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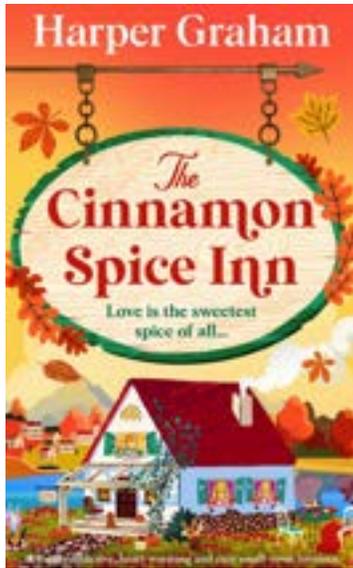
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Women's Fiction



The Cinnamon Spice Inn Harper Graham

For fans of Laurie Gilmore and Emily Henry

Editor's Note

I am thrilled to share this first book in a cozy romance series by talented new author Harper Graham. Set in fall in a small town in Vermont, it is the perfect autumnal read. The author is an incredibly warm, fresh and addictive new voice in the genre. Every single element of her book has been tailored for adult fans of Gilmore Girls and all things fall, and my goodness, it really delivers on that Stars Hollows coziness! Against this stunning backdrop we have the steamiest of scenes, coming in hot from the beginning, and the most loveable characters. A truly gorgeous book by an author with sparkling potential in this genre. I am totally obsessed with it and can't wait to get it into readers' hands. The reading equivalent of drinking a hot pumpkin spiced latte on a crisp Autumn day!

Retail Description

Self-confessed coffee addict and food writer Madison has convinced herself she belongs in NYC. But then she's called back to the small town of Maple Falls to save her childhood home, The Cinnamon Spice Inn. She's NOT looking forward to seeing her ex, Zach—now a sexy bearded handyman who knows exactly how to push her buttons. But she won't let anything distract her from the inn's relaunch... right?

Zach is frustrated in more ways than one when his latest job brings him face-to-face with the girl who got away. He's already agreed to renovate her family's inn and he's nothing if not a man of his word. But the last thing he wants is to work side-by-side with that stubborn, infuriating—fine, totally gorgeous—red-head.

Sparks fly as they prepare for the big Halloween opening. Will Madison save The Cinnamon Spice Inn and have a second chance at love, or will it all go up in flames?

Reviews for Harper Graham

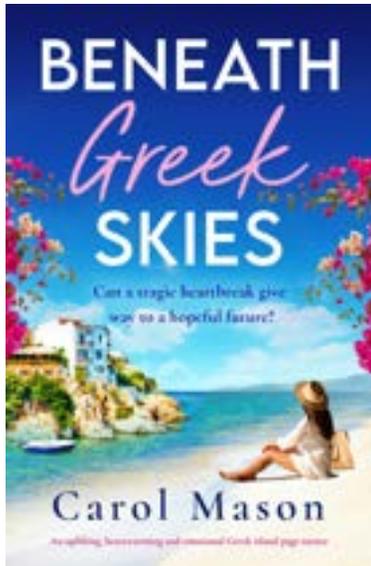
Author Biography



Chick Lit

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Maple Falls 1



Beneath Greek Skies Carol Mason

For fans of Carol Kirkwood, Karen Swan and Kate Frost

Carol's debut novel *After You Left* was a Kindle number 1 bestseller and has sold over 350,000 copies to date

Editor's Note

This beautiful, emotional novel from Carol Mason, whose bestselling novel *After You Left* hit number 1 in the Kindle Charts and has sold over 350,000 units to date, will transport you to Zante and take you on a journey of finding hope when you've lost true love.

Carol whisks readers away to a Greek island in this novel, and I really love the way she uses the sunshine to heal Catelyn and help her find herself. Readers will love spending time with her and they'll love the setting - I was rooting for Catelyn and, no spoilers, but I wasn't disappointed by the ending!

Retail Description

When thirty-two-year-old Catelyn's husband dies suddenly, she descends into a spiral of grief, until an unexpected plane ticket forces her out of the dark place she has found herself in. As she is catapulted into the bright Greek sunlight, she remembers a promise her late husband made: 'If I die, I'll send you someone to love'.

Catelyn imagines she'll find peace and serenity amidst the whitewashed Greek tavernas of Zante and the sparkling blue sea. But when a handsome, mysterious stranger crosses her path, she gets more than she'd bargained for. Taken with the island's charm - and her intriguing new admirer - Catelyn wonders: could her husband's promise be coming true?

Could a summer in Greece be the fresh start she needs? Or might she even learn to laugh and love again?

Reviews for Carol Mason

'Hilarious... I had a snorting giggle fit... All the feels. LOVED every minute reading this. My cheeks were aching from all the grinning! Heart-warming... A rollercoaster of emotions... So swoon-worthy... Perfect!' Coffeandpages2021, ★★★★★

'Wow!... Hilarious and fabulous. I devoured it... A great laugh... Dreamy... I loved every bit of it!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Carol Mason is the Amazon Charts and Kindle Store #1 bestselling author of contemporary women's fiction. Her books have sold close to a million copies and are published in multiple languages. When her first novel, *After You Left*, was released in 2017 it became one of the top one-hundred bestselling Kindle books of that year. Carol grew up in northern England, worked in London, and now lives between Vancouver, Canada, and





A Very Italian Wedding Donna Ashcroft

For fans of Sarah Morgan, Jenny Colgan and Cathy Bramley

Donna's titles have sold over 220,000 copies with over 61M KU page reads. She has hit the top 10 in both the US and UK.

Editor's Note

Donna Ashcroft is a well-established favourite for fans seeking unputdownable, sizzling summer romances, and this Italy-set holiday in a book is no exception. Readers will fall in love with this dreamy destination wedding filled with humour, warmth and just a little spice. Donna has now sold over 200k copies over her books and reached over 57 million pages read.

This enemies-to-lovers romance follows a maid-of-honour and best man at odds. Rose Loveheart determined to stop her best friend marrying her holiday fling, and Ben Pearson will do anything to make sure his best friend's wedding goes off without a hitch. But against the backdrop of gorgeous Tuscany, it's not long before sparks begin to fly between the two of them...

Retail Description

When Rose's best friend Luna calls her to tell her she's getting married to her holiday fling Marco in Italy, alarm bells, not wedding bells, start ringing. Before she can say arrivederci, Rose is booking her flights, packing her suitcase, and putting one objective at the top of her to-do list: save her friend and stop the wedding.

As she boards the plane, a devastatingly handsome guy makes a beeline for her. He just happens to be Ben Pearson, Marco's best man, and he's also an infuriating charmer, who has his sights set on making sure the wedding goes ahead. The two soon find themselves weaving through Italian backstreets towards Bellemilia, and their attraction to each other accelerates even faster than the drivers weaving their way along the cobbled streets. But Rose will not be distracted by delicately handmade pasta, wood-fired pizza, or by the tinkling of ice in a glass of Aperol Spritz. And she definitely won't be distracted by the very handsome Ben....

Falling for Ben is not on Rose's list, but will the sun on her skin and the gentle breeze caressing the lemon trees give her the encouragement she needs to take a chance on the unknown? Or will a disaster en route to the altar push them further apart?

With their best friends about to tie the knot, can Rose and Ben put their rivalry aside? Or will Rose discover there is happiness for both her friend and herself, if they follow their hearts?

Reviews for Donna Ashcroft

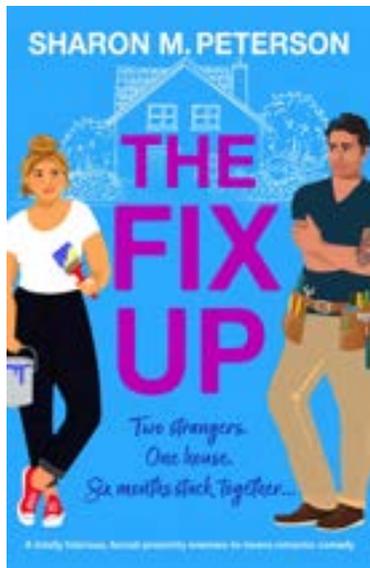
'What an absolutely stunning read!!! A perfectly gorgeous book!!! One of the best I've read in a long time. It made me laugh, cry, smile and fall in love... Everything you want in a heart-warming romance and I completely fell head over heels in love!!!'
Bookworm 86, ★★★★★

'Loved this book... Brilliant, couldn't put it down I nearly cried when it ended just because it was so good I didn't want it to end Brilliant'
NetGalley 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





The Fix-Up Sharon M. Peterson

For fans of Christina Lauren, Sarah Adams and Olivia Dade

Sharon M. Peterson is an Amazon UK top 25 author and her debut novel, *The Do-Over*, has over 10M KU pages read to date.

Editor's Note

Another rom com in Sharon's sassy, hilarious, fresh-feeling romance heartland, this is a hooky, laugh-out-loud, swoon-worthy and achingly relatable enemies-to-lovers novel about two opposites forced to live together for six months through a catch in a will neither of them saw coming. Against the backdrop of sarcastic quips, brusque post-it notes and deliciously painful misunderstandings, Ellie and Gil discover that forced proximity can fan those fiery enemy flames into something much hotter... Filled with heart, humour and sizzling chemistry, *The Fix-Up* is a masterpiece in smart, fast-paced dialogue and characters who feel like family and it will have you breathlessly turning the pages all night long, desperate to watch Ellie and Gil's love story unfold...

Retail Description

When she inherited the estate, she had no idea it came with a fully grown man-sized catch...

Ellie Sterns has spent the last three years making a life for her and her 6-year-old son after settling in Two Harts. Taken under the wing of the owner of the Sit-N-Eat, Ollie, Ellie's learned the ins and outs of running the café, and when Ollie passes away, she's shocked to discover he's left half his estate to her. Even more shocking, he left the other half to a grandson no one knew existed...

When Gil Dalton rolls into town with a perma-frown, overly formal wardrobe, and a chip on his shoulder the size of a small country, Ellie is not impressed. Even worse, the two quickly discover that Ollie left them one last little thing in his will: a catch

Ellie and James have to live on the property together for six months – and only after that can they decide whether they will keep it half and half, or sell up altogether. To Ellie, the house and the café represents her future. To James, it represents a past he wants nothing to do with. Together, they have six months to figure it all out without beating each other with Ellie's whisk...

But somewhere between the snarky notes they leave each other and discovering the truth about Ollie's lost love, Ellie and James might learn that hate can turn to not-hate – and that's basically only one step away from love...

Reviews for Sharon M. Peterson

'Left me with a warm, fuzzy feeling... I devoured it in just a few sittings... Had me in stitches... I simply couldn't tear myself away, even sacrificing sleep to indulge in late-night binge-reading... Laughter and tears... An absolute joy.' @book.greed
★★★★★

'I absolutely loved this!... Everything I could ask for in a romance novel... I was swooning, I was laughing, I even teared up... I could not have had a better time! I absolutely will be making my friends read it!' Goodreads reviewer
★★★★★

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



Chick Lit

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Two Harts



Not My Greek Wedding Sue Roberts

For fans of Kate Frost, Mandy Baggot and Holly Martin

Sue's titles have sold over 305,000 copies and have 26M KU pages read. She is an Amazon UK Top 20 author.

Editor's Note

Sue brings us another dose of fun in the sun with her new Greek summer romance. Caitlin's life is falling apart - she's lost her job, single, and is surrounded by loved-up couples. And now her closest friend is getting married, in Caitlin's own dream wedding destination - Santorini. But when she bumps into an absolute Greek god, who also happens to be attending the wedding, Caitlin wonders if her luck might just be on the up when he starts flirting with her... until it seems he might be hiding another relationship. Stunning, hilarious and heart-warming, this is everything you need in the perfect beach read.

Retail Description

Could saving her best friend's wedding lead to her own happily ever after?

On the plane Mia mind is racing. She is headed to a wedding on the Greek island of Santorini. And her recent break up isn't going to stop her making sure everything is perfect for the bride, her beautiful best friend Tasha. Especially as she's the Maid of Honour!

Arriving at the resort, Mia's breath catches at the sight of the sun-soaked terrace and vases overflowing with pink and white blooms. And with guests like local hunk, Christos, walking around like statues of Greek gods come to life, there's even more to celebrate...

But with embarrassing speeches, champagne corks popping everywhere, and guests getting caught up in the energetic Greek dancing, there are too many problems to tackle alone. If she opens her heart, can Mia and Christos make sure the day runs smoothly, and could she even start her own new love story in Greece?

Reviews for Sue Roberts

'OMG I loved this!! Gorgeous and one glorious romance. I simply adore this... So absolutely beautiful... Perfect book to read at the pool or even better at the beach!' Loris2littlelibrary, ★★★★★

'Absolutely fantastically gorgeous... I was absolutely devastated when I came to the end... I was truly whisked away to Greece feeling the sand on my feet and looking at the stunning views... An absolutely gorgeous book!!... I absolutely adored.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

Author Biography

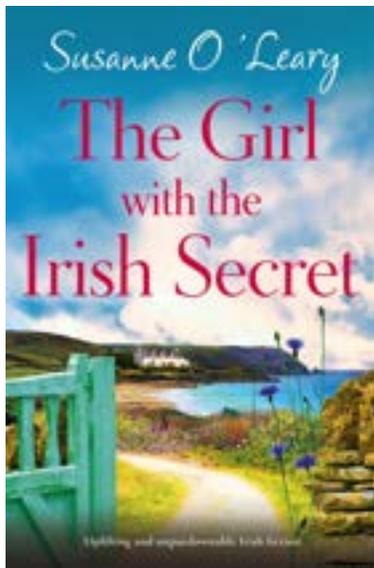
I live in Lancashire with my long-term partner Derek and have had a lifelong love of writing, encouraged by winning a school writing competition at the age of 11. I always assumed that 'one day' I would write a book, always having a busy household and a job, the idea remained firmly on the back-burner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



Chick Lit

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Summer Romances



The Girl with the Irish Secret Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Tricia O'Malley, Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe

Susanne's titles have sold over 1.3 million copies and she is an Amazon UK and US #1 Kindle bestseller.

Editor's Note

A forgotten secret hidden in the pages of handwritten notes. A manor house. A romance on the cliffs of Ireland... Susanne O'Leary's sparking Magnolia Manor series returns with Book 3, and Violet Fleury's dreamy story. With her flaming-red hair and green eyes, Violet is a picture-perfect Irish starlet, but her family, and her story, is filled with secrets. And the arrival of dangerously handsome Jack Montgomery into her life, is about to turn her world upside down.

Retail Description

Staring up at the magnificent, rose-covered walls of her grandmother's house, Violet Fleury isn't sure she'll be welcome inside. After running from her hometown in Ireland to follow her dreams of acting, she's back to play Irish legend, Kathleen O'Sullivan, in a local film. She's vowed to tell the story of the woman her village are so proud of – and to build bridges with the family she drifted away from. But will they give her a second chance?

Violet's sisters might be hesitant, but whilst helping with her sweet young nieces and nephews, Violet feels closer to them than ever before. Then Violet's leading man, dangerously handsome Jack Montgomery, arrives in the peaceful countryside. The instant chemistry between them is as fiery as Violet's flaming red hair... and discovering stories about Kathleen from the locals, Violet sees Jack's kindness too. He even wins over Violet's sisters. Could he help stitch their family back together?

But when Violet finds dusty, handwritten notes from Kathleen in her research, she wonders if this legendary woman was the heroine everyone thinks. And when Jack pulls out of the film, Violet is heartbroken. The villagers, and Violet's whole family, are in awe of Kathleen's story – and Violet had even started to imagine staying in Ireland. But without Jack by her side, could these secrets destroy the town's reputation, and the second chance she's been dreaming of?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'OMG! OMG!! I cannot remember the last time I was so gutted to come to the end of a book!! I absolutely fell in love and it genuinely felt like I was packing my bags and being whisked away for my Irish holiday... Absolutely gorgeous!!!... An absolutely stunning, heart-warming romance that will have you heading off to Ireland in the blink of an eye.' Bookworm 86, ★★★★★

'I was completely captivated... Amazing... So moving and completely melted my heart. This story is uplifting and inspiring and I found it to be unputdownable. I absolutely loved it' Page Turners ★★★★★

Author Biography

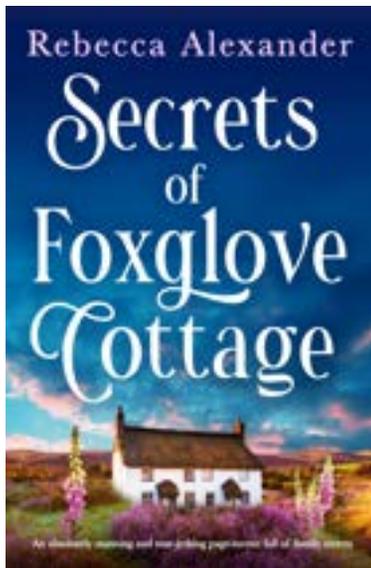
Susanne O'Leary is the bestselling author of more than twenty novels, mainly in the romantic fiction genre. She has also written three crime novels and two in the historical fiction genre. The wife of a former diplomat, she has also been a fitness teacher and a translator. She now writes full-time from either of two locations, a rambling house in County Tipperary, Ireland or a little cottage overlooking the Atlantic in Dingle, County



Women's Fiction

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Magnolia Manor 3



Secrets of Foxglove Cottage Rebecca Alexander

For fans of Susanne O’Leary, Tricia O’Malley and Liz Eeles

Rebecca's previous series has sold more than 58,000 copies and has over 28 million KU page read

Editor's Note

This stunning, atmospheric dual-timeline novel has blown me away. With a rugged Wuthering Heights-style setting, a unique sprinkling of folklore and magic, and a beautiful central romance, this is unforgettable. It had me sobbing my heart out and transported me so completely into the characters' lives and surroundings that I forgot where I was. The contemporary and wartime timelines contain dramatic twists and turns that will have readers racing through the pages with their hearts thumping. The ghosts of the past are ever-present, and mentions of the fairytales and mythical beings blend seamlessly with Rebecca's unparalleled setting descriptions. This novel is a triumphant start to a new series that is sure to be a global bestseller.

Retail Description

From her open window at Foxglove Cottage, she looks out at the garden full of wildflowers drenched in golden sunlight. Her fingers tremble as she turns the fragile page of the old diary and discovers a secret that will change her life forever...

When Zosia arrives at Foxglove Cottage holding her small son’s hand in hers, she is desperate for a new beginning. Her new job is to help seventy-year-old Hazel transform her tumbledown cottage and re-open the enchanting old café, seeped in folklore. Hazel is warm and welcoming, but Zosia can never share the truth about why she has left her own home.

When neighbourly Leon, a bear of a man with deep brown eyes, arrives to help them restore the cafe, Zosia can’t help falling for his rugged charm. But her heart has been shattered before, so she distracts herself by translating an old diary that’s been in Hazel’s family for generations. She discovers an extraordinary love story hidden in the yellowing pages. It pulls her back into World War Two, as if the past is whispering through the garden’s tangled vines and the granite cottage walls. Could the old wartime romance help broken-hearted Zosia believe in soulmates again?

Zosia longs to open up to Hazel and Leon but if her past catches up with her it could ruin everything. When she uncovers the diary’s long buried secret, will it help her let go of her own past? Or, when she receives a letter that threatens everything she holds dear, will she be forced to leave Foxglove Cottage for good?

Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

‘WOW!!!! Clear your schedules and grab the tissues as you will need them!!!!... Devastatingly heartbreaking and beautiful... I was utterly glued to the pages... I was carrying my phone to read it on kindle every chance that I got... I had tears absolutely streaming down my face... This is one of those books that will stay with me for a long time... Absolutely amazing!!! I LOVED it.’
Bookworm86 ★★★★★

‘I was hooked from the first page! Amazing! If there were 6 stars available I'd give it 6!’ @karen_loves_reading

Author Biography

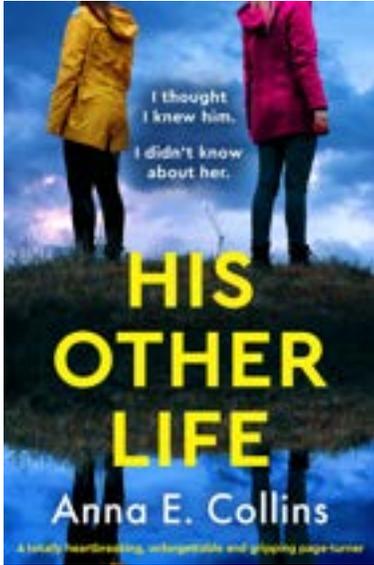
Rebecca Alexander was born in Malta and grew up on the south coast of England, becoming a psychologist. She escaped parenting six children to study writing in 2011, and the Secrets series of novels was published in 2013. A Baby’s Bones and sequel followed. Rebecca lives in a haunted 300-year-old cottage in Devon where she grows fruit, paints, and bakes. She reads and writes all sorts of genres, from women’s fiction to



Women's Fiction

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Wildflower Secrets 1



His Other Life Anna E. Collins

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Liane Moriarty and The Last Thing He Told Me

Editor's Note

A stunningly emotional women's fiction story, filled with jaw-dropping twists and turns, from the author of Her Mother's Secret.

Isla, has never recovered from the sudden and unexpected loss of her husband, Jonah in a car crash, and her own injuries meant that her own memories of what happened on that fateful night have gone. On the brink of leaving the past firmly behind her, she uncovers a hidden photo on Jonah's camera that shifts her world on its axis. Jonah was having an affair. Needing answers, Isla decides to retrace her steps from that night, and go back to the place her husband was last alive. But her journey will uncover the earth-shattering secrets that have been right under her nose the whole time...

Retail Description

Two years after my beloved Jonah was killed in a car accident, I retrace my steps to the romantic hotel we were staying in when his life was cut tragically short. The last thing I remember is the warmth of his hand in mine as we drove off through the pine trees towards our candlelit dinner. Then the beeping of monitors when I woke up alone in a hospital bed days later. What really happened that night?

But when I arrive at the hotel, a nervous-looking employee hands me my husband's jacket. It still smells like him, and I discover something inside. A hastily scrawled note. Two words that turn my world upside down: call Gemma.

No one in Jonah's life knows who Gemma could be. Flashes of an argument rush back to me painfully, and I feel myself fall apart. I remember his drunkenness, the sound of my own voice, heartbroken and betrayed. Did he use our anniversary to tell me he'd had an affair?

The truth will change everything I thought I knew about my marriage. Should I go home, and leave his secrets in the past? Or face the idea that I never really knew my husband at all?

Reviews for Anna E. Collins

'Holy smokes! Gasp!... I loved it so dang much! ALL the stars! This book I binged in a day! Had a hard time putting this book down... Amazing book!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'I was completely hooked from the start and devoured it in one sitting... compelling... pulled me in from the very first chapter... one I won't easily forget!' Skrapcrazyreads, ★★★★★

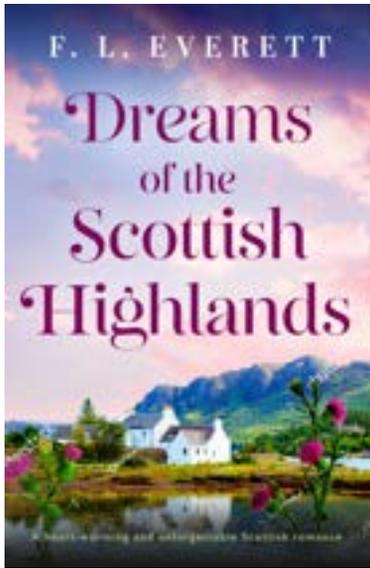
Author Biography

Anna E. Collins is a Seattle area author who writes stories about the lives and loves of women—their hopes, dreams, journeys, and relationships—with the goal of making readers both laugh and cry. She grew up in Sweden as a voracious reader with a vivid imagination but didn't start writing fiction until after she had kids. By that point, she had worked as a high school teacher for several years, married an American,



Women's Fiction

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Dreams of the Scottish Highlands

F.L. Everett

For fans of Liz Eeles, Debbie Macomber, and Mary Alice Monroe.

Editor's Note

Set against the stunning backdrop of the highlands, F. L. Everett's novel follows Cat as she searches for a fresh start in Scotland. Leaving her London life behind, Cat heads for the hills with hopes of a new beginning. But what she doesn't expect is to meet Logan, son of the local Laird, who she remembers from her childhood visits. Logan is just as annoying as he was when they were teenagers, but even more handsome than Cat remembers. And as the pair spend time together renovating Logan's castle, Cat can't help but remember what happened between them all those years ago... Is this her second chance at happiness?

Retail Description

In desperate need of a fresh start after a recent heartbreak, Cat Hardwick leaves her life in the city behind and travels to the remote Scottish Highlands. Arriving at her godfather's estate, she hopes returning to the beautiful place she remembers from childhood will help mend her broken heart. But as she steps into the grand hall, the castle isn't as she expects. With a sagging roof and buckets to catch the leaks, Cat soon realizes the estate is in trouble. Determined to save the place that gave her such happy memories, she offers her expertise as an event planner as a way to breathe new life into the estate. Surely there must be a way to save this magical place?

The only person opposed to her plans is her godfather's son, Logan McCaskill. He is just how Cat remembers from childhood – grumpy and irritating, but maddingly attractive with thick black hair and piercing dark brown eyes. Each time he rejects her ideas in his lilting Scottish accent, she feels her cheeks flush, caught between anger and desire.

Cat spends her days avoiding Logan. But when an unexpected storm forces them to seek shelter in an abandoned cottage on the estate, with nothing but a flickering fire and a flask of whiskey for company, it is a night that changes everything forever... But then Logan starts acting distant, just as her old flame unexpectedly appears. Cat hoped this place could be her new home, but now she feels more lost than ever. Will Cat find the courage to face her past and embrace her future? Or is she destined to leave this magical place alone?

Reviews for F.L. Everett

'OMG!!! I absolutely LOVED this gorgeous page-turner!! Absolutely stunning... I was completely swept away... I was carrying my e-reader around with me every chance that I got... I just could not put it down... Absolutely fantastic!' Bookworm86



'Wonderful... Amazing... You will want to read in one sitting... Unforgettable... a definite must-read.' Page Turners 

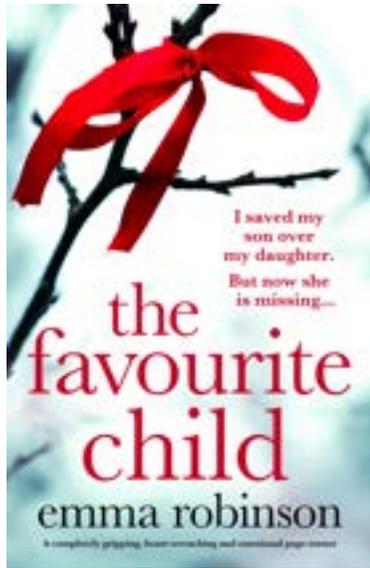
Author Biography

Flic Everett is a Mancunian writer who now lives in the West Highlands with her patient husband and two deranged cocker spaniels. She has owned an award-winning vintage shop, guest-presented Woman's Hour and was once a part-time tarot reader. She has spent many years as a freelance journalist and editor for national newspapers and magazines and can't believe she's finally allowed to make up stories from the



Women's Fiction

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The Favourite Child Emma Robinson

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Jojo Moyes and Kate Hewitt.

Emma Robinson's titles have sold over 340,000 copies to date and have 47 million KU page reads.

Editor's Note

If you absolutely had to, could you pick one of your children to save over another? That is the absolutely heartwrenching hook in Emma's latest family drama. The idea for this novel came from a conversation where we discussed how that was an impossible decision. But what about if one of your children needed additional care? What about if you were in a house fire and you could only push one to safety at a time? The opening to this book captured my heart instantly as I watched a mother make the most heartbreaking of decisions. Though both children survive, her daughter never forgot and now she's gone missing. Her mother will stop at nothing to find her again. But can she ever truly forgive herself for the impossible choice she had to make? You'll have to read it to find out!

Retail Description

When we discovered we were having twins, a boy and a girl, I couldn't believe our luck. Within months we would have the perfect family we'd always dreamed of.

The first few years were so happy. Our house was chaotic but full of love just as it should be. But as the years passed, we had to acknowledge that our son Ben needed a lot more support than Mollie. I had no choice but to put his needs first. I wanted him to have the best life possible. But it came at a devastating cost.

Now, Mollie is missing. Clasp my husband's hands for the first time in years, we start to piece together any reason for why she disappeared. Mollie was a straight-A student, a perfect daughter, a loyal friend. As my husband looks at me in fear, I'm forced to confront a truth I have spent years trying to hide.

They say it is impossible to choose a favourite child. But years ago, during a house fire I had to do just that. I had to push one child to safety ahead of the other. I chose my son. Now I'm forced to question whether my dear daughter has always remembered what I did. Am I the real reason she disappeared? And will I ever see her again?

Reviews for Emma Robinson

'Oooph. Hits you right in the feels... Loved this book so much. Couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'A heart-wrenching, emotional and teary book... Written with so much emotion that I laughed and cried. The story grabbed my full attention from the first chapter and I couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

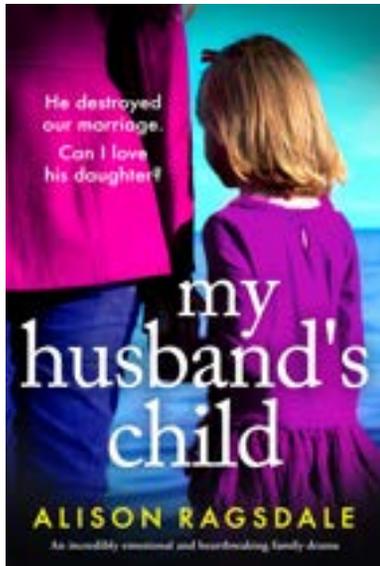
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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My Husband's Child Alison Ragsdale

For fans of Kate Hewitt, Jodi Picoult and Diane Chamberlain

Alison's books have sold over 50,000 copies and her title 'Her Last Chance' was an Amazon UK Top 20 bestseller

Editor's Note

I feel outrageously lucky to work with Alison Ragsdale, who asks questions that really allow you to explore the most heartbreaking dilemmas. Imagine if your best friend vanished and you found her two children on your doorstep. As you try to help these two little angels heal from their mother's disappearance, your best friend returns. She wants her children back but they want to stay with you. What on earth do you do? An incredibly emotional and heartbreaking novel about a devastating choice, packed with family secrets, this book will keep you glued to the pages until you finish it!

Retail Description

When I find a little girl standing on my doorstep, I don't know what to do. But as I take her small hand in mine, she whispers words that will change my life. 'Mummy said you'd look after me.'

Ever since her husband left her for another woman, Cora has been trying to put her life back together. But when she hears he started a family, her heart breaks all over again. And so, when the doorbell rings late one night, the last person Cora expects to find is her husband's child.

The little girl is shivering, clutching her baby brother's hand. With no other choice, Cora ushers the children into her home. As she settles them by the fire, she tries to work out what happened. But as the days pass and her phone calls go unanswered, she realises the children's parents have vanished without a trace...

Over the following weeks, Cora grows to love the children as if they were her own. And as she tucks them into bed each night, pressing a kiss to their foreheads, her heart feels fuller than she ever could have imagined. But when her ex-husband's wife reappears, Cora senses she isn't telling the truth about why she abandoned her children. And when Cora's ex-husband returns, claiming the children aren't safe with their mother, she faces an impossible choice. Should Cora believe him or the children's mother? And should she trust her instinct that something is terribly wrong?

Reviews for Alison Ragsdale

'Heart-wrenching... I binge read it 'til the wee hours... Took me on an emotional rollercoaster... I was literally yelling and screaming at my e-reader... Melted my heart... Will stay with you way after you finish.' Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews



'Took my break away and I needed tissues and lots of them... Will have you gripped from the beginning 'til the very end and you will find it hard to put down once you start to read it - a page-turner - Will have you in tears - An emotional ride'

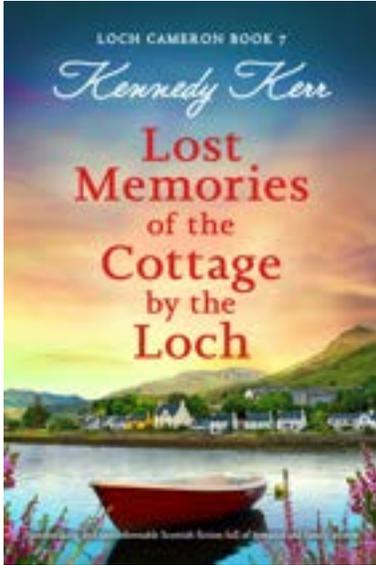
Author Biography

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.



Women's Fiction

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Lost Memories of the Cottage by the Loch Kennedy Kerr

For fans of Susanne O’Leary, Debbie Macomber and Pamela Kelley

The Loch Cameron series has sold over 48,000 copies and has more than 30 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

This might be my favourite book in this series! Here we learn all about Gretchen Ross, the owner of the 'cottage by the loch', and all time fabulous elderly lady! Gretchen has a colourful and painful past, and she's been keeping a secret for decades... This is Gretchen's last chance to tell her story to Lottie. This instalment has a different kind of emotional depth and poignancy, as well as exploring more about a series-favourite character. Full of stunning descriptions of the Scottish countryside, this series feels very Virgin River in its warmth and heart, and proximity to handsome men!

Retail Description

When Lottie Fox escapes to the heather-strewn hills of Loch Cameron, she is still heart-sore after the man she thought she'd spend her life with upped and left. Visiting the elderly residents of the village care home to ask for their help tracing local history is the perfect distraction. And soon Lottie is drawn to the outspoken, twinkly-eyed Gretchen.

Senior in years but still young at heart, Gretchen’s outrageous stories bring Lottie out of her shell. And meeting Fred Mackenzie in the village bookstore, with his kind eyes and floppy hair, Lottie starts to think about the future again. She even brings Fred to meet her new friend, Gretchen, and is totally charmed by his care for the elderly lady.

But there’s one story Gretchen has never shared. When Lottie confides in her about how lonely she once was, she realises that Gretchen is desperate to share her own heartbreaking tale of a great love, and a devastating betrayal.

Then Gretchen is rushed to hospital. The last thing she whispers to grief-stricken Lottie is how she must take the blue leather-bound photo album tucked away on her bookshelf. The secrets Lottie and Fred find inside could upend everything Lottie thought she knew about Gretchen, and shatter the community Lottie has come to know and love in the village...

Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

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

'I absolutely adored this heart-touching, uplifting story... I was totally charmed. Stunning... swept me away. Pulled me in so quickly... Pure delightful escapism... I loved this story.' Cindy L Spear, ★★★★★

Author Biography

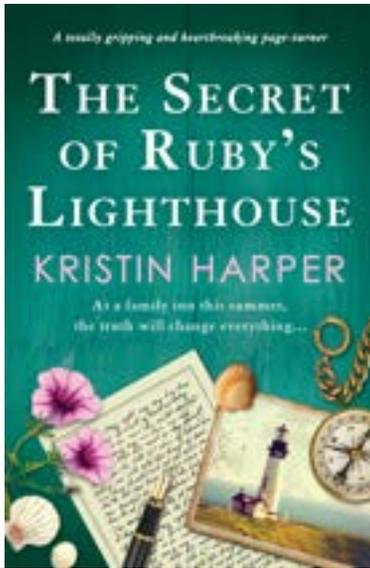
Kennedy Kerr has written and published poetry, children's and adult books. She lives in London and is originally from the West Country, which gave her accent a subtle (yet noticeable) pirate twang as well as a love of cream teas and all things mystical. She is the proud owner of a cuddly black cat called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



Women's Fiction

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Loch Cameron 7



The Secret of Ruby's Lighthouse Kristin Harper

For fans of Mary Ellen Taylor, Carolyn Brown and Barbara O'Neal

Kristin's Dune Island series has sold over 200,000 copies, has 75 million KU page reads and has featured in the Top 40 Amazon UK bestsellers list.

Editor's Note

Kristin Harper is the queen of beautiful, escapist fiction filled with romance and a healthy dollop of mystery. I will always champion her books because they have so much heart and depth: in every Dune Island story there is always a beachy romance to fall head over heels for, but the family dynamics, secrets and relationships give the series real character and a unique edge. When Meg's great aunt Ruby tells her she has a secret to share about the stunning lighthouse next to their family inn, Meg is all ears: but aunt Ruby becomes terribly ill before she can share the truth. It's an explosive and heartbreaking opening, and Meg's journey to saving the inn - and falling for the one person she shouldn't - is totally addictive. The perfect summer read!

Retail Description

Ruby rocks in her favorite chair and tries not to think about the past. This family inn, with views across the grassy dunes to the lighthouse standing against bright blue sky, is all she's ever known. But Ruby has been keeping a secret all these years... this summer, has the time finally come to share it?

Reeling from her broken-off engagement and at a career low, Meg Carter escapes to help renovate her great-aunt Ruby's charming inn by the ocean. But Simon, grandson of the former owners, has plans for his land right next door... which are sure to ruin the beautiful view of the lighthouse and put Ruby's inn out of business for good.

It's a revelation when Ruby says she has a secret about Simon to share. But the elderly lady only has time to say "the lighthouse holds the key" before becoming desperately ill.

Meg is distraught. All she cares about now is her beloved aunt's health. Ruby is in no state to share her secret now: but what if it could save the inn for good?

Desperate for answers, it's against Meg's better judgment that she takes long walks on the beach with Simon. But is she wrong to open her heart? And will Meg ever solve the secret of the lighthouse— before it's too late for the inn, and for Ruby?

Reviews for Kristin Harper

"A must-read! I was captivated from the very first pages and was unable to put the book down... Warmed my heart and was so beautiful that it brought tears to my eyes... I absolutely LOVED this!!!" Rlordreads, ★★★★★

"Wonderful... gripped me from the first page until the last. I loved it!... I couldn't put this book down!... Amazing!... Delightful! I couldn't get enough of this book... Highly recommend!!!" DianeLikesToRead, ★★★★★

Author Biography

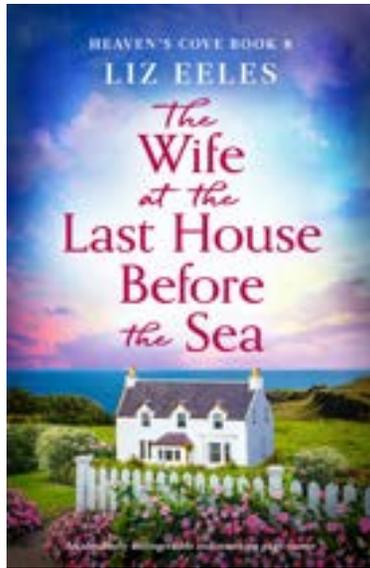
Ever since she was a young girl, there were few things Kristin liked more than creative writing and spending time on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, with her family. Eventually (after a succession of jobs that bored her to tears), she found a way to combine those two passions by becoming a women's fiction author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



Women's Fiction

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Dune Island 7



The Wife at the Last House Before the Sea Liz Eeles

For fans of Debbie Macomber, Faith Hogan and Barbara O'Neal

The Heavens Cove series has sold over 190,000 copies and has 38 million KU page reads.

Editor's Note

This beautiful series goes from strength to strength. I just adore visiting the charming seaside town of Heaven's Cove, and discovering each unique standalone story the author weaves every time. When a wedding dress and a ring is left at a vintage store, the owner goes on a journey of discovery to find the owner: and discovers a heartbreaking story of lost love and second chances that goes back generations. Liz brings such a warm and wonderfully light touch to her stories, and the charming, quirky village characters provide a lovely humorous edge to these heartbreaking stories.

Retail Description

Emma breathes a sigh of nervous excitement as she hangs up the beautiful ivory dress. Heartbroken and with her divorce freshly signed, the anonymous donation of a stunning wedding gown is just what Emma needs for her new adventure: selling unique clothing from her own vintage shop, tucked away amidst the winding streets of Heaven's Cove.

Not everyone in the village is welcoming. Handsome Leo runs the bespoke suit shop next door – and his uptight father Robert doesn't approve of the vintage store's quirky style. But Emma's fears that she was wrong to uproot her old life fade the more time she spends with Leo. Because a warm heart lies behind his brooding exterior...

Their new connection is called into question when Robert sees the silk wedding dress. The usually emotionless older man is shocked at the sight of the gown: but refuses to say what's wrong. Together, Emma and Leo promise to solve the mystery of who the dress belonged to – and why Robert is so shaken. Their questions around Heaven's Cove lead them to an empty manor house, a wedding that happened years ago, and a family who haven't been seen around the village since...

But the closer they get to answers, the more pain they could cause Robert. And when a shocking revelation about Leo's family comes to light, Emma must question everything. Is it time to run from Heaven's Cove as quickly as she arrived? Or if she finally finds the truth about the wife who wore the wedding dress, could it heal her – and Leo's – heart for good?

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, ★★★★★

'Perfect... I was absolutely hooked from page one until 1.30am in the morning when I finished having not been able to put it down' Bookworm1986 ★★★★★

Author Biography

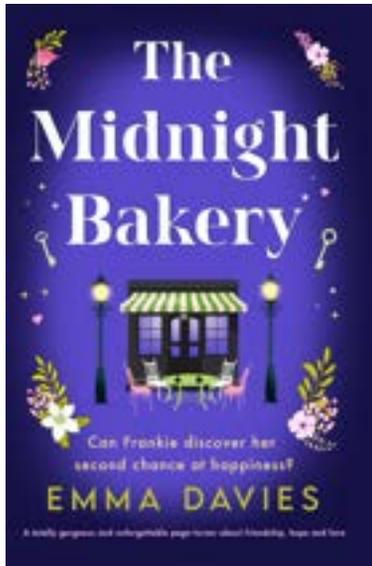
Liz began her writing career as a journalist for newspapers and magazines before moving into the health sector as a communications manager and press officer. The low point of her career was abandoning an interview with Cliff Richard after two questions because she was about to faint – her excuse is that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



Women's Fiction

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Heaven's Cove 8



The Midnight Bakery Emma Davies

For fans of *The Last List of Mabel Beaumont*, Sally Page and
Amanda Prowse

Emma Davies' books have sold over 330,000 copies with Bookouture

Editor's Note

Emma has written the most beautiful novel of friendship, hope and love - and it's all about overcoming difficult circumstances with a combination of the three. What's more, it's set in a bakery at night: think moonlight and the scent of warm cinnamon and buttery pastries. The whole book is like a big hug! I've loved editing this one and Emma's talent really shines here.

Retail Description

Nestled at the end of a tiny, cobbled backstreet, is a charming, careworn bakery, its doorstep scrubbed clean and pale green linen blinds neatly drawn. Every night, long after customers have gone and the last crumbs wiped from the shelves, a key turns in the lock. This is a haven, a place where a candle burns through the night for anyone feeling lost or lonely.

Frankie, kneading dough through the night and shaping croissants to bake for morning, hopes the bakery will keep her safe from the heartbreak of her past. But what she hasn't expected is to meet others who need to heal as much as she does. William appears one moonlit night. Forging his own new path following years of heartache, he begins to check in on Frankie nightly, his gentle smile letting her know he's keeping an eye.

Tam, lost and alone, stumbles upon the bakery and it becomes the one place where he can be himself. Beth, who nurses patients by night and her husband by day, is drawn in by the scent of freshly baked bread and warm sugar, with Frankie's custard tarts the one bright spark in her long, lonely nights.

Each of them finds comfort, companionship, and hope, as they begin to reveal secrets they've kept hidden for so long. But one night, Frankie finds a letter neatly folded on the countertop. As she unfolds the perfect creases, her heart plummets when she sees the scrawled writing: will everything she's been working towards be undone in an instant?

Reviews for Emma Davies

'I absolutely loved this book and devoured it in one sitting! Had me hooked right from the prologue and I was completely in its clutches... Enthralling, enchanting and utterly captivating.' Once Upon a Time Book Blog, ★★★★★

'Unable to put the book down ... Actually brought tears to my eyes ... Had me grinning like the Cheshire Cat... Managed to hug me from the inside out. I absolutely adore this author!' The Writing Garnet, ★★★★★

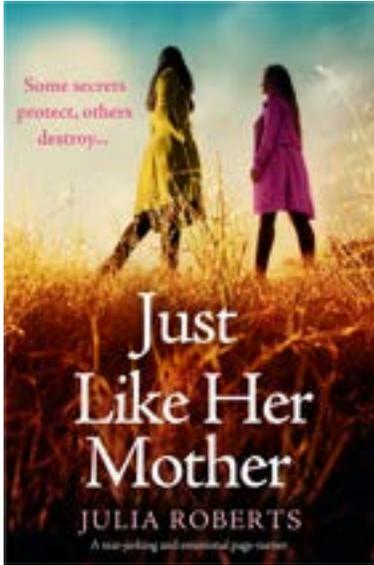
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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Just Like Her Mother Julia Roberts

For fans of Liane Moriarty, Amanda Prowse and Susan Lewis

Julia Roberts has sold over 58,000 copies of her Bookouture titles

Editor's Note

Several of Julia Roberts' previous books have hit the top 100 charts in the UK, and her titles have sold over 56,000 copies and over 8 million KU pages read. In her latest heart-wrenching title, a loving mother is confronted by her daughter, in tears over the end of her relationship. But as Lexi comforts her daughter, she can't hide the twist of guilt in her stomach. What will her daughter do when she finds out the secret she's been keeping from her? The shocking secret about her boyfriend that only Lexi knows...

Retail Description

My heart drops as I take in Jemma's tear-streaked face. Has my worst nightmare come true? My daughter is my whole world, but I've been keeping a secret from her. And from the hurt in her eyes, I think she's found out...

When I see my gorgeous Jemma's car parked in the drive, my eyes mist over. She knows I hate returning from holiday to an empty house, so my thoughtful girl must be here to welcome me home. I swallow down the tiny kernel of guilt at the thought – she is so caring, exactly how I raised her to be. Everyone says she's just like me, but she's so much better. And I know I have let her down...

But as I open the front door and call out, I realise there is no smell of freshly brewed coffee in the air. My heart drops, and I move quickly down the tiled hallway, looking for my daughter. I breathe a sigh of relief when I see her, and as she turns to face me, I reach for her.

'Don't,' she says, holding up her hand with the flat of her palm facing me. 'I don't know if I'll ever be able to forgive you.'

She knows. And now my family is about to be torn apart...

Reviews for Julia Roberts

'I just loved this... I was engrossed from the start, shed a few tears along the way, to the perfect ending. I couldn't stop reading and didn't want it to finish. Unputdownable, a real page-turning tear-jerker... Captivating... Perfect.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'OMG!... A real tear-jerker and so emotional you can't put it down, soooooo get ready for a rollercoaster of feelings... Absolutely glued to the pages.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

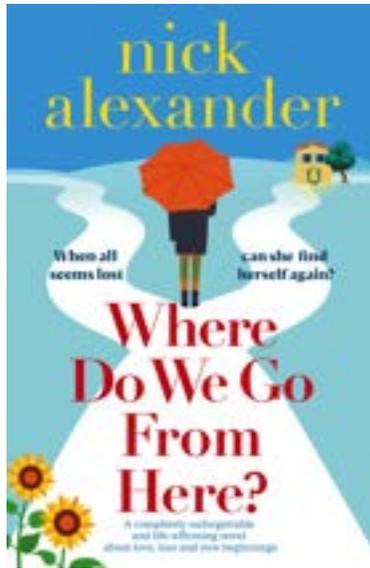
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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Where Do We Go From Here? Nick Alexander

For fans of Mike Gayle, Amanda Prowse and Matt Haig

Nick Alexander is a bestselling British Author of twenty novels and has sold more than two million copies of his books to date. He is a number one Kindle bestselling author.

Editor's Note

As an editor, I am always looking for stories that feel deeply human, allowing me to connect with experiences and characters who by the end of the novel I feel I know. Over twenty novels, bestselling author Nick Alexander has done just that. He has an incredible skill for creating characters who leap off the page, capture your heart and ultimately leave you feeling bereft when you turn that final page. *Where Do We Go From Here* is a novel about love and loss, about taking courage to start a new chapter in your life and is ultimately about the inherent goodness of people. For me, it is so much a book about human connection at a time when we absolutely need that and I know it will delight our readers. It completely captured me from the first page to the last - I hope it will for you too.

Retail Description

When all seems lost, can she find herself again?

For years, Wendy has put others first. A loving wife, mother and nurse, she has never taken time for herself. But now with her children flying the nest, she decides, alone, to rent a little house in a forgotten corner of the French Alps where she can try and answer the question: what next?

But when she arrives, Wendy starts to regret her decision. This retreat suddenly looks so very different from the dream. As she walks the hill paths alone, thoughts of her family leave her with a pang in her chest.

With no one else to care for, Wendy is suddenly forced to confront something she's tried her best to hide: the real reason her family is falling apart. Is she strong enough to face it alone?

Then, just when she thinks she's hit rock bottom, she discovers that help can come from the most unlikely places: a newfound friendship giving her the strength to start again. Wendy always thought she knew how her story would end but she's learning that this is only the beginning.

Reviews for Nick Alexander

'Wow!!!! Just flipping wow!!!! What an absolutely epic page-turner!!!!... Absolutely smashed it!!!!!!... Incredible... A rollercoaster ride of emotions. I was utterly glued to the pages and I could not bring myself to put it down. I was carrying my kindle around and reading it every chance that I got... I just absolutely loved... An absolutely gorgeous, emotional rollercoaster filled with everything you could ask for in a page-turner!!!' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Beautiful Really touched my heart Incredible' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

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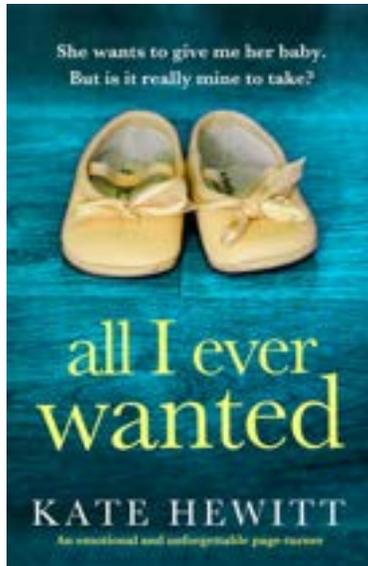
Nick Alexander is a bestselling British Author of nineteen novels. He has sold more than two million copies of his books to date. His works have been translated into nine different languages and he has had bestsellers in France, Germany and Norway.

Nick lives in a sleepy village in the southern French Alps with his partner, three cats and a mischief of



Women's Fiction

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All I Ever Wanted Kate Hewitt

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Liane Moriarty and Susan Lewis

Author has sold over 1.3 million copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in both the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

From the first sentence of this heartbreaking, emotional tearjerker of a novel, I was hooked. An unputdownable story of two women's journey to motherhood, and a narrative that truly examines what it means to be a mother. Honestly, I cried several times while editing this, and found myself desperate to know what would happen next. Packed with impossible-to-answer dilemmas, readers will be gripped by Kate Hewitt's next emotional read.

Retail Description

As I stare at the ultrasound, my eyes fill with tears. My husband squeezes my hand, thinking they are tears of happiness. How do I tell him they aren't? When I meet the love of my life, Mark, I have everything I ever dreamed of. Our lives are perfect, until we find out I can't give him the one thing he truly wants—a child.

There is a small glimmer of hope. We could use a surrogate. But as the doctor explains that we can't use my eggs, my heart breaks all over again. Mark kisses my forehead, reassuring me that I will be a fantastic mother, that we can still raise our dream family. So why can't I see myself in the picture he paints?

When we meet our surrogate, Dani, I try not to feel threatened by this young, beautiful woman, who can give my husband the one thing I never can. As I watch her looking at the sonogram, I'm sure I see love in her eyes. Because after all, this is her child... not mine. Is it right for me to come between a mother and her baby, even if it's all I've ever wanted?

As the months pass and the date circled on the calendar gets closer, I try to ignore the panic beating in my heart. Looking around the beautiful nursery we've created, I know I have to make a heartbreaking choice. Can I really separate a mother from her baby? And should I tell my husband that I can't raise his child and, if I do, will I lose the love of my life forever?

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

"Whenever I see a novel by the wonderful Kate Hewitt I know immediately I'm going to love it... So incredibly moving it was impossible to stop reading... The final chapters had me close to tears and even now I've finished reading I still keep thinking about [it]." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

"I know two things. One, I know that I will love it. And two, it will rip my heart out and put it back together. And that's exactly what happened to me. I read it in two days. This is a book that will stay with you." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

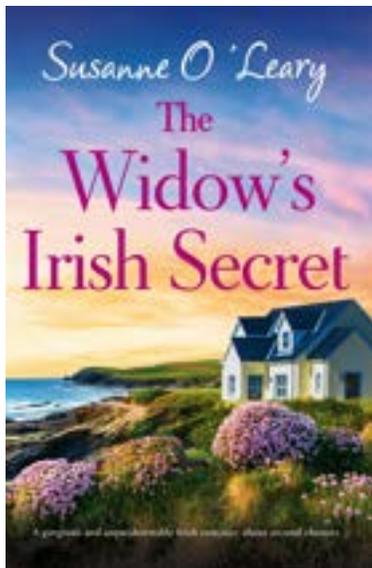
Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American expat, she lives in a small town on the Welsh border with her husband, five children, and their overly affectionate Golden Retriever. Whatever the genre, she enjoys telling stories that tackle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



Women's Fiction

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Powerful emotional novels about impossible choices by Kate Hewitt



The Widow's Irish Secret Susanne O'Leary

For fans of Tricia O'Malley, Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe.

Susanne's titles have sold over 1.1 million copies and she is an Amazon UK and US #1 Kindle bestseller.

Editor's Note

Susanne O'Leary's wildly successful Magnolia Manor series continues with this heartbreaking story of a widow and a secret that will tear her family apart. It's been decades since Patricia has been home to Ireland, where she lost her husband, and was forced to leave her three daughters in her mother-in-law's care, but can she finally reunite the family and find happiness? Or when strong, handsome lost love Cillian comes back into her life, will her lies catch up with her? Set on the stunning Irish coast, with Susanne's signature small town values, and a gorgeous, clean romance, this book is perfect for romance readers worldwide.

Retail Description

'This will always be your home.' My daughter's voice warms me, and I look out at the sea, smelling the wild Irish flowers on the windowsill. But what if the secret I'm keeping destroys the only family I have left?

Wiping away her tears, Patricia Fleury carefully twists the ring off her finger. She sets it down on the table and locks her front door for the final time. She never imagined she'd go back to the West Coast of Ireland, but she knows she can only grieve the loss of her husband if she's surrounded by her daughters and her grandchildren. Unless her secrets follow her...

The windswept beach sparkles as Patricia spends her days swimming and building sandcastles with her family. But starting again in her old, worn-out cottage, is harder than she thought. The nights are lonely, and every noise reminds her of the painful past she's trying to escape. Until she runs into a mysterious old friend, Cillian O'Malley, whose dark, hazel eyes look wounded too. With every brush of his hand, and every memory they share, she begins to feel safe again. If she admits the longing she feels, could they make a new life together?

But when Patricia lets Cillian into her home, he uncovers a young child's drawings in an old wardrobe in the cottage and then hurries out of the door. Does he know her secret? Will Patricia's mistakes tear them apart? Can they work together to right the wrongs of the past? Or will she hurt those she has fought so hard to protect for all these years?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'OMG! OMG!! I cannot remember the last time I was so gutted to come to the end of a book!! I absolutely fell in love and it genuinely felt like I was packing my bags and being whisked away... Absolutely gorgeous!!!... An absolutely stunning, heart-warming romance.' Bookworm 86, ★★★★★

'I was completely captivated... Amazing... completely melted my heart. This story is uplifting and inspiring and I found it to be unputdownable. I absolutely loved it' Page Turners ★★★★★

Author Biography

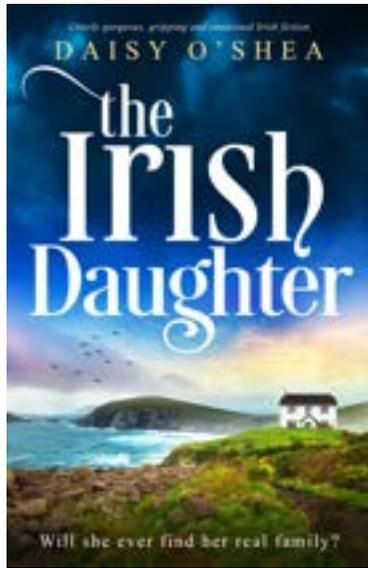
Susanne O'Leary is the bestselling author of more than twenty novels, mainly in the romantic fiction genre. She has also written three crime novels and two in the historical fiction genre. The wife of a former diplomat, she has also been a fitness teacher and a translator. She now writes full-time from either of two locations, a rambling house in County Tipperary, Ireland or a little cottage overlooking the Atlantic in Dingle, County



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The Irish Daughter Daisy O'Shea

For fans of Susanne O'Leary, Tricia O'Malley and Kathleen McGurl

Daisy's books have 35,000 units sold and 25 million KU page reads.
The Irish Key reached the top 50 on Amazon UK Kindle charts.

Editor's Note

Continuing the hugely successful Emerald Isles series, The Irish Daughter is just as sweeping, epic and heart-breaking as her previous titles. Our protagonist Hannah here was left without the use of her legs following childhood polio. She discovers that her mother, in a fit of terrible grief, actually stole her from the hospital when her own daughter had sadly passed from the disease. Grab the tissues! Hannah is one of my favourite characters from the series, she's very funny and warm-hearted and so strong, despite all her challenges. There's tons of gorgeous romance, a lot of devastating secrets and that all important unexpected ending.

Retail Description

When warm-hearted Hannah Barry's father passes away, her life is turned upside down when she discovers he wasn't her biological father, and the only family she's ever known are not related to her at all. Now their tiny farmhouse overlooking Roone Bay feels unfamiliar and cold. So when a handsome, dark-haired stranger turns up on her doorstep, his kind eyes and shy smile are a welcome escape.

Justin Sanders is searching for clues about his long-lost grandfather, whose last letter home came addressed from the area. Justin is certain Hannah's own grandfather is connected to the story somehow, and that the men knew each other years ago. Hannah can't help but be drawn to Justin and his mystery – they both have a painful past to solve. Will helping Justin lead to the answers about her real family that she desperately longs for?

But Hannah is shocked when nobody in the village will speak of Justin's grandad. What secret could be so terrible, a whole community turns their back?

