love, tragedy and courage. And in the flutter of a butterfly's wing, you'll be there, in the garden, with the characters!

Retail Description

1918, England: As war ends, across the world, people are trying to heal. But Eleanor still feels broken. The loss of her beloved brother, killed just days before the Armistice was signed, feels impossibly unjust. Spending her time in the neglected gardens behind their house, she fears her heart will never recover. Then her father hires a man to help restore the garden to its former glory. Gruff, handsome Yorkshireman Jack comes from a totally different world to Eleanor, but he understands the nature of her grief more than anyone else seems to. And as they spend time together, even though she knows her family will never accept someone of Jack's class, Eleanor starts to wonder if – like the butterflies around them – there is any way for her to learn to soar again...

Now: Nearly one hundred years later, Marin is not prepared for finding herself the guardian of her fifteen-year-old half-sister Rebecca, after her father and his second wife are killed in a tragic accident. The sisters are practically strangers, and Rebecca's grief makes her seem even more distant. Marin too is in need of a fresh start, so when Rebecca begs her to let them move to the picturesque village of Goswell on the Cumbrian coast, Marin impulsively agrees.

But it is only when they find a locked door to a secret garden, and a photograph of a girl with a butterfly alighting on her hand, that the sisters start to realise they have a mystery to solve, one about war, about secrets, and about a love that could never be. A mystery that might just bring them together...

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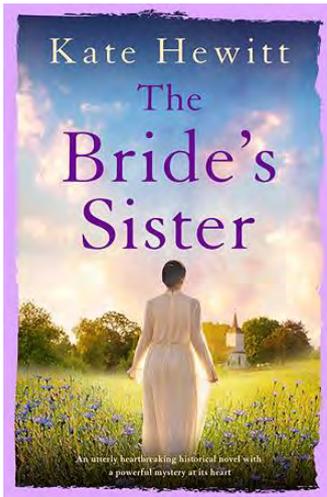
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Editor's Note

The third in Kate Hewitt's quartet of novels - set in the same Cumbrian village as THE WIFE'S PROMISE with modern and historical stories interwoven is as compelling as the first two. This story takes us from the modern day where a woman is struggling with her relationship with her stepdaughter, back to the 1800s and to another woman who finds herself forced to make an unhappy marriage, and becoming stepmother to a girl close to her own age. It's about motherhood, sisterhood, and the ties that bind women to each other, even when we sometimes feel our most alone. Powerful and unmissable!

Retail Description

She clutched the piece of paper close to her chest, tears welling in her eyes, hardly believing what she had read. Silently thanking Sarah for all she sacrificed, she took the death certificate and slipped it under a loose floorboard – no one must ever find out what she'd done...

Then, 1868: Orphaned and penniless, 18-year-old Sarah is left the sole guardian of her beloved little sister Lucy – who she's vowed to protect at all costs. With nowhere left to turn, she is forced to accept mysterious widower James Mills' proposal of marriage. She believes being his bride can't possibly be as bad as the threat of the workhouse. But nothing prepares her for the darkness of her marriage, the shocking secrets of her new family and for the lengths she will have to go to keep her sister safe...

Now: Living in the beautiful village of Goswell, Ellen believes her family life to be idyllic... until her estranged seventeen-year-old stepdaughter Annabelle moves in and shatters the peace. Ellen fears they will never bond, until she finds a death certificate – for a woman named Sarah, from over a century earlier – hidden under the floorboards of their house, and Annabelle starts to help her unravel the mystery. Yet as Ellen and Annabelle dig deeper into Sarah's life and death, shocking truths, both past and present, come to light which change everything Ellen thought she knew about Sarah's family – and the new addition to her own...

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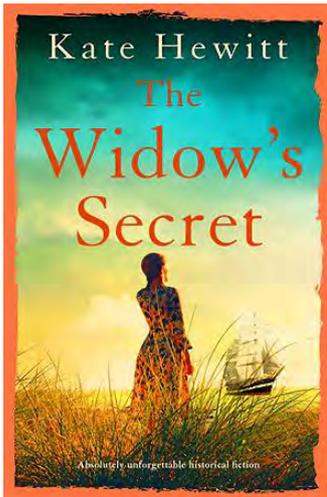
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Editor's Note

The fourth story in Kate Hewitt's brilliant quartet of novels set in the fictional village of Goswell takes us back in time to the 1700s and the slave trade; after the discovery of a shipwreck off the coast of Cumbria. It's a story about what it means to be a mother, and how hard it can be to find your truth when it means speaking out against the way we all see the world. I was holding my breath as I finished reading it! Absolutely AMAZING and sure to entice historical and modern readers alike!

Retail Description

She looked down at the sweet little girl – and knew she wouldn't listen to what anyone else said. She had to do what was right. Even if it meant going against everything she was taught to believe and keeping a secret from the person closest to her...

England, 1766: Abigail is happily married to James, a tobacco trader turned sea captain, and is looking forward to starting a family and settling down in Whitehaven, Cumbria. But after a series of devastating losses, she finds herself in turmoil, with her future suddenly seeming unknown...

When James announces that he will captain a ship to Africa and the Americas for a year, it sparks a series of surprising and heartbreaking events – involving the darkest evils in humanity's history, and a tiny, terrified slave girl who's brought back to England. This helpless child forces Abigail to reconsider everything she thought she knew – and will change her life forever...

Now: When a shipwreck is discovered off the coast of Cumbria, local expert Rachel is brought in to investigate. Her first thought is that this will be a perfect distraction from her troubled marriage and the memories of her past. But then it becomes clear the wreck is a slaving ship from the 1700s – one that was recorded as sinking in the Caribbean – and Rachel begins to wonder if there's more to this terrible mystery than meets the eye. Faced with uncertainty about both the past and present, can Rachel learn from Abigail's extraordinary story and take the first step towards a brighter future of her own?

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