Justin's caring nature makes Hannah feel so safe, and she can't ignore the way he makes her stomach flip. But when they discover the truth about the events of a tragic evening decades ago, it threatens to tear them apart for good... Can Hannah and Justin find a way to forgive and move forward together? Or will Hannah lose the only real love she's ever known for good?

Reviews for Daisy O'Shea

'OMG! OMG!!!... Beautiful... Absolutely gorgeous!!!... Swept me away from the beginning to the end!!!!... I devoured it in one sitting!!!!... Gorgeous, heart-warming... Clear your schedules and grab the tissues... Stunning.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Oh my aching heart!... Heartbreaking... In tears... I was holding my breath. Tears were streaming from my eyes... I had a rush of tears when I said goodbye to this beautiful island... Fiercely pulled at my heart... I loved this... Wonderful... Be prepared with tissues. Will capture your imagination and soften your soul' Cindy I. Snear ★★★★★

Author Biography

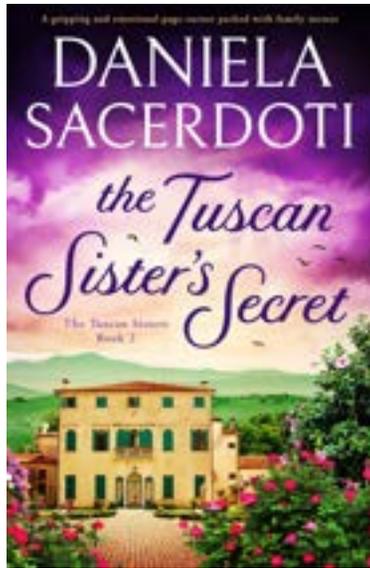
Sue has had many genre books published (M&B and Virgin), under pseudonyms, and self-publishes her crime thrillers. She has been a fiction tutor for the London School of Journalism for twenty years. Sue has two grown-up children, a happy second marriage, and a bundle of cats and dogs at her home in West Cork. She loves good commercial fiction, and is a devotee of the Oxford comma.



Women's Fiction

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Emerald Isles



The Tuscan Sister's Secret Daniela Sacerdoti

For fans of Lucinda Riley, Santa Montefiore and Fiona Valpy

From the author of **THE ITALIAN VILLA (100,000)** and **Glen Avich series (1M)**. Sacerdoti's debut novel, **Watch Over Me**, was named the **eighth bestselling Kindle book of all time in 2015**

Editor's Note

In the second book in Daniela Sacerdoti's Tuscan Sister series, we follow the story of another Falconeri sister, Bianca. Struggling to ignore her feelings for Lorenzo, a son of the neighbouring family who are sworn enemies to her own, Bianca tries to forget the one man she is not allowed to love. In her desperation, she turns to an old diary she has found of a girl who lived in the very casalta Bianca lives in now. And as she reads the young girl's own love story, she begins to feel braver... Can she stand against her family, and finally follow her heart's desire? And if she does, will her life change forever?

Retail Description

Ever since her twin sister returned to the family home, Bianca has felt more lost than ever. For the first time in her life, she's not the only one taking care of her family. But her newfound freedom makes it impossible to stop thinking about Lorenzo. She has loved him since they met beneath a tree between their houses as children, but a long-seated family feud means they can never be together...

Determined to distract herself from her heartache, Bianca is delighted when she runs into a childhood friend, Brando, who secures her a job at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. And the more time she spends with him in the archives, cataloguing the museum's precious library, the more she becomes captivated by his warm brown eyes. Maybe his gentle smile will heal her heart?

But when Bianca discovers a long-lost diary in the archives, written by a young woman who once lived in her family's villa, she is gripped by the story of forbidden love that mirrors her own. As she reads, Bianca wonders whether she should take courage from this stranger's story. But is Bianca's chance for happiness already lost forever? Or is it not too late for her to heal the wounds of the past, and fight for the man she loves?

Reviews for Daniela Sacerdoti

'Wow!! I've just read this book in one sitting and it has blown me away. Everything you could ask for in a book... I love Daniela Sacerdoti's writing... Amazing.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wonderful... I do love how this story sucked me into its pages and I just couldn't stop reading... I couldn't help but smile.' The Strawberry Post, ★★★★★

Author Biography

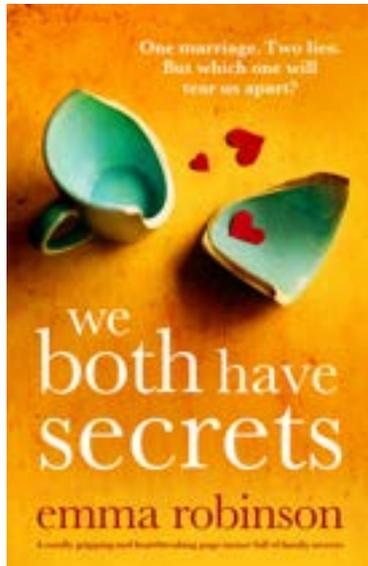
Daniela Sacerdoti is the author of fifteen books set either in Scotland or Italy, which have sold millions of copies all over the world and have been translated in several languages. She's lived in Scotland for many years, but has now moved back to her home village in Italy, in the middle of nowhere, where she lives with her Scottish husband, two sons, two dogs and a small cohort of chickens.



Women's Fiction

264 pages | Pub Date 30/5/2025 | 9781835257722 | Unagented

The Tuscan Sisters 2



We Both Have Secrets Emma Robinson

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Jojo Moyes and Kate Hewitt.

Emma Robinson's titles have sold over 340,000 copies to date and have 48 million KU page reads.

Editor's Note

Picture the scene: you reunite with a long lost friend who invites you and your husband to their dreamy holiday home. Your husband at first is reluctant to go and when you arrive and he locks eyes with your friend's daughter, a small part of you wonders if he might know her more than he is letting on. As the days pass, little things start to swell in your mind. Has your devoted husband been keeping a secret from you? This is the premise at the heart of Emma's new family drama: two very different couples, one very dark secret. But the secret is not at all what you would expect, and it has the potential to totally destroy an entire family.

Retail Description

What I'm about to say is going to blow our lives apart. But there's nothing else for it. I've tried so hard to keep it from you, not wanting to cause you pain. But I can't hide it any longer. You deserve the truth. But I don't know if there's any coming back from this. And I'm terrified you won't ever forgive me...

There's nothing as strong as a mother's love. As I watch my youngest daughter stride into her new life as a student, a sob catches in my throat. It feels like only yesterday that my two precious girls were playing together without a care in the world. I sacrificed so much to give them the life they deserved and I'd do it again in a heartbeat.

Looking at my husband Robert, tears in his eyes, I realise just how far we've come. Our daughters have flown the nest and now it's time to re-kindle our own flame. So, when our long-lost friend Lucy invites us to her Spanish villa, I jump at the chance.

But when we arrive, instead of it being a romantic break, Robert begins to pull away from me. His conversation is muted, he goes for long walks on the beach alone and then I find a crumpled note on the bedside table and Robert has vanished. In that moment, my entire world shatters. My husband has been keeping a devastating secret from me. But in order to find out just how much it will destroy our family, I will have to reveal something that I too have kept hidden. And once my own secret is out, will my family ever forgive me for what I did?

Reviews for Emma Robinson

'Oooph. Hits you right in the feels... Loved this book so much. Couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'A heart-wrenching, emotional and teary book... Written with so much emotion that I laughed and cried. The story grabbed my full attention from the first chapter and I couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

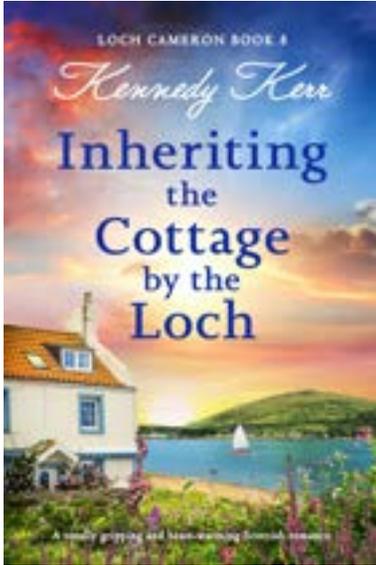
Author Biography

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



Women's Fiction

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Inheriting the Cottage by the Loch Kennedy Kerr

For fans of Susanne O’Leary, Debbie Macomber and Pamela Kelley

The Loch Cameron series has sold over 48,000 copies and has more than 30 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

Retail Description

Ally McKinnon and her sister Catriona regard each other across the wide oak table, the mysterious letter between them. After a terrible fight years ago tore her and her sister apart, Ally hasn’t been back to the village since. Her teenage daughter Rae has never even met her aunt. Until now. The letter states that Ally and Catriona must put aside their differences to keep the beautiful, ivy-covered house. And another letter will arrive within the week with their next task...

Returning to the highlands under a cloud of his own after a series of bad investments, Andrew Cameron is less than pleased when his older brother, the laird of Loch Cameron, puts him to work helping the small community library. Until he bumps into flame-haired Ally, back at her old job manning the desk.

Ally knows that getting involved with a flighty younger man is a recipe for disaster, and she doesn’t want to invite more chaos into her life right now. But slowly, handsome Andrew and his easy smile get under her skin as they spend more and more time together.

Will Ally and Catriona unlock the secrets hidden in Briar Glen House, together? And can Ally make Andrew see that there’s more to life than burn out in the big city, and that family is the most important treasure of all?

Reviews for Kennedy Kerr

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

‘I absolutely adored this heart-touching, uplifting story... I was totally charmed. Stunning... swept me away. Pulled me in so quickly... Pure delightful escapism... I loved this story.’ Cindy L Spear, ★★★★★

Author Biography

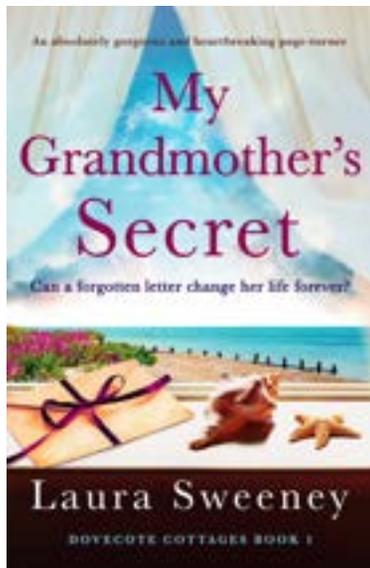
Kennedy Kerr has written and published poetry, children’s and adult books. She lives in London and is originally from the West Country, which gave her accent a subtle (yet noticeable) pirate twang as well as a love of cream teas and all things mystical. She is the proud owner of a cuddly black cat called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



Women's Fiction

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Loch Cameron 8



My Grandmother's Secret Laura Sweeney

For fans of Susanne O’Leary, Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe

Debut author

Editor's Note

This is the first novel in an utterly gripping and escapist time-split series about family secrets and second chances. In Laura Sweeney’s debut novel, we follow a recently divorced and grieving mother who is faced with the harrowing task of sorting out her late grandmother’s gorgeous seaside cottage. When Grace discovers some romantic letters and a sealed envelope from the Second World War, she must confront a past she knew nothing about. Seeking help from an ex-lover, Grace wonders if this discovery is a sign she should give love a second chance. But by looking back at the past, does Grace risk revealing a big secret of her own? When I first read this novel, I was truly blown away and finished it with tears rolling down my cheeks. Packed full of atmospheric and stunning descriptions of the seaside town, as soon as you visit Dovecote, you will not want to leave!

Retail Description

Returning to her late grandmother Lily’s seaside cottage in the beautiful village of Dovecote after the end of her marriage, Grace wipes a tear from her eye. Beyond the gate, daisy bushes line the path to the house where Grace can remember Lily sitting at the bay window writing letters. Surely spending time in the only place that’s ever felt like home will help to heal her heart? But as Grace begins to sort through her grandmother’s possessions, she discovers romantic letters from the Second World War in unfamiliar handwriting, each signed ‘Henri’. She thought her grandmother had shared everything with her, so why doesn’t Grace recognise this name? Buried amongst the letters is a sealed envelope, addressed in her grandmother’s hand. Hesitant to open it, Grace wonders why didn’t Lily send this last letter? And why did she keep it hidden all these years?

Desperate for answers, Grace asks the one person she knows can help, her ex-boyfriend and historian James. Meeting for the first time in over a decade, Grace is surprised to see James hasn’t changed, and his charming smile is a welcome distraction from her grief. Together they agree to locate the author of the mysterious wartime letters. And as Grace gazes into James’s kind, brown eyes, as they piece together the truth, she wonders if years of heartache could be unwritten...

But just as Grace’s feelings for James begin to resurface, they uncover a heartbreaking secret inside the envelope that changes everything. Could these letters be a sign Grace needs to take a second chance on love? Or will Lily’s past force Grace to confront a secret of her own, which could tear her and James apart forever?

Reviews for Laura Sweeney

Author Biography

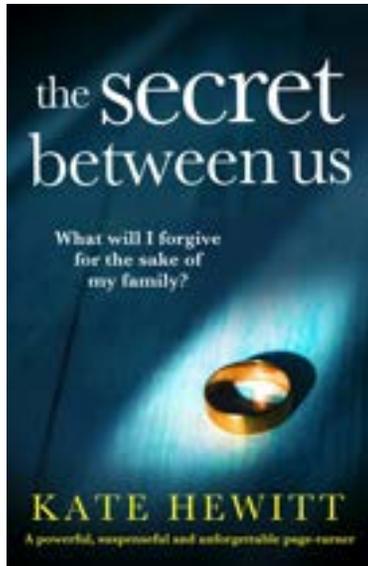
Laura writes uplifting escapist women’s fiction with heart and a dash of humour. She was born in Ireland and spent parts of her childhood in France and South Africa. Laura now lives in the south-west of England, where she works in Financial Services, and is locked in a constant battle against her ever-growing to-be-read pile.



Women's Fiction

340 pages | Pub Date 1/7/2025 | 9781835259405 | Unaged

Dovecote Cottages 1



The Secret Between Us Kate Hewitt

For fans of Jodi Picoult, Liane Moriarty and Susan Lewis

Editor's Note

Can you forgive the woman who destroyed your marriage, even if she saved your life? When Elise finds herself choking at an event, the very last person she expects to help is fellow parent Harriet, the woman having an affair with her husband. And when Harriet's actions cause a life-threatening stomach rupture, Elise becomes convinced the other woman was trying to hurt her. In a tangled web of lies and betrayal, who is telling the truth? And how well do we really know those we love?

Retail Description

In the middle of our school's bustling summer picnic, I watch Harriet walk purposefully toward my husband, Michael. She places her hand on his arm, introducing herself and laughing at something he says. A knot forms in my stomach as I watch them. We've been here before. But I can't just walk away...

Over the next few weeks, I try to keep Harriet from my family. But no matter what I do, she finds a way in. Her daughter and my twin boys become friends, and one night I find Harriet in my kitchen, smiling at my husband as she sips a cocktail. I feel like a stranger in my own home.

That night, when I see her name light up my husband's phone, I can barely breathe. Because I know this is more than just an affair. She's in our lives for a different reason. For years, I've kept a secret buried deep because I thought I could hold my family together. But now, I'm terrified Harriet is going to reveal it and I will lose everything...

Whatever happens, I can't let her expose the secrets between me and my husband. But what will I have to do to stop her?

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

"I LOVED THIS BOOK!!!!... Put it on your must-read list. In fact put it on the top of your TBR pile! Seriously, this is a book that will stay with you... Will give you all the feels and then some!... Kate Hewitt is the queen of touching and capturing my heartstrings and pulling them hard... Phenomenal." Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews ★★★★★

"Truly beautiful... It was real, and brutal, and heartbreaking, but it was honest, which made it all the most devastating to read." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

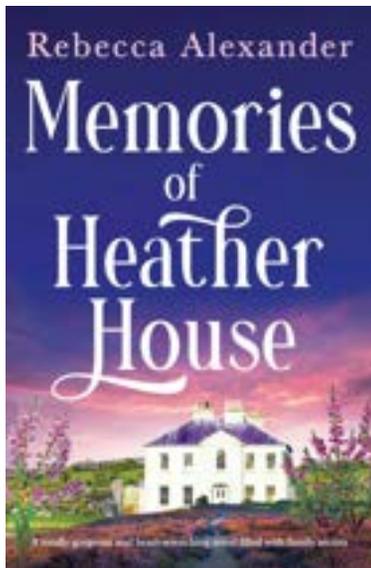
Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American expat, she lives in a small town on the Welsh border with her husband, five children, and their overly affectionate Golden Retriever. Whatever the genre, she enjoys telling stories that tackle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



Women's Fiction

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Powerful emotional novels about impossible choices by Kate Hewitt



Memories of Heather House Rebecca Alexander

For fans of Susanne O'Leary, Tricia O'Malley and Liz Eeles

Rebecca's previous series has sold more than 58,000 copies and has over 28 million KU page read

Editor's Note

This is a gorgeously evocative, dual-timeline story that is escapist, emotional and unforgettable. Every character shines, from brave World War Two fighter pilot Cara, to tender-hearted Ruby in the present day who searches for answers in her family's ramshackle old home. The home itself, set on the outskirts of a quaint and colourful village within the wild moors of Dartmoor, is a character of its own right. Once home to a vibrant artistic community, a witness to broken-hearts, grieving wartime mothers and fierce love stories, now Heather House is a place where secrets whisper in its walls and many stories are ready to be discovered. The wonderful settings are depicted brilliantly, and this is perfect for fans of Susanne O'Leary, Tricia O'Malley and Rose Alexander

Retail Description

Ruby blinks back tears and gazes across the violet-studded moors from the doorstep of Heather House before she turns and lifts the key. What heart-wrenching secret will she discover in her childhood home?

When Ruby inherits her family's crumbling old house in the wild English countryside, she is devastated to think it might be sold. Heather House was once an artists' haven filled with Ruby's family and their colourful friends. Ruby has always been captivated by the glamorous Clara, a famous pilot whose love story came to a tragic end. Now black-and-white photographs transport her back to World War Two...

With the future of Heather House uncertain, Ruby loses herself in history. But it seems romance is not only a thing of the past when Jake, a jumper-clad American author with silver-flecked hair turns up at her door. Jake is investigating a wartime mystery about Clara, and he soon falls in love with the historic home. But when Clara shows him a view of the moors ablaze under the setting sun, his dark green eyes cause another flame to spark ...

Together Ruby and Jake begin to unravel the secret hidden in the past. But can they find a way to save Heather House, or will Ruby be forced to sell it before the truth about Clara is at last unearthed and her new love has a chance to bloom?

Reviews for Rebecca Alexander

'WOW!!!! Clear your schedules and grab the tissues as you will need them!!!!... Devastatingly heart-breaking and beautiful... I was utterly glued to the pages... I had tears absolutely streaming down my face... Will stay with me for a long time... Absolutely amazing!!! I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Heartbreaking... Left me teary-eyed and unable to stop reading... Absolutely loved it... Felt every emotion... I was pulled in from the very first page Phenomenal It feels like home and family' Page Turners ★★★★★

Author Biography

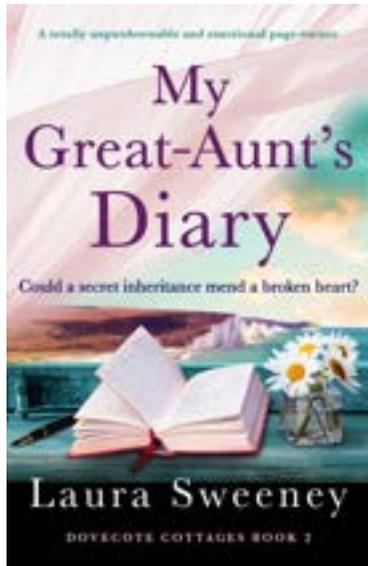
Rebecca Alexander was born in Malta and grew up on the south coast of England, becoming a psychologist. She escaped parenting six children to study writing in 2011, and the Secrets series of novels was published in 2013. A Baby's Bones and sequel followed. Rebecca lives in a haunted 300-year-old cottage in Devon where she grows fruit, paints, and bakes. She reads and writes all sorts of genres, from women's fiction to



Women's Fiction

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Wildflower Secrets 2



My Great-Aunt's Diary Laura Sweeney

For fans of Susanne O’Leary, Debbie Macomber and Mary Alice Monroe

Editor's Note

This is the second novel in Laura Sweeney’s gorgeous, escapist and heartbreaking dual-timeline Dovecote Cottages series. Recently heartbroken and in search of a fresh start, Emily is astonished to learn she has inherited her great-aunt Violet’s cottage in Dovecote; a place she has not visited in fifteen years. While redecorating Violet’s cottage, she discovers a diary and sketchbook dating back to the Second World War. Determined to find answers, Emily must trust the very man who has kept her from Dovecote. This novel tells an incredible story about two women who fall in love during the war and asks readers to consider what we can learn from the people that have lived before us. Laura’s writing is bursting with stunning descriptions of a charming small town as well as the breathtaking west coast of Ireland. Being back in Dovecote feels like coming home!

Retail Description

Heartbroken and searching for a new beginning, Emily is shocked to learn she has inherited her great-aunt Violet’s cottage. She remembers summers spent running through its rose garden, watching seagulls flying above her, but she hasn’t seen her great-aunt in years... So why did she leave Clifftop Cottage to her?

Deciding this is the fresh start she needs, Emily travels to the seaside village of Dovecote to see the cottage again. Not long after she arrives, she bumps into her childhood love, Will. As he runs his hand through his chestnut-brown hair, she can’t help but think of what happened between them all those years ago...

When Will offers to help redecorate the cottage, Emily is unsure. He broke her heart once before; can she open up to him again? But she is soon distracted when she finds a leather diary dating back to the Second World War hidden inside an old desk. Tearing through the pages, she discovers a wartime romance she knew nothing about. Why did Violet keep this secret?

As Emily and Will grow closer while investigating her family history, she wonders if Dovecote could be the place she finally calls home. But can she trust Will to help her uncover a long-buried family secret? And, if she does, will this forgotten diary help to mend her broken heart, and give her the happy ending she’s been looking for?

Reviews for Laura Sweeney

Author Biography

Laura writes uplifting escapist women’s fiction with heart and a dash of humour. She was born in Ireland and spent parts of her childhood in France and South Africa. Laura now lives in the south-west of England, where she works in Financial Services, and is locked in a constant battle against her ever-growing to-be-read pile.



Women's Fiction

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Dovecote Cottages 2



The Friendship List Beth Miller

The Lost Bookshop, A Man Called Ove and The Keeper of Stories

Beth's books have sold more than 80,000 copies. The Missing Letters of Mrs Bright was a bookclub bestseller, reaching #18 in the US Kindle chart and #37 in the UK

Editor's Note

Beth Miller's *The Missing Letters of Mrs Bright* was a runaway bookclub hit, and in this new novel we are returning to those same characters. Not a sequel, but more of a linked title - fans of *Mrs Bright* will be delighted to see familiar faces, but this can also be read as a standalone.

On the day of Kay's wedding to Murray, she gets a text from her old friend Rose telling her she can't come to the wedding and to never contact her again. Kay is devastated by the sudden breakup. What can she have done to offend Rose? To find Rose and work out where they went wrong, Kay revisits some of her old relationships to see if they can shed light on the situation.

Retail Description

At fifty-seven, photographer Kay didn't expect to fall head over heels in love, or get married, but the thing she thought she could always count on was Rose's friendship. She and Rose have known each other for over forty years and Rose was supposed to be Kay's maid of honour today at her wedding. So when she pulls her phone from the pocket of her bright yellow dress and sees the message, she's stunned: Kay, I hope today is wonderful. Please don't contact me again, Rose.

Kay is incredibly happy with her husband, Murray, who makes her feel so happy and loved. But without Rose in her life she feels lost. She and Rose have stuck together through it all; getting each other through tough break-ups, problems with children and losing Kay's beloved mum. Rose is Kay's person. How can she possibly want to say goodbye?

Murray encourages Kay to go back to a box of photographs she's kept of her dearest friends and family for many years. As Kay looks through the faces, she recognises people faces she hasn't seen for years and wonders if they could help to her unlock the key to why Rose wants to say goodbye.

As Kay sets out to find the people she's let go, she hopes she will get a chance to convince Rose this doesn't have to be goodbye. But the journey will change her forever...

Reviews for Beth Miller

'A masterpiece... broke my heart a thousand times but filled me with love and hope and made me want to call everyone I know to tell them I love them... A deeply emotive, heart-rending story... Warm and cosy, but heart-breaking all at once... literally the feeling of a loving hug after a big cry.' Bethany's Bookshelf 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

'Outstanding... touched my heart in so many ways and on so many different levels... totally captivating, the characters will stay with me for a very long time. Absolutely loved it' Readheadedbooklady 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

Author Biography

Beth Miller is the author of two novels and two non-fiction titles, including *For the Love of The Archers*. She has worked as a sexual health trainer, a journalist and a psychology lecturer and is now a mentor and book coach. Beth is a member of the Prime Writers, has a PhD in Psychology, and is a world class drinker of tea.



Women's Fiction

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All the Ways You Save Me Melissa Wiesner

COVER ART
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For fans of Colleen Hoover, Carley Fortune and Paige Toon.

Melissa's previous title, *His Secret Daughter* reached 30 on the US Kindle charts, it's sold 51,000 copies & has 23M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

Melissa is GUARANTEED to make me absolutely bawl my eyes out with every edit and this book is no exception! The setup alone makes me weep: a woman whose childhood sweetheart died in a terrible accident is visiting her hometown years later. When she's in danger of drowning, a handsome stranger saves her: but she's sure he's no stranger. Could it be the boy she thought she lost? A totally explosive setup, that propels us like a shot through a heartwrenching and action-packed plot that will make readers swoon and sob in equal measure! Melissa is the queen of totally dramatic, completely addictive romance reads.

Retail Description

Madeline, Adam and Jason once did everything together. Romance even blossomed between Madeline and Adam. Her first love, her best friend. But one night, a terrible accident tears them all apart. Adam is lost to the waves. And everything is broken, for what seems like forever.

Years later... Madeline and Jason are planning their wedding. Losing Adam is the worst thing that happened to both of them: but clinging to each other in their grief, they formed a new kind of love. They'll never forget him – but happiness feels just around the corner.

Until Madeline is saved by a stranger on the beach. And her world is torn into a million pieces. Because she could swear the person who rescues her from drowning... is Adam. Her Adam. It's impossible. It's been fifteen years since Adam died. The man looks at her strangely and tells her his name is Garret. He is kind, but distant.

Maybe Madeline was confused. This man saved her life. No wonder she felt close to him. The fact his eyes, and lips, and dark curly hair dripping with saltwater are just the same as Adam's must be a coincidence. But as Madeline grapples with what could be true, she is forced to question everything she's ever believed about her own memories, the boy she once loved, and the man she loves now...

Reviews for Melissa Wiesner

"This book ripped my heart out and put it back together!... Easily the best book of the year... Such an emotional, inspiring rollercoaster... I could not put it down... I seriously wish the book wasn't over because I'm not ready to leave." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"The best book ever... I was numb... I had tears streaming down my face... I. Couldn't. Do. Anything. For ages. I stared into space... Such a powerful book... Beautiful, captivating... UNFORGETTABLE... THIS was AMAZING... Phenomenal!" @theliteratelenrechaun ★★★★★

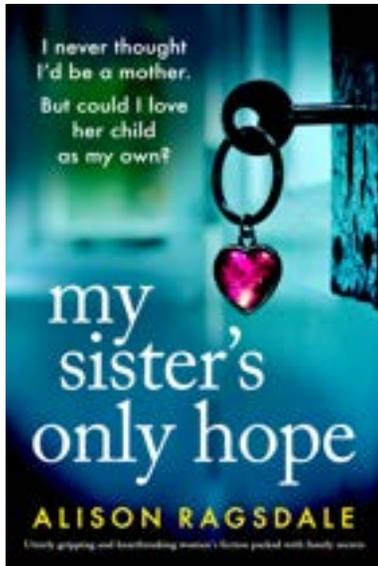
Author Biography

A night-owl, Melissa began writing novels when her early-to-bed family retired for the evening. She is the award-winning author of contemporary romantic comedies and emotional women's fiction. Her work has earned praise from Kirkus, Booklist, Library Journal, and Publisher's Weekly, and has been featured in Women's World, The Knot, and Book of the Month. Melissa's novels will soon be translated into a dozen



Women's Fiction

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My Sister's Only Hope Alison Ragsdale

For fans of Kate Hewitt, Jodi Picoult and Diane Chamberlain

Alison's books have sold over 50,000 copies and her title 'Her Last Chance' was an Amazon UK Top 20 bestseller

Editor's Note

The queen of the heartbreaking, DILEMMA novel is back! In this incredibly gripping novel, bestseller Alison Ragsdale asks what you would do if you found out your adopted daughter was actually your husband's biological child? When Lorna's adopted daughter becomes ill, both she and her husband Jack get tested to see if they can save her. It's a ONE IN A MILLION chance, the doctors tell Lorna when the good news comes in. Jack is a match. But how on earth can this be possible? What is Jack hiding? And if their little daughter can make it through her illness, will she have a family any more? Don't miss this hugely emotional novel, absolutely full of heart! Tissues will be NEEDED!

Retail Description

'Will you help me become a mother?' My sister whispers, her hands clasping mine. 'You're my only hope...'

When my sister asks me to help her have a child, I already know I will say yes. She has always dreamed of being a mother, and this might be her last chance.

Not long after the embryo is created, my sister is killed in a tragic hiking accident. The grief of losing my best friend is unbearable, but in the days that follow I realize there is a shimmer of hope: I can still fulfill her dream, and bring her baby into the world.

But no matter what I do, I can't stop thinking about my sister's last words to me. On the day she died, she said there was something she needed to tell me. And when my brother-in-law finally tells me what my sister was hiding, I can barely breathe.

My heart breaks as I realize I may not have known my sister at all. But now I know her terrible secret, do I have the strength to be the mother of her child?

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 ★★★★★

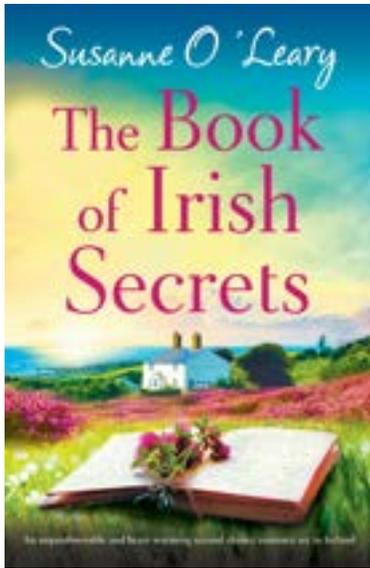
Author Biography

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.



Women's Fiction

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The Book of Irish Secrets Susanne O'Leary

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

Susanne's titles have sold over 1.3 million copies and she is an Amazon UK and US #1 Kindle bestseller.

Editor's Note

Irish family secrets turn Claire's life upside down in this gorgeous second chance romance. Recently divorced, Claire is desperate for a fresh start and follows her aunt's old notebook to her ancestral home Magnolia Manor. But Claire's involvement with the fiery Fleury family is not as simple as it first appears. With a handsome male lead, this clean romance is packed with Susanne's beautiful Irish descriptions and atmosphere, and is an utterly joy to read curled up somewhere!

Retail Description

The woman looks out at the grand magnolia tree as it casts a shadow over the old house. 'One day you will find out what destroyed our family, Claire. I only hope I've raised you to be strong enough to handle the truth...'

Claire takes a deep breath as she turns the old leather book in her hands. Names scribbled inside in faded ink create a family tree, the words Magnolia Manor at the top. She thought she'd lost everything when her Aunt Rachel died, but does this book hold the key to reuniting her with her long-lost family?

When she arrives in a little cove in Ireland, Claire wastes no time searching for Magnolia Manor, the gorgeous family home high up in the hills. But when she meets its intimidating owner, Sylvia Fleury, and Sylvia's three beautiful granddaughters, her heart races, and she finds herself too scared to reveal their connection...

Claire rushes to pack her bags, convinced she's made a mistake, but the welcoming embrace of local chef Karina and her handsome brother Pierce make her stay. Hunched over old recipes in the kitchen with Karina, listening to village gossip, Claire laughs like she hasn't in years. And as she walks along the coastal path beneath the stars with Pierce, Claire feels totally entranced by his bright blue eyes and begins to fall in love. Could just starting again in this little village, close to her ancestors, be enough?

Reviews for Susanne O'Leary

'OMG! OMG!! I cannot remember the last time I was so gutted to come to the end of a book!! I absolutely fell in love and it genuinely felt like I was packing my bags and being whisked away... Absolutely gorgeous!!!... An absolutely stunning, heart-warming romance.' Bookworm 86, ★★★★★

'I was completely captivated... Amazing... completely melted my heart. This story is uplifting and inspiring and I found it to be unputdownable. I absolutely loved it.' Page Turners, ★★★★★

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

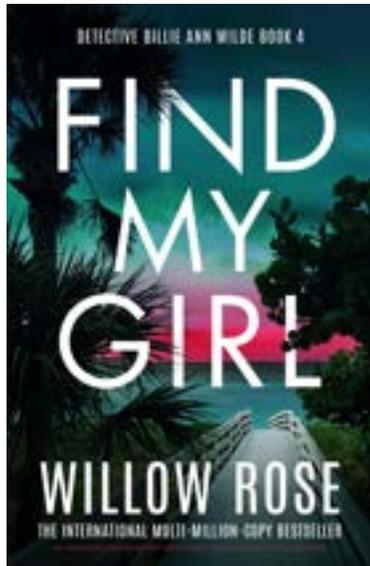


Women's Fiction

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Crime Thriller



Find My Girl Willow Rose

For fans of Lisa Regan, Mary Stone and Kendra Elliot

Willow Rose is an international multi-million-copy bestseller

Editor's Note

The fourth, heart-pounding thriller in the Billie Ann Wilde series, from International bestseller Willow Rose. When a mother waits for her little girl to come home on the school bus, and finds her gone, Billie must begin a desperate race against time. Set in Florida marshlands, in a small town with big secrets, this is an epic series that is packed full of atmosphere, and Willow's trademark twisty plots.

Retail Description

Detective Billie Ann Wilde assesses the couple sitting awkwardly on plastic chairs in her interview room, certain she knows exactly what has happened to little Madison Harris. She was supposed to come home on the school bus, but her cold body was found in local marshlands, and as her mother cries desperately, her stepfather, John, barely looks up. And they found Madison's blood in John's car...

With John arrested, Billie is certain she has put a killer behind bars, but it's not long before she hears that another girl is missing. Sweet thirteen-year-old Kayla has also vanished on her way home from school, and with John in custody, it couldn't have been him. Billie's only lead is gone.

At Kayla's house, Billie finds tracks leading to the gnarled trees surrounding the marshes. She races through the wetlands and sees a pale shape floating on the surface of the water. As Billie cradles Kayla's half-drowned body, desperately hoping she got there in time, she winces when she sees a mark freshly carved into Kayla's skin.

Certain the intricate star-shaped branding is the key to unlocking the case, Billie shares it with Madison's mother, who instantly recognizes it as the symbol of her old church. Is there danger hidden behind those private, imposing walls? As another mother finds her little girl gone, Billie will have to fight harder than ever to unlock the truth...

Reviews for Willow Rose

"Absolutely unputdownable, heart-pounding, and twisty... I could scream about how good it was!!! WOW!... I literally stopped my day because I could not put this down!... Fantastic... Goes straight to my made-up 6-star rating—I absolutely loved it!"

NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wow! Wow! Wow!... keeps you in suspense from page one all the way to the end, GENIUS! My jaw literally hit the floor at the end! I cannot wait to start the next book, so I'm not going to. Bye! Cuz I have another amazing thrill ride to go on!"

Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

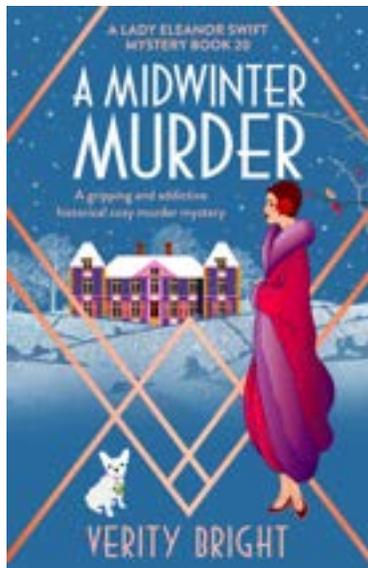
Willow Rose is a multi-million-copy bestselling author of more than 90 novels. Several of her books have reached the top 10 of all books in the Amazon store in the US, UK, and Canada. She has sold more than seven million books, which have been translated into many languages. Willow's books are fast-paced, nail-biting page-turners with twists you won't see coming; that's why her fans call her "The Queen of Plot



Crime Thriller

286 pages | Pub Date 3/12/2024 | 9781836182207 | Unagented

Detective Billie Ann Wilde 4



A Midwinter Murder Verity Bright

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

The bestselling A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series has sold over 490,000 copies and has over 170 million KU pages read.

Editor's Note

An unloved old mansion. A Christmas hunt with a suspicious guest list and a reclusive host... What could possibly go wrong for Eleanor and Hugh this Christmas?! Packed full of gorgeous festive details and a snowstorm that cuts them off from the outside world, Eleanor realises she's trapped on the estate with a murderer. The mystery here is as twisty as ever, but what makes this one stand out is the connection to the Duke's emotional past, his sadly deceased wife and an unexpected love triangle.

Retail Description

Winter 1924. When Lady Eleanor Swift unexpectedly finds herself a guest of the reclusive Duke of Auldwyke, she's determined to enjoy Christmas with all the trimmings at his sprawling manor house. And that includes kisses under the mistletoe and cozying up by the fire with her fiancé, dashing detective Hugh Seldon.

Instead, the season of goodwill turns frosty as she finds the Duke's studious secretary, Mr Porritt, dead in the storeroom. Clapsed in his chilly hand is a golden pendant in the shape of a rose. The Duke denies ever having seen the necklace before. But Eleanor can see the lies in his eyes... Did it belong to his mysteriously absent wife?

Hugh and Eleanor must ditch relaxing with hot cocoa in favour of interviewing the Duke's holiday guests. Every suspect has a secret they'd kill to keep: the socialite with the false name, the Sir with a questionable inheritance and the husband hiding a crack in his marriage.

As the blizzard outside rages, Auldwyke Hall becomes cut off. Trapped by the snow, Eleanor and Hugh must skate around the increasingly secretive Duke to unwrap the identity of the killer. But does the answer to the secretary's murder lie with a ghost of Christmas past? And when an attempt is made on the Duke's life too, they realise the killer is closer than they think...

Reviews for Verity Bright

'Unputdownable... Had me hooked immediately... Filled with suspense... Will have you laughing until you're crying... A page-turning and unputdownable success!' Bookworm 86, ★★★★★

'I am hooked! This is the best book that I have read this year... An extremely witty, fast-paced mystery... I love the heroine, intrepid adventuress... A most enjoyable read!' Reviews by Carol in Tallahassee ★★★★★

Author Biography

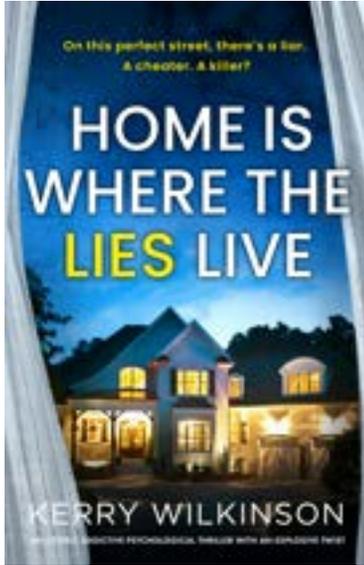
Verity Bright is the pseudonym for a husband-and-wife writing partnership that has spanned a quarter of a century. Starting out writing high-end travel articles and books, they published everything from self-improvement to humour, before embarking on their first historical mystery. They are the authors of the fabulous Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series, set in the 1920s.



Crime Thriller

352 pages | Pub Date 4/12/2024 | 9781835256299 | Unagented

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Home Is Where the Lies Live Kerry Wilkinson

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Shari Lapena and The Perfect Marriage.

Kerry Wilkinson's titles have sold over 780,000 units and have 55M KU page reads. Previous title *The Child in the Photo* reached the Top 5 on the Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

Every single time Kerry Wilkinson manages to keep me totally gripped with his genius plotting and crazy twists, and this is no exception! The storytelling here is structured in such a unique way. We start the story with an emergency call to police: on a peaceful street, at a summer street party, someone has fired a gun... we are then taken back in time a week and witness the build up to the street party through the eyes of three of our characters. A mother who seems to have eyes on all her neighbours, the newlyweds who always keep one door in their house locked, and the single father determined to get justice for his wife's death. Their stories intertwine and build to a thrilling, shocking crescendo. I can't recommend enough! One of Kerry's best.

Retail Description

Even the most perfect home can hide shocking secrets. But on this peaceful street, is one of them dangerous enough to kill for?

Young married couple Heidi and Freddie just moved to Huntington Grove. All the neighbours see they are friendly and polite but why is one door in their house always locked?

Across the street, Willow tries not to argue with her teenage daughter – even as her marriage is falling apart. And where does her husband really go each night, leaving the bed beside her cold?

Feeling lonely, she always waves hello to single dad Dylan next door. His wife died in a tragic murder. The culprit was never found. It's no surprise there are rumours he was involved...

On a beautiful sunny day, it's time for the whole street to gather for a summer party. Everyone plasters on a fake smile. But soon the picnic tables will be overturned, sirens will blare – and one of the residents will be marched away in police handcuffs.

Everyone at the party will be questioned. But everyone will lie... And with every household hiding something, who has a secret big enough to kill for?

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'WOWZA!... gripping, twisted, secret-filled thrill ride of a book! Whew!... Kept me on my toes and turning the pages!'
openbookposts.com

'I COULD NOT put down... Wow that ending!!!!... Totally love.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

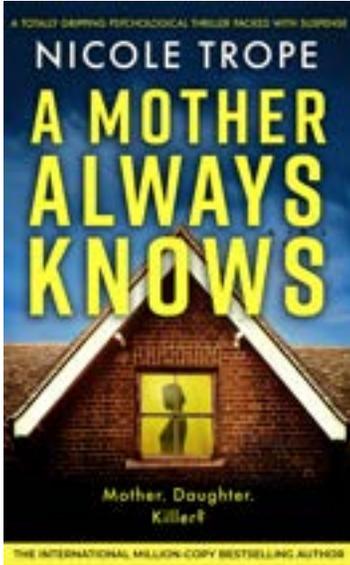
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

416 pages | Pub Date 5/12/2024 | 9781836183259 | Unagented



A Mother Always Knows Nicole Trope

For fans of Shari Lapena, Freida McFadden and The Perfect Marriage

From the author of *The Family Across the Street* (over 470,000 copies sold, 11.3M KU pages read) and Amazon UK (#3) and Amazon US (#8) bestseller.

Editor's Note

The ending of *Not a Good Enough Mother* had readers SHOOK! So thank heavens Nicole Trope has followed it up with another completely addictive and twist-packed psych thriller, following Grace – the assistant from Book 1 – as she gets a job working at her estranged daughter's boyfriend's law firm. Suspicious that this man isn't treating her daughter well, soon Grace and her daughter stumble into something even more dangerous. This is Nicole Trope at her best: flawed, complex and messy characters we can't help but be fascinated by, perfect pacing and wild twists.

Retail Description

I stare at the photo of my beautiful daughter. Her hair is shining and her face is lit up with a smile. The man with her looks so happy too. But my mother's instinct is screaming. I know something is terribly, terribly wrong. And I know what I have to do...

I wish I could hold her tight. See if she still wears the same perfume she always wore. But my daughter blames me for her father's death. She won't even talk to me... I just know she isn't really safe with her boyfriend, Garth. I will keep my distance and I will just watch her. For now.

But I tremble with fear when the police knock at her door. Garth has gone missing. And my daughter is accused of his murder.

There's no evidence that I ever hurt anyone... is there? Do the police know about my past – and what I've really been doing? Only one thing is certain. My beautiful girl is in terrible danger.

But from the man she loves?

From herself?

Or from me?

Reviews for Nicole Trope

'OMG!!! SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!!!... It had me hook, line and sinker from the first page and I could not put it down!!!!... Clear your day because it is truly unputdownable... If you read one book in your life, make sure it is this!!!!'

Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Omg! Omg!... My son came in and asked me who I was yelling at?! (I was yelling at my e-reader). I think my heart beat out of my chest. The suspense was killing me! LOL my heart is still beating crazy! OK I have to go now. I need a big glass of wine to

Author Biography

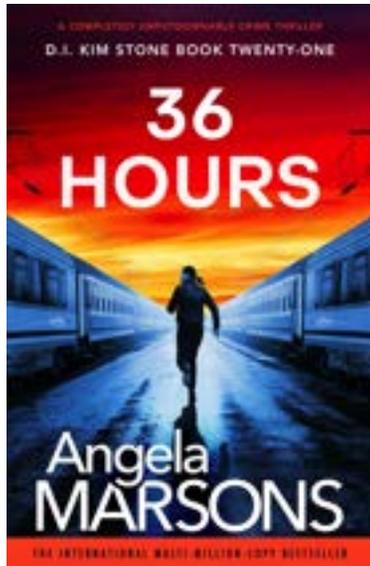
Nicole Trope went to university to study Law but realised the error of her ways when she did very badly on her first law essay because, as her professor pointed out, 'It's not meant to be a story.' She studied teaching instead and used her holidays to work on her writing career and complete a Masters'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



Crime Thriller

270 pages | Pub Date 9/12/2024 | 9781836180104 | Unagented

Grace Morton 2



36 Hours Angela Marsons

For fans of Val McDermid, Robert Dugoni and Karin Slaughter

Angela Marsons has sold 6 million Detective Kim Stone books and has been translated in 30 languages. 36 Hours reached no.1 in the Kindle UK Top 100 on publication day.

Editor's Note

Angela Marsons never rests on her laurels - she's always finding brilliant new ways to challenge Kim Stone and excite readers! This one opens with Kim being sent a puzzling note, warning that a game is about to begin... and if she refuses to play, people will die. What follows is a thrilling race against time as Kim and the team race around the Black Country, forced to play by a manipulative genius's rules if they're to have a hope of saving innocent lives. But Kim will never follow anyone else's tune, and this case shows her at her most determined. It's something a bit different, with all the elements that fans of this series adore, and will keep readers gripped from the first page to the last.

Retail Description

When Detective Kim Stone is woken before dawn because local journalist Tracy Frost wants to show her a message, she's not impressed. But her blood turns cold when she reads the note. She has 36 hours to follow a trail set by an anonymous challenger. If she fails, people will die.

Kim's gut tells her this is no hoax. She summons her team, desperate to prevent what lies ahead. With minutes to spare, they solve the first cryptic clue. It leads to a box hidden deep in the woods, containing a second clue and a tape. As she listens to the recording of a heart-wrenching scream, Kim knows her enemy will go to any lengths to achieve his goals... and that she must draw on all her experience of evil men to understand what is driving him.

Refusing to blindly follow orders, Kim and the team turn the killer's clues against him, using evidence buried deep in the tapes to find where he's hiding his victim. But they are too late... And then, as the sun rises on the second day, someone else goes missing. This time, it's a skilled surgeon, and if they don't save her, an eight-year-old girl will die.

Exhausted and enraged, with her bosses watching every step she takes, Kim realises the only way to win is to break the rules. But with the clock ticking, can she find the twisted mind behind this murderous game before her time runs out?

Reviews for Angela Marsons

'I DEVoured this book in one afternoon!... the most nail-biting Kim Stone book yet like wtf?!... keeps you racing through the pages! Do NOT miss this!!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing, gut-gripping, edge-of-the-seat... I absolutely loved it and would highly recommend it to everyone! Huge 5 stars!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Angela Marsons is the Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author of the D.I. Kim Stone series. Her books have sold more than 6 million copies, and have been translated into over thirty languages.

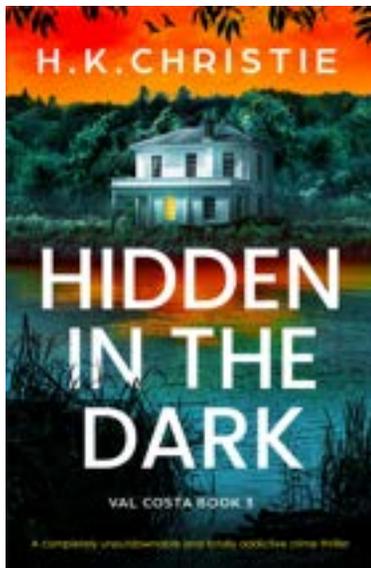


She lives in Worcestershire with her wife, two cheeky Golden Retrievers, and a Bernedoodle.

Crime Thriller

386 pages | Pub Date 10/12/2024 | 9781835259870 | Unagented

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Hidden in the Dark

H.K. Christie

For fans of Mary Stone, Kate Gable and L.T. Ryan

Editor's Note

H.K. Christie is an Amazon bestselling author of thrilling US-set police procedurals and this is third in the Detective Val Costa series. Set against the backdrop of California in the small town of Red Rose County, Val is a strong female character with a dark history, which sees her facing off against a seriously twisted serial killer. H.K. Christie's brilliant writing, incredible twists and pulse-pounding tension make this an unmissable series you won't be able to put down!

Retail Description

FBI Agent Val Costa is drawn out of retirement once again when the Cramer family are found dead in their home in Red Rose County. She falls to her knees in despair at the sight of little Michael Jr., curled up on the couch. What monster would take the life of an innocent child? Val vows to find justice for the mother, Stephanie Cramer, who is fighting for her life in hospital.

Interviewing neighbors uncovers no leads, but Val knows there's a message in the way Mike Cramer's body was left, tied to chair, stab wounds all over his body. It seems mother and son were collateral, and Mike was the real target. But why? Working in an auto shop between taking his boy to karate class, Michael was a perfect family man. There are no signs of a robbery, and all Val has to work with are small-town whispers about the age gap between him and his wife.

A break in the case comes when a secret phone is found hidden in Mike's car and GPS reveals he'd been making late-night trips out of town for weeks before his family was attacked. Her team are quick to suspect an affair, but Val's instincts tell her it's something far more sinister.

As more cracks in the perfect Cramer family picture begin to show—arguments, money troubles—Val must work around the clock to stop this twisted individual in their tracks. But does she know someone is watching her every move? And when a dark secret in Mike's past surfaces, can Val stay ahead of her stalker long enough to catch the killer before another life is taken?

Reviews for H.K. Christie

'WOW! This was such a fannnnntastic read!... Had me from the beginning and I could not put it down! Packed full of thrills and chills! I loved this!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I am completely sleep deprived because I couldn't put the book down and even after I finished reading my mind was still processing everything that happened. I absolutely LOVE this!' leannebookstragram, ★★★★★

Author Biography

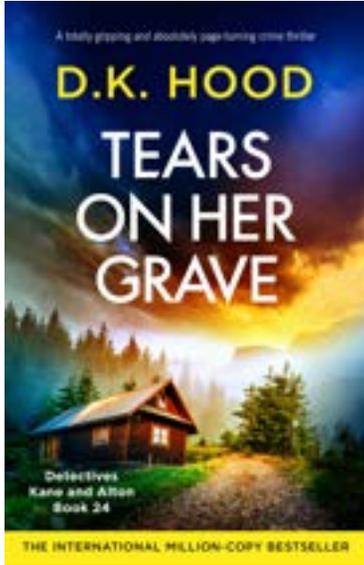
H.K. Christie is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist best known for her Martina Monroe crime thriller series. H.K.'s writing style is a gripping blend of suspense and pace. Her ability to craft complex plots creates a dynamic ebb and flow of tension that keeps readers captivated and eager for more. Inspired by true crime and social justice, she develops realistic, multidimensional characters that bridge the gap between fiction



Crime Thriller

288 pages | Pub Date 12/12/2024 | 9781835259153 | Unagented

Val Costa Series 3



Tears on Her Grave

D.K. Hood

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 twenty-fourth book in the Kane and Alton series, which has sold over 1 million copies. D.K. Hood is a bestselling author who thrills her readers with pacy, gripping crime stories and killer twists. The series is set in the fictional, and deadly, town of Black Rock Falls in Montana. Amongst the pine tree forests, isolated trail paths and fresh waterfalls, serial killers are on the loose and Sheriff Jenna Alton and her deputy David Kane are determined to track down every last one of them! The series has made the top 100 charts 20 times as well as the USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller lists. This series is perfect for fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh.

Retail Description

When a heavy storm hits Black Rock Falls, it brings a trail of destruction. Sheriff Jenna Alton is prepared, but she never expects to find college sweethearts Abby Jaye and Cole Peters among the wreckage. Missing for twelve years following an end-of-school party, no clues were ever found and the couple's devastated parents gave up hope that their beloved children would ever come home. Could the fraternity pin clutched tightly in Abby's hand be the key to finding out what really happened that night?

As Jenna and her deputy David Kane speak to the pair's classmates, they're struck by how startlingly similar their stories are. They all say that nothing suspicious happened that night—they describe the open fire, the cans of cheap beer and the way Abby and Cole seemed totally in love before they disappeared. Their accounts are word-for-word identical, Jenna suspects the friends are keeping a deadly secret, and she's determined to find out what it is.

Days later, Marissa, who still lives in town with her husband and young children, is found dead just hours after answering Jenna's questions. Jenna's pulse races as she realizes the killer could be one of the group, and so could their next victim...

As Jenna inspects the isolated barn, gun shots ring out nearby. Heart pounding, she receives a panicked phone call from the youngest member of her team. She races to the forest, praying that her friend is still alive. But with a deadly storm brewing overhead, and a twisted killer on the loose, will she make it in time to save another life from being taken?

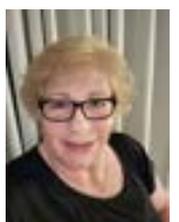
Reviews for D.K. Hood

"I can't express how much I love this... I was kept guessing right up until the end... Must read!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"I love this... Gripping... Had me hooked and once I started I couldn't put it down... I loved all the twists and turns!" Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

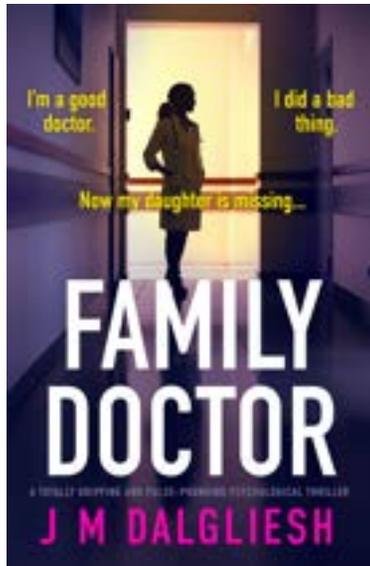
Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could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



Crime Thriller

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Family Doctor J M Dalgliesh

For fans of Freida McFadden, Gone Girl and The Girl on the Train.

J M Dalgliesh has sold more than two million books since first publishing in 2018. Family Doctor reached #11 in the UK chart.

Editor's Note

I am SO excited about this!!! A GP is given three days to kill one of her patients or her daughter will be murdered. What a hook! And it completely delivers. Nail-biting and darkly humorous with utterly brilliant twists, this is the new thriller obsession for 2025. Every chapter has a heart-in-your-mouth feel that will have you frantically turning the pages until the last major twist. Dalgliesh has taken all of the evocative scene-setting that has enraptured his crime series fans and woven it into this high concept domestic psychological thriller. He takes the reader on a thrilling rollercoaster ride, leaving them wondering what they would do in an impossible moral situation. How far would you go to save your child? How would you decide who is deserving of death? I could honestly go on about how much I love this novel forever, and I can't wait for it to land in readers' hands.

Retail Description

I have three days to kill a patient. If I fail, my daughter will die...

As the only doctor on a stunning remote Scottish island, I finally feel safe and happy. Here, nobody knows about my troubled past except my teenage daughter Lauren. As a single mother, it's just the two of us now, and Lauren is my world.

Caring for every person on the island from birth to death, I know all their fears and secrets. But they don't know mine, and for the sake of my daughter, I must keep it that way...

Everything is going perfectly until I am sent a link to a live video stream of my beautiful daughter Lauren, her wide blue eyes terrified. And there's a voice:

'Three rules. Three days.
You must murder one of your patients.
You must not tell another soul.
You must not get caught.
If you fail, your daughter dies...'

Reviews for J M Dalgliesh

'Absolutely gripping, I finished it within a couple of hours. I was hooked from the start until the end... Had me on the edge of my seat. Fantastic!' bashfulbookdragon, ★★★★★

'OH MY GAWD!!!!!!!!!!!! This book was insane. All the plot twists left me dizzy... I think I found a new insta-buy author.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

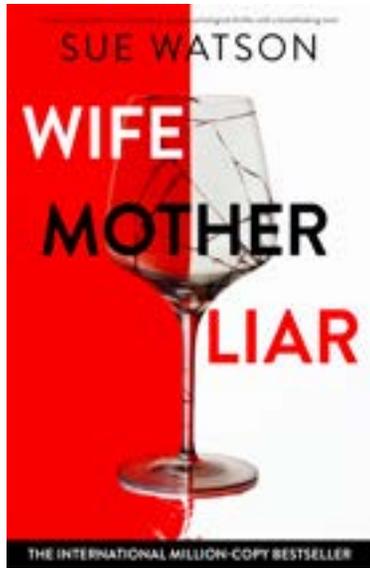
Author Biography

J M Dalgliesh is a multi-million copy bestselling British crime and thriller novelist.



Crime Thriller

280 pages | Pub Date 2/1/2025 | 9781835258422 | Unagented



Wife, Mother, Liar Sue Watson

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

Editor's Note

Sue Watson is the Queen of Psychological Suspense! She has sold over 1.5 million copies, including over 280k copies of *Our Little Lies*. Her last book, *You, Me Her*, reached number 5 in the UK charts and got into the top 100 in the US. 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*. In this super tense and gripping thriller, Sue explores toxic parenting and asks the question just how far will a mother go to protect her child.

Retail Description

She's perfect. Too perfect...

Wife: For twenty-five years, my husband and I have been the ideal couple. I'm shy, but he's always been the life and soul of the party, a charmer, so I didn't worry the first time I caught him a little too close to my best friend, Wendy.

Mother: Then our darling son says he's taking Wendy's daughter to prom, the girl I never trusted because she's too much like her mother. As I snap photos of them, I have a smile plastered on my face, but inside my head I'm screaming at him to stay away from her.

Liar: As flashing lights slice the darkness around our home, my worst nightmare comes true with the shocking news that one of our children is dead. And I can tell my husband, my best friend are both lying about where they were. But none of their secrets compares to mine.

And nobody knows just how far I'd go to protect my family...

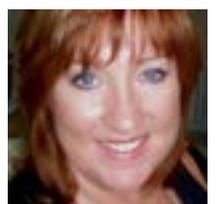
Reviews for Sue Watson

'I wish I could give this book 10 stars!... The amount of whiplash I have right now can NOT be healthy!!... I had to pick my jaw up off the floor... My first thought when this book was over was READ IT AGAIN!... Devoured it... This book WILL NOT let you put it down!!!!... Brilliant!!!!... I ABSOLUTELY LOVED THIS!!!' Goodreads reviewer 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

'Wow, wow, WOW! I devoured this in one day, I could NOT put it down... When I tell you I couldn't put this down, I mean it's 1 am and I have to be up early. No regrets!' Goodreads reviewer 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

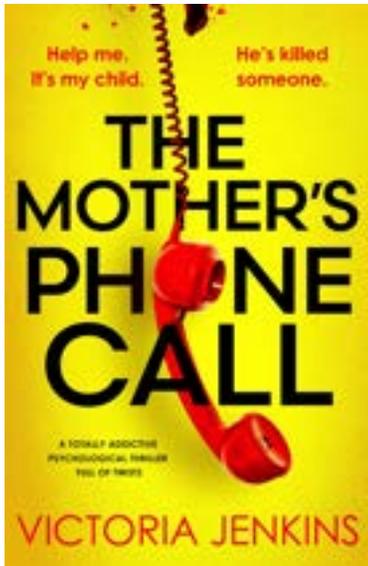
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 10/1/2025 | 9781835257029 | Unagented



The Mother's Phone Call Victoria Jenkins

For fans of *The Wife Between Us*, *The Girl on the Train* and anything by Shari Lapena.

Victoria has sold over 700,000 copies and reached the top 20 in the UK, US, CA and AU Amazon charts

Editor's Note

Picture the scene: your teenage son calls you asking you to come to the house across the street. The house where your friends and their teenagers live. On this perfect street where your children have grown up together you cannot picture anything ever going wrong. Yet, when you open the door to your neighbour's house you find your son on the floor next to the body of his girlfriend, his hands bloodied, a look of utter horror on his face. In that moment as a mother, what do you do? All you know is that your life will never be the same again. This is the absolutely stellar hook at the centre of *THE MOTHER'S PHONE CALL*, a psychological thriller that had me by the throat packed with twist after twist. This is a thriller packed with red herrings, toxic marriages, deadly relationships and a final twist that you will not see coming!

Retail Description

Gripping the phone, my hands tremble with fear. I look at my son and wonder how my darling blue-eyed boy could have done this. But as my eyes focus down on the body, I know what I must do. I know it will destroy our lives forever. "Hello? I need help. It's my child. He's killed someone."

As my son looks at me, his eyes pleading for help, all I can think in that moment is that I will do whatever it takes to protect him. A young girl's lifeless body lies on the ground and my heart breaks when I realise I'm already too late to save her. Our family will never be the same again.

I know I should call for help. But looking towards the phone table I see an old picture of the children playing in the garden. Our children and hers. We used to be so close, I thought our families would be together for a lifetime. But in a moment of rage, the life I imagined has been snatched away. But if I'm honest, I've been kidding myself about how perfect our lives were.

I'm a mother. I should be able to keep my children safe. But what I see in front of me cannot be denied. No one else is here. My son's guilty.

How far will I go to protect him?

Reviews for Victoria Jenkins

'Woah!... gripping and oh-so-twisty, this is a page-turner that you won't want to put down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'DO NOT START THIS UNTIL YOU CLEAR YOUR SCHEDULES AS YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PUT IT DOWN!!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

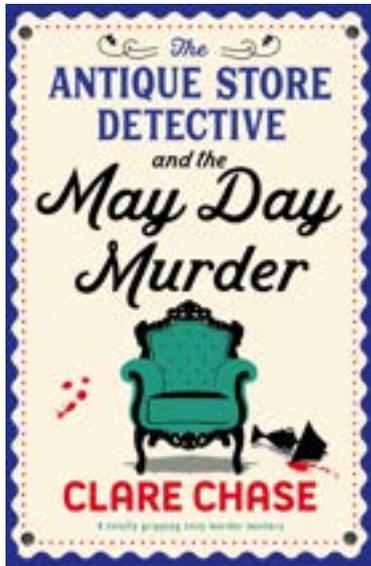
Author Biography

Victoria Jenkins is an English tutor and former secondary school teacher from South Wales who has been writing for years and day-dreaming about becoming a 'proper' writer for the past decade. She has an MA in Creative and Media Writing from the University of Wales, Swansea, where she wrote a lot of poetry while planning a lot of plots she hoped she would one day write. Victoria lives in South Wales with her husband.



Crime Thriller

270 pages | Pub Date 16/1/2025 | 9781836180555 | Unagented



The Antique Store Detective and the May Day Murder

For fans of Faith Martin, Agatha Christie, Richard Osman

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 400,000 copies and have more than 130 million KU page reads. Clare is a top 15 Amazon US and CA author

Editor's Note

The second in the charming new series from our queen of contemporary cozy, Clare Chase! Clare is the bestselling author of the Eve Mallow series, which has now sold over 270,000 copies and 80 million pages read for £675k revenue, with thousands of pre-orders for every book. In this new series, we meet Bella Winter, snazzy dresser, antiques expert - and of course crime solver! From her little shop at the top of the hill in the charming market town of Hope Eaton, she loves wondering what people are up to, and she can't resist a puzzle. In this novel, someone seems to be tormenting a local, and after she is killed, Bella realises her beloved statue has gone missing and is immediately on the case. Featuring a wonderful cast of locals, and Clare's signature twisty and clever murder mysteries, the Bella Winter series is sure to delight existing fans and please many new ones.

Retail Description

Everyone in Hope Eaton climbs the hill to Sweet Agnes' Spring on May Day, to greet the dawn and leave tokens among the flowers. Antique store owner Bella Winter grumbles about the early start, but she has to admit that watching the sun rise over the flower-strewn grove is worth it. And her interest deepens when she sees that one of the offerings this year is a little doll stuck all over with pins... a perfect replica of Mary Roberts, who lives nearby.

Determined to find out what lies behind this bizarre threat, Bella dives into a murky mess of strange events. Mary's house is up for sale, but someone's trying to wreck the deal, leaving rotting weeds on her front step. And Mary claims she's seen a cloaked figure watching her from the woods...

Bella's half convinced this is all nonsense, but then Mary is found dead, her prized carving of the spring stolen from her dresser. The police say it was a heart attack, but was she literally scared to death? Soon Bella has uncovered a string of further mysteries. Why is Mary's nearest neighbour missing? Who graffitied her boss's house with a warning the night she died? And why would anyone want Mary's carving?

All paths lead back to the spring itself... but does it hold answers or more danger? And can Bella track the killer down before she's cut off at the source?

Reviews for Clare Chase

'Absolutely brilliant... Addictive... Stunning... Absolutely fantastic... Clear your schedules as once you've picked this up you won't be able to put it down!!... Amazing... Addictive and page-turning... Fantastic!!!!' bookwormwhitlock86

'Fantastic... I loved it from cover to cover... Had me hooked right from the start... Outstanding.' Goodreads reviewer, 

Author Biography

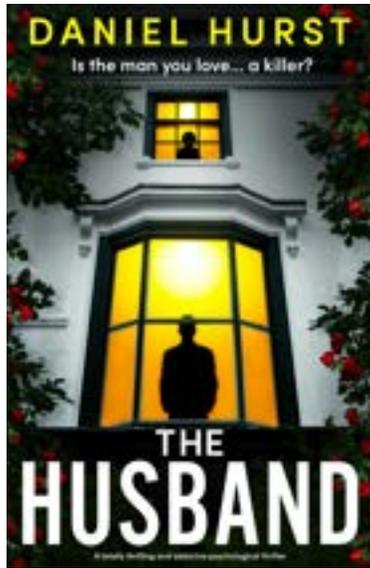
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As well as writing, Clare loves family time, art and architecture, cooking, and of course, reading other people's books. She lives with



Crime Thriller

302 pages | Pub Date 17/1/2025 | 9781835252888 | Unagented

A Bella Winter Mystery 2



The Husband Daniel Hurst

For fans of None Of This Is True, John Marrs, T.M. Logan and Freida McFadden

The Doctor's Wife reached No.1 in the UK, and No.27 in the US. The Holiday Home reached No.5 in the UK.

Editor's Note

Daniel Hurst is the master of multiple twists!

He is also one of Bookouture's bestselling and prolific psychological thriller authors. We launched his first Bookouture title, The Doctor's Wife, in 2023 which hit number 1 in the UK ebook charts and kicked off a successful 4 book psychological thriller series. In 2023, we also hit number 1 in the audio charts with The Couple in the Cabin. Daniel now has over 130 million KU pages read on his Bookouture titles. We're thrilled to be publishing The Husband, a new standalone, twisty psychological thriller. This novel is perfect for readers who loved The Doctor's Wife series and we can't wait to achieve new milestone heights with Daniel Hurst!

Retail Description

Is the man you love a killer?

I've been married to my kind, loving husband Lachlan for over twenty years. He's my everything. We have two teenage children, a beautiful home and I feel so lucky to live this perfect life. Until my best friend says something that makes me doubt everything...

She whispers it's strange Lachlan has lived nearby to two unsolved murder cases. First, the murder of the woman in the small, Scottish village where he grew up and more recently the shocking death of a woman who lived round the corner from us. The thought makes my head spin. It's just a coincidence, surely? But at home, I can't help but notice that Lachlan's becoming angry, not at all like his usual self. It makes me wonder if he's hiding something from me. It makes me wonder if he could be guilty. I push the thought away, but no matter what, I can't get rid of this niggling of doubt.

The only way to find out is to go to Scotland and get my husband to face his past. But when secrets start to unravel in the remote Scottish Highlands, I realize the truth is more complicated than I thought, and more than one person could be a killer.

Now my children and I are in terrible danger. And coming here might be the last mistake I ever make.

Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'OMG! What have I just read?! This book is amazing!!! I loved... So many twists and turns... Will have you staying up reading well into the night. I read this in one sitting. Definitely 5 stars.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Oh, this was sooooo good! I'm so tired today because I stayed up way too late reading this one, but I don't even care. It was totally worth it!... The tension, the fast pace, the characters – I absolutely loved everything about this book... HIGHLY RECOMMEND' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 20/1/2025 | 9781836183662 | Unagented



Final Victim Gregg Olsen

For fans of Robert Dugoni, Michael Connelly and James Patterson

A multi-million New York Times, USA Today and Amazon #1 bestselling author

Editor's Note

At the end of Gregg's last book, we learned that not only was Megan about to lose her partner in crime Ronnie to a new force, but that Wallace, a stalker she has been on the run from from her days as a teen in Port Orchard is back and determined to get his revenge. This is Megan's most personal case yet - set against the backdrop of the murders of several police officers spanning back years and all connected to Megan through her troubled upbringing, readers will race to the end to discover whether Megan can finally shake off the ghosts from her past and forge ahead with Dan towards a happier future. Gregg is such a fantastic writer combining the intricate worlds of serial killers and police corruption with the very emotional story of Megan wanting a happy ending at long last and shaking off the ghosts of her past. But how far will she go to get it and will she make it out alive?

Retail Description

When the body of Detective Susan Dupont is discovered lying across the dividing line of two counties, Detective Megan Carpenter is immediately called to the scene. When her body is examined they find a sharp piece of metal has been lodged in her eye. A detail that takes Megan back to a deeply-buried memory which she has long been running from.

Twenty-four hours later, retired Detective Riley Denton is found dead at home. His death is deemed a tragic accident. He fell down the stairs and had no enemies. Why would anyone want him dead? But Megan feels sure there is a link to the deaths and there is only one person she can trust with her theory.

Calling in the help of her partner Detective Ronnie Marsh, they start to piece together a link that places Megan right at the centre of a deadly plot. As they race to find the killer before they strike closer to home, a string of murder victims going back years starts to emerge. And when Megan discovers how the murders are linked, she has to finally accept a dark truth she has spent her life running from.

A killer from her past is back just like they promised and they will stop at nothing to take everything she loves. Can Megan stop them dead in their tracks or will she pay the ultimate price?

Reviews for Gregg Olsen

'WOW! I love these characters... Holy smokes the twist in this one. I was captivated from the first page and read way too late to find out how it played out. My heart was racing many times and the suspense was crazy! This is a rollercoaster start to finish. So amazing!... Fantastic.' A_likely_storie, 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

'Amazing!... Mysterious twists and turns that kept me on the edge of my comfy chair, wide eyed, and glued to my kindle. This was a twisted must-read book that you have to add to your TRR list' Heidi Lynn's Book Reviews

Author Biography

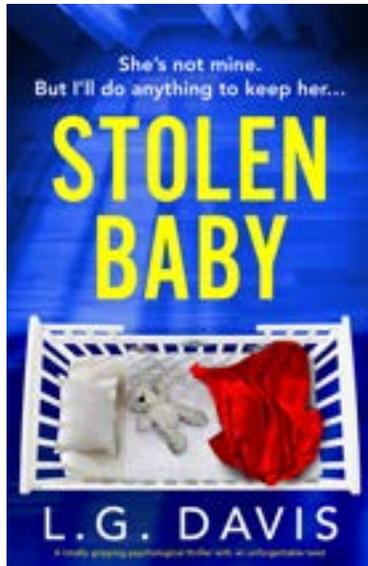
A #1 New York Times, Amazon Charts, Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author, Olsen has written nine non-fiction books, seventeen novels, a novella, and contributed a short story to a collection edited by Lee Child. The Deep Dark was named Idaho Book of the Year by the ILA, and Starvation Heights was honoured by Washington's Secretary of State for the book's contribution to Washington state history



Crime Thriller

286 pages | Pub Date 22/1/2025 | 9781836183556 | Susan Raihofer, David Black Literary Agency

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Stolen Baby L.G. Davis

For fans of **Gone Girl, Teresa Driscoll and Freida McFadden**

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

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 chapters of this novel and stunned by the final reveals that are BEYOND twisty and unpredictable. It's just the most fantastic psychological suspense, about a mother's love for a baby that isn't really hers, a family with a whole host of secrets, and at least one very suspicious death... Readers are going to be up all night glued to the pages and gasping when all the shocking secrets are revealed!

Retail Description

I told everyone she is my baby. I lied.

My life changes forever when my little girl appears in a basket on my doorstep, her long lashes fluttering, only a few hours old. She's so tiny and precious; my heart is hers in an instant. My husband Tom and I have always longed for a child, so we agree not to tell the authorities. We won't risk them taking her away. And I know if they find out my history, they'd never let me keep her...

I'm so grateful to have my beautiful baby, who we call Daisy. But while Tom refuses to talk about it, I can't stop wondering who her biological parents are and why they left her with us? Then someone sends me a message, enclosing it in a funeral programme I find on my kitchen table. Now I know the terrible truth about what happened to Daisy's parents, and it's closer to home than I could ever have imagined.

I thought I could protect us all, despite my past mistakes. But when the secrets I uncover put my family's lives at risk, how far will I go to keep the little girl I love?

Reviews for L.G. Davis

'Completely hooked me from the first page and didn't let go until the jaw-dropping finale... Had my heart racing, and just when I thought I'd figured things out, the plot took another shocking twist... Keeps you up at night... Unforgettable.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

'Wow... Gripping... Wow... One of my favourite read this year... I loved everything about it and can't wait to recommend it to everyone. Excellent.' 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



Crime Thriller

272 pages | Pub Date 24/1/2025 | 9781836182023 | Unagented



The Perfect Guest Casey Kelleher

For fans of Freida McFadden, John Marrs and Claire McGowan

Casey's previous books have sold over 340,000 copies, have 26M KU page reads, and have reached the top 30 in Amazon UK.

Editor's Note

This twisted psychological thriller is Casey Kelleher's most shocking yet. On this quiet suburban street, no one is what they seem. When sheltered, retiree Kay takes her estranged granddaughter, Stephanie, in after her mother's death, she thinks this will be her chance to finally bond. But the circumstances around her daughter's death seem shaky, and before she can understand Stephanie's behaviour, a young homeless woman, baby in arms, appears at their door asking for a place to stay. While Kay welcomes them with open arms, she can't help but notice Stephanie's disturbing reaction to their new guests. Soon, fires are started, phone lines are cut, and Kay's possessions begin to go missing. But who can Kay trust? And can she figure it out before her own dark secrets come to light? It's so gripping and packed full of twists, you'll never guess what's coming next!

Retail Description

'I'm home,' she says, standing at my door with a sky-blue backpack clutched tightly to her chest. I haven't seen my granddaughter in years. But I know she's hiding a deadly secret...

It's been ten years since I last saw Stephanie, but looking into her haunted eyes, she looks just as innocent as she did as a baby. I remember the photo of her wrapped in a little pink blanket; how my heart hurt not to hold her on the day she was born. Pulling her in to a tight embrace, I promise her that although she's lost her mother, I will take care of her from now on. No matter what...

But as I usher her inside, I can't help wondering if Stephanie knows my secrets. The real reason I hadn't seen her mother in years... or why she wasn't ever allowed to visit me at my house.

Did my daughter take our family secrets to the grave? Stephanie's heart breaks when she talks about her mother. But soon details slip out about the night she died, and I begin to realise that my granddaughter is just as good a liar as I am...

Stephanie says my daughter's death was an accident, but I'm not so sure. If I uncover my granddaughter's secrets, will I be next?

Reviews for Casey Kelleher

'Wow what a book... did not see that ending coming. I loved this... I finished in a few hours as I couldn't tear myself away from my kindle.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Oh my gosh! What a story!... I had to stay up and read this book from cover to cover in one sitting because it was absolutely brilliant. Oh, and the conclusion is jaw-dropping!' Robinlovesreading, ★★★★★

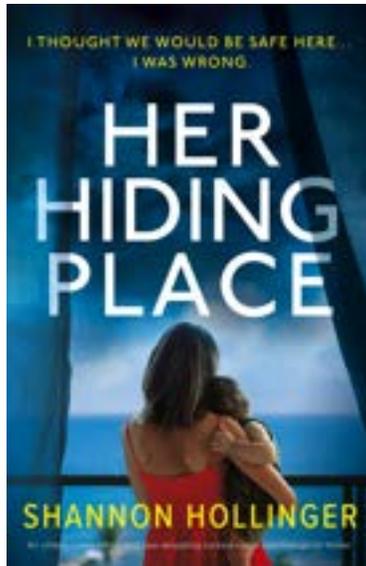
Author Biography

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

272 pages | Pub Date 28/1/2025 | 9781836189176 | Unagented



Her Hiding Place Shannon Hollinger

For fans of Freida McFadden, John Marrs and Daniel Hurst

Shannon Hollinger's books have sold over 35,000 copies and have 11M KU page reads. One Little Sigh reached to top 20 on Amazon US charts.

Editor's Note

This is a destination-based locked-room psychological thriller with a whole host of amazing twists. Set in Florida, at a glamorous resort that's about to open, it follows a maid who's hiding a big secret - her child, hidden in her room. On the run from her dangerous past, it finally catches up with her on the island just as a huge storm hits - trapped, with someone who wants her child and to kill her, it turns into a who-dunnit, thrilling cat-and-mouse chase. Think White Lotus meets One of the Girls - a page-turning, exotic tale with a fantastic domestic suspense back-story to match the present-day timeline.

Retail Description

As I make my way to the locked door at the end of the hotel corridor, I notice a dark shape in the corner of my eye. I swallow hard against the knot rising in my throat and shiver before turning around. And when I see the body, I know my time is running out.

When I brought my little girl Alice to this isolated island, I told myself that we were finally safe. By day, I work as a maid and at night, I stay in the hotel room I share with Alice, praying that no one will find us here. No one understands why we had to run or what I had to do to get us here.

But as I stare down at the body in front of me, I have to face the dark truth I've been running from. We've been found. Someone I thought I could trust knew my secret all along. And now, our lives are in danger.

Racing back to our room, I discover that Alice is already missing. My secret is out and someone wants revenge. But they have no idea how far I'll go to protect my child. Can we make it out of here alive...?

Reviews for Shannon Hollinger

"A! Wild! Ride!... my jaw was on the floor!... I was practically flying through the pages!... mind-blowing." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wow!!... had me in a chokehold from start to finish. Every time I thought I knew where it was headed, another twist came along and proved me wrong... I just couldn't put the book down... Absolutely 5 stars." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

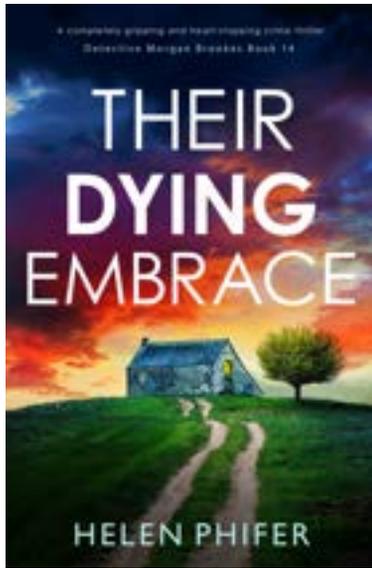
Author Biography

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! 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 snakes and alligators,



Crime Thriller

320 pages | Pub Date 31/1/2025 | 9781835254868 | Unagented



Their Dying Embrace Helen Phifer

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Rachel McLean.

Over 400,000 copies sold of *One Left Alive*, the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. Top 25 Amazon US and UK author.

Editor's Note

An addictive new police procedural from Helen Phifer that will have readers racing through the pages. Set in an eerie Lake District setting, a couple are found dead in their home with their lips nailed shut, two doors down from Detective Morgan Brookes. Things get even twistier as one of Morgan's closest friends is left for dead, surrounded by the same nails used to kill the couple. Morgan will have to make more sacrifices than ever before to catch this killer. This is an incredible and heart-pounding addition to Helen's already extremely successful series, which 14 books in, has amassed a region of loyal followers in the English language.

Retail Description

Morgan kneels beside the fluttering crime scene tape. The couple are lovingly holding hands, but their lips are blue, and blood is dripping on the floor. They have been silenced forever...

When sweet-natured teaching assistant Rosie Waite, and her boyfriend Matt, are found dead in their quaint family home in the Lake District, Detective Morgan Brookes is horrified. Sleeping just two doors down, she heard no screams for help. A twisted killer nailed the couple's lips shut. Morgan vows to keep watch over every innocent family in Rydal Falls until this monster is brought to justice.

Morgan finds a mattress on the floor, empty food wrappers, and a letter in the couple's attic that reads: if you've found this, you're next to die. Fear washes over her; the killer was watching his victims, and now her life is at risk. But she throws herself harder at the case, soon discovering that the nails used to bind the victims' lips were pierced with expert equipment. And Matt had been asking questions at a local tattoo parlour, was he hiding a dangerous secret?

It's the break Morgan desperately needs... until one of her closest friends is attacked. What must Morgan sacrifice to save the people she loves most?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Wow!!!!... I did NOT in a million years see THAT coming!!!!... I smashed this in one sitting and could not sleep until I finished it which ended up being 3am!!!!... Absolutely unputdownable page-turning book... Absolutely LOVED IT... I was just gobsmacked by the twist... Will stay with me for a long time.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'I devoured it over two evenings (I was working both days or I'd have read it quicker) – and I stayed up until WAY past my bedtime on the first night because I didn't want to put it down!' Urban Sannhire ★★★★★

Author Biography

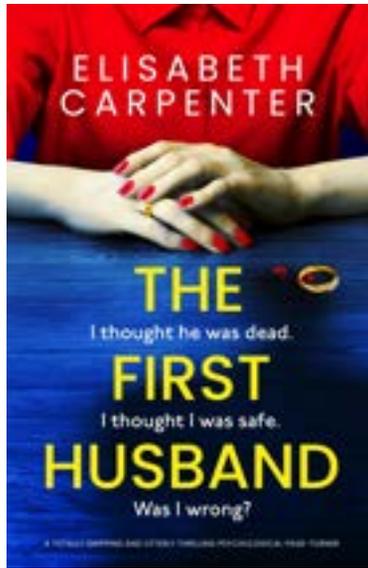
Helen Phifer's love of reading began with Enid Blyton, before progressing on to Laura Ingalls Wilder and scaring herself with Steven King. If she can't write for any particular reason she finds herself getting itchy fingers and really irritable. She loves reading as much as writing.



Crime Thriller

270 pages | Pub Date 3/2/2025 | 9781837903818 | Unaged

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The First Husband Elisabeth Carpenter

For fans of Claire Douglas, Lisa Jewell and Shari Lapena

Elisabeth Carpenter's first title with Bookouture, *The Family on Smith street* has 3.3M KU page reads and has sold 5,000 copies. *The Girl on the News* reached the top 100 on the Amazon UK chart.

Editor's Note

Elisabeth Carpenter is the bestselling author of *99 RED BALLOONS*, and absolutely brilliant at creating compelling and tense reads that her thousands of fans love. *THE FIRST HUSBAND* is her most gripping novel with us yet. Eight years ago, Leah's first husband disappeared during a weekend getaway to celebrate her birthday. Leah's grieved but moved on, certain Callum is dead. But now, two days before her wedding, a card arrives... signed, with love, from Callum. Is he back? Or is someone playing a cruel joke? And either way, is this Leah's chance to learn what really happened the night he vanished?

Retail Description

I thought my first husband was dead. But when I get a letter with his name on it just days before my wedding, it will tear my perfect new life apart...

As we drive up to the gorgeous house by the lake with its red and yellow roses round the door, I breathe in the pure air and count my blessings. In two days' time I'm getting married to Matt, my soulmate and the father of my beautiful boy. After all the pain of my past, my life now is perfect.

But later that night I hear a knocking outside. I find the back door swinging open and a card lying on the floor, addressed to me in familiar handwriting... I can't wait to see you. I've missed you so much. All my love, Callum.

Callum was my first husband. Eight years ago, when we were staying at this exact same place for my birthday, he disappeared. All the people who were with me that terrible night are here for the wedding. My brother. His wife. My new partner Matt: Callum's best friend. We all had reasons to hate Callum then. We all have reasons to lie now.

The police are sure Callum is dead. But as I look around at my loved ones, I wonder... Does someone know what really happened that night? Does someone know what I did? And if Callum is back, is he the dangerous one... or is it one of us?

Reviews for Elisabeth Carpenter

'What a belter... a real edge-of-your-seat book!... I loved... kept me guessing right up until the very last page!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'I read this book in one sitting!... From the very beginning I was hooked!... kept me guessing and wanting more... Loved this!... had me turning the pages SO FAST!' Fable, ★★★★★

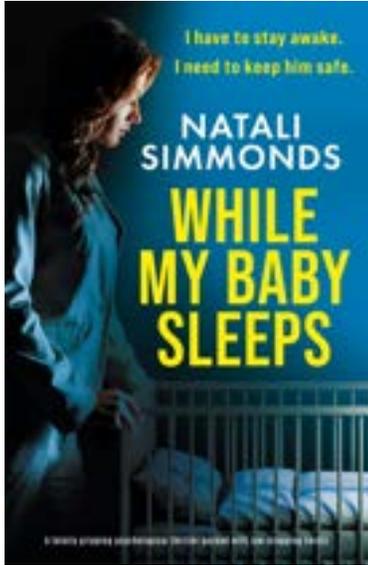
Author Biography

Elisabeth Carpenter is the bestselling author of psychological thriller *99 Red Balloons*, amongst other novels. She lives in Preston with her family. She has a BA in English Literature and Language, and has been writing fiction for over ten years. She loves living in the north of England and sets most of her stories in the area, including the novel she is writing at the moment.



Crime Thriller

284 pages | Pub Date 4/2/2025 | 9781835257845 | Caroline Hardman, Hardman & Swainson



While My Baby Sleeps Natali Simmonds

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Family Across the Street* and *The Family Upstairs*.

Editor's Note

Sleep deprived, angry and struggling, new mother Lu knows her only option is to stay awake - because when she slips into unconsciousness, she doesn't know what she's capable of... A dark, obsessive, addictive domestic suspense thriller about a new mother who can't trust the people around her - but also can't trust herself. Told with a race-against-time, heart-in-your-mouth feel that will have you frantically flipping the pages, this is an compulsive thriller with a perfectly crafted depiction of new motherhood which feels so relatable at the same time as it feels unsettling. Natali expertly weaves in universally relatable themes of toxic relationships, adultery, sleep deprivation and mental health, little white lies, and revenge which might just lead to murder... It will keep you guessing until the last major twist.

Retail Description

I have to stay awake... I need to keep him safe.

I haven't slept properly since Riley was born. I love my baby so much – every noise he makes and every sleepy blink has me rushing to his side to make sure he's safe.

Yet the lack of sleep is getting to me. There are terrifying blanks in my memory, and my temper is blindingly short. I can't rely on my partner – I don't even know where he is half the time. But at least I have Maggie next door. She tells me this is just what new motherhood is like, so I have no choice but to ignore the blackout rages and blurred vision, for Riley's sake...

But after another night of no sleep, the last thing I expect is a police officer at my door. My neighbour has been found dead. The man I've been furious at for weeks for keeping me and the baby awake with his late-night parties.

Though really, maybe I shouldn't be so surprised... Because this morning, I woke up on my doorstep. And I have no memory of what happened – or where the blood on my hands came from.

As I hear Riley start to cry, I swallow against the rising panic in my throat. It can't have been me. I'm no killer, I'm just a sleep-deprived, loving mother... aren't I?

Reviews for Natali Simmonds

'Deserves 10 stars!!!!... Crazy good... Like riding a rollercoaster!... Kept me turning the pages into the early hours... Heart-pounding... Nail-biting... Read this book!' Arcreviews_by_m, ★★★★★

'I was kept awake far too late by this... I regret NOTHING!... Superb from beginning to end... I loved it!... Devoured in just one sitting... Kept me turning page after page... Brilliant and unforgettable – a must for the TBR.' Littlemissbooklover87, ★★★★★

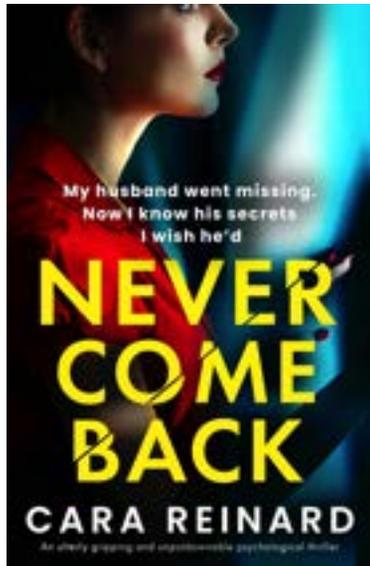
Author Biography

Natali Simmonds is a multi-genre fiction author and storytelling brand consultant, best known for her domestic suspense and thriller novels. Her debut, *Good Girls Die Last*, is being adapted for TV by STV, and the last book of her fantasy trilogy, *Children of Shadows*, was shortlisted for the 2022 RNA Fantasy Award. As a consultant Natali works with various creative and entertainment brands, has her own column in *Kings*



Crime Thriller

324 pages | Pub Date 7/2/2025 | 9781836184720 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates



Never Come Back Cara Reinard

For fans of Minka Kent, Jeneva Rose, and Freida McFadden.

Cara Reinard is the Amazon bestselling author of SWEET WATER and INTO THE SOUND.

Editor's Note

This brilliantly chilling thriller is as unsettling as it is unputdownable. Rowan, a pregnant mother, must piece together the puzzle of her husband's secret life when he goes missing from a work trip. When he returns, her relief is short-lived—his silence gives way to even dark revelations about his past. And leave her reeling when they lead to the abduction of her young son, Landon. The story builds masterfully, layer by layer, revealing a shocking web of betrayal, infidelity, and a medical mystery that ties everything together. The twists keep coming, and just when you think you've figured it out, the story takes another unexpected turn with Rowan hiding plenty of her own secrets. It's a gripping, edge-of-your-seat read with real emotional stakes.

Retail Description

When my husband went missing I was desperate to get him home. Now I know his secrets, I wish he'd never come back...

I hate when Wyatt is away for work. The cold bed. Dinner alone. And comforting our little boy, telling him Daddy will be back to tuck him into bed again soon. But when Wyatt misses his flight and his cell is disconnected, panic takes over.

After seven sleepless nights, tossing and turning as I imagine the absolute worst, he walks back into our home. I breathe a sigh of relief. Until I realize that everything has changed.

I want to believe Wyatt's explanations. The work trip. The "stolen" phone. But I see the strange, jagged scar across his side even though he tries to keep it hidden. And when I start digging, I uncover more than signs of an affair. It's so, so much worse... His secrets have become my nightmares, threatening my son and our unborn child in ways I couldn't imagine. I can't confront him. Not without exposing the lies I've buried for years. About who I really am and what I've done.

And it seems the past has caught up with us. Because one moment, I'm holding my son's tiny hand as we walk around the mall. The next he is nowhere to be seen. If my husband had never come back, would my son still be safe? And how are we meant to get him back when our deadliest secrets are yet to be uncovered?

Reviews for Cara Reinard

"ABSOLUTELY UNPUTDOWNABLE... Wow!!!!... I absolutely loved this... Omg the ending!!! I DID NOT see the twists coming at all!!!!... Gripping, unputdownable... I was so hooked... Absolutely addictive and I read it in one sitting... Kept me on the edge of my seat, biting my nails with my heart absolutely pounding... Absolutely hooked!!" @bookworm86, 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

"WOW!!!!... GRIPPING... I could NOT put this down, my heart was racing... I absolutely loved this... There is no putting this book down" Goodreads Reviewer 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

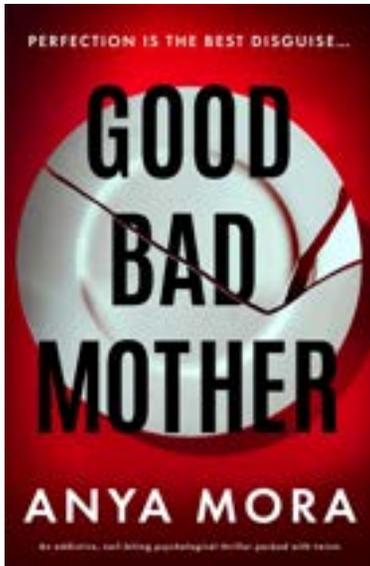
Author Biography

Cara Reinard is the Amazon bestselling author of SWEET WATER and INTO THE SOUND. She has an MFA in writing from Lindenwood University. Cara has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for two decades and enjoys writing twisty, character-driven psychological thrillers that are as much about the protagonist's journey as they are about the mystery.



Crime Thriller

354 pages | Pub Date 11/2/2025 | 9781836183549 | Unagented



Good Bad Mother Anya Mora

For fans of Freida McFadden's *The Housemaid*, *The Girl on the Train* and Colleen Hoover's *Verity*

Bestselling author of *Not My Baby*. Anya's titles have driven \$385k total US revenue and £126k total UK revenue

Editor's Note

In her first book for Bookouture, Anya Mora returns with another gripping psychological suspense thriller, packed with twists that unfold at breakneck speed. Set on an island off the west coast of the US, this pacy thriller follows the story of Amelia - recently married, with a newborn daughter. Living in an exclusive neighbourhood where curtains twitch every time she walks past with the stroller, Amelia knows her neighbours and in-laws are watching and she must appear the perfect wife and mother, no matter what. But when a secret from her past threatens to destroy the lie she has so carefully built, how far will she go to protect her baby?

Retail Description

As I push my baby down the street in her pink stroller, I look up and smile at the security cameras. Because I know they are watching. And I need to play my part as the perfect mother.

It's been a year since my husband and I moved into our new home on the exclusive Cutter's Island. This is where the rich and beautiful live, and where we plan to raise our baby. It couldn't be more different from my old life.

But soon, my new life begins to shatter when I find a handwritten note in my mailbox: How can you live with yourself? I glance up and see curtains twitching in my neighbors' windows. Someone knows what I did.

Clutching the note in my hands, I run inside, locking the door behind me. But later that night, smoke starts to fill the house. I run to my baby's room and find my worst fears come true. Someone has taken her.

As my dream home goes up in flames, I know that whoever discovered my secret wants me to pay for what I did, to remind me that I was never meant to have this life. But they have no idea who I really am. And just how far I'll go to get my baby back...

Reviews for Anya Mora

"Addictive... I could NOT stop reading this!!!!... Hooked from page one!... Absolutely loved this!!" justagirl_and_herbooks



"Grips you from the very first page and doesn't let go... as heart-wrenching as it is thrilling. Razor-sharp, with each twist landing like a gut punch, keeping you breathless until the final, jaw-dropping revelation... An emotional rollercoaster that will haunt you long after you turn the last page. Outstanding!!!" hooked this weekend 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

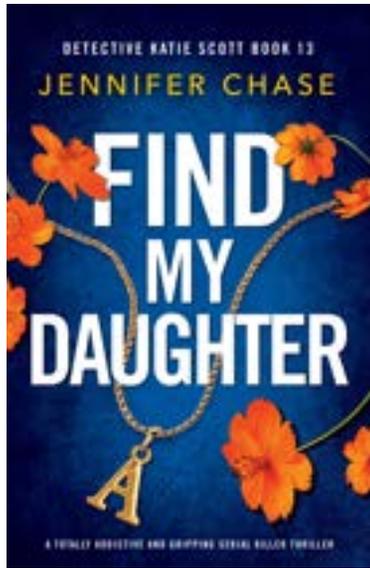
Author Biography

Anya Mora lives a ferry ride from Seattle, WA with her family. Her novels, while leaning toward the dark, ultimately reflect light, courage, and her innate belief that love rewards the brave.



Crime Thriller

258 pages | Pub Date 17/2/2025 | 9781836184492 | Sarah Hershman, Hershman Rights Management



Find My Daughter Jennifer Chase

For fans of Melinda Leigh and Robert Dugoni

The Amazon and USA Today bestselling Detective Katie Scott series has sold over 400,000 copies and had over 85 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

One of the best and most terrifying serial-killers of the series, luring girls in with the promise of a modelling/acting career and then punishing them for their imperfections, with their lives. This twisted rollercoaster will see Detective Katie Scott pushed to her limits in all the best possible ways.

Retail Description

When Detective Katie Scott finds a woman dying in the carpark, blood pooling around her, she reaches her just in time to hear her utter the words: find my daughter.

Katie doesn't waste a second gathering her team and pulling the casefile for the missing child, Anna Braxton, a teen with sparkling blue-eyes and an even brighter future. Staring at the blank investigation board, Katie won't rest until she fulfils Anna's mother's dying wish.

Searching the Braxton's impeccable family home, Katie finds Anna's journal, filled with teenage secrets. Buried among the pages, she thinks she finds a lead—a strange man reached out to Anna, just days before she went missing...

But the case takes a terrifying turn when Anna's best friend also vanishes. Hours later, a girl's body is found in the embers of a housefire, her yellow satin dress devastatingly beautiful amongst the ashes. Is it Anna, her best friend, or another girl?

One thing is certain: a monster has the closeknit community of Pine Valley in a chokehold, and Katie must get one step ahead of the killer before any more precious young lives are taken. But at what cost?

Reviews for Jennifer Chase

"Wow! What a burst of excitement!... Loved the pace and hunt!" Bookreviewsandfun, ★★★★★

"This book had me breaking out in a cold sweat as a I breathlessly awaited the conclusion... Knocked my socks off." Escapetobooks1503, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Baby Swap Daniel Hurst

For fans of T.M. Logan, Freida McFadden and B. A. Paris

The Doctor's Wife reached No.1 in the UK, and No.27 in the US. The Holiday Home reached No.5 in the UK.

Editor's Note

Daniel Hurst is the master of multiple twists!

Daniel Hurst is one of Bookouture's bestselling psychological thriller authors. We launched his first Bookouture title, The Doctor's Wife, in 2023 which hit number 1 in the UK ebook charts and kicked off a successful 4 book psychological thriller series. In 2023, we also hit number 1 in the audio charts with The Couple in the Cabin. Daniel now has over 100 million KU pages read on his Bookouture titles.

Retail Description

Someone stole my little boy. I'll do whatever it takes to get him back...

ME: Staring down at the sweet baby in my arms, I feel panic instead of love. Because this isn't the child I gave birth to. My husband whispers to the midwife. They all think I'm going crazy. But the tiny boy in my arms is crying again. I'm certain: he knows I'm not his mummy. And I'll do whatever it takes to get my son back.

HER: I did it. I swapped my baby with another newborn in the hospital. As I hold the child in my arms, I hear my own little boy start to cry on the other side of the curtain. My heart is shattering into a million pieces.

I know I had no choice. I didn't want to do this. But no one can ever find out the reason why I swapped my baby. Because if anyone knew the truth, my life and my child's life would be in danger...

Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'A total rollercoaster... Flipping pages like my life depends on it... Totally bingeable. I mean, baby swapping? Drama... Just when I thought I had it all figured out, BAM—curveball... Had me speed-reading... Whoa... Kept me hooked!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wow!... I couldn't get enough of this... Had me gasping... I was on the edge of my seat the entire time... I couldn't stop reading. Easily deserves 5 stars for the amount of jaw drops!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

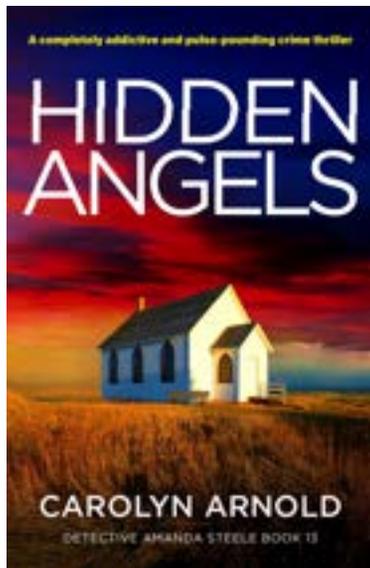
Author Biography

Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!



Crime Thriller

266 pages | Pub Date 19/2/2025 | 9781836185659 | Unagented



Hidden Angels Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine.

Carolyn's Detective Amanda Steele series has sold over 570,000 copies and had over 50 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

HIDDEN ANGELS has one of the most arresting crime scenes you are likely to come across this year. As a tense hostage situation in a church draws to a close, a gunshot is fired damaging a wall. But behind the plaster, they see the body of a young woman, perfectly preserved in time. And there is only one Detective who can help. Enter Amanda Steele and her partner Trent. As this breathless crime thriller unfolds a very dark secret which connects the victim in the wall and the man who held the priest hostage emerges and it is truly unforgettable.

Retail Description

When the body of girl is discovered in the walls of a Woodbridge church, Detective Amanda Steele is immediately called to the scene. On arrival she meets FBI Special Agent Sandra Vos who explains that while negotiating a hostage incident moments before, a gun was fired. The bullet missed its target but exposed human remains.

The victim has been perfectly preserved, her jewellery and summer dress taking Amanda back to her own teenage years. DNA quickly confirms that the victim was taken over thirty years ago. Thinking about her own daughter, Amanda cannot imagine the devastation for the young girl's family and vows to find the killer.

Amanda and her partner Trent determine the suspect behind the attempted shooting, Cameron Cofell, had a very clear reason for exacting revenge on the church's priest. As they question the wider community, a neighbour reveals her long-held suspicions too. But when she is found murdered, Amanda knows this killer is prepared to do whatever it takes to keep their dark secret from ever coming to light.

Soon the investigation takes Amanda and Trent to an abandoned farmhouse—a place that haunts Cameron's nightmares—where they find a faded photograph that holds the mystery of another chilling cold case. But just how far back does this evil go, and how much will Amanda and Trent need to sacrifice to find the killer?

Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

"OH MY GOSH!... Had me reading late into the night... I was caught up in the story from the first page to the last... So addictive!... I can't recommend this series enough!" Shortbookthyme, ★★★★★

"I was not going to sleep until I finished this book. Wow!... The hits just kept coming, and I never saw most of them until they hit... You will not be able to put it down because you will have to know what happened... Keep[s] you glued to the pages as you race to the end" Escanetobooks1503 ★★★★★

Author Biography

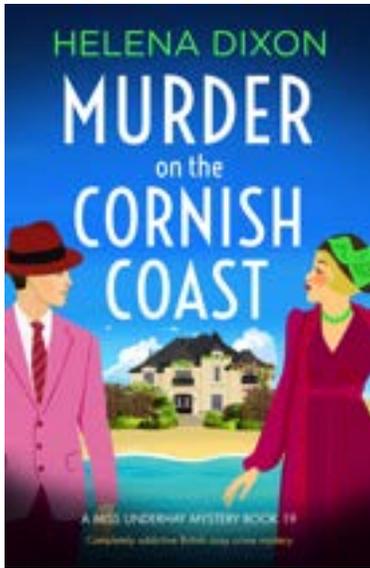
Carolyn Arnold was born in a small Canadian town and enjoys spending time outdoors, but she also loves the lights of a big city. Grounded by her roots and lifted by her dreams, her overactive imagination insists that she tell her stories. Her intention is to touch the hearts of millions with her books,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



Crime Thriller

320 pages | Pub Date 20/2/2025 | 9781836180746 | Unagented

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Murder on the Cornish Coast Helena Dixon

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

A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. The series has sold more than 375,000 copies and has more than 125M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

Kitty Underhay and her husband Matt are asked by a contact, Lady Cordelia Hedges, to come to Cornwall - her father's body was recently found floating in the bay and someone has tried to push her under a train. They go and stay with her, and on their first night are woken up by Cordelia screaming in the dead of night saying someone is in her room - then Bertie finds a knife behind a curtain. Then someone eats a chocolate from a box addressed to Cordelia, and dies - it was poisoned. The race is on for Kitty and Matt to catch the killer before someone else is killed!

The Cornish setting for this title is gorgeous, with glamorous boating parties and sunsets aplenty. The juxtaposition of glittering St Mawes bay with the peril they're all in just so enticing and perfect for the genre!

Retail Description

A bright blue sky, a glamorous boating party, an English manor house on the Cornish cliffs... and surely not another murder! Get Kitty Underhay on the case!

Cornwall, 1937. Kitty Underhay has been called to investigate some fishy goings-on in the beautiful coastal village of St Mawes. The body of Lady Cordelia Hedges' beloved father was found floating in the sea, and shortly afterwards Cordelia herself was almost killed...Determined to piece together the puzzle, Kitty spends her first evening in the Cornish bay at one of Cordelia's lavish parties. But she's not just soaking up the idyllic surroundings with her husband Matt, she's at the party to get to know those closest to their host. The sleuthing duo quickly realise they're in uncharted waters and this could be their toughest case yet.

Later that evening, a scream wakes Kitty in the middle of the night: Lady Cordelia is sitting bolt upright in bed, swearing someone has been in her room. As Bertie the dog retrieves a knife from behind the curtain, Kitty's list of suspects grows: could the murderer be Cordelia's suspicious stepsister, her spoiled future mother-in-law, or someone even closer to home...? Then a house guest eats a poisoned chocolate from a box addressed to Cordelia and dies. This latest tragedy helps Kitty to make progress in her investigations at last. But is Kitty floundering? Will she be able to solve this case before someone else gets hurt, or will Kitty end up in a watery grave?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I LOVED this book!... Just perfection. If I had to sum this book up in three words it would be WOW WOW WOW.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... I absolutely loved... Will keep you guessing throughout... Unputdownable... Absolutely addictive... Page-turning... Kept me turning the pages late at night!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

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

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The Nanny Share Emily Shiner

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and *The Girl in Seat 2A*

Emily Shiner's novels have sold over 40,000 copies and had over 36M KU pages read to date

Editor's Note

The author has really thrown everything at this book! Packed with her classic twisty secrets, things start to unravel for two families who are more closely connected than you'd ever guess. My favourite chapters are the anonymous chapters the author has peppered throughout, they build up so much tension. And as things escalate here, our detective character has her work cut out figuring out who is really telling the truth. The final twists are totally unexpected, as suspicion is thrown in the most unlikely of places...

Retail Description

Sweet little Emma and Nealie, both just four years old, live on the same block in the exclusive, gated Blackwood neighborhood—miles from my cramped studio apartment. I go between each family's home to care for the girls. And I know all their secrets...

Their mothers were best friends until three months ago, when everything fell apart. There's a door that's always locked at Nealie's house. And Emma's house is filled with whispered arguments. I'm sure her father is having an affair.

But I tried to overlook the slow splintering of these marriages: because I loved the girls. Braiding their hair and then walking them to kindergarten was my favorite part of the day. But now they're gone. Snatched from their beds.

In Blackwood, little girls don't just vanish. The police will suspect the nanny, the person who loved them, the person with a key to both houses. I'll swear that I'm being framed. And I will do anything to stop them finding out who I really am, or why I was so desperate to work here.

Because these families are about to pay for their secrets. But who is really in danger? Two missing little girls? Their desperate parents? Or me?

Reviews for Emily Shiner

"Just wow, brilliant!!! My jaw was literally on the floor... Had me hooked. Nothing else was done until I finished!!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Love, love, loved this book!!!! Absolutely gripping edge-of-your-seat page-turner!!!!... Absolutely addictive from the first page until the last... I just HAD to know what would happen next... I ended up finishing it in one sitting!!!" Bookworm86, ★★★★★

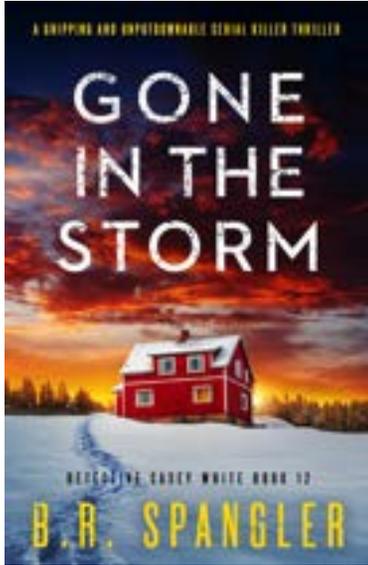
Author Biography

Emily Shiner always dreamed of becoming an author. After spending years devouring stacks of thrillers, she decided to try her hand at writing them herself. Now she gets to live out her dream of writing novels and sharing her stories with people around the world. She lives in the Appalachian Mountains and loves hiking with her husband, daughter, and their two dogs.



Crime Thriller

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Gone in the Storm B.R. Spangler

For fans of Lisa Regan, Elle Gray and Melinda Leigh

The Detective Casey White series has sold over 200,000 copies and has over 50 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

Detective Casey White is grappling with some huge family drama here alongside a chilling case of missing girls. The killer this time seems to be 'collecting' his victims, in a macabre game of cat and mouse. Something that Brian does so well in these books is portraying Casey as believable and human, and her relationships with her family and team are always so well drawn. When the case gets too close to home for Casey and Jericho here and their daughter is threatened, Brian really drills down into the nitty gritty of their relationship to show us how they can come back stronger than ever to protect their family. Alongside totally gripping action, expect plenty of heart in this read.

Retail Description

As the biggest snowstorm the Outer Banks has seen in decades ravages the coastline, Detective Casey White is called to an abandoned junk yard miles beyond the marshes. Teenager Jill Carter's body is posed on her back, a look of terror frozen on her beautiful face. Casey's heart breaks for Jill's family. She vows she'll do whatever it takes to find this merciless killer who left this girl out in the cold all alone.

But the unforgiving blanket of snow will soon claim the crime scene, and the team are up against the clock to catalogue any vital evidence... then Casey notices strange objects arranged in patterns around the girl's body. Among them is a selection of perfectly preserved autumn leaves that have no place in the salvage yard in the dead of winter.

When the new District Attorney goes above Casey's head to charge Jill's high school sweetheart with the crime, Casey is certain she's making a mistake. The poor boy is terrified and heartbroken, but he isn't a murderer. Casey must rush to make sense of the sparse, ritualistic evidence they have, before another life is ruined.

As the snow continues to fall, another young girl is found frozen forever, the same strange items displayed around her body in a deliberate ritual. And Casey knows now this is only the beginning... Can Casey hunt down a killer determined to add another teenage girl to his collection, before it is too late?

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, ★★★★★

"Fantastic... Left me speechless... I devoured it in one sitting... Turned the last page in the wee hours. Yes, this book is that good!!!!... Gripping and very addictive!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

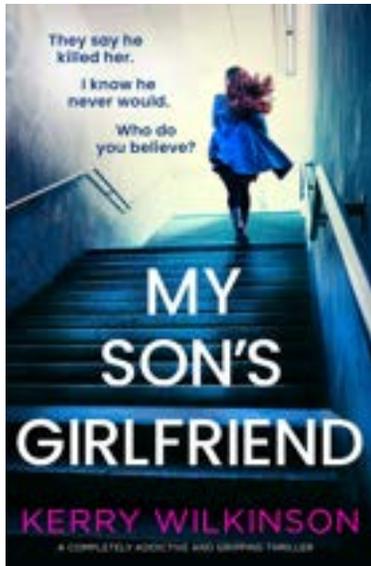
By day, B.R. Spangler pushes pixels, typing lines of code. When he's not developing software, or elbows deep in hardware, he is writing stories, plotting thrillers, or reading. B.R. Spangler lives in Virginia with his wife and kids, as well as five cats, a parrot, a finch, a lizard.



Crime Thriller

280 pages | Pub Date 24/2/2025 | 9781835257630 | Unagented

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My Son's Girlfriend Kerry Wilkinson

For fans of John Marris, The Perfect Marriage and T.M. Logan

Kerry Wilkinson's titles have sold over 780,000 units and have 55M KU page reads. Previous title *The Child in the Photo* reached the Top 5 on the Kindle UK charts

Editor's Note

Kerry Wilkinson is the BEST at super fast-paced plots and totally wild hooks! In *My Son's Girlfriend*, our protagonist is told on the very first page that her son is accused of murdering his girlfriend. She's certain he never would... and immediately decides she has no choice but to investigate herself. Shockingly, it's all linked to her own past... and you will NEVER guess the twist. Breathless and addictive: that 'one more chapter' feeling is guaranteed.

Retail Description

'Is that you, darling?' A second of silence before her son replies. 'It wasn't me'. Her heart breaks at the pain in his voice – he sounds like a little boy again. Thirty minutes later, the police knock at the door. 'Your son's girlfriend is dead.' And Dan has disappeared.

It's almost midnight when Jennifer sees her son's name flash up on her phone. Away at university, she's normally so happy when he calls. But something is terribly wrong...

Jennifer is devastated for poor Ella's family – losing their precious girl, so young. She knows her sweet son, just twenty years old, would never, ever harm anyone. But the police are looking for him. And if Dan is innocent, why has he run?

When Jennifer hears how Ella died, her blood runs cold. Because Jennifer's best friend was murdered twenty years ago the same way. In the same place. Jennifer hasn't been back since... but now, she has no choice.

She would do anything for her son. Any mother would. But how far will she have to go – what secrets in her own past will she have to confront – to prove Dan is innocent? And what if the truth is worse than she ever imagined?

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'Had me hooked from the very first page... So suspenseful... One of those books that makes you want to keep reading much longer than you should on a school night... really brilliant.' Littleluxurieslibrary, ★★★★★

'OMG this book was amazing!... That ending! I'm shook!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

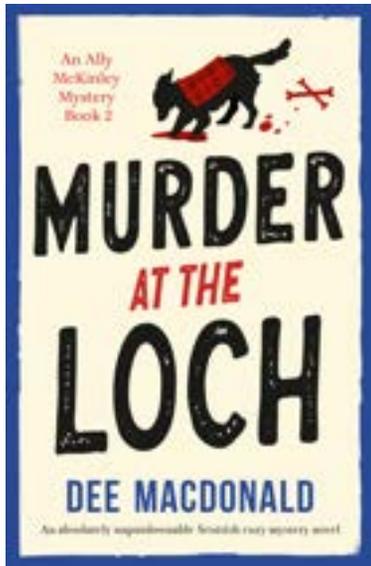
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

308 pages | Pub Date 24/2/2025 | 9781836185161 | Unagented



Murder at the Loch Dee MacDonald

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and Clare Chase

Dee MacDonald has sold over 390,000 books since she started publishing with Bookouture in 2018

Editor's Note

Welcome back to the tiny Highland village of Locharran, where the mountain air is crisp, the heather is blooming, and Ally McKinley is about to discover a body in the loch! This is the second in Dee's brilliant new cosy crime series set in the beautiful Scottish Highlands. With a fantastic cast of suspects and plenty of twists to keep readers guessing, fans of cosy crime are in for an absolute treat!

Retail Description

Recent retiree Ally McKinley has stepped out with her puppy Flora for a walk by the loch in the tiny village of Locharran, taking a break from running the cosiest little guesthouse in the Highlands. But Ally's peace and quiet is sunk when she and Flora find the body of a mysterious woman floating in the water...

Before she knows it, Ally finds herself wading into the middle of a new investigation. Who was the mystery woman and why was she killed? Her enquiries take her all over the village: from the corner shop and the nearby hotel to the turreted castle, home of local earl Hamish Sinclair where preparations are underway for his upcoming – and much gossiped about – wedding.

The body in the loch soon has the rumour mills buzzing. But then Elena, the earl's new bride, is also found poisoned to death the morning after her marriage! With two deaths to investigate, the police appear to suspect almost everyone in Locharran, even Ally herself...

Determined to uncover the truth and clear her name, Ally finds poison at the home of one of her suspects and thinks she might be on the right path to solving both murders. But with a killer on the loose in the Scottish Highlands, can Ally unravel the clues before the next person in a watery grave is her?

Reviews for Dee MacDonald

'Absolutely brilliant... fantastic... amazing... Filled with clues, mystery, motives, suspects, red herrings, danger, an adorable puppy and much more!!!... 100% addictive!!!... An absolutely compelling, addictive and page-turning cosy mystery... a fantastic addition to this fantastic series!!!' bookwormwhitlock86, ★★★★★

'Completely addictive... gorgeous... The perfect book to curl up with at the end of a long day – I loved it!' Cal Turner Reviews, ★★★★★

Author Biography

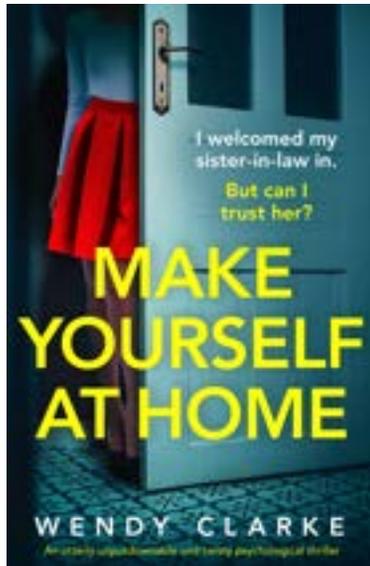
Dee MacDonald grew up on an isolated farm in the Scottish Highlands, where her mother encouraged her to draw and to write 'wee stories'. Her working life took her all over the globe as an air stewardess, into the world of TV, where she worked in Market Research and Sales, and then into hospitality, running B&Bs for over ten years. After first finding her love of writing as a little girl, Dee became a published author of cosy



Crime Thriller

250 pages | Pub Date 3/3/2025 | 9781835255070 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates

An Ally McKinley Mystery 2



Make Yourself at Home Wendy Clarke

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Shari Lapena and The Housemaid

Author's previous books have sold over 240,000 copies with Bookouture.

Editor's Note

Can you trust your sister-in-law? When Lisa comes into Catherine's life, her marriage begins to crumble. Gary's younger sister, estranged for all these years, tells Catherine not to trust her husband... Wendy Clarke is an established author whose book *The Night Out* had extraordinary KU reads. A dark, domestic, super-twisty thriller from bestseller Wendy Clarke. *Make Yourself at Home* has the most atmospheric dual setting: a tree-lined street where Catherine and Gary live, and Catherine's classroom at a local primary school. By the end of the book, one will be up in flames.

Retail Description

Gary and I have always been happy. Our fridge is covered in the love notes I leave him every morning, we always start the day on the doorstep with a goodbye kiss, and I make sure we never, ever fight. But since Gary's sister Lisa moved in, things have been different...

The day Lisa arrived at the school where I work, asking for help, I knew we had to welcome her into our home. Gary hasn't spoken to his parents in years, and his childhood was far from perfect. But now every time Lisa enters a room, I watch him sneak out the door. He's no longer home for dinners, spending longer hours at the office. It's me who's chatting to Lisa all night as we cook. Learning more and more about the family Gary told me nothing about.

And then I spot them through the front window on my way home from work. Arguing. Shouting. Gary thrusts an envelope into Lisa's hand. He looks nothing like the man I love. Lisa won't tell me what's going on, but she whispers to me that I shouldn't trust the man I married.

When I met Gary, I thought I was finally safe. But Lisa's arrival in Victoria Avenue is forcing my husband's secrets to surface. She thinks I'm innocent, that my own past is picture-perfect, but she has no idea how far I'll go to protect the ones I love.

Reviews for Wendy Clarke

'This. Book. Is. Amazing. I dropped everything and read it in two sittings... Addictive, twisty and fast-paced! When you think you've worked out what's going on and nope it became twisty again!... Absolutely sucked me in, I was totally captivated and couldn't put this one down... Incredible... Blew my mind.' arcreviews_by_, ★★★★★

'Had my attention from the first page. I was gripped! Finished it so quick... Utterly unputdownable... A must-read.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

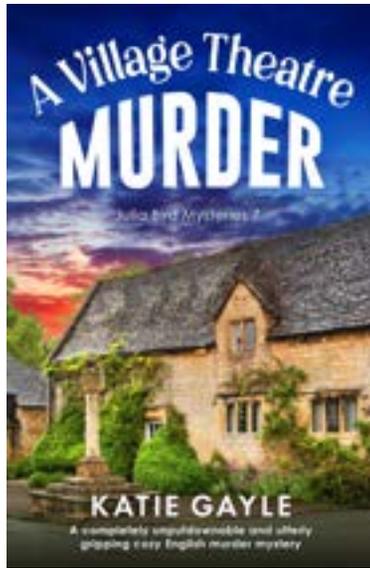
Author Biography

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,



Crime Thriller

290 pages | Pub Date 5/3/2025 | 9781836186083 | Unagented



A Village Theatre Murder Katie Gayle

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

Over 330,000 Katie Gayle novels sold and over 43 million pages read
in Kindle Unlimited

Editor's Note

This is the seventh instalment in the brilliantly cosy murder series from Katie Gayle. These books continue to be some of our top performing contemporary cosy crime books in KU and Julia Bird's next adventure, in which she investigates a murder at the local village theatre, will have Katie Gayle's fans gripped from start to finish.

Retail Description

There's nothing quite like a night at the theatre. But Julia Bird is expecting a night of sweeping drama, not an onstage murder!

At the end of Berrywick's amateur theatre's latest production, a shot rings out amongst the rapturous applause. But when Julia Bird peeks through the curtain, she sees lead actor Graham is lying still on the stage, his co-actor Oscar looking down at his prop gun in shock. She knows that Graham has been murdered, but with nearly everyone in the village helping with the play, anyone could have tampered with the props. And why was a beloved family man the target?

Graham's wife Jane collapses in a puddle of tears as Oscar is comforted and led away from the stage. But days later when Julia spots prim and proper Jane kissing Oscar, she wonders if the grieving widow's tears were fake. Graham served Jane divorce papers the day of the tragedy – was he killed before he could spill the beans on his wife's affair, and sully her perfect reputation?

Meanwhile, the aptly named director, Roger Grave, wants the show to go on. The play is up for a local award, and this might just be Roger's big break. But when failed actor Hector is not assigned the lead role he assumed he'd get, the mood among the cast quickly turns sour. Could Hector have killed Graham out of jealousy for the leading role, Julia wonders? Then another member of the crew is found dead and Julia discovers there's a dark secret at the heart of Berrywick's local theatre society. But who would kill to protect it? Can Julia find the murderer before it's curtains for another victim?

Reviews for Katie Gayle

'I absolutely LOVED this... Julia Bird was an amazing and lovable character... Once I started it, I couldn't stop.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'There just aren't enough stars for this one, so I can only give it FIVE!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

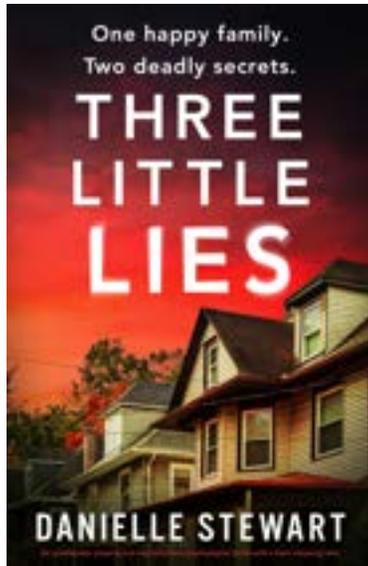
Katie Gayle is the writing partnership of best-selling South African writers, Kate Sidley and Gail Schimmel. Kate and Gail have, between them, written over ten books of various genres, but with Katie Gayle, they both make their debut in the cozy mystery genre. Both Gail and Kate live in Johannesburg, with husbands, children, dogs and cats. Unlike their sleuth Epiphany Bloom, neither of them have ever stolen a cat from the



Crime Thriller

234 pages | Pub Date 11/3/2025 | 9781835258675 | Unagented

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Three Little Lies Danielle Stewart

For fans of Jeneva Rose, Shalini Boland, Sue Watson and K.L. Slater

Danielle Stewart is a USA Today bestselling author with over 5.5 million downloads of her women's fiction and romantic suspense series.

Editor's Note

Danielle Stewart is a USA Today bestselling author with over 5.5 million downloads of her women's fiction and romantic suspense series. In this whopper of a psychological thriller we follow anxious mother Jo as she takes in an exchange student, Eden, who seems hellbent on causing strain in Jo's family. As she watches her marriage crumble, Jo wonders – what are Eden's true motives and what is Jo's husband hiding? Danielle's tense, atmospheric writing pulls you in from the get go and doesn't let you go until the mind-blowing finale which is guaranteed to have your jaw on the floor!

Retail Description

The first lie got him in trouble.

Our romantic date night was meant to fix us. But when my husband grabs my hand and says he needs to tell me something, I can tell from the look in his eyes that our marriage is in deep trouble.

The second lie ruined our marriage.

We've been here before. I wonder who she is. Is she younger than me? For a moment I wonder if I'll forgive him. But I always do. It's the only way to keep our family together.

But before I can say anything, my daughter calls, terrified. "Mom, I need you to come home. Please!"

The third lie could get someone killed. Flashing lights of police cars light up the nightmare that's unfolding in my beautiful home. Blood is found in our garage and in an instant, I know what my husband has done. I hold my children close as our perfect life shatters before my eyes. But as he is dragged away from us in handcuffs, something snaps inside of me. I've stopped at nothing to get the life we have. And even if my husband is a killer, I will do whatever it takes to keep my family together.

Reviews for Danielle Stewart

"SO. GOOD... my jaw was ON. THE. FLOOR!!!!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wow wow wow! The best book I've read in a while... amazing... I could not stop reading... finished it in less than 24 hours! Fantastic read!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

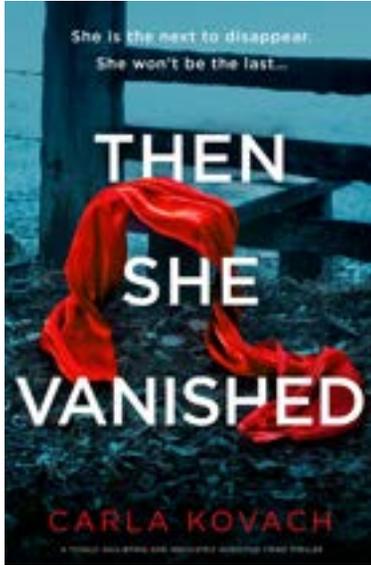
Author Biography

Danielle Stewart is a USA Today Best Selling Author of over 50 books. She has held the number one book rank on Apple Books, Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Danielle currently lives in Charlotte, North Carolina with her husband and son. She works hard to perfect her ability to write in a noisy house and create story lines while daydreaming and folding laundry. She loves hearing from readers so please find her on social



Crime Thriller

284 pages | Pub Date 13/3/2025 | 9781836181194 | Unagented



Then She Vanished Carla Kovach

For fans of Angela Marsons, Cara Hunter and Clare Mackintosh

Carla Kovach has sold over 800,000 copies in the Detective Gina Hart series and is a top 30 Amazon UK author

Editor's Note

This is the seventeenth book in the Detective Gina Harte series. With over 800,000 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 400k copies and spent five weeks at the top of the UK Apple charts on publication and the previous book in the series, *One Last Prayer* topped the UK Apple Books charts. Carla reviews consistently well, with crime readers engaging with Gina Harte and enjoying Carla's fast paced storytelling. In this book, the body of a man is found in a car miles from anywhere. When Gina looks at the man's lifeless body, she finds a photo of a young woman, tied up and clearly held captive. Who is the man in the car? Who is the woman in the photo? And will Gina find her alive?

Retail Description

It's dark as the young woman leaves work. Crossing the empty car park alone, she thinks about the warmth of her little house. But she doesn't make it home that night. Or ever again...

Thirty years ago, Ruth Pritchard's sixteen-year-old daughter, Elissa, went missing. Police were called, neighbours were interviewed, and even Ruth's own husband was investigated, but the case went unsolved. Elissa disappeared forever.

Now, Ruth watches the local news and hears about another girl gone from the same streets where her beloved daughter was last seen, and her heart races. A distinctive red scarf was found at a crime scene, and she recognises it instantly. It belonged to Elissa.

After Ruth alerts the police, they rush to speak to her, but nobody answers the door. Her small home stands eerily quiet. Just like her daughter before her, Ruth has vanished into thin air.

Friends say that Ruth suspected that someone close to home took Elissa. Others say she never trusted her husband again after he was questioned by police. Did she finally discover the truth behind her daughter's disappearance? And will her friends and family ever see her again?

Reviews for Carla Kovach

★★★★★ 'LOVED!!!! My favorite... So amazing... OMG... Couldn't put this down for the life of me. I started this when the sun came up and finished when the sun went down. It was just that good... I was speechless. I couldn't say anything for a while. I had to sit there and take it all in. Wow, wow and more wow.' Blue Moon Blogger

★★★★★ 'THE BEST BOOK... What a read. I could not put this book down, I was so absorbed... A real page-turner.'

Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

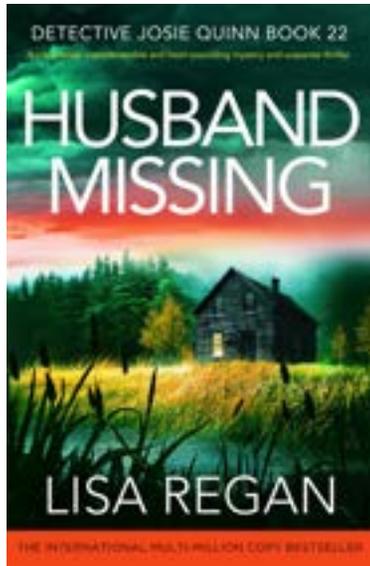
Carla started writing more seriously ten years ago after having flirted with musical theatre and occasional writing in her youth. Since then she has written & produced several stage plays, has four self-published books, has acted in several independent films and is currently in the final stages of production of her feature horror film, *Penny for the Guy*. She now writes full-time as well as co-owning a film, photography & video



Crime Thriller

346 pages | Pub Date 17/3/2025 | 9781836180203 | Unagented

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Husband Missing Lisa Regan

For fans of Angela Marsons, Robert Dugoni and Rachel Caine

The Detective Josie Quinn series has sold over 3.8 million copies. Lisa Regan is a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestselling author.

Editor's Note

It's the moment lovers of this multi-million copy bestselling series have dreaded since it began back in 2018. Detective Josie Quinn's faces the toughest case of her career, and her life, when her own husband is missing, his life in imminent danger. Strap in for a rollercoaster ride that will leave you clutching your loved-ones close at night.

Retail Description

Detective Josie Quinn's world shatters when she returns home to find her house ransacked, and her husband, Noah, missing. When she kissed him goodbye hours earlier, called to the discovery of a woman's body at a protest, they were putting the finishing touches to a nursery for their first adopted child. But now the house is empty, Noah's bloodied handprints trailing the walls.

Every fiber of Josie's being screams to investigate. But her team warn her to keep her distance as they follow a connection to a recent robbery in Denton. But Josie can't quiet the voice telling her the handprints Noah left are leading her somewhere, and the trail ends at an upturned box of her long-dead abusive mother's possessions: faded photos, jewelry, a lock of hair, and a few old newspaper clippings. Beside herself with worry for Noah, and unexpectedly confronted by the trauma of her past, Josie throws herself into work. The woman's body found during a demonstration outside a children's hospital belongs to Gina Phelan, daughter of the powerful and influential Phelan family. Trawling the CCTV is a welcome distraction, but everything changes the moment fingerprints from the knife that wounded Gina match to prints found in Josie's own home.

Her head spinning as the two cases collide, Josie's only option is to delve into the life of the monster who terrorized her as a child. The key to everything is hidden in the box of her mother's mementoes. But is Josie strong enough and fast enough to find it in time? And at what devastating cost to those she loves most?

Reviews for Lisa Regan

"OHMAHGAWD... Absolutely FANTASTIC... Unputdownable... This book is just OUTSTANDING... I need more. I'm addicted... I'm still gaping at the end." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"WOW THIS BOOK IS BRILLIANT!!!!!!... I had my heart in my mouth all the way through... Fabulous!!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

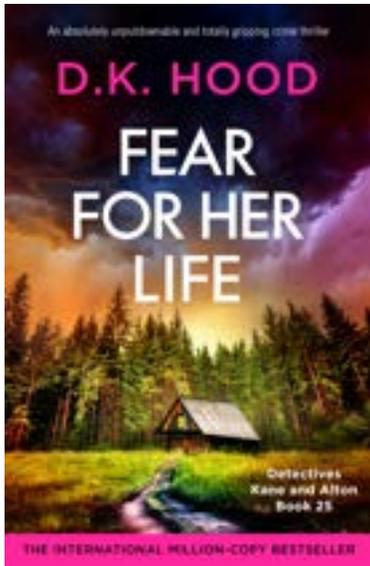
Lisa Regan is an Amazon bestselling crime novelist. She has a Bachelor's Degree in English and Master of Education Degree from Bloomsburg University. She is a member of Sisters In Crime, Mystery Writers of America and International Thriller Writers. She lives in Philadelphia with her husband and daughter.



Crime Thriller

418 pages | Pub Date 19/3/2025 | 9781836183945 | Unagented

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Fear for Her Life

D.K. Hood

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

Editor's Note

This long-running crime series is loved by fans of dark, twisty, fast-paced police procedurals. In this, the twenty-fifth Kane and Alton book, Sheriff Jenna Alton and her trusty deputy David Kane are chasing four serial killers who escaped from prison. The action takes place in the dark, remote pine forests surrounding Black Rock and it's super tense!

D.K. Hood is a USA Today bestselling author, and the series has sold over 1 million units and been translated into French and German. This series is perfect for fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine, Kendra Elliot and Melinda Leigh.

Retail Description

As Sheriff Jenna Alton and her deputy David Kane rush into the remote pine forest surrounding Black Rock Falls, Jenna's pulse races when she sees the glint of metal behind a line of trees: a prison bus, the lifeless body of its driver slumped over the steering wheel, and its four prisoners escaped into the wilderness...

Jenna's heart pounds at the thought of the violent murders each of the fugitives committed, among them the The Ice Pick Killer who drove women to remote locations before taking their innocent young lives. And worse, female warden, Amy Clark, is missing from the bus. Amy is new to the job, and her family have been calling for news on the lost van for hours. Jenna scans the acres of dangerous woodland around her, vowing to search every inch to bring Amy back to her family.

Nearby gunshots put Jenna on the killers' trail, but as she descends on a small cabin, it's clear from the deadly silence that the men have already moved on, leaving behind the body of an innocent old man. Jenna screams his granddaughter's name into the woodland. But Serena has vanished, just like Amy.

As night draws in, Jenna fears the murderers are on a direct path toward Black Rock Falls, and she dreads to think what could happen if they made it to the quiet small town. Pushed to her limit chasing four twisted killers, will she catch them in time to save the lives of the two missing girls?

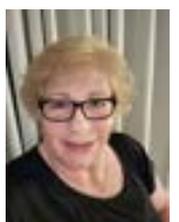
Reviews for D.K. Hood

"Everything I love in a crime thriller... utterly gripping from the very first page... You need to dive into this series... A pulse-pounding, edge-of-your-seat thriller that will leave you breathless. Five stars all the way – this is a must-read for any crime thriller lover!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wowza!... An addictive, thrilling, shocking, pulse-pounding page-turner! Whew! Let me gather my breath!... I could not put this book down and found myself glued to my seat wanting more more more!" Openbook Posts ★★★★★

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.



Crime Thriller

288 pages | Pub Date 25/3/2025 | 9781836182245 | Unagented

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The Secret Detective Agency Helena Dixon

For fans of Agatha Christie, T E Kinsey and Verity Bright!

A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. The series has sold more than 385,000 copies and has more than 130M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

This is the start of a new series from Helena Dixon, our brilliant cozy crime author, who is now at the very top of her game. Helena is the bestselling author of the Miss Underhay series, which has now sold over 320,000 copies and had over 100 million pages read for over £1m revenue. In this new series, we start during the Second World War in Devon, where Arthur, an asthmatic mathematician finds a body in the garden of his manor house. What seems like a strange but not suspicious death, quickly turns into something else. Miss Jane Treen and her one-eyed cat Marmaduke arrive from Whitehall – Jane works for the mysterious secret service bureau and she knows exactly why the woman was in Arthur's garden. But only by combining their unique skills – and with some mischief from Marmaduke – can they find the answer.

Retail Description

London, 1941: Miss Jane Treen is at her desk, strong black coffee in hand and fluffy ginger cat by her side, when her top-secret government work is interrupted by an urgent call to Devon. A woman has been found dead in a lake in a place where she shouldn't have been. Jane needs to gather the clues and find the killer before someone else from the agency gets hurt...

Shy and handsome code-breaker Arthur Cilento is bewildered by the arrival of the efficient Miss Treen and her cat Marmaduke. She bursts into his life unexpectedly, forcing him out of his comfort zone. The reluctant colleagues huddle near the warmth of a crackling fire in Arthur's country home, working to piece together the murderous puzzle at hand.

In the sleepy Devon village, someone is hiding something: but is it the busybody vicar and his sister, the dutiful housekeeper and her secretive son, the stern librarian, or someone else altogether? And who were the people with the woman in the lake on the day she died?

No sooner have Arthur and Jane have drawn up a list of suspects, than a parcel reveals a clue that sends them in hot pursuit of a coded diary stashed in a village church. But as the heavy wooden door slams behind them and a key turns in the lock, one thing is sure: they need to unravel the truth and crack this code before the killer decides their number is up...

Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I ATE this up. what more could I ask for???... Loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Hooked from start to finish... This book is an absolute delight!' reading_barefoot_on_the_beach

Author Biography

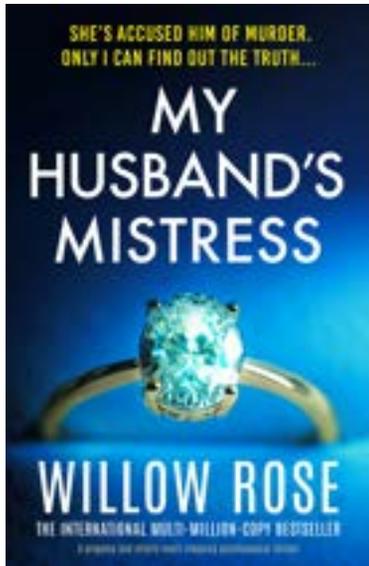
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

264 pages | Pub Date 27/3/2025 | 9781836181040 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

The Secret Detective Agency 1



My Husband's Mistress Willow Rose

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and *The Silent Patient*.

Willow Rose is an international multi-million-copy bestseller

Editor's Note

Multi-million-copy bestseller Willow Rose debuts a razor-sharp, mind-boggling psychological thriller that will have readers addicted. With a female detective lead, and an affair at its heart, this story was made for Netflix - it will have readers screaming at their kindles. Tackling the issues of trust in the police, and trust in one's marriage, it's packed with jaw-dropping twists, and page-turning chapter endings. It asks you to choose your favourite protagonist: the hard-working cop whose husband is having an affair, or the scorned lover who is being framed for murder; Kate Winslet in *Mare of Easttown* or Rosemund Pike in *Gone Girl*.

Retail Description

Should I believe the woman who ruined my life, or protect the husband who's already betrayed me?

I walk past rows of immaculate white roses into the Kane family's picture-perfect home, thinking that I'd never guess what's happened behind closed doors. The woman standing with my colleagues in handcuffs looks so innocent in her blue, silk dress. But they say she's killed her husband.

When I see her face, I recognise her immediately. She's my own husband Bradley's mistress...

She was found beside the body with blood on her hands. But in a quiet voice, with tears streaming down her face, she says Bradley was the one who did it.

A chill goes down my spine. I've hated this woman since the day I saw her through the window of that little Parisian restaurant, holding hands with Bradley. I know my husband wouldn't kill anyone. He's a good father, a respected lawyer... But then, I never thought he'd have an affair.

She mustn't share her theories with anyone else. As the cop working the case, I need to make her trust me, and only me.

Reviews for Willow Rose

"Absolutely unputdownable... WOW!... I literally stopped my day because I could not put this down!... Fantastic... Goes straight to my made-up 6-star rating—I absolutely loved it!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wow, I absolutely loved this... I couldn't stop reading!... I really couldn't stop." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

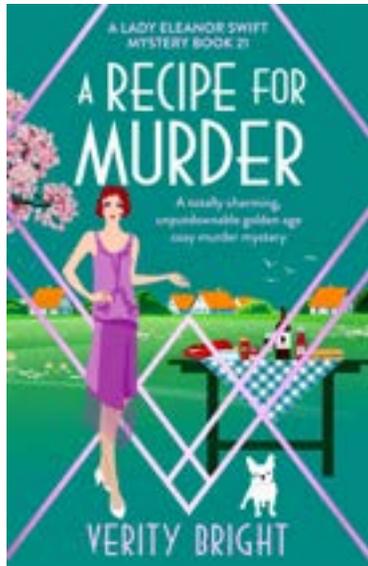
Author Biography

Willow Rose is a multi-million-copy bestselling author of more than 90 novels. Several of her books have reached the top 10 of all books in the Amazon store in the US, UK, and Canada. She has sold more than seven million books, which have been translated into many languages. Willow's books are fast-paced, nail-biting page-turners with twists you won't see coming; that's why her fans call her "The Queen of Plot



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 28/3/2025 | 9781836185994 | Unagented



A Recipe for Murder Verity Bright

For fans of T.E. Kinsey, Catherine Coles and L.B. Hathaway

The bestselling A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series has sold over 490,000 copies and has over 170 million KU pages read.

Editor's Note

Get ready for Ellie and Hugh's wedding! Again and again these authors astound me with their creativity. The mystery this time has deep ties to Eleanor's past, and her work as a nurse during the First World War. Splitting Eleanor's home village in half as neighbour accuses neighbour, you will never guess the real culprit this time! All the action takes places as we count down to Eleanor's long awaited wedding and we have a twisty and unexpected mystery balanced perfectly with huge emotion here.

Retail Description

Lady Eleanor Swift's marriage to dashing Chief Inspector Hugh Seldon is just days away. There's lots to organise from the dress to the catering, including, of course, the all-important wedding cake.

But Eleanor is heartbroken when their chef, apple-cheeked Annie Tibetts, dies of poisoning. And as the doctor confirms her death wasn't an accident, accusations fly around the whole community.

With more of the village struck down by the poison, Eleanor must uncover a killer who seems intent on spreading chaos amongst her nearest and dearest. Everyone is accusing their neighbour... and Eleanor is in a pickle as the seating plans for the wedding fall apart. But she soon has bigger fish to try when the source of the poison is traced to a trusted establishment in town. Eleanor is certain they are being framed and that sabotage is afoot...

And when a sample of poisoned wedding cake is delivered anonymously to Hugh working at his station miles away in Oxford, Eleanor realises that while she has been planning for the future, her past has been catching up with her. Eleanor must race across the countryside to save her love from certain death. Can Eleanor find the proof in the pudding and save Hugh in time? And will the poisoner finally get their just desserts?

Reviews for Verity Bright

'MY FAVOURITE BOOK... Had me hooked... I absolutely devoured this brilliant read in one sitting as I just could not put it down ... I was gutted when I came to the end... Amazing!!!' bookwormwhitlock86, ★★★★★

'I absolutely LOVED this!... Had me hooked from the beginning and I kept flipping through the pages because I could not put it down!' @bookishbri_, ★★★★★

Author Biography

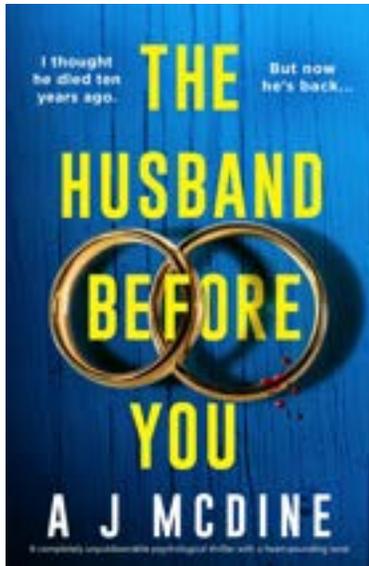
Verity Bright is the pseudonym for a husband-and-wife writing partnership that has spanned a quarter of a century. Starting out writing high-end travel articles and books, they published everything from self-improvement to humour, before embarking on their first historical mystery. They are the authors of the fabulous Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series, set in the 1920s.



Crime Thriller

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A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery 21



The Husband Before You A J McDine

For fans of *The Woman in the Window*, Shari Lapena, Lisa Jewell and *The Housemaid*

A J McDine is an Amazon UK top 30 author. Her four Bookouture titles have sold over 27K copies with over 9.4M KU pages read.

Editor's Note

A J McDine is the master of dark, twisty and absolutely gripping hooks and she's back with her best jaw-dropping psychological thriller to date! We're confident this will be A J McDine's biggest hitter so far.

She is a popular author in this genre, having previously self-published a number of thrillers. We launched her first Bookouture title, *THE BABY*, and it hit both the UK & US top 100 bestseller lists. We're hugely excited about her latest book!

Retail Description

I thought my first husband died ten years ago. But now he's back...

Opening the front door, I'm stunned to see a familiar face. I never thought I'd see Freddie's deep brown eyes and crooked smile again. But how is this possible when he died ten years ago...?

It took years to move on, but finally my life is almost perfect. I live in a gorgeous house with my handsome second husband Carter, my two daughters and our adorable baby boy. Although I've never stopped missing Freddie or wondering what happened to him. But now he's here and staring right at me – and my head is spinning with questions.

Then Freddie says, 'Don't trust Carter.' It sends shivers down my spine. Freddie and Carter used to be best friends. So what does he mean? Carter has been my shoulder to cry on, my rock. He's helped me through the darkest time. I trust him with my life... don't I? Who is telling the truth: my first husband or my second husband? And could one of them be behind the threatening notes I've been receiving?

I have to make the right choice, because it soon becomes clear that my life depends on it...

Reviews for A J McDine

'Completely unputdownable... Reeled me in right from the very start. The twists left me speechless... I did gasp out loud at the ending... Brilliant! Kept me glued to my kindle!... A massive 5 stars!' [arcreviews_by_m](#), ★★★★★

'I was instantly hooked... Devoured this in just one sitting... Gripping and completely unpredictable... Kept me turning page after page... I loved how this unfolded... Impossible to put down.' [littlemissbooklover87](#), ★★★★★

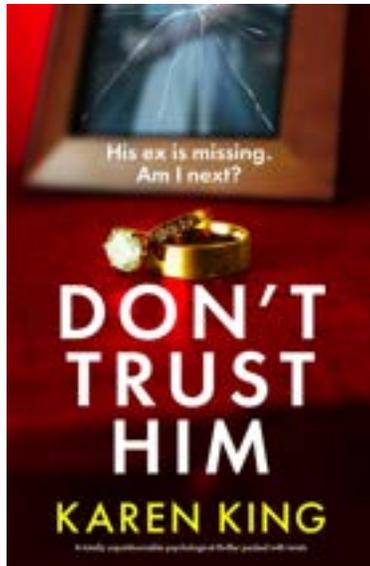
Author Biography

A J McDine was a journalist and police press officer until she realised writing fiction was much more fun. She lives in Kent in the UK with her husband, fellow thriller writer A J Wills, their two sons and a pair of very demanding cats. The author of five dark, domestic thrillers, she loves to keep her readers guessing till the very last page. When she's not writing, playing tennis or attempting to run a 5k, she can generally be found



Crime Thriller

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Don't Trust Him Karen King

For fans of Freida McFadden, K.L. Slater and Jackie Kabler

Karen King has sold over 145,000 copies and has more than 20M pages read in KU. She has reached the Amazon UK Kindle top 50.

Editor's Note

Wow! I simply can't get this brilliant domestic thriller out of my head. A single mum thinks she's found the perfect man, but all is not as it seems. What really happened to his missing ex-wife? And if she uncovers the truth what will happen to her? This page-turner is gripping and compulsive from the beginning, and the final twists will leave readers gasping.

Retail Description

His ex is missing. Am I next?

Charlie takes my breath away from the moment we meet, when he is dropping his adorable little girls off at the school gates at the same time as I'm waving goodbye to my son. Being a single mother has been hard. So when his gorgeous green-blue eyes hold mine and his lips curve into a smile I wonder if this is my chance to find happiness and escape the secrets in my past. Charlie and I connect on the deepest level – talking late into the night in the stunning home his mother Alice gave him. For a long time, it's been me and my seven-year-old son Liam against the world but soon I'm falling for this handsome man. He promises to be honest with me and, in my gut, I trust him.

As he gives me a lift to work one morning, Charlie shares his heartbreak: his ex-wife found another man, abandoned her daughters and never looked back. That's why Alice finds it so hard to accept me, the new woman in her precious son's life. I hope I can win her over, and that she'll never find out the truth about what I did...

Then I discover his ex-wife Lynn's journal hidden away in his house with a sapphire ring and a silk scarf. My stomach twists as I sense something is very wrong.

When someone walks into the room behind me, my heart plummets and I turn to face them. I think something awful happened to Lynn. But who is telling the truth – my new boyfriend, his ex-wife or his mother? And can I escape with my precious son before it is too late?

Reviews for Karen King

'I was completely glued to the story... My stomach dropped... Bam—the twists started coming... completely derailed my day... a must-read.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Omg I absolutely loved this book and couldn't put it down! Full of suspense, shouting out loud noooooo or wtf moments! Highly recommend.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

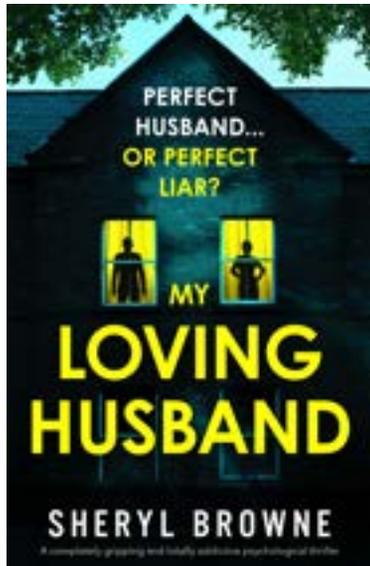
Author Biography

Karen King was born in Birmingham and has always enjoyed reading and writing. She's been published for over forty years, in a variety of genres for both children and adults and currently writes about the 'light and dark of relationships'. In her romance books the relationships come right, but in her psychological suspense novels the relationships go badly wrong. Karen now lives in Spain where she loves to spend her non-writing



Crime Thriller

298 pages | Pub Date 3/4/2025 | 9781836183624 | Unagented



My Loving Husband Sheryl Browne

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and *Gone Girl*

Editor's Note

Sheryl Browne is a bestselling psychological thriller author, with consistently high reviews on Amazon. She has 32 top 100 chart rankings across her books, and *The Affair* reached 6 in the US charts. More recently, *My Husband's House* reached the UK top 20. In this book, Sheryl asks readers to question if you can ever truly trust someone - even those closest to you. When happily married Maddie receives an anonymous message telling her that her charming, notable surgeon husband Cole is going to kill her, she begins to unpick her perfect marriage, and she soon finds that not everything is what it seemed. Can she really trust her beloved husband? And who is behind the message? When she digs deeper, she uncovers a web of lies with explosive consequences.

Retail Description

Can I really trust the man I married?

I take a sip of coffee as I plan my day. My surgeon husband, Cole, slept at work last night, so I had to get the kids ready on my own, again. I can't complain, though, I've loved him ever since we met, long before he became a famous surgeon and the papers started calling him the pride of the hospital.

Our latest family photo hangs on the kitchen wall and I remember that day so clearly. Cole screamed at me over nothing, then apologised saying he was stressed at work. My heart pounded with fear, but I plastered a smile on my face for the sake of my children.

Now, as my phone buzzes on the glossy white kitchen island, I read the message from a withheld number, and nothing could have prepared me for what it says. Your husband is planning to kill you...

You might think you know what I do next, but you'll be wrong, because Cole isn't the most dangerous person in this family...

Reviews for Sheryl Browne

'Absolutely addictive and gripping... You will not be able to put this down!!! I absolutely flew through it in one sitting and it genuinely was unputdownable!... I finally turned the last page at 1am. Yes, this book is that good!!! A definite MUST READ!!!!'
Arcreviews_by_m, 5 stars

'What an absolute cracker of a book!!! Sucked me straight in. Absolutely addictive page-turner. Absolutely absorbed me... Will keep you up later at night' Goodreads reviewer 5 stars

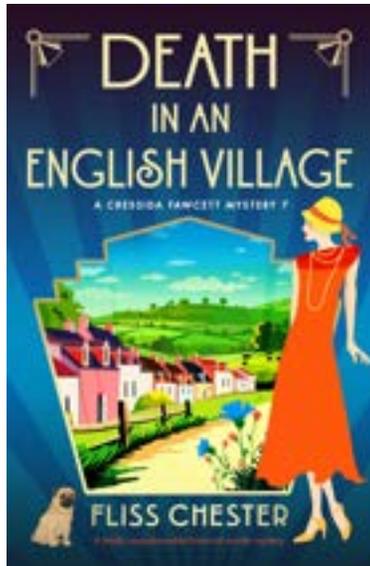
Author Biography

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

334 pages | Pub Date 7/4/2025 | 9781836182948 | Unagented



Death in an English Village Fliss Chester

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Verity Bright

Seventh in the Cressida Fawcett Mystery series (38K copies and 15M KU pages read). From the author of The Fen Church Mystery series (39K copies sold).

Editor's Note

This is cosy crime at its best, with the added advantage of being centred around a Saxon gold hoard! Murder victims are discovered clutching gold coins, and the idyllic country house setting is just perfect for this genre.

Retail Description

1926, Sussex. The Honourable Cressida Fawcett is delighted to return to her parents' rambling mansion to introduce them to her pug Ruby's puppies. But when the pups go running off with Cressida in hot pursuit, they lead her to a bubbling stream – Hell's Ditch. And the body of Bob the gardener is floating there, his outstretched hand clutching a soggy cheese and pickle sandwich. Everyone assumes Bob died of natural causes. But when Cressida finds a glittering gold coin grasped in his other fist, she realises this is part of the long-hidden Saxon hoard. Was Bob struck down by the gold's ancient curse? As Cressida interviews the colourful members of the local historical society, she learns that Bob had been boasting of new-found wealth, much to the annoyance of his wife, and perhaps deadly jealousy of the other members...

Luckily for Cressida, eminent historian Sir James Colston, friend of the family, arrives at the mansion with tantalising information on the whereabouts of the rest of the Saxon gold. He promises to tell all, but the very next day he collapses into his morning porridge...

To Cressida's horror, Marian – Bob's widow and her parents' cook – is accused of poisoning both the porridge and Bob's sandwich and is carted off to jail. But Cressida is sure the answers are buried in the past. Just how far would a history boffin or a hard-up local go for an ancient pot of gold? And can Cressida dig up the truth before poison worms its way into her family's kitchen again?

Reviews for Fliss Chester

'Perfect... I was hooked from the first line!... I was guessing until the very end, I found myself smiling and gasping throughout!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'I loved this! Found myself going to bed earlier and earlier so I could devour another few pages.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

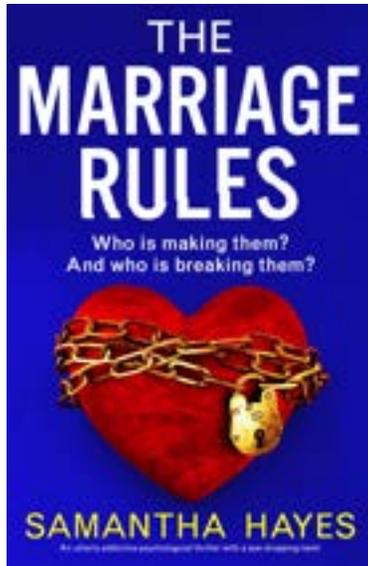
Fliss Chester spent ten years as a journalist, writing about lifestyle and interiors, sampling the offerings in London's bars and restaurants, press junkets and parties. Now she is co-owner of an independent wine merchant, based in the Surrey Hills. Never one to let a holiday get in the way of a wine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



Crime Thriller

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A Cressida Fawcett Mystery 7



The Marriage Rules Samantha Hayes

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

Editor's Note

The rules are there to keep their family safe. But who's making them? And who's breaking them...? *The Marriage Rules* is a whip smart psychological thriller in which Fiona Fisher and her husband live the perfect life, as long as they adhere to the strict rules they've set. Until one day, the rules start changing... With a major, mind boggling twist at the half way mark and another at the end that flips everything on its head, there is no way of knowing what to believe as you hurtle through this thriller at breakneck speed. Quite literally nothing is as it seems, and Samantha's clever deception keeps you guessing and on the edge of your seat from the first gripping page. You've never seen twists like this - get set to be blown away by this addictive, whiplash-inducing, can't-believe-what-you're-reading thriller from the number one bestselling author.

Retail Description

The rules are there to keep our family safe. But what happens when they get broken...?

I smile fondly at the sweet grin on my little stepdaughter's face as she kicks her legs back and forth on the swing in the garden, her blonde curls flying and laughter ringing through the air. I feel so lucky.

Since I married the doctor of my dreams, Jason, and became a mother to his two lovely daughters, it feels like I finally have everything I ever wished for – a loving family and a beautiful home in the country.

Life is pretty much perfect in every way. As long as we stick to our rules...

Everyone in bed by eight o'clock sharp.

No loud music, no news on the TV, no social media. The phone for emergency use only.

Locks on every door. No leaving the house.

And absolutely no talking about the past.

I don't remember what it was like to live without the rules. But then, one day, someone breaks them – and now our perfect lives are all in danger...

Reviews for Samantha Hayes

'I absolutely loved this... Devoured this in just one sitting... I was hooked... Kept me turning page after page... Addicted... A must-read!' Littlemissbooklover87, ★★★★★

'WOW!... I am still left with my jaw on the floor... A million and one twists and turns... One of the best books of 2025!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

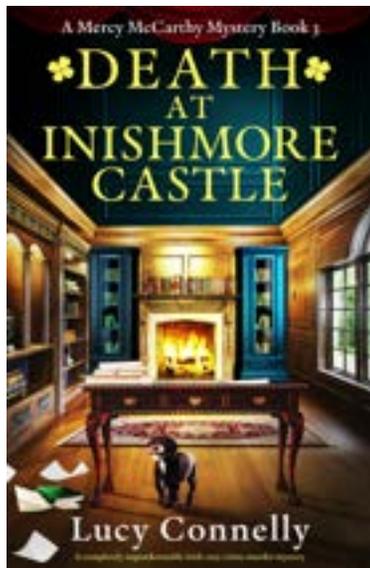
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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Death at Inishmore Castle Lucy Connelly

For fans of Agatha Christie, Carlene O'Connor and Faith Martin

Editor's Note

We launched the first in this charming Irish set cozy series in August 2024, and it's outperformed all our recent debuts in this area, with pre-orders for book 2 beating book 1's total in just two weeks! DEATH AT INISHMORE CASTLE sees us return to Shamrock Cove and the detective duo of twins Mercy and Lizzie McCarthy (not to mention Mr. Poe the dog), with a note-perfect cozy setting. A local castle has opened its doors for a weekend of whiskey tasting and sodabread baking... but a body is a most unwelcome guest. With a storm raging and the castle's residents cut off from help, the twins must solve the case before the killer can escape! Featuring charming Irish detail, intriguing clues and an excellent cast of characters, book 3 sees the series go from strength to strength. The perfect addition to any cosy list.

Retail Description

A grand castle, a glass of Irish whiskey, a good book by the fire... and a rather mysterious murder? Historic Inishmore Castle is opening its doors for the first time, hosting a charming weekend of whiskey tasting and soda bread baking. Mercy and Lizzie McCarthy are badly in need of a break, but their relaxing trip takes a decidedly unrestful turn when Mercy finds fellow guest Father Brennen slumped over the desk in the library... Did he have one glass too many or did someone want him dead?

Even more curiously, Mercy swiftly learns that the priest was no priest at all. So why was he searching through dusty old journals? Can the legend of Inishmore's lost treasure possibly be true?

Mercy's suspicions of foul play are confirmed when another of their party is found drowned in the lake at the edge of the manor's estate. It can't be a coincidence! Someone in this idyllic Irish castle is up to no good and Mercy is determined to find out who's behind it, accompanied by her reluctant fellow sleuth and beloved dog Mr. Poe.

With a host of frightened guests and worried staff, and a storm closing in, Mercy soon has more suspects than bedrooms in the castle. Could it be the unlikely nun, the busybody birdwatcher, or are the owners hiding something sinister? When Mercy realises there are secret passages in the walls, she thinks she might have cracked the case... but will she track the killer down, or will Inishmore be her resting place forever more?

Reviews for Lucy Connelly

"OMG... absolutely incredible page turning must read!!!... Wow!!!!... Absolutely blooming fantastic!!!... had me hook, line and sinker from the first page... I could not put it down!!!!... I read it in one sitting!!!" Bookworm86, ★★★★★

"A must-read!... Packed with red herrings, atmospheric suspense, and oodles of Irish charm... kept me hooked till the very end... Highly recommend!" The Book Decoder, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Bestselling author Candace Havens has published more than 25 books. Her novels have received nominations for the RITA's, Holt Medallion, Write Touch Reader Awards and National Reader's Choice Awards. She is a Barbara Wilson Award winner. She is the author of the biography Joss Whedon: The Genius Behind Buffy and a contributor to several anthologies. She is also one of the nation's leading



Crime Thriller

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A Mercy McCarthy Mystery 3



I'm Here to Help Claire Lunn

For fans of Sue Watson, K.L. Slater, Daniel Hurst and Freida McFadden

Editor's Note

A debut for Bookouture, Claire Lunn will have you hook, line and sinker from the first chapter of her upcoming book. Her writing is relentlessly suspenseful, her talent for creating cliffhangers and mic drop moments is second to none, her twists will make your jaw drop to the floor and her unique voice comes through in the subtly creepy atmosphere she creates for her utterly compelling characters.

Retail Description

When I shake our nanny Jasmine's hand for the first time and catch her perfect smile, I can't ignore the feeling that we've met before. But I tell myself it's nothing. I desperately need help around the house. Since I got pregnant, I burst into tears over the smallest things and my mind is a haze. I can barely look after my toddler Olivia. Jasmine is a godsend – isn't she?

But as I watch Jasmine spin my precious daughter around in the garden with my husband Russ lovingly looking on, a chill runs down my spine. Something is very wrong. Is she trying to take my place?

It takes just one slip at the top of the stairs for my life to change in an instant. When I wake up in the hospital, I cry with relief that my unborn baby is safe. But I remember one thing before I fell – Jasmine's smile. I think she pushed me.

No one believes me when I say Jasmine wants me gone. Even my husband says it's all in my mind. But I know the truth – Jasmine will kill to get my life.

But I'll soon learn I've been completely wrong about what's been going on in my house. And if I don't leave now, who knows what will happen to me and my children...

Reviews for Claire Lunn

'WHERE HAS CLAIRE LUNN BEEN HIDING???? What a fantastic book!!!!... What a twist, such a GREAT read!!!!... LOVED, LOVED LOVED!!!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Oh. My. Goodness. What a book!... kept me awake when I should have been asleep. I couldn't put it down and kept me hanging onto every single word... gripping... kept me glued to the pages... unputdownable.' Arcreviews_by_M, ★★★★★

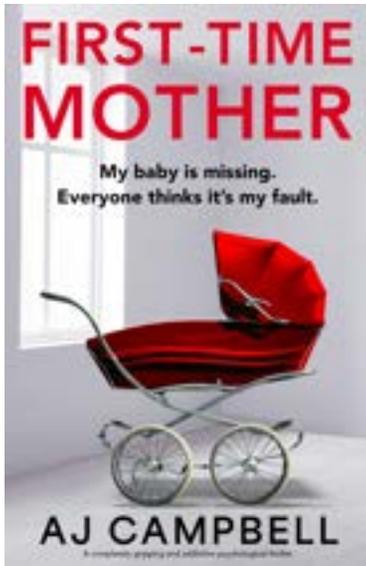
Author Biography

Claire Lunn has always been drawn to the darker side of life, be it through human psychology or the supernatural. She is fascinated by what makes humans tick; what brings them together and what scares them in equal measure. She has had a life-long love of the written word and is an English teacher by trade, with a specialism in teaching teenagers with mental health issues. She has lived in and around Portsmouth



Crime Thriller

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First-Time Mother AJ Campbell

For fans of Frieda McFadden, Jeneva Rose and The Girl in Seat 2A.

AJ Campbell has sold over 140,000 copies of her self-published psychological thrillers. First-Time Mother is a UK Top 100 Bestseller.

Editor's Note

AJ Campbell's third book with us is an absolutely gripping psychological thriller that gets under your skin and stays there. Annie is a first-time mom battling exhaustion and self-doubt, but the challenges of new motherhood are just the beginning. As blackouts and disturbing events shake her world, AJ builds the suspense with every twist and turn. What makes this book so compelling is how it blurs the lines between Annie's fragile perception and the dark truths that surround her. The tension is relentless, and the twists are perfectly timed to leave you guessing until the end. Layered with emotional depth and rich in psychological insight, it's a story that explores trust, betrayal, and the lengths people will go to for revenge.

Retail Description

My baby is missing. Everyone thinks it's my fault.

I'm so scared carrying my delicate newborn, Lola, home from the hospital. It wasn't an easy birth and she is so small. Seeing her gorgeous little face look up at me I swear I'll never let anyone hurt her. But maybe I should have been protecting her from myself...

My wonderful husband Max reassures me that the blackouts I'm having are normal: I'm sleep-deprived, and I just need help.

Until my baby girl goes missing.

I'm distraught. How is it possible? How could her crib be lying empty?

They think the pressure of being a mother has broken me. And there's just so much I don't remember, I have to wonder if they could be right? After all, I have done some terrible things in my life... but I'd never, ever hurt my baby girl.

I'm certain someone close to me is setting me up. And they don't know how far I'll go to bring my baby home again.

Reviews for AJ Campbell

'OMG!... My favourite read... I stayed up all night reading... I found myself flying through it to get to the pulse-pounding end... I am still sitting here in shock trying to process it... Keeps you on your toes!' Leannebookstagram, ★★★★★

'Wow wow wow!... Had me gripped as I was dying to know what would happen next... Kept me glued to my eReader... I love this... Keeps you on your toes and guessing throughout... Fantastic.' Arcreviews_by_m, ★★★★★

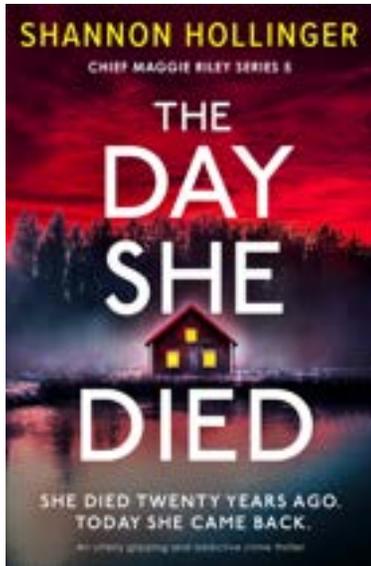
Author Biography

AJ Campbell is an Amazon bestselling author of six psychological suspense novels and promises stories full of twists, turns and torment. AJ self-published her first six books before joining the Bookouture team. Her fourth book, The Phone Call, topped the Amazon charts for several months and was shortlisted for the Adult Prize for Fiction at the Selfie Book Awards 2023.



Crime Thriller

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The Day She Died Shannon Hollinger

For fans of Lisa Regan, Mary Stone and Melinda Leigh.

Shannon Hollinger's books have sold over 35,000 copies and have 11M KU page reads. One Little Sigh reached to top 20 on Amazon US charts.

Editor's Note

This is the fifth and final gripping instalment in Shannon Hollinger's Maine-set police procedural series. Maggie is reeling from an explosion that killed three people and nearly ended her own life. When she discovers someone very close to her is involved, she knows this case is not just personal to her, but goes deeper into the Coyote Cove police department than she could ever have imagined. Maggie and her crew are back in full force, and the story is as pacey and gripping as the first four in the series!

Retail Description

When the body of Ruby Anderson is found in a burnt-out trailer, Chief Maggie Riley is called to solve the biggest case Coyote Cove has ever seen. Ruby supposedly drowned on a kayaking trip twenty years ago—how could she have been alive today?

For years there have been whispers about how Ruby died. There was one witness who swore they saw the river drag Ruby away. Ruby's body was never found, and she was presumed dead.

But when the autopsy report is returned, Maggie makes a shocking discovery. It shows that Ruby never drowned at all. She'd been hiding in plain sight for the past twenty years. Who was she hiding from and why would they want her dead?

As Maggie unravels the web of lies around Ruby's murder, she discovers that the witness to Ruby's drowning is her closest colleague at the Coyote Cove Police Department. And they're protecting a dark secret from Ruby's past that Maggie must uncover before anyone else loses their life.

But how deep do the lies around Ruby's death truly go? With no one to trust, Maggie needs to uncover a deadly secret alone and it lies at the heart of the police force. How much will she have to sacrifice to discover the truth?

Reviews for Shannon Hollinger

"Oh my stars!! Shannon Hollinger knocks another one right out of the park!... absolutely fantastic and hooked me from the very start... one wild ride... brilliant." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"So good!!!!... Wow!!!!... absolutely loved... If you are looking for a book that that you won't be able to put down, this is it!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

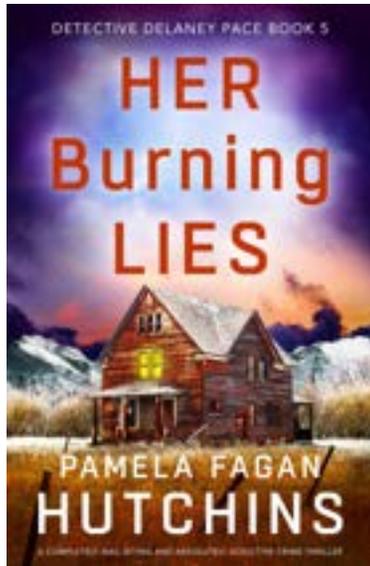
With degrees in Crime Scene Technology & Physical Anthropology, Florida author Shannon Hollinger hasn't just seen the dark side of humanity - she's been elbow deep inside of it! Her short fiction has appeared in Suspense Magazine, Mystery Weekly, and The Saturday Evening Post, among a number of other magazines and anthologies. When she's not writing, you can find her gardening, hiking with the snakes and alligators,



Crime Thriller

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Chief Maggie Riley 5



Her Burning Lies Pamela Fagan Hutchins

For fans of Lisa Regan, Mary Stone and Robert Dugoni

Editor's Note

Pamela Fagan Hutchins is a USA Today bestselling crime author who has an army of loyal fans, thanks to her previous two series, which she self-published. Living in Wyoming, Pamela is the perfect person to write a series set in rugged cowboy country. Her protagonist, Delaney Pace, is a maverick detective who does whatever it takes to catch the bad guy. In this book a ruthless killer is using local wildfires to hide his kills. Detective Delaney Pace battles the constant stifling threat of the fires to catch the killer, and it has dangerous consequences...

Retail Description

When fire wardens search the scorched remains of an abandoned farmhouse, underneath the rubble, they make a shocking discovery—a young woman, stabbed and left to die in the middle of the fire zone. Detective Delaney Pace and Sheriff Leo Palmer are called in to investigate.

Leo takes in the woman's petite features, his voice shaking as he turns to Delaney. He knows the victim—they had met on an online dating site. How did she end up in the middle of the wildfires, and who would want to kill an innocent young woman?

As a second body is discovered at a remote ranch, also stabbed with a silver sword, Delaney is sure the victims are linked—both young mothers, both looking for love. Could Kearny County have a serial killer preying on single women?

Delaney's heart pounds when she learns that her close friend, Clara Eckhardt, is missing, last seen driving towards the fires. She ignores the evacuation orders and races towards the inferno. But when shots are fired, she knows the murderer has her in their sight. Will she turn back and save herself or chase the killer further into the fire to save her friend's life?

Reviews for Pamela Fagan Hutchins

"I could not put this book down and read it in one day! It was heart-pounding, and I needed to find out what was going to happen next... Kept me on the edge of my seat... Impossible to put down... A must-read." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"I was glued to the book... Managed to finish it in two days." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

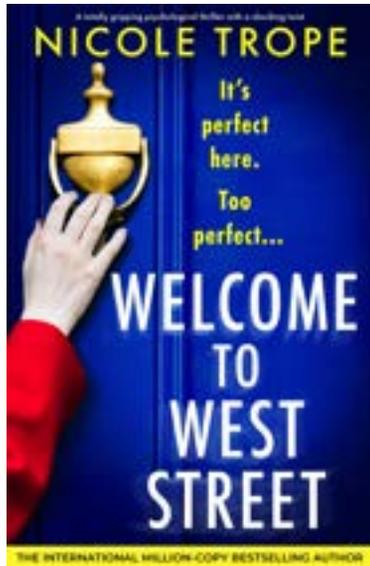
Pamela Fagan Hutchins is a USA Today bestselling and Silver Falchion Best Mystery winning mystery/thriller/suspense author (and recovering attorney and investigator) who splits her time between an off-the-grid lodge on the face of Wyoming's Bighorn Mountains and a rustic cabin on Maine's Lake Mooselookmeguntic with her husband, kids and grandkids, rescue pets and sled dog, and draft cross horses.



Crime Thriller

390 pages | Pub Date 15/4/2025 | 9781836183990 | Unagented

Detective Delaney Pace 5



Welcome to West Street Nicole Trope

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Shari Lapena and The Perfect Marriage.

From the author of *The Family Across the Street* (over 490,000 copies sold, 11.3M KU pages read) and Amazon UK (#3) and Amazon US (#8) bestseller

Editor's Note

Complex, vivid, and unbelievably psychological compelling, this book contains I think my favourite character of 2025... meet Caroline, a sweet older lady who knits, owns a cat and loves to make sure every new neighbour to West Street is welcomed with open arms. She's harmless and friendly... right?! Nicole Trope is the QUEEN of 'perfect' suburbia gone terribly, darkly, deliciously wrong. Welcome to West Street is this million-copy bestselling author in her absolute peak form. Telling my friends I edit Nicole is one of the best things about my job and I cannot WAIT to share the shocks, twists and turns in this book with readers.

Retail Description

"Welcome! I hope you'll be happy here," I say with a smile, standing on the doorstep and holding out my freshly baked chocolate cake. Amanda smiles back but it doesn't reach her eyes. Later that night, I'm sure I hear shouts. And it's clear the new arrivals to West Street are hiding secrets...

I'm enjoying my morning cup of tea when I see the new family move in. I twitch aside my faded blue curtains to see a mother – dressed beautifully in expensive clothes – and two sweet little children. Where is her husband, I wonder? And why are they moving in to the smallest house on the street – the one with the peeling front door, that spoils the perfect view from my window? They really don't seem the type.

But it's important to be welcoming, of course. I get lonely sometimes since my own husband died, and our only daughter moved away: but all my neighbours on West Street keep me company. It's important it stays peaceful here. That means watching out for each other, watching who comes and goes. And soon, it becomes very clear that the new family on West Street has a terrible secret.

But I know this perfect suburb isn't as perfect as it appears. I have secrets too. As long as Amanda keeps to herself, there won't be any trouble. Because if she starts asking too many questions, perhaps West Street won't be safe for her family after all...

Reviews for Nicole Trope

'OMG!!! SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!!!... It had me hook, line and sinker from the first page and I could not put it down!!!!... Clear your day because it is truly unputdownable... If you read one book in your life, make sure it is this!!!!'

Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Omg! Omg!... My son came in and asked me who I was yelling at?! (I was yelling at my e-reader). I think my heart beat out of my chest. The suspense was killing me! LOL my heart is still beating crazy! OK I have to go now. I need a big glass of wine to

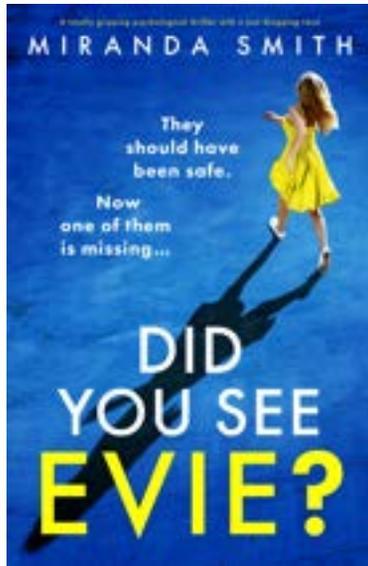
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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Did You See Evie? Miranda Smith

For fans of Ruth Ware, Megan Abbott and Lucy Foley.

The School Trip hit no.2 in the UK Kindle Chart. She's now sold 200,000 copies across 10 books, 38 million pages read, and generated £400k+ in revenue

Editor's Note

At the heart of Miranda's success is her ability to combine all the twists and turns of a thriller with pitch-perfect psychological intrigue - she truly gives equal weight to both in her psych thrillers! The setting is a competitive and privileged high school, where neither Evie - the young sports star - and Cass - her coach - fit in. When Evie goes missing from a school sleepover on Cass's watch, Cass must do everything possible to find her. She cares for Evie, deeply, but also she knows that the more people pay attention to that night, the closer they'll get to finding out Cass's own secrets... What follows is a really rich and tense story of a vulnerable missing teenager, the secrets that lie behind polished surfaces, and a brilliant and triumphant exploration of why it is always better to be yourself, than be who people want you to be...

Retail Description

I blink awake to the sound of whispering, and look around. Automatically, I do a count. And then I am upright, my heart racing. I count again. "Girls," I say, trying to sound calm. "Did you see Evie?"

It was meant to be a celebration. A team sleepover in the school gymnasium: movies, pizza, hot chocolate. I walk among the girls, checking they're ok. They collect in groups and giggle, play truth or dare.

Then there's Evie. Always the outsider, just like I was. She sits apart, fiddling with her long blonde hair. It seems like she wants to speak to me, but there's a never a good time. And when we wake up the next day, stiff and groggy, Evie is gone.

I know the girls are lying about something. I see it in their averted eyes, their sullen silences. But how can I challenge them, when I'm the worst liar of all?

Because the truth is, I'm desperate to find her. I'd do anything to protect these girls. But it's also true that the longer she's missing, the more risk I'm running.

You see, the night she vanished, I did something no one can ever know...

Reviews for Miranda Smith

"Wow! So many twists and turns!... kept me on the edge of my seat... Wow. Just wow!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wow!... I couldn't put it down and finished it in one sitting... packed with twists!... every chapter gave me a new reason to have my jaw on the floor." Serenityinpages, ★★★★★

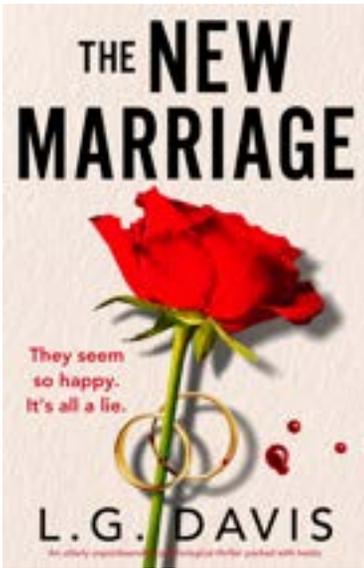
Author Biography

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 25/4/2025 | 9781836184010 | Unagented



The New Marriage L.G. Davis

For fans of K.L. Slater, Teresa Driscoll and Freida McFadden

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

Editor's Note

This is such a stand-out thriller from bestseller L.G. Davis! What a hook, and my word, those twists... I had goosepimples! After a troubled past, hairdresser Drew falls in love with recently widowed Mark. But when she finds a winning lottery ticket, it's clear all is not as it seems. Because for most people the ticket would be a dream come true. So why does Drew hide it from Mark? And what is he confessing to, on his secret trips to the church? As everything unravels and Drew and Mark learn the truth about each other, one of them will not escape their marriage alive... Liz's writing is always fast-paced and twisty and this book will have you guessing right up until its break-neck finale.

Retail Description

THE WIFE:

My hands shake as I hand Mark his coffee, his rich caramel eyes heavy after another sleepless night. I know he's hiding something, and it's bad.

But then again, so am I. Under our bed there's an envelope containing a secret that would turn our lives upside down, and that's just the start. Mark doesn't even know my real name.

I'm sure I can trust him, but there are things I can't tell anyone. And Mark must never know the reason why we met, so soon after his first wife died...

THE HUSBAND:

I take the steaming mug from Drew, remembering the first time I saw her by the hospital coffee machine. She was grieving too and now we have a second chance at happiness.

But now I know what she's been hiding in that box of old photographs, where she thought I'd never look. My wife has been lying about who she is.

Reviews for L.G. Davis

'Wow wow wow I never say this about books and here I am - I'm speechless!!... What a rollercoaster of a page-turner. If you're only going to read one book this year, read this one!' Goodreads reviewer 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

'OH MY GOD THIS BOOK IS INSANE!! That ending omg I did not see it coming...' Bookedwithlani, 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

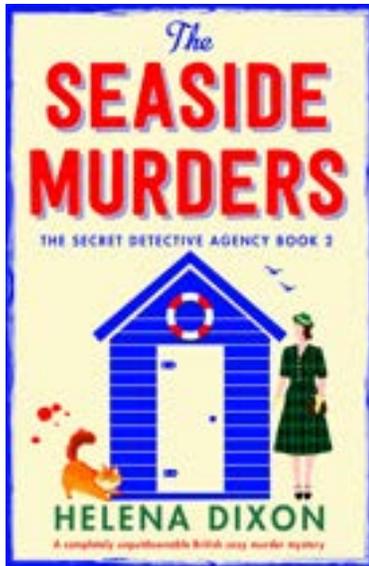
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

272 pages | Pub Date 29/4/2025 | 9781836183228 | Unagented



The Seaside Murders Helena Dixon

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

A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. The series has sold more than 399,000 copies and has more than 135M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

We're so excited to publish the second title in this new series. Book two sees Jane Treen and Arthur Cilento reunited, really cementing them as an iconic duo. With a body found abandoned in some sand dunes on the Kent coast. Jane and Arthur are summoned to investigate, and make their way to her father's perfectly shabby chic Georgian house by the sea: the setting is glorious, a perfect depiction of a charmingly faded English seaside town.

Jane and Arthur meet all of the locals and, with fluffy ginger cat Marmaduke in tow, set about solving the mystery of the murder but also black marketeering that's been happening in the area. The plotting is watertight and the big reveal of the killer is perfectly executed and truly shocking!

Retail Description

A pretty seaside town, a body on the beach, and a boatload of clues. Can super-sleuth Miss Jane Treen solve the mystery?

England, 1941. When Jane Treen is summoned to her boss's office at the end of a long day, she smooths down her tweed skirt and makes them both another strong pot of coffee. Brigadier Remmington-Blythe slides a folded copy of the evening newspaper towards her, with one small article circled in red ink. A body has been found on an English beach in the little seaside town where she grew up, and he wants her to investigate.

Jane is used to managing secret agents and spies, but she is now part of The Secret Detective Agency, England's answer to solving the most mysterious murders. Making her way to the coast and brimming with curiosity, she's heartened that shy and handsome codebreaking genius Arthur Cilento will be joining her to help her wade through the fishy goings-on. Although Jane doubts he will appreciate her bringing her beloved one-eyed cat, Marmaduke...

Together, Jane and Arthur drop anchor in her crumbling childhood home overlooking the sandy beach where the body was found. Surrounded by potential suspects, their eyes are on a devious doctor, an eccentric artist and a secret sweetheart. But as Jane and Arthur are searching for the truth, those giving evidence start to clam up. One thing seems sure: they need to reel in the killer before they're out of their depth...

Reviews for Helena Dixon

'Kept me awake most of the night as I just had to finish it... grabbed my attention from the first page... with each new revelation, I just kept wanting to turn the pages... I highly recommend this book!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing 🥰 ... I loved every. single. moment... And we need to talk about that ending... I was shocked?! I had a few suspects but oh, how wrong I was!! 🤔' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

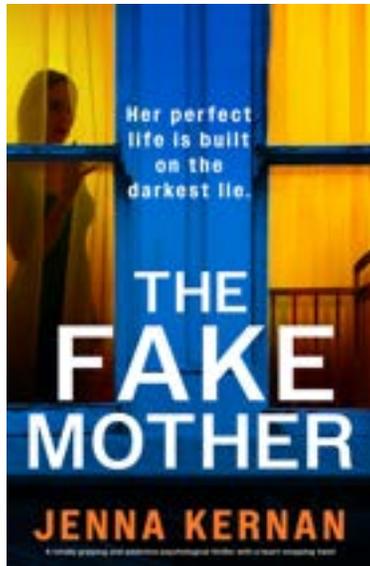
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

258 pages | Pub Date 30/4/2025 | 9781836181354 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

The Secret Detective Agency 2



The Fake Mother Jenna Kernan

For fans of Sue Watson, Freida McFadden and K.L Slater

Author has sold 45k a la carte units and has 25 million pages read in
KU

Editor's Note

I'm always excited to work on Jenna's books, but *The Fake Mother* is on an entirely new level. Jenna's books are always brilliant, but when I got to the final twist in *The Fake Mother* my jaw just hit the floor. This juggernaut of a psychological thriller is utterly unputdownable and the suspense builds masterfully as Jenna leads you from twist to twist - you'll not guess the ending in this one.

Retail Description

When Eliza Watts hires me as her assistant, I can't believe my luck. I steady my nerves as she glances approvingly at my glittering CV. I need this job more than anything. But she must never know why.

It's funny she doesn't recognize me, because we've met before. And ever since we crossed paths, I've wanted nothing but to be close to her and her flawless family. But the job comes with rules. I can only leave on weekends. I must be back by sunset. And I can't tell a soul about what I see in her home. Or else...

I accept instantly and she looks pleasantly surprised. It's clear others have turned this job down. But I'll do whatever it takes to get into her house.

Eliza shouldn't have been so quick to trust me. Now that I'm here, I see that her entire life is built on lies. And when I talk to her children, it's clear they're afraid of her.

I thought I knew Eliza's darkest secret long before I got here. But what she's really hiding in this house is so much worse. And if Eliza finds out who I really am, I know I will need to run for my life...

Reviews for Jenna Kernan

"Omg what a rollercoaster... I was on the edge of my seat... I absolutely loved it. I could not put it down... I devoured this book in a few hours... I loved everything about it." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"Omg this had me hooked!... I absolutely loved it." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

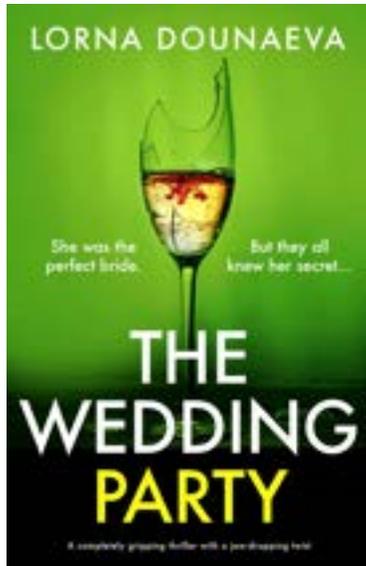
Author Biography

Publishers Weekly bestselling author Jenna Kernan is a two-time RITA nominee and winner of the Book Buyers' Best award. Prior to signing with Bookouture, she published over thirty novels, and is a member of numerous writing groups, including International Thriller Writers, Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, Florida Mystery Writers and Novelists, Inc. and frequently attends conferences on police procedure at



Crime Thriller

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The Wedding Party Lorna Dounaeva

For fans of Shari Lapena, Lisa Jewell and Emily Shiner

Lorna Dounaeva is an Amazon bestselling author of gripping psychological thrillers.

Editor's Note

Lorna Dounaeva is the bestselling author of twisty, chart-topping psychological thrillers and this is the third novel we are publishing from her, after *The Wife's Mistake* and *The Perfect Housemate*.

When Diane gets a wedding invite alongside old friends to a remote Orkney island, she doesn't quite know what to expect. All of her friends seem to be harbouring dark secrets, and when someone is killed, they realise they are trapped on an island with a murderer. Lorna's writing is so dark and twisty, with nuanced and multilayered characters. She has such a strong command of pace, with readers desperate to find out who did it and why.

Retail Description

The groom's grip is icy cold as he shakes my hand. "I have so wanted to meet you." I look up into his steely eyes and a chill runs down my spine. I know this man, but no one can ever know why...

THE BRIDESMAID: Toasting the newlyweds on a remote Scottish island, Sarah watches her friends anxiously. As the groom affectionately touches his new wife's stomach, she shudders to think what will happen if the secret comes out...

THE FRIEND: With her marriage over, the last place Diane wants to be is at a wedding. But she's sure her so-called 'friends' are the reason her husband wanted to leave in the first place. It's time for the truth to come out. Whatever the cost.

THE GROOMSMAN: I'd do anything for the bride, even if it means agreeing to be a groomsman before I've even met her soon-to-be husband. But when we finally meet, my heart starts pounding – we know each other, and I will do absolutely anything to keep where we met a secret...

But before the honeymoon begins, one of the newlyweds is found dead.

One of us is guilty. One of us is a killer. But who is it?

Reviews for Lorna Dounaeva

'Wow... Completely blew me away! I couldn't stop exclaiming "OMG"... My stomach was in knots as I kept turning the pages... A must-read!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Omg. What did I just read?!!!!!!... gripping... a thrilling ride.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

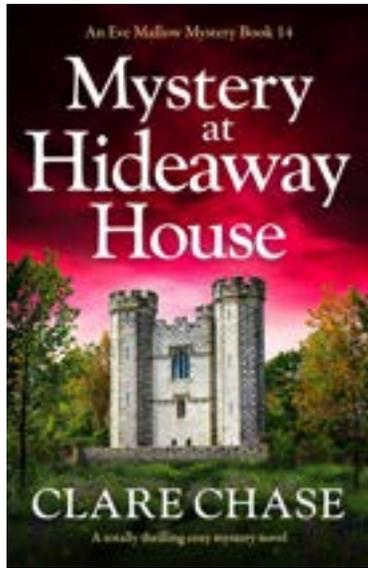
Author Biography

Lorna Dounaeva is a politics graduate who worked for the British Home Office before turning to crime fiction. She writes dark domestic thrillers and is especially fond of female villains. She lives in the Orkney islands with her Ukrainian husband and his parents, three children, a crafty cat and a happy dog.



Crime Thriller

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Mystery at Hideaway House Clare Chase

For fans of Faith Martin, Agatha Christie, and Emylia Hall

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 650,000 copies and have more than 135 million KU page reads. Clare is a top 15 Amazon US and CA author

Editor's Note

The latest in this delightful mystery series which delivers with every new title: the Eve Mallow series has sold 300,000 copies and 95 million pages read for £800k revenue, and sees thousands of pre-orders for every book. She's one of our most consistent sellers in this genre - she is in our top ten authors when looking at Kindle Unlimited revenue - and she delivers everything readers love: a brilliant and mysterious puzzle, a determined, down-to-earth amateur sleuth, gorgeous settings with a fun cast of characters, lots of delightful food and drink, a charming ongoing relationship, and a dachshund as a sidekick. This one has a particularly charming setting - a folly in the woods, with a roof terrace, fairy lights, a four-poster bed, a roaring fire... and of course a dead body! In any market where cosy crime is of interest, this series is worth looking at.

Retail Description

Amateur sleuth Eve Mallow is enjoying a very well-deserved holiday in a charming cottage with her new husband. But murder never takes a break...

Nestled among the trees of a gorgeous country estate, Hideaway House is the perfect place for a holiday – complete with roof terrace, cosy fireplace and four-poster bed. It's been a labour of love for charismatic Duncan Blake, who shot to fame thanks to his TV shows restoring old buildings, and he's hoping his hard work will pay off with a good review.

Despite her misgivings – Eve can't be bought! – she packs up Robin and dachshund Gus and heads to Kesham. But from the beginning it's the holiday from hell. First, she finds a threatening note warning her that Hideaway House has history...

And then Duncan is found dead at the bottom of a ditch. But who wanted to demolish the building expert? Was it his keen apprentice, who was working for free? His wife, who gave up her dreams to follow his? Or the owner of nearby Kesham Hall, whose relationship with Duncan was on decidedly rocky foundations?

Brick by brick, Eve gathers her evidence: a missing murder weapon, a long-lost daughter, and the secret sabotage of Duncan's plans. But can she nail the killer before she digs herself into a deadly hole?

Reviews for Clare Chase

'Page-turning, fantastic... Perfect... An addictive cosy mystery that kept me guessing all the way through... Clear your schedules as once you've picked this up you won't be able to put it down!!!... Amazing... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'I loved... Pulled me in from the very beginning... I couldn't wait to find out whodunnit. I was flying through the pages at a rapid speed, as my heartbeat quickened, and my mind raced... Perfect... Wonderful... I loved it.' PageTurners, ★★★★★

Author Biography

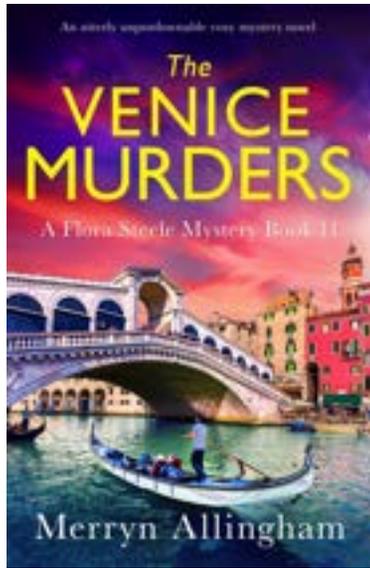
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As well as writing, Clare loves family time, art and architecture, cooking, and of course, reading other people's books. She lives with



Crime Thriller

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The Venice Murders Merryn Allingham

For fans of Agatha Christie, Faith Martin and J.R. Ellis

Merryn has sold over 240,000 copies with Bookouture, and is a UK Top 100 Bestseller

Editor's Note

Merryn Allingham's Flora Steele series has seen some amazing growth, with the series having sold more than 230k units and had more than 65 million KU pages read.

In this new mystery, the newlywed couple journey to Venice for their honeymoon. But their candlelit dinners and tours of the gorgeous city are interrupted when the receptionist from their hotel is found floating face-down in the grand canal. Flora wants to help, but Jack wants to save their romantic trip from becoming another crime caper. But just as Jack is dragging his feet, Flora unearths a killer clue that could change everything...

Retail Description

Amateur detective and bookshop owner Flora Steele, and her dashing new husband Jack Carrington, are finally embarking on the honeymoon of a lifetime. But will gorgeous gondola rides be ruined by their most heart-stopping case ever?

Venice, 1959: As Flora and Jack step onto the beautiful, historic streets of Venice, they vow to put sleuthing aside to finally enjoy their honeymoon. But on their very first sun-soaked morning, whilst enjoying sparkling wine and mouthwatering pastries, they're interrupted when hotel receptionist, Franco Mancini, is discovered floating face-down in the Grand Canal.

Remembering poor Franco's kind demeanour when they checked into the Cipriani Hotel, Flora quickly realises her honeymoon phase is over: she must solve the case. She saw a hot-headed restaurant owner arguing with Franco the night he died. Could their mysterious argument have gone too far? Or could it have been Franco's jilted ex-fiancée Bianca, who acted so coldly at news of his death? Was it a crime of passion that sent him tumbling into the waters?

When Flora learns from a priest that a priceless painting has disappeared from his church along with his elderly housekeeper, she begins to marry together the clues that will lead her to a dangerous family that will stop at nothing to get their revenge. Will Flora and Jack crack the case before the killer claims another victim? Or will it be 'death do us part' for this crime-solving couple?

Reviews for Merryn Allingham

'Fantastic!!! Absolutely devoured this book in one sitting!!!!... Another explosive book in an absolutely addictive series!!!!... My heart was also in my throat on several occasions... OMG!!!! THAT ENDING!!!! LOVE, LOVE, ABSOLUTELY LOVED!!!! Clear your schedules as you won't be able to put this book down!... Kept me turning the pages late at night!!!!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... I really didn't want to put this book down for even a second. Totally immersive. Bravo!!!' Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

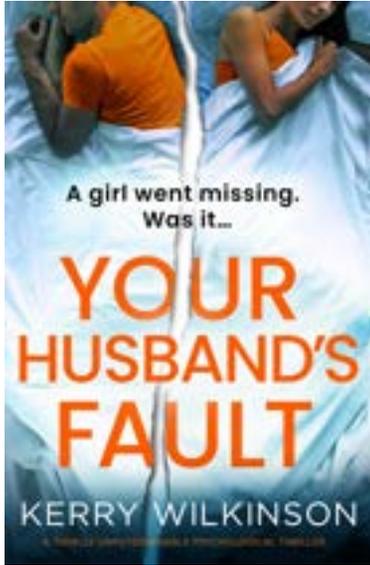
Merryn taught university literature for many years, and it took a while to pluck up the courage to begin writing herself. Bringing the past to life is a passion and her historical fiction includes Regency romances, wartime sagas and timeslip novels, all of which have a mystery at their heart. As the 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



Crime Thriller

260 pages | Pub Date 9/5/2025 | 9781836185840 | Unaged

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Your Husband's Fault Kerry Wilkinson

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Shari Lapena and The Perfect Marriage.

Kerry Wilkinson's titles have sold over 790,000 units and have 58M KU page reads. Your Husband's Fault reached the top 100 on the Amazon UK Kindle charts.

Editor's Note

What if you were desperate to move to the charming little village where your husband grew up... but the very first thing your new neighbours ask is 'don't you know what your husband did?'. Back at school, his best friend went missing: and nobody around here thinks he is innocent. Kerry drops our protagonist into an impossible situation and paints a picture of a totally 'perfect' little town where absolutely nothing is as it seems. I wish I could press this into EVERYBODY'S hands: this is bestselling and award-winning thriller writer Kerry Wilkinson, author of more than fifty novels, in his absolute best form.

Retail Description

Sarah is so happy to have moved from the city to her husband's small hometown. James was strangely reluctant at first – but she convinced him their little cottage is the perfect place to settle down. The perfect place to give their six-year-old son a new life.

But then a woman at the school gates asks Sarah if she is really married to 'that man'. 'Which man?' Sarah asks. The woman replies...

'Don't you know what your husband did?'

Because Sarah and James moving back has caused old wounds to surface. James' best friend, Lucy, went missing 20 years ago. Everyone thinks he was responsible.

Sarah is reeling. Why did James never tell her about Lucy? What really happened to the missing girl?

And can Sarah ever trust the man she married again?

Reviews for Kerry Wilkinson

'Had me hooked from the very first page... So suspenseful... One of those books that makes you want to keep reading much longer than you should on a school night... really brilliant.' Littleluxurieslibrary, ★★★★★

'OMG this book was amazing!... That ending! I'm shook!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

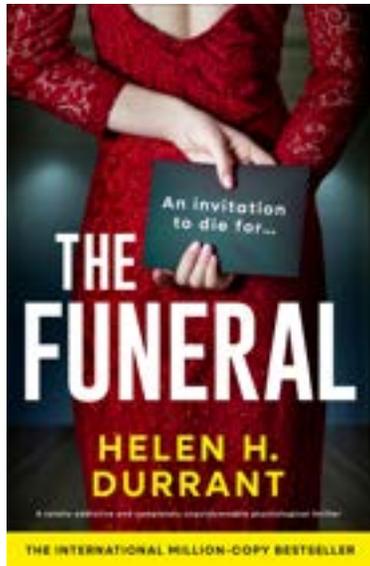
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

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The Funeral Helen H. Durrant

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *Gone Girl* and *The Perfect Marriage*

Editor's Note

Helen H. Durrant is an Amazon number one bestselling author and we are delighted to be publishing her first ever psychological thriller. It's an exciting new chapter for Helen as she takes her page-turning crime narratives and super twisty plots to a new genre. In this book, our protagonist receives and invite to a funeral with no name, but an insistence that she be there. Intrigued by the mysterious invite, she heads to the funeral only to discover her own name on the coffin. It's a name she hasn't used for many years. Nobody is supposed to know who she is, or what she did, so who invited her to the funeral and what do they want? Full of shocking twists and a climax that will have readers' jaws dropping, this is a book not to be missed!

Retail Description

The invitation is anonymous. It doesn't say whose funeral I must attend. I don't want to go. But I have no choice if I want to keep my terrible secret safe...

As we gather by the graveside, prying eyes behind designer sunglasses take in my every move. I don't recognise anyone. I pull at my dress, wanting to run, but the words on the invitation keep me frozen in place. I can't leave without discovering who sent it. And why.

And then I see it – the name on the gravestone: Alice Anderson. My blood turns to ice. That's my name. I haven't used it for three years. But somehow, someone here knows who I really am...

I can't fall apart now. I can't lose everything I've worked for. So I force my hands to stop shaking and start studying each face in the congregation.

I don't know who the woman in the grave really is. But I have planned for this very moment, and I know exactly what's going to happen next...

Reviews for Helen H. Durrant

'Absolutely loved this!... I was hooked from the beginning... kept me guessing until the end and beyond!... it's a must-read!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'I couldn't put it down! It kept me guessing and frantically turning the pages! Wow!... kept me on pins and needles for this whole book. I loved it!... drew me in immediately I couldn't put it down!... Love, love, loved it!' Arcreviews_by_m, ★★★★★

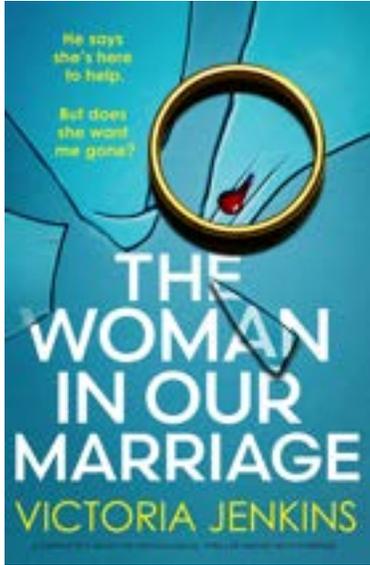
Author Biography

Helen is married with two daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. She lives in the North West of England amid the beautiful, rugged scenery of the Pennine foothills. When Helen was close to retirement, she made the decision to give writing a go. Ever since that first book it's become an obsession. Now, many years retired and although her family tell her to put her feet up, she can't give up writing.



Crime Thriller

250 pages | Pub Date 14/5/2025 | 9781835259528 | Unagented



The Woman in Our Marriage Victoria Jenkins

For fans of *The Wife Between Us*, *The Girl on the Train* and anything by Shari Lapena

Victoria has sold over 700,000 copies and reached the top 20 in the UK, US, CA and AU Amazon charts

Editor's Note

The idea for this thriller came to Vicky in the middle of the night, she pitched it as a one liner to me the following day and from there we worked together to plot out one of the most tense and twist-filled psychological thrillers I've worked on in my time at Bookouture. Told from the point of view of a husband and wife, reeling from the loss of their young child, and the dark secrets they are hiding from each other, this is a thriller with a midpoint twist that will leave you absolutely breathless.

Retail Description

He says she's here to help. But does she want me gone?

After my beautiful daughter Annabelle died in a tragic accident, I thought I would never recover. With my world in pieces, my husband Matthew did what he could to support me and our son, Noah. He hired a young woman, Reka, to help us at home, to be the mother for Noah that I couldn't be. She cares for him like he's her own.

But recently, I've seen her comforting someone else. My husband. They think I don't see what they're doing. But I do.

At first it was stolen glances and whispered conversations. Soon I understand what is really happening. I'm being replaced.

I'll do anything to keep my son with me. But as the tensions between Matthew and Reka rise, I realise that I'm caught in a deadly trap. And one of us won't make it out alive.

A totally addictive, page-turning psychological thriller that will keep you totally hooked. Perfect for fans of *The Wife Between Us*, *The Girl on the Train* and anything by Shari Lapena.

Reviews for Victoria Jenkins

'Wow!!! What a rollercoaster ride of a read!!!!... Absolutely amazing... Gripping and addictive!!! Absolutely devoured it in one sitting!!!!... Absolutely LOVED... Kept me up until the early hours of the morning as I could not put it down!!!' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'It was so hard to put down... Full of surprises and twists, it is a definite page-turner.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

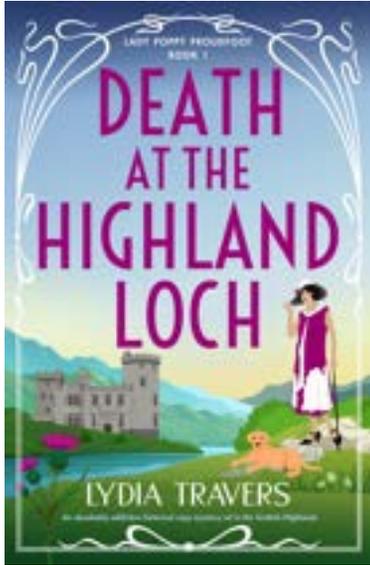
Author Biography

Victoria Jenkins is an English tutor and former secondary school teacher from South Wales who has been writing for years and day-dreaming about becoming a 'proper' writer for the past decade. She has an MA in Creative and Media Writing from the University of Wales, Swansea, where she wrote a lot of poetry while planning a lot of plots she hoped she would one day write. Victoria lives in South Wales with her husband.



Crime Thriller

254 pages | Pub Date 16/5/2025 | 9781836180579 | Unagented



Death at the Highland Loch Lydia Travers

For fans of Helena Dixon, Verity Bright, T.E. Kinsey and Catherine Coles.

Lydia's first series with us has had 18 million KU pages read so far.
The first novel was an Audible #1 bestseller in the US.

Editor's Note

When a murder takes place on a Scottish estate, Lady Poppy Proudfoot is determined to put her problem-solving skills to the test. No matter what the annoyingly handsome Inspector MacKenzie says, she knows she has the brains to solve the case. With the help of her Labrador, Major, she begins to work out why a young man would have been killed on the estate. But when a woman that bears a striking resemblance to Poppy is almost killed, she knows she may be getting too close to the truth. Was she the intended target? And if so, can Poppy solve the case before the killer catches her?

Retail Description

Scotland, 1924: When Lady Poppy Proudfoot arrives in the Highlands for a midsummer party, she's anticipating a lovely stroll around the grounds... not gasps from guests when they hear a body has been found by the loch!

Despite everyone denying knowing the man, they all seem certain it's a tragic accident. Poppy is convinced it's murder, and decides to hunt for clues. But when the police arrive, grumpy Inspector MacKenzie dismisses her, insisting a crime scene is no place for a Lady. The nerve!

With the help of her trusted Labrador, Major, Poppy begins to unpick the case. The victim had links to the country house that Poppy's hosts are desperately trying to hide... Was the killer Freddy the footman, who was seen meeting the dead man by the loch? Or the American actress who's not all that she seems? And what does all of this have to do with a missing diamond bracelet?

When a woman who looks just like Poppy is attacked, she realizes that someone wants her to stop digging. One of the guests is a murderer and a thief, but who? And can Poppy solve the mystery before she finds herself in dangerously deep water?

Reviews for Lydia Travers

'Absolutely loved... Has it all: charm, suspense, and wit... Perfect... Kept me guessing... Had me completely hooked from start to finish.' bookedbycrystal ★★★★★

'I truly loved loved loved this book!!... I can't wait for more!' coffeandfaebles, ★★★★★

Author Biography

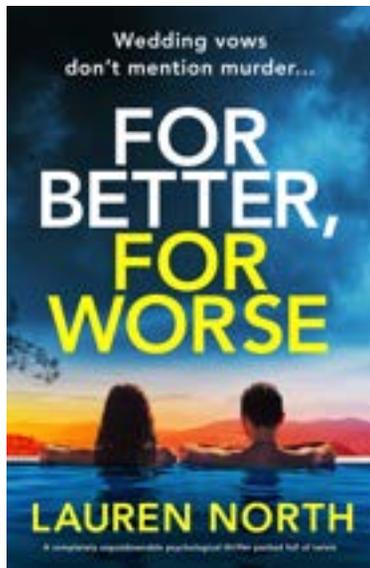
Lydia Travers was born in London. She moved progressively north until settling with her husband in a village on the edge of the Scottish Highlands. She has raised children, bred dogs and kept chickens; and for as long as she can remember has written for pleasure. A former legal academic and practitioner with a PhD in criminology, she now runs self-catering holiday accommodation, sings in a local choir and is walked daily



Crime Thriller

316 pages | Pub Date 19/5/2025 | 9781835258798 | Unagented

Lady Poppy Proudfoot 1



For Better, For Worse Lauren North

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *One of the Girls*, and *The Family Across the Street*

20M pages read in KU across Lauren's titles since May 2023. Lauren has sold over 60k eBook units across all of her books

Editor's Note

Wedding vows don't mention murder... Hannah and Jake just wanted a relaxing pre-wedding getaway. The last thing they could have anticipated happening on their trip was being framed for murder... But who would want to frame them? And are they next on the killer's list...? *For Better, For Worse* is a roller-coaster-paced psychological thriller told through a dual POV where you never know what - or who - to believe, making for two very juicy unreliable narrators. With a race against the clock feel that has you breathlessly flipping the pages, this is an immersive, addictive and entertaining thriller with jaw-dropping twists, misdirects on every page and a last page that packs a real punch. Lauren's clever, won't-see-them-coming red herrings will keep you guessing right up until the last line in her hookiest thriller to date...

Retail Description

The perfect pre-wedding getaway. The perfect murder. The perfect trap...

Jake and I planned our romantic trip to the south of France to unwind from all the stress of organising our wedding and enjoy some blissful, sun-soaked days just the two of us.

But when we return to the villa after a day exploring the stunning countryside, our dream holiday is turned upside down.

Because there, on the beautiful antique rug, is the body of the man everyone saw Jake arguing with in the town square just this morning...

I stop breathing as I take in the scene. The footprints in the same tread as Jake's trainers. The knife I used at breakfast lying near the body, covered in my fingerprints.

I feel dizzy, reaching out for Jake as my knees tremble. He holds me upright, saying nothing. Is someone trying to frame us for this death? If they are, they've set us up flawlessly.

And now we have a choice to make. Call the police and risk everything – or get rid of the body and hope nobody ever finds out...

I'd give anything to go back to the stress of wedding planning, because now I feel nothing but terror.

Who would do something like this? Are we next to die? And why – as I look at my pale, sweating fiancé – do I wonder if he knows more than he's letting on...?

Reviews for Lauren North

'OH MY GOD!!!!... Speechless... Addictive... I've devoured it in one sitting... Completely impossible to put down.'

Littlemissbooklover87, ★★★★★

'Wow wow wow! I am still in shock at that massive twist! Oh my god I did not see that coming at all. I was literally clapping my hands and screaming yesssss what an absolutely incredible twist!' Jessica's Book Biz, ★★★★★

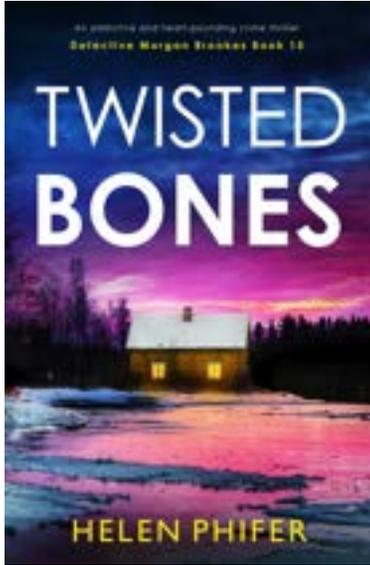
Author Biography

Lauren writes psychological suspense novels that delve into the darker side of relationships and families. She has a lifelong passion for writing, reading, and all things books. Lauren's love of psychological suspense has grown since childhood and her dark imagination of always wondering what's the worst thing that could happen in every situation. Lauren studied psychology before moving to London where she lived and worked



Crime Thriller

300 pages | Pub Date 20/5/2025 | 9781836186281 | Amanda Preston, Luigi Bonomi Associates



Twisted Bones Helen Phifer

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Rachel McLean.

Over 400,000 copies sold of *One Left Alive*, the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. Top 25 Amazon US and UK author.

Editor's Note

One of Detective Morgan Brookes' best friends is caught up in a killer's complex web, in the fifteenth thriller in Helen Phifer's bestselling series. With more than 750,000 copies sold in English and German, this series has been wowing audiences for years, and preorders continue to increase book on book. When a skeletal hand is found reaching out of the glistening lake beside Morgan's aunt's cottage in the woods in the Lake District, Morgan is plunged into the most terrifying case of her career.

Retail Description

When Detective Morgan Brookes is urgently called to her Aunt Ettie's cottage, hidden in Covel Woods, she rushes to the scene. Panicked Ettie is shaken having discovered the chilling remains of a woman in the river, one skeletal hand reaching out from the deep water.

The unknown woman was dressed to walk the rugged trails of the Lake District, so Morgan's team assume she fell in the water and was taken by the current. But thin diagonal bruises on her neck suggest something far more sinister. A faded red rose tattoo helps Morgan identify her as a homeless woman who went missing seven years ago, and Morgan is horrified to discover Martha stole nappies and baby formula just before she disappeared. Did she have a child? Where is the poor baby now?

Desperately searching through cold case files, Morgan discovers that schoolteacher Aria Burns went missing from the same busy area, the same week as Martha. But her horror quickly turns to hope when she sees the autopsy results from Martha's frozen remains. She was killed recently; if Aria was taken by the same killer, she could still be alive.

Morgan is certain a twisted individual is stalking Rydal Falls, and Martha's body was dumped to signal the beginning of his cruel game. But just as she finds a clear suspect in a visitor with links to the area where Martha and Aria went missing, another body surfaces. Can she uncover the truth about Martha, and find Aria alive? Or is she already too late?

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Wow!!!!... I did NOT in a million years see THAT coming!!!!... I smashed this in one sitting and could not sleep until I finished it which ended up being 3am!!!!... Absolutely unputdownable page-turning book... Absolutely LOVED IT... I was just gobsmacked by the twist... Will stay with me for a long time.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'I devoured it over two evenings (I was working both days or I'd have read it quicker) – and I stayed up until WAY past my bedtime on the first night because I didn't want to put it down!' Urban Sannhire ★★★★★

Author Biography

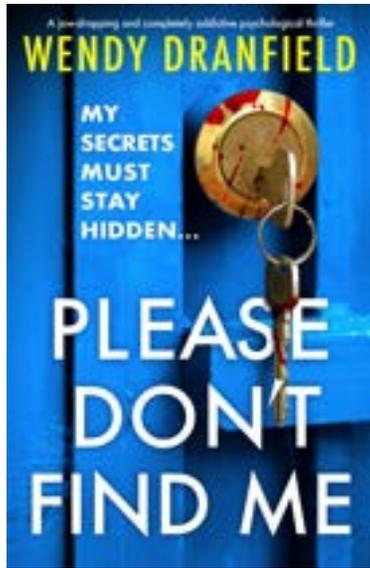
Helen Phifer's love of reading began with Enid Blyton, before progressing on to Laura Ingalls Wilder and scaring herself with Steven King. If she can't write for any particular reason she finds herself getting itchy fingers and really irritable. She loves reading as much as writing.



Crime Thriller

262 pages | Pub Date 21/5/2025 | 9781836188490 | Unagented

Detective Morgan Brookes 15



Please Don't Find Me Wendy Dranfield

For fans of Lisa Jewell, Gillian Flynn and Alice Hunter

The Detective Madison Harper series has sold over 100,000 copies
and had over 70 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

Wendy's third crime/psych thriller standalone for us has an absolutely jaw-dropping conceit: devoted wife and mother Julia is not all she seems. Addicted to killing, she knows she must stop - so when her husband and the only one who kept her safe from herself dies, she knows its time to take action. She kidnaps a therapist and forces shock treatment - will she be able to cure herself before she hurts anyone else? This page-turning and gasp-worthy read has all of Wendy's signature twists and turns and truly leaves the reader guessing to the last page. Brilliant at creating complex and psychologically layered characters, the action all takes place against a spooky and chilling small-town American landscape.

Retail Description

My heart is hammering furiously as the bedroom door creaks open. As soon as I see my husband's lifeless body, I know I have to run.

There are three things I know to be true.

ONE. My husband knew my secret.

TWO. He is dead, and my daughter and I are in danger.

THREE. I will do anything to protect my child, whatever the cost.

Now I'm huddled against a wall in a locked room with my darling daughter curled up at my side. A tap drips slowly in the corner as I piece together the night before. We were taken from our beds before we could run. Who has done this? And where are they taking us? We need to escape this dark cabin. But we can't go home. We must go where no one will follow us. My secret means we will always be hunted by those who wish me harm, but I will do anything to keep my daughter safe.

Because the final thing I know to be true is this:

Please don't look for me. You won't like what you find.

Reviews for Wendy Dranfield

"What. A. Book... This is a gripping and toe-curlingly suspenseful book. Five stars just aren't enough." B for Book Review, 

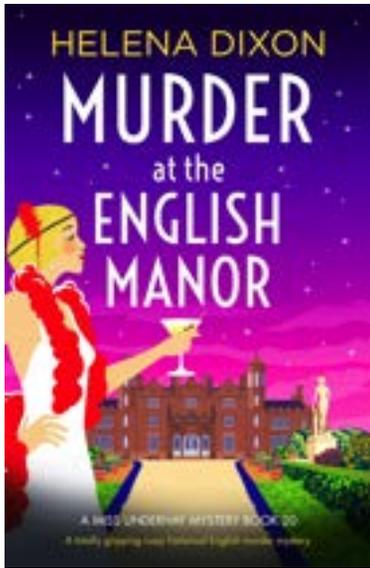
"Jaw-dropping, pulse-pounding... So gripping that five stars hardly feel like enough... This book had me completely hooked. I don't think my jaw ever left the floor... A must-read." Goodreads reviewer, 

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 Mslexia Novel Competition.

Crime Thriller

310 pages | Pub Date 22/5/2025 | 9781836183969 | Unagented



Murder at the English Manor Helena Dixon

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

A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. The series has sold more than 395,000 copies and has more than 135M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

This is such a brilliant title, it's quintessential Helena Dixon! A crumbling manor in Devon, a glamorous ball, champagne flowing... and then a body in the grounds. One of the maids is dead, and Kitty and Matt need to find the killer before someone else is targeted. As ever with Helena, plenty of brilliant twists and turns and a fabulously shocking reveal at the end!

Retail Description

A glamorous engagement celebration in an English country manor house... and a local maid dead. Somebody call Kitty Underhay!

At home in Devon, Kitty is attending a ball at the very grand Markham Hall. With celebrations in full swing and everyone kitted out in their glad rags, Kitty and Matt enjoy the champagne. But the next morning, the party feels well and truly over when Kitty stumbles across a body while out walking her dog, Bertie. The maid Agnes is dead, and everyone at Markham Hall is a suspect...

Kitty and Matt set about piecing together the puzzle as the streamers are swept away and empty glasses gathered up. But who could be responsible for the body? The other maids seem shifty; Lord and Lady Faversham, the hosts, are not without motive, and even Kitty's grandmother is keeping her cards close to her chest this time...

But then a safe filled with precious jewels has its lock broken, and another body is found tangled up in the weeds of the lake in the grounds. Kitty wonders if the poor guest knew their dancing days were almost over when they were merrily sipping punch the night before? And what secrets are the other guests hiding...

Can Kitty save the next victim at the eleventh hour? Or will this really be a weekend to die for?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I LOVED this book!... Just perfection. If I had to sum this book up in three words it would be WOW WOW WOW.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... I absolutely loved... Unputdownable... Absolutely addictive... Kept me turning the pages late at night!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

Author Biography

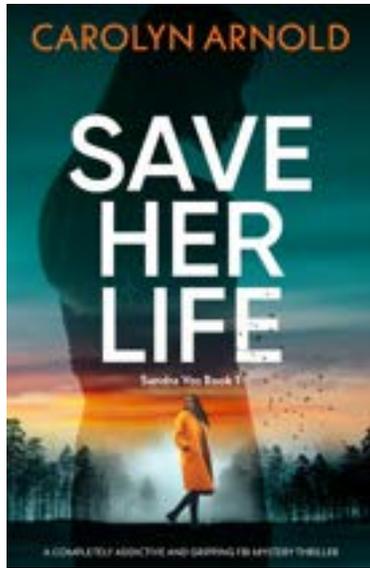
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 23/5/2025 | 9781835257760 | Kate Nash, Kate Nash Literary Agency

A Miss Underhay Mystery 20



Save Her Life Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Kendra Elliot's Mercy Kilpatrick series, Mary Stone and Elle Gray

Carolyn's Detective Amanda Steele series has sold over 620,000 copies and had over 55 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

FBI Agent Sandra Vos is one of the most experienced negotiators in her field. Over the course of twenty years she has worked her way to the top of a male-dominated field and has secured a life for herself that she could only ever dream of. But what happens when her own daughter is kidnapped and she has to fight for her return? When Carolyn first pitched this series, I knew Sandra Vos was an agent who would really resonate with our readers: she's feisty, determined, loyal to her team and she knows tragedy in her own life. It's this unique skill that connects her to both the victims and sometimes the criminals she is hunting down. Once you've read one Sandra Vos you will definitely be wanting more.

Retail Description

The tears fall down the girl's pale face as she desperately tries to struggle free from the ties around her wrists. The only sound in the room other than her muffled cries is the ticking of a clock. Her mother has less than one hour to find her alive.

It's been more than thirty years since Special Agent Sandra Vos's twin brother was shot dead, an innocent victim caught in a kidnap gone wrong. It devastated Sandra's family, but it made her who she is today, one of the FBI's most successful negotiators.

After dropping her teenage daughter, Olivia, at school, Sandra is alerted to a potential hostage situation at her local grocery store and races to the scene. A man has pulled out a gun and is refusing to talk or let anyone out of the building until his demands are met. The fate of dozens of lives rests in Sandra's hands.

But as Sandra starts to make a breakthrough with the hostage taker, she receives a call that makes her blood run cold. Someone has taken Olivia, and their demand will push Sandra to her absolute limit. If it's not met within twenty-four hours, she will never see her daughter again. Sandra knows she should step aside, letting her team take over, but she doesn't trust anyone else to bring Olivia home alive. Breaking every rule in the book, Sandra is ready to go into her most personal negotiation yet. But how much will she have to sacrifice to save her daughter?

Reviews for Carolyn Arnold

"10/10, a million stars. I absolutely could not put this book down. I was disappointed that I had to work this week and couldn't just sit and crush the whole book at once... Just absolutely unputdownable!" Read_and_rescue, ★★★★★

"I literally couldn't tear my mind away from this book. When I wasn't reading, I was thinking about it... I just wanted to keep reading!" Leannebookstagram, ★★★★★

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

306 pages | Pub Date 27/5/2025 | 9781835259177 | Unagented

Sandra Vos 1



One Big Happy Family Sam Vickery

For fans of Liane Moriarty, Freida McFadden and Lisa Jewell

Sam Vickery's titles have sold over 75,000 copies and have 21M KU page reads. *The Perfect Baby* and *The Child at My Door* both reached the top 50 on Amazon UK.

Editor's Note

An emotionally charged, tense thriller about a missing child, from Kindle bestseller Sam Vickery. When Carrie's two year old daughter disappears from a local beach, everyone begins a frantic search, including Carrie's ex, and his new girlfriend Leah. But soon Carrie and Leah begin to suspect one another of being involved. This dual POV thriller is softer and more emotional in tone than some of Sam's psychological offerings, throwing readers into complex family dynamics and the impossible question: why would someone have their own child kidnapped?

Retail Description

Watching my beautiful baby Ava play in the sand, I can't believe how much joy she's brought me. I look at my older two, their hair sparkling in the sun in the heat of the afternoon. But when I turn back, Ava is gone...

Everyone rushes to the beach to help search for Ava, but there's no trace of her perfect ringlet curls anywhere nearby. My ex-husband Jimmy is just as terrified as I am. When he left me for his beautiful new girlfriend Leah, I thought we'd lost one another forever. But I know we'll find Ava. Together.

The police begin a frantic search, but soon their questions turn to me: how could someone have taken Ava when I was sitting beside her? Are they saying I had something to do with it? I hear hushed whispers that my two older children would be safer in Leah's care, and my mind rushes back to the mistakes in my past; a time I thought I didn't deserve to have my own children.

But then they show me footage of Ava on a bus. Held tightly by an elderly woman who looks just like Leah's mother. I've seen the way Leah clings on tightly to Jimmy, has moulded herself into the perfect housewife, never letting him lift a finger and baking my children's favourite dinners every day.

I will do whatever it takes to find Ava, but when I do, will I lose custody of my darling girl?

Reviews for Sam Vickery

'WOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOW... If I could rate this above 5, believe me I would!!!... Wow... A true page-turner... The twists, the turns, had me holding my breath... HONESTLY the plot twist in this book you just won't see it coming!!!... Truly an amazing book!!' [whatsarahreads.x](#), ★★★★★

'What an amazing unputdownable story! I started reading this book just before bed last night and the next thing I knew it was the early hours and I'd finished it. I couldn't stop reading, I just had to know how it would end... My heart broke... I was on the edge of my seat One that will stick with me forever!' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

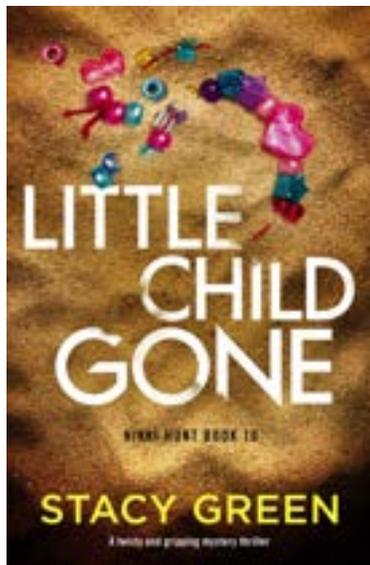
Author Biography

Sam Vickery is an English author who loves gritty, emotional stories that can make you sob. As a child, she was forever getting in trouble for being caught with her nose in a book, and these days are no different. She lives on the south coast of England with her husband, two children and a cat that thinks it's a dog.



Crime Thriller

294 pages | Pub Date 28/5/2025 | 9781835258590 | Unagented



Little Child Gone Stacy Green

For fans of Lisa Regan, Mary Burton and Kendra Elliot.

Over 360,000 Stacy Green books sold and over 65 million KU pages read.

Editor's Note

The 10th police procedural in a bestselling series from Stacy Green. A missing boy and a cold case connect in the atmospheric small town of Stillwater. And Special Agent Nikki Hunt is called into the most complex case of her career.

Retail Description

Standing in the old farmhouse, Special Agent Nikki Hunt holds her breath as the smell of bleach overwhelms her. She can't take her eyes off the blue baby toys scattered around the floor as her team examine the remains. A housekeeper and her three children disappeared from the property ten years ago. Do the bones belong to two of them? Did the other two survive?

But before Nikki has a chance to investigate further, she receives a panicked call from the local sheriff begging for her help: fourteen-year-old Taylor Hall has gone missing. In the boy's grand family home, Nikki finds his mother and father utterly distraught, but there are whispers about his mother's drinking habit. Despite the younger children's rosy cheeks, and the plates of homemade fudge, is this family hiding secrets?

While digging into Taylor's life, Nikki spots a crumpled note sticking out of his locker at school. Her finger traces the exact date the housekeeper went missing from the old farmhouse, and a name: "Bailey". Is this Taylor? As a child, did he survive what happened all those years ago? Or is someone playing a cruel game with Nikki?

The truth about Taylor's real family is deadlier than Nikki could imagine, and he will have to dig deeper than ever before to save him. Can she unravel the terrible events of the past and protect more than one innocent life before her time runs out?

Reviews for Stacy Green

"OMG!!!!!! Wow!!!!!! Loved!!!!!! I was gripped from the very first chapter... So addicting... Had me flipping through the pages so fast so I could find out what happened next. It kept me on my toes the entire time... I was speechless and had to read it again."
Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"WOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOWOW!! This book!... I couldn't stop... explosive!... LOVED." Zooloo's Book Diary, ★★★★★

Author Biography

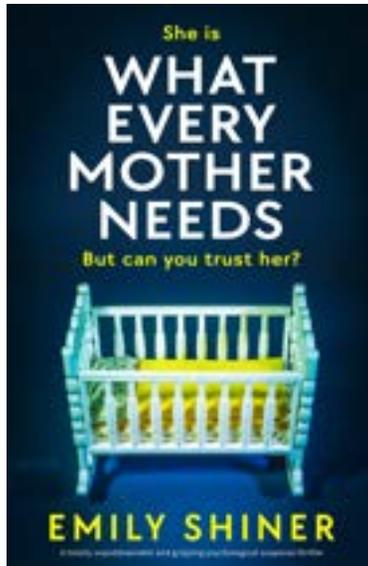
Stacy Green is the bestselling author of more than 10 award-winning novels and nonfiction short stories. The Erin Prince series has been optioned for television by a major production team. All Good Deeds (Lucy Kendall #1) won a bronze medal for mystery and thriller at the 2015 IPPY Awards. Tin God (Delta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



Crime Thriller

258 pages | Pub Date 29/5/2025 | 9781836186113 | Unagented

Nikki Hunt 10



What Every Mother Needs Emily Shiner

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and *The Girl in Seat 2A*

Emily Shiner's novels have sold over 44,000 copies and had over 38M KU pages read to date

Editor's Note

Two women. One husband. One newborn baby. Throw all your expectations out of the window for this one! This author is the queen of the unexpected and things get wild here. A woman turns up on Charlotte's doorstep, seemingly claiming to be her dead boyfriend's sister... But there's a reason she's really here, and it gets very dark! Again, Emily has made the use of anonymous chapters here that help to ramp up the tension as we speed towards the OMG reveal at the midpoint. Emily Shiner's titles are always totally bingeable and you'll fly through.

Retail Description

She's what every mother needs. But can you trust her?

Charlotte: Since my husband Lawrence died it's just me and our sweet baby girl Jordan. It's so hard raising her alone. Then Sophie shows up at my door. She says she is Lawrence's sister... and she seems like a blessing in disguise. But with her in my house, looking through my things, it's going to be difficult to keep the secrets about my marriage hidden...

Sophie: Charlotte didn't recognize me. That isn't surprising. She seems frantic, and I know she's not sleeping. I hear her tossing and turning while I rock her baby to sleep. When Jordan stares up at me with those big blue eyes, my heart melts. Charlotte doesn't deserve such a gorgeous child. Not after what she did.

It's clear to anyone that Charlotte isn't coping. All she needs is a little push to send her over the edge... And then I'll finally get what I really came for.

Both of these women are liars. One of them is a killer. Who is really in danger in this house?

Reviews for Emily Shiner

"WOW WOW WOW what a rollercoaster book this is. I absolutely loved this... Brilliant... Leaves you sitting on the edge of your seat... My favourite." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

"Amazing... I read this entire thing in less than 12 hours... So gripping, I had to finish it as quickly as possible! kept me hooked until the very end! ... Fantastic!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

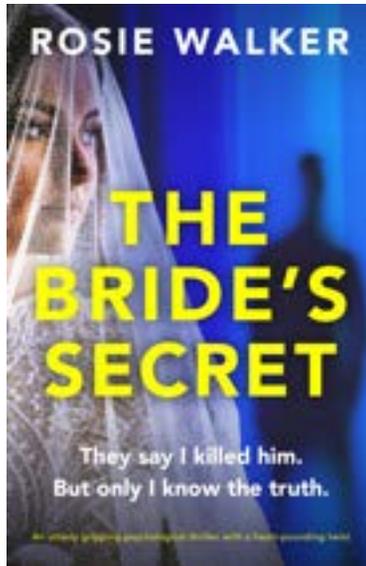
Author Biography

Emily Shiner always dreamed of becoming an author. After spending years devouring stacks of thrillers, she decided to try her hand at writing them herself. Now she gets to live out her dream of writing novels and sharing her stories with people around the world. She lives in the Appalachian Mountains and loves hiking with her husband, daughter, and their two dogs.



Crime Thriller

328 pages | Pub Date 30/5/2025 | 9781836186700 | Unagented



The Bride's Secret Rosie Walker

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *Gone Girl* or *The Woman in the Window*

Editor's Note

It's the happiest day of your life. You wake on your wedding day, rolling over to embrace your fiancé but instead find his body cold. With a scream you realise he's dead, murdered in a way that feels all too familiar. You can't call the police, whoever did this wanted you to be caught. And whoever killed him knew enough about your past to make you look very guilty...

This is a heart-racing psych thriller with a second act twist that will leave your jaw on the floor. This is our third thriller with Rosie Walker and it's her paciest, twistiest book yet.

Retail Description

My heart skips a beat as I rise from my chair, champagne glass in hand. I gaze into my husband-to-be's soft brown eyes as I toast to our love, relief running through me that tomorrow is our wedding day. After we say, 'I do', no one will ever know my secret...

Our friends and family cheers to the happy couple, and I feel like I'm in a dream. I've carried my dark past alone for years, but Robert changed everything. When he held me close and asked me to marry him I knew this was my chance to start over, and leave my ghosts behind.

But as I wake up on what was meant to be the best day of my life, I roll over to find my fiancé ice cold and stifle a scream. He's been dead for hours. And there's a knife in my hand.

Reviews for Rosie Walker

'Oh my god!... Absolutely thrilling! Full of twists and turns. My jaw was hanging open.' Jessicasbookbiz ★★★★★

'I was hooked... I loved it! The ending was one word: WOW!' Arcreviews_by_m ★★★★★

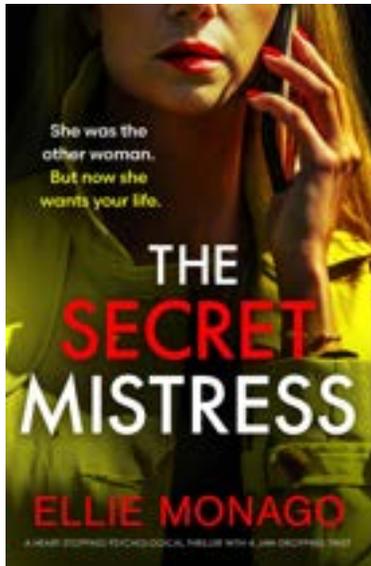
Author Biography

Rosie Walker writes psychological thrillers about mysteries, secrets, lies, and strange people. Rosie was born in North Yorkshire and has lived in Lincolnshire, Lancashire, Birmingham, Ohio and Texas, and has yet to live in a house with a secret passageway, hidden basement or a long-forgotten sealed-up room, but still holds out hope. She now lives in Edinburgh with her husband Kevin, their daughter Elsie and their Cypriot rescue



Crime Thriller

308 pages | Pub Date 4/6/2025 | 9781836180814 | Unagented



The Secret Mistress Ellie Monago

For fans of *The Perfect Marriage*, *The Wife Between Us* and *The Wives*

Sold over 190,000 copies across two thriller titles with Lake Union.
She has also published psych suspense with HarperCollins.

Editor's Note

Another twisty, psychologically intelligent domestic suspense from Ellie Monago. This time, recently widowed Maren is confronted by a woman called Jade standing on her doorstep. Jade claims that she was the mistress of Maren's dead husband, and this adorable son is the product of that relationship. Maren's world collapses in on itself. All she ever wanted was a child - maybe this boy could act as a proxy? What follows is a deliciously dark cat-and-mouse between Jade and Maren. Jade needs Maren's money. Maren needs to play 'mother'. This battle of wills will end in catastrophe, and many shock reveals along the way...

Retail Description

Our first mistake was trusting him. Our second was underestimating how far we would both go to hide our own dark secrets...

THE WIFE: Before my husband died, we were the perfect couple. Or so I thought. When a woman claiming to have been his mistress shows up on my doorstep with a child she says is his, I know she must be lying. Who is she and what does she want?

THE MISTRESS: I don't want to tell his widow the truth about the man she married. But if I don't get what I need, everything will have to come out. And what I know has the power to destroy her life.

We have both done things we wouldn't want anyone to ever know about. If anyone found out, it would be the end of us. But if she tells, I tell...

And someone will have to die before this is over...

Reviews for Ellie Monago

"Holy Moley!... Told at a head spinning pace, the twists and surprises will keep readers gasping til the end." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wow! Sit down and hold on for the ride!... Perfect... I was hooked from the first page and blown away wow!" Arcreviews_by_m, ★★★★★

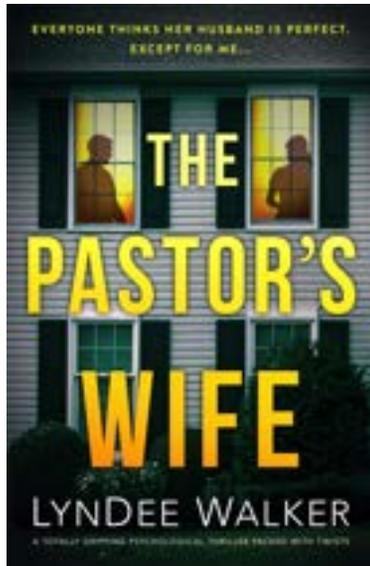
Author Biography

Ellie Monago is a novelist and practicing therapist. She's also a wife and mother, and when you add it all up, she doesn't wind up with much time for hobbies. But she's an avid tennis fan, a passionate reader of both fiction and nonfiction—especially memoir (nothing's as juicy as the truth!)—and she relishes a good craft cocktail.



Crime Thriller

320 pages | Pub Date 10/6/2025 | 9781836187004 | Unagented



The Pastor's Wife LynDee Walker

For fans of Freida McFadden, Jeneva Rose and Gone Girl.

Editor's Note

LynDee is an established police procedural author in the USA, and her books have generated over USD \$2,000,000 in revenue. She has an excellent review average and an established army of fans. THE PASTOR'S WIFE is her first psychological thriller, tapping into 'the wife' trope but with a difference. Narrated by two females, Mary (the pastor's wife) and Martha (both with dark secrets) THE PASTOR'S WIFE is THE HOUSEMAID meets DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES meets BIG LOVE with page-turning pacing and a narrative voice you won't forget.

Retail Description

Everyone thinks her husband is perfect. Except me...

Every day, I watch Mary, the pastor's angelic wife. I see her on her hands and knees, scrubbing the floor of her gleaming kitchen that smells of cookies, singing as she goes. I see her fluff her gleaming halo of blond hair as she rushes to the door to kiss her movie-star handsome husband when he returns home. But I also see the pastor's secretive aura, the way he slips his phone into his pocket whenever anyone gets close to him, the chips of ice in his eyes if his dinner isn't fixed perfectly, the way he checks the furniture with white gloves.

I'll do anything to protect Mary. I'll never get over how she rescued me from that dingy motel room, gave me a job as pastor Tim's secretary and pressed a little silver key into my hand, to the apartment over their garage. To protect Mary, I need to find out more about her husband, and to do that I need to wear my clothes a little tighter, smile at him a little brighter ...

But then I discover something shocking about Mary that makes me question everything about my perfect friend. As I lift the lid on their secrets, I need to fade into the background, be silent, go unnoticed. I know I have no business in their home but if they find out who I am and what I have done, then they'll see how far just how far I'm willing to go to protect my new life...

Reviews for LynDee Walker

'SO GOOD!! Twists and turns started being thrown at me, and I couldn't keep up. It was a truly fantastic book, and I definitely recommend!!!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'My jaw dropped so many times reading this, I lost count... The storyline, the plot twists, the characters... so good! Highly recommend!' Sleuthingthroughthestacks, ★★★★★

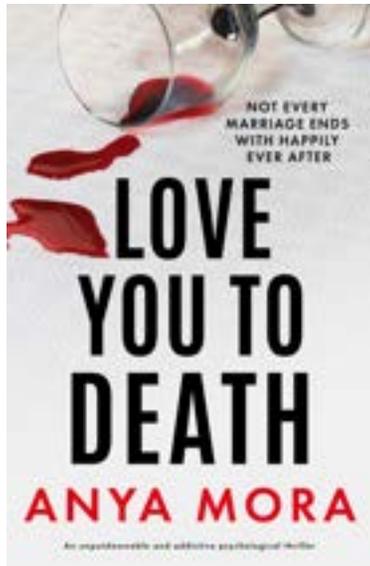
Author Biography

LynDee Walker writes about strong women who can't seem to stay out of trouble. Her books have appeared on finalist lists for the Agatha and International Thriller awards—and once, on a major US national bestsellers list smack in between two of her writing heroes. She's the author of more than 20 novels, as well as several novellas and short stories, so she's usually writing when she's not juggling laundry and children's



Crime Thriller

382 pages | Pub Date 16/6/2025 | 9781836189060 | John Talbot, The Talbot Fortune Agency



Love You to Death Anya Mora

For fans of Freida McFadden's *The Housemaid*, *The Girl on the Train* and Colleen Hoover's *Verity*

Bestselling author of *Not My Baby*. Anya's titles have driven \$385k total US revenue and £126k total UK revenue

Editor's Note

Not long after Anna's new fiancé moves in, objects belonging to her late husband start appearing in the house. At first, she thinks they are innocent mistakes, but as the messages grow more sinister, she knows that someone isn't happy that she's remarrying... but who? As she spirals into fear, she is faced with the question: How well do any of us know the ones we love? Another gripping and unrelentingly twisty psychological suspense thriller from Anya Mora.

Retail Description

Since the death of my first husband, I know how deadly love can be... When Theo died, I swore I would never re-marry. But then I meet Parker, and I find I can't say no to a second chance at happiness.

But after we get engaged, strange things start happening. I find Theo's sweater hanging in the wardrobe, and his wedding band on the bathroom sink. Our old wedding album is on the coffee table, and I can smell my late husband's cologne in the air.

Parker is sure it's my daughter Sadie playing a practical joke, still hurting after the death of her father. But I start to wonder if it's my in-laws, angry about my new marriage. Then I become terrified it's something darker...

When a photo of my late husband and my daughter appears on my bedside table, her smiling face scratched out with something sharp, a shiver runs down my spine. Is someone coming for my child?

My world is crumbling. But whoever is behind this doesn't know the lies I buried with my first marriage. They don't know the dark secret I have hidden in the attic. And if someone is threatening my daughter, they have no idea how far I'll go to keep her safe...

Reviews for Anya Mora

"Grips you from the very first page and doesn't let go... as heart-wrenching as it is thrilling. Razor-sharp, with each twist landing like a gut punch, keeping you breathless until the final, jaw-dropping revelation.... An emotional rollercoaster that will haunt you long after you turn the last page. A must-read... Gripping... Outstanding!!!" [booked_this_weekend](#) ★★★★★

"Addictive... I could NOT stop reading this!!!!... Keeps you hooked from page one!.... Just enough clues to keep you guessing... Absolutely loved this book!! Amazing" [Justairl and herbooks](#) ★★★★★

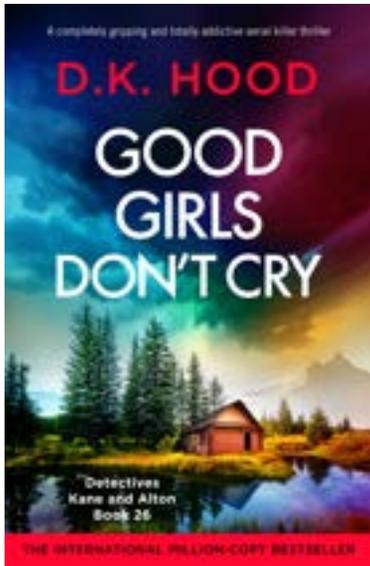
Author Biography

Anya Mora lives a ferry ride from Seattle, WA with her family. Her novels, while leaning toward the dark, ultimately reflect light, courage, and her innate belief that love rewards the brave.



Crime Thriller

288 pages | Pub Date 23/6/2025 | 9781836184669 | Sarah Hershman, Hershman Rights Management



Good Girls Don't Cry D.K. Hood

For fans of Lisa Regan, Melinda Leigh and Kendra Elliot

D.K. Hood is a USA Today bestselling author. The Detectives Kane and Alton series has sold over 1 million units and been translated into French and German

Editor's Note

This is the twenty-sixth book in this beloved crime series from bestselling author D.K. Hood. The series is loved by police procedural fans because of the author's dark and fast-paced writing and her ability to hide the killer from view – she always writes jaw-dropping twists! In this book, a limousine filled with excited school leavers goes missing and one by one, the bodies are discovered in remote parts of the dark woodland surrounding Black Rock Falls. Sheriff Jenna Alton and her partner Deputy David Kane jump into action to catch the killer. Can they find them before more lives are taken?

Retail Description

When news of a missing limousine reaches Sheriff Jenna Alton and her deputy, David Kane, they fear for the lives of the ten teenagers who were inside and should have been enjoying their prom night. After picking up each passenger from their home, instead of heading to prom, the car turned towards the darkness of the forest around Black Rock Falls. Has there been a tragic accident, or has something more sinister happened to the teenagers?

Hours later, Jenna's team discovers the bodies of the five boys from the car, and her heart shatters when she realises the girls are still missing. The killer has taken them, and he hasn't left a single trace.

Jenna knows time is running out for the teenagers when a body is discovered hanging from the branches of a tree, and another is found laid on a boulder nearby, still wearing her prom dress. Taking in the scene, she spots something that makes her pulse race – the girls' bodies have been displayed just like on a previous murder case she worked. Is there a copycat killer on the loose?

With three young girls unaccounted for, Jenna's team works around the clock in the dense woodland looking for clues before they find themselves under attack as well. Jenna knows one thing for sure—the murderer wants to take as many lives as possible. As she reads the notes on her past case, her heart races with worry about what kind of monster she is about to face. Has Jenna finally met her match? And will the missing girls ever come home?

Reviews for D.K. Hood

"A chilling pulse-pounding thriller... A must-read... Will leave you breathless." Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars

"Five stars just don't feel like enough. That's why I'm giving the whole night sky full of stars." B for bookreview, 5 stars

Author Biography

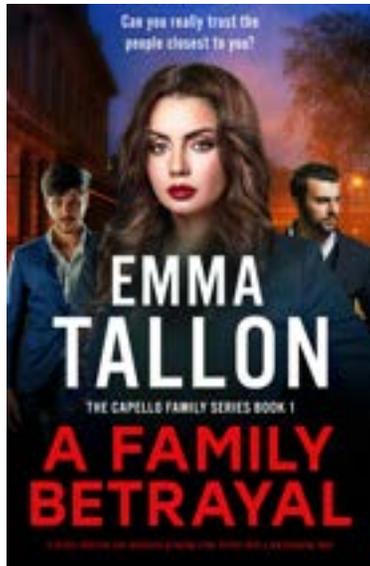
Born in London, D.K. travelled extensively before settling in sunny Australia. Her interest in the development of forensic science to solve crime goes back many years. She is an avid reader of crime, mystery and thrillers. Writing in this genre has been an exciting adventure for her but nothing could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



Crime Thriller

270 pages | Pub Date 24/6/2025 | 9781836187288 | Unagented

Detectives Kane and Alton 26



A Family Betrayal Emma Tallon

For fans of Martina Cole and Kimberley Chambers

Emma's books have sold more than 260,000 copies and have 60M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

From bestselling crime author, Emma Tallon, comes this super twisty and absolutely addictive new gangland series. Family is everything to the Capellos and they will stop at nothing to protect each other and the North London firm they have spent a lifetime building. God help anyone who crosses them! In this first outing, the Capellos are tested to their limits when a rival firm encroaches on their patch, and when a stranger comes to their door begging for help and they agree to take her under their wing, they soon realise there is more to her than they first thought. Did they trust the wrong person? And did they just put their lives in unthinkable danger?

Retail Description

Maria Capello stands at the graveside of a friend, solemn faced, her eyes scan those around her. For Maria, today isn't about saying goodbye, it's about protecting her family and making sure their biggest secret stays buried. If anyone found out who was really in that coffin, her whole family could be in unthinkable danger.

Dressed in his uniform sharp black suit, Alex Capello checks his phone as sips on an espresso. His wife hasn't come home from another night out in Soho and he doesn't have time for an argument today. He's got business to deal with, and if he's off his game, the whole firm could go up in smoke. Family means everything to Alex, and he'll do whatever it takes to keep them safe.

Antonio Capello knows he's the black sheep of the family. But he's here for a good time, not a long time. As he takes a hammer from the boot of his car, he says a prayer to God. Whatever happens in the next five minutes will either save the family or bring a world of pain their way. Never one to shy away from a fight, he's about to take on their biggest rival, even if his brother and sister have no idea what he's up to...

As the most powerful firm in North London, the Capellos are used to fighting for their business, but now they're about to face their biggest threat yet – one from inside their own family. When the ultimate betrayal is unveiled, their loyalty to each other is tested. Can they survive or will bad blood finally kill the Capellos off for good?

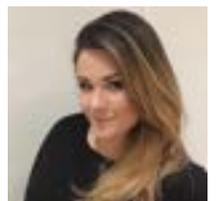
Reviews for Emma Tallon

★★★★★ 'Filled with drama, secrets, revenge and heart-stopping moments... I have been unwilling to put it down... Had me hooked... The Feud has it all... Kept me on the edge of my seat, my pulse racing, my heart pounding, and I become fully immersed... Missing this would mean missing out.' Little Miss Book lover 87

★★★★★ 'Gripping series! Wow!!! Started this book and could not stop reading it until I'd finished!! Every time I thought I had sussed things out along came another surprise!! I LOVED IT!!!' Goodreads reviewer

Author Biography

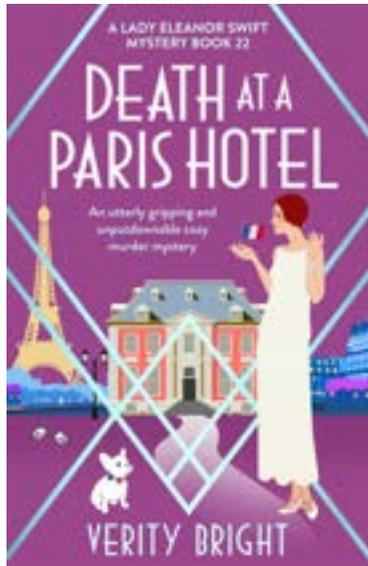
Emma Tallon is a British writer and mother to a young son. She started her writing career several years ago, as a freelance ghostwriter. Behind the scenes she has crafted some of the most adventurous, edgy and heart-wrenching stories you will find in bookshops today. More recently, Emma decided to step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



Crime Thriller

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The Capello Family Series 1



Death at a Paris Hotel Verity Bright

For fans of T.E. Kinsey, Catherine Coles and Lee Strauss

The bestselling A Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series has sold over 490,000 copies and has over 170 million KU pages read.

Editor's Note

Retail Description

Newlyweds Lady Swift and Detective Hugh Seldon are honeymooning in the most romantic city on earth. Clifford, her butler, has come along for the trip to make sure everything goes to plan for the happy couple. And Gladstone, the mischievous bulldog, to make sure it doesn't!

But the pair are shocked when, just as they are toasting their new marriage at the best table in their hotel's opulent restaurant, a man tumbles through the glass roof and lands amid the silverware and coq au vin. Before he dies, he presses a striking pearl brooch into Eleanor's hands. She has the strangest feeling of déjà vu. Has she met this man before? All too quickly, the local police arrive and immediately accuse the new Mr and Mrs of working with the victim – a thief who'd just robbed the museum down the block.

With her new husband by her side, Eleanor races to clear their name and discover who would kill to get their hands on the unusual brooch. Following a clue about a doomed love affair takes the gang from the famous cabarets and cobbled streets of Paris to rubbing shoulders with the aristocracy at the very top of the Eiffel Tower.

But soon Eleanor notices a mysterious man in black following their every footstep. Is he friend or foe? And can Eleanor and Hugh unravel the case before the City of Light becomes the city of death?

Reviews for Verity Bright

'MY FAVOURITE BOOK... Had me hooked... I absolutely devoured this brilliant read in one sitting as I just could not put it down... I was gutted when I came to the end... Amazing!!!' bookwormwhitlock86, ★★★★★

'I absolutely LOVED this!... Had me hooked from the beginning and I kept flipping through the pages because I could not put it down!' @bookishbri_, ★★★★★

Author Biography

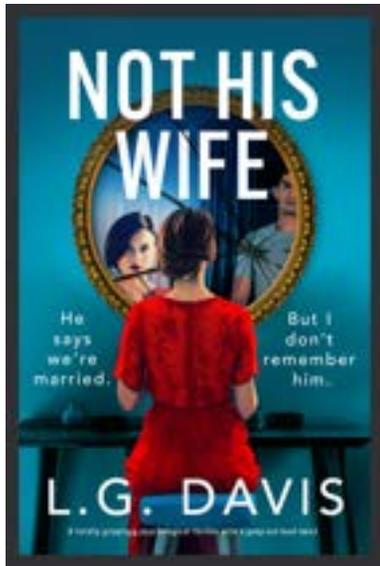
Verity Bright is the pseudonym for a husband-and-wife writing partnership that has spanned a quarter of a century. Starting out writing high-end travel articles and books, they published everything from self-improvement to humour, before embarking on their first historical mystery. They are the authors of the fabulous Lady Eleanor Swift Mystery series, set in the 1920s.



Crime Thriller

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Not His Wife L.G. Davis

For fans of *Gone Girl*, *Teresa Driscoll* and *Freida McFadden*

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

Editor's Note

I am absolutely thrilled to share this latest thriller by L.G. Davis. From the moment the author shared this fantastic concept with me I knew this was going to be amazing, and she has absolutely delivered. It is jam-packed with twists and totally addictive as it races all the way through to a nail-biting conclusion.

Retail Description

My whole life until this moment is gone. I have amnesia after a terrible accident, and now I just have to trust what my husband, Evan, says. But everything feels wrong, from the name he gives me, 'Cora,' to the home he says I loved.

As I explore our sprawling old farmhouse, I find another woman's belongings, and Evan says they belong to the woman who lived here before us. I begin to get to know her, piecing together her life although I can't remember mine. Why would she leave precious items behind, like her photos and her locket?

Then I hear something in the basement that sends a shiver down my spine. Evan's elderly aunt, who lives with us, hears it too. She hisses to me, her eyes darting fearfully, 'Get out. You're not his wife.'

But I'm not going anywhere. Because the answers to who I am, and what happened to the woman who lived here before, are in this house.

I think Evan is lying and my life is in danger. I'm going to get the key to that basement to find out the truth.

But when my memories come flooding back, I'll realize Evan isn't the only one with secrets he'll kill to protect...

Reviews for L.G. Davis

"OMG!!! MIND ABSOLUTELY BLOWN!!!! Love, love, LOVED this absolute page-turner!!... There was no way I could stop reading so I absolutely devoured it in one sitting!! I was absolutely blown away... An addictive, mind-blowing page-turner that will keep you up with a racing heart until you've finished!!!!" Bookworm86 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

"O.M.G.!! WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!... Brilliant... Avidly yelling at my kindle!!!!... Incredibly addictive... I was literally on the edge of my seat I left me totally and utterly speechless!!" Heidi Lynn Book Reviews 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

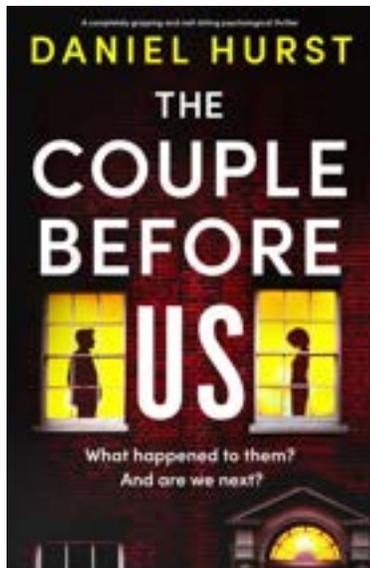
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

286 pages | Pub Date 15/7/2025 | 9781805501305 | Unagented



The Couple Before Us Daniel Hurst

For fans of T.M. Logan, Freida McFadden and Lisa Jewell

The Doctor's Wife reached No.1 in the UK, and No.27 in the US. The Holiday Home reached No.5 in the UK.

Editor's Note

Daniel Hurst is the master of multiple twists!

Daniel Hurst is one of Bookouture's bestselling psychological thriller authors. We launched his first Bookouture title, The Doctor's Wife, in 2023 which hit number 1 in the UK ebook charts and kicked off a successful 4 book psychological thriller series. In 2023, we also hit number 1 in the audio charts with The Couple in the Cabin. Daniel now has over 100 million KU pages read on his Bookouture titles.

Retail Description

'Something terrible happened to the couple who lived here before...' My hands shake as I read the warning note I've just found hidden in a forgotten corner of my brand new house. My husband told me we'd be the first people to live here. Did he lie?

Moving to this gorgeous house was meant to be a new start for our family. My hand rests on my growing baby bump as I walk through our home, the smell of fresh paint in the air, but my heart no longer feels full of hope for the future.

My husband Christian wraps his strong arms around me and tells me to forget the note; he wants this to be the perfect home for us. But as I look into his blue-grey eyes I wonder if there's something he's keeping from me or if I'm just being paranoid. Was there a couple who lived here before? And what happened to them?

I try to forget my worries like Christian asked, but then I see something in our next-door neighbour's garden that I can't ignore. I know I need to find out the truth if I'm ever going to feel safe again.

Except when I overhear Christian revealing a secret on the phone, I start to question: do I even know the man I married?

As I get closer to the truth of what happened to the couple before us, I realize one thing: I should have run when I had the chance...

Reviews for Daniel Hurst

'Wow!... I couldn't get enough of this... Had me gasping... I was on the edge of my seat the entire time... I couldn't stop reading... Easily deserves 5 stars for the amount of jaw drops!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'HOLY COW... AMAZING. MY GOODNESS... Gave me chills... What a crazy wild ride... WOW, what a BANGER... OUTSTANDING... Brilliant!' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

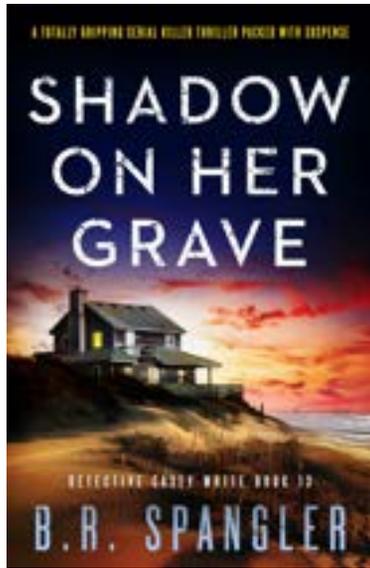
Author Biography

Daniel Hurst writes psychological thrillers and loves to tell tales about unusual things happening to normal people. He has written all his life, making the progression from handing scribbled stories to his parents as a boy to writing full length novels in his thirties. He lives in the North West of England, returning to his roots after several years away exploring the world and garnering plenty of ideas for future books!



Crime Thriller

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Shadow on Her Grave B.R. Spangler

For fans of Kendra Elliot, Lisa Regan and A.J. River

The Detective Casey White series has sold over 200,000 copies and has over 50 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

Retail Description

As her soon-to-be-husband, Jericho Flynn, goes back to work as town sheriff, Detective Casey White is left juggling her work alongside her growing family. And when a spate of troubling murders hit the Outer Banks, the happy couple are stopped in their tracks...

Casey is called to a crime scene with eerie echoes to a killing she solved years ago. A young woman has been anchored to a boulder and drowned, just like in the Saltwater Graves murders.

Then a handwritten poem is delivered to Casey at the station. She immediately recognises the writing as that of a previous victim she couldn't save. The killer is pointing them to yet another crime scene from Casey's past. Only someone with knowledge of the original cases could recreate these murders with terrible accuracy. And the only link, is Casey herself.

The team chase the lead to a now-derelict beach house, way out on an abandoned island. Casey is totally devastated when they discover the lifeless body of Jericho's wife, Jessie Flynn, posed in one of the upstairs rooms.

This is her most personal challenge yet. As they chase down a killer that could be closer than they ever imagined, will Casey and Jericho both make it out alive?

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, ★★★★★

"Fantastic... Left me speechless... I devoured it in one sitting... Turned the last page in the wee hours. Yes, this book is that good!!!!... Gripping and very addictive!" NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

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

258 pages | Pub Date 18/7/2025 | 9781836185130 | Unagented

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Don't Trust Mother Carey Baldwin

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

Editor's Note

Carey's new enthralling thriller is a masterclass in deception and layered storytelling. It's a brilliantly constructed tale of identity, betrayal, and reclaiming power, packed with twists, turns and inversions that turn everything you know about these characters on its head! Ivy Pinnacle's seemingly perfect life begins to crumble after her mother's death, when she learns that her birth mother may still be alive. The revelations that follow—from her adoptive father's dark secrets to her husband's manipulative schemes—are jaw-dropping. What makes this book so special is the complexity of its characters and the way it balances emotional depth with thrilling twists. Pauline, the birth mother who infiltrates Ivy's life, is both heartbreaking and cunning, while Ivy's growth from a sheltered woman into someone who takes control of her destiny is incredibly satisfying.

Retail Description

When the woman at my door tells me I was adopted, that she's my birth mother, I go cold all over. Was the woman who raised me lying all this time?

I'm left shaken. I loved my mother so much. But then I think of the last phone call I had with her. I could hear in her voice that something was wrong. She'd insisted we had to meet that evening, just the two of us. But she never turned up.

I don't know who to trust. I'm all alone. Then, strange accidents start happening... And when I secretly follow Sandra to try to find out the truth, it feels like I'm the one being watched.

Is my whole life a lie?

And will I survive long enough to uncover who this woman truly is—and what she really wants?

Reviews for Carey Baldwin

"WOW!! JUST WOW!!!!... WHAT A TWIST!!!!... Absolutely captivating and unputdownable!... I was completely blown out of the water... Just when I thought I had sussed it all out BANG I was completely blindsided!... I absolutely LOVED this one!!!!... An absolutely page-turning thriller with an absolutely EXPLOSIVE ending that I would never have seen coming!!!" Bookworm86, ★★★★★

"I devoured this. So many twists and turns! Had me grinned. WOW the twist at the very end!! I was NOT expecting that!"

Author Biography

By day, Carey is a dedicated pediatrician. By night she's a USA Today bestselling and award-winning suspense author. In addition to her MD, Carey also holds a PhD in clinical psychology. She loves reading and writing stories that keep you off balance and on the edge of your seat. In her spare time she enjoys hiking and chasing wildflowers.



Crime Thriller

336 pages | Pub Date 22/7/2025 | 9781836189350 | Unagented



The Hanging Dolls Ruhi Choudhary

For fans of Mary Stone, Kendra Elliot and Melinda Leigh

Previous titles *Our Daughter's Bones* and *Their Frozen Graves* reached top 50 in US and AUS Amazon charts and #55 in the US Amazon chart respectively

Editor's Note

A brand new totally gripping crime thriller series from Ruhi Choudhary, the author of the nail-bitingly suspenseful Mackenzie Price books. FBI Agent Zoe Storm and her partner Dr Aiden Wesley travel to the tiny town of Harborwood, Washington, to solve a baffling murder of a little girl. The intricately staged crime scene indicates the killer will take two more girls – can Zoe save them? And will she unravel a dark secret about her own past too?

Retail Description

The little girl's body rests gently against the trunk of an old fir tree, her small hands laid delicately in her lap. From the day she became a Special Agent, Zoe Storm vowed to seek justice for the innocent. And for this little angel, her promise burns brighter than ever.

When the body of young Lily Baker is found in the sprawling woods behind the close-knit town of Harborwood, Washington, Special Agent Zoe Storm and her partner Dr Aiden Wesley rush to the scene. Nearby, three symbolic nooses hang from a branch and Zoe feels certain that it's a warning that two more lives will be taken.

Witnesses spotted Lily talking to an unknown man, and she was given candy shortly before she disappeared. Then, another girl vanishes from her bed in the middle of the night. The only link between the girls is that they were from broken homes. Did the killer promise them safety?

With time running out, Zoe uncovers a cryptic note with a clue pointing to the name of the next child and an abandoned greenhouse on the outskirts of town. Zoe knows the killer has set a trap for her. But with two lives hanging in the balance, she will do everything to bring her home.

Reviews for Ruhi Choudhary

"Wow, Wow just WOW!!!!... Completely left me speechless and sitting there with my mouth hanging open... heart-racing, page-turning." Bookworm86 ★★★★★

"Holy smokes!... FANTASTIC... WOW. I can't wait for more. Outstanding." NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

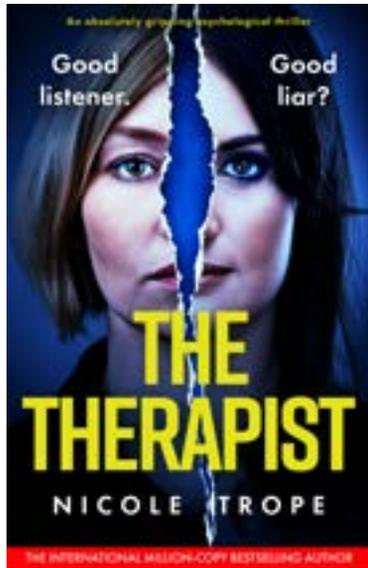
Ruhi Choudhary discovered her passion for writing when she was seven years old and wrote her first Star Trek episode. After trying her hand in different genres, she found her calling in crime thriller. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Bioengineering from University of Toronto.



Crime Thriller

340 pages | Pub Date 30/7/2025 | 9781835252963 | Unagented

Zoe Storm 1



The Therapist Nicole Trope

For fans of Shari Lapena or Lisa Jewell.

Editor's Note

Retail Description

Everyone thinks they can trust their therapist. We are good listeners. But what if we're good liars, too?

The therapist: I love my job. People tell me their worries, their fears. Then Sandy becomes my patient. Something about her tears as she cries about her husband doesn't feel right. But I tell her she can trust me. I promise to keep her secrets... for now.

The patient: I never should have married Mike. My head is a mess. All I want is for someone to listen. At least I can trust my therapist – she believes everything I say. And I'm going to show the world exactly what my dear husband is really like.

The husband: We used to be so happy. I just want my smiling, beautiful wife back. I was glad when Sandy signed up for therapy. But one day, Sandy doesn't come home. I'm frantic. Then her therapist knocks on the door and says we need to talk... what has Sandy told her about our marriage?

Someone is missing. Someone is in danger. Someone is a liar. Who will you believe?

Reviews for Nicole Trope

'OMG!!! SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!!!... The most heart-racing book I've read in a long time, if not ever!!!!... I could not put it down!!!!... Clear your day because it is truly unputdownable... If you read one book in your life, make sure it is this!!!!'

Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Wow!!! Wow!!! Wow!!! A total page-turner and will keep you guessing with every page. Halfway through I thought I had figured it out and then BAM! The ending floored me' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

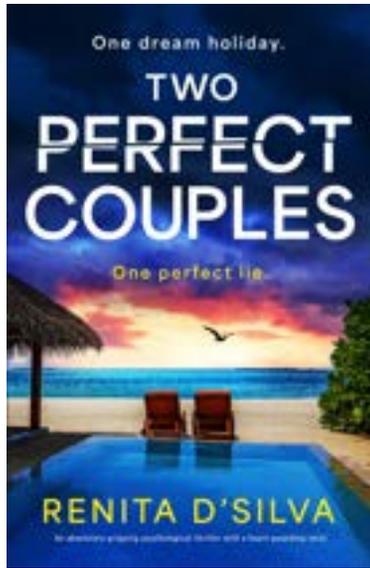
Author Biography

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



Crime Thriller

270 pages | Pub Date 31/7/2025 | 9781805500391 | Unagented



Two Perfect Couples Renita D'Silva

For fans of Shalini Boland, Sue Watson and K.L. Slater

Renita's books with Bookouture have sold more than 260,000 copies and have featured in the Top 50 Amazon UK and US stores.

Editor's Note

An utterly gripping psychological thriller about a parent's worst nightmare. Jo's child Ajit goes missing on a family holiday, but can she trust the people closest to her to tell her the truth?

Retail Description

We seem like perfect families. But our secrets must never come out...

I trust my best friend Lydia with my life. We share everything, even the things we can't tell our husbands. So when we go on a beach holiday together, it's a dream come true. One night, we treat ourselves to dinner on the beach with our husbands while our children sleep soundly in the cottage behind us.

But when I go to check on them, my entire world shatters. My son's bed is empty, the window wide open, his favourite teddy left between the crumpled sheets. I stifle a scream as my worst nightmare comes true. My little boy is gone. It's all my fault.

As the police question us, Lydia gives me a nervous look. She's the only one who knows I'll have to lie. Because there's something about my son that not even my husband knows. And if anyone discovers the truth, they'll never let me see my darling boy again.

No one can find out my secret. No one knows just how far I've gone to have the perfect family. And I will stop at nothing to get my son back...

Reviews for Renita D'Silva

'OMG, never has a book been so easy to become addicted to!... I couldn't tear myself away!... what a cracking book... brilliant... guaranteed to leave your jaw dropping on the floor.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Gripping, unputdownable... had me glued to the pages and on the edge of my seat... Loved the book!' Amazon reviewer, ★★★★★

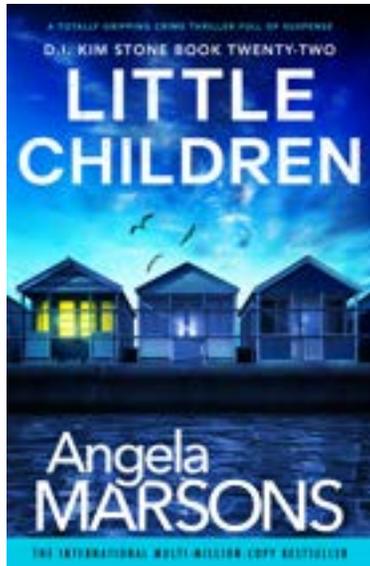
Author Biography

Renita grew up in a picturesque coastal village in the South of India, the oldest of three children. Her father got her first story books when she was six and she fell in love with the world of stories. Even now she prefers that world, by far, to this.



Crime Thriller

372 pages | Pub Date 7/8/2025 | 9781835258996 | Unagented



Little Children Angela Marsons

For fans of Val McDermid, Karin Slaughter and Robert Dugoni

Angela Marsons has sold 5 million Detective Kim Stone books and has been translated in 30 languages

Editor's Note

Book 22 in this multi-million-copy bestselling series, and neither Kim Stone nor Angela Marsons show any sign of slowing down! The series has sold over 6 million copies globally, repeatedly hits the number one slot on the Kindle charts, has been translated into thirty-one languages and optioned by the BBC. By the end of 2026 the majority of the titles will be available in traditional print editions with their stunning new cover look, to reach more readers still. LITTLE CHILDREN contains all the elements that has made the series beloved worldwide. Kim and the team are called to Blackpool to help investigate the disappearance of two children - or at least that's the official version. The truth is that they're there to determine if someone in the local team is corrupt. Far from home, forced to take on different personas to flush out the rotten apples, and above all racing against time to find the

Retail Description

Twelve-year-old Lewis Stephens walks out of a seafront arcade and disappears. A week later, eleven-year-old Noah Reid vanishes from the pier stretching out over the beach. There are no leads and no clues.

Detective Kim Stone doesn't play well with others. But she has been sent halfway across the country to Blackpool, to join the hunt for the two children – and to find out if the dark whispers about corruption in the local force are justified. Her boss insists it must be her: he knows she won't stop searching for the truth no matter who gets in her way. Kim just wants to find these lost children before it's too late.

On arrival, she knows instantly something isn't right. Why is everyone so convinced Lewis ran away? Why don't his family seem to care that he's missing? With time running out, she and her team work tirelessly to prove the abductions are linked – a job made harder when a list of cases is left for them in secret. The list proves one of their fellow cops is rotten to the core... but who?

And when another boy turns up dead back home, his body bruised and broken, Kim learns that the criminals she's facing are more ruthless than she could have ever imagined. She and her team must solve the case before more children are taken. But the closer they get, the greater the danger – and they cannot trust a single soul...

Reviews for Angela Marsons

'OMG!!! SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO US ANGELA!!!! JUST WOW!!!! Seriously love, love LOVED this book!!!!... I was on the edge of my seat, biting my nails whilst feeling my heart pounding into the silly hours of the morning... one of the best books I have ever read!!!! An absolute MUST READ!!!' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'WHY DO I DO IT TO MYSELF EVERY TIME????? Why can't I just be a sensible reader and savour every sentence, why do I have to halt the universe, sit in a quiet room, mute the kids and hubby and devour it in one sitting???' Bookreviewercakemaker, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Angela Marsons is the Wall Street Journal and USA Today bestselling author of the D.I. Kim Stone series. Her books have sold more than 6 million copies, and have been translated into over thirty languages.

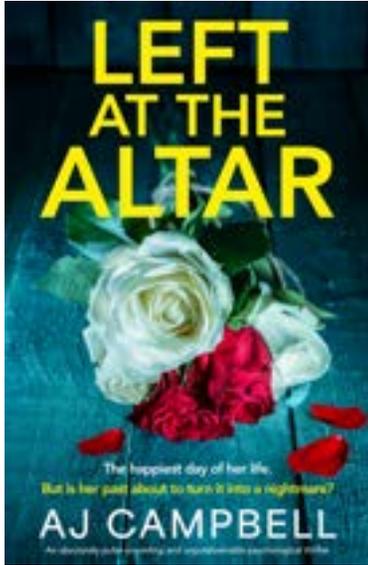


She lives in Worcestershire with her wife, two cheeky Golden Retrievers, and a Bernedoodle.

Crime Thriller

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Left at the Altar AJ Campbell

For fans of Frieda McFadden, Jeneva Rose, and Alice Feeney

AJ Campbell has sold over 140,000 copies of her self-published psychological thrillers and is a UK Top 100 Bestselling author.

Editor's Note

When Hannah's fiancé disappears on their wedding day, what begins as heartbreak quickly turns into a deadly game of survival. The story is packed with twists, as Hannah uncovers shocking truths about her fiancé's past and fears her abusive ex may be closing in. Packed with family dynamics, dark pasts, and secrets galore, AJ's new psychological thriller will keep you on the edge of your seat, constantly! AJ's characters feel real and raw, their flaws and choices adding to the tension as the story hurtles toward a stunning and pulse-racing conclusion. It's an addictive, emotional, and utterly gripping read that hooks you from the start and doesn't let go.

Retail Description

My groom is gone. It's my fault. And we are all in terrible danger.

My fiancé Johnny is handsome, charming and perfect. But here I am, standing in my wedding dress without him by my side. There is no way he would leave me at the altar like this. I know something terrible has happened... and what if it's my fault?

Because looking out at the congregation, I see a face I never thought I'd see again. I didn't invite him. Could he know the truth about what I did all those years ago?

He smiles, and I know exactly what that means. My heart pounds in my chest as I'm faced with an impossible decision.

If I ever want to see Johnny again, I know I need to confess everything.

But I have to keep my secret hidden. Or I'll lose more than just my husband.

With all my friends and family gathered around, just how far will I have to go?

Reviews for AJ Campbell

'OMG!... My favourite read... I stayed up all night reading... I found myself flying through it to get to the pulse-pounding end... I am still sitting here in shock trying to process it... Keeps you on your toes!' Leannebookstagram, ★★★★★

'Wow wow wow!... Had me gripped as I was dying to know what would happen next... Kept me glued to my eReader... I love this... Keeps you on your toes and guessing throughout... Fantastic.' Arcreviews_by_m, ★★★★★

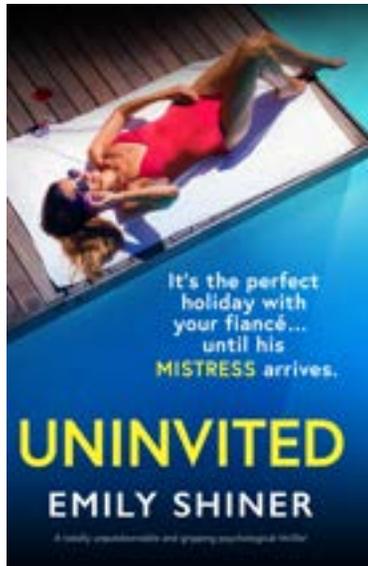
Author Biography

AJ Campbell is an Amazon bestselling author of six psychological suspense novels and promises stories full of twists, turns and torment. AJ self-published her first six books before joining the Bookouture team. Her fourth book, *The Phone Call*, topped the Amazon charts for several months and was shortlisted for the Adult Prize for Fiction at the Selfie Book Awards 2023.



Crime Thriller

0 pages | Pub Date 13/8/2025 | 9781836186915 | Unagented



Uninvited Emily Shiner

For fans of *The Housemaid*, *The Perfect Marriage* and *The Girl in Seat 2A*.

Emily Shiner's novels have sold over 47,000 copies and had over 39M KU pages read to date

Editor's Note

Retail Description

It's the perfect holiday with your fiancé—until his mistress arrives. She knows your darkest secret. And she won't let you get away this time...

The fiancée: Aimee's drink almost slips from her manicured hand when a gorgeous blonde arrives by the infinity pool and gives her fiancé Dale a little wave. It's his other woman, Hannah, with her own boyfriend in tow.

When he cheated, Aimee thought it was all over: but he begged for forgiveness and booked this exclusive beachside resort as an apology. I'll play along, she told herself. After all, Dale is handsome, rich—a catch. And she worked so hard for this life. But now Aimee is certain she'll never get over what Dale did. And she's going to show him what it's like to lose the things you care about most...

The other woman: Hannah knows the terrible secrets Aimee has been hiding for years. She's been watching, biding her time. It was easy for her to take Dale—one casual brush of her fingertips along his arm here, a flirty text there... and now Hannah is going to make Aimee really pay.

Four people landed in Florida, but only three will come home alive...

Reviews for Emily Shiner

"OMG!!! This. Book. THIS BOOK!!!!... Unputdownable!! I started at dawn and finished before the sun went down... A MUST-read." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"★★★★★ Literally SO FREAKING GOOD!... On my list of Top 10 books of all time! I was on the edge of my seat the entire book! Phenomenal... Excuse me while I pick my jaw up off the floor and then recommend this book to everyone I know!!!!!" Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

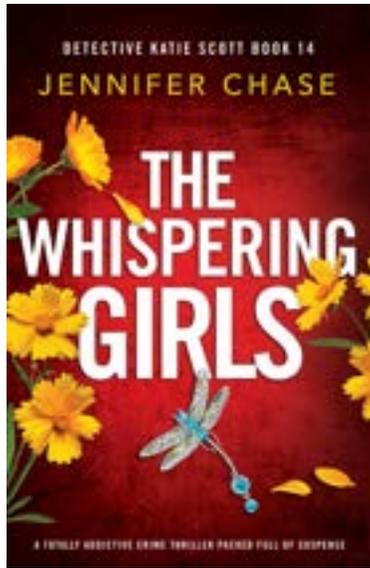
Author Biography

Emily Shiner always dreamed of becoming an author. After spending years devouring stacks of thrillers, she decided to try her hand at writing them herself. Now she gets to live out her dream of writing novels and sharing her stories with people around the world. She lives in the Appalachian Mountains and loves hiking with her husband, daughter, and their two dogs.



Crime Thriller

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The Whispering Girls Jennifer Chase

For fans of Lisa Regan, Rachel Caine and Melinda Leigh

The Amazon and USA Today bestselling Detective Katie Scott series has sold over 400,000 copies and had over 85 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

Another gripping instalment of this smash-hit series! 4.5 review average across 13 books in the series, and each more addictive than the last.

In this novel, Katie is taking a much-deserved break with K9 companion Cisco. But soon Katie has a serial killer on her hands, arranging dead women with shrine-like motifs around them and burlap sacks concealing their faces. This is spooky, atmospheric and completely binge-worthy.

Retail Description

Dressed only in an oversized t-shirt, with a burlap sack covering her head, the body of a girl swings gently from the branches in the breeze. A newly-lit candle burns on the ground below. The killer was here just moments ago...

Taking a much-needed break in a cabin in the woods with her service dog Cisco, Detective Katie Scott is disturbed by a sharp knocking at the door. Outside, she finds a terrified girl called TJ, begging for help – she says she has found a dead girl in the forest. When they reach the scene, Katie turns to ask TJ further questions, but she has vanished.

At dawn the next day, the body of another girl is found laid out only a mile from the first. To Katie's horror, she realizes it is TJ. The scene looks eerily similar, with a small shrine below her feet. What kind of monster would do this? And if a twisted serial killer is at work, who is the next victim?

As more bodies and shrines emerge, Katie needs to find the link between the girls and the unhinged killer. But when she stumbles across a cold case that the local police seem determined to keep quiet, Katie realizes danger could be closer to her than she first thought. How much will Katie sacrifice to find the killer and can she stop more innocent lives from being taken?

Reviews for Jennifer Chase

"THERE WAS NO WAY I WAS PUTTING THIS BOOK DOWN!!!!!!... I was literally holding my breath... I HAD TO KNOW!!!! As for the explosive ending: WOW definitely not what, or who I was expecting." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Everything else had to go on hold until I've finished, and I mean EVERYTHING... Right from the very first chapter, I was hooked... before you know it you're 2 hours in and haven't moved a muscle!... Completely unputdownable, breathtaking and with an amazing ending!" Bookreviewercakemaker, ★★★★★

Author Biography

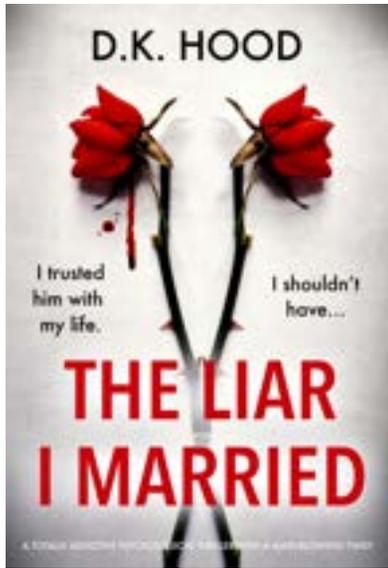
Jennifer Chase is a multi award-winning and best-selling crime fiction author, as well as a consulting criminologist. Jennifer holds a bachelor degree in police forensics and a master's degree in criminology & criminal justice. These academic pursuits developed out of her curiosity about the criminal mind as well as from her own experience with a violent psychopath, providing Jennifer with deep personal investment in



Crime Thriller

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The Liar I Married D.K. Hood

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

A USA Today bestselling author, D.K. Hood has sold over 1.5 million units of her two US-set police procedural series

Editor's Note

What would you do if you woke from an accident and didn't recognise anyone around you? Then an anonymous note tells you not to trust anyone, not even the person in charge of your care – your kind-hearted and very attentive nurse... This is the set-up of D.K. Hood's pulse-racing new psychological thriller. As soon as I read the very first page, I knew we had to publish this book. It's a new genre for D.K. Hood, but she brings to it, her usual twisty plots and breathtaking pace. Readers who loved *The Housemaid*, *The Girl on the Train* and *Before I Go to Sleep*, will devour this book.

Retail Description

I trusted him with my life. I shouldn't have...

Opening my eyes, the nurse by my bed wipes away my tears as she tells me I was in a car crash and it was my fault. Confused, I only remember snapshots of my life, but I'm not convinced the crash was an accident.

My marriage had been perfect, until my husband, John, met Rebecca. He said they were just friends and that I was imagining things when I saw them cosied up like they were on a date. Now, as I lie in my recovery bed, fragments of that night come back to me—John late home from work, an empty wine glass, Rebecca climbing out of John's car, a blazing row on the doorstep...

I beg John to tell me what happened, but he insists I don't try to recall any details, that it'll harm my recovery. He reminds me that I'm lucky to even be alive.

But when someone leaves a note, my blood runs cold: Don't trust anyone. Were my instincts right? Did someone try to kill me? As I look into my husband's lying eyes, all I can think is, will I make it out of this marriage alive...?

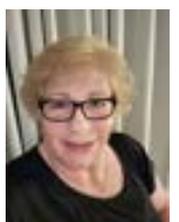
Reviews for D.K. Hood

"A cracking page-turner with some omg moments that will keep you reading late into the night." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars

"Exceptional... My word, I couldn't put this down... Compulsive reading and I couldn't stop and had to read to the end." NetGalley reviewer, 5 stars

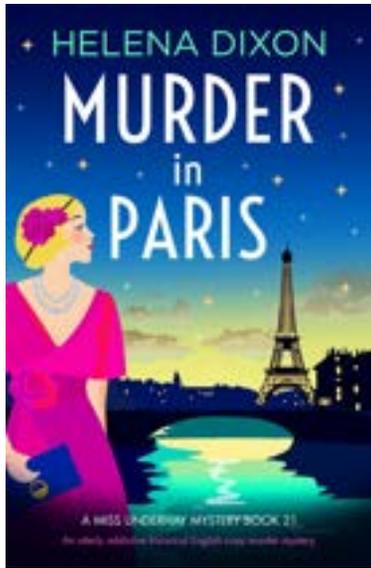
Author Biography

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.



Crime Thriller

252 pages | Pub Date 22/8/2025 | 9781836187301 | Unagented



Murder in Paris Helena Dixon

For fans of Agatha Christie, T.E. Kinsey and Verity Bright

A top 100 series in the UK, the Miss Underhay Mysteries go from strength to strength. The series has sold more than 375,000 copies and has more than 125M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

Retail Description

Paris, 1937. Kitty Underhay, with a croissant in hand and her handsome husband Matt by her side, is soaking up the delightfully Parisian charms of the French capital. Kitty attends a fashion show, where she is enamoured by the dazzling gowns but the afternoon takes a very sour turn when one of the models, Simone Belliste, is found dead with a pair of razor sharp tailoring scissors nearby.

Kitty and Matt are determined to work out who could be behind the murder. They perch in tiny cafés on cobblestone streets, deliberating over who would do such a thing. Simone had many admirers, including a wealthy older Englishman who had been wooing her and a handsome young Frenchman who was besotted with her. But she was also surrounded by glamorous designers, competitive models, and a jealous younger sister... and nobody is without motive.

Just as Kitty and Matt are jotting down their list of suspects, they receive a call: Simone's sister Nathalie has been attacked, and her valuable folder of dressmaking patterns is missing. Can they unravel the secrets surrounding the two sisters? Or will they be next in line...?

With a murderer in their midst, can the team of two find the killer before it's adieu for both of them? Or will this Parisian sojourn be their last?

Reviews for Helena Dixon

'I LOVED this book!... Just perfection. If I had to sum this book up in three words it would be WOW WOW WOW.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Fantastic... I absolutely loved... Unputdownable... Absolutely addictive... Kept me turning the pages late at night!... I LOVED it.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

Author Biography

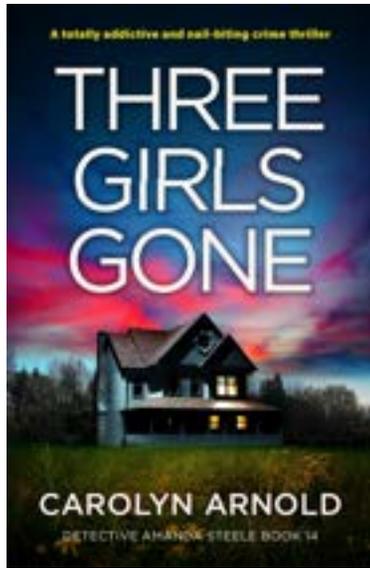
Helena Dixon was born and still lives in the Black Country. Married for over thirty years, she has three daughters, a cactus called Spike, a crazy cockapoo and a tank of tropical fish. Helena was the RNA winner of the Romance Prize in 2007 and Love Story of the Year 2010.



Crime Thriller

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Three Girls Gone Carolyn Arnold

For fans of Mary Burton, Elle Grey and Rachel Caine

Carolyn's Detective Amanda Steele series has sold over 500,000 copies and had over 49 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

Carolyn has done it again with another pulse-pounding crime thriller. The book begins with every parent's worst nightmare. Their child doesn't home from an after school club and hours later is found dead in a local park. The murders bears all of the hallmarks of a cold case which rocked Amanda's force to the core and this is where the book takes on a really personal significance for Amanda's ex-colleague Katherine who vowed to find a young girl's killer over ten years before. Is this her chance to find justice at last? Expect breakneck pace, many red herrings and a case that is deeply personal and allows for some really heartbreaking moments amongst the action.

Retail Description

When the body of Hailey Tanner is found in a local park, Detective Amanda Steele races to the scene. Interviewing her devastated parents, they confirm that Hailey never made it home from her dance class. Searching for clues in the family home, Amanda discovers that some ballet clothing is missing from Hailey's room. Could the killer have been close to her?

As Amanda and Trent question potential suspects, they're painfully reminded of a similar case. Julie Gilbert, another gifted performer, was murdered in exactly the same way twelve years ago. Amanda's former colleague, Katherine Graves, never gave up hope of bringing the killer to justice and now with a clear link between the two victims, she steps back into the investigation.

But she's soon warned off when a threatening note is found in the hem of Hailey's dress. "This girl's your fault. Stop looking or there will be more."

With boxes of evidence files and potential leads, Amanda knows that Katherine must have been getting close, but when a third girl is taken soon after, the clock starts ticking again. There's no way Amanda will let another child suffer at the hands of this twisted killer. But how much will the team be prepared to sacrifice, and can they save this girl before it's too late?

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

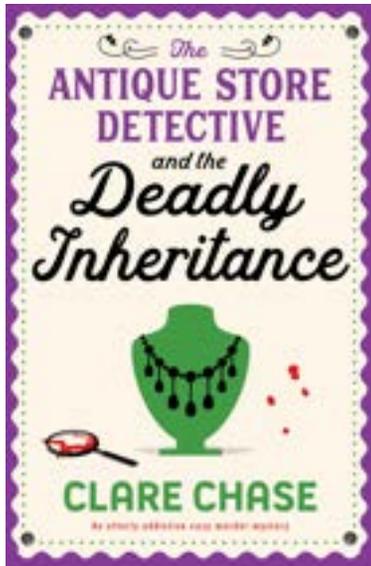
Carolyn Arnold was born in a small Canadian town and enjoys spending time outdoors, but she also loves the lights of a big city. Grounded by her roots and lifted by her dreams, her overactive imagination insists that she tell her stories. Her intention is to touch the hearts of millions with her books,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



Crime Thriller

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The Antique Store Detective and the Deadly Clare Chase

For fans of MC Beaton, Agatha Christie and Sarah Yarwood-Lovett

Clare Chase's crime novels have sold over 400,000 copies and have more than 130 million KU page reads. Clare is a top 15 Amazon US and CA author

Editor's Note

The third in the charming new series from our queen of contemporary cozy, Clare Chase! Clare is the bestselling author of the Eve Mallow series, which has now sold over 260,000 copies and 100 million pages read for £800k revenue, with thousands of pre-orders for every book. This new series is one of our strongest cozy launches in the last few years, and in just five months at time of writing the first two books have sold over 10,000 copies and 4 million pages read. Bella is a snappy dresser and antiques expert with an incurable curiosity - a fantastic character who lives in an utterly charming town. Clare balances puzzling mysteries, quirky characters and delightful atmosphere perfectly, and this case is particularly intriguing, with a missing necklace and a mysterious death combining to give her her strongest challenge yet.

Retail Description

Nobody was surprised when Clemmie Crowe passed away – she'd been sick for a long time. But Bella Winter isn't sure it's as simple as it seems. Why was Clemmie so agitated the day she died – and why did she ask a local policeman to call on her?

Bella's certain Clemmie knew something about her relatives, the powerful Powell family. They used to own half of Hope Eaton, but now they're planning to sell what remains... Including the Steps Café, owned by Bella's best friends.

The sale has to be stopped. Where else will Bella get her sausage sandwiches? Perhaps Clemmie's secret will be enough to put a spanner in the works. So when matriarch Althea Powell invites her to value their possessions, Bella jumps at the chance. She can find some gems, investigate Clemmie's death, and stymie the sale all at once.

It seems to be going swimmingly... until it's proved that Clemmie was murdered, and Althea's priceless ruby necklace vanishes. The list of suspects is as long as Bella's arm. Was it Althea's shady stepson, desperate for cash? His older brother, who wants to sell up? Or even her husband, who keeps changing his will?

Then Bella finds the necklace in the last place she expects, upsetting everything she thought she knew. Where there's a will, there's bound to be a quarrel. But can Bella figure out whose inheritance means murder, before things turn deadly for her?

Reviews for Clare Chase

'Absolutely brilliant... Addictive... Stunning... Absolutely fantastic... Clear your schedules as once you've picked this up you won't be able to put it down!!!... Amazing... Addictive and page-turning... Fantastic!!!!' bookwormwhitlock86

'Fantastic... I loved it from cover to cover... Had me hooked right from the start... Outstanding.' Goodreads reviewer, 

Author Biography

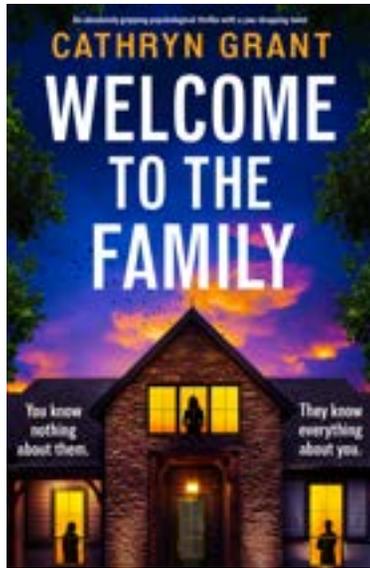
Clare Chase writes mysteries set in her home city of Cambridge and is fascinated by the location's contrasts and contradictions. She's worked in diverse settings – from the 800-year-old University to one of the local prisons – and lived everywhere from the house of a Lord to a slug-infested flat. As well as writing, Clare loves family time, art and architecture, cooking, and of course, reading other people's books. She lives with



Crime Thriller

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Welcome to the Family Cathryn Grant

For fans of Freida McFadden, Jeneva Rose and Valerie Keogh

Editor's Note

Welcome to the Family starts with a bang and doesn't give up. From Amazon bestselling author, Cathryn Grant, this addictive thriller gives readers everything we know they love from psychological suspense books – a powerful opening, fast pace and many, many twists. I knew from the first page, when I was introduced to Claudia and her disastrous first meeting with her mother-in-law to-be, I would race to the end. Set in the lush and isolated Vineyards of California's Napa Valley, Welcome to the Family explores themes of family, trust, and deadly secrets. It asks the reader two questions – can you really trust those closest to you? And can you trust yourself?

Retail Description

Smoothing down the bridal-white dress I bought especially for tonight, I take a deep breath and calm my nerves. I'm meeting my fiancé's family for the first time and as I look around the impressive dining room, I take in their tight-lipped expressions.

"Tell me about yourself," Daniel's mother says, as we sit down to dinner. Other family members hush their conversations, waiting for me to speak and I know I have to impress.

I try to ignore Daniel's brother flirting dangerously with me, in front of his stony-faced girlfriend, but the one thing I can't ignore is my future mother-in-law. She studies my every move, her signature blood red lipstick staining the cut crystal wine glass she clasps tightly in her hand. I feel a growing sense of unease and in that moment, I know only three things to be true.

Daniel lied when he said I would be safe here.

I'm lying to all of them about the real reason for marrying into this family.

And they're about to find out who I really am...

Reviews for Cathryn Grant

"Blimey, I need to catch my breath!... A WILD ride right through to the last word... So gripping, twisty, a few little WTF moments and THAT ending!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Wow, what a book! My mind is completely blown." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

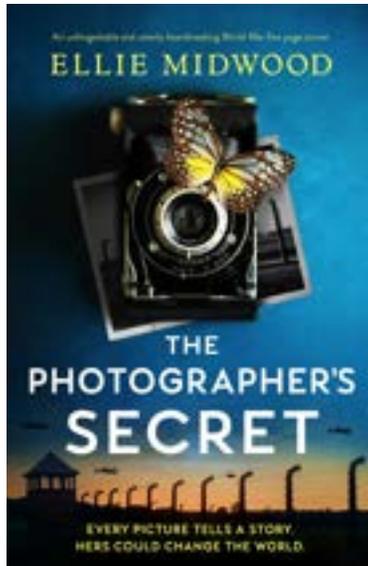
Author Biography



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Historical



The Photographer's Secret

Ellie Midwood

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Alice Network* and *The Choice*

Ellie's titles have sold over 400,000 copies, with over 50 million pages read on Kindle Unlimited.

Editor's Note

Ellie Midwood once again dazzles with her most inspiring novel yet. *The Photographer's Secret* tells the story of Maggie, a fearless war correspondent who risks her life every day on the frontlines of WW2. But even her closest friends don't know her secret, that she was born in Germany. Desperate to find out what happened to her siblings when she and her mother were ripped from them all those years ago, she'll do anything to track down the Nazi that ruined their lives. But when she's given the opportunity to reveal the truth to the world about the death camps, she must make a huge decision. How can she choose between justice for those she loves, and exposing the truth about the war to the world? Inspired by true events, Ellie's unforgettable story about family, courage and heartbreak will show you anyone can stand up for what is right.

Retail Description

Maggie's hands tremble as she lowers her camera, unable to bear the little girl's haunted eyes pleading at her from behind the gates. This camp is hell on earth. And this roll of film is enough for the Nazis to kill her. But she won't rest until the world knows the truth...

Germany, 1944: Maggie Sullivan takes her first steps into enemy territory, armed only with a camera and a US press pass. Her hands shake as she snaps pictures of the destruction, trying to push down her fear. She's here to do a job. A job no one thought a woman could do. But the danger Maggie is in is larger than anyone knows, because Maggie has a secret...

Maggie was born in Berlin. She and her mother fled in the night, wrenched from her blue-eyed younger brothers as they slept. The US Army are Maggie's protectors for now, but she wakes each night in a cold sweat wondering: what will they do if they discover her past?

Every day Maggie works tirelessly to prove the horrifying truth of the labour camps and help the victims of war any way she can, smuggling medicine and reassuring them in whispered German. But then, just as she inches closer to the barbed wire to photograph the innocent lives she knows she must save, she sees an inscription on an officer's report that grips her with an ice-like fear. Her family's name...

Reviews for Ellie Midwood

"Fantastic!!! Wow!... It'll pull all the heartstrings. The most beautiful heartfelt story." Little_blue_boo_hutch, ★★★★★

"LOVE, LOVE, LOOOOOVVVEEE, LOVED IT!!!... Absolutely stunning!!!... I was completely swept away!!!" Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

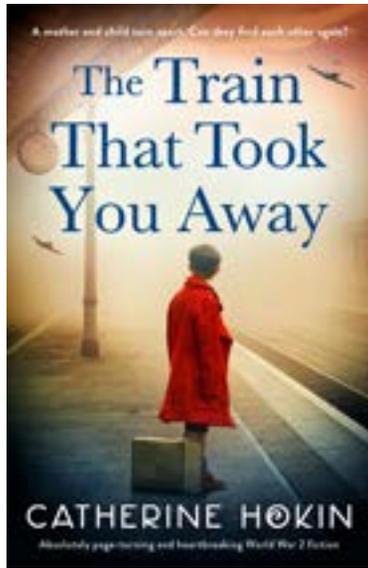
Author Biography

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



Historical

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The Train That Took You Away Catherine Hokin

For fans of *The Book of Lost Names* and *The Nightingale*

Catherine's books have gone from strength to strength, her previous World War 2 set historical novels have sold over 350,000 copies

Editor's Note

This is a cinematic and heart-rending story about one woman's desperate bid to save her son from the Nazis in Berlin 1938. When Esther Spielmann's father and husband are killed during Kristallnacht, Esther decides to send her young son away on the Kindertransport. Esther then is taken to a concentration camp in Poland, but is desperate to survive to see her son. There is also the POV of feisty Amalie, a British art specialist who befriends Esther after the war. Amalie is instrumental in uncovering the whereabouts of Nazi art, and she uses these skills to help Esther track down her son in England.

Retail Description

Ever since the Nazis came to power, violence has spread through the city Esther Spielmann once called home. Each night she prays her family will be spared. But when her husband and father are murdered alongside fellow Jews during Kristallnacht, she has no choice but to send her beloved son, Sascha, to safety.

Esther's heart breaks as she watches his thin legs trembling in the cold as he is ushered with the other crying children towards the Kindertransport. As the train leaves in a cloud of smoke, she thinks of the painting of the two of them hanging in their house. In it, they are tightly embracing and laughing, everything just as it should be. She vows that she will hold him like this once again. But has Esther made a promise she can't possibly keep?

Each day the hope of finding Sascha burns like a flame in Esther's chest. The war has taken everything from her, including the painting of her and her beloved son. Then one day the guards come. This time it is Esther who must get on a train. But unlike Sascha, Esther is not being carried to safety. She has heard whispers of the horrors of the concentration camps. But knows she must do everything in her power to survive...

When Esther hears word that her painting might have been found, hope of finding Sascha blooms once more in her chest. In the ashes of war, can she make her way back to her beloved son?

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'Wow what an amazing stunning book! Couldn't put it down and have talked nonstop about it! Absolutely heartbreaking.'
NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'Heartbreaking... Had me sobbing... Get some tissues ready!' lisabooksreviews_, ★★★★★

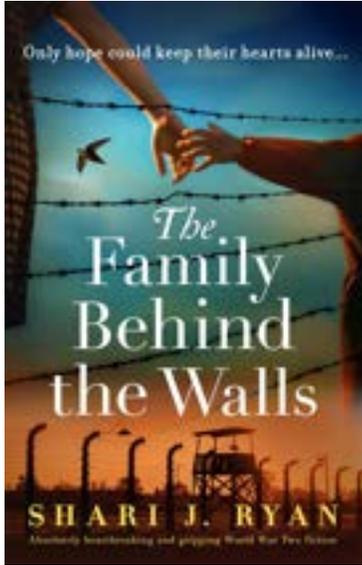
Author Biography

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.



Historical

332 pages | Pub Date 20/1/2025 | 9781835250891 | Unagented



The Family Behind the Walls Shari J. Ryan

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Nightingale* and *The Choice*

From the author of *The Bookseller of Dachau* (22,000). Previous titles have sold over 130,000 copies, with 59M KU pages read

Editor's Note

Another adventure in Shari's tragic, heart-breaking, camp-set heartland, this is a deeply emotional, tender, sensitive, and hopeful World War Two novel about a mother separated from her children. Dalia, a Polish Jew, is sent to Auschwitz at the same time her children are sent to 'Little Auschwitz' - part of the Lodz ghetto where displaced children found themselves put to work for the German regime. Written from the POVs of Dalia and her eldest Daughter, Jordanna, it is a gorgeous, heart-wrenching story of mother and daughter overcoming all odds to survive and make it back into each other's arms. It is a story of hope, resilience, defiance and love above all else, set between Hamburg, Auschwitz and Lodz. Beautifully written, this gripping and utterly compelling story crushes your heart at the same time it brings you breathlessly to a stunning, emotional happy ending.

Retail Description

Germany, 1943. Jordanna cries out desperately to her mother, tears spilling down her cheeks. She is being torn one way, her parents another. And in Jordanna's terrified, wide brown eyes, there is only one question: Will I ever see you again?

Poland: Day in and day out, fifteen-year-old Jordanna holds tight to the hands of her siblings as they're forced into back-breaking labor. They've been transported to a camp for Polish orphans, but at night, Jordanna weeps silently, clinging to the hope that they're not actually orphans. That when they finally escape, their mother Dalia will be waiting with open arms. But the only thing she knows for sure is that to survive, she cannot let the cruel guards discover they are not just Polish, they are Jewish...

Auschwitz: More than a hundred miles away, Dalia shivers in her tattered striped uniform, wary eyes darting around for any sign of trouble. She's seen other women lost to the bitter sting of the frozen air and the brutal regime and she can't let it be her. Every day, Dalia prays that her husband will find a way to save their children. But when another prisoner approaches her about joining their secret resistance, Dalia decides to take rescuing her family into her own hands—despite the terrible danger it puts her in...

The only thing keeping Jordanna and Dalia's spirits alive in the darkest of places is the hope that they will one day be reunited. But will Dalia fight her way out to cradle her daughter in her arms once more—or will she die trying?

Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

"I can't put into words the emotions that ran through me... Touched me deep within my soul... Heartbreaking, gut-wrenching... Had me glued to every word... So much emotion... Tears were shed, tissues were used, every word felt in my heart... All the stars for a remarkable story!" Romancebookexplosion, ★★★★★

"Heartbreakingly beautiful... Made me weep... I struggled to put it down... Had me smiling through more tears... Will undoubtedly wreck you but will put the jagged pieces of your heart together in the most lovely of ways... 5++ huge stars!" NetGalley 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



Historical

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The Girl Who Never Gave Up Kate Hewitt

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *Kate Quinn* and *The Nightingale*

Author has sold over 1.3 million copies of her titles to date and has been in the top 10 in both the UK and US Amazon charts

Editor's Note

In the fourth book in the Emerald Sisters series, we follow Rachel as she desperately tries to build a new life in the Netherlands. But with a husband suffering from shell shock, and the situation for Jews becoming increasingly tense, Rachel fears she may not be able to hide from the Nazis for much longer. And when her worst fears are realised and she is captured, she is terrified to discover she is pregnant. How far will Rachel go to protect her baby? And what sacrifices will she have to make to ensure her daughter is safe?

Retail Description

Germany, 1939: When Rachel Blau's husband Franz is released from Dachau, she barely recognizes the man she married. But she knows in order to keep him safe they must leave the country they call home and pray a life far from the Nazis will heal him. Until he is better, she must be brave for both of them...

As Jewish refugees in the Netherlands, terrified and without a word of Dutch, Rachel and Franz watch helplessly as the Germans march closer to the border. And after the Nazis invade, they are forced, with the help of courageous Corrie ten Boom and her family, to hide from the Gestapo. Then their worst fears are realized when they are sent to a camp and—with a final whispered "I love you"—separated.

In the darkness that night, Rachel makes a wondrous yet terrifying discovery. Brushing a hand over her stomach, she realizes she has more than just a memory of her husband. In a heartbeat, she becomes determined to survive for the sake of her unborn child. But with the Nazis showing no sign of defeat, how will she protect the precious life inside her?

If the guards discover her secret, Rachel knows her baby will not live. But if she manages to smuggle her newborn from the camp, there is a chance her baby will survive. With tears streaming down her face, Rachel clasps her newborn tightly to her chest. Can she find the strength to give her longed-for child to strangers? And if she lets her baby be taken from her arms, how will she ever find her again?

Reviews for Kate Hewitt

"I didn't want it to end!! Get the tissues ready with this one... Amazing... Heartbreaking." [diane.likes.to.read](#) ★★★★★

"Literally unputdownable I read the whole book in one sitting, shed more than one tear... gave me all the feels." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

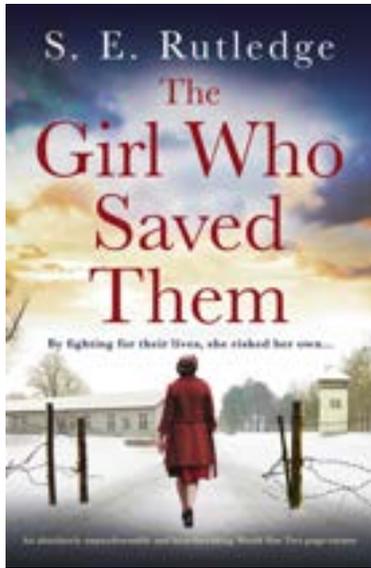
Kate Hewitt is the author of many romance and women's fiction novels. A former New Yorker and now an American expat, she lives in a small town on the Welsh border with her husband, five children, and their overly affectionate Golden Retriever. Whatever the genre, she enjoys telling stories that tackle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



Historical

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The Girl Who Saved Them S.E. Rutledge

Fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz, The Nightingale and The Choice won't be able to put this down

Editor's Note

A heartbreaking yet hopeful, deeply emotional and tragically tender World War Two novel set between Paris, Ravensbruck concentration camp and a German STO camp. This is the story of a young French woman who fearlessly plunges both her and her sister's lives into danger when she enrolls them in helping with the French resistance. But when she falls in love with one of the men she's tasked with keeping alive, her mission only becomes even more dangerous... and when she ends up in Ravensbruck, will it all be for nothing - or will she have saved the lives of those she loves most in the process? And will she ever make it back into their arms? S.E. Rutledge has a beautiful, lyrical writing style that will have you reaching for the tissues on every other page, desperately flying through the pages to find out what happens to Louise and her family.

Retail Description

1944, Germany. Louise struggles down from the cattle car, stumbling on the platform as guards shout harsh threats to keep moving. Blinking at the rows of terrified women, hope drains from her heart as her sister's warnings ring in her ears...

Seven months earlier, Paris. Louise Beaufoy ushers the American airforcemen down to her basement, heart racing and ears pricked. Will this group finally be the one that gets her caught? Smuggling allied soldiers out of occupied Paris is the only way she can find to repay the men who've done so much for her country—no matter how furious her sister Marie is at the risk she's taken with their lives...

Paris is filled with vengeful German spies and Marie pleads for her to stop. But then Louise's gaze meets the beautiful blue eyes of handsome William... As the time she must hide the men increases, Louise can't resist getting to know him, sharing stories of their lives over candlelight, fingers brushing and her heart unfurling. The thought of letting him go becomes more heart-breaking with every passing day, even as she knows her deepening feelings are dangerous...

But when Louise is presented with a terrible decision that will plunge both her and William's lives into jeopardy, will she be ruled by her heart or her head? And will her choice keep the love of her life safe, even as it leads her to the darkest place she's ever faced—or will they both suffer for the sake of one last mission...?

Reviews for S.E. Rutledge

"A large box of tissues definitely required... Emotional, heartwarming, heartbreaking, unputdownable... Beautiful... Will have you reaching for tissue after tissue... Just when you think you can stop crying, there is more... I so wish I could give it more than 5 stars." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

"Just doesn't get more gorgeous than this... Hit me like a ton of bricks. My heart shattered and ached... This treasure packs a massive punch and is absolutely unmissable... Will stay in my heart for a very long time. And I will let it." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

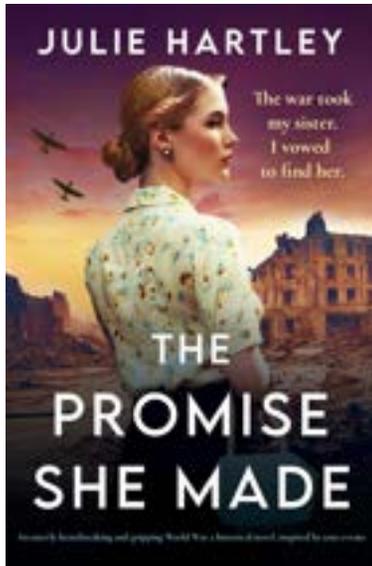
Author Biography

Savannah Rutledge was born and raised in Mariposa, California - a rural, historical town at the gateway of Yosemite, USA. Her passion lies in writing historical fiction featuring imperfect, complex characters, and exploring human nature and questions of morality. Even as a child, she was taken by the dream of telling stories and bringing her imagination to life through words and art.



Historical

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The Promise She Made Julie Hartley

For fans of Fiona Valpy, Soraya Lane and Rhys Bowen

Editor's Note

A stunning, moving and heart-rending story of courage and hope in dark times, and the power of love and family, set in WW2 York and London.

Retail Description

As our ship starts to sink, I see flares lighting up the midnight sky. 'Hold on tight. I will keep you safe. I promise,' I say to my terrified little sister as I hold back my tears. But I know I can't hold on for much longer and as she slips away, my heart breaks. Will I ever see her again?

York, 1942. On the night of the Blitz, Ruby returns to her beloved hometown with her heart shattered. She couldn't keep the one promise she made to her dying mother, to keep her little sister Eliza safe from harm. The Germans have taken everything from her – her family, her fiancé Antoine, and now, her home. When she finds her family home destroyed, she falls to her knees in tears. Among the ruins of her life, she wonders if she has the strength to carry on. But then, she finds a mysterious note which gives her a flicker of hope.

Eliza is alive. I've seen her. You must find her...

Determined to find out what happened to her sister, Ruby joins the Special Operations Executive keen to defend all that she has left and fight against the Nazis. Whilst there, she is tearfully reunited with Antoine, who believes he may know what happened to Eliza that dark night on the ocean. Can they reignite their love after all the loss they've suffered, and will Ruby ever see her little sister again?

Reviews for Julie Hartley

'Gripped me right from the very start and kept me in its clutches until the very end, I couldn't put it down and read it in one sitting.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

'Gripping and emotional... left me reeling. I could not stop reading until the very last page... will stay in my heart.' Annasbook.nook, ★★★★★

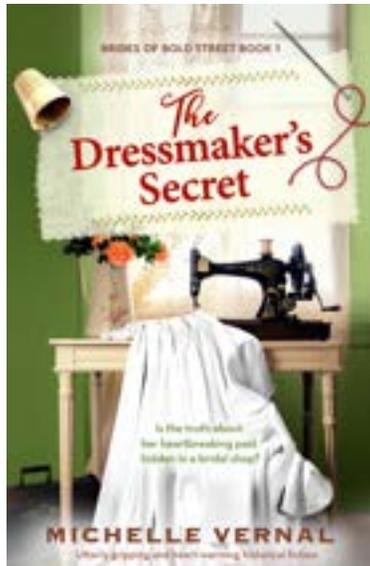
Author Biography

Julie Hartley is a creative writing teacher, retreat host, and the author of three previous books, including *The Finding Place*, a novel for young readers. She is the co-founder of Centauri Arts, which offers creative workshops for all ages as well as writing retreats in Mexico and Costa Rica. Julie was born in Lincolnshire but now lives in Toronto, Canada, with her husband and daughter.



Historical

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The Dressmaker's Secret Michelle Vernal

For fans of Sandy Taylor, Barbara Davies and Jean Grainger

Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 25M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

Editor's Note

Welcome to the enchanting Brides of Bold Street, in the heart of Liverpool. Abandoned at the age of three, life in the bridal shop is all Sabrina Flocks has ever known. She longs to know the truth about why her mother left her all those years ago. Especially as, amid the gowns and lace, Sabrina makes dreams come true for young brides. But when she meets Adam, she feels she might finally have her own chance of happiness. Until she gets pulled into the past...

Sabrina is still on Bold Street, but there's only one building that's familiar... The bridal shop she grew up in. Could the historic shop be the key to solving the mystery of her heartbreaking past, or will it pull her further away from the promise of a happy future?

Retail Description

Sabrina Flocks was lost as a little girl, then raised and trained by talented dressmaker Evelyn. The historic bridal shop on Bold Street is all Sabrina has ever known. Since the kind shop owner took her in, Sabrina has followed in Evelyn's footsteps, stitching and bejewelling gorgeous wedding dresses. She's buried herself in the rich fabrics, closing off her heart rather than face the pain of what happened all those years ago...

Until the sparks that fly between her and handsome Adam Taylor take her completely by surprise. His quiet charm and kind smile encourage her to let her guard down. Just a little.

As love truly begins to bloom, the only way she can overcome the fear of being abandoned again and learn to feel safe in Adam's warm embrace, is if she finally finds the truth about her identity and her past. And the way to unravelling it all may be closer than she ever thought possible...

Because the rails full of petticoats, veils and skirts hide a secret. One that could have her walking a path through the past.

Could the journey through history give her everything she ever dreamt of? And even if she uncovers the truth, will she make it back to Adam in the present day or will it take Sabrina away from everything she holds dear?

Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'I didn't want to put it down... I just carried on reading... Best story I have read. I didn't want it to end.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Marvellous... Loved this book. It's definitely a page-turner. I didn't want to put it down. Can't wait for the next book.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

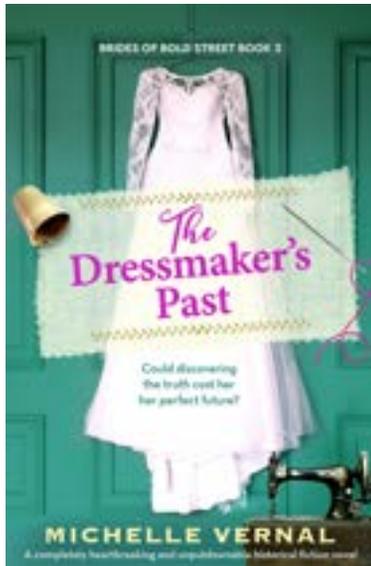
Michelle Vernal is a New Zealand author who writes stories that will take you onto the page with her characters and make you feel part of their lives. She writes with humour and warmth, and her readers describe her books as unputdownable, feel good and funny. Her writing has been likened to Maeve Binchy but with a modern-day vernacular. In 2015 she was shortlisted for the Love Stories Award. In 2020 she won



Historical

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Brides of Bold Street 1



The Dressmaker's Past Michelle Vernal

For fans of Sandy Taylor, Barbara Davies and Jean Grainger

Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 25M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

Editor's Note

The Dressmaker's Past, previously published as Winter Posy in 2021, is the second time-travel historical romance in the Brides of Bold Street series, and Michelle sweeps us away to the swinging Sixties in Liverpool. After her trip to the past, Sabrina is sure that Brides of Bold Street holds the key to finding out the truth about her mother, and why she left her baby daughter all those years ago. But with her relationship with Adam going so well, and her own happy ever after getting closer and closer, she feels torn. Until a young bride, with a strangely familiar name, leads Sabrina on a path that takes her back into the past... In 1962, Sabrina secures the future of the young bride by assisting her mother, another young bride-to-be in trouble, and finds a vital piece of information that could help her track down her mother. It also appears that the owner of Brides of Bold Street in

Retail Description

Years ago, Sabrina was found alone, staring at the white satin gowns. Unable to find her mother, the beautiful dresses were all that slowed the tears streaming down her cheeks. Now, the enchanting shop holds the key to discovering what happened that fateful day. But is she ready to give up her future for a chance to find out the truth?

Since she was found and raised by Evelyn, the kindly owner of Brides of Bold Street, Sabrina's been training to turn swathes of silk and satin into the dress of any bride's dream. But the talent of the gifted dressmakers isn't the only magic at work at the bridal shop...

Because here, among lengths of ribbon and lace trim, the past truly comes to life.

And when a blushing bride-to-be comes to the store, asking for Sabrina by name, it seems another adventure through time is waiting. The mother of the bride gave her daughter strict instruction to find Sabrina: because they've somehow, impossibly met before. And need to meet again.

Sabrina wonders if this time, using the shop's links to the past, she can finally find the mother she's never known. But with things getting serious with her handsome beau, Adam Taylor, Sabrina is torn...

Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'Wow, just wow... Brilliant book, can't wait for the next... You can't do better.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Amazing... Love... Couldn't put it down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

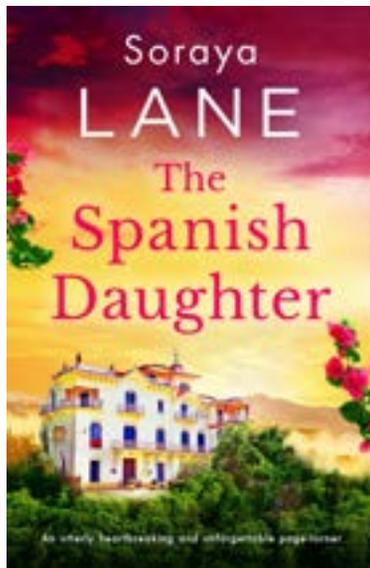
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Historical

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Brides of Bold Street 2



The Spanish Daughter Soraya Lane

For fans of Santa Montefiore, Lucinda Riley and Victoria Hislop

The Lost Daughters series has over 20 million KU pages read and has been translated into 20 languages

Editor's Note

Soraya has absolutely hit her stride with book six of the Lost Daughters series. With every book she has whisked readers away to romantic locations and delivered emotional, sometimes heartwrenching and truly uplifting romances. Having worked closely with Soraya on this book, I can truly say that this one has captured my heart completely: it is a book about love, loss and legacy which all readers will be able to connect with. At its heart, it is a story about how to rebuild after suffering earth shattering loss and about how to keep hope alive in the darkest of times. Both Valentina and Rose do just that in THE SPANISH DAUGHTER and you cannot fail to be moved by their beautiful story.

Retail Description

London, Present day. Rose once thought she was alone in the world, having just lost her beloved mother a few months ago. So, when she is presented with a mysterious box containing a small figure of a horse, a scrap of glittering silk and the hope of a lost family being found, Rose will stop at nothing to find them.

When her search takes her to a sprawling and luxurious estate in Argentina, where the best polo horses in the world were once raised, Rose wonders if she's mistaken. But when she meets a charming local, Benjamin, he takes her by the hand and encourages her to rediscover her roots.

As they spend long sunlit days riding horses, and cosy evenings eating dinner with his family, Rose wonders how she will ever return to the grey skies back home. But then she discovers a heart-wrenching story of two forbidden lovers: a wilful Spanish heiress and a hardworking stable hand, ripped apart by an arranged marriage and one of the largest inheritances in the country, which intertwines Rose and Benjamin's families in ways she could never have imagined.

As Benjamin's family grow wary of the stranger in their home dredging up the pain of the past, Rose finds herself at a crossroads. Will her great-grandmother's story give her the courage to fly in the face of convention and follow her heart? Or will she too have to give up the one she loves most to heal family ties...

Reviews for Soraya Lane

"Absolutely beautiful... Gripping... Gorgeous... Amazing... It is an absolutely emotional rollercoaster ride where one moment I was crying with sadness and the next with joy and happiness!!!... An absolutely stunning read!!!... I loved every page."
Bookworm86, ★★★★★

"Stunning... I love this series!... A heartbreaking, emotional story... Tugged at my heartstrings... Beautiful... A page-turner... Have tissues close by as you will be crying happy and sad tears as you read." 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

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The Lost Daughters 6



The Wartime Chocolate Maker Gosia Nealon

For fans of *The Nightingale*, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, and *Kelly Rimmer*

Gosia Nealon's Bookouture titles have sold more than 30,000 copies and have over 8.4M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

This gripping, dramatic and sweeping World War II novel is a beautifully crafted mix of personal and historical stakes. Kasia's return to her hometown to care for her younger brother brings her back into the fight against the Nazis, and her secret work with the resistance is filled with nail-biting tension. But it's the relationships—both romantic and familial—that make this story so impactful. The love triangle between Kasia, Felek, and Sebastian is layered and full of emotional complexity, while her fierce protection of her younger brother grounds the story in an unshakable sense of duty. The final twist is devastating yet entirely fitting for a tale that's as much about sacrifice as survival. This is historical fiction at its finest, blending action, emotion, and moral dilemmas seamlessly.

Retail Description

Working in her father's chocolate factory, Kasia risks her life every day hiding notes vital to the Polish resistance in the carefully packaged boxes. The information tucked beneath the truffles is crucial to freeing her country and her family from the Nazis. But each of her recipes is sent out under the watchful eyes of her boss, Sebastian—the man who broke her heart.

She has never been able to reconcile the kind, sweet boy she once adored with the man now allied with the Germans. Yet the more time she spends around him, the more he seems to hint at sympathizing with the resistance. And the risk of revealing everything to him seems to shrink day by day.

Until one coded message hidden among the rich chocolate makes her fear for her mother and brother's lives. And though she's on the factory floor with a group of fellow resistance women, she can't let on what she knows. Because her network has been betrayed.

As she searches the faces of those closest to her for any sign of guilt, her eyes meet Sebastian's, full of care and concern. With time running out, Kasia wonders if she can trust him with this deadly secret? Or are the soldiers already on their way to arrest her?

Reviews for Gosia Nealon

"MUST READ!... I couldn't put this book down! Fantastic read from start to finish... Amazing!" Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

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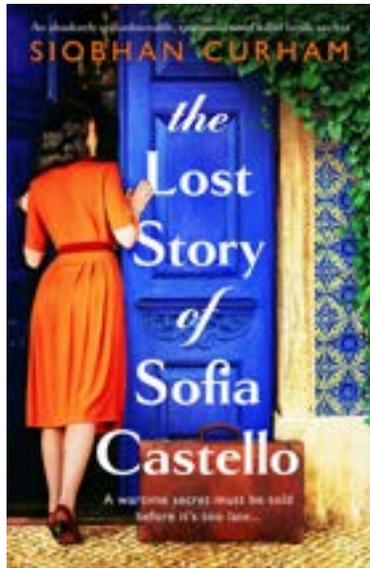
Author Biography

While Gosia Nealon is a proud New Yorker, she was born and raised in Poland. Growing up in Poland, Gosia heard many firsthand accounts of the war, and she was compelled to breathe life into them through her writing. Gosia's award-winning short stories delve into the drama, sacrifice, and tragedy of WWII and her debut novel won a gold medal in the 2022 Independent Publisher Book Awards.



Historical

282 pages | Pub Date 21/3/2025 | 9781836182634 | Unagented



The Lost Story of Sofia Castello Siobhan Curham

For fans of Fiona Valpy, Lorna Cook and The Letter.

Siobhan Curham's novels have sold over 110,000 copies and enjoyed over 34 million KU pages read

Editor's Note

With shades of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, Siobhan Curham's next book feels quite different to her previous historical titles with us, while still building on her trademark for quirky and loveable characters. We have a deeply emotional and unexpected storyline in each timeline, as Lily tries to convince Sofia to reveal her final secret about why she faked her own death decades before. The ending here is incredibly poignant, as we see Sofia confront the love of her life who she believed betrayed her and their unborn child in 1942. But all is not as it seems!

Retail Description

The warm sea breeze ruffles the pages of my notebook as I meet the still-bright eyes of the elderly lady sat opposite me on the porch. Sofia has been keeping a devastating secret for over sixty years. Why did she fake her own death during the war? And why is she back now to finally tell her story?

Writer Lily Richie is at rock bottom when she's tasked with the job of a lifetime writing the memoir of Sofia Castello – famous in the war years for singing across Europe, until her tragic death in 1941. So Lily is shocked to hear Sofia is actually in her eighties, living in secret, in a blue-tiled cottage on the Portuguese coast.

Lily listens in fascination as the grouchy but ever-glamorous elderly lady spins an unbelievable tale of fear-filled days spent caring for an orphaned German girl, and nights performing to crowds of Gestapo agents: until she risked it all and fell in love. Then a tragic betrayal changed the course of her life forever...

But as Lily starts to open up to Sofia about her own private heartache, she recognises the older woman is not being entirely honest with her. Sofia's secluded home is accessed by only one, barely paved, winding road. Sofia refuses to say why she really hired Lily, and evades Lily's questions about how she found her. Sofia is clearly still hiding from someone. What is the final secret haunting Sofia? And can Lily uncover the devastating truth, before her time with Sofia runs out?

Reviews for Siobhan Curham

'Wow!... I cannot rave enough about how much I enjoyed this novel... Page after page I was on the edge of my seat... I will never forget it... A must-read... 5 brilliant stars.' Cindy L. Spear, ★★★★★

'By far was the best book I have read... From the moment I started this book until I finished it, I was hooked. Tears streamed down my face... A must read for everyone!... Will stay in my heart forever.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

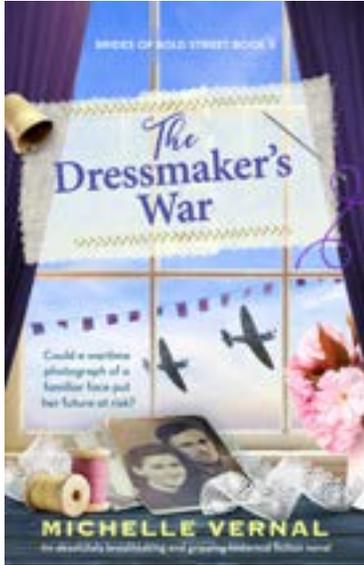
Author Biography

Siobhan Curham is an award-winning author, ghost writer, editor and writing coach. She has also written for many newspapers, magazines and websites, including *The Guardian*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Writers' Forum*. Siobhan has been a guest on various radio and TV shows, including *Woman's Hour*, *BBC News*, *GMTV* and *BBC Breakfast*. And she has spoken at businesses, schools, universities and literary festivals around the



Historical

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The Dressmaker's War Michelle Vernal

For fans of Barbara Davis, Sandy Taylor and Jean Grainger

Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 26M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

Editor's Note

When a young bride walks into Brides of Bold Street holding a photograph with a picture of someone who looks just like Sabrina, the dressmaker's heart jumps - could this be the missing piece she's been waiting for to find her mother?

With the photograph leading to a trip to a bombed-out Bold Street in the midst of World War 2, Sabrina is so thankful that this time she has company. Adam, the man she loves has travelled with her - and might have a family secret of his own to uncover on this journey through one of the most trying times in modern history.

Retail Description

Brides of Bold Street is filled with beautiful, brand-new ivory gowns. But dressmaker Sabrina loves it when brides-to-be wear vintage, family heirloom dresses. Seeing wedding day photographs of future mothers and grandmothers beaming – as if knowing the happiness they feel will be passed down to their daughters – is a bittersweet reminder of the mother she's never known.

And as she and her handsome beau, Adam Taylor, start talking about marriage, not having her mother by her side weighs on Sabrina's heart more and more each day.

But when a bride walks into the store with a family dress made of rare parachute silk from World War Two, Sabrina feels hope rise again in her chest. Because the bride also has a photograph. A photo Sabrina is sure shows her mother's face...

With the answers to what happened all those years ago almost within reach, Sabrina decides to risk another journey through the past – and this time, with Adam by her side. He'd never let her travel alone, to a time when air raid sirens broke the silence of the night and bombs fell on Liverpool.

Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'Brilliant... Totally hooked... Fabulous... Pure gold. Can't wait for the next book.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

'Wonderful... This truly imaginative story is impossible to put down.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

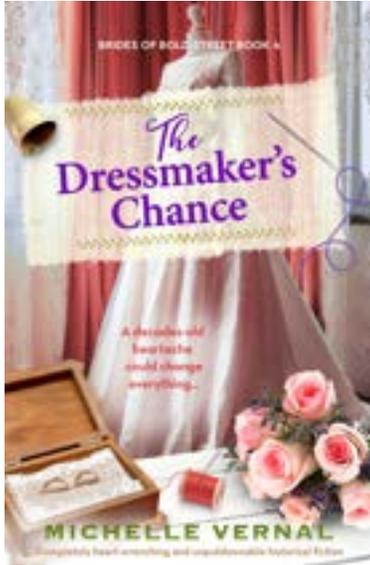
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Historical

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Brides of Bold Street 3



The Dressmaker's Chance Michelle Vernal

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Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 27M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

Editor's Note

Michelle Vernal's trademark charm will transport you to the roaring 20s in the final instalment of the Brides of Bold Street series, The Dressmaker's Fortune. Previously published as Summer Posy in 2022.

Sabrina Flooks feels like she's living the dream as her and Adam's relationship goes from strength to strength - the happy ending that she's helped so many brides to may be in reach for her very soon. But when she unearths the long-guarded history between her Aunt Evie and Adam's father, she is faced with reconciling Evelyn's past with the woman who raised her. And what it could mean for Sabrina and Adam's future.

Retail Description

When she found a lost little girl in front of her shop, dressmaker Evelyn Flooks decided to raise Sabrina as her own daughter. So, when Sabrina announces her engagement, Evelyn gifts her the ring she herself was given, to truly show Sabrina that she is Evelyn's family.

Though the precious ring has many happy memories, it also reminds Evelyn of the heartbreak she once suffered. And the secret she's kept buried for decades. But Evelyn reels in shock when she meets Sabrina's future father-in-law. It's the man she once loved more than anything.

Evelyn knows this is her only chance to right to wrongs of the past, before it is too late. But seeing Sabrina glow with delight at becoming a bride-to-be, she can't bring herself to destroy her girl's happiness by sharing her own secret... about how Adam's father broke her heart, how she came to own the bridal shop, and how her family was torn apart.

Will finally opening up be as terrible as she fears? Or will it give Evelyn the chance to heal, in time to watch the girl she loves like a daughter walk down the aisle?

Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'Loved it! Beautifully written... Couldn't put it down... So sorry that it's ended.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

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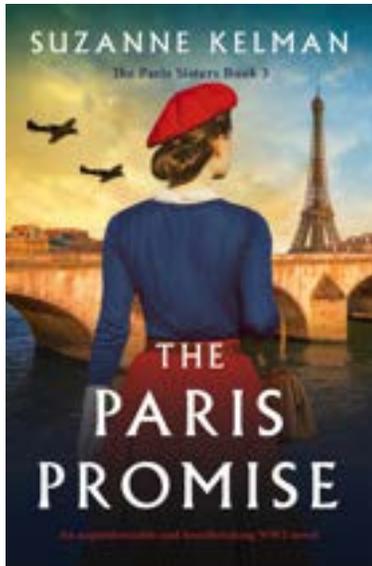
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Historical

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Brides of Bold Street 4



The Paris Promise Suzanne Kelman

For fans of Roberta Kagan, Kristin Hannah, and Fiona Valpy

Author has sold over 430,000 copies and has been in the Top 50 in the US Amazon charts and top 10 in the UK Amazon charts

Editor's Note

The third novel in the Paris Sisters series follows violinist Antoinette Valette in WW2 France. Working undercover for the Resistance, she performs each night for high-ranking Nazi officials in the hopes she will hear a crucial piece of information that may save her beloved Jewish husband. But when an officer takes a shine to her, she realises she is in more danger than she realised. Can Antoinette do the unthinkable, in order to save her husband, and countless other innocent lives?

Retail Description

When the Nazis invade Paris, Antoinette Valette's world shatters overnight. In an instant, she goes from being a celebrated violinist, to fearing for the life of her Jewish husband and son. With nowhere to flee, hiding in plain sight is her family's only choice.

But when their secret is discovered and her beloved husband is torn from her arms, Antoinette's heart breaks. She knows she must act quickly if she is to save her son from the same fate. Desperate, she asks the Resistance to secure him a place on the last train leaving Paris. Holding him tightly against her chest, she promises she will find him again. But is it a promise she can't possibly keep?

Alone and with nothing left to lose, when the Resistance ask her to use her musical talent to spy on high-ranking Nazis, Antoinette doesn't hesitate. Playing her violin at elaborate dinner parties each night gives her the opportunity to listen to their conversations. And although she risks her life every day, it is the only way to get her family back.

But when a Nazi commander makes advances towards her, Antoinette realizes that she will have to make a dangerous and impossible choice. Can she find the strength to do the unthinkable, in the hopes that it will save her family, and countless other innocent lives?

Reviews for Suzanne Kelman

"Had me perched on the edge of my seat!... Brilliant... Once I started The Paris Promise I could not stop... A magnificent story... This is a top WW2 fiction novel that cannot be missed." Cindy L Spear, ★★★★★

"An extraordinary and heart-wrenching novel... My heart was repeatedly broken... I couldn't put the book down until I reached the very last page. I was deeply moved... A must-read... Wonderful." Page Turners, ★★★★★

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



Historical

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The Paris Sisters 3



The German Next Door Gosia Nealon

For fans of *The Midwife of Auschwitz*, *Rhys Bowen*, and *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

Gosia Nealon's Bookouture titles have sold more than 34,000 copies and have over 10M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

Set in Nazi-occupied Poland, this story is a haunting exploration of bravery and survival. Aneta's life is a delicate balance of protecting her family, harbouring her Jewish best friend's son, and hiding a resistance fighter—all under the watchful eye of a suspicious German officer. Bronka was taken to a camp, and the only thing keeping her going is the knowledge her son is in the care of her wonderful friend Aneta. We follow both women as they have to make one heart-breaking decision after another, each fraught with danger. Yet their determination and humanity shine through - Gosia has written a novel that really is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Retail Description

Poland, 1943. "We owe you our lives." The elderly woman clasps my hands before climbing the attic ladder to hide with her family. I am filled with anger, sadness and fear: but I can't give in to my tears now. Not when this isn't the only secret I'm keeping from the German soldiers next door...

When German soldiers take over the neighboring farm in her little village, Aneta tries to pretend life with her four-year-old son, Janek, is continuing as normal. No-one can ever know about the Jewish doctor's family she's hiding.

The doctor saved Janek's life: and kept the identity of his father a secret. Aneta owes him everything. But when a blue-eyed lieutenant knocks on her door, they are all in terrible danger. Because the soldier is Janek's father.

Johann was once the love of Aneta's life. But when he joined the German invaders, he changed. And if he knew the truth, Johann wouldn't just take her son from her. The family she's been hiding would be in terrible danger.

With the German presence setting Aneta's tiny town on edge, villagers start turning on each other, and the threat of betrayal grows each day. Can Aneta keep the Jewish family a secret when so many eyes are on them? And with Johann haunting her steps, will she be able to protect her son and make sure they all survive?

Reviews for Gosia Nealon

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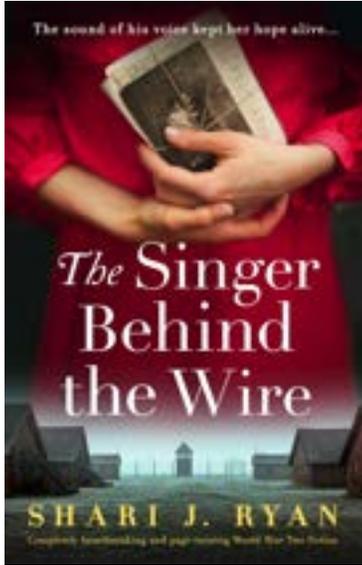
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Historical

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The Singer Behind the Wire Shari J. Ryan

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Nightingale* and *The Choice*

From the author of *The Bookseller of Dachau* (22,000). Previous titles have sold over 130,000 copies, with 59M KU pages read

Editor's Note

The next breathtaking, heart-wrenching, emotional World War Two novel from bestselling author Shari J. Ryan. Trapped in the brutal conditions of Auschwitz, every night Ella falls asleep listening to the man she loves forced to sing for the officers in another part of the camp - until one night, the music stops... This stunning novel is deeply emotional, yanking hard on your heartstrings as Shari carries us through the most beautiful love story from its early days in occupied Poland, all the way to a hopeful ending. It is sensitive, tender, absorbing and devastating - a dual POV from two brave, bold characters who fight with everything they have for their all-consuming love. It is a story of resilience, defiance and hope above all else, set between Warsaw and Auschwitz. Beautifully written, this page-turning, utterly compelling story will capture your heart

Retail Description

Sitting bolt upright, Ella rubs at her eyes and concentrates on the music. Is she dreaming? She'd fallen for Luka's voice the first time she heard him singing on the street corner near her house, with his kind smile and joyous laugh. He was her first love, and the pain of being torn apart still slices at her.

He's alive. But even as hope swells in Ella's heart, terror threatens to swallow it. Luka is Jewish. If he's here, he's in grave danger—even more than Ella faces for sneaking into the ghetto to see him back in Warsaw... But she will never regret it. They had fought every day for their love, even knowing where it might lead...

Despair tears at Ella as she battles to find the strength to keep going, to search for Luka even on the days when the bitter cold whips through the camp—the days when her body feels weaker than ever and her friends are lost to the cruel regime. At night, she listens desperately for the sound of Luka's voice as he's forced to perform. Knowing he's still alive even if she can't see him is the one thing that brings her peace.

Until one night when, as his first haunting notes reach her bunk, an angry shout splits the night sky, the music stops, and there is only resounding, terrifying silence...

Reviews for Shari J. Ryan

"I don't think I ever will get over this book... I want to wrap it in plastic and keep it on a special shelf, for special books... Beyond words fantastic. Can you give medals for books?... Well, Shari needs one... This story will stay with me." Goodreads reviewer, 

"This. Broke. Me... Unforgettable... Moving and powerful... Will definitely be hard to forget. You'll need tissues. I sobbed." annasbook.nook, 

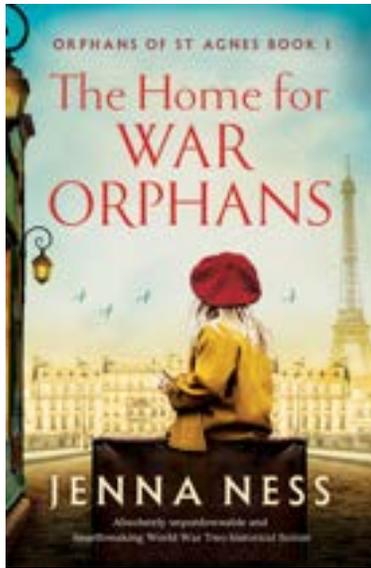
Author Biography

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



Historical

354 pages | Pub Date 5/6/2025 | 9781805500148 | Unaged



The Home for War Orphans Jenna Ness

For fans of Kelly Rimmer, Anna Stuart and Rhys Bowen

A new historical fiction series from new-to-Bookouture author Jenna Ness

Editor's Note

How much would you sacrifice to save your family? For seventeen-year-old orphan Margot, she's about to face the toughest journey of her young life. In charge of shepherding a group of young orphan girls across war-torn Paris to safety overseas, Margot must risk her own life in order to keep the young girls safe. But when her only family, her little sister Lucie, goes missing, she must strike out on her own to bring her back, before it's too late. Jenna Ness is a bestselling author under the name Jennie Lucas, and this is the first in a brand-new series of WW2-set stories following the Paris orphans.

Retail Description

Paris, 1940. Although we aren't related by blood, Sister Helen is like a mother to all of us orphans but now the Germans are coming, and she has no choice but to split up our little family. My beloved little sister Lucie is going to live with a wealthy family in their chateau, to care for their young baby, while I will go to Marseille until I can earn enough to look after her myself. Will we survive the long journey to our new lives?

As German planes fly low over us, we run for cover from their bombs and one terrible night, we lose Lucie in the chaos. Her warm little hand slips from my grasp as we run for the forest and the next morning, we cannot find her. I barely sleep, going back and forth along the road, calling until I have no voice left.

It's only then that Sister Helen reveals a devastating secret to all of us: we are the last orphans left because we are all Jewish. She has booked us passage to America, using what little money she has to keep us safe. But we must leave now, or we will miss our ship.

But I will not go without my sister. Can I find her in time to sail to safety, or will we both be lost in France and hunted by the Nazis?

Reviews for Jenna Ness

Author Biography

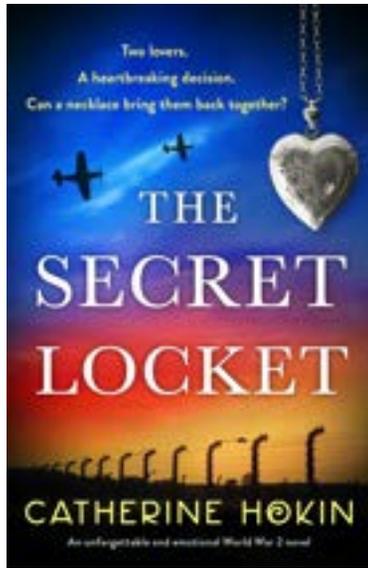
Jenna has sold four million romance novels in twenty different languages and is a USA Today-bestselling author. She lives in Idaho with her family and two dogs who follow her like ducklings from her desk to the fridge – Cosmo, a badly behaved Black Lab, and Scootie, a twenty-pound Chihuahua.



Historical

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Orphans of St Agnes 1



The Secret Locket Catherine Hokin

For fans of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, *The Nightingale* and *The Book of Lost Names*.

Catherine's books have gone from strength to strength, her previous World War 2 set historical novels have sold over 350,000 copies

Editor's Note

This is a cinematic and heart-rending story about how love can prevail in the darkest of times. Everyone thought childhood friends Pascal and Noemi would be together as adults, but all that changed as Hitler came into power. Noemi is Jewish and forced to go on the run after her parents are sent to Dachau. Pascal at the behest of his violent father becomes a Nazi officer. Noemi begs Pascal to leave with her, but he can't leave his father and part ways with his ideology. As the war progresses, Noemi becomes a partisan fighter whilst Pascal loses faith in the movement he thought so noble. He starts to secretly help Jewish prisoners in Dachau. When the war ends, he understands Noemi probably cannot love him for what he has done. But together they find a route to forgiveness, and move on with new lives.

Retail Description

When Pascal kisses Noemi and presses his mother's locket into her hands, it is a moment she has been longing for her whole life. But when war is declared, overnight their love becomes forbidden – Noemi is Jewish, while Pascal is being pressured to become a Hitler Youth officer by his father.

When Noemi's parents are captured and taken to Dachau, she knows her hometown is no longer safe. With time running out, Pascal smuggles her onto a train, praying she will be able to hide unnoticed until the war is over. Devastated, he watches the train leave, promising himself he will find her again one day.

As the months turn into years, Noemi remains determined to find her family and leave behind her feelings of heartbreak at Pascal fighting for the Nazis. She knows they can never be together but still she remembers the pendant he gave her, and hope flickers in her chest like a flame, that one day they might reunite...

Realizing that everything he was told about the Nazis is a lie, Pascal vows to make amends for his past mistakes. When back in his hometown he learns that Noemi is in danger, he vows to save the girl who long ago took his locket, and his heart. But with war still raging, will Pascal be strong enough to find Noemi? And if he does, will she ever truly forgive him for his past?

Reviews for Catherine Hokin

'I cried buckets... Heartbreaking... This one will have you on the edge of your seat.' NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

'If I could give this book more than a five-star rating, I surely would! It is absolutely the best WW2 historical fiction I've read in a long time!... I couldn't bear to put it down.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

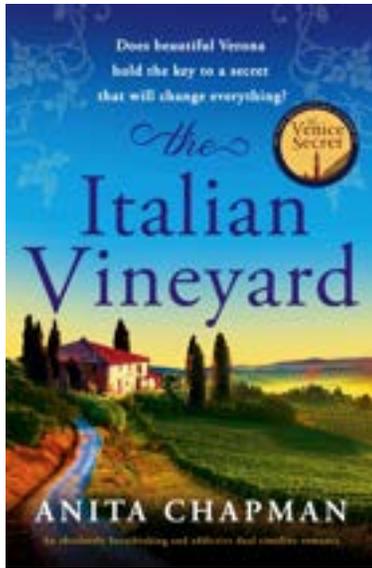
Author Biography

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.



Historical

334 pages | Pub Date 7/7/2025 | 9781835250914 | Unagented



The Italian Vineyard Anita Chapman

For fans of Lucinda Riley and Fiona Valpy

The Venice Secret was published in March 2023 and spent six weeks in the overall Amazon UK Kindle Top 100, reaching number thirty-eight. It has received 5M+ KU pages read so far

Editor's Note

Set against the rolling vineyards and twinkling lights of cobble stoned Verona - as well as the beautiful, lush hills of England - bestselling author Anita Chapman unravels a timeless story of forbidden love, searching for purpose, and a long-buried family secret that will change everything... When Kate is gifted an old bottle of wine by her great grandmother, a mysterious note attached to the wine will whisk her away to Verona in search of the truth, and lead her to discover so much more - but will it tear her family apart, or provide the perfect reason to keep them together? This is a gorgeous, sweeping, romantic page-turner which is both uplifting and tragic, heartbreaking and soul-mending. Anita Chapman's debut novel spent 8 weeks in Amazon UK top 100, and has had more than 6m pages read through KU. Perfect for fans of Soraya Lane and Lucinda Riley, this beautiful,

Retail Description

1937. Lady Beatrice is determined to honour her late husband's dream of a vineyard at lush Copeley Park. Travelling to Verona for research with her head gardener, Arthur, for protection, Beatrice falls in love with Italy's lush rolling hills and beautiful golden hours. As she searches for the coveted vine that can flourish back in England, Verona begins to feel surprisingly like home. But just as Beatrice is adjusting to vineyard life, trouble begins to brew across Europe and her dreams hang in the balance...

Now. Devastated by the recent loss of her mother and newly single, Kate agrees to help with the marketing at Copeley Park - her family's failing estate. The park is famous for its stunning vineyard, and it will be the perfect distraction. But when she learns that the vineyard might have to be sold, she's determined not to let this beautiful piece of her family's history go. And when her great grandmother gifts a dusty old bottle of wine with a mysterious note attached, she convinces head winemaker Ben to accompany her to Verona to unravel its secrets...

But as Kate and Ben grow closer against the rolling hills of Italy, will Kate discover that some secrets are better left in the past? Or will unravelling the romantic mystery at the heart of Copeley Park's vineyard lead to a happy ending Kate could only have ever dreamed of...?

Reviews for Anita Chapman

'Oh my... Took me on a full-blown tour of every emotion and left me reeling... An absolute triumph... All your emotions will be at the fore. I cannot recommend this book enough!' Book Escapes, ★★★★★

'I loved everything about it... Phenomenal.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Anita likes to read journals and diaries from the past, and one of her favourite pastimes is visiting art galleries and country houses. Her first published novel, The Venice Secret, is inspired by her mother taking her to see the Canalettos at The National Gallery in London as a child. The Venice Secret was published in March 2023 and spent six weeks in the overall Amazon UK Kindle Top 100, reaching number thirty-eight.



Historical

340 pages | Pub Date 14/7/2025 | 9781805500018 | Unagented



The Lost Orphans Ellie Curzon

For fans of Orphan Train, Sold on a Monday and Diney Costeloe

The first in a new series, Ellie's previous series sold over 27k units and has more than 10M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

Grab hold of your tissues, they'll be needed! This is such a gripping, heart-wrenching and uplifting start to a new series, based on a true story about runaway evacuees. Set in London during the Blitz, we follow the extraordinary journey of homeless orphans who risk their lives to save others as the bombs rain down on their city. Guaranteed to grip readers and capture their hearts until the final, unputdownable page!

Retail Description

The war has robbed eight-year-old Elsie of everything except her protective brother Jack. Her wide blue eyes tell of great loss—she has not spoken since their mother's death in the Blitz. Now Elsie and Jack live in an orphanage for evacuees who escaped back to London only to find their homes destroyed. Until one terrible night, the orphanage too is hit by a bomb.

With nobody to care for them, Elsie, Jack and their friends wander under the falling ash. Their fingertips are numb and their stomachs twisting with hunger, but slowly they adjust to life on the streets. Calling themselves the Blitz Kids, when sirens scream and Nazi planes fly overhead, they run into the darkness to rescue as many people as they can. Only little Elsie, the youngest, is not allowed to come, but one day she will join them. As they risk their lives for others, who will keep them safe?

Then the orphans meet French jazz-singer Lisette, a beautiful woman with golden hair. Lisette takes the children under her wing and though she can't stop them from running into the air raids, when they return, she looks after them like a mother would. And slowly, Elsie begins to feel hope and happiness once more. But during a night of terrible bombing, the unimaginable happens.

Unwilling to be left behind again and determined to save her fellow Londoners, Elsie goes out all alone. Soon she is trapped, alone and afraid. Lisette, Jack and the orphans search through the flames and rubble, but Elsie has no voice to cry out for help. Will anyone find her before it is too late, or will Elsie and Jack be forever torn apart?

Reviews for Ellie Curzon

'Wow wow wow!!!! I read this in less than 24 hours. So gripping... I was hooked and unable to put it down until I finished the last page!!!!... Love love loved.' @DianeLikesToRead ★★★★★

'Outstanding... Heartwarming and heartbreaking... Had me on tenterhooks... Completely gripping, unputdownable.' Emzreads ★★★★★

Author Biography

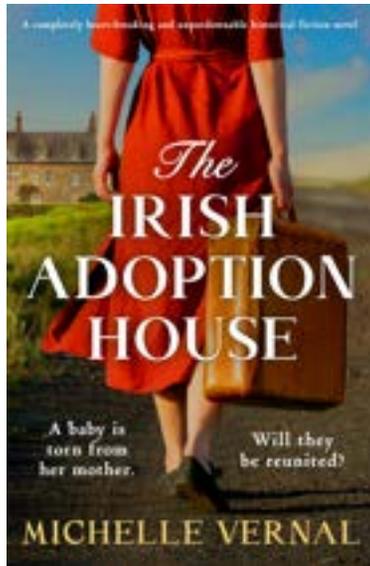
Ellie Curzon is the pen name of Catherine Curzon and Helen Barrell. Catherine and Helen began writing together in the spring of 2017 and swiftly discovered a shared love of the past and a uniquely British sort of story. They drink gallons of tea, spend hours discussing the importance of good tailoring and are never at a loss for a bit of derring-do.



Historical

368 pages | Pub Date 23/7/2025 | 9781836185673 | Unagented

The Runaway Evacuees 1



The Irish Adoption House Michelle Vernal

For fans of Jean Grainger, Lisa Wingate and Diney Costeloe

Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 29M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

Editor's Note

This deeply emotional story is both heart-wrenching and inspiring. The young Irish woman at its center is determined to reunite with the child she was forced to give up for adoption, and her journey is as painful as it is courageous. What sets this book apart is how vividly it portrays the clash of two worlds—the quiet desperation of her life in Ireland and the glossy privilege of the adoptive parents in Savannah. The narrative pulses with tension and heart, capturing the lengths a mother will go to for love and the quiet resilience that keeps her fighting against the odds. It's a poignant and unforgettable exploration of sacrifice and hope.

Retail Description

When the man she thought she'd marry suddenly disappears Maudie O'Connor is heartbroken. Then she finds out she's pregnant. Refusing her pleas to keep the baby, her family send her to St Patrick's Mother and Baby Home in disgrace.

Lying in bed after a harrowing birth, it's all worth it as she cradles her precious little girl. But the nuns tear the newborn from her grasp. Maudie's only solace is that she is able to spend a few minutes a day feeding her. Then, one morning, her baby is nowhere to be seen.

Determined to find out what happened to her daughter, Maudie sneaks out after curfew, past the nuns guarding the record room. And when she finds her entry, her breath catches. Not only has her little girl been given up for adoption, she's been sent several thousand miles away: to Savannah, Georgia, USA.

With her family disowning her, and not a penny to her name, how will Maudie even start the vast and lonely journey across the ocean? With no one to help her and so little information to go on, how can she hope to find the family who adopted her precious baby? And even if she does – will her little girl ever be given back to Maudie, where she truly belongs?

Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'LOVE, LOVE, LOOOOOOVVEEEE, LOVED IT!!!!... Absolutely stunning!!!!... I was completely swept away!!!!... DO NOT START THIS UNTIL YOU CLEAR YOUR SCHEDULES AS YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PUT IT DOWN!!!!... Perfect... Absolutely gorgeous... Will keep you up late at night.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Heart-warming and utterly addictive... Definitely ticked all the boxes for me!... Right from the very beginning I found myself turning the pages very quickly. Wonderful. Magical.' Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

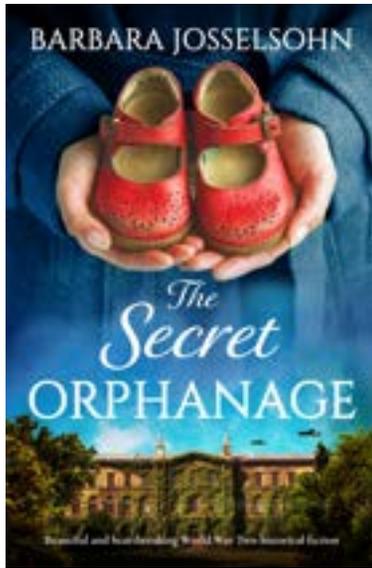
Michelle Vernal is a New Zealand author who writes stories that will take you onto the page with her characters and make you feel part of their lives. She writes with humour and warmth, and her readers describe her books as unputdownable, feel good and funny. Her writing has been likened to Maeve Binchy but with a modern-day vernacular. In 2015 she was shortlisted for the Love Stories Award. In 2020 she won



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 7/8/2025 | 9781836189985 | Unagented

The Irish Adoption House 1



The Secret Orphanage Barbara Josselsohn

For fans of Victoria Hislop, Soraya Lane and Fiona Valpy.

With Bookouture, the author has sold more than 58k units, with over 36M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

From WW2 France to US present day. Two beautiful love stories intertwined. The story of a woman who risked everything to save an innocent baby... Nestled in a thick sweep of pine trees high upon a hill in the French countryside, the secret orphanage is known to outsiders as a school for children from the village below. But teachers Celina and Rémy are secretly housing Jewish children to protect them from the Nazis occupying France. And their love story, as well as Celina's fierce vow to reunite a baby with her mother, will echo through generations... In the present timeline, Rachel arrives in the very same village in search of the truth about her mother. She will uncover family secrets that will change everything, fall in love, and discover what it is she truly wants from life. Barbara has created characters that will stay with you long after the final page, and has crafted a truly life-

Retail Description

"Nobody outside the village knows the orphanage exists, Celina. We're hidden by the mountains and everyone is sworn to secrecy. Please don't give the soldiers a reason to come here..."

1944. In a quiet village in German-occupied France, schoolteacher Celina ushers young Jewish children into her classroom. Watching their bright smiles as they learn how to write, she and sweet, handsome Remy promise to protect them. Every day she pretends to send them home, waving at the local police roaming the streets, as instead they sneak away to hide upstairs.

But Celina can't stop thinking about the note left on her bedside table last night. Written in the secret code used by the Resistance, it told her a baby she's sheltering could be reunited with its mother. Will Remy ever forgive her if she attempts to take the baby home? If she's caught, they could discover the orphanage...

New York, present day. Haunted by a loss he refuses to speak about, Rachel's grandfather is slowly losing his memories. Then Rachel finds a name scribbled into the old children's book he used to read to her, which leads her to a French village with a dark and dangerous past.

Nothing can prepare Rachel for what she finds behind the orphanage's crumbling façade. But as her own future becomes

Reviews for Barbara Josselsohn

"A book to be devoured, once you begin you won't be able to stop until the last page is turned... Heart-warming, feel-good... A must-read... I absolutely loved this." Page-Turners Book Reviews by Caroline, ★★★★★

"I am at loss of words to explain how I felt about this book... Loved... Amazing... A wonderful masterpiece. This book will stay with me for a long time." Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Barbara Josselsohn is an award-winning journalist and novelist. Her novels center around second chances, family relationships and, of course, romance. She is the author of the Lake Summers series set in the fictional town of Lake Summers, nestled in the Adirondacks Mountains, which includes the books *The Lilac House* and *The Bluebell Girls*. She lives just north of New York City.



Historical

0 pages | Pub Date 15/8/2025 | 9781836186151 | Cynthia Manson, Cynthia Manson Literary Agency



To Save Her Husband Ellie Midwood

Ellie's titles have sold over 450,000 copies, with over 55 million pages read on Kindle Unlimited.

Editor's Note

Ellie Midwood returns with a dazzling and heartbreaking novel that showcases the sacrifices that one woman has to make to save her husband's life. Aurelia's husband Max is a celebrated film producer, but he is also Jewish, and living in Berlin in the late 1930s puts him in terrible peril. To save her husband, Aurelia must curry favour from the brother she has always hated, the brother who is a member of the Nazi party, and also the brother who she believes is responsible for her mother's death ...

Retail Description

"Max." Aurelia went to her husband, and took his face in her hands. "You need to leave. You are the one in danger. I am not. I have my brother; the soldiers won't touch me. You go and I'll stay."

Berlin, 1933: As Aurelia grasps her husband Max's sleeve so as not to be separated in the crowd of torch-bearing people, a shiver slides down her spine. She sees wild-faced people all around her, their hands waving leaflets full of hateful slogans, and knows deep in her heart that she and her husband are no longer safe in the city they've always called home.

Up on the stage, she sees her brother Wilhelm, resplendent in his uniform, a cold smile playing across his lips as he throws books onto a pyre. Max's hand trembles in hers. It feels like the end of their freedom.

Later, as she and Max stand terrified on a train platform, Aurelia knows that Max, her fragile lifeline in a world full of danger, must flee Germany. As a Jewish film director, he has attracted the wrong kind of attention... The only way to protect him is for Aurelia to strike a terrible bargain with the brother she hates. But as she and Max are forced apart, a chill wraps itself around Aurelia's heart as the reality of their situation strikes her. She will do anything to save her husband, but she cannot bring herself to help the evil regime. She is willing to break the promise she has made her brother and sacrifice herself. But what will that mean for Max, the man she has always loved?

Reviews for Ellie Midwood

'Wow!!!!... Definitely not going to leave my head anytime soon... Devastatingly heartbreaking... Absolutely rammed with emotions... A heart-wrenching, absolutely beautifully devastating story.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'Gripping... I kept telling myself, 'just one more chapter' and before I knew it, it was 6 a.m. and I was still awake! I had to force myself to go to sleep and as soon as I woke up, I finished the book within a few hours... Outstanding.' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

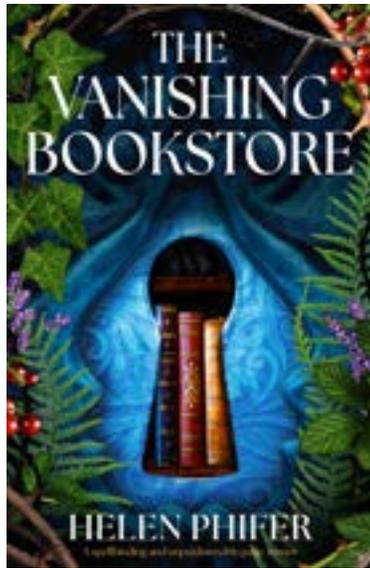
Ellie Midwood is a USA Today bestselling and award-winning historical fiction author. Ellie is continuously enriching her library with new research material and feeds her passion for WWII and Holocaust history by collecting rare memorabilia and documents. In her free time, Ellie is a health-obsessed yoga enthusiast, neat freak, adventurer, Nazi Germany history expert, polyglot, philosopher, a proud Jew, and a doggie mama. Ellie



Historical

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Science Fiction & Fantasy



The Vanishing Bookstore Helen Phifer

For fans of *Weyward*, *The Lost Apothecary* and *Practical Magic*.

Over 400,000 copies sold of *One Left Alive*, the first book in the Detective Morgan Brookes series. Top 25 Amazon US and UK author.

Editor's Note

The Lost Bookshop meets *Weyward* in this magical, historical fantasy debut from Helen Phifer, whose series have sold more than 700,000 copies. *Salem, 1692*: A young girl runs from a bookstore surrounded by overgrown trails in the middle of the woods. The shop disappears without a trace, and with it, the key to saving Dora English more than three hundred years later. Grounded in gorgeous prose, this book will have you spellbound. Hidden within the pages is a beautiful, clean romance, a story about sisterhood and magic. Alice Hoffman fans will want it made into a movie, and the warm, cosy historical tone is perfect for TikTok readers of *The Pumpkin Spice Cafe*.

Retail Description

'Every story needs a happy ending. And you can't have yours until you find the bookstore.'

1692. On the outskirts of Salem, a bookstore stands covered in overgrown vines. Inside, a young woman hides a linen-wrapped journal under a loose floorboard and runs away, panicked. The bookstore vanishes into thin air...

Present day. Stepping inside a pale-pink house on one of the oldest streets in Salem, Dora can't believe she's about to finally meet the mother she thought died tragically when she was just a child. But Dora's mother has fear in her eyes, and with a trembling voice she whispers: 'my life is in danger, and now so is yours...'

Dora digs into her family's mysterious past, and stumbles upon a seemingly impossible secret: the key to their survival is hidden in a bookstore that no one has seen for generations.

Losing herself amongst thorny brackens and twisted ferns, Dora eventually finds the path that leads to the bookstore. But someone is watching her. As she pushes open the beautiful blue door, she has no idea of the secrets she is about to uncover. Or that her life is in more danger than ever before...

Reviews for Helen Phifer

'Wow!!!!... I did NOT in a million years see THAT coming!!!!... I smashed this in one sitting and could not sleep until I finished it which ended up being 3am!!!!... Absolutely unputdownable page-turning book... Absolutely LOVED IT... I was just gobsmacked by the twist... Will stay with me for a long time.' Bookworm86, ★★★★★

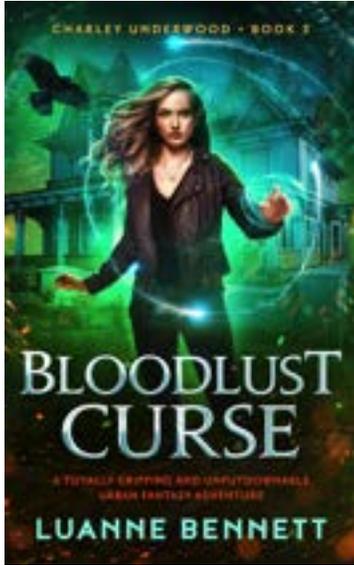
Author Biography

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.



Fantasy

312 pages | Pub Date 7/1/2025 | 9781836185949 | Unagented



Bloodlust Curse Luanne Bennett

For fans of Kim Richardson, Charlaine Harris, and Patricia Briggs

Editor's Note

Luanne Bennett is a master storyteller with over 10,000 five-star ratings on Amazon. Exciting and warming, the Charley Underwood series is like a night of whisky shots in a hometown bar. If your hometown is full of dangerous vampires.

This is thrilling urban fantasy from one of the best in the game, with warring wolf shifters, witches and vampires. The town of Crimson also has an array of very real issues, from addiction to racism, that bring it fully to life. The action is hard hitting, with bar fights and back-alley brawls. But it's the vibrant characters that will keep the reader coming back for more. From a sarcastic dominatrix witch to squabbling bartenders to a mysterious vampire with an equally mysterious cat.

Retail Description

I'm Charley Underwood. I run the best bar in Crimson, Georgia... when I'm not kicking demons and vampire thugs out of town.

A local witch has been murdered. Even worse, it looks like the killer stole her magic, draining it away in a bloody ritual.

Who would play with the darkest kind of magic like this? And what are they planning to do with the power they took?

When the killer targets my mentor Candy, and the dangerous trove of enchanted objects in her shop, it's time to gather Crimson's witches and prepare for war.

But as we plan our response, I can't shake the feeling that the others are hiding something from me. Could these attacks be connected to my mother's magic? And her mysterious death two years ago?

Nothing will stop me from digging up the truth. Because this isn't just personal. It's family.

Reviews for Luanne Bennett

"CLEAR YOUR SCHEDULES AND GRAB THIS GRIPPING PAGE TURNER TODAY!!... OMG!!! I ABSOLUTELY LOVE, LOVE, LOVED THIS... MUST READ!!!!... Addictive, action packed page turner!!!!... I devoured in one sitting... I ended up walking around with my kindle glued to my hands... Unputdownable!!!" Bookworm86 ★★★★★

"Hooked... I am so addicted." Zoo Loos Book Diary ★★★★★

Author Biography

Luanne Bennett spent years working in the technology field before taking the plunge into full-time writing. Starting as a successful indie author, she writes contemporary and urban fantasy with diverse, eclectic characters. Her books are all about found families, and she makes her readers feel like they're part of them, which always brings them back for more.



Fantasy

264 pages | Pub Date 7/2/2025 | 9781836184706 | Unagented

Charley Underwood 3



The Savage Queen Ashley Metzler

For fans of Sarah J. Maas, Holly Black and Callie Hart

Editor's Note

A searing enemies-to-lovers romance in a world of wild fae magic. Packed with sexual tension, action, and shocking twists, it's perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Carissa Broadbent, and Sarah A. Parker. When fiery princess Aisling is married off in an arranged marriage to the fae king Lir, she expects to hate him. After all, the fae have hunted and raided her people for generations. Or have they? As attraction sparks with her mysterious new husband, Aisling realizes that everything she knows about Lir and his people is a lie. And as their star-crossed romance deepens, Aisling uncovers the wonders of life among the fae, as well as dark family secrets that have been hidden for centuries.

Retail Description

Her deadliest enemy, her one true love...

Aisling survived battles and betrayal after her marriage to the king of the fae. Now she is caught between two worlds, with magic flowing in her mortal veins—bound forever to Lir and his people.

She journeys to the frozen north, seeking the origin of her power. In a palace of ice and snow, Aisling falls under the spell of another fae king. Fionn is as cold and beautiful as the wilderness he rules—and he wants to make Aisling his queen.

But her bond with Lir can never be broken. Lir is wild and ruthless, and prophecies say their love will bring devastation. Still, Aisling's dreams and desires always return to him.

When Lir storms into the ice king's court to challenge for her hand, Aisling must choose where her heart and her loyalties lie. Loving Lir will turn the whole fae world against her and release unimaginable evil. But rejecting him will tear her apart...

Reviews for Ashley Metzler

"I DEVoured this book... SO beautiful... I'm absolutely OBSESSED with Lir. He's a perfect book boyfriend... I adore him SO MUCH. Every time he was on the page, I held my breath... SO SO good." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

"Oh my god THIS BOOK... So beautifully written, so suspenseful and the most stunning slow burn ever. I am so in love with these characters! The ending twist had me screaming." Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

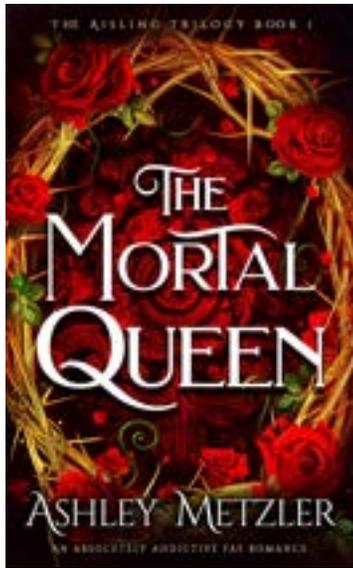
Ashley Metzler grew up overseas as a diplomat's daughter, living in over nine different countries and five continents. She recently settled down in the United States but that hasn't stopped her from exploring enchanted lands or fantastic realms through the pages of her favorite novels and the letters on her keyboard.



Fantasy

464 pages | Pub Date 14/2/2025 | 9781836184133 | Unagented

The Aisling Trilogy 2



The Mortal Queen Ashley Metzler

For fans of Sarah J. Maas, Holly Black and Callie Hart

Editor's Note

A searing enemies-to-lovers romance in a world of wild fae magic. Packed with sexual tension, action, and shocking twists, it's perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Carissa Broadbent, and Sarah A. Parker. When fiery princess Aisling is married off in an arranged marriage to the fae king Lir, she expects to hate him. After all, the fae have hunted and raided her people for generations. Or have they? As attraction sparks with her mysterious new husband, Aisling realizes that everything she knows about Lir and his people is a lie. And as their star-crossed romance deepens, Aisling uncovers the wonders of life among the fae, as well as dark family secrets that have been hidden for centuries.

Retail Description

Married to the savage fae king...

When Aisling hears that her father has promised her in marriage to the king of the fae, a cold terror washes over her. This marriage means peace for her people, but certain death for Aisling.

Everyone knows that the fae are monsters. That they murder and steal for sport. But when Aisling meets her new husband, he is not at all the beast she expected.

Lir is alluring, wild, and dangerously perfect. She is determined to hate him, but his sharp tongue and fierce loyalty to his people spark an attraction she cannot control.

He draws Aisling into a realm of deadly enchantments and mythical beasts. But she finds that the fae have monsters of their own—creatures of ancient evil that grow stronger by the day.

When Aisling finds herself fighting at Lir's side, something new stirs inside her: something more than desire; something magical and untamed, ready to break free. She must learn to control her passion and her power, or watch as the mortal and fae worlds are torn apart.

Reviews for Ashley Metzler

"I absolutely adored this... Had me hooked from the beginning... This author absolutely smashed it, especially with the slow burn. One of my new favourite fantasy reads ever." Abigailemilyreads ★★★★★

"This was so good!! I absolutely DEVoured this book and the main characters have my heart!!" Kylies.kindle ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ashley Metzler grew up overseas as a diplomat's daughter, living in over nine different countries and five continents. She recently settled down in the United States but that hasn't stopped her from exploring enchanted lands or fantastic realms through the pages of her favorite novels and the letters on her keyboard.



Fantasy

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The Aisling Trilogy 1



Queen of Shadows and Ruin Nisha J. Tuli

For fans of Sarah J. Maas, Rebecca Yarros, and Carissa Broadbent

A TikTok fantasy romance phenomenon, Nisha's previous series has now sold in 13 territories

Editor's Note

Nisha J. Tuli's Artefacts of Ouranos series became a runaway BookTok hit and has been published in over a dozen languages. In this new 4-book series, she draws on her Indian heritage for a steamy fantasy romance in a world of magic and monsters inspired by South Asian mythology.

Zarya is a brilliantly fiery main character, and her world is shown in lush detail – the archways, carvings, the embroidered clothes, the food! Like vampires or fae, the rakshasa are similar to humans, but more beautiful, magical and deadly.

Retail Description

Zarya must become the darkness...

Soaring through the sky to the frozen mountains of Andhera, Zarya knows that only she can save her home from annihilation. Ruthless armies hunt her friends and toxic dark magic spreads through the land, consuming all it touches. To fight back, she and Rabin must find dangerous new allies.

In a palace of black marble, Zarya finally meets her father—the mysterious Raja Abishek. She approaches warily. For years she was told to fear this man, that he seeks to steal her power. But Abishek welcomes her with open arms, with gifts and lavish celebrations.

Rabin is sure the king can help them, turning the tide of war and decay. And when the magic binding Zarya's heart to Rabin begins to fail, only Abishek can offer a cure. Zarya dreads the thought of placing their lives in his hands... But can she hesitate, when Rabin might be torn from her forever?

As Zarya makes her choice, ancient magic breaks loose, and her world shatters. In a ruined and long forgotten city, her love for Rabin will be tested to its limits. An army of shadows marches against her, destroying all in its path, and everything Zarya loves will be lost, unless she can face the darkness inside her—and release its devastating power.

Reviews for Nisha J. Tuli

"Phenomenal!!!!... Spicy, addictive... I highly recommend... You will not be able to put this book down... A thrilling, emotional rollercoaster... Will have you hooked." positivevibes_loves_books ★★★★★

"Heart-pounding... Edge-of-your-seat tension from start to finish... An absolute must-read! A thrilling, fast-paced ride... Impossible to put down." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

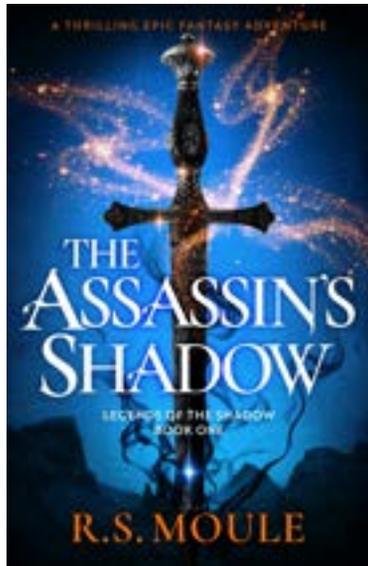
Nisha J. Tuli is a Canadian romance author whose books feature kick-ass heroines, swoony love interests, and slow burns with plenty of heat. She loves to draw upon her Indian heritage to bring her stories to life, weaving together vibrant and compelling characters, settings, and plotlines.



Fantasy

474 pages | Pub Date 6/3/2025 | 9781836184157 | Lauren Spieller, Folio Literary Management

The Nightfire Quartet 4



The Assassin's Shadow R.S. Moule

For fans of Joe Abercrombie, Jay Kristoff, and John Gwynne

The Erland saga has garnered over 3.4M KU page reads.

Editor's Note

They say never meet your heroes...

Cetrik was raised on stories of the legendary assassin Locan A'Shadow. But when he travels to the untamed wilds of Narlond and seeks out his idol, he is shocked. Because Locan is no hero – yes, he's deadly, but he's cynical, sarcastic and rude, with no interest in helping others.

Still, when bandits and a monstrous wrorc attack the community where Locan was hiding, he steps up to save the day. And when he discovers that a terrifying enemy from his past – the vampyre Solis Deadhand – was behind the attack, Locan sets out with Cetrik on a thrilling mission. One that looks a lot like the epic tales told of his past...

Retail Description

They say Locan A'Shadow is the greatest assassin who ever lived. They say he faced down dragons and the armies of an undead king. And every word of it is true.

Locan was once the deadliest man in the Dominion. Now he's a nobody—a stranger living quietly at the edge of the world. And that's just how he likes it. But when bandits raid his home in the night, killing and burning, Locan is forced to reveal his skill with a blade.

A vicious enemy ordered the attack—someone Locan thought he killed years ago. But the vampire Solis Deadhand is alive. And far to the north he is building an empire of blood and magic.

Locan is no hero. He always laughed at the stories people told about his adventures. But there are evils he cannot ignore. And grudges that can never be forgotten.

He marches into the wilderness, through haunted forests and snow-capped mountains, with an idealistic young noble and a beautiful elf sorcerer by his side.

As they draw ever closer to the vampire's realm, Locan must step out of the shadows. He might not be a hero. But to save his world from centuries of darkness, he must become a legend.

Reviews for R.S. Moule

"What a book. Wow. If I could rate this more than 5 stars I would... I absolutely devoured it. You seriously need to make this your next fantasy read." Chezza's Life ★★★★★

"Had me hook, line, and sinker... The pace is so fast and the action is back to back... Absolutely loved this book! Phenomenal... I was totally immersed." NetGalley reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Roger Stephen Moule lives in South London with his wife Eloise and their cat Tinks. He has a passion for writing epic fantasy grounded by human flaws and desires, set in worlds inspired by a childhood divided between his home in the soft, rolling hills of the Cotswolds and summers spent exploring the rugged coastline and deep glens of the Isle of Man. When not reading or writing, he can often be found playing



Fantasy

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Legends of the Shadow 1



The Burning Soul Dawn Merriman

For fans of Heather Graham, Wendy Wang, and Noelle W. Ihli

Dawn Merriman's self-published Messages of Murder series has over 6.5k reviews on Amazon, with star ratings over 4.5 for every title.

Editor's Note

Dawn Merriman writes page-turning thrillers with a twist of the supernatural. Her books are so addictive and sharply plotted that you really can tear through them in one sitting, emerging a few hours later with your heart racing and wondering where the time went. In Book 6, Rylan tries to solve a series of deadly arson attacks, while also tracking down an evil spirit. I challenge anyone to read this series and not be hooked on its razor-sharp plotting and the charm of its characters.

Retail Description

Flames leap from the windows of the burning house and smoke fills the air. I know immediately that this is no ordinary fire... With chaos all around her, the ghost of a young woman stands on the lawn, watching the blaze.

I call out, but she vanishes before I can learn what happened. When the police find her body in the ashes, it's clear that she was murdered. A new twisted killer is stalking my hometown...

The obvious suspect is my friend Graham Rock. The house belonged to Graham, and the ghost I saw was his ex-girlfriend. Could he really be capable of something like this? Or is someone trying to destroy his life?

I'm desperate to find the truth. But my relationship with Detective Ford Pierce is in ruins, and he won't let me join his investigation. Even worse, an evil spirit that I trapped years ago has escaped. I need Ford's help to track it down, but with so much tension between us I don't know if he'll believe me.

When another house burns down with someone inside, I know it's on me to find answers—alone. Is the spirit behind these lethal attacks? Can I find the link between the victims and unmask the killer before the flames claim another soul?

Reviews for Dawn Merriman

"OMG!!! I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS BOOK AND SERIES, AN ABSOLUTELY PERFECT ADDITION AND CONTINUATION IN ONE OF THE BEST BOOK SERIES I HAVE EVER READ!!!... Gripping and addictive page turner... even though I kept telling myself just one more chapter I just could not put it down... have been glued to my kindle for a few hours!!" Bookworm86 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

"Absolutely can't get enough!... I read these books way too fast... can't stop myself powering through the series." Sharon Revond the Books 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

Author Biography

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Fantasy

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A Rylan Flynn Mystery 6



The Forever Queen Ashley Metzler

For fans of Sarah J. Maas, Holly Black and Lauren Roberts

Editor's Note

A searing enemies-to-lovers romance in a world of wild fae magic. Packed with sexual tension, action, and shocking twists, it's perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas, Carissa Broadbent, and Sarah A. Parker. When fiery princess Aisling is married off in an arranged marriage to the fae king Lir, she expects to hate him. After all, the fae have hunted and raided her people for generations. Or have they? As attraction sparks with her mysterious new husband, Aisling realizes that everything she knows about Lir and his people is a lie. And as their star-crossed romance deepens, Aisling uncovers the wonders of life among the fae, as well as dark family secrets that have been hidden for centuries.

Retail Description

Nowhere is safe for Aisling and Lir...

Standing before a hall of cheering fae, Aisling declares her love for their king. But a rain of arrows strikes the crowd, and celebration turns to slaughter.

Aisling's mortal family ordered the attack. Their armies march against the fae with fire and iron, leaving ruin in their wake.

Desperate to save her new home, Aisling seeks a weapon that could turn the tide in the most ancient realm of the fae. In a land of gods and monsters, where magic hangs in the air like mist, a heartbreaking choice awaits her...

To save Lir and his world, Aisling must work an enchantment that will steal all her memories of him.

Aisling knows this sacrifice is more than she can bear. But as her enemies close in, and the fae kingdoms fall one by one to their swords, she can see no other way.

Can she uncover the deepest secrets of the past—and confront the fury of her kin—before her heart is shattered and her world is burned to ash?

Reviews for Ashley Metzler

"I loved this... I loved every single second... I couldn't stop reading." thenarnianreader_ ★★★★★

"The best fantasy read of the year, hands down... Will have my heart forever. Beautiful... So captivating." Abigailemilyreads ★★★★★

Author Biography

Ashley Metzler grew up overseas as a diplomat's daughter, living in over nine different countries and five continents. She recently settled down in the United States but that hasn't stopped her from exploring enchanted lands or fantastic realms through the pages of her favorite novels and the letters on her keyboard.



Fantasy

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The Aisling Trilogy 3



Bloodlust Shadows Luanne Bennett

For fans of Kim Richardson, Charlaine Harris, and Patricia Briggs

Editor's Note

Luanne Bennett is a master storyteller with over 10,000 five-star ratings on Amazon. Exciting and warming, the Charley Underwood series is like a night of whisky shots in a hometown bar. If your hometown is full of dangerous vampires.

This is thrilling urban fantasy from one of the best in the game, with warring wolf shifters, witches and vampires. The town of Crimson also has an array of very real issues, from addiction to racism, that bring it fully to life. The action is hard hitting, with bar fights and back-alley brawls. But it's the vibrant characters that will keep the reader coming back for more. From a sarcastic dominatrix witch to squabbling bartenders to a mysterious vampire with an equally mysterious cat.

Retail Description

I'm Charley Underwood—welcome to the Stag. Keep your fangs to yourself and don't forget to tip your bartender. In Crimson, vampires, wolves, and humans live side by side. And I try to keep them from tearing each other apart.

After taking down a bloodsucking mobster and a rogue witch, I thought I'd catch a break. Maybe even a few days to fix up my bar and spend some quality time with Samuel, my vampire boyfriend.

But I should have known better—after all, this is Crimson.

An old enemy is out for blood, stalking us and leaving terrifying warnings. And this vampire likes to play with his victims, always staying one step ahead. Soon the whole town is caught in his games.

Customers start showing up beaten and bruised, unable to explain what happened. There are rumors of addictions and poisoned blood...

When Samuel disappears, it's clear this opponent is smarter and more twisted than any I've faced before. And he won't stop until he's taken everything from me.

Reviews for Luanne Bennett

"There was no refusing to read this... Ticked every box!... I was turning the pages, constantly promising myself, 'Just one more chapter.' ... Addictive!" Amazon reviewer ★★★★★

"Oh, I am hooked. Vampires, werewolves, demons, witches—check check check... Addictive... Has everything I want in a paranormal thriller. I loved the characters... Sucked me into the story, casting a spell on me as I read... I can't wait for the next one!!!" Goodreads reviewer ★★★★★

Author Biography

Luanne Bennett spent years working in the technology field before taking the plunge into full-time writing. Starting as a successful indie author, she writes contemporary and urban fantasy with diverse, eclectic characters. Her books are all about found families, and she makes her readers feel like they're part of them, which always brings them back for more.



Fantasy

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Charley Underwood 4



The Last Haunting Dawn Merriman

For fans of Heather Graham, Wendy Wang, and Noelle W. Ihli

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Editor's Note

Dawn Merriman writes page-turning thrillers with a twist of the supernatural. Her books are so addictive and sharply plotted that you really can tear through them in one sitting, emerging a few hours later with your heart racing and wondering where the time went. In Book 7, Rylan will finally confront the evil force behind the recent spate of murders in Ashby, as well as discovering the origin of her powers, and finally reaching her happy ending with Ford. I challenge anyone to read this series and not be hooked on its razor-sharp plotting and the charm of its characters.

Retail Description

My mother's spirit is trapped. To set her free, I must find her killer before it's too late...

I'm Rylan Flynn. I hunt for ghosts and restless spirits, and solve the mysteries that make them haunt the living.

When I witness a fatal car crash, the police are quick to conclude that it's an accident. Only Detective Ford Pierce is not convinced—could the healthy victim really have died at the wheel from a heart attack?

For once, I'm happy to let Ford investigate alone. Years ago, my mother was murdered in our home. Now, with her ghost begging me to find the killer, I will not be distracted from solving her cold case once and for all.

The evil spirit Roland is back, terrorizing the town. And when a brutal murder is uncovered, it's clear he isn't acting alone.

Are all the sinister events in Ashby more connected than they appeared at first glance?

As Ford and I edge closer to answers, it becomes clear that someone, or something, wants to keep their deadly secrets buried. Can I unmask this ruthless murderer before I become the next victim?

Reviews for Dawn Merriman

"I. COULD. NOT. PUT. THIS. BOOK. DOWN!!!... I was constantly kept on the edge of my seat and needed to know what happened next... my time while reading it flew by. Loved Rylan's character and I can't wait to see what happens next for her. Will be looking out for the next book in this series for sure!" Goodreads reviewer 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

"Heart-pounding thriller that left me on the edge of my seat. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this one. Definitely one of the best books this year." washingtonlife.com 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟

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Fantasy

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A Rylan Flynn Mystery 7



The Serpent's Bride Kathryn Ann Kingsley

For fans of *The Serpent and the Wings of Night* and *Haunting Adeline*

Editor's Note

A deadly marriage of vampires and mafia romance that will leave you breathless. Nadi vowed years ago to take bloody revenge on the vampire crime family that ruined her life, and especially on Raziel Nostrum—the feared enforcer people call The Serpent. When she hears Raziel is marrying a woman he has never met, she steals the bride's identity and takes her place, only to find herself falling for the person she hates most in the world. This is an intensely spicy romantasy about giving in to forbidden desire. Raziel is the perfect dark fantasy love interest—irresistible and utterly ruthless—but Nadi is more than a match for him. The sexual tension between them will give you shivers, and it's supercharged by the constant threat that Nadi's identity could be revealed. Vampires are on the rise again, and this is a unique twist on their power and appeal. It ends with the shocking reveal

Retail Description

I will disguise myself as the vampire's bride.

I will win over his family.

And then I will murder every last one of them.

All my life I've been training to take revenge on the vampire who killed my parents. But Raziel Nostrum is a prince of the city's most powerful mafia clan—completely untouchable.

When I learn that Raziel is marrying a woman he's never seen before, I know my chance has finally come...

I will disguise myself as Raziel's sacrificial bride. I will gain access to his vicious and beautiful family. And I will murder every last bloodsucking one of them.

Raziel is just as ruthless and deadly as I expected, but I had no idea how magnetic he would be up close, with an intoxicating smile and ruby-red eyes that seem to look right into my soul. There's a dangerous tension between us that I'm struggling to ignore.

I have to strike fast. Every second I wait brings new danger to my life—and my heart. But as I sharpen my blades and prepare to take my revenge at last, I need to face the truth...

I'm falling in love with Raziel Nostrum.

Reviews for Kathryn Ann Kingsley

"Oh. My. God. That was freaking spectacular!... A riveting, unique and intense ride... Amazing." Goodreads reviewer



'Wow just wow!!... This absolutely knocked my socks off... I just couldn't put this enthralling and addictive new story down... The finale here was so good, tantalising and teasing my senses.' Beckie Bookworm 

Author Biography

As a USA Today bestselling author and award-winning designer, Kat has always been a storyteller. She delights in spinning stories of the sweetest nightmares to delight her readers with her unique twist of fantasy, horror, and romance. With ten years in script-writing for performances on both the stage and for tourism, she has always been writing in one form or another.



Fantasy

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Bloodlines



Vanguard Strike Jarom Strong

For fans of Jack Campbell, Marko Kloos and Craig Alanson

Editor's Note

Lax VanDunne was once a war hero. Now he scrapes a living by scavenging abandoned space ships. When he agrees to raid a long-lost military vessel, he discovers terrifying monsters on board and a secret that will set the galaxy aflame. This is a non-stop thrill ride, with gunfights, space combat and a deadly heist. The genetically modified 'rippers' are truly terrifying – perfect predators, built as a weapon of war. But this is also a story of surprising depth: of a soldier struggling to find purpose after years spent following orders. Jarom Strong was mentored by Brandon Sanderson on the creative writing course at Brigham Young University, and this amazingly accomplished debut has some of his teacher's ability to balance epic narrative with believable worlds and nuanced characters.

Retail Description

A vast battlecruiser moves silently through space—a ghost ship, abandoned decades ago. There could be treasure inside... or monsters.

I'm the sucker who's going to find out.

Once I was a hero. An elite soldier fighting for the Paragon military. Now the Paragon's wars are won and I'm nobody—a gun for hire, working illegal salvage operations.

There's money to be made out in the dark. Ships filled with valuable tech, left to drift between the stars. A smart salvage crew can get rich. Or at least die trying.

Because there's a damn good reason these ships are abandoned. Rippers. Crafted in Paragon labs, rippers are living weapons—terrifying creatures with steel claws that tear into any human they see. They can clear a ship in minutes. And a planet in a week.

I've fought rippers before. I've got the scars and the nightmares to prove it. But this mission is different...

Reviews for Jarom Strong

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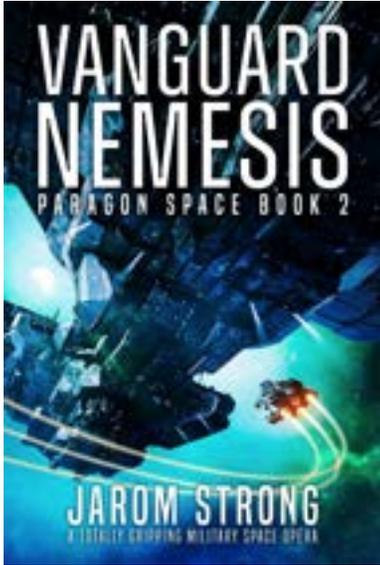
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Science Fiction

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Paragon Space 1



Vanguard Nemesis Jarom Strong

For fans of Jack Campbell, Marko Kloos and Craig Alanson

Editor's Note

A military space adventure perfect for fans of The Expanse and Alien. Jarom Strong was mentored by Brandon Sanderson, and this amazingly accomplished debut series has some of his teacher's ability to balance epic narrative with believable worlds and nuanced characters. This is the second volume in a trilogy that will see super-soldier Lax turn on the corrupt Paragon government, leading a rebellion to bring them down.

Retail Description

I stole from the wrong people.

Now half the galaxy wants me dead.

It was supposed to be a simple salvage job... but in the cargo bay of the abandoned freighter, my crew found a priceless stash of biotech, property of the deadliest corporation in Paragon space.

No sane person would touch it... but it would set my crew up for life. Unfortunately, there's only one place we can hope to sell something this dangerous.

A mysterious buyer contacts us from an ancient ship out in the void. The Aboena is so huge that it contains entire cities. It once carried humans from Earth to the stars. Now it's one of the last places still resisting Paragon rule.

But when we sneak aboard, we find flesh-eating rippers in the Aboena's dark corridors. A cult that worships the monsters is threatening to take control of the ship. And our enemies are drawing closer every minute.

Can we make a deal and escape before the hunters close in? Or is it time to stand and fight? I'm no hero. But the Paragon took everything from me once before and I won't let it happen again. Even if that means burning their empire to the ground...

Reviews for Jarom Strong

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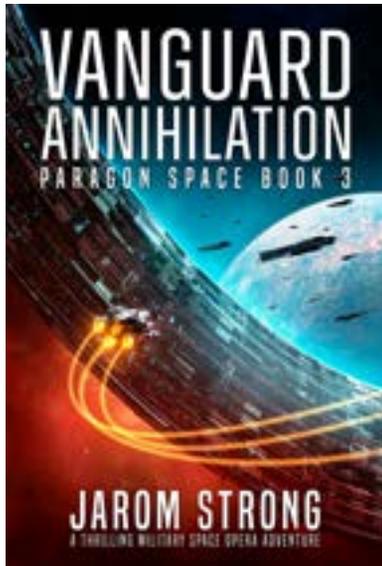
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Science Fiction

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Paragon Space 2



Vanguard Annihilation Jarom Strong

For fans of Jack Campbell, Marko Kloos and Craig Alanson

Editor's Note

A military space adventure perfect for fans of *The Expanse* and *Alien*. Jarom Strong was mentored by Brandon Sanderson, and this amazingly accomplished debut series has some of his teacher's ability to balance epic narrative with believable worlds and nuanced characters. This is the third volume in a trilogy that will see super-soldier Lax turn on the corrupt Paragon government, leading a rebellion to bring them down.

Retail Description

It looks like I started a rebellion.

And the only way to end it... is to burn this empire to the ground.

I tighten my grip on the pistol at my side, as my fleet closes in on the vast space station. The Paragon took my home from me. Now I'm going to take it back.

I never wanted to be a leader. But when my crew fought off an army of vanguard shock troops and flesh-eating rippers, we sparked a rebellion. And that rebellion spread like wildfire across the stars.

A lot of dangerous people want to see the Paragon fall. Smugglers, pirates, mercenaries... They're ruthless and divided but they have one thing in common—they seem to think I'm in charge.

As the Paragon's authority falters and even deadlier enemies try to seize control, can I forge a band of outlaws into a force that can topple an empire?

There's no going back for me now. I was made for war. Still, I always hoped I could be more than a killer. Always dreamed that the galaxy could be free. But if I want to see that future, I have to win this fight. I have to become the monster they created. One last time...

Reviews for Jarom Strong

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Science Fiction

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Paragon Space 3



Forged in Battle Marc Alan Edelheit

For fans of David Weber's Honor Harrington series and James S.A. Corey's The Expanse

Editor's Note

A military SF adventure packed with tactical combat, nail-biting tension, and rich character development. Jaxon Steele is captaining a naval starship when the outbreak of war traps his vessel behind enemy lines. To prevent a disastrous ambush of a friendly fleet, Steele and his crew must stay hidden and fight back, against almost impossible odds. Forged in Battle takes off like a laser-guided rocket and never slows down. The combat scenes are thrilling, hard-hitting and utterly believable. The main character is dealing for the first time with the deadly responsibilities of command and it's hugely satisfying to see him transformed by the crucible of battle. Marc is an expert in military adventure, already beloved for his Roman-inspired epic fantasy and now one of the biggest new writers in science fiction. The series will follow Steele as he commands bigger starships

Retail Description

After decades of war, the Union was starting to rebuild. But our allies betrayed us without warning, striking every ship in the system in a cowardly surprise attack. One destroyer remains—trapped far behind enemy lines, with no support and no way home.

Captain Jaxon Steele never expected his first command to throw him into the heart of a raging storm...

On a routine diplomatic mission, Steele's ship is orbiting a war-torn planet when the entire system erupts in rebellion. Missiles smash into Ranger's shields. Communications are jammed. Enemy warships are closing in fast...

Ranger is an advanced destroyer—fast, stealthy, and armed to the teeth—but she wasn't built for heavy fighting and a rebel battleship would tear her to shreds. Steele will need all his trickery and tactical genius to survive the first strike.

But survival is not enough... A vast enemy fleet is lurking somewhere in the system. Only Ranger can locate it and prevent a catastrophic defeat.

Steele knows his duty... He begins a deadly game of hunter and hunted across the rebel system, knowing that any mistake will be his last. Can his leadership, daring, and resolve turn the tide of the war?

Reviews for Marc Alan Edelheit

"I realized that I wasn't going to get any sleep. (Just one more page... Just one more page)... I'm not just reading words on a page, I'm there... A hell of a ride." NetGalley Reviewer ★★★★★

"Cutting edge... A wild ride that ended in truly epic fashion... I absolutely enjoyed it from start to finish... AMAZING." FanFiAddict ★★★★★

Author Biography

Marc is an avid reader and accomplished author that spends his days – and nights – dreaming and writing about all things fantasy and sci-fi. In 2015 he decided to make his dream a reality and published his first fantasy novel... the rest is history!



Science Fiction

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Command Decision 1

Christmas



Snow Going Back Emma Tallon

For fans of Catherine Walsh, Emily Henry and Beth Moran

Emma's books have sold more than 260,000 copies and have 58M KU page reads. This is her first Christmas book with Bookouture.

Editor's Note

Emma's loyal readers love her larger than life characters and her page-turning writing, and in this new stand alone Christmas romcom, she brings bags of both. It's a new genre for Emma, but she has nailed the classic enemies to lover trope, which is so popular in this genre. We have an accidental proposal, a runaway bride, a brooding (yet oh, so handsome) love interest and an interfering mother. It's a brilliant romcom set in the UK and US with a lot of heart and a sprinkling of Christmas magic. Emma is a bestselling author who always reviews well and has made the UK top 100 on every single book we've published with her.

Retail Description

Everyone is heading home for the holidays. Everyone except Kate. Having just run away her boyfriend Lance's unexpected proposal (in front of her entire family), Kate was the only person in her office happy to take an unexpected last-minute work trip posting to Boston.

Arriving in the snow-covered, fairy-light-filled city, Kate feels immediately at home. That is until she meets Sam, a cross between a lumberjack and an Abercrombie model standing in the kitchen of her new home. Which also happens to be his home thanks to a work mix-up. Given that it's Christmas and there is nowhere else to stay, they agree to make it work.

But pretty soon it's clear that Sam is not the ideal house mate. From drinking all the milk, turning the hot water off whilst she's showering, and insisting she stay in her room for the entirety of 'game night' with the boys, Kate thinks Sam is the absolute worst. And he thinks the same of her.

When Sam surprisingly comes to her rescue, his frosty exterior finally thaws and when they open up to each other, they realise they have more in common than they thought. But when Lance unexpectedly arrives, Kate's heart is torn. Go home with Lance or spend the holidays with a man she hardly knows, but who could turn out to be the one...

Reviews for Emma Tallon

★★★★★ 'OMG... What an amazing and brilliant book... If I could give more than five stars, I would!!!' NetGalley reviewer

★★★★★ 'Pure gold adorned with diamonds!' 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.



Chick Lit

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Winter Wishes in the Scottish Highlands Donna Ashcroft

For fans of Cathy Bramley, Trisha Ashley and Debbie Macomber

Donna has sold over 170,000 copies with Bookouture since we published her first book in 2018. She has hit the top 10 in both the US and UK.

Editor's Note

This is bestselling author Donna Ashcroft's seventh 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

Singleton and city-girl Ivy Heart has just turned thirty. She's a chronic list-maker, married to her five-year-plan, and can't remember when she last had a Christmas off. This year is no different; PA to Lady Miriam Ballentine, Ivy has been tasked with bringing her estranged grandson home before Christmas Eve in return for a reference. With her dream job on the line, Ivy packs her bags for the snowy Scottish Highlands to track down the heir to the Ballentine estate.

But when Ivy arrives at Christmas Resort, she discovers Ross Ballentine is far from a polished Laird-to-be. Rough around the edges, free-spirited and jaw-droppingly gorgeous, Ivy is shocked when he drives off on his snowmobile at the first mention of his grandmother. Not taking his frosty tracks as an answer, Ivy books herself onto his reindeer spotting tour, determined to convince this recluse to return to his responsibilities at the crumbling family castle.

But events don't follow Ivy's meticulous schedule as she spends time with Ross in his rustic cabin, switching her phone and mind off to the demands of city life. Soon it's not just the log fire heating up between them. Does Ivy have more in common with this grumpy woodsman than she thought?

As sparks of romance roar under snowy skies, can Ivy get Ross home in time to secure the job she's worked so hard for? Will Ivy's ambition and Ross's stubbornness drive them apart, or give them a Christmas they will never forget?

Reviews for Donna Ashcroft

'Magical... Heartwarming... makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside like you just tasted the best minced pie and the most delicious hot coco ever... I devoured this book from start to finish and didn't want it to end.' Ash.bookish, ★★★★★

'Gorgeous... I absolutely loved... heartbreaking... Perfect... You will be smiling from cheek to cheek and not want the novel to end.' NetGalley reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

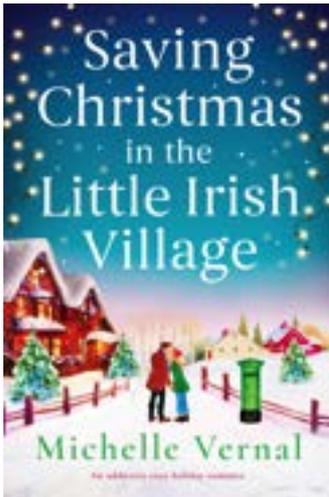
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Scottish Highlands 5



Saving Christmas in the Little Irish Village Michelle Vernal

For fans of Sarah Morgan, Maeve Binchy and Debbie Macomber.

Best-selling author of historic Guesthouse on the Green series. Her books have had more than 18M KU pages read. Christmas in the Little Irish Village was a UK top 100 best-seller.

Editor's Note

In this fifth book in the Little Irish Village series, we follow the youngest of the Kelly sisters, Hannah, in this Christmas romance. As a charity worker, Hannah is always busy over the season of giving. But this year, she caught wind of a cause that needs her - a new development in the village that will damage the environment put the local business she's grown up with at risk. And the man behind this, William, is staying at the Shamrock Inn... And her Nan's even invited him for Christmas dinner. While they start off at odds, William may not be as coldhearted as Hannah thinks - especially after hearing about the family connection to the area...Michelle will sweep you away to Emerald Bay for even more Christmas cheer, and wrap you up in some cozy enemies to lovers romance in the best instalment yet!

Retail Description

When twenty-three-year-old Hannah Kelly finds out that the beautiful rolling hills around her hometown could be destroyed by a new building development, she rushes back to Emerald Bay to rally the community. But arriving home at The Shamrock Inn, there's another shock in store... the handsome and sparkling-eyed lead developer, Tom Flynn, has checked in as a guest. Is this Hannah's chance to save the village?

Hannah tries to convince Tom the beautiful area needs to be protected: even though he's as stubborn as the donkey in the local nativity play. But when sharing that this is also where her late grandfather first met and proposed to her grandmother, his gentle hug as she sobs makes her wonder if maybe they aren't so different...

As sparks start to fly, Hannah decides to invite Tom to experience the joys of a Kelly Christmas Day. When Tom's hand catches hers as they peel brussels sprouts together, Hannah's cheeks start to blush. But it turns to a flush of anger as he ducks out to take a call - about work starting in the spot she's fought so hard to save. And the voice on the phone is strangely familiar...

Can Hannah figure out who is behind Tom's project and stop the plans? Or will following her heart be the key to saving the little Irish village and Christmas for everyone?

Reviews for Michelle Vernal

'LOVE, LOVE, LOOOOOOVVEEEE, LOVED IT!!!!... Absolutely stunning!!!!... I was completely swept away!!!!... Had me in stitches... DO NOT START THIS UNTIL YOU CLEAR YOUR SCHEDULES AS YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PUT IT DOWN!!!!... I absolutely LOVED... Perfect read to lift your spirits and keep you hooked... Absolutely gorgeous... Will keep you up late at night.'

Bookworm86, ★★★★★

'By far one of my favourite books... I loved every minute... I laughed out loud so many times!!!!... All of the Christmas feels and then some. Just adored this story!' Goodreads reviewer, ★★★★★

Author Biography

Michelle Vernal is a New Zealand author who writes stories that will take you onto the page with her characters and make you feel part of their lives. She writes with humour and warmth, and her readers describe her books as unputdownable, feel good and funny. Her writing has been likened to Maeve Binchy but with a modern-day vernacular. In 2015 she was shortlisted for the Love Stories Award. In 2020 she won the Reader's Favorite Gold Medal Award for Chick lit, and in 2021 was shortlisted for the Page Turner Book Awards.



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The Little Irish Village



The Village Christmas Party Sue Roberts

For fans of fans of Cathy Bramley, Tracy Rees and Heidi Swain

Sue's titles have sold over 290,000 copies and have 22M KU pages read. She is an Amazon UK Top 20 author.

Editor's Note

Two parties. One venue. And only one day to save Christmas.

Sue's new Christmas book has it all: a charity party to bring festive cheer, a double-booking disaster, a Christmas countdown, and an opposites-attract romance to boot.

This is a warm and cozy read, perfect for curling up with by the fire. Lauren, organisation queen, is preparing for the perfect Christmas meal for the retirees who have no other family to spend the season with. But handsome, but all-too-laid-back, Ed, has also booked the village hall for his daughter's first birthday since his separation from her mother. With so little time to save both these important events, can they overcome their differences to save the day together?

Retail Description

Thirty-four-year-old Lauren has a list for everything, especially Christmas. With her presents bought months in advance, the last thing on her checklist is the charity party she runs every year. It has to be perfect – she has seen how much the event means to the older villagers who would be alone for the holidays otherwise.

Everything is going smoothly as the local church bells ring. Until handsome Kian walks in, claiming he has the little village hall booked for his young daughter's birthday party. Lauren nearly falls off the ladder she is using to hang fairy lights. There's no way this is happening. Not when she'd triple-checked every detail...

As Lauren frantically tries to find another option, Kian's insistence that she should just "relax" isn't helping her stay merry and bright. There's only one way to make this a festive party to remember. She has to try and work with Kian. They clash over every detail, but as their helpers arrive, Kian's kind and welcoming nature soothes Lauren's shaken nerves. And his gorgeous blue eyes make her wish she'd put the mistletoe out. Until Kian mysteriously disappears...

And Lauren is left alone to keep the excitable children from running into the flaming Christmas pudding the older guests love every year. Will Kian's chilled approach cool the celebrations? Or can Lauren and Kian put aside their differences and save the day once more?

Reviews for Sue Roberts

'I absolutely LOVED, no make that ADORED reading it... I was hooked... One hell of a read... I was so addicted... I stayed up reading the book until the early hours of the morning... made me laugh out loud and I got some strange looks on the bus for it.'

Ginger Book Geek, ★★★★★

'OMG I loved this!! I was transported... One glorious romance. I simply adore this... So absolutely beautiful... Perfect.'

Loris2littlelibrary, ★★★★★

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!



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A Christmas Romance in the Scottish Highlands

Donna Ashcroft

For fans of Cathy Bramley, Trisha Ashley and Debbie Macomber

Donna has sold over 170,000 copies with Bookouture since we published her first book in 2018. She has hit the top 10 in both the US and UK.

Editor's Note

This is bestselling author Donna Ashcroft's eighth Christmas book with Bookouture and she reviews incredibly well – she's a magician at creating cosy, Christmassy stories that you want to step inside, and inviting settings that stay with you long after finishing the final page. You'll be desperate to return to the town of Mistletoe and take a seat for their festive pantomime. Donna is brilliant at creating a strong and loveable cast of characters that really flesh out the world, and forming magical romances that will have your heart racing! This Christmas book gives her readers a stunning Cinderella retelling that will have them in to mood to cosy up by the fire and sing festive carols.

Retail Description

Thirty-two-year-old Ella's life is busy enough running her evil stepmother's cleaning business, without adding Christmas into the mix. She doesn't have time to play Cinderella in her local festive pantomime, but she recently lost her father, who loved the show and helped out every year, so she finds herself being fitted for glass slippers anyway. Her life may be falling apart, but she won't let his memory down.

Then Ella meets brooding and handsome stranger, Alexander, who is playing Prince Charming, and her heart skips a beat. Might this knight-in-shining-armor inspire Mistletoe's best show yet? But Alexander quickly makes it clear that he doesn't want anything to do with her or their town's traditions. And as the night of the show draws near, it's one disaster after another, with the ugly stepbrothers falling suspiciously ill, and Alexander rolling his eyes at every chance he gets. Ella is exhausted and can't help but feel she's letting everyone – including her father – down.

But when an on-stage kiss gets a little too heated between Ella and Alexander, she's surprised when he offers his muscled shoulder to lean on. Under the spotlight, Alex's gentle encouragement of the child performers and his adorable pre-show nerves make Ella wonder if there may be more to her prince than she thought. As props go missing and scenery falls flat, can Ella and Alex bring the town to together for one last showstopper? And as the curtain falls on the performance of her life, will Ella find her fairytale ending?

Reviews for Donna Ashcroft

'Delightfully festive read!... I was well and truly hooked... I flew through the book faster than Rudolph pulling Santa's sleigh!... Christmas wrapped up in a book... Fabulous!' Stardust Book Reviews, ★★★★★

'I absolutely loved this... an absolute delight... a must-read.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★

